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### Nuclear plant employees donate to HCSC

Byron Nuclear Station employees recently presented a donation to the Hub City Senior Center in Rochelle. **A9**

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## Byron Foundation's grants to 1st grade teachers spark engaged learners

*'Students have increased participation, focus and engagement in the classroom'*

**BYRON** — Two Byron Mary Morgan Elementary School first grade teachers recently received grants from the Byron Foundation. They purchased items that contribute to a hands-on learning environment, helping students practice cooperative play, team-building and problem-solving skills.

Mrs. Julie Roush purchased magnetic blocks, ball mazes, light blocks, building materials and games that are aimed at improving fine motor manipulation and strength and enhancing thinking and reasoning skills.

"I believe that some skills like imaginary play, team building and problem solving are easily overlooked both inside and outside the classroom," Roush said. "Mary Morgan has recently built a STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) lab accessible to all grades. The new STEAM supplies provided for my classroom by the Foundation, help spark imagination and build confidence daily for my students. They use inde-



pendent thinking instead of depending on technology, challenge their imagination and patience in problem solving, build leadership skills and feelings of success. Thanks to the Byron Foundation, the students have increased participation, focus, and engagement in the classroom."

Mrs. Cammie Henkel purchased games that increase math and reading skills, as well as provide hands-on exploration of these topics. Some of the games include Domino

Creations, Mouse Trap, Magna-Tiles and Candy Land.

"With the grant money, we were able to purchase many games and stem activities to build life-long skills and to teach the children the value of working together as a team," Henkel said. "We are incredibly thankful for this grant program and look forward to the impact it will have on our social/emotional development."

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## DNA testing leads to book about Grandma Burright, harness racer of Oregon

*'She is arguably the most famous person to ever live in Oregon'*

**OVERLAND PARK, Kan.** — When Kevin Groenhagen had his DNA tested several years ago, he had no idea that the results would ultimately lead to a book about Neva "Grandma" Burright, the harness racing driver and the first woman to win a Grand Circuit race.

"I knew I had Burrights in my family tree, but I was shocked to find that about 15 percent of my DNA matches were also Burright descendants," Groenhagen said. "I decided to research the family and write a book."

Groenhagen found that the descendants of Cornelius Burright (1774-1873), buried in Chapel Hill Cemetery in Chana, Illinois, live in nearly every state in the country and Canada. However, the most famous Burright lived in Groenhagen's hometown of Oregon, Illinois.

"I had heard of Grandma Burright, whose second husband, Forrest Burright, was my first cousin, three times removed,"



Groenhagen said. "However, she died in 1958, a few years before I was born, so I knew very little about her."

Using an online newspaper database, Groenhagen discovered hundreds of newspapers from New York to Hawaii reported on Grandma Burright during the 1940s and 1950s. General interest magazines such as Life, Look, Esquire, and Coronet also featured her and her exploits. She even appeared before a television audience of millions on What's My Line? in 1954.

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## McNeilly, longtime Rochelle-area community leader, passes away at age 79

*'She was very enthusiastic about assisting in the development of Rochelle'*

BY JEFF HELFRICH  
MANAGING EDITOR

**ROCHELLE** — On Oct. 26, Dr. Diane McNeilly of Rochelle passed away at age 79. She left behind a legacy of impacts made in the area on public service, education and recreation.

McNeilly moved to Rochelle in 1966 with a bachelor's degree in physical education. She started working at Kishwaukee College as women's athletic director in 1969 and spent her entire teaching career there, eventually becoming vice president of instruction. She earned her doctorate in education



**Diane McNeilly and her husband, Norm Jenkins, were recognized for their achievements in education in 2019 when Northern Illinois University presented them with the John C. Roberts Community Service Award.**

from Northern Illinois University in 1984.

McNeilly and her second husband, Dr. Norman

Jenkins, worked together at Kish until they both retired in 2000. They were recognized for their

achievements in education in 2019 when Northern Illinois University presented them with the John C. Roberts Community Service Award.

"She was an excellent instructor there," Jenkins said of McNeilly's time at Kish. "She did well in every position she held there. She was very much involved in the development of Kishwaukee College and its growth. And it did grow and develop very substantially while she was there. She was eventually in charge of all the instruction at the institution, which of course is very important at a higher

education institution. She was very instrumental in that position after having been an instructor as well."

Outside of her professional life, McNeilly had decades of involvement in the Rochelle community through a number of governing boards, nonprofits and civic organizations. She had a passion for sports and recreation, which led to her involvement in Spring Lake Pool, founding the Rochelle Rays Swim Club and serving as a Flagg-Rochelle Park District Commissioner.

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# LOCAL NEWS



## CLASS: Volunteer of parents, educators committed to students

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The Byron Foundation, 501c3 non-profit, established in 1993, is an independent organization, founded to provide Byron schools 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.

The Board of Directors meets 4-6 times a year, hosts an annual fundraiser, accepts, and processes grants that average \$5,000 a year, and manages scholarship funds for other individuals and organizations. Over the past 30-years, 45 community members have served as board members, raising funds and granting over \$166,000 to Byron schools staff for use in their classrooms.

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.

## BOOK: DNA test leads to research of family history

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However, despite all the media attention she garnered while she was alive, Groenhagen found that her legacy has been largely forgotten today.

"Early in 2023, I read the Wikipedia article for Oregon, Illinois, and noticed the list of 'notable people' from Oregon, Illinois, which has a population under 4,000, didn't even include Grandma Burright," Groenhagen said. "In my opinion, this was a bit of an injustice because she is arguably the most famous person to ever live in Oregon."

Groenhagen submitted an article

about Grandma Burright last June. Wikipedia approved the article in November.

Groenhagen also believed that Grandma Burright's story was worthy of a book. After a year of reviewing newspaper and magazine articles, gathering photos, and writing and rewriting copy, he published Grandma Burright: The Queen of Harness Racing.

"Grandma Burright's life as a harness racing driver is a classic underdog story," Groenhagen said. "She was a diminutive woman of modest means who experienced the deaths of a husband, two grandsons, and two sons, all

within 12 years. Nevertheless, she persevered and, in 1943, became the first woman to win a Grand Circuit race. In doing so, she defeated the legendary Sep Palin, 'the aristocrat of drivers,' who had the financial backing of automobile heiress Frances Dodge Johnson. During that Grand Circuit race in Delaware, Ohio, Grandma Burright and Luckyette, her bay gelding, also shocked the harness racing world by setting a record for women drivers over a half-mile track with a time of 2:04 3/4."

Grandma Burright: The Queen of Harness Racing is available at Lulu.com.

## Early deadline due to Thanksgiving holiday

For the Nov. 27 edition of the Ogle County Life, the deadline for any news items for editorial materials the community desires to get into that edition will be a day

early due to the Thanksgiving holiday. The deadline will be Tuesday, Nov. 21 at 3 p.m. The Ogle County Life appreciates your understanding.

## Gig and Tex Bellows to celebrate 50th anniversary

**OREGON** — Gig and Tex Bellows are celebrating their 50th anniversary, having married on Nov. 30, 1973. Their family includes son Tyler and his wife Chasity, grandson Blake and his partner Heather and their children, Leo and Aria.

Their life has revolved around family, farming and White Pines Ranch. In retirement, they enjoy the outdoors, snowmobiling, horse riding (him), quilting (her), their dog Ruby, and traveling all over the country in the RV.



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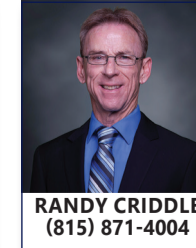
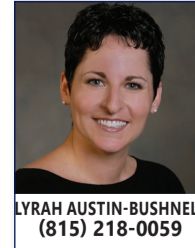
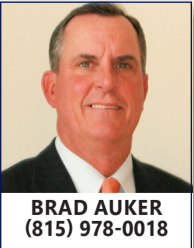
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# LOCAL NEWS



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## MCNEILLY: Impact on community extends from education to city plans

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McNeilly also served on the Rochelle Township High School District Board of Education, the City of Rochelle's Planning & Zoning Commission and the Downtown Rochelle Association.

"She was very enthusiastic about assisting in the development of Rochelle and all of the activities of the organizations that had an impact on the city," Jenkins said. "She was very active in all of them and interested in the development of the community. She was very protective of the community and its assets. I think she was proud of being involved in all of the activities that developed in Rochelle. She was very much involved in many, many things that brought development to Rochelle."

Former City of Rochelle Mayor Chet Olson said McNeilly was integral in the creation of LOTS (Lee-Ogle Transportation System) and the Hub City Senior Center. That allowed for more public transportation for seniors and residents in general in the city and area, something McNeilly was passionate about.

In her work on the Planning & Zoning Commission, which she served on up until a few months ago, Olson said McNeilly made a priority of having enough affordable housing in the community. In her Downtown Rochelle Association work, she looked to help the downtown area and its business owners survive amid transitional periods in the area.

"When a lot of the retail in town moved out to shopping centers, it kind of left the downtown in disarray," Olson said. "She was very concerned about that and making sure our downtown kept working towards redevelopment. She was always very community-minded when it came to Rochelle and how things kept devel-



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oping and concerned with the citizens and their needs and everything that went along with that."

Olson said he couldn't think of anyone else from the area with as much public service experience as McNeilly.

"Having her working to improve the community when I was mayor was a great asset to myself and the city," Olson said. "Rochelle has been very blessed with people volunteering. As mayor we had different commissions for different things. She was involved in making sure a lot of those commissions stayed on the right track. She was very good for our community and she's going to be missed. God bless her and I'm thankful for all of her service throughout."

McNeilly had a passion for political activism, especially civil rights, which led to her years of leadership of Rochelle's League of Women Voters organization.

"That was an organization made up of women in the community that were all interested in the activities surrounding the positive development of the city," Jenkins said. "I think the fact that she was so intensely involved in all of the activities that she was, that's her most memorable trait. As a leader in the community, she was very intensely involved in everything and interested in the development of all of the activities in the city. All of that made a huge difference to the positive development of the city."



Front row (left to right): Masyn Brown, Amelie Rosavelasquez and Jayce Keesee. Middle row (left to right): Dillila Palacios, Lila Morehead, Gina Baker, Hannah Hatcher, Maison Brandt, Jessica Penrod, Alexa Nolan and Alayna Brandt. Back row (left to right): Armani Paulino, Jacob Lawver, Jack Jenniges, Eva Bradford, Gabe Oswald, Gavin Abate, Léo Rising and Nick Drake.

## BHS Chamber Choir's Madrigal Dinner is Dec. 10

BYRON — Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Byron High School Chamber Choir's annual Madrigal Dinner will be on Sunday, Dec. 10. This event is a dinner set in Renaissance Times with trumpeters, chamber singers, court entertainers and actors to provide the merriment. A traditional meal of beef brisket, potatoes, green beans, broccoli cheese soup, salad, and roll will be

served. It will be held in the Byron High School Commons. Doors will open at 12:30 p.m. and the royal feast will begin at 1 p.m. Don't miss out on this annual event.

Tickets are on sale now for \$25 each. Call Mrs. Harn, vocal director, at 234-2122 to purchase your tickets by Dec. 1.

## Cardinal Community Christmas set for Dec. 3

STILLMAN VALLEY — Stillman Valley's Cardinal Community Christmas will be held on Dec. 3. A craft and vendor fair will be held at Meridian Junior High School from 2-7 p.m. Santa will arrive by fire truck at 4 p.m. and will be at Ladders of Learning until 7 p.m. Children can give Santa their wish list and get their picture taken with him. Elsa, Anna and Spiderman will be at MJHS from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Horse-drawn

carriage rides and hayrides will be offered. A live nativity scene will be at the Brick Center (across from the Junior High), along with carolers and cider donuts.

The annual tree lighting will take place at 5 p.m. beside Stillman Bank. A tree decorating contest is happening again this year. Lions will be serving cookies and warm drinks in the garage by the bank.

Royal Blue and Fritz's Wooden

Nickel will have food and drink specials. Small bonfires with s'mores will be available. Fiona at Shear Madness will be doing holiday nails for the girls. Face painting will also be done at the Junior High. Ladies will be on hand doing hair tinsel.

102.3 will be on hand doing a live remote from the Valley. Be sure and mark your calendar and come join the fun on Sunday, Dec. 3 in Stillman Valley!

## DAR seeks Wreaths across America sponsors, deadline is Nov. 28

ROCHELLE — Rochelle Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), will conduct multiple Wreaths Across America ceremonies to honor local veterans during the weekend before Christmas. Wreaths Across America is a national program for communities to honor deceased local veterans by sponsoring and placing wreaths at their graves.

DAR will return to Daysville Cemetery in Oregon, burial site of Revolutionary War soldier Daniel Day, St. Patrick's Cemetery in Rochelle, and Woodlawn Cemetery in Creston. Grave-specific requests at Trinity and LawnrIDGE, which are also in Rochelle, will also continue in this year's sponsorships.

The public's assistance is requested to honor as

many veterans as possible. Wreaths can be sponsored for \$17 each online by visiting [www.wreathsassamerica.org/IL0136P](http://www.wreathsassamerica.org/IL0136P) or scanning the QR code in the photo to select the cemetery of their choice. To sponsor wreaths by check or for a digital copy of the form, please contact Lydia Roberts at [VIS.DAR.Rochelle@gmail.com](mailto:VIS.DAR.Rochelle@gmail.com) or Laurie Perry at [laurieannperry@hotmail.com](mailto:laurieannperry@hotmail.com). Please note that the sponsorship deadline is Nov. 28. Specialty wreath options are available at the

website. Mail in forms can also be picked up at St. Patrick's Church office, The Creston Public Library, the Rochelle VFW or the Oregon VFW.

Volunteer participants are invited to attend the ceremonies and place wreaths to fulfill the objectives to remember our fallen U.S. veterans, honor those who serve, and teach our children the importance of freedom.

Wreaths Across America ceremonies are scheduled as follows:  
Saturday, Dec. 16, 10

a.m.: Woodlawn Cemetery, Creston

Saturday, Dec. 16, 1 p.m.: Daysville Cemetery, Oregon

Sunday, Dec. 17, 1 p.m.: St. Patrick's Cemetery, Rochelle, with abbreviated ceremony and wreath placement to follow at LawnrIDGE and Trinity Cemeteries



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# LOCAL NEWS

## Obituaries

### Dennis Carl Bennett

**LAFERIA, Tex.** — Dennis Carl Bennett, age 91, of La Feria, Texas passed away on Friday, November 10, 2023.

Dennis enlisted in the army at age 17. He was one of the "Rockton 6" who enlisted to fight in the Korean War. During this time he received the Purple Heart among other medals. After his time in the army, he worked in manufacturing, sales and retail before eventually becoming a long haul semi owner and operator. After working and retiring as a driver, he retired with his wife of 63 years, Sharon, to La Feria, Texas.

Later in his life, he embraced his love of God, his Christian values and strong belief in Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior. His greatest joy was sharing his belief in God with family, friends and even complete strangers. He was a member of the American Legion and the VFW. He also enjoyed golfing, but his love was everything with music. You would find him running the karaoke, playing the guitar, and singing and writing gospel songs.

Dennis is survived by his children Bill Bennett (Teresa); Pat Yielding (Rick); Sheryl Hawley; Greg Bennett (Terri);



and Sheila Reed (Richard); his brother Doug Bennett.

Dennis was preceded in death by his wife Sharon Bennett; his parents Virginia Bennett and Robert Bennett; his brothers Willis Bennett; Jack Bennett; Sam Bennett and Brian Bennett; and his son-in-law Steve Hawley.

Dennis also leaves behind many wonderful grandchildren, great-grandchildren, a great-great-grandchild and many numerous nieces and nephews close to his heart.

We would like to express many thanks to Greater Valley Hospice, VA Texas Valley Home Health Care System of Harlingen and the loving friends at the Green Bay South Community.

A graveside service for Dennis will be held Tuesday, December 5, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. at Rockton Township Cemetery, Cemetery Road, Rockton, IL 61072. Following the graveside service will be a luncheon at 3:00 p.m. at Davis Junction United Methodist Church, 201 E Chicago Ave, Davis Junction, IL 61020.

Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at [www.heavenlygracergv.com](http://www.heavenlygracergv.com) for the Bennett family.

### William V. Motter

**MT. MORRIS** — William V. Motter, 98, of Mt. Morris, passed away on Wednesday, November 15, 2023. Bill

was born on June 13, 1925, in Egan, IL., the son of William H. and Grace (Reber) Motter. Bill married the love of his life, the former Helen G. Benditz, in Aurora, IL., on April 23, 1954. They were married for 56 years until Helen's death in 2010.

Bill was a graduate of Leaf River High School, Class of 1943, and the University of Illinois, Class of 1950. He was self-employed for many years as an insurance agent and income tax preparer. He served in the U. S. Navy during World War II.

During his long life, Bill was active throughout the Leaf River and Ogle County Community. Bill was a charter member of the Leaf River (Jerry Wickam) American Legion Post, and until his death, the oldest living member. He also served on the board of the Lightsville Cemetery Association for almost forty years.

Bill was active in local politics as a member of the Republican party, serving many years as precinct committeeman and was a long-time member of the Ogle

County Board. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge, the Freeport Consistory and the Leaf River Grange.

In his later years, he and Helen enjoyed road trips to visit their family who took up residence all around the country. They enjoyed hiking and bicycling along the way. Bill also enjoyed spending time researching family genealogy, which he documented extensively into the 1600 and 1700's.

Bill is survived by his children, Elizabeth (Andy Kroese) Motter of Patagonia, Arizona, William K. (Jenifer) Motter of Brownsville, Oregon, Kathryn (Rich) Brotherton of Austin, Texas; five grandchildren; and sister Marian Garrett of Mt. Morris. Bill was predeceased by his parents and his brother Donald.

A funeral will be held at 11AM Wednesday, November 22, 2023 at Finch Funeral Home, Mount Morris, IL. Visitation will begin at 10AM. Bill will be laid to rest at the Lightsville Cemetery joining his beloved wife, Helen. To honor Bill's memory please direct any memorials to the Leaf River Historical Society and the Leaf River American Legion Post 1148.



### Joyce M. Hunsaker

**BYRON** — Joyce M. Hunsaker, age 81, died peacefully Saturday, Nov. 11, 2023 at Swedish American Hospital in Rockford. She was born Jan. 17, 1942 in Christopher, IL the daughter of Robert and Erma (Morin) Beneventi.

She attended Rockford schools and obtained her Associates Degree in Business from Rock Valley College. She married John Hunsaker on Jan. 18, 1958 in Edwardsville, IL. He preceded her in death on May 7, 2013. Joyce then married Earle Mailand on May 25, 2019.

She owned and operated her own employment agency called "Jobsmart Employment Services, Inc.". Joyce and her husband John raised their family in the Leaf River area prior to moving to Byron.

She was a member of the All Saints Lutheran Church in Byron. She loved to make quilts, read, attend to her flower gardens, and had an appreciation for all types of music.

Joyce was very proud of the accomplishments of her grandchildren, and was a friend to many. Sunday night dinners with her family were a favorite time of the week for her. Throughout her retirement years, she enjoyed spending

the winters in Florida.

Joyce was predeceased by her parents, her husband John Hunsaker, her grandson Jonathan Douglas Knodle, and her brother Robert Beneventi.

She is survived by her husband Earle Mailand of Byron, IL; daughters Lisa (Kevin) Helms of Byron, and Lynn (Douglas) Knodle of Byron; sister Joan Arle of Byron; grandchildren: Robert (Alesha) Zellers of Onalaska, WI; Cristina (Andy) Murgage of Byron, IL; Matthew Zellers of Byron, IL; Brittany (Kane) Thompson of Wheaton, IL; and Paige (Matthew) Bohannon of North Liberty, Iowa; and 13 great-grandchildren whom she loved and adored.

A funeral service will be held 11:00 am, Saturday, Nov. 18, 2023 at the All Saints Lutheran Church in Byron with the Rev. Tyler Spellious officiating. Visitation will be prior to the funeral from 9:00 am to 11:00 am at the church. Burial will be at the Byron Cemetery at a later date. A memorial fund is established in Joyce's name for the All Saints Lutheran Church in Byron, IL and also for the Serenity Hospice and Home in Oregon, IL.

Visit [www.farrellhollandgale.com](http://www.farrellhollandgale.com) to leave a condolence or memory of Joyce.



### Christine West

**OREGON** — Christine Mary West (nee Warner), 64, of Oregon, Illinois, passed away on November 12, 2023, in Dixon, Illinois. She was born on July 18, 1959, in Dixon, Illinois, to the late Donald Russell Warner and Patricia Warner.

Christine was a compassionate individual who had a servant heart. She dedicated her life to helping those in need and had a deep love for gardening and feeding wildlife.

Christine is survived by her beloved son, Adam L. West, her mother Patricia Warner of Oregon, Illinois, her sister Diane Grover (John Galihier) of Galesburg, Illinois, and her brothers Donald Warner (Paula) of Oregon, Illinois, James Warner (Stacey) of Troy, South Carolina, and David Warner (Kristy) of

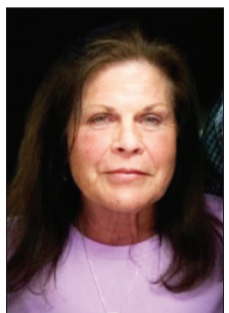
Oregon, Illinois. She is also survived by her longtime companion, Edward Young, numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, and nephews.

Christine was preceded in death by her father, Donald Russell Warner, as well as both her maternal and fraternal grandparents.

She attended Oregon schools and furthered her education at Sauk Valley Community College.

The family will hold a memorial service at a later time to honor Christine's life. The funeral home assisting with the arrangements is Chapel Hill located in Dixon, Illinois.

Christine Mary West will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her. May her kind and compassionate spirit continue to inspire us all.



### Norman Roger Kilker

**FREEPORT** — Norman Roger Kilker, 66, of Freeport, IL passed away Friday November 10, 2023 in his home.

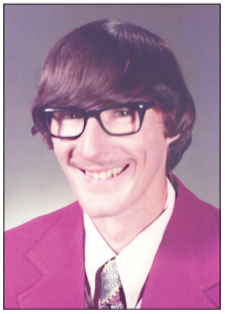
He was born April 28, 1957 in Freeport, IL to Roger and Audrey (Foat) Kilker. Norman graduated in 1975 from Forreston High School. In high school Norman participated in cross country, basketball and baseball. After graduating high school, Norman attended MacMurray College and graduated with a degree in Criminal Justice. Norman worked at the

Belleville County Jail as a corrections officer for 20 years. In his later years, Norman did roofing. He enjoyed listening

and watching the Chicago Cubs and Bulls.

He is survived by his two sons Adam and Andrew; parents Roger and Audrey Kilker of Forreston, IL; sister Debra (Garry) Gromley of Normal, IL; brother Keith (Kinga) Kilker of Lemont, IL; and one granddaughter.

Funeral services will be 2:00 P.M. Monday November 20, 2023 at Burke-Tubbs Funeral Home in Forreston, IL with Pastor Eddie Eddy officiating. A visitation will be held from 1:00 P.M. until the time of service. Burial will be in White Oak Cemetery. A memorial has been established in Norman's memory.



**Ogle Jolly 4-H Club meets with veterans**

Members of the Ogle Jolly 4-H club met up with local Veterans to celebrate Veterans Day. They delivered cards signed by club members thanking them for their service. Ogle Jolly wants to thank all veterans, past and present, who have served our country and protected our freedom.

## Early deadline for Ogle County Life due to Thanksgiving holiday

For the Nov. 27 edition of the Ogle County Life, the deadline for any news items for editorial materials the community desires to get into that edition will

be a day early due to the Thanksgiving holiday. The deadline will be Tuesday, Nov. 21 at 3 p.m. The Ogle County Life appreciates your understanding.

### Report policy

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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# LOCAL NEWS

## OGLE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

### Man arrested for driving while license revoked

**OREGON**—On Nov. 7 at approximately noon, deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 17,500 block of East Illinois Route 38. After a brief investigation, deputies arrested Rafael Valencia, 23, of Rochelle, for driving while license revoked. Valencia was taken into custody without incident and transported to the Ogle County Jail. Valencia was booked and released on a notice to appear with a return court date in early December. Valencia was additionally cited for operating an uninsured motor vehicle and issued a written warning for no mud flaps.

On Nov. 7 at approximately 6 p.m. deputies initiated a traffic stop in the 500 block of North 4th Street in Oregon for expired registration. Upon further investigation deputies arrested Parker Eccles, 22, of Byron, for no valid license. Parker was released on a notice to appear with a future court date given.

On Nov. 8 at approximately 10:21 p.m. deputies initiated a traffic stop near the intersection of Illinois Route 64 and Chana Road. After further investigation Teagan Andrews, 46, of Sycamore was placed under arrest for driving while license suspended and a DeKalb County warrant. Andrews was transported to the Ogle County Jail where she posted bond and was released with a notice to appear. Andrews was additionally cited for speeding.

On Nov. 11 at 11:04 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop at North Maple Avenue and West Chicago Avenue in Davis Junction. As a result, Roberto Diaz, 34, of Rockford was arrested for driving while

license suspended. Diaz was additionally issued citations for registration expired, suspended registration, improper lane usage and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. Diaz was released on a notice to appear with a future court date.

On Nov. 11 at 7:47 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop on North Illinois Route 251 at East Lindenwood Road. As a result, deputies arrested Rasheeda N. Waters, 40, of Rockford for driving on a suspended license. Additionally, Waters was issued citations for operating a vehicle with expired registration and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. Waters was released on a notice to appear with a future court date.

On Nov. 11 at 12:59 a.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop on East Illinois Route 64 at Mulford Road for a traffic violation. As a result, deputies arrested Benjamin F. Espinoza, 18, of Rockford for unlawful use of a weapon, possession of a firearm with no FOID, and possession of ammunition with no FOID. Espinoza was additionally charged with speeding 26-34 miles per hour over, operating an uninsured motor vehicle, and possession of cannabis 1-10 grams. Espinoza was transported to the Ogle County Jail and subsequently released on a notice to appear with a future court date.

On Nov. 12 at approximately 4:07 p.m. deputies responded to 15,000 block of West Grove Road in reference to a driving complaint. The offending vehicle was later located, and upon further investigation deputies arrested Ryan Schumacher, 32, of Forreton, was placed under arrest for driving under

the influence - alcohol. Schumacher also received citations for illegal parking in a roadway, illegal transportation of alcohol, and uninsured motor vehicle. Schumacher was transported to the Ogle County Jail and released on a notice to appear.

On Nov. 13 at approximately 7:40 a.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop on Interstate 39 near mile marker 107. After an initial investigation, deputies placed Cecil White Jr., 32, of Rockford, under arrest for driving while license revoked. White was transported to the Ogle County Jail, where he was released with a Notice to appear in court at a later date.

On Nov. 13 at approximately 11:39 a.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop at Kishwaukee Road and Hales Corner Road. After a brief investigation, deputies arrested Ezell Cooper, 22, of Rockford, for no valid driver's license. Cooper was released on a notice to appear.

On Nov. 13 at approximately 6:27 p.m. deputies were dispatched to the 100 block of Fox Glove Lane, Davis Junction for the report of a physical domestic. After a brief investigation, it was learned the altercation had taken place in the 100 block of Primrose Lane, Davis Junction. Jose Santana, 43, of Davis Junction, was placed under arrest for aggravated domestic battery/strangulation. Santana was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held pending a court appearance in front of a judge. The juvenile victim was transported to a local hospital to be treated for their injuries.

*All individuals are considered innocent until proven guilty.*

## OREGON POLICE DEPARTMENT

### Man cited for failure to wear seat belt

**Oct. 30**  
At 10:20 a.m., Oregon Police issued Harry E. Spell, Jr., 79, Oregon, a citation for failure to wear a seat belt as a driver. This violation occurred in the 600 block of North 4th Street.

At 11:56 a.m., Oregon Police responded to a three-vehicle traffic crash in the 300 block of Mix Street involving a 2018 Jeep driven by Carol K. Bush, 60, Oregon, a parked 2002 Ford belonging to Jennifer L. Richardson, 40, Belvidere, and a parked 2014 Cadillac belonging to Carol J. Hughes-Dees, 55, Mt. Morris. Bush was issued a citation for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident.

**Oct. 31**  
At 4:40 p.m., Oregon Police responded to a two-vehicle traffic crash at the intersection of South 4th and Washington Streets involving a 1991 Nissan driven by Sondra L. Pease, 52, Oregon, and a 1991 Chevrolet driven by Scott W. Voss, 59, Oregon. Pease and her passenger, a 10-year-old juvenile of Oregon, were transported to KSB Hospital for unknown injuries. Pease was issued citations for failure to yield turning left and operating an uninsured motor vehicle.

**Nov. 2**  
At 4:34 a.m., Oregon Police issued Nicholas C. Bausman, 38, Oregon, a citation for operating a motor vehicle when registration is suspended for non-insurance. This violation occurred in the 1000 block of South 5th Street.

At 12:38 p.m., Oregon Police issued Wikisha L. Baumgardner, 37, Dixon, a citation for operating a vehicle with a suspended registration. This violation occurred in the 200 block of West Washington Street.

**Nov. 4**  
At 10:45 a.m., Oregon Police arrested Antonio D. Aguilar-Martinez, 31, Machesney Park, for no valid driver's license. Aguilar-Martinez was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was processed and released upon issuance of a citation for the traffic violation with a notice to appear. This violation occurred in the 200 block of West Washington Street.

At 5:19 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Erica J. Ramirez, 40, Loves Park, for driving while license suspended. Ramirez also had an

outstanding Rockford Police Department warrant for failure to appear. Ramirez was transported to the Ogle County Jail where she was processed and released.

10 verbal warnings were issued during the week of Oct. 30-Nov. 5.

**Nov. 6**  
At 7:14 p.m., Oregon Police responded to a 2-vehicle traffic crash at 210 E. Washington St., in the Dairy Queen restaurant parking lot, involving a 2006 Chrysler driven by Dana Flory, 41, Dixon, and a parked 2012 Volkswagen owned by Dustin K. Anderson, 33, Rochelle. No citations were issued.

**Nov. 9**  
At 8:57 a.m., Oregon Police responded to a two-vehicle traffic crash the 500 block of West Washington Street involving a 2023 Freightliner driven by Charles E. Schramm, 48, of Kenosha, Wisconsin, and a parked 2022 Jeep belonging to Jarrod D. Remrey, 39, Oregon. No citations were issued.

At 1:42 p.m., Oregon Police issued Ashley M. Schell, 31, Rockford, citations for driving while license revoked and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. Schell was issued a notice to appear date. These violations occurred in the 1000 block of West Washington Street.

At 5:55 p.m., Oregon Police issued Jonathon H. Olson, 42, Oregon, a citation for operating a motor vehicle when registration is suspended. This violation occurred in the 100 block of South 4th Street.

**Nov. 10**  
At 1:10 p.m., Oregon Police responded to a two-vehicle traffic crash in the 300 block of West Washington Street involving a 2021 Toyota driven by Lana R. Meyers, 68, Rockford, and a 2016 Freightliner driven by Stoian T. Filtchev, 48, of Elk Grove Village, Illinois. No citations were issued.

At 2:48 p.m., Oregon Police issued Joshua W. Lundstrom, 33, Machesney Park, a citation for operation of a vehicle with suspended registration. This violation occurred in the 600 block of North 4th Street.

At 3:22 p.m., Oregon Police issued Pepper J. Lancaster, 45, Mt. Morris, a citation for operating an uninsured motor vehicle. This violation occurred in the 400 block of South 10th Street.

At 6:38 p.m., Oregon Police issued Jose A. Fuentes-Sanabria, 27, Rockford, a citation for operating a motor vehicle when registration is suspended. This violation occurred in the 500 block of North 4th Street.

At 7:52 p.m., Oregon Police issued John W. Tworek, 26, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, a citation for operating a motor vehicle when registration is suspended. This violation occurred in the 100 block of South 4th Street.

**Nov. 11**  
At 6:59 p.m., Oregon Police responded to a two-vehicle traffic crash in the 200 block of South 10th Street involving a 2002 GMC driven by Stephen J. Steingraber, 38, Oregon, and a parked 2014 Ford belonging to Kathryn C. Kuczynski, 32, Oregon. No citations were issued.

**Nov. 12**  
At 1:29 p.m., Oregon Police issued Rosa Ramirez, 48, of Aurora, a citation for speeding 45 miles per hour in a 30 miles per hour zone. This violation occurred in the 600 block of North 4th Street.

At 5:24 p.m., Oregon Police issued Joseph T. Stofflett, 24, Rochelle, a citation for operating a motor vehicle when registration is suspended for non-insurance. This violation occurred in the 100 block of South 4th Street.

At 8:40 p.m., Oregon Police issued Amy J. Love, 44, Oregon, a citation for operating a motor vehicle when registration is suspended for non-insurance. This violation occurred in the 300 block of West Washington Street.

Nine verbal warnings issued during the week of Nov. 6-12.

*Please note: Any arrests listed below are merely accusations and the defendant is presumed innocent unless proven guilty in a court of law.*

## POLO POLICE DEPARTMENT

### Polo PD releases general calls for service

**POLO** — The Polo Police Department recently released its general calls for service for the weeks of Oct. 30-Nov. 12. Citizen Complaints/Assists:

19. Animal Complaint: 1. Disturbance/Domestic: 1. Fire/Medical Assist: 2. Alarm/Open Door: 1. Traffic Stops: 22. County Assists: 4.

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Thank you to the gentlemen who took me to KSB Hospital from the bakery on Tuesday, November 7th.  
I would also like to thank the ambulance crew that picked me up on Wednesday the 14th at the Rock River Center. They were kind & one stayed with me on the way to the ER at KSB.  
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# LOCAL NEWS

## Princeton man sentenced to 10 years for cocaine possession

**OREGON** — A Princeton man was recently sentenced to 10 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections for cocaine possession, a Nov. 9 Ogle County State's Attorney press release said.

Alexander Pierce, 28, of Princeton was sentenced for the offense of possession of 100-400 grams of cocaine. On April 13, 2022, the Ogle County Sheriff's Office conducted a traffic stop on Pierce's vehicle on the 7,000 block of South Illinois Route 2. Deputies recovered 167 grams of cocaine from the vehicle. The case was reviewed by the Ogle County State's Attorney's Office and charges were authorized.

Possession of 100-400 grams of cocaine is an enhanced class one felony with a sentencing range of 6-30 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections.

## BYRON POLICE DEPARTMENT

### Driver cited for operation of uninsured vehicle, operation of vehicle without registration

**BYRON** — On Oct. 30, Evelin Corral-Torres, 20, of Sterling was issued citations for operation of an uninsured motor vehicle and operation of a vehicle with cancelled, suspended, or revoked registration.

On Nov. 1, Tony J. Ziegelbauer, 41, of Rockford was issued citations for operation of uninsured motor vehicle and operation of a vehicle with cancelled, revoked, or suspended registration.

On Nov. 1, John M. Arnold, 36, of Byron was arrested for domestic battery. Arnold was transported to Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

On Nov. 3, Dejan Femic, 42, of Chicago was issued a citation for operation of a vehicle with cancelled, suspended, or revoked registration.

On Nov. 3, Elia M. Edwards, 19, of Galesburg was issued a citation for speeding.

On Nov. 4, a 17-year-old minor from Byron was issued a citation for speeding.

On Nov. 4, Luna C. Taylor, 18, of Byron was issued citations for speeding and possession of cannabis not more than 10 grams.

On Nov. 6, John E. Colvin, 53, of

Rockton was issued citations for operation of uninsured motor vehicle, operation of a vehicle with cancelled, suspended, or revoked registration, and driving while license suspended.

On Nov. 6, Michael J. Watford, 32, of Rockford was issued citations for operation of a vehicle with cancelled, suspended, or revoked registration and driving while license suspended.

On Nov. 7, Rashidi Eliya, 21, of Rockford was issued citations for operation of uninsured motor vehicle and operation of a vehicle with cancelled, suspended, or revoked registration.

On Nov. 8, Nathan R. Young-Anderson, 19, of Rockford was issued a citation for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident.

On Nov. 8, Austin J. Ross, 27, of Byron was issued a citation for operating a vehicle with no valid driver's license.

On Nov. 9, Lila Sulouff, 67, of Byron was issued a citation for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident.

On Nov. 10, David W. Vinnedge, 56, of Forreton was issued a citation for the operation of a vehicle with cancelled, suspended, or revoked registration.

On Nov. 11, Axel J. Juarez, 20, of Chicago was issued citations for operation of an uninsured motor vehicle and speeding over the statutory limit.

On Nov. 13, Nicholas C. Gjonola, 40, of Polo was issued a citation for operation of a vehicle with cancelled, suspended, or revoked registration.

On Nov. 13, William P. White, 61, of South Elgin was issued a citation for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident.

On Nov. 14, Ramona J. Quinones, 64, of Chadwick, Illinois was issued a citation for the operation of a vehicle with cancelled, suspended, or revoked registration and operation of an uninsured motor vehicle.


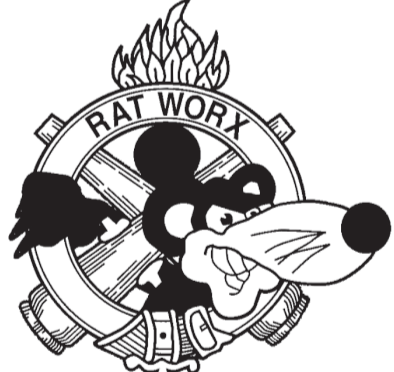
On Nov. 14, Dennis W. Osterloo, 60, of Forreton was issued a citation for disregarding an official traffic control device.

On Nov. 14, Ginger L. Flynn, 19, of Dixon was issued a citation for speeding.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Leaf River Lions name 2023 Halloween Costume Contest winners

**LEAF RIVER** — The Leaf River Lions recently named the winners of its 2023 Halloween Costume Contest.

Hudson Peterson won first place in the 0-2 years division for his skeleton costume. Landon Peterson won second place in that division for his lion costume.

Magnalia Wheeler won first place in the 2-4 years division for a Saturn costume. Robert Darington III won second place in that division for his Bley costume.

Emily Hartline won first place in the 5-K division for her fairy costume.

Ahniya Wheeler won first place in the



first grade division for an alien costume. Jasmine won second place in that division for her Snow White costume.

Aaliyah Espinosa won first place in the second grade division for her cowgirl costume. Jordon Mancilla won second place in

that division for a skeleton costume. Nicole won first place in the third grade division for her cheerleader costume.

Tysen won first place in the fourth grade division for a Scream costume. Barbara won second place in that division for her grim reaper costume.

Etan Sheely won first place in the fifth grade division for his dinosaur costume. Jax Jablon won second place in that division for a ghoulish costume.

Liam Riegle won first place in the junior high division for his Ghostface costume. Second place in that division was Gerald Sheely (Rider Dino).

Gage Lawson won first place in the high school division for his Cholo number one costume and Tyler Wheeler won second place in that division for his Cholo number three costume.

Nicholas Wheeler won first place in the adults division for his rocket ship costume and Sammi won second place in that division for her mystical gypsy witch costume.



### Byron Nuclear Station employees donate to Hub City Senior Center

On Nov. 8, the employees of the Byron Nuclear Station made a donation to the Hub City Senior Center in Rochelle. "We are so appreciative of their donation to us," a Hub City Senior Center Facebook post said. "Byron Nuclear Station employees, we know you work hard and we feel so blessed that you chose to share those earnings with us. Thank you from the staff and folks that come here. Today you made a difference."



### Polo Lions sell meat raffle tickets

On Saturday, Nov. 11, Polo Lions Member Jeff Short is shown sitting at the Polo Marcos playoff game selling meat raffle tickets for the Polo Lions Club. Polo Lions members Irene Boelkens and Winton Bocker were also there helping. The Lions club did well selling the tickets.

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### Nov. 24

The Higley Light Extravaganza will kick off its season in Mt. Morris on Nov. 24. "This is our 12th year so we are going to try something different this year. We normally wait till Saturday night to kick off the season but we are going to move it one day earlier! That's right. We are going to do Friday Night Lights Mt Morris Style! So come on out to see us start off the season with a couple of songs that may or may not only be played on that Friday night. As well as snacks, drinks and meeting up with friends and neighbors. We will again be accepting donation of either a new toy for Toys for Kids put on through the Mt Morris Firefighter's Association and the Mt. Morris Police Department or a monetary donation to either Toys for Kids or the Firefighters Association. The Toys for Kids program is put on 100 percent by donations. So come out Friday, Nov. 24 and join in the fun!"

### Dec. 2

Once again the Chana United Methodist Church

will be hosting their Candlelight Christmas Dessert on Saturday, Dec. 2 at the Chana UMC at 7 p.m. The program will feature the Alleluia Quartet based out of the Beth Eden U.M.C. of Rockford. This four-part harmony group will present spiritual and Christmas songs. Following the program a dessert buffet will be held in the candlelit social hall. There is no admission charge – a love offering for our entertainment will be taken. A door prize will be awarded at the close of the program and additional drawings for other prizes will take place during the social time. All women and girls in the area are welcome. Please call the church office at 815-732-7683, Carole Sutton at 815-595-4559, or Pat Klopping at 815-453-2345 by Nov. 30 if you plan to attend and have not been previously contacted.

### Dec. 7

Put your air fryer to use this holiday season by making your favorite seasonal foods without the added mess and fat of traditional fried foods. Air fryers are an easy, safe and fast way to heat and reheat food

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Join us for this fun holiday program on Thursday, Dec. 7 from 6-7:30 p.m. at the Winnebago County University of Illinois Extension office at 1040 N. Second St. in Rockford.

Register for this holiday program by calling the Extension office at (815) 986-4357 or visit us online at go.illinois.edu/jsw. There is a \$5 fee, which will cover the educational session. Space is limited, so register today! If you need an accommodation to participate, please let our office know when you register. Early requests are strongly encouraged to allow sufficient time to meet your access needs.

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## MOMENTS IN TIME

\* On Dec. 4, 1980, following the death of their drummer, John Bonham, British rock band Led Zeppelin announced that it was disbanding, 12 years after entering the music scene.

\* On Dec. 5, 1766, art auction house Christie's founder, James Christie, made his first sale, consisting of "the household furniture, jewelry, plates, firearms, etc. . . . property of a noble character (deceased)" in London. Among other items, the sale included a pair of sheets, two pillowcases and two chamber pots.

\* On Dec. 6, 1967, three days after the world's first heart transplant took place in South Africa, Adrian Kantrowitz and his surgical team performed America's first such operation (and the world's first pediatric heart transplant) at the Maimonides Medical Center in Brooklyn.

\* On Dec. 7, 1911, Britain's King George and Queen Mary rode through Delhi, India, amidst a military salute and the singing of the national anthem. The royal couple met with 150 rajahs, maharajahs and sultans and other classes of the country's rich and powerful. Elephants, however, were banned from the festivities for fear of them charging.

\* On Dec. 8, 2009, the Obama administration announced it would pay Native Americans \$3.4 billion to settle a class-action lawsuit that claimed the federal government cheated them out of royalties for oil, mineral and other leases for more than a century. The settlement ended a 13-year legal battle that led to 3,600 filings, millions of pages of discovery documents, and 11 separate appellate decisions.

\* On Dec. 9, 1930, Billie Stockton, a dancer from Hollywood, fashioned herself a dress from an entire head of lettuce to play the part of Eve in the Garden of Eden. Her backdrop was donated by the local Chamber of Commerce.

\* On Dec. 10, 1901, the first Nobel Prizes were awarded in Stockholm, Sweden, in the fields of physics, chemistry, medicine, literature and peace. The prizes are funded from a reserve created after the death of Alfred Nobel, the Swedish inventor of dynamite and other high explosives.

\* On Dec. 13, 1577, English seaman Francis Drake sets out from Plymouth, England, with five ships and 164 men on a mission to raid Spanish holdings on the Pacific coast of the New World. Three years later, Drake's return to Plymouth marked the first circumnavigation of the earth by a British explorer.

\* On Dec. 14, 1911, Norwegian Roald Amundsen becomes the first explorer to reach the South Pole, beating his British rival, Robert Falcon Scott, by more than a month. Amundsen used sleigh dogs, while Scott employed motor sledges, ponies and dogs.

\* On Dec. 15, 1945, Gen. Douglas MacArthur, as Supreme Commander of Allied Powers in the Pacific, brings an end to Shintoism as Japan's established religion. The Shinto system included the belief that the emperor, in this case Hirohito, was divine.

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# Trade and biotech corn

THE Department of Agriculture released its monthly U.S. Agriculture Trade Update.

New monthly trade data from the Department of Agriculture shows a record monthly trade deficit for agriculture. Signaling what could be a downturn in commodity prices.

The new trade data puts us out through August of 2023. And in August, we had the largest monthly trade deficit that we've ever had in US agricultural trade. We had almost 12 and a half billion dollars in exports, a little over 16 billion in imports, which means we had a trade deficit of over \$3.6 billion in a single month.

The strong U.S. dollar is behind the deficit. The strong interest rates that we've seen in the United States over the last year and a half trying to combat inflation is really leading to a strong U.S. dollar. And that strong U.S. dollar makes imports relatively less expensive, but it makes it difficult for our exports to compete globally because our products are priced in a relatively expensive dollar. The strong dollar means agriculture export values are lower, and an increase in some imports.

Overall, U.S. ag export value is down by about nine percent. But when we break it out, what we see is that the vast majority of that decreases in major bulk products which are down 16 percent relative to the same time last year, whereas high value products are only down by

four percent. When we look at imports and where we're seeing those import numbers pop is in fresh and frozen vegetables, which are up over 15 percent this year compared to last year.

This bears keeping a close eye on as we move through the harvest season and into the Spring as lack of trade demand will weigh heavily on commodity prices received.



Ron Kern

### Biotech corn

The U.S. Trade Representative's office is moving forward regarding Mexico banning the import of U.S. biotech corn. The Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, under procedures within the U.S. Mexico-Canada Agreement, has established a dispute resolution panel regarding Mexico's biotech corn bans.

The panel will deal with the issues brought up by Mexico's decrees which seek to stop the import of U.S. corn products produced with biotechnology. The U.S. believes this is a violation of the sanitary standards provisions of the USMCA and has brought this case.

The issue revolves around Mexican decrees against U.S. corn products produced with biotechnology, specifically glyphosate.

Recent decrees earlier in 2023 said that they were going to move ahead to stop the import of white corn but would allow the imports of U.S. yellow corn until they could find some alternatives. The U.S. has objected to these decrees all along, saying

that they're not scientifically based, and has been talking with the Mexican government all along, but especially ramped up the discussions last year. A resolution could come early next year, following technical consultations this year.

The time for that under procedures in the U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement has run out, so the Trade Rep's office is establishing a dispute panel. This will hear evidence from the two countries and make a final decision. Given the procedures governing such panels, a decision really can't be expected until sometime in early 2024.

Considering Mexico is one of the largest importers of US corn a decision upholding a ban could have devastating implications to the US corn market and trade balance.

Since we are talking trade I will leave you with this:

### Stocks

And in today's stock news... Helium was up, feathers were down. Paper was stationary. Fluorescent tubing was dimmed in light trading. Knives were up sharply. Pencils lost a few points. Hiking equipment was trailing. Elevators rose, while escalators continued their slow decline. Weights were up in heavy trading.

Mining equipment hit rock bottom. Diapers remained unchanged. The market for raisins dried up. Balloon prices were inflated. And toilet paper touched a new bottom.

Ron Kern is the manager of the Ogle County Farm Bureau.

# Transforming pretrial justice for people, systems and communities

RECENTLY, we marked the first 30 days of the Pretrial Fairness Act, which is transforming pretrial justice in Illinois.

When the law was enacted one month ago, it made history by eliminating money bonds. Instead of the arbitrary practice of wealth-based detention, Illinois put in place sensible legal standards for intentional pretrial release and detention decisions based on the law and evidence.

Plenty of work still lies ahead, but we should acknowledge those whose efforts during the past two years helped ensure that the implementation of the law would positively impact people, systems and communities. More than 100 people throughout the state participated in the Pretrial Implementation Task Force. They represented law enforcement, courts, state's attorneys, public defenders, pretrial services, victims'/survivors' rights advocates, and other community and justice system stakeholder groups — and dedicated countless hours to lay the groundwork for the law's success.

While the state's elimination of financial release conditions has generated the most attention, the Pretrial Fairness Act upended decades of questionable practices and operations. But what is remarkable about the law — especially regarding its potential impact nationwide — is that it reconnected pretrial practices with foundational American legal principles.

More than 30 years ago, the U.S. Supreme Court was unequivocal in declaring that "In our society, liberty is the norm, and detention prior to trial or without trial is the carefully limited exception."

But this explicit statement was overlooked during decades of outdated practices, including the default setting of financial conditions of release (commonly referred to as "money bond"), which led to pretrial decisions that were neither careful nor limited. These practices undermined the presumption of innocence. Instead, financial conditions resulted in the detention of people without access to money — and the release of others, even if they posed a danger to community safety or of willful flight from prosecution.

By abandoning the arbitrary use of financial conditions, Illinois has adopted a commonsense legal framework that honors and operates consistently with the presumption of innocence and liberty.

In this respect, while remarkable, the Pretrial Fairness Act isn't groundbreaking. It follows other states and jurisdictions that have moved away from financial conditions of release and toward reasoned, evidence-based, and legally-justified decisions about who should be detained, who should

be released, and under what conditions.

With the new law, Illinois joins New Jersey, New Mexico, and the District of Columbia in requiring substantive hearings to determine who should be detained and ensures that courts are taking the time necessary for decision makers to review each case and its circumstances properly. Where these reforms have been implemented, data and research show that they are working: The majority of people attend their court hearings and remain arrest-free.

The Pretrial Fairness Act's accomplishments go beyond its alignment with foundational pretrial legal principles. The new law requires a comprehensive collection of relevant data to be analyzed and shared with justice system professionals and the public. Reliable data is essential for reviewing pretrial outcomes and measuring how a system performs as a whole; it will also contribute to more constructive and evidence-based discussions about the impacts the new law has on people, communities, and the court system.

Because the new law is complex and comprehensive, it required counties to do something that many justice systems don't naturally do: work together across disciplines and functions. System stakeholders and community members collaborated in a well-structured process that helped them identify and better understand the changes they needed to make to their pretrial practices. This requires removing the traditional barriers in the criminal legal system that can divide system stakeholders from the community members they serve. These collaborations should continue and include representatives from all agencies with pretrial responsibilities and directly impacted people, victims and survivors, and their families.

The people working in the state's criminal legal systems — judges, state's attorneys, defense counsel, law enforcement, court clerks, pretrial services officers, and many others — deserve recognition for their extraordinary efforts to uphold the letter as well as the spirit of the new law. Change is never easy. But the Pretrial Fairness Act puts Illinois on the path to upholding foundational legal principles and the integrity of its system of justice. This important undertaking is off to a positive start.

Alison Shames is a director at the Center for Effective Public Policy, where she co-directs the national initiative Advancing Pretrial Policy and Research and served as a technical assistance advisor to the Illinois Pretrial Implementation Task Force.



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# LOCAL NEWS



## Hagemanns celebrate 60th wedding anniversary

**MT. MORRIS** — Karl Jr. & Shirley Hagemann of Mt. Morris celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary this year. Karl and the former Shirley Rowland were married on Nov. 16, 1963 at Nazarene Church in Oregon. The couple have two children, Karl III (Tara) of Leaf River and Brad (Jean) of Mt. Morris. They have six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Cards and memories may be sent to their home at 6289 Adeline Road, Mt. Morris, IL 61054.

## Performing Arts Guild to present 'A Winter Medley' Dec. 8-10

**MT. MORRIS** — This winter the Performing Arts Guild of Mt. Morris will present A Winter Medley. A mixture of comedy and drama, cast members will perform Gift of the Magi, Baker's Dozen, Christmas Truce and various selections from All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten. Aireloom Music Studio will also be entertaining the audience throughout the evening. Performances will be held on Friday through Sunday, Dec. 8-10 at the Allure of Pinecrest Grove Theater, 500 Evergreen Lane, Mt. Morris. Friday and Saturday shows are at 7 p.m. and the Sunday matinee is at 2 p.m. There will be open seating on a first-come first-served basis. Doors open a half hour before show time. Donations only with all net proceeds to The Mt. Morris Fire Station. For information call 815.734.2103 or visit [www.performingartsguild.com](http://www.performingartsguild.com).

Auditions were held in October and we are pleased to announce the cast as follows: Connie Augsburg, Jeff Bold, Dennis Cheatwood, Mary Cheatwood, Brianna Fuentes, Montana Larson, Morgan McConnell, Priscilla Osborne, Gerald Sheely, David Sheely, Dylan Stormont, Larry Ubben, Zander VandeSand, David Wehler, Rene Wehler and Trudy Whalen. A Winter Medley will be directed by Margo Ackland, Mary Cheatwood, Jeff Bold and student director Zander VandeSand with Pam Ballard and Karen Urish as the producers.

# Dollar General adds produce to Davis Junction location

*Recently-remodeled store now offers fresh produce, new layout*

**DAVIS JUNCTON** — Dollar General announces it recently remodeled its store at 101 Park St. in Davis Junction and now offers produce in addition to the same categories, brands and products customers trust Dollar General to carry.

“At Dollar General, we strive to be a positive business partner and good community neighbor in Davis Junction,” Matthew Simonsen, Dollar General’s senior vice president of real estate and store development, said. “Although we are not a grocery store, we believe the addition of produce in our Davis Junction store highlights our commitment to deliver a pleasant shopping experience that includes affordable prices on quality products in a convenient location.”

Dollar General’s produce set offers the top 20 items typically sold in traditional grocery stores and covers approximately 80 percent of produce categories most grocery stores carry. It will include fresh fruits and vegetables including, tomatoes, onions, apples, strawberries, potatoes, sweet potatoes, lemons, limes, salad mixes, and more. The store will also continue to offer frozen and refrigerated food offerings, in addition to the same categories, brands and products that customers trust Dollar General to carry.

Dollar General currently offers fresh fruits and vegetables in more than 4,400 stores and plans to offer produce in more than 10,000 total stores in the coming years, with a meaningful number in current

USDA-defined food deserts. Additionally, in January 2024, Dollar General expects to offer fresh fruits and vegetables in approximately 5,000 stores, giving the company more individual points of produce distribution than any other U.S. mass retailer or grocer.

DG stores are proud to provide customers with affordable and convenient access to household essentials including components of a nutritious meal (canned and frozen vegetables, canned fruits, proteins, grains, dairy, and more), cleaning supplies, paper products, over-the-counter medicines, hygiene products, baby items and more through its mission of Serving Others. Normal hours of operation may be found through the Dollar General website or app.

Furthermore, DG strives to be a good neighbor and is committed to the communities it proudly calls home, evidenced by unwavering support of literacy and education initiatives through the Dollar General Literacy Foundation. The Davis Junction store provides the opportunity for schools, nonprofit organizations and libraries within a 15-mile radius of the store to apply for Dollar General Literacy Foundation grants. Since 1993, the Dollar General Literacy Foundation has awarded more than \$238 million in grants to nonprofit organizations, helping more than 19.6 million individuals take their first steps toward literacy or continued education. For more information about the Dollar General Literacy Foundation, visit [www.dgliteracy.com](http://www.dgliteracy.com).

## MT. MORRIS POLICE DEPARTMENT

# Man arrested for driving on suspended license

**MT. MORRIS** — On Oct. 26 at approximately 12:15 p.m. Mt. Morris Police conducted a traffic stop in the 100 block of East Route 64. The driver, Daniel F. Sotelo-Espindola, 35, Rochelle, was arrested for driving while license suspended. Sotelo-Espindola was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was released with a notice to appear.

On Oct. 27 at approximately 9:50 p.m. Mt. Morris Police were sent to the 10 block of West Center Street for the report of a disturbance. After an investigation, it was learned that Jason A. Coblentz, 43, Mt. Morris, had a Lee County warrant for failure to appear. Coblentz was transported to the Ogle

County Jail. On Oct. 31 at approximately 2:55 p.m. Mt. Morris Police made contact with a subject, Kristopher M. Mockovak, 22, Mt. Morris, in the 10 block of South Ogle Avenue. Mockovak was wanted on a Lee County warrant for failure to appear. Mockovak was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

On Nov. 3 at approximately 6:45 p.m. Mt. Morris Police responded to the 400 block of North McKendrie Avenue to meet with a subject, Joe A. Short, 49, Mt. Morris. It was learned that Short had an Ogle County warrant for failure to appear. Short was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

On Nov. 8 at approximately 11:55 a.m. Mt. Morris Police made contact with Alejandro D. Ocampo, 19, Mt. Morris, in the 300 block of South Ogle Avenue. Ocampo had an Ogle County warrant for failure to appear. Ocampo was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

On Nov. 11 at approximately 4:40 p.m. Mt. Morris Police were sent to the 10 block of West Center Street for a disturbance. While investigating, it was learned that Codi L. Despain, 18, Mt. Morris, was wanted on an Ogle County warrant for failure to appear. Despain was transported to the Ogle County Jail. *These charges are merely an accusation, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless proven guilty.*



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# BHS golf team raises over \$3,000 for Byron Schools Food Pantry

**BYRON** — The Byron High School golf team coached by Brent Baker along with Assistant Coach Quinn Virgil traveled to Bloomington in October to compete in the state golf championship. The team placed eighth overall in the state and raised \$3,450 for the Byron Schools Food Pantry.

Prior to departing for the state competition, Coach Baker decided to create a fun challenge to raise money from each birdie the golfers made. Various families, individuals and organizations enthusiastically supported the challenge and donated either a set amount per birdie or a lump sum amount.

Donors included Specialty Floors, Newton Family, Dos Amigos, Rita Bradford, Knodle Family, Byron Bank, Schilling Family, Dawn Glassburn, Byron Lions Club, Byron Boosters and D&W Garage and more are continuing to donate daily.

Congratulations to the BHS golf team for your great season!

If you would like to make a donation to the Byron Schools Food Pantry, please mail or drop off a check or cash to: Byron Schools Food Pantry, Byron High School, 696 N. Colfax St., Byron, IL 61010.



The Byron High School golf team recently traveled to state and raised money for the Byron Schools Food Pantry. From left to right: Quinn Virgil, Maison Brandt, Cason Newton, Ryan Tucker, Cooper Mershon, Davis Baker, Aaron Lorenz and Brent Baker.

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day is a great chance to get in the holiday swing of things while supporting the local businesses that make communities so unique.

Plan ahead. Small Business Saturday takes place each year on the Saturday after Thanksgiving in the United States. Since its inception in 2010, Small Business Saturday has grown in popularity. Research sales and inventories of local businesses you want to support so you're ready to go come Saturday

morning. Doing your homework can make it easier to navigate the crowds.

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# SPORTS NEWS

## Lombard Montini awaits Byron in IHSA state semifinals

*Tigers rolled Du-Pec 63-15 in previous round Nov. 11*

**BY ANDY COLBERT**  
CORRESPONDENT

**BYRON** — After Byron's 63-15 win over Durand-Pecatonica and its 11th running clock in 12 games, its first real test awaits them in Lombard Montini in the 3A football semifinals. The Broncos beat Princeton 27-9 after trailing 3-0 at halftime.

Montini (9-3), hails from an entirely different competitive arena, one that has faced far tougher tests in the Chicago Catholic League, with an average enrollment of 1,203 for its regular season opponents.

"Byron's a fantastic team, a great program," Montini coach Mike Bukovsky said. "We've been watching them all year. It's going to be a great challenge. We're going to get ourselves ready and put together the best game plan we can."

What Bukovsky hasn't seen yet is a running attack as powerful and efficient as what the Tigers will bring to John Duffy Stadium in Lombard on Saturday afternoon. Against Du-Pec, they racked up close to 500 yards of rushing, led by Caden Considine's 192.

For the year, Considine is averaging an astounding 11 yards a carry on 106 attempts. It was his 75-yard touchdown run on Byron's first play from scrimmage that put the vaunted Tiger ground game in high gear.

This after Nathan Folk electrified the visiting Du-Pec crowd with a 97-yard

kickoff return and very short-lived 7-0 lead. This was the only excitement for the Rivermen's first trip to the quarterfinals, as Byron raced to a 42-7 halftime lead.

Brayden Knoll, who is second in rushing behind Considine, had one receiving score (from Ayden Shank) and went over the 900-yard rushing mark. Ashton Henkel tallied 37 and 43-yard rushing touchdowns and another on a 60-yard interception.

Henkel was part of a defensive unit that completely shut down Du-Pec quarterback Cooper Hoffman. He did go over 2,000 passing yards for the year, but was limited to 94 yards against Byron on 11-for-17 throwing.

Just as dangerous with his legs, Hoffman failed to break any long runs, finishing with 16 rushing yards.

Montini does not have a QB as dangerous as Hoffman, whom Byron coach Jeff Boyer thought may be the best athlete the Tigers had faced up until now.

But, senior running back Alex Marre has 1,335 rushing yards for Montini. Junior quarterback Gaetano Carbonara has a passing percentage of over 50 percent. They did have an advantage against Princeton, as the Tigers were severely hampered with injuries.

"I wasn't sure at times who I could even put in the game because I'd go to call a personnel group and then somebody says you can't go to this because



(Ogle County Life file photo)

this kid is out," Princeton coach Ryan Pearson said. "We were kind of reeling there for a little bit in the third quarter. But that's part of the game."

Though Montini has faced more severe tests than Byron, this isn't the same Montini program that won six state titles in higher classifications. It is the first time in the playoffs after consecutive 3-6 seasons. Additionally, they are young, using several sophomores and juniors.

"Our seniors went through a lot the last four years," Bukovsky said. "They went through COVID-19 and we had some subpar teams that we

weren't used to having."

Meanwhile, Byron has been in the 3A semifinals six straight years and have proven capable of mixing it up with the likes of a private school power like Immaculate Conception.

Montini's enrollment is listed as 488, dropping the Broncos to Class 3A for the first time since 2000, when they lost to Oregon on the Hawks' run to the championship game.

"Everybody's kind of shocked to see us in 3A. In the Catholic League, there are 24 teams, and I think we're 22nd or 23rd in enrollment. We're certainly size wise right where we belong," Bukovsky said. "We hope

that our regular season schedule has helped us prepare to play a team like Byron. This year we played three teams that are in the semifinals this weekend (Providence 6A, Nazareth 5A, St. Lawrence 4A), defeating two of them, as well as playing other playoff teams like Hillcrest (5A), St. Viator (4A) and Brother Rice (7A). We look forward to the opportunity to play such a well-coached team and program like Byron that has such a long history of success and excellence."

Byron moved into a third-place tie with Rochester for most points in a season with 728. The

record is 805 set in 2016 by Peoria, a team that once gave up more points (80) in one game than Byron (67) has all year.

For the Tigers, breaking that record is secondary to beating Montini and going on to play the winner of Mt. Carmel (11-1) and Roxana (12-0) for a state title.

"Byron looks very impressive on film, as they execute at a very high level offensively," Bukovsky said. "The offensive line gets off the ball extremely well, and all of their backs run with extreme purpose. This offense will be one of our biggest challenges this year. Their defense plays very physical and aggressive."

### AREA SPORTS

#### Oregon bowling defeats Rochelle

The Oregon Hawks boys bowling team opened its season on the road against a strong Rochelle team and came away with victories at all three levels on Friday, Nov. 10 at T-Burd Lanes, Rochelle. In the varsity match Oregon trailed by 136 pins after the first game but came back very strong in the final two games to defeat Rochelle 3,411-3,290. The Hawks were led by senior Brady Davis with a 734 three-game series

(245, 244, 245). Davis was followed closely by junior Gavvin Surmo with a 674 series (154, 264, 256), Matthew Stahl's 578 series (232 game), Ethan Smice's 512 series, Codey Dunbar's 476 series and Aiden Currier's 437

series. Davis' 734 series was nearly 50 pins higher than any OHS boys score recorded last season and ranks in the top 15 OHS boys series scores of all-time.

The JV1 won its match 2,930-2,231 and was led by a group of four bowl-

ers: Zakk West's 507 series (169, 172, 166), Landon Bailey's 507 series (201, 156, 150),

Wyatt Dunbar's 502 series (176, 180, 146) and RJ Keene's 500 series (163, 178, 159). The JV2

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# SPORTS NEWS

## The rich getting richer

**T**HE ridiculousness that Byron and Le-na-Winslow have dominated opponents by in football will finally be put to a test in the IHSA semifinals, with both teams facing intriguing Chicagoland private schools. One of the beauties of post-season competition in a large, diverse state like Illinois is eventually meeting a team foreign to you.

How will these two behemoths stack up against Lombard Montini and Hope Academy? If past history is any indication, Byron and Le-Win will do just fine.

Physically, Le-Win will have its way with Hope Academy, much the same way a smaller Forreton did last year against Hope and its big, slow linemen. But, how will the Panthers do against all the offensive weapons of Hope, who have a win over a 4A semifinalist?

Lombard Montini has name recognition for football and wrestling, but that won't faze Byron, whose execution on the field surpasses anything Montini is capable of. The bigger question is determining how good Montini is?

They have beaten 5A semifinalist and defending state champ Nazareth and 4A semifinalist St. Laurence. Byron has yet to see quality opponents of that nature, though Dixon gave St. Laurence a tough second-round game.

Comparing results and

attempting to gauge how they translate on the playing field can be a dangerous proposition. Look at Montini struggling for much of the game against a Princeton squad riddled by injuries and one that was beaten by IA Morrison.

So, who knows how Byron and Montini will shake out, though it seems Byron has the upper hand. I look forward to trip in to Lombard for my first Tiger game of the year. Far warning to Tiger fans - like many private suburban football fields, the stadium environs are a tight fit.

Since 2017, Byron and Le-Win have played as much in the post season as any program in Illinois. The Tigers have accumulated 23 extra weeks past the regular season and the Panthers 24 weeks.

Compared to teams that miss the post season or those that bow out early in the playoffs, just think how much extra practice time that relates to for Byron and Le-Win. It's a case of the rich getting richer.

I wonder also, if parents of football-playing youngsters are more inclined to relocate to places like Byron and Le-Win? They both have it rolling and the prospects for the future show no sign of slowing down.

Did you know that both schools have key members of the University of Iowa offensive line in Gennings Dunker and

Tyler Elsbury?

Speaking of college football, many of you have heard of the University of

Michigan football sign-stealing scandal. There has much debate as the seriousness of this alleged offense. What was really done and is it cheating or not? The jury is still out.

I had forgotten all about something similar that I was involved in over 40 years ago. But, the Michigan incident prompted some guilt I felt at the time.

Rochelle was scheduled to open the season against Hononegah in either 1980 or '81. My father, the Hub coach at the time, asked me to attend Hononegah's intra-squad scrimmage and garner information on them.

So as not to draw attention, dad probably figured it was better to send a random individual rather than a member of his coaching staff. That's why I sensed it was more of a spy-mode situation, than an actual scouting assignment.

As the scrimmage ended, I grabbed my notebook and was leaving the bleachers when Hononegah coach Donn VanSchelven approached me. When he began to question my reasons for being there, I mumbled something about being a college student taking in a little football. James Bond, I was not. Technically, there



Andy Colbert

### AREA SPORTS

#### Oregon boys bowling hosts fresh-soph invitational

The Oregon boys bowling team hosted its annual Fresh/Soph invitational Saturday, Nov. 11 at Plum Hollow Family Center in Dixon. The Hawks entered two teams, plus one individual, and finished in third and seventh places in an 11-team event. Oregon was led by fifth-place medalist RJ Keene with an 1,132 series. Also finishing in the top 20 were 11th place Aiden Currier with a 1,028 series, 14th place Caleb Ehrler 973 series, 16th place Zakk West 968 series and 19th place Ivan Hernandez 956 series.

#### Oregon boys bowling travels to Mendota

The Oregon boys bowling team traveled to Mendota on Nov. 14 and came up on the short end of a 3,472-3,374 outcome. Oregon won the first game by 16 pins, the second game by 60 pins, but the Hawks did not have an answer for Mendota senior and state finals qualifier Landon Bauer who shot a 280 third game en route to a match-high 720 series.

The Hawks had an extremely well-balanced line-up with all six varsity scores within 58 pins of each other, but it wasn't enough in the end. Oregon was led by sophomore RJ Keene with a 587 series, followed by senior Brady Davis with a 580 series, junior Ethan Smice with a 579 series, senior Codey Dunbar with a 555 series, junior Matthew Stahl with a 545 series and junior Gavvin Surmo with a 529 series.

The JV raised its record to 2-0 with a 1,956-1,573, four-on-four match. The JV was led by Caleb Brooks with a 510 series. Oregon will have its first home match of the season on Thursday, Nov. 16 against Erie-Prophetstown.

## DIRECTORY OF AREA HUMAN SERVICES

### Alcohol Abuse Counseling & Recovery

**A.A. Hotline** 800-452-7990  
**Sinnissippi Centers, Inc.**  
**Oregon** 732-3157  
**Rochelle** 562-3801

### Domestic Abuse Agency and 24-Hour Shelter and Helpline

**HOPE of Ogle County** 562-8890 or 732-7796  
 Counseling Services, Court Advocacy, Latina Advocacy, and Shelter programs

### Education

**University of Illinois Extension-Ogle County**  
 421 W Pines Rd, Oregon 61061 732-2191

### Low Income Housing

**Ogle County Housing Authority**  
 200 W Washington, Oregon 732-1301

### Habitat for Humanity of Ogle County

P.) Box 628  
 Oregon, IL 61061 732-6855

### Mental Health

**Family Counseling Services** 962-5585  
**Sinnissippi Centers, Inc.**  
**Oregon** 732-3157  
**Rochelle** 562-3801  
**The Serenity Shed Grief Services** 732-2499

### Senior Citizens Services

**Hub City Senior Center** 562-5050  
**Mt Morris Senior Center** 734-6335  
**Polo Senior Center** 946-3818  
**Rock River Center** 732-3252  
**Oregon, IL** 800-541-5479

### Sexual Assault/Abuse

**Rockford Sexual Assault Counseling**  
**24-hour hotline** 636-9811  
 412 W Washington, Oregon 732-0000

### Therapeutic

**Pegasus Special Riders** 973-3177

### Veterans' Services

**Rock River Center** 732-3252  
**Serenity Hospice and Home** 732-2499  
**Medical Transportation** 677-6515

### Wellness Services

**Ogle County Health Dept**  
**907 Pines Rd, Oregon** 562-6976  
**510 Lincoln Hwy, Rochelle** 562-6976  
**Serenity Hospice and Home** 732-2499

## The 2024 From The Heart Cash Calendars are NOW AVAILABLE!!

The proceeds of the sale of the calendars benefit our From The Heart recipients: Pegasus Special Riders, Rochelle Christian Food Pantry, HOPE, Focus House, Shining Star Children's Advocacy Center, CASA, Rochelle Area Community Foundation, Hub City Senior Center & Rochelle Rotary.



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## Here are 3 Ways to Purchase Your 2024 From The Heart Cash Calendar!

• **ONLINE:** Go to <http://fromtheheartrochelle.org> and click on **CASH CALENDARS**. Once the calendar is purchased we will mail it out to you! Shipping and processing fees will be added to cost.

• **IN PERSON:** You can pick up a 2024 From The Heart Cash Calendar **TODAY** at the following locations:  
**In Rochelle at: First State Bank, Stillman Bank, HOPE Chest, Colonial Flower Shoppe and Hub City Senior Center**  
**In Oregon at: Merlin's**  
**In Dixon at: Shining Star**  
**In Mendota at: The Mendota Reporter/Ambly News office**

• **BY MAIL:** Fill out the form below and send it in to us and we will mail a 2024 From The Heart Cash Calendar to you! Shipping fees are added to cost.

**YES! Send me my 2024 From The Heart Cash Calendar!**

(Please Print)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF CALENDARS: \_\_\_\_\_

Clip and mail this form along with \$23 (\$20 per calendar plus \$3 per calendar postage) to:  
 Rotary Calendar, PO BOX 372, Rochelle, IL 61068



# LOCAL NEWS

## MT. MORRIS SENIOR & COMMUNITY CENTER

### Potluck & Program

On October 10th we will have The Economic Growth Corporation – which is part of the Illinois Housing Development Authority – here to share their insights. Do you know someone who may need some accessibility help in their home – have them join us. Bring a dish to pass and your own table service.

### Euchre Tournament

Do you like to play Euchre? Join us on October 12th at 6:00 pm at The Center. Bring a snack to share and have some fun. Prizes to be awarded.

### Pizza and a Movie!

On October 16th at 10:30 am we will be showing "M3GAN". Cost is \$8.00 for the movie and the pizza.

### Auschwitz Virtual Live Tour

On October 17th at 4:00 pm. Join us for this once in a lifetime experience! Dr. Jerzy Wojcik of Poland will take us on a LIVE tour of Auschwitz. See this tour on The Center's Virtual Display. You will be able to ask questions and participate in the tour. The cost is \$15. Be sure to call 815-734-6335 with questions and to sign up.

### Trivia & Tacos

On October 19th bring your team, or come on your own, and be ready

to complete a challenge of random knowledge. Tacos are served at 6:00 pm for \$2.00 each and trivia will begin shortly after. Trivia is also \$2.00. Prizes for the winner and all ages are welcome.

### Krafts with Kerri

On October 20th at 11:15 am join Kerri in the Coffee Shop at The Center for a fun and free craft. Call 815-734-6335 to sign up.

### Art for Relaxation

On October 25th at 6:00 pm relax and make art with us at the Center! Each class is only \$5.00 and we will make a complete project each time.

### Join us for our Witches Tea!

All witches and warlocks are welcome at the Witches Tea on October 30th at 6:00 pm at the Mt. Morris Senior & Community Center. Little Girl Scout witches will be helping to serve a four-course meal, including dessert, and we will enjoy a story from Jennifer Garden from the Milledgeville Public Library. Come in your best witch's attire and be ready for a spooky evening. There will be door prizes and lots of fun and the cost will be \$15.00 each. This event has a limit of witches and warlock so be sure to reserve your spot today.

Call 815-734-6335 to make your reservation.

## ROCK RIVER CENTER ACTIVITIES

Rock River Center is a resource center located at 810 S. 10th Street, Oregon. Our activities and trips are open to all ages. Call our office @ 815-732-3252 for assistance with Benefit Access Application for a license plate discount, Medicare, housing, homemaker service, heating assistance or other things. Visit us at [www.rockrivercenter.org](http://www.rockrivercenter.org) and like us on Facebook.

### Activities with Mary

When: Tuesday, November 21. Q-Tip Painting 1:00 p.m. Drumming 1:45 p.m. Call 815-732-3252 to sign up.

### Crosswind Performs November 27, 2023

Crosswind is the guitar/vocal duo of Harold Harrison and Lowell Harp. We are excited to announce they will be perform at Rock River Center on Mon., Nov. 27, from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Join us as Harold and Lowell entertain us with songs that include originals, as well as country/folk Americana. Advance registration requested, to accommodate seating. Please call 815-732-3252 if you plan on attending. We look forward to seeing you. Refreshments will be served.

### Rock River Center Holi-

### day Hours

Rock River Center will close on the following days in recognition of Thanksgiving: Thursday, November 23 and Friday, November 24. No activities or transportation will take place during this time. Tuesday, Nov. 21 is the last day to schedule transportation needs for Monday, Nov. 27.

### SUPPORT GROUPS @ ROCK RIVER CENTER CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

Meets: November 29, 2023. Time: 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

### CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

Meets: 3RD Tuesday of month. Time: 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

### DIABETIC SUPPORT GROUP

Meets: 1st Wednesday of the month. Time: 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

### LOW VISION GROUP

Meets: 2nd and 4th Tuesday of month. Time: 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

For more information on any of our Support Groups, call Rock River Center at 815-732-3252 or

## Weekly Brain Busters

### King Crossword

#### ACROSS

- 1 Squid squirt
- 4 Beloved
- 8 "Ditto"
- 12 "The Simpsons" barkeep
- 13 Killer whale
- 14 Director Kazan
- 15 Get older
- 16 Feel elated
- 18 Two-dot punctuation mark
- 20 Triage ctrs.
- 21 Calendar entry (Abbr.)
- 24 Smiles broadly
- 28 Flight costs
- 32 "Phooey!"
- 33 Hosp. area
- 34 Rich cake
- 36 Quarterback Manning
- 37 Arrears
- 39 NPR show hosted by Terry Gross
- 41 Thoreau piece
- 43 Gym site, for short
- 44 Promptly
- 46 Film trophy
- 50 Rock fan's imaginary instrument
- 55 Employ

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- 7 Yard tool
- 8 Had a hunch
- 9 Carte lead-in
- 10 Roman 1002
- 11 Corn spike
- 17 Sphere
- 19 Klutz
- 22 Campus VIP
- 23 Towel material
- 25 Vicinity
- 26 Niger's neighbor
- 27 Swizzle
- 28 Staffer
- 29 Frozen deserts
- 30 Abrades
- 31 Goblet feature
- 35 Prom dates
- 38 Snarl
- 40 Owns
- 42 One of us
- 45 Trace
- 47 Rubik's baffler
- 48 "Dream on!"
- 49 Monopoly payment
- 50 Bonfire residue
- 51 Debtor's note
- 52 Bad hairpiece
- 53 Overly
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### MAGIC MAZE ● WORDS WITH THREE D'S

E J H E B Y V D T Q O L I G D

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P M A K E E E I F D B E Y W U

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Y I W W G A D E N I H V D E T

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K I O H F E I O V C A E A B Z

Y D W V U S K R O I E Q D P N

M L J I H F S D A D D N A R G

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Unlisted clue hint: MOMMY'S HUSBAND

- Addendum
- Deadhead
- Decided
- Decoded
- Dedicated
- Deeded
- Divided
- Dividend
- Dodged
- Doodad
- Granddad
- Nodded
- Padded
- Skidded
- Wedded

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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

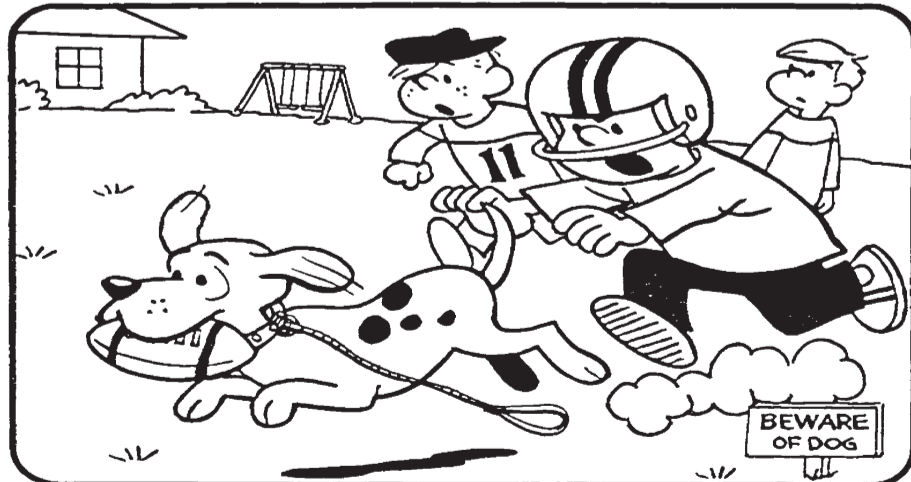
### DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

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

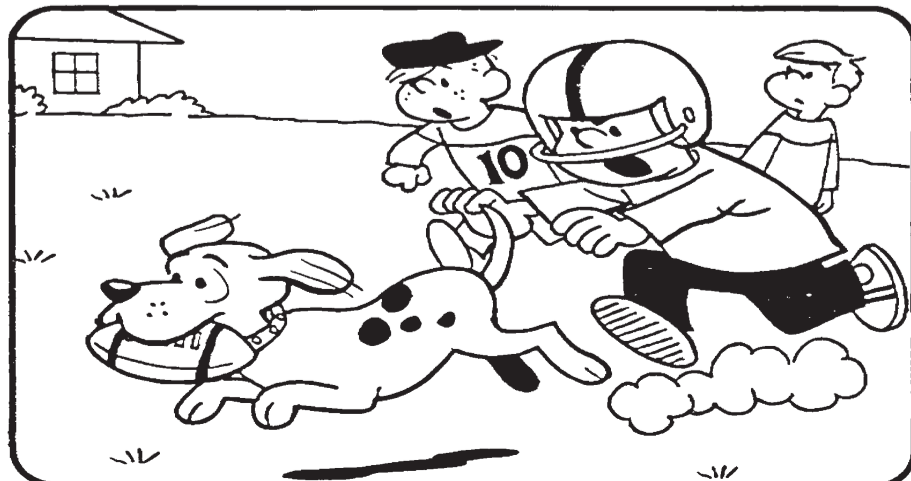
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## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Swing set is missing. 2. Dog's ear is different. 3. Number is different. 4. Leash is missing. 5. Helmet stripe is missing. 6. Sign is missing.

Solution time: 24 mins.

Answers

King Crossword

WORDS WITH THREE D'S

Answers

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

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# LOCAL NEWS

## BERTOLET MEMORIAL LIBRARY

### CLOSED

Bertolet Memorial Library will be closed on Thanksgiving Day. We will also close early on Wednesday, November 22nd at 5:00PM. Happy Thanksgiving!

### YOUTH PROGRAMS

Stories with Stacey  
Thursdays at 10:00 AM Join Miss Stacey for fun stories for your toddlers and preschoolers!

### ADULT PROGRAMS

November Book of the Month  
Still Life by Louise Penny: It's Thanksgiving weekend and a body is found in Three Pines. Chief Inspector Armand Gamache is called in to find the killer in this quiet town that doesn't have its own

police force. Pick up a copy at the circulation desk to find out who did it.

### November Take & Make Craft

Stop by the circulation desk and pick up the material needed to make an ear of corn. Available while supplies last.

### Create-a-Card

We will formally resume in the spring, but supplies will be available year round for independent access.

### Plastic Recycling

We ask that you make sure plastic is clean with no debris in the donation. \*No animal feed bags are allowed\* Also please remove any ziploc-type seals and

paper/sticker labels. Thank you for your cooperation.

### NEW RELEASES

#### Adult Books

The Corsican Shadow by Dirk Cussler  
Dirty Thirty by Janet Evanovich  
Knowing You by Tracie Peterson

#### Picture Books

I Need a Hug by Aaron Blabey (Boardbook)  
Clydesdale Horses by Alissa Thielges (Non-Fiction)  
S.I.D. Snake In Disguise by Lou Treleven

#### DVDs

Love Again  
Shazam: Fury of the Gods

## FORRESTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

### 4-C Pop Up Office

Wednesday, November 27th, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Do you have questions about finding or paying for child care in the area? Do you have other needs regarding family support services for you or your children? Maggie Fern from 4-C will be here to answer any questions you may have. No appointment is necessary, just stop in.

### Toddler/Preschool

Wednesdays at 10:00 am  
Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, there will be no Storytime on November 22nd.

### Community Room

Looking for a place to hold your event? Our community room (with a small kitchenette) is available for meetings, parties, showers, family reunions, and more. Please call the library at (815)938-2624 for additional information.

### Soft Plastic Recycling

We are collecting film-type plastic for recycling. This includes plastic bags, zipper type baggies (with the zip portion removed), cereal/snack bags, bubble wrap, and other soft plastic. Please make sure bags are free from debris and remove all paper/sticker labels. Thank you!



AOP President Debbie Dickson presents a check to City of Oregon representatives Officer Kalnins, Darin DeHaan and Bill Covall.



AOP President Debbie Dickson presents a check to Jenny Larsen of Habitat for Humanity.



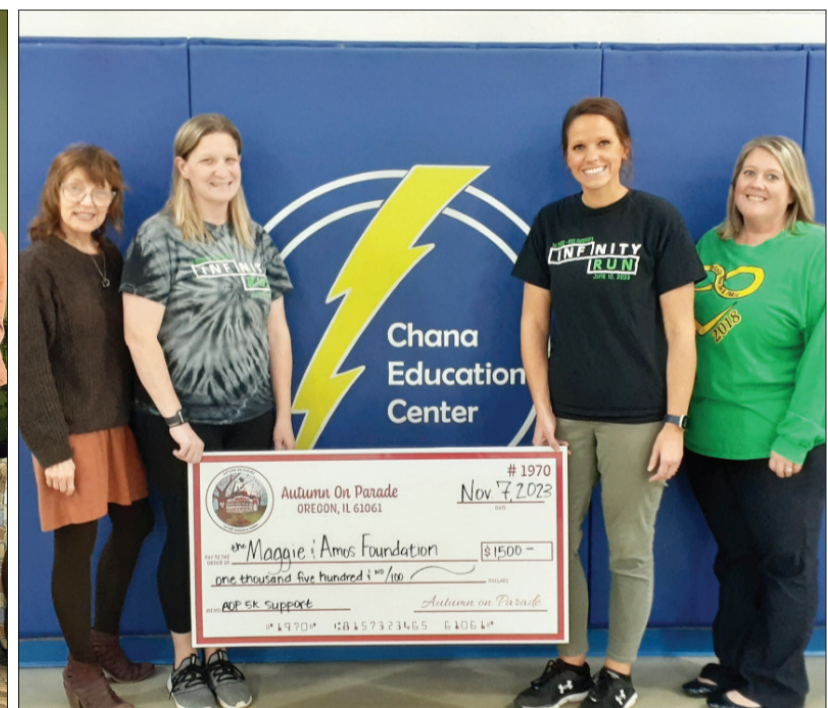
AOP President Debbie Dickson presents a check to Chief Mike Knoup of the Oregon Fire Protection District.



AOP President Debbie Dickson presents a "thank you" gift to Lisa Schultz, who is retiring after more than a decade of volunteer work with the festival.



AOP President Debbie Dickson presents a check to the Oregon Park District scholarship fund and park district staff Dan Griffin, Tina Ketter, Brent Suter, Matthew Downing and Erin Folk.



AOP President Debbie Dickson presents a check to Megan Dettman, Lynne Kalnins and Stephanie White of the Maggie & Amos Foundation.

# AOP presents donations and thanks for support of annual festival

OREGON — The Autumn on Parade committee in Oregon recently presented donations and thanks for support of the annual festival.

Two checks were presented to Habitat for Humanity and the Maggie & Amos Foundation. A thank you gift was also given to longtime volunteer Lisa Schultz.

"The Autumn on Parade team has always recognized the importance of our many local support services," an AOP press release said. "We value their contribution. What they do behind the scenes is the backbone of this successful annual family event."

Three checks were also presented to the Oregon Fire Protection District, City of Oregon, and the

Oregon Park District.

"We are proud of our community," a press release said. "Each of these entities goes above and beyond in a friendly, flexible, professional and timely fashion. Their efforts provide a safe, comfortable, inviting atmosphere for all of our citizens and visitors throughout the festival weekend."

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## 101 LEGAL NOTICE

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on October 30, 2023 a certificate was filed in the Ogle County Clerk's Office setting forth the names and post office address of all of the persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as: Daisy Jane 11726 W Woodburn Rd Byron, IL 61010 Dated October 30, 2023 Laura J. Cook, Ogle County Clerk No. 1107 (Nov. 6, 13 and 20, 2023)

### NOTICE

STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF OGLE IN RE THE ADOPTION OF ANGELA LYN CURTIS, a minor. KRYSTAL JO SHENBERGER and ROBERT CARL SHENBERGER, Petitioners, vs. CHRISTIAN ALLEN CURTIS, Defendant. ))) Case No. 2023 AD 7 ADOPTION NOTICE STATE OF ILLINOIS ))) COUNTY OF OGLE

In the matter of the Petition for the Adoption of ANGELA LYN CURTIS, a female child. Adoption No. 2023 AD 7. To: CHRISTIAN ALLEN CURTIS Take notice that a Petition was filed in the Circuit Court of Ogle County, Illinois, for the adoption of a child named ANGELA LYN CURTIS.

Now, therefore, unless you CHRISTIAN ALLEN CURTIS, and all whom it may concern, file your answer to the Petition in the action or otherwise file your appearance therein, in the said Circuit Court of Ogle County, Circuit Clerk's Office, 106 S. 5th Street, Suite 300, Oregon, Illinois on or before the 6th day of December, 2023, a default order may be entered against you at any time after that day and a Judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Petition. Dated: 10/24/2023 Kimberly A. Stahl, Clerk of the Circuit Court, 15th Judicial Circuit Deborah S Maas, Attorney for Petitioners MAAS LEGAL LLC P.O. Box 277 Stillman Valley, Illinois 61084 815-751-1809 kstahl@debmaaslegal.com No. 1108 (Nov. 6, 13 & 20, 2023)

### NOTICE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: JAMES D. YOUNG, deceased. NO. 2023-PR-66

CLAIM NOTICE NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of JAMES D. YOUNG of Oregon, Illinois. Letters of office were issued on November 6, 2023, to JAMES J. YOUNG of Montello, Wisconsin, whose attorney is David A. Smith, of Smith, Birkholz & Morrow, P.C. at 129 South Fourth Street, P.O. Box 10, Oregon, Illinois, 61061-0010. CLAIMS AGAINST the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court at Ogle County Judicial Center, 106 South 5th Street, Oregon, Illinois, 61061, or with the representative, or both, within 6 months from the first publication of this Notice, or within three months from the date of mailing or delivery of Notice to creditors, if mailing or

delivery is required by Section 18-3 of the Illinois Probate Act, 1975, as amended, whichever date is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of claims filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the estate legal representative and to the attorney within 10 days after the claim has been filed. JAMES J. YOUNG Independent Administrator Attorney David A. Smith SMITH, BIKRHOLZ & MORROW, P.C. 129 South Fourth Street P. O. Box 10 Oregon, IL 61061-0010 (815)732-6124 No. 1118 (Nov. 13, 20 and 27, 2023)

### NOTICE LEGAL NOTICE OF AMENDMENT TO EXPAND BOUNDARIES OF THE LEE-OGLE ENTERPRISE ZONE

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held in the Council Chamber of the City of Rochelle, Rochelle City Hall, at 6:30pm on November 27th, 2023, AND an additional Public Hearing on the same subject will be held in the Council Chamber of the City of Dixon, Dixon City Hall, at 5:30pm on December 4th, 2023. The purpose of the hearing is to outline an AMENDMENT TO EXPAND ZONE BOUNDARIES TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL SITES WITHIN THE CITIES OF DIXON, ROCHELLE, AMBOY, AND OREGON; THE VILLAGES OF ASHTON, FRANKLIN GROVE AND MOUNT MORRIS; AND WITHIN RURAL LEE AND OGLE COUNTIES. THIS AMENDMENT PROCESS IS ALLOWED BY THE ILLINOIS ENTERPRISE ZONE ACT (20 ILCS 655).

Anyone wishing to comment on the proposed amendment to the Lee-Ogle Enterprise Zone may appear at the above specified time and location and may submit or state comments for the record. Written comments may also be directed to: Andy Shaw; Zone Administrator; Lee-Ogle Enterprise Zone; 309 First Avenue; Rock Falls, IL 61071. Written communications will be reviewed at the hearing. Lee-Ogle Enterprise Zone benefit explanations and maps of the zone will be available for review. Dated this 17th day of November 2023 by Order of Andy Shaw, Zone Administrator. No. 1120 (November 20, 2023)

### NOTICE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Roof improvements, repair and/or replacement for Monroe Township Fire and Ambulance Protection District (MT-FAPD). Sealed Proposals will be received beginning at 9:30 a.m. local time on Tuesday, 12/5/23, until 4:00 p.m. local time, on Thursday, 12/7/23, at the Law Office of Nathan J. Noble, 504 North State St., Belvidere, Illinois, 61008. Any bidder attempting to deliver after Thursday, 12/7/23 at 4:00 p.m. local time, will be refused. Proposals must be enclosed in a sealed envelope and marked with "MTFAPD - ROOF PROPOSAL." Each vendor shall submit with their proposal the information specified in the Proposal Specifications and in compliance with the laws of the State of Illinois on Fair Employment Practices. Any proposal which fails to include the compliance items

properly completed will not be considered. MTFAPD reserves the right to accept or reject any and all proposals and to waive technicalities. All proposals timely received will be publicly opened at the monthly Trustee Meeting held on 12/7/23 at 7:00 p.m. local time at the MTFAPD Station, 104 West Street, Monroe Center, IL 61052. Proposal Specifications may be obtained from the Law Office of Nathan J. Noble during normal business hours, Monday- Friday, 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., or by email request to nnooble@attorneynoble.com. Please put "MTFAPD - ROOF PROPOSAL" in the subject line of the email. Dated: November 2, 2023. Monroe Township Fire and Ambulance Protection District Board of Trustees. No. 1122 (November 20, 2023)

### NOTICE VILLAGE OF STILLMAN VALLEY OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS ORDINANCE NO. 1024

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE OF STILLMAN VALLEY, OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS TO BORROW FUNDS FROM THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL LOAN FUND

ADOPTED BY THE VILLAGE BOARD OF THE VILLAGE OF STILLMAN VALLEY THIS 13TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2023

Published in pamphlet form by authority of the Village Board of the Village of Stillman Valley, Ogle County, this 13th day of November, 2023. ORDINANCE NO. 1024 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE OF STILLMAN VALLEY, OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS TO BORROW FUNDS FROM THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL LOAN FUND WHEREAS the Village of Stillman Valley, Ogle County, Illinois operates its sewerage system ("the System") and in accordance with Section 65ILCS 5/139 of the Illinois Municipal Code, and the Local Government Debt Reform Act, 30 ILCS 350/1 (collectively, "the Act"), and WHEREAS the Village President and Village Board of the Village of Stillman Valley (the "Corporate Authorities") have determined that is advisable, necessary and in the best interests of public health, safety, and welfare to improve the sanitary sewer system. The sanitary sewer system improvements include the construction of approximately 3,650 feet of sanitary sewer and the cured-in-place lining of approximately 10,900 feet of sanitary sewer. The sanitary sewer system improvements also include any acquisition of necessary land or rights in land or other services necessary, useful, or advisable to the construction and installation ("the Project"), all in accordance with the plans and specifications prepared by consulting engineers of the Village, which project will have a useful life in excess of 30 years; and WHEREAS the estimated cost of construction and installing the Project, including engineering, legal financial and other related expenses is \$2,271,000, and there are insufficient funds on hand and lawfully available to pay these costs; and WHEREAS, the loan shall bear an interest rate as defined by 35 Ill Adm. Code 365,

which does not exceed the maximum rate authorized by the Bond Authorization Act, as amended, 30 ILCS 305/0.01 et seq., at the time of the issuance of the loan; and WHEREAS, the principal and interest payment shall be payable semi-annually, and the loan shall mature in 30 years, which is within the period of useful life of the Project; and WHEREAS the costs are expected to be paid for with a loan to the Village from the Water Pollution Control Loan Fund through the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, the loan to be repaid from revenues of the System and the loan is authorized to be accepted at this time pursuant to the Act; and WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of the Act, the Village is authorized to borrow funds from the Water Pollution Control Loan Fund in the aggregate principal amount of \$3,500,000 to provide funds to pay the costs of the Project; and WHEREAS the loan to the Village shall be made pursuant to a Loan Agreement, including certain terms and conditions, between the Village and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency; NOW THEREFORE be it ordained by the Corporate Authorities of Stillman Valley, Ogle County, Illinois as follows:

SECTION 1. INCORPORATION OF PREAMBLES The Corporate Authorities hereby find that the recitals contained in the preambles are true and correct, and incorporate them into this Ordinance by this reference. SECTION 2. DETERMINATION TO BORROW FUNDS It is necessary and in the best interests of the Village to construct the Project for the public health, safety and welfare, in accordance with the plans and specifications, as described; that the System continues to be operated in accordance with the provisions of the Act; and that for the purpose of constructing the Project, it is hereby authorized that funds be borrowed by the Village in an aggregate principal amount (which can include construction period interest financed over the term of the loan) not to exceed \$3,500,000.

### SECTION 3. PUBLICATION

This Ordinance, together with a notice in the statutory form (attached hereto as Exhibit A), shall be published once within ten days after passage in the Ogle County Life, a newspaper published and of general circulation in the Village, and if no petition, signed by electors numbering 10% or more of the registered voters in the Village (i.e. 68 electors) asking that the question of improving the System as provided in this Ordinance and entering into the Loan Agreement therefore be submitted to the electors of the Village, is filed with the Village Clerk within 30 days after the date of publication of this Ordinance and Notice, then this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect. A petition form shall be provided by the Village Clerk to any individual requesting one. SECTION 4. ADDITIONAL ORDINANCES If no petition meeting the requirements of the Act and other applicable law is filed during the 30 day petition period, then the Corporate Authorities may adopt additional ordinances or proceedings supplementing or amending this Ordinance providing for entering into the Loan Agreement with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, prescribing all the details of the Loan Agreement, and providing for the collection, segregation and distribution of the revenues of the System, so long as the maximum amount of the Loan Agreement as set forth in the Ordinance is not exceeded and there is no material change in the Project or purposes described herein. Any additional ordinances or proceedings shall in all instances become effective in accordance with the Act or other applicable law. This Ordinance, together with such additional ordinances or proceedings, shall constitute complete authority for entering into the Loan Agreement under applicable law. However, notwithstanding the above, the Village may not adopt additional ordinances or amendments which provide for any substantive or material change in the scope and intent of this Ordinance, including but not limited to interest rate, prefer-

## 101 LEGAL NOTICE

### ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT MT. MORRIS TOWNSHIP FISCAL YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 2023

#### TOWNSHIP --- REVENUE SUMMARY:

Property Taxes - \$133,019; Replacement Tax - \$44,129; Interest - \$1,009; Miscellaneous - \$3,046. TOTAL REVENUES: \$181,203.

#### TOWNSHIP --- EXPENDITURE SUMMARY:

Illinois Department of Revenue - \$3,187; Oakwood Cemetery - \$4,650; Plain View Cemetery - \$3,550; Silver Creek Cemetery - \$3,800; Union Savings Bank (Federal Taxes) - \$15,811; Village of Mt. Morris - \$3,026. All other disbursements less than (\$2,500) - \$7,305. TOTAL VENDORS: \$41,329.

#### TOWNSHIP --- COMPENSATION SUMMARY:

Under \$25,000.00: Gene Ashton; Paula Diehl; John Finfrock; Aaron Hagemann; John G. Thompson; David Nelson; Paul Peterson; Greg Witmer. Total: \$46,210.

\$25,000.00 to \$49,999.99: Brent Wolber. Total: \$26,225.

#### ROAD DISTRICT --- REVENUE SUMMARY

Property Taxes - \$150,598; Replacement Tax - \$89,611; Interest Income - \$665; Miscellaneous - \$11,606. TOTAL REVENUES: \$252,480.

#### ROAD DISTRICT --- EXPENDITURE SUMMARY

Bonnell Industries - \$2,580; Carroll Service Company - \$8,838; Helm Truck & Equipment - \$3,974; Moore Tires Inc - \$8,899; Ogle County Highway Dept - \$13,626; R.E. Wolber Sons & Excavating - \$8,350; TOIRMA - \$5,434; Village of Mt. Morris - \$5,293; Wells, John B. - \$18,600; Wes' Tree Service - \$4,800; West Side Tractor Sales - \$3,763; Witmer Precision Services - \$2,617. All other disbursements less than (\$2,500) - \$18,670. TOTAL VENDORS: \$105,444.

#### ROAD DISTRICT --- COMPENSATION SUMMARY

Under \$25,000.00: Jonathon Pearson. TOTAL COMPENSATION: \$15,960.

### SUMMARY STATEMENT OF CONDITION (Excerpt from Comptroller Report)

	GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE	CAPITAL PROJECT	DEBT SERVICE	ENTERPRISE	INTERNAL SERVICE	FIDUCIARY	DISCRETELY PRESENTED COMPONENT UNITS
Revenues (*Line 240)	\$161,933	\$271,750	0	0	0	0	0	0
Expenditures (*Line 270)	111,044	124,124	0	0	0	0	0	0
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures (*Line 301)	50,889	147,626	0	0	0	0	0	0
Transfers In (*Line 302)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Transfers Out (*Line 303)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bond Proceeds (*Line 304)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other (*Line 305)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Net Increase (Decrease) in Fund Balance (*Line 306)	50,889	147,626	0	0	0	0	0	0
Previous Year Fund Balance (*Line 307)	496,436	760,029	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other (*Line 308)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Current Year Ending Fund Balance (*Line 310)	\$547,325	\$907,655	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL DEBT	OUTSTANDING BEGINNING OF YEAR	ISSUED CURRENT FISCAL YEAR	RETIRED CURRENT FISCAL YEAR	OUTSTANDING END OF YEAR				
	0	0	0	0				
	(*Line 405)	(*Line 411)	(*Line 417)	(*Line 423)				

Subscribed and sworn to this 8th day of September 2023

*John Thompson*  
John Thompson - Treasurer

, Paula Diehl, Clerk of Mount Morris Township, Ogle County, Illinois, do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the Annual Treasurer's Report for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2023.

*Paula Diehl*  
Paula Diehl - Clerk

NOTE: Refers to the line numbers in the Comptrollers Annual Financial Report (AFR).

No. 1124 (November 20, 2023)

AGREEMENT The Corporate Authorities hereby authorize acceptance of the offer of a loan through the Water Pollution Control Loan Program, including all terms and conditions of the Loan Agreement as well as all special conditions contained therein and made a part thereof by reference. The Corporate Authorities further agree that the loan funds awarded shall be used solely for the purposes of the Project as approved by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Loan Agreement. SECTION 8. RESERVE ACCOUNTS As long as the Village has outstanding revenue bonds payable from revenues of the system that are senior to the revenue bond authorized by this ordinance, the Village shall maintain an account, coverage and reserves equivalent to the accounts, coverages and reserves required by the outstanding ordinances. SECTION 9. AUTHORIZATION OF VILLAGE PRESIDENT TO EXECUTE LOAN AGREEMENT The Village President is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Loan Agreement with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. The Corporate Authorities may authorize by resolution a person other than the Village President for the sole purpose of authorizing or executing any documents associated with payment requests or reimbursement from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency in connection with this loan. SECTION 10. SEVERABILITY If any section, paragraph, clause, or provision of this Ordinance shall be held invalid, the invalidity of such section, paragraph, clause, or provision shall not affect any of the other provisions of this Ordinance. SECTION 11. REPEALER All ordinances, resolutions or orders, or parts thereof, which conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed. PASSED AND APPROVED this 13th day

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VILLAGE PRESIDENT  
VILLAGE OF STILL-  
MAN VALLEY  
OGLE COUNTY, ILLI-  
NOIS  
ATTEST:  
Yvonne Dewey  
VILLAGE CLERK  
VILLAGE OF STILL-  
MAN VALLEY  
OGLE COUNTY, ILLI-  
NOIS  
No. 1123  
(November 20, 2023)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
STATE OF ILLINOIS,  
CIRCUIT COURT,  
OGLE COUNTY  
Request of Brian P. Hig-  
gins  
Case Number 2023MR  
40  
Filed November 15,  
2023.  
There will be a court  
date on my Request to  
change my name from  
Brian Paul Higgins to  
the new name of Brean-  
na Paula Higgins.  
The court date will be  
held on January 3,  
2023 at 9:00am at 106  
5th St., Oregon, Ogle  
County, in Courtroom  
#304.  
No. 1125  
(Nov. 20, 27 and Dec. 4,  
2023)

**NOTICE  
REQUEST FOR  
PROPOSAL**  
Section 8 Program  
Project Based Assis-  
tance Program  
The Ogle County Housing  
Authority seeks  
competitive proposals  
from qualified applica-  
nts (owners, devel-  
opers, and/or project  
sponsors) to offer and  
expand affordable  
housing opportunities  
for low and moderately  
low-income families.  
Ten (10) vouchers are  
available to the commu-  
nity under the Section 8  
Project Based Voucher  
Program.  
All interested parties  
may obtain a copy of  
the Request for Propo-  
sal by contacting the  
following:  
Ogle County Housing  
Authority  
1001 Pines Road  
Suite A  
Oregon, IL 61061  
Attn: David Ditzler, Ex-  
ecutive Director  
815-732-1301  
dditzler@oglecounty-  
housing.org  
RFP guidelines will be  
available beginning  
Monday, November 20,  
2023.  
Proposals are due on  
Thursday, December  
21, 2023 at 3:00 pm  
CST to the above ad-  
dress.  
No. 1126  
(November 20 and 27,  
2023)

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FINANCIAL**  
NOTICE Advance Fee  
Loans or Credit Offers  
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business by phone  
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**Ashton, IL**  
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OGLE CO, IL**  
**AUCTION:**  
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RANCHANDFARMAUCTIONS.COM  
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**AUCTION TIME: 11:00 AM**  
**AUCTION LOCATION:**  
PLUM CREEK CLUB  
641 PALMYRA RD, DIXON, IL 61021  
IN COOPERATION WITH WHITETAIL  
PROPERTIES REAL ESTATE, LLC  
TODD HENRY, AGENT: 815.997.2256  
RANCHANDFARMAUCTIONS.COM

WHITETAIL PROPERTIES REAL ESTATE LLC OGA RANCH & FARM AUCTIONS  
18 W. Washington, Ste 200, Peoria, IL 61659  
Dobbe S. Law, Designated Marketing Broker, License # 47128864  
Joe Grubb, Director, Search & Farm Auctions, 2779945283  
Todd Henry, IL Land Specialist, Whitetail Properties Real Estate, LLC, 815.997.2256  
Cindy Lowdermire, IL Auctioneer, 441101255

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Bidding Open Nov. 15 – Nov. 26  
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**815.297.4846**

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Commission.

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holding a permit as  
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cause to be published  
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service. A childcare  
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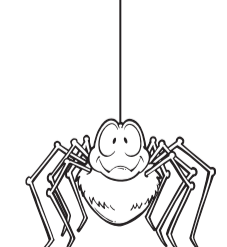
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# LOCAL NEWS



**Last week, Dan and Sharon, from Incredible Bats, brought their menagerie of live animals to Julia Hull District Library to teach young patrons about animals from different countries and diverse ecosystems.**

## JULIA HULL DISTRICT LIBRARY

### Storytime at the Library

Join us at the library, every Wednesday at 10 a.m., for songs, stories and crafts! Ages 2-5. Space is limited: call to register: 815-645-8611.

### Holiday Festival

Grab your passport and a warm coat: this year's Holiday Festival will take us on an arctic adventure! Join us from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 2, for an arctic scavenger hunt, themed arts and crafts, a holiday putt-putt and prize drawings! Registration required: 815-645-8611. Recommended ages: 2-10. One day only. Space is limited. Must PRE-REGISTER by Tuesday, Nov. 28.

### Friends of the Library Holiday Bazaar

Cupcakes, cookies, and scones—oh my! Stop by, sit down to enjoy a homemade treat, grab treats to-go, and shop our mini-bazaar! All proceeds support library programs and services. Saturday, Dec. 2, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

### Tween Scene: DIY Holiday Gift Bags

Get ready for the season of giving by crafting your own gift bags. You bring the creativity, we'll bring the craft supplies. Tuesday, Dec. 5 at 6 p.m. Ages 10-12. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

### Cricut Lab: Cutting and Scoring

Holidays are better when they're handmade! Experienced Cricut users will learn to create, cut

and score a gift box—just in time for the holidays. BYO Cricut Explore or Maker, mat, blade, cords, scoring tool, and device --with the Cricut app installed. Wednesday, Dec. 6 at 6 p.m. Adults only. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

### Toddler Time: Finger Painting

Indulge your little one's curiosity with a hands-on event just for them. Join us at 10 a.m., Friday, Dec. 8, for some play with finger paint. Ages 1-4. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

### Teen Challenge: Holiday Trivia

'Tis the season for some festive holiday fun. Bring some friends to get quizzed on all things "merry" from movies and candy to fashion and history! Thursday, Dec. 14 at 3 p.m. Ages 13-18. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

### Holiday Story-time

Join us in your jammies for a special evening full of festive good cheer. We'll read "How Does Santa Go Down the Chimney?" by Mac Barnett, play games and create a craft sure to make the season merry and bright. Thursday, Dec. 21 at 6 p.m. Ages 4-9. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

### Thanksgiving Hours

The library will close at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 22 and remain closed Nov. 23 and 24 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

## OREGON PUBLIC LIBRARY

*Oregon Public Library is a Toys for Tots location!*

### Closure

The Library will be closed on Thursday, November 23 for Thanksgiving. We are open on Wednesday, November 22 and Friday, November 24, regular library hours.

### Story Time

(18 months-6 yrs.) Mondays, 10 am. Story Time is on Mondays, through December 18, with stories, activities, and fun! Go online or call to register for this session.

### Book Clubs

Books on Tap Book Club meets Thursday, November 30 at 6 pm at Cork & Tap to discuss *The House in the Pines* by Ana Reyes. Is This Just Fantasy? Book Club will meet November 20 at 7 pm at the Library to discuss *Kings of the Wyld* by Nicholas Eames. The 2WBC Book Club meets December 13, at 12:30 pm to discuss *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens. The Afternoon Book Club meets Wednesday, December 20 at 1 pm to discuss *Comfort and Joy* by Kristin Hannah.

### Yoga

Wednesdays, 9:30 am Functional Yin-Yasa - This class is a hybrid of yang (active yoga) with yin (passive yoga). We will use fundamental yoga postures combined with functional movements to build strength and warmth followed by passive, long held poses to help with flexibility and mobility of the joints and soft tissues. A yoga mat and blocks will be useful props for this class! All levels welcome." Oregon Library Patrons only. Registration required, this class fills quickly. Please call (815) 732-2724 or visit [www.oregonpubliclibrary.com](http://www.oregonpubliclibrary.com).

### Holiday Movie Binge Boxes

Registration begins November 20th. Holiday Movie Night Binge Boxes are back! Inside each box are DVDs hand-picked for you by our librarians plus a festive treat and gift. Call (815) 732-2724

or visit our website to complete your registration for your box. Once your box is ready, you will be notified to pick it up at the Library. Must be an Oregon Library Card holder.

### Ink with A Friend Monthly Card Club

Monday, November 20th at 6:00pm. Sending personal cards to your friends and family is a way to let them know you care and are thinking about them. All designs include beautiful colored cardstock, gorgeous designer series paper, detailed stamped images, die cut pieces, matching ink, ribbon, and embellishments. All cards come with matching envelopes. Whether you're a new card maker or a seasoned pro, our kits are suited to every skill level. Don't wait! Sign up today to reserve your spot. Oregon Patrons only. Registration required (815) 732-2724 or [www.oregonpubliclibrary.com](http://www.oregonpubliclibrary.com)

### Try It Tuesday

Tuesday, November 21st at 1:30pm or 5:30pm (Choose your time slot). Simmer Jars—Simmerpots are an easy way to scent your home naturally and also makes an easy homemade gift! Come make a simmer jar, all supplies are provided. Registration required, (815) 732-2724 or [www.oregonpubliclibrary.com](http://www.oregonpubliclibrary.com)

### Sensory Friendly Santa at the Library!

November 25th, by appointment. Our an-

nual Sensory Friendly environment and Santa are back! Do you have a child with sensory needs? A child that can't wait in line? We are scheduling Santa Claus in our library from 10am - 3pm, by appointment, on Saturday. This quiet environment will allow one-to-one time with the jolly man in front of our fireplace. Bring a camera for pictures! Each spot will be given plenty of time to visit with Santa. Registration required, please call (815) 732-2724.

### Christmas Markets in Prague and Germany

Monday, November 27th at 1:00pm. This one-hour presentation visits amazing Christmas markets in Prague and four cities in Germany. With very few international tourists and mostly locals enjoying good food, good friends, and a festive atmosphere, December trips are quite different from summer visits. Like our trip, this presentation skips the museums and focuses on joining the fun. Registration required, (815) 732-2724 or [www.oregonpubliclibrary.com](http://www.oregonpubliclibrary.com).

### Lucy! An original solo musical based on the life of Lucille Ball

Monday, December 4th at 1:00pm. Lucille Ball was the most famous American comedienne of all time. She was also an actress, singer, and producer, and the first female head of a major

Hollywood studio, Desilu. She and her husband, Desi Arnaz, created and produced the first American situation comedy, *I Love Lucy*, which ran for six years on CBS when television was in its infancy. Desilu Studios also produced many other major shows during television's early years. *Lucy!* takes her from her shaky family beginnings in upstate New York, through Broadway, and finally to Hollywood, meeting and marrying Desi along the way—their volatile but passionate marriage, her reign as Queen of the Bs, and finally to her zenith as the *Lucy* character on TV, and her eventual successful marriage to actor/comedian/producer Gary Morton. You get to peer into the deep recesses of *Lucy's* mind and emotions, her struggles and her triumphs. Exhaustively researched, brilliantly written, and radiantly performed, *Lucy!* is another feather in the cap of Jilann Gabrielle's original solo musical series. Registration required, call (815) 732-2724 or [www.oregonpubliclibrary.com](http://www.oregonpubliclibrary.com).

### Gift Wrapping and Bows 101

Wednesday, December 13th at 6:00pm. Need a little help wrapping your gifts? Or want to make your packages stand out this Christmas with hand-crafted bows. Learn how to make bows for all your holiday gifts. Registration required (815) 732-2724 or visit [www.oregonpubliclibrary.com](http://www.oregonpubliclibrary.com). Registration deadline December 6th.

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