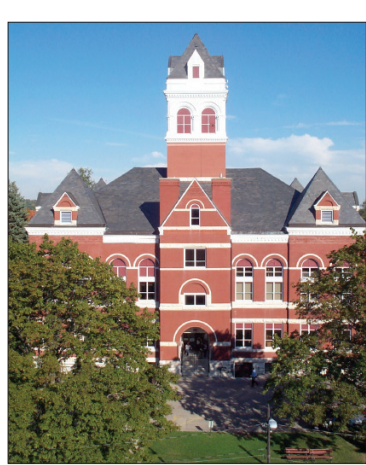




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## Creston couple raising money for family impacted by Lahaina, Hawaii fires

'Everything that happened broke our hearts completely. We wanted to do something'

BY JEFF HELFRICH

MANAGING EDITOR

**CRESTON** — A Creston couple is raising money through a t-shirt fundraiser for a family impacted by the Lahaina, Hawaii fires in Maui. Lahaina is the site of the deadliest U.S. wildfire in more than a century and thousands of buildings were damaged.

After watching social media and news reports of the fires, Creston's Jeni and Jason Hardin wanted to find a way to help. The couple spent a vacation in Hawaii and Lahaina. They didn't want to donate to a large organization and wonder whether the funds would get to those in need, so they chose a more personal approach.

While on vacation, the Hardins spent time listening to Brant Quick The Music Man perform in Lahaina. Quick and his family live safely away from Lahaina, but he lost all of his work opportunities due to the fire and Jeni saw that he was in need of



Jeni and Jason Hardin are raising funds for a friend in Hawaii through a t-shirt fundraiser.

donations on social media. "I told my husband that he's the one we should help," Jeni said. "Of course my husband was like, 'Yes, let's do it.' Brant is a good guy. He plays music down there and made a huge impact on our vacation. He helps the tourism industry down there because people look forward to seeing him. It was just sad. Everything that happened broke our hearts completely. We wanted to do something."

"I started really small. I wanted to sell like 20 shirts and raise \$400. I'd like to do a lot more and spread the word...I don't really have a goal set. I think right now every single dollar helps everybody in Maui and Lahaina. Whatever I can help him and his family with is better than nothing."

Jeni Hardin

Through Jeni's business, Kind Creations, people can buy t-shirts custom designed by her in two styles. 100 percent of the proceeds will be donated to Quick and his family.

Shirts can be purchased online through Etsy at <https://www.etsy.com/listing/1550360627/>. Two designs are available and shirts come in a total of seven colors. Sizes range from youth small to adult extra large. The cost is \$20 each. Orders can be made through email at [kindcreations815@gmail.com](mailto:kindcreations815@gmail.com).

"I started really small," Jeni said. "I wanted to sell like 20 shirts and raise

\$400. I'd like to do a lot more and spread the word. I'm going to keep going until orders stop. I don't really have a goal set. I think right now every single dollar helps everybody in Maui and Lahaina. Whatever I can help him and his family with is better than nothing."

The Hardins have already met their initial goal. As of Aug. 25, 23 shirts had been sold.

"Orders are coming in, which just makes me so happy that people are like me and want to help," Jeni said. "Some people may not know how to help in a way that will get to people.

People know me here, so they know that their money is going to the right place. I would love to just keep the orders coming. We have the most amazing and supportive community. Just to see people ordering is great. Some are people I don't even know. The word of mouth and knowing that people want to help, even if it's just a \$20 shirt, has been great. Maybe \$20 doesn't mean a lot to some people, but \$20 means a great deal to someone who has nothing. Our community is the best in many ways."

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## RCH and its foundation donate to RRVBC, hospital hosts blood drive

New RRVBC Blood Mobile makes first stop in Rochelle

BY JEFF HELFRICH

MANAGING EDITOR

**ROCHELLE** — On Aug. 23, Rochelle Community Hospital hosted a blood drive, with the Rock River Valley Blood Center's new Blood Mobile making its first stop.

The hospital and the RCH Foundation presented a donation of \$5,000 to RRVBC to offset costs from the purchase of the new Blood Mobile. RRVBC is the sole supplier of blood to RCH. The blood drive was held from noon to 6 p.m. and all donors received a coupon for a free pint of Culver's custard courtesy of Rochelle Culver's.

"So far it's been really busy," RCH Marketing, Foundation & Organizational Development Manager Michelle LaPage said. "I think we had 23 donors registered coming into it. And then I know they said they had quite a few walk-ins already too. Usually our goal is around 50. And we usually do pretty well. You just have to be aware of events that have happened locally in our community where we've needed blood and I think that brings awareness to people that this is really important that they do donate blood. Because sometimes it might affect somebody right in our community."



Aug. 23 saw temperatures approaching triple digits, and both LaPage

and RRVBC CEO Lisa Entrikin enjoyed the fact that donors still came out

to the blood drive.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## BLOOD: New mobile unit utilizes cutting-edge technology

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“It’s amazing to still see the support from the community on a day like today when it’s so hot,” Entriokin said. “I really thought nobody would come to a blood drive today. I understand, you’re being drained and it’s hot. When I got here at 3:30 p.m., they had already registered over 20 people. They had 23 on the schedule and we had walk-ins and it’s been a wonderful time. We’re so in need of blood right now.”



LaPage said “a steady stream” of RCH employees came out to donate during the drive as well. “They take their time out or they schedule it for when they’re off their shift and come out here and donate blood,” LaPage said. “Consistently, we probably have about 15 people in a rotation that always donate blood if they can.”

The new RRVBC Blood Mobile utilizes cutting-edge mobile donation technology that enhances the convenience and efficiency of blood collection. Since the RRVBC’s purchase of their first Blood Mobile in 2000, mobile drives increased from 100 drives per year to more than 500 drives per year. Entriokin said RRVBC’s existing bus-

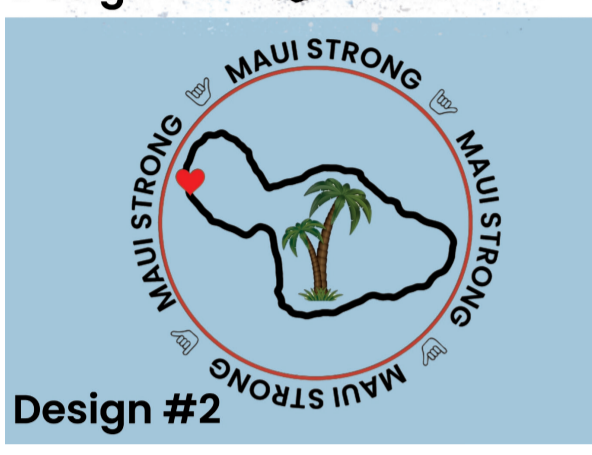
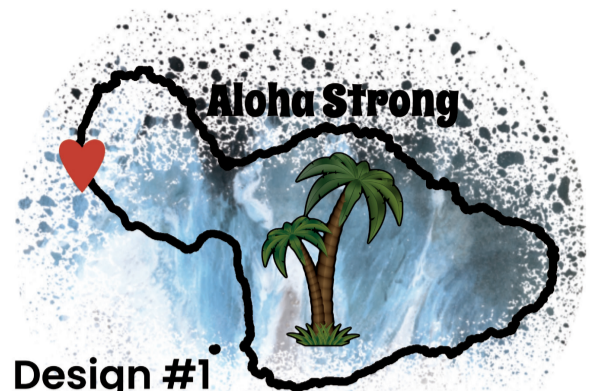
is Rochelle specifically. We have blood drives all the time down here and a wonderful donor base. RCH has been a wonderful supporter of both drives and others. For them to gift us \$5,000 towards this bus is just huge.”

A nationwide blood shortage has been seen in recent years. Entriokin has been in the industry for 28 years, and said the current shortage is the worst she’s ever seen. This August is the lowest month that RRVBC has seen for collections in six years.

“It’s hard,” Entriokin said. “We’re trying to get our message out. There’s no substitute for blood. It’s super easy to do. We go to organizations and schools. We have our fixed sites in Rockford, Belvidere and Freeport. It takes an hour of time and it’s so simple. A lot of people are afraid of needles, but I would say so are patients. It’s a 10-minute donation process. It’s so simple. If you’ve never tried it, I would strongly encourage you to. I have people tell me all the time how afraid they are, and once they do it, they say, ‘Oh, that wasn’t bad.’”

The community can learn more about how to donate with RRVBC at [www.rrvbc.org/](http://www.rrvbc.org/). RRVBC will also accept monetary donations, allowing the blood bank to extend its Blood Mobile services to more locations.

“We have such a heartfelt appreciation for RCH and the RCH Foundation,” Entriokin said. “The donation is so generous and we’re thrilled to come down here and be with them today.”



Above are the two designs available for t-shirts.

## FUNDS: Hardins helping friend in Hawaii

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The Hardins have found it difficult to see a place that they spent a happy vacation years ago now ravaged by the wildfires.

“It makes me cry,” Jeni said. “It’s absolutely heartbreaking. It was the best week of our lives and we have so many memories. It’s so heartbreaking because those people love their culture, land and tourism. They take so much pride in all the little shops, cafes, restaurants and history. It’s such an amazing town. It’s absolutely heartbreaking. We obsessively watched it on the news and social media. Everything is just gone.”

After she got the idea for the fundraiser, Jeni reached out to Quick via social media to let him know. Quick has two young daughters and is now actively seeking out new work in surrounding towns.

“I saw he was taking donations and I got a hold of him on Facebook and he was good with it,” Hardin said. “He was very appreciative. His mom thanked us and ordered some shirts. The people there don’t need millions of dollars. They just need enough to get themselves back on their feet. With him being a musician he’s desperately looking for gigs now. Any way to raise money to support his family, because they lost all of their income in one day. I can’t imagine how devastating that would be for somebody over there.”

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# LOCAL NEWS

## OGLE COUNTY SHERIFF

### Fatal accident at IL Route 251 and 64

**OREGON** — On Aug. 11 at 10:11 a.m. deputies along with the Rochelle Fire Department, Hillcrest Fire Department and the Lynn-Scott-Rock Fire Department responded to the scene of a three-vehicle accident with serious injuries that occurred at the intersection of Illinois Route 251 and Illinois Route 64. Preliminary investigation at the scene by sheriff's deputies determined that a 2015 Buick Lacrosse was crossing the intersection traveling southbound when it was struck by a 2010 Kenworth semi tractor and trailer that had been traveling westbound and failed to stop for the stop sign at the four-way stop intersection. The 2010 Kenworth pushed the 2015 Buick into the eastbound lane on the west side of the intersection where the Buick then struck a 2011 Ford Escape that was eastbound approaching the stop sign for the intersection. The driver of the semi, James P. Bennett, 39 of Neponset, Illinois was transported to the Rochelle Hospital where he reported minor injuries. The driver of the Ford, Paul R. Holland, 74, of Oregon, was uninjured in the crash. The driver of the 2015 Buick, Helen Adams, 83, of Lindenwood was pronounced deceased at the scene, the Ogle County Coroner's office said. James Bennett was issued a citation for failure to stop at a stop sign and will appear in court at a later date.

Deputies were assisted at the scene by the Illinois State Police, the Ogle County Coroner's Office, the REACT helicopter and IDOT. The incident remains under investigation.

On Aug. 11 at 10:20 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop within the 1,000 block of North Ridge Road. After a brief investigation, deputies placed Tammy S. Lund, 49, of Dixon, under arrest for driving under the influence of alcohol/drugs. Lund was additionally charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of

drug equipment and cited for improper lane usage. Lund was transported to the Ogle County Jail, pending an appearance before a judge.

On Aug. 13 at approximately 10:41 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop within the 7,000 block of West Illinois Route 72. After a brief investigation, deputies placed Ashlee M. Williams, 29, of Forreston, under arrest for driving under the influence of alcohol. Williams was additionally cited for improper traffic lane usage, expired registration and driving uninsured. Williams was transported to the Ogle County Jail, where she was held in lieu of bond.

On Aug. 13 at 6:26 p.m. deputies along with Creston EMS and Rochelle EMS responded to Creston Road and Locust Road for an unresponsive male in a vehicle. The vehicle was later located at Locust Road and Ritchie Road. After a brief investigation, deputies arrested Salvador Nambo, 34, of Rochelle, for aggravated driving under the influence of alcohol, driving while license revoked and driving under the influence of alcohol. Nambo was transported to the Ogle County Jail, pending an appearance before a judge. Nambo was also issued citations for expired registration, operating an uninsured vehicle, and unlawful parking.

On Aug. 14 at approximately 11:31 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 4,000 block of South Illinois Route 251. After investigation, Deputies arrested Angel Gonzalez, 19, of Rockford, for no valid driver's license. Gonzalez was given an I-Bond with a return court date later next month and released on scene.

On Aug. 15 at approximately 1:15 a.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop at the intersection of Chana Road and Grist Mill Road. After a brief investigation, deputies arrested Temekia B. Hill, 33, of Rockford, for no valid driver's license. Hill was taken into

custody without incident and released on a \$2,500 individual bond with a return court date set. Hill was additionally issued citations for suspended registration and operating an uninsured motor vehicle.

On Aug. 15 at approximately 9:42 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop on Interstate 39 near mile marker 105. After a brief investigation, deputies arrested Margaret Campos-Carrillo, 29, of Rockford, for driving while license suspended. Campos-Carrillo was issued an additional citation for illegal window tint. Campos-Carrillo was given an I-Bond with a return court date later next month and released on scene.

On Aug. 16 at 6:40 a.m. deputies responded to the intersection of East Illinois Route 72 and North Kilbuck Road for the report of a car-versus-semi accident. After a brief investigation, it was learned that Juan Valazquez Ramon, 30, of Zenda, Wisconsin, was traveling westbound in a semi attempting to turn southbound, when a Ford Explorer driven by Jackson Snider, 18, of Monroe Center, also traveling westbound failed to yield and rear ended the semi. Snider was issued citations for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident and expired registration. No injuries were sustained from the accident. Monroe Center Fire Department assisted with the accident.

On Aug. 16 at approximately 6:13 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 7,500 block of North River Road on a vehicle that had been called in for erratic driving. After further investigation Braden Barber, 32, of Rockford, was placed under arrest for driving under the influence of alcohol. Barber was also cited for unlawful possession of cannabis and improper lane usage. Barber was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

*All individuals are considered innocent until proven guilty.*

## Coliseum Museum Artist Reception in September

**OREGON** — The Coliseum Museum of Art, Antiques & Americana (CMAAA) will present their first Artist Reception on Friday, Sept. 8 from 6-8 p.m. featuring artists Jean Apgar and Chloe Metz along with music by Al & Jeannie Brown.

Jean Apgar, from Rockford, will display her work from Sept. 1-30, as the feature artist of the month. She paints farms and fields, rivers and roadways, neighbors and friends. Jean uses traditional oil techniques, first applying opaque, then transparent, layers of color in her work. Some paintings have eight or more layers of paint. BFA Illustrations summa cum laude Northern Illinois University,

DeKalb.

Chloe Metz will display her work in the Lowden Gallery from Sept. 1 to Oct. 31. Chloe received her Bachelors in Science from Augustana College with a degree in Business Management and Studio Art, and her Masters in Museum Studies from Western Illinois University. For two years Chloe was a curator for Restoration Hardware in Minneapolis, Minnesota. She then moved back to Oregon where she has since been a full-time oil painter.

Based out of Wyand, Illinois, Jeannie and Al Brown have been making music together for over 30 years. Covering nearly every musical style through the years, their piano and upright bass duo

favors jazz standards. "Jazz covers a lot of musical territory," says the pair. "There's literally something for everyone." It's their favorite format, though they are quick to add, "There are so many good songs, so much good music in the world. We won't pass up a chance to play an old favorite just because it's not considered a jazz tune. We just put our personal spin on it!"

The CMAAA mission is to present Art, Antiques, Americana and history through permanent and rotating exhibits, workshops, music, theater and more. Additional information can be found on the website, [www.cmaaa.org](http://www.cmaaa.org) and Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/ColiseumMuseum/](http://www.facebook.com/ColiseumMuseum/)



### Stillman Valley students raise money for service dog



**Gwen Hall, a Stillman Valley High School FFA member and an Ogle Jolly 4-H member, partnered with Meridian Junior High School student Lena Janoski to raise money to help Lena purchase and train a service dog to help with her physical needs. Gwen helped Lena raise a pig for 4-H. Lena showed the pig at the Ogle County 4-H show and the Ogle County Junior Show. Lena sold her pig at the Blue Ribbon Auction for \$19 a pound earning her \$4,000 towards her new dog and training. The pig was purchased by Roger Needham of Forreston Mutual. The pig barn and Gwen Hall also hosted an antique showmanship event to raise money for Lena's dog. Lena and Gwen judged the event with Cassidy Myrvold as champion and Kylee Alderks as reserve champion. Over \$500 was raised. An additional \$1,600 was raised by various donations for a total of over \$6,000 raised to help Lena.**

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Obituaries

### Mary 'Beth' Elizabeth Kalbfus

**OREGON** — Mary "Beth" Elizabeth Kalbfus, age 76, passed away at home with her family by her side. She was born in Springfield, OH on March 10, 1947 the daughter of Laird and Mary (Stinchcomb) Allender. She is a graduate of North High School in Springfield, OH; Class of 1965. While in high school, she won a 2nd place award for interior design with Seventeen Magazine.



She earned her Associate's degree in computer programming from Rock Valley College. She worked for many years as a programmer and then payroll administrator for Quebecor in Mt Morris.

Beth married the love of her life Bill Kalbfus on March 11, 1967. Together they built a fulfilling life together. She was a loving and devoted wife and mother. She possessed an artistic soul and found great joy in expressing herself through various creative outlets including being a member of the Mt. Morris Performing Arts Guild, ceramics, oil painting, and making doll houses and dioramas and decorating her home for Christmas (as many as 52 trees!). But,

her biggest creative passion for the last 25 years was quilting. She was a member of multiple quilting groups including a founding member of Sew What Quilting Group and a member and past President of the Foreston Country Crossroads Quilt Guild.

She is preceded in death by her parents and sister, Carol.

She is survived and missed by her husband; Bill of Oregon; sons, Andrew (Brooke) Kalbfus of Rockford and Rob (Julie) Kalbfus of Washington, IL; sister, Susan (Mark) Ryman of Salisbury, NC, grandchildren, Alex (Trevor) Neuzerling, Dennika (Jimmy) Marx; Aidan Kalbfus, and Kaiyah Kalbfus.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, September 16, 2023 at the Farrell Holland Gale Funeral Home in Oregon with Pastor Dave Rogula and Mark Ryman officiating. Visitation will be held from 9:30 - 11:00 AM prior to the service. Memorials are established for the American Cancer Society or Serenity Hospice and Home.

To leave an online condolence please visit [www.farrellhollandgale.com](http://www.farrellhollandgale.com)

### Paul Robert 'Bob' Rees

**OREGON** — Paul Robert "Bob" Rees, age 87, died on Saturday, August 26, 2023 at Serenity Hospice & Home of Oregon, IL. Bob was born July 28th 1936 in Chicago where his father, a Mt. Morris native had gone for employment. He was the son of Paul Parker Rees and Francis Bartow Rees and the family moved to Oregon in 1949.



Bob graduated Oregon High School in 1954 and attended Bradley University for a year before attending and graduating from Greer Automotive Training in Chicago.

Bob worked as a mechanic for local Oregon Car Dealers and then sold hand tool for Mac Tools, where he became District Manager for North Western Illinois. Bob spent his last 12 years of employment as an Oregon Rural Mail Carrier.

Bob spent two and a half years in the United States Army from 1959 to 1962 at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland. He was a specialist E4 and was Clerk of the Turret Branch training facility.

After retirement, Bob attended junior college for computer training and kept busy for 10 years initiating restoration of the Oregon Depot. Bob has a fascination with railroading from a very young age

and read countless books on railroad history. Bob was also a city commissioner for nine years and as a public property commissioner, was responsible for the wastewater plant upgrade and many other innovative improvements.

Bob was a life member of the Disabled American Veterans and the Oregon Masonic Lodge 420. He was also a member of the American Legion, Freeport Consistory and Tabla Temple of Rockford.

Bob's interests were many faceted and included auto-racing, rail-fans, Bears football, reading history and collecting. Always a dog lover, he spent every hour with his border collies Macbeth and then Indy.

Bob is predeceased in death by his wife Gail, first wife Donna and second wife Sandy. Parents, sisters Dorothy Henke and Pat Dahlin.

Bob is survived by his sons Bob Rees and Spencer (Diane) Rees of Delavan WI; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. There will be no services, and Bob will be cremated and interned in the Rees plot at Oakwood Cemetery, Mt Morris. To leave an online condolence or plant a tree in his memory please visit [www.farrellhollandgale.com](http://www.farrellhollandgale.com)

### John Leo Richard

**SAVANNA** — John Leo Richard, age 70, of Savanna, IL, passed away August 28, 2023 at Serenity Hospice Home in Oregon, IL. Private services will be held, and burial will take place at Lanark Cemetery. Family and friends are invited to share in John's life at [lawjonesfuneralhome.com](http://lawjonesfuneralhome.com).



John's family would like to extend their thanks to Serenity Hospice and Allure Nursing Home, as well as to Dr. Woods, for the care they showed John. Memorials may be made to Serenity Hospice and Home at 1658 S. IL Route 2, Oregon, IL 61061.

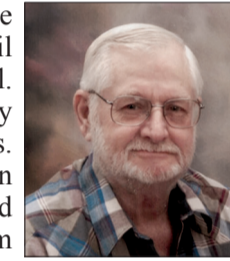
John was born April 5, 1953 in Dubuque, IA, the son of David and Catheryn (Steward) Richard. He attended Lanark schools, graduating from Lanark High School with the class of 1972. On April 14, 1973, John married Peggy Miller at SS John and Catherine Catholic Church, in Mt. Carroll, IL.

John was a welder by trade, and worked for E.D. Entrye and Woods Equipment in Oregon, IL, retiring in 2008. In his free time John enjoyed fishing, boating, camping, trail riding; anything that put him in the great outdoors. He was always fond of classic cars and trucks, and loved spending time at family gatherings. He was a fun loving man, who will be deeply missed by many.

John is survived by his wife, Peggy; siblings, David (LeAnn) Richard, of Mt. Morris, IL, Catheryn (Marlin) Sweitzer, of Lanark, IL, Edith (Terry) Blair, of Milledgeville, IL, Mary (David) Toepfer, of Pearl City, IL, Edward (Debbie) Richard, of Rock Falls, IL, Debbie Oltmanns, of Mt. Morris, IL, and Linda Richard, of Ocala, FL; as well as many special nieces, nephews, and other extended family members. John is preceded in death by his parents, David and Catheryn.

### Charles O. Schell

**OREGON** — Charles O. Schell, age 86, died Thursday, August 24, 2023 at Katherine Shaw Bethea Hospital following a sudden illness. He was born June 19, 1937 in Wayne County, Illinois the son of Cecil and Elizabeth (Hilliard) Schell. Charles graduated from Olney High School in Olney, Illinois. He married Helen Chaplin on Jan. 18, 1958. Charles worked several years for Industrial Form Grinding in Rockford, IL.



He liked to work in his yard, work on cars, go fishing with his son, watch old westerns, especially "Gunsmoke". Charles was known to his family and friends as being a jokester.

He was predeceased by his parents, his wife Helen, his son Mike Schell, his son-in-law David Dwyer, and 3 brothers Ivan, Phillip, and Roy Schell.

He is survived by his 3 daughters: Debbie Scoles of Freeport; Jackie (Brad) Hollandsworth of Rockford; and Mary Dwyer of Leaf River; his

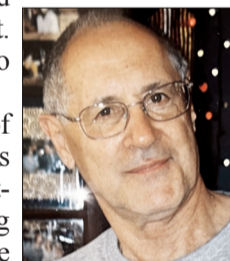
brother Jerry (Glenda) Schell of Cisne, IL.; 2 sisters: Janice Lowe of Cisne, IL; and Betty Kasten of Cisne, IL; grandchildren: Christopher McCause, Holly Banghart, Charles McCause, Brittany Hollandsworth, Jennifer (Travis) Hall, Lukas (Meg) Dwyer, Derek (Jennifer) Dwyer, Cecil (Brek) Revels, and Ashley Schell; and 8 great grandchildren.

Funeral service will be held 10:00 AM, Friday, Sept. 1, 2023 at the Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home, 110 S. 7th Street in Oregon, IL with the Pastor Michael Hoffman officiating. Visitation will be held Thursday evening from 5-7 PM at the funeral home. Burial will take place at the Daysville Cemetery near Oregon.

A memorial fund is established in Charles's name and may be directed to his family. Visit [www.farrellhollandgale.com](http://www.farrellhollandgale.com) to leave a condolence or memory of Charles.

### Walter Clarence Schildt

**CARMEL, Ind.** — Walter Clarence Schildt, 87, of Carmel, Indiana passed away on August 14, 2023, at Morning Pointe Senior Living in Franklin. He was born August 16, 1935, in Polo, Illinois, to the late Clarence E. Schildt, and Gladys I. Wolfensberger Schildt. He was previously married to Linda Zimmerman Schildt.



He was a 1953 graduate of Polo High School in Polo, Illinois where he participated in basketball, football, and track. Following the Korean War, he served in the Marine Corps where he was active duty from 1954 to 1957. After his time in the military, he attended Tri-State College where he graduated in 1963 with a Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering. He held several patents, but the most notable was "The Better Mouse Trap." He loved sports, tinkering, and was always working on new inventions. The most important part of his life was his family.

Walter is survived by his son, Brian (Jill) Schildt, of Carmel, Indiana; daughters, Becky (Mark) Lee, of Mt. Auburn, Indiana, and Jennifer (Jim) Alexander, from Franklin, Indiana; brother, Michael (Dawn) Schildt, of Parker, Colorado; sister, Leola (Arnold) Meyer, of Byron, Illinois; grandchildren, John (Kelly) Stearns, Courtney (Joey) Caplinger, Gage (Tiffany) Jewell, Katie (Skylar) Duncan, Emma Grace Alexander, and Adam (Becca) Schildt; and 9 great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Clarence and Gladys Schildt; and a granddaughter, Rachael Ann Alexander.

Those wishing may make memorial donations through the funeral home in Walter's name to the Alzheimer's Association.

You are invited to leave a message of condolences to the family and light a virtual candle of remembrance.

### Cynthia 'Cindy' Sue Stocker

**OREGON** — Cynthia "Cindy" Sue Stocker, age 59, passed away suddenly at her home in Oregon on Sunday, August 27, 2023. Cindy was born on April 30, 1964, in Dixon, IL, the daughter of Virgil and Beverly (Mumford) Richardson. She married Michael "Mike" Allen Stocker on July 9, 1996 in Oregon, IL. Cindy worked as a CNA at the Oregon Health Care Center for many years. While working there she built a strong bond with many of the residents who she deeply cared for. When not working, she enjoyed the Amish culture, reading books about the Amish, listening to country music and watching Lifetime movies. Cindy was a devoted family lady who loved to spend time with her parents, children, siblings and most of all her grandchildren. She loved to laugh and had an infectious smile.



Cindy is predeceased in death by her beloved husband Mike Stocker and brothers Anthony & Jeffery Richardson. Cindy is survived and missed dearly

by her son Thomas (Lindsey) Broadway of Forreston, IL; daughter Kristen Broadway (Earl Mohme) of Shannon, IL; sisters: Rhonda (Tim) Duffy of Stillman Valley, IL and Brenda Harrolle of Oregon, IL; grandchildren: Jesse Stricker, Skyler Diestelmeier, Tyler Broadway, Owen and Hayden Cagley, Chase and Daniel Broadway, Tadyen and Skylyn Quintero; and her great-grandchild Elijah Thomas Cagley.

A visitation is being held from 10am-12pm on Friday, September 1, 2023 at St. Paul Lutheran Church of Oregon, IL on Jefferson Street. A Funeral service will follow at 12pm on Friday, September 1, 2023 at St. Paul Lutheran Church of Oregon, IL on Jefferson Street, with Pastor Carl Rasmussen officiating. Cindy will be laid to rest next to her husband at Chapel Hill Memorial Park in Freeport, IL.

To leave an online condolence or plant a tree in Cindy's honor please visit [www.farrellhollandgale.com](http://www.farrellhollandgale.com)

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# LOCAL NEWS



## Oregon Lions serve food at Jamboree

The Oregon Lions Club served their delicious pork chops and bratwurst at the Mt. Morris Jamboree on Friday, Aug. 4. Pictured: Andy Zhan kept the beverages cool. Newest Oregon Lions Member Mitch Logan served the beverages. Lions President Lori Peterson enjoyed a break and a sandwich. Lion Chuck Campbell helped Lion Steve Pennock wrap sandwiches. The cooks kept the food coming including Lion Tom Champley, Jeff Rose, Lion Doug Aken and Lion Jim Hoff. Lion James Brown worked the event. Lion Karren Virnoche Brown sold pop and water.



## Clift family donates to BHS Theater and Choir Department

The Byron School District would like to thank the Ed and Beth Clift family for their generous annual donation to the Byron High School Theater and Choir Department. Through the Megan Clift Memorial Fund established through the Community Foundation of Northern Illinois, the Clift family has been supporting the arts at BHS for over a decade. Donations provided to BHS help support students take part in activities associated in both arenas. Pictured is Mr. Ed Clift providing BHS Principal Andy Donaldson with this year's donation of \$3,000. In total, over the years, the Megan Clift Memorial Fund has provided over \$41,000 to the BHS Theater and Choir Programs.



# Nicor Gas awards grant to Ogle Natural Areas Alliance

### \$100,000 in environmental stewardship grants awarded to 21 organizations

NAPERVILLE – On Aug. 16, Nicor Gas announced \$100,000 in environmental stewardship grants for organizations and nonprofits across the company's service territory that are committed to providing equitable access to natural green spaces and enhancing sustainability activities that make a meaningful impact.

"We are proud to support organizations across the state that are dedicated to being good environmental stewards in the more than 650 communities we serve every day," Jackie Nagel, manager of Community

Affairs at Nicor Gas, said. "As the largest natural gas provider in Illinois, we believe in investing in meaningful projects that align with our focus to preserve green space and improve sustainability efforts."

This year, Nicor Gas is proud to award 21 organizations with grants up to \$5,000 to support their environmental initiatives, including:

Ogle County: Ogle Natural Areas Alliance – Supports the restoration and conservation of Oak/Hickory Forest and the floodplain forest along the Black Trails in Weld Memorial Park.



# Why Labor Day is worth celebrating

LABOR Day weekend is much-anticipated. Many people look forward to Labor Day weekend because it offers one last extended break to enjoy summer weather. Though summer does not officially end until September is nearly over, for many people Labor Day, which is celebrated annually on the first Monday in September, marks the unofficial end of summer.

But Labor Day is more than just one final chance to embrace the relaxed vibe of summer and soak up some rays. In fact, Labor Day boasts a unique history that's worth celebrating for a variety of reasons.

## What is Labor Day?

The United States Department of Labor notes that Labor Day is a celebration of American workers that dates back to the 19th century. The day is meant to commemorate the contributions workers in the United States have made to the nation, helping to make it one of the strongest and most prosper-

ous countries in the world.

## Who came up with the idea of Labor Day?

Despite the fact that municipal legislation surrounding Labor Day was initially introduced in the 1880s, debate remains as to just who should be credited with proposing a day to honor American workers. Some records suggest that Peter J. McGuire, who served as general secretary of the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners and cofounded the American Federation of Labor, deserves the credit for Labor Day. However, the Department of Labor notes that many people believe a machinist named Matthew Maguire (no relation to Peter) was the first to propose a holiday honoring workers in 1882. At that time Maguire was serving as secretary of New York's Central Labor Union, which later adopted a Labor Day proposal and appointed a committee

to plan a demonstration and picnic. The first Labor Day was ultimately celebrated in New York City on Tuesday, September 5, 1882, in accordance with the plans made by the Central Labor Union, which strongly suggests that Maguire does, in fact, deserve the credit for coming up with the holiday.

## Why celebrate Labor Day?

Labor Day is worth celebrating because, without the contributions of millions of workers every year, the United States would not be the success story it is and has been for more than 200 years. In addition to the United States, many countries across the globe, including Canada and Australia, have their own versions of Labor Day.

Labor Day weekend might now be seen as the unofficial end of summer. But this Labor Day weekend celebrants and workers should remember that Labor Day also should be a time to reflect on the value of hard work.

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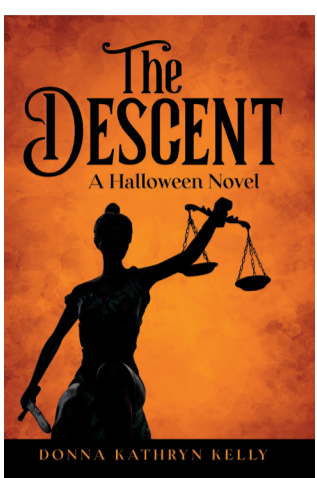
# LOCAL NEWS

## Cary woman publishes novel set in Oregon

**CARY** — Donna Kathryn Kelly of Cary, Illinois recently published her new horror thriller, *THE DESCENT: A Halloween Novel*, which takes place in Oregon, Illinois.

Kelly's manuscript was selected as a semi-finalist in the 2023 Soon to be Famous Illinois Author Manuscript Project Contest. The book is now available for purchase in hardcover or paperback on Amazon.

*THE DESCENT: A Halloween Novel* centers on a group of young women attorneys who are terrorized by a paranormal experience over a Halloween weekend girls' trip.



Kelly, an attorney, set out to write the story because she wanted to create a unique horror novel that takes place in her home state of Illinois and that features six individualistic women attorneys. The protagonist of the novel, Galena Kane, hails from her name-

sake and is a Jo Daviess County assistant public defender. The other main characters in the novel include a City of Rockford police officer, three Chicago litigators and a Stephenson County assistant public defender.

Kelly chose the setting of Oregon because she had visited the area as a child and had been moved by the beauty of the river bluffs. Kelly returned to Oregon several times in 2021 while penning the novel, and the setting of her opening chapter is Lowden State Park.

You can find out more about Kelly and her writings @donna-kathrynkelly.com.

### POLO POLICE

## Man cited for unlawful use of cellphone while driving

**POLO** — On Aug. 23 at 5:37 p.m. Drew P. Mitchell, 33, Polo, was cited for unlawful use of a cell phone while driving. Mitchell was released on a promise to comply.

On Aug. 23 at 5:56 p.m. Brandon M. Ross, 40, Ashton, was cited for unlawful use of a cell phone while driving and a written warning for expired registration. Ross was released on a promise to comply.

On Aug. 24 at 7:19 p.m. Colten E. Meyer, 27, Polo, was cited for unlawful use of a cell phone while driving and a written warning for speeding 42 miles per hour in a 30-miles per hour speed zone. Meyer was released on a promise to comply.

On Aug. 24 at 8:06 p.m. Alyssa M. Trotter, 30, Polo, was arrested for driving while license revoked, operating an uninsured motor vehicle, expired registration, possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia. Trotter was transported to Ogle County Jail.

On Aug. 25 at 11:13 a.m. Martel D. Lee, 37, Marengo, was arrested

for operation of an uninsured motor vehicle, speeding 44 miles per hour in a 30-miles per hour speed zone and driving with a suspended driver's license. Lee was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

On Aug. 25 at 6:50 a.m. Steven D. Sears, 25, Maple Park, was cited for speeding 43 miles per hour in a 30-miles per hour speed zone. Sears was released on an I-Bond.

On Aug. 25 at 3:26 p.m. Evan C. Taylors, 27, Detroit, Michigan, was cited for speeding 48 miles per hour in a 30-miles per hour speed zone. Taylors was released on an I-Bond.

On Aug. 28 at 6:13 p.m. Brian W. Hackbarth, 57, Woosung, was cited for unlawful use of a cell phone while driving and a written warning for speeding 42 miles per hour in a 30-miles per hour speed zone. Hackbarth was released on a notice to comply.

On Aug. 28 at 7:39 p.m. Kenneth M. Williams, II, 56, Polo, was cited for unlawful use of a cell phone while driving. Williams was released with a notice to comply.

### OREGON POLICE

## Woman arrested for driving while license suspended

**Aug. 21**

At 8 a.m., Oregon Police arrested Cassandra M. Hawkins, 33, Rochelle, for driving while license suspended. Hawkins was released with an I-bond and scheduled to appear in court. This violation occurred in the 200 block of East Washington Street.

At 9:39 a.m., Oregon Police arrested Robyn L. Pierson, 34, Oregon, for driving while license suspended. Pierson was transported to the Ogle County Jail. This violation occurred in the 200 block of South 4th Street.

At 5:27 p.m., Oregon Police issued Tara J. Hendricks, 38, Oregon, a citation for use of a cell phone while driving. This violation occurred in the 300 block of West Washington Street.

At 5:43 p.m., Oregon Police issued Shyanne A. Hanson, 19, Mt. Morris, a citation for use of a cell phone while driving. This violation occurred in the 300 block of Franklin Street.

At 7 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Noah D. Reber, 18, Oregon, for a battery that occurred on Aug. 19 at 10 p.m. in the 300 block of Lovers Lane. Reber was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

At 7:59 p.m., Oregon Police issued Silas B. Brooks, 71, Rockford, citations for operating a vehicle with an expired registration and illegal transportation of alcohol as a driver. These violations occurred in the 100 block of South 4th Street.

At 8:34 p.m., Oregon Police issued Alexys S. Thorpe, 22, Sterling, a citation for illegal transportation of alcohol as a passenger. This violation occurred in the 500 block of Gale Street.

**Aug. 22**

At 9:32 a.m., Oregon Police responded to the 800 block of Rhoads Place for a report of a hit and run that had occurred involving a parked 2015 Chevrolet belonging to Amber L. Jordan, 39, Oregon. If anyone has any information regarding this incident, please contact the Oregon Police Department at 815-732-2162.

At 10:45 p.m., Oregon Police issued Cayden R. Lewis, 18, Mt. Morris, a citation for operating a vehicle with an expired registration. This violation occurred in the 200 block of South 10th Street.

**Aug. 23**

At 4:05 p.m., Oregon Police investigated a one-vehicle traffic crash in the 200 block of East Washington Street involving a 2007 Mercury driven by Norton F. Johnson, II, 65, Dixon. Johnson was issued citations for driving on the shoulder and failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident.

**Aug. 24**

At 3:48 p.m., Oregon Police issued Justin R. Jeter, 22, Oregon, a citation for operating an uninsured motor vehicle. This violation occurred in the 400 block of East Washington Street.

At 5:19 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Jeffrey M. Phen, 44, of Winslow, Illinois, for driving while license suspended. Phen was also issued citations for operating a vehicle with an expired registration and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. These violations occurred in the 1,000 block of West Washington Street.

**Aug. 25**

At 2:40 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Ashley M. Schell, 31, Rockford, for two outstanding DeKalb County warrants

for failure to appear and driving under the influence of drugs. Schell was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

At 4:26 p.m., Oregon Police issued a citation to Tyrus N. Trampel, 26, Oregon, for disobeying a stop sign. This violation occurred at the intersection of 2nd and Adams Streets.

**Aug. 26**

At 1:29 a.m., Oregon Police arrested Skylar P. Carlson, 24, Oregon, for driving under the influence of alcohol. Carlson was transported to the Ogle County Jail. This violation occurred in the 900 block of West Washington Street.

At 6:08 p.m., Oregon Police issued a 16-year-old juvenile of Oregon a citation for disobeying a stop sign. This violation occurred at the intersection of 2nd and Webster Streets.

At 6:50 p.m., Oregon Police issued Bria J. Petkovich, 29, Oregon, a citation for disobeying a stop sign. This violation occurred at the intersection of Adams and 2nd Streets.

At 9:04 p.m., Oregon Police issued Mary E. Stromberg, 62, Oregon, a citation for disobeying a stop sign. This violation occurred at the intersection of South 10th and Webster Streets.

**Aug. 27**

At 12:54 a.m., Oregon Police issued Janaesha M. Yarbrough, 27, Rockford, citations for operating a vehicle with a suspended registration and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. These violations occurred in the 500 block of North 4th Street.

At 1:22 a.m., Oregon Police arrested Daniel D. Wean, 48, Oregon, for driving under the influence of alcohol and driving under the influence of alcohol with blood alcohol content greater than .08 percent. Wean was also issued a citation for improper lane use. Wean was transported to the Ogle County Jail. These violations occurred in the 400 block of West Washington Street.

At 4:42 p.m., Oregon Police issued James K. Stuckey, 32, Oregon, a citation for disobeying a stop sign. This violation occurred at the intersection of Webster and 10th Streets.

Three parking citations were issued and 18 verbal warnings were issued during the week of Aug. 21-27.

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# LOCAL NEWS



## Oregon grad paints mural

An Oregon High School grad recently added another mural to the city. This mural depicting a 1931 Ford Model A was painted by Olivia James at the home of Gary Greenwood on South 3rd Street. James is currently an art student in college.



## Donated benches placed at Ogle County Fairgrounds

The Ogle County Fair Board appreciates the new benches for our grounds. Blackhawk Crossing 4-H club donated two benches and Eli Lotz donated the bench he made for his 4-H project. The board also used memorial money to purchase benches in memory of Daryl Cave, Mariel Holm, Randy Wagner and Susan Young. It is nice to have seven more benches for our fair attendees. Pictured in the back row are Jerry Bowers and Lux Tran and on the bench is Alexia Tran, Lei Tran and Matthew Pham. These volunteers assembled our new memorial benches. Also pictured is Lotz shaking Ogle County Fair Board President Tom Simpson's hand as he presents his bench to the fair.



# MMSC informational meeting for trip is planned for Sept. 7

**MT. MORRIS** — On Thursday, Sept. 7 at 3 p.m. the Mt. Morris Senior Center will host an informational meeting for those who are interested in its next trip. This trip will be Nov. 6-10, 2023. You can enjoy five days and four nights in Branson, Missouri with the Mt. Morris Senior & Community Center. For only \$959 (double occupancy) you will receive motor coach transportation from and back to Mt. Morris, including games and prizes, four nights lodging, four breakfasts, four dinners, seven spectacular shows, a guided tour of the Branson area, a gift and more!

We will enjoy Clay Cooper's Country Express Christmas, Queen Esther at Sight & Sound Theatre, #1 hits of the 60's, Showboat Branson Belle, Baldknobbers Christmas Jamboree, The Haygoods Christmas Extravaganza, and Entertainment at the Uptown Café together as we ring in the Christmas season. For more information and to make reservations (with a \$100 deposit) contact the Mt. Morris Senior & Community Center at 815-734-6335 or come to our meeting on Sept. 7 at 3 p.m. at 9 E. Front St., Mt. Morris.

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**Sept. 7**  
The Leaf River United Methodist Church is hosting a Community Blood Drive on Thursday, Sept. 7. Staff from the Rock River Valley Blood Center will draw blood between 1-6 p.m. When you register to donate blood you will receive a coupon for a free pint of ice cream from Culvers in Winnebago, and you will be entered into a drawing for a free \$500 Visa gift card. If that isn't a good reason to donate, then other reasons are — because they like to help others — and because giving feels amazing. In busy, complicated times, giving blood is an easy, meaningful way to make a difference. In fact, this simple gift can enhance the lives of up to three people. Giving blood only takes about one relaxing hour, and we — and your body — do all of the work. Remember, blood is a gift — straight from the heart. Your heart. Please share it today! If you are at least 17 years old (16 years old with parental consent), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in general good health, you should be eligible to donate blood. Join us in sharing the Gift of Life. For more information or to schedule an appointment, you can find the Leaf River United Methodist Church on Facebook or contact Laura at 815-276-5773 (call or text), or the Rock River Valley Blood Center at 815/965-8751, toll free at 877-RRVBC-99 or on the web at www.rrvbc.org. Thank you!

**Sept. 9**  
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**Sept. 15**  
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## MOMENTS IN TIME

- \* On Sept. 18, 1769, John Harris, a spinet and harpsichord maker from Boston, completed the first spinet piano to be made in America. Upon its debut, the Boston Gazette averred that the instrument "in every respect does honour to that artist."
- \* On Sept. 19, 1676, Nathaniel Bacon and an army of rebel followers made up of farmers, slaves and indentured servants, set fire to Jamestown, the capital of the Virginia colony, in what came to be known as Bacon's Rebellion, a civil war that pitted Bacon against Virginia governor Sir William Berkeley.
- \* On Sept. 20, 1942, as part of the British war effort to conserve fuel, citizens were requested to bathe in no more than 5 inches of water. The royal family even painted black lines on all the household bathtubs at said depth, and put up posters around the palace with reminders of the need to conserve energy.
- \* On Sept. 21, 2012, David Villalobos jumped from the Wild Asia monorail train into a tiger den at the Bronx Zoo and was mauled by a 400-pound Siberian tiger named Bachuta. Quick-thinking employees chased the animal away using a fire extinguisher, and Villalobos, though injured, was able to roll under a wire to safety and survived.
- \* On Sept. 22, 1999, Saudi Arabia joined other Arab countries in a threat to boycott the Walt Disney entertainment company as a protest against the Israeli exhibit at the millennium show in Florida, which portrayed Jerusalem as the capital of Israel.
- \* On Sept. 23, 1989, foggy conditions led to one of the worst days for accidents on the German Autobahn, with five vehicular pileups involving 256 cars and a large number of serious injuries. The Autobahns in Germany have no speed limits, and cars sometimes travel as fast as 140 mph.
- \* On Sept. 24, 1906, Devil's Tower (also called Grizzly Bear Lodge) in northeastern Wyoming was named America's first national monument. The tower is a sacred site for many Plains Indians, and also a popular site for rock climbing.

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# The power words have

**A**N unexpected conversation with a college acquaintance this past week has me thinking about the power of words.

I first met Bill 40 years ago when I was a freshman in college. I was going through a rough time. I was away from home for the first time and was assigned a roommate that I just couldn't stand.

Bill was a community college transfer from the Chicago suburbs. He had grown up in a devout home but wasn't regularly attending church. One day, I was sitting in the laundromat in the basement of my dorm when he came and sat beside me.

He asked what I was reading and I told him it was the New Testament. He asked where I went to church and I explained that I attended a congregation near campus but wasn't particularly happy there. Although the church was the same denomination that I had grown up in, the pastor's messages were about as deep as a coat of varnish.

For whatever reason, I shared this with Bill. He told me of a church that he visited once that met in the college student union. The pastor was elderly and battling cancer. But he was sincere. There was no stained glass, pews or organs. Folks sat in folding chairs in a borrowed upper room.

Bill told me I should try that church.

His suggestion altered my life. I fell in love with the tiny congregation and adored the pastor and his wife. My cynicism dissipated. For the first time since leaving home, I felt like I had a place where I

belonged. The pastor joked that Bill made me a regular attender, even though he didn't come himself.



Scott Reeder

During the past 40 years, I have lived in cities all over the United States. But the first thing I would do when moving to a new community is join a church. Some advice given 40 years ago by a casual acquaintance altered the trajectory of my life.

When Bill and I spoke this past week, his recollection of me was dim at best. I'm certain he doesn't remember that conversation. But his words mattered.

A number of years ago a co-worker took me aside and told me how something I had said changed her life.

The two of us were young reporters working the nightshift at a newspaper and as she tells it she joked about getting drunk after work and driving home.

According to her, I said I didn't respect that and asked: "How would you feel if you killed someone because you were driving drunk?"

Years later, she took me aside and told me how my words altered her life. She immediately quit drinking and driving.

When she told me this, I was flummoxed. While it sounded like something I might say, I have no memory of that long-ago discourse.

I have chosen a career of words. Words matter particularly when they are delivered with sincerity and kindness.

Another former co-worker, Gary Schneeberger, tells of how a past supervisor's words

changed his life.

"It was my first ever professional job review, and I think it might have been one of his first, because he had just become an assistant city editor when he did my evaluation. ... In the summary he said, 'If Gary continues to apply himself and learn his craft I can see him working his way up into management one day. That was the first time, I ever thought higher than the byline. I was like, 'Wow, you mean, being like an editor and a leader and helping other writers and reporters. Is that something that's open to me, too, someday?'"

Schneeberger has gone on to a distinguished career heading up public relations for Focus on the Family and other endeavors. He added the editor who gave him the encouragement has no recollection of doing so.

I'd be remiss in not noting that the person Schneeberger said inspired him to greater things, was the worst boss I've had in my 35 years in the workforce. He criticized me during a job evaluation for abstaining from alcohol and living too sheltered a life to be a good journalist.

The biblical book of Proverbs says: "The soothing tongue is a tree of life, but a perverse tongue crushes the spirit."

In my 58 years, I too have said things I have regretted. To this I can only ask the listener's forgiveness. But I pray when I do speak, I'm offering words of encouragement.

Why? Because words matter.

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# Joe Biden and our crisis of trust

**P**RESIDENT Biden is the second-most unpopular president in modern history, when compared to others at this point in their first terms. This at least is the verdict from a survey of polls reported on July 18 by Andrew Romano at yahoo.com.

There have indeed been many mistakes, missteps and questionable policies so far. This survey, however, says as much or more about where we are as a nation as they do about Joe Biden's performance as President.

As Mr. Romano observes, the President has, for all his shortcomings, had some remarkable successes. He's pushed major laws through a polarized and almost evenly-divided Congress. Unemployment and inflation are down, while millions of new jobs have come into being. Illegal border crossings and murder rates have also declined lately.

This is hardly a picture of a hopelessly-failing Presidency. We have to look beyond Joe Biden, the man and the President, to fully understand our discontent. When we do, we find that he's not alone in his failure to gain the trust and approval of the American people.

Confidence in today's Supreme

Court is, according to a 6-23-22 Gallup report, at a 50-year low. Only 25 percent of respondents had "a great deal" or "quite a lot" of confidence in the Court, down from an average of 47 percent from 1973 to 2006. Congress fared worst of all, with only 19 percent saying that they approve of how it's handling its job.

A different Gallup survey of public confidence in 20 American institutions within and outside of government, including organized religion, banks, newspapers and the medical system, presents an equally bleak picture. "Most of the institutions rated this year are," it reports, "within three points of their all-time-low confidence score..." The police, public schools, large technology companies, and big business, it adds, "are at or tied with their record lows."

Our spiral into suspicion and disapproval reaches even farther. Columnist David Brooks, in a 10-5-22 Atlantic article, declares that, "In America, interpersonal trust is in catastrophic decline." He cites a 2015 survey, in which only 33.3 percent of respondents agreed that "most people

can be trusted," the lowest figure since it first asked the question in 1972. "Today," he adds, "a majority of Americans say they don't trust other people when they first meet them."



Lowell Harp

Robert D. Putnam explored this trend in a different context 23 years ago with his book, "Bowling Alone." He revealed that bowling,

which used to bring friends and acquaintances together, had become instead something that couples or families do in isolation. This fact represents for Mr. Putnam a larger pattern of withdrawal from participation in groups and activities that used to hold us together, including churches, PTAs, clubs and charitable organizations.

We're more than ever a nation of strangers, one in which people don't know the names of their neighbors and rarely if ever speak to them. A fragmented and distrustful society can't sustain the thriving democracy and strong nation that we want to be and used to represent. There are nevertheless reasons for hope, in our winter of discontent.

Mr. Brooks, Mr. Putnam, and others

have observed that we've been through similar periods in the past, and that they seem to run in cycles. The years before and after 1900 is one example. The 1960s, with its political and social upheavals, is another.

America overcame all these crises, each time with the arrival of a new generation of reformers, and a renewed sense of shared purpose. Mr. Brooks predicts, or rather hopes, that the children and grandchildren of my generation, the distrustful and disengaged baby boomers, will bring about a similar rebirth. He and Mr. Putnam agree that, for this to happen, we must learn again how to trust, form social bonds, and participate, face to face, in civic, religious and political organizations.

Until then, it's unlikely that Joe Biden or any other president, no matter how honest and able, will be able to win the support of the American people.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Meridian CUSD 223 staff summer learning academy drives toward world-class results

**STILLMAN VALLEY** — Meridian CUSD 223 is proud of the excellence that the employees strive to provide to the students and the community.

This summer, educators participated in over 700 hours of summer learning. Even more exciting was the fact that nearly all of this professional development was developed and delivered by Meridian CUSD 223 staff members.

“This has become a great moment for staff to showcase their areas of expertise and grow others in our district”, Dr. PJ Caposey, superintendent of schools, said. This achievement continues to show the efforts of Meridian employees to meet our vision of providing world-class results for our students.

Throughout the summer, staff from all areas invested their time in various professional



Meridian CUSD 223 staff engaging in collaborative learning.

development opportunities. These sessions covered topics such as behavior management, technology, CPR certification, assessment and instructional strategies for math and language

arts. By participating in these activities, the staff of MCUSD 223 demonstrated their continued commitment to striving for excellence and providing the best educational experience for

the students. The hope is to expand this opportunity and potentially offer it to other educators within the area.

Mrs. Stephanie Haugh and Mrs. Megan Zemora took time out of their school year and summer to help organize this incredible experience for staff and have been successful in nearly doubling the attendance and engagement from last summer to this year.

“The commitment shown by educators to take time from their summer to learn new skills or expand their knowledge shows how dedicated they are to making Meridian CUSD 223 an excellent educational opportunity for our community and anyone searching for a place for their child to learn,” Assistant Superintendent Dr. Joseph Mullikin said.



## Meridian CUSD serves over 200 students in summer programming

**STILLMAN VALLEY** — This summer, Meridian CUSD #223 is celebrating a successful summer session, in which 10 courses were offered to K-8 students. Courses were taught by MCUSD staff members and included cooking, coding, fitness, social-emotional learning, basic Spanish, horticulture and crime scene investigation. Over 200 students signed up for classes which

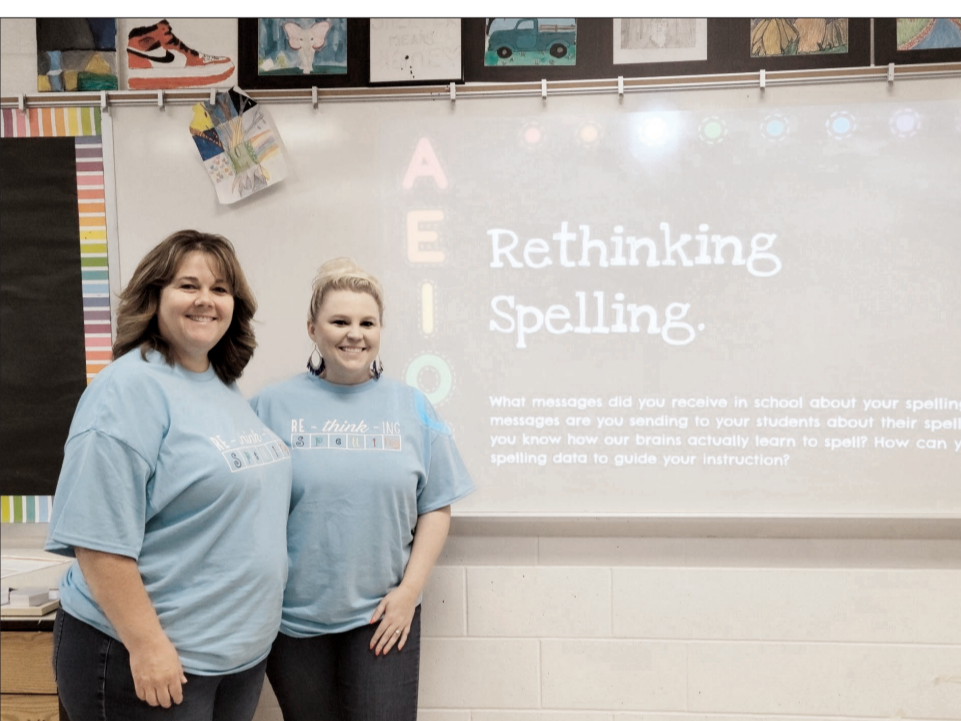
served as a supplement to the classroom and provided exposure to life-long skills. MCUSD would like to thank the students that attended and give a special thanks to the teachers: Sra. Zamora, Ms. Haugh, Mrs. Simpson, Mrs. Wood, Mrs. Neeld, Aech King, Mrs. Barton, Mrs. Schabacker, Miss Giddings, Mrs. Sweeney, and Mrs. Cline.

As Mrs. Becky Barton, seventh grade science teacher at MJHS said, “The students had a great time using microscopes in the classroom to solve



a crime. This summer school program was a wonderful way to engage students in thinking outside the box. In addition, it was nice to meet students that I will have in the future.”

“Our summer sessions were an amazing opportunity for both staff and students. To watch staff engage with students in a way that involves topics outside of the typical classroom curriculum was truly a profound experience. For our first time structuring our summer program this way, it was great to see the amount of students involved,” said Mrs. Jen Speakes, MJHS principal.



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# LOCAL NEWS



**Polo Lions club donates to Polo Kidz Café, senior center**

Polo Lions member Jeff Short recently presented a donation of \$200 from the Polo Lions Club for the Polo Kidz Cafe. Receiving the donation is Polo Kidz Cafe Marla Buskohl. The cafe as of 2023 has served free lunch meals to children in the months of June and July. The host of the cafe is Faith United Methodist Church in Polo. In the second photo Short is handing Polo Senior Center Director Kathy Wragg a donation of \$500 for the Polo Senior Center.



**Oregon Rotary hears presentation, collecting food donations**

At the Oregon Rotary meeting held on Aug. 2, Rotarian Dave Bakener organized a presentation from two sales managers from Ken Nelson Auto Group of Dixon. They spoke about how socioeconomic conditions have affected the car buying and selling experience today. Several questions were raised as their talks were informative and enjoyed by all. Shown is Bakener, Mike Moseley, Bob Pilling and Rotary Officer Kathy Groenhagen. The Rotary Club is also kicking off its food drive. The project initiative is for each member of every club in the district to donate 20 pounds of food to a local food pantry. This will be a yearlong drive that will run until June of 2024. (Photos by George Howe)



## OCHD's Community Baby Shower is Oct. 6

*Donations being accepted*

**OGLE COUNTY** — The Ogle County Health Department will be hosting a Community Baby Shower on Friday, Oct. 6 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the OCHD Rochelle office at 510 Lincoln Highway. Items such as gently-used or new infant and maternity clothes, diapers, wipes, hygiene products, baby toys, etc. will be available at no cost to families of Ogle County. Availability will be limited. There will be opportunities to win a raffle basket and learn about community organizations. Please call 815-562-6976 ext. 2373 with any questions. Donations are being accepted for the baby shower through Sept. 22. Items needed (may be gently-used) include: diapers, wipes, diaper cream, baby soap, shampoo and lotion, breastfeeding supplies, feminine products, toiletries, baby toys, baby/kid clothes

newborn-size 7/8 (boy and gender neutral clothes needed most), maternity/nursing clothes, lines, and household items. If items are second hand, please ensure that they are gently used/in good condition. Items that are soiled, damaged or unsafe for other families will not be accepted. All hygiene items must be new and unopened. The OCHD cannot accept: foot items (formula, baby food, etc.), used sleep spaces (cribs, bassinets, swings), used car seats, used stuffed animals, and opened personal care items. Monetary donations in the form of gift cards are also greatly appreciated. Donations can be dropped off at 907 Pines Road, Oregon and 501 Lincoln Highway, Rochelle.

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# StarGuard Elite rates Oregon Park District and Catch the Wave staff 5 Stars

**OREGON** — Each year, StarGuard Elite conducts an on-site and surprise audit of the Oregon Park District aquatic facility and staff. This year's audit was completed on Aug. 10.

StarGuard Elite awarded the facility and staff with a five-star rating, the highest a facility can receive.

Erin Folk, executive director stated, "I am very proud of our team in the work they have done to achieve the five-star status. Everyone has a role to play and results from the audit show how well everyone is working together. From building maintenance, lifeguards, and administration, all should be commended for a job well done."

The past audits routinely only included guards that were working based on the time of day StarGuard Elite would choose to conduct their unannounced review.

This year, all lifeguards were in the facility for a previously-scheduled in-service training and all guards were included in the review.

"StarGuard's timing was perfect and allowed them to review all staff in the as well as test the guards' skills. In addition, StarGuard's auditor reviewed video footage of past pool shifts at their choosing to review guarding skills while on duty," Folk said.

In addition to guard review and skills assessment, the auditor also rates the safety of the facility and daily documentation kept by the management team.

Auditor Christine Aguirre commented, "It was great meeting with Carron and the Nash pool staff today. The facility is very clean and organized. The staff have a great foundation of skills. It has been great to see this facility make marked



**Top row: Anaya Hitchcock, Laylah Burgett, Hailey Jane Becker, Emily Rasmussen and Manager Carron Rodriguez. Bottom row: Alex George, Isaac Brooks, Chase Clark, Elijah George and Jericho Wilde.**

improvements with every visit. Great job!"

"The five-star rating is truly indicative of the professional and skills

exhibited by Oregon Park District and Catch the Wave staff daily," Folk said.

The Oregon Park Dis-

trict operates Nash Recreation Center. The pool includes a bay area and a 25-meter, six-lane pool. The pool is available for

swimming lessons, open swims, lap swim and aerobics classes. For more information visit [www.oregonpark.org](http://www.oregonpark.org).



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**5496 S Poplar Drive, Oregon \$265,000**

**STUNNING HOME IN A PEACEFUL LOCATION!** This 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom home is situated on a 1 acre lot just south of Oregon close to State Parks, Rock River and boat launch. A number of updates including: furnace in 2020, water heater in 2018, air conditioner 2017, windows 2017, and new roof in 2023. On the main floor you will find an inviting living room, kitchen with updated appliances, breakfast bar and formal dining space. Off of the dining area there are sliders that lead to your deck with views of your private and tree lined back yard. Two bedrooms and a full bathroom can also be found on the main floor. In the finished lower level there is an additional bedroom, large family room with stunning tile flooring, full bathroom and laundry room. An added bonus is the stairs from the basement into the attached 2 car garage. This property also has great curb appeal and gorgeous landscaping. If you have been looking for peace and quiet and a well-maintained home- you have found THE ONE!

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**108 W. 1st Street, Mount Morris \$149,900 Call Stephanie**

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**1105 S. 3rd Street, Oregon \$129,900 Call Taylor**

**ATTENTION BUYERS! THIS PROPERTY FEATURES AN ASSUMABLE 2.75% INTEREST RATE!** Welcome to this delightful 4-bedroom, 1-bathroom home located at 1105 S. 3rd St in the heart of Oregon, IL. Upon stepping inside, you'll be greeted by the cozy atmosphere that this home exudes. The family room, currently repurposed as a fourth bedroom, adds versatility to the layout, catering to your unique needs. This home includes a new roof in March 2022, complete with upgraded gutters and down spouts. The kitchen boasts newer vinyl flooring that complements the newer stainless steel appliances and granite countertops. In the living room, you'll find laminate flooring that was installed just a year ago. The property showcases a newer fence that encloses the home, providing a sense of privacy and security for you and your loved ones. The bathroom features several updates contributing to the home's modern feel. As an added bonus, there's potential for expanding the property with a garage, utilizing the ample yard space. And for those warm summer days, a pool is included with the property (if preferred).



**323 E. Third Street, Byron \$150,000 Call Rebecca**

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**3902 13th Avenue, Sterling \$339,900 Call JD**

Welcome to this charming 4-bedroom, 2.5-bathroom home nestled in the desirable Snavely subdivision, located north of Sterling. This residence boasts an array of features designed for comfortable living. The main floor laundry and two-car attached garage add convenience to your daily routine. A finished basement provides additional living space to accommodate your lifestyle needs. The master suite, complete with a walk-in closet, offers a private retreat within the home. Hardwood floors add elegance, while two wood-burning fireplaces create a cozy ambiance. Recent upgrades include a new furnace, AC, and water heater, all installed in 2020, ensuring modern comfort and efficiency. Step outside to a spacious backyard, ideal for outdoor activities and relaxation. The brick exterior adds a timeless appeal to the home. With a single owner since its inception, this residence reflects a pride of ownership that's truly exceptional. Don't miss the opportunity to make this well-maintained property your own. Welcome home!



**1407 Chestnut Street, Rockford \$45,000 Call Taylor**

**Investor Alert!** Discover the potential of this fixer-upper located at 1407 Chestnut St in Rockford, IL. This home features 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, hardwood floors, and an updated main bath. Fix up the home to live affordably or rent it out for good income potential. Room measurements are approximate.



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**3172 Silver Ridge Dr. \$269,900 Call Carla or Stephanie**

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Forreston defeats Fulton 22-18 in battle of ranked 1A teams

‘I’m proud of our work regimen and the way our guys were able to stay physical’

BY ANDY COLBERT  
CORRESPONDENT

**FORRESTON** – Still smarting a bit from a 30-28 conference loss to Fulton last year, Forreston coach Keynon Janicke had to feel his team was headed that direction again after a disappointing first half in which four of five promising drives stalled out.

Trailing 18-8 and kicking off to the Steamers to start the second half, Forreston needed a spark to get them out of their lethargy and prevent a repeat of 2022.

“Last year’s game me a heart attack,” Janicke said. “After the first drive tonight when we didn’t score, I didn’t see much

energy or grit. We needed to be more physical. They were more than we were.”

In a complete turnaround, the Cardinals rebounded for a 22-18 win between the No. 3 and No. 4 teams in 1A.

“Our coaches got on us really badly,” Kaleb Sanders, who scored the clinching touchdown midway through the fourth quarter on a 16-yard cutback run, said. “We came out and proved what kind of grit we had. Once we got the defensive stop, we turned the switch and took control.”

The play Sanders was referring to was an interception on the second play of the second half. Sophomore Carson Akins

picked off Fulton’s Dom Kramer (11-21-1 for 179 yards) near midfield.

“It was a huge thing for a sophomore and allowed us to get back in the game,” Janicke said.

Fullback Owen Mulder, who Janicke called a tank, ran for 10 yards to start a 57-yard scoring drive. Dane Setterstrom added 22 yards and Mulder capped it off with a one-yard score after converting a fourth-and-goal one play previous.

That pulled the Cardinals within 18-14 and whatever physical advantage Fulton had in the first half began to dissipate. Additionally, Steamer players began

to suffer cramping and minor injuries.

“Their power running game got us at the end,” Fulton coach Patrick Lower said. “They made plays when they had to.”

Up until that point, it was Fulton making the plays, converting its first four fourth-down attempts, the last of which was Kramer scrambling for nine yards after Forreston was within 18-14. Unfortunately for the Steamers, they were unable to take advantage and turned the ball over on downs after a pass to Baylen Damhoff at the back of the end zone fell incomplete in double coverage.

Earlier, Kramer and

Damhoff connected on a 60-yard scoring bomb on a perfectly executed play. The two other first-half Fulton scores came on fourth-and-goal passes to Trevor Tiesman and Jacob Huisenga.

“Those were deflators,” Janicke said. “It’s the kind of adversary we need to respond to. Fourth downs really hurt us.”

Ahead 18-14 going into the fourth quarter, the Steamer defense stopped Mulder on a fourth down. But, a three-and-out gave the ball back to Forreston.

Taking over at their own 42-yard line after a punt, the precision Forreston rushing attack, quarterbacked by sophomore newcomer Brady

Gill, went 10 plays for its final score. During the drive, three Steamer players went down with cramping.

“Heat was a factor,” Janicke said. “I’m proud of our work regimen and the way our guys were able to stay physical.”

Down 22-18, Fulton dug itself an even bigger hole with Damhoff mishandling the ensuing kickoff and Kramer flagged for intentional grounding. With 5:16 left, Fulton had a second-and-20 from its own five-yard line.

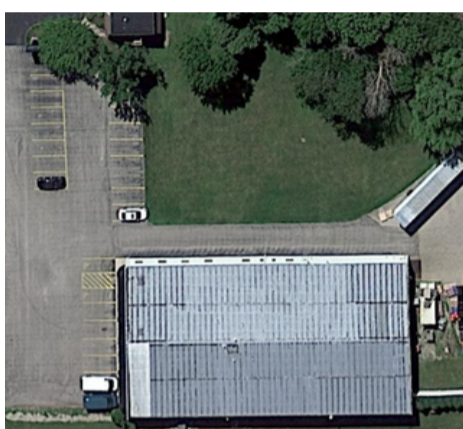
It was a limping Tiesman snagging a 32-yard pass to give the Steamers hope. After a 10-yard penalty (eight for 70 for Fulton), Huisenga caught a 15-yarder to move his team into the red zone.

“Fulton is an outstanding team and their coaches do a great job having them ready to play,” Janicke said. “For a young team, they gave us all we could handle.”

It wasn’t until Coehen Kirchner stopping a scrambling Kramer on a solo tackle on fourth-and-one to preserve the victory that Janicke could finally relax.

“I was pass-first,” Kirchner said. “When he rolled out, I took my chance and crashed on him.”

Forreston finished with 304 yards rushing with Micah Nelson (13-87), Mulder (15-64) and Alex Ryia (7-56) leading the way. Fulton had 301 yards of offense on 122 rushing and 179 passing.



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# LOCAL NEWS

## Year 27 of covering high school sports

**B**ACK at my recreational hobby of covering high school sports for the 27th year, with the first order of business a Forreston-Fulton football game. What always impresses me with Forreston is how efficiently they run their offense. No matter what the personnel, it continues to work year after year. The term "well-oiled machine" is a worn out cliché, but that is how this team functions.

also have a shot against mid-tier teams in the Big Northern Conference.



Andy Colbert

The BNC has been a tiered league for several years, with Byron, Dixon, Stillman Valley and Genoa-Kingston at the top. It will be tough for Oregon to reach that level, but they at least have a shot to have a winning season.

With much of its entire starting unit back, Byron is the clear-cut favorite to win 3A and Dixon is a ranked 4A team. Stillman will also be a tough out for Oregon.

After that, it is wide open, as GK is down, Rockford Lutheran somewhat of a wildcard as a Rockford private school and Winnebago beatable. If the Hawks can pull off five wins, a slot as one of the larger schools in 2A isn't out of the question.

For sure, five wins gets them in. Whether they are 3A or 2A remains to be seen.

In one of my many family trips to Utah, I happened to hear a school administrator there say how much school morale is impacted by having a successful football team. That helps sets the tone for the rest of the year, he said.

Getting back to classification, 1A got much tougher with Sterling Newman dropping down. The Comets opened the season with a win over 2A state-ranked Rockridge.

Additionally, Newman has several 2A state titles. Another parochial powerhouse down to 1A is Belleville Althoff, who has had post-season success in 4A. Rockford Lutheran is also 1A.

A fourth straight 1A state title by Lena-Winslow is definitely in jeopardy.

*Andy Colbert is a longtime Ogle County resident with years of experience covering sports and more for multiple area publications.*

## AREA SPORTS

### Oregon volleyball defeats Dakota

On Aug. 24, the Oregon varsity girls volleyball team defeated Dakota 25-21, 25-15 at home. Kenna Wubbena (five kills, eight digs, two blocks and three aces), Lexi Ebert (10 assists, six digs) and Madi Shaffer (seven digs, one ace) led the Hawks in the matchup. The win raised Oregon's record to 1-1 overall. The Oregon junior varsity team lost 25-18, 25-18 and the fresh-soph team lost 25-21, 25-18.

### Oregon girls golf hosts tournament

The Oregon varsity girls golf team recently hosted a tournament at Sunset Golf Course in Mr. Morris. Oregon placed third with a score of 445. The winning team was Aurora Rosary (409). Oregon's Aniyah Sarver (101) had the third highest team score. Sarah Eckardt (105) had the ninth-highest individual score.

### Oregon finishes fifth at Hawk Classic

The Oregon boys varsity soccer team recently finished fifth at the Hawk Soccer Classic Aug. 25-26. The Hawks started

off with a 5-1 win over Riverdale and followed that up with a 2-0 win over Schaumburg Christian 2-0 the same day. On Aug. 26, Oregon fell to Mendota 7-0 and had a 4-4 draw with Princeton later in the day. In the fifth place game, Oregon defeated Princeton 5-0. Mendota won the tournament.

### Oregon football defeats North Boone in 2OT

On Aug. 25, the Oregon varsity football team defeated North Boone 6-0 in two overtimes after regulation ended scoreless. Logan Weems of the Hawks scored the game-winning touchdown on a three-yard run. Weems ran 28 times for 139 yards in the game.

### Oregon boys soccer defeats Rockford Christian

On Aug. 28, the Oregon varsity boys soccer team defeated Rockford Christian 3-0. Steven Guardado, Keaton Salsbury and Leo Cardenas all scored goals for the Hawks. Assists were made by Guardado, Gavin Morrow and Owen Wynn. Deryk Withers had five saves in goal for the Hawks. The win brought Oregon's record to 4-2-1 (1-0 conference).

### Oregon volleyball falls to Rochelle

On Aug. 29 at home, the Oregon varsity volleyball team fell to Rochelle 25-22, 23-25, 25-13. Kenna Wubbena (10 digs, two aces and 13 kills), Skylar Bishop (five kills and two blocks) and Madi Shaffer (nine digs and two aces) led the Hawks. The loss dropped Oregon to 1-2 on the season. The Hawks junior varsity team won 25-23, 18-25, 18-16 and the Oregon fresh-soph team won 25-12, 25-17.

### Oregon girls golf defeats Stillman Valley

On Aug. 29, the Oregon varsity girls golf team defeated Stillman Valley 201-227. Oregon was led by Aniyah Sarver (42), Sarah Eckardt (47), Emma Schlitchmann (55), Mya Engelkes (58), Hailey-Jane Becker (57) and Toni Withers (61). Stillman Valley was led by Amellia Dunseth (44), Page Barger (65), Ainsley Johnson (56), Avery Britnell (67), Maddie Shaw (64) and Valynnzia Correa (63). The match was played at Silver Ridge Golf Course.

### Oregon boys golf defeats Stillman Valley

On Aug. 29, the Or-

gon varsity boys golf team defeated Stillman Valley 182-196. Oregon was led by Jackson Messenger (44), Nole Campos (46), Kylar Early (47) and Dom Terlikowski (45). Stillman Valley was led by Noah Klaren (41), Andrew Gibbs (49), Ara Michigan (50) and Ethan Buhler (56).

### Oregon boys golf defeats North Boone, Rochelle

On Aug. 30, the Oregon varsity boys golf team (172) defeated Rochelle (194) and North Boone (204) at Silver Ridge Golf Course. The Hawks were led by Dom Terlikowski (40), Kylar Early (43), Nole Campos (44), and Jackson Messenger (45). The win raised Oregon's record to 4-1 (3-1 conference).

### Oregon boys soccer defeats Rockford Lutheran

On Aug. 30, the Oregon varsity boys soccer team defeated Rockford Lutheran 4-0. Gavin Morrow record a hat trick for the Hawks, Keaton Salsbury recorded two assists, Cruz Hernandez added a goal and Brian Wallace registered an assist. Deryk Withers had six saves in goal for Oregon. The win raised the Hawks' record to 5-2-1 (2-0 conference).

## FORRESTON LIBRARY NEWS

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Where: Rock River Center – Activities Room. When: Thursday, September 7 & 21. Time: 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

### Proper Plant Pruning

September 11 at 12:00 noon. Presented by Extension Office. Sponsored by Heritage Woods. This is a FREE program. Participants will receive gardening gloves. Advance Registration requested so we can be prepared.

### Country Music Tribute

Featuring Denny Svehla. September 13 from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. Registration requested by Sept. 6.

### Croquet

September 13 at 10:00 a.m. Sign up by 9/11. Weather Permitting.

### SUPPORT GROUPS @ ROCK RIVER CENTER

**CANCER SUPPORT GROUP**  
Meets: 4th Wednesday of March, June, Sept. & November. Time: 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

**CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP – NEW SCHEDULE**  
Meets: 3RD Tuesday of month. Time: 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

**DIABETICSUPPORTGROUP**  
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 1-800-541-5479.

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### BYRON

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Pastor: Janet Wold  
Sunday Worship Service held at 9:00 am. A recording of each Sunday's worship service is available on our Facebook page and our website later in the day. Communion is served every Sunday. Sunday School for ages 3 through Adult is held at 10:00 am September through May. Confirmation studies for 7th and 8th grade students are held each Sunday morning at 10:00 am. Monday afternoon Bible Study is held at 1:30 pm via Zoom. In person Bible Studies are held Tuesday evening at 7:00 pm and Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 pm. Book Club and The GATHERING meet monthly; quilters meet twice monthly. Visit our website <http://www.AllSaintsByron.org> or call the church office for further information.

#### CORNERSTONE FAMILY CHURCH

205 N. Peru St., Byron 815-234-8737 [cornerstonefamilychurch.org](http://cornerstonefamilychurch.org)  
Sr. Pastor: Erik Ness, NextGen / Family Pastor: Collin Nicholls  
Children's Ministry Director: Lori Martin  
Worship Service on Sundays at 10am with Children's Worship Service and Nursery Available  
Sr High Youth Ministry Sundays at 6:00pm, Jr High Youth Ministry Wednesdays at 6:30pm  
Numerous Small Groups Available for All Ages throughout the week.  
Please call our Church Office or visit our website for more details.  
Office Hours: 8:00am - 4:30pm Mondays-Thursdays

#### BYRON ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

226 E. Second St, Byron, IL 61010 • Phone 815-234-7431 • Fr. Richard Rosinski.  
Weekday Masses: Tuesday - Friday 7:30am, Weekend Masses: May - August Sat. 5:00 pm, Sun. 8:00 am and 10:00 am, September - April Sat. 5:00 pm, Sun. 8:00 am and 10:45 am, Reconciliation: Fri. 8:00 am - 8:30 am; Sat. 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm or by appointment

#### SHEPHERD EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

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

#### UNITED CHURCH OF BYRON

A Member of the United Church of Christ  
701 W. Second Street; PO Box 927, Byron IL 61010, 815-234-8777  
Email: [ucb@comcast.net](mailto:ucb@comcast.net)  
Website: [unitedchurchofbyron.org](http://unitedchurchofbyron.org)  
Pastor: Rev. Tyler Spillius  
Youth Ministry Coordinator: Richard Simpson  
Sunday Schedule & Worship opportunities:  
Service of Meditation & Prayer: 8:15am- 8:45am  
Adult Sunday School Hour: 9am  
Kids Sunday School: (for ages 3 thru 5th grade) 9:30 - 10:15am  
Coffee & fellowship time: 9:30am - 10:30am  
Main Worship: 10:30am  
Spark Youth Group (for ages 6th grade thru 12th grade) - Sundays, 5pm-7pm  
For complete ministry schedule and other activities, please check our website or Facebook page or contact the church office.  
Whoever you are or wherever you are on your journey, you are welcome here!

#### BEACON HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD

"Building Faith for Life"  
6467 N. German Church Rd., Byron, IL - Ph. (815) 246-2685 - [beaconhillbyron.org](http://beaconhillbyron.org)  
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 448, Byron, IL 61010  
Pastor: Gary Cortese  
Service Times: Sundays at 10AM; Wednesday night Faith-Lift at 6:30PM  
Find us on Facebook/Beacon Hill Assembly of God

### CHANA

#### CHANA UNITED METHODIST

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

### DAVIS JUNCTION

#### DAVIS JUNCTION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Located in town on Rt. 72 • Our Pastor is Rev. Keith Kelsey-Powell **Sunday Services:** Worship 10:30am, Childrens time during Worship Service.  
Fellowship following the Worship Service each Sunday. Communion the first Sunday of the month. Potluck luncheon following Worship every 4th Sunday, except in the summer months of June, July and August. Various small groups meet throughout the month. For more information about the small groups please call 298-2310. AA meets Wednesdays at 5:30pm and Saturdays at 9am. For more information please visit our website [WWW.DJUMC.ORG](http://WWW.DJUMC.ORG)

### DIXON

#### LOST LAKE COMMUNITY CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Pastor John Trotter 8:00am Sunday School  
815-973-5981 9:00am Church Service  
90 W. Flagg Road [www.lostlakechurch.org](http://www.lostlakechurch.org)  
Dixon IL 61021

### FORRESTON

#### FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

#### FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

402 First Ave., Forreston, IL Phone: 815-938-2380  
Pastor Sung-Eun Kim  
OPEN HEARTS, OPEN MINDS, OPEN DOORS  
Worship at 9:00 a.m. (childcare provided) with coffee and fellowship immediately following. Sunday School Age 3-Adult, 10:15 am.  
AA meets Mondays, 8:00 AM. Monthly United Methodist Women's meetings. God is Good, All the Time, All the Time, God is Good!

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### LEAF RIVER

#### ADELINE ZION EVANGELICAL CHURCH

9106 Cedar St. in Adeline, Leaf River, IL 61047 • Ph: 815-541-4863 Sunday Services: Sunday School 9:00 am, Worship Service 10:15 am  
VISITORS WELCOME

#### LEAF RIVER BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor Billy Hardy  
Live Sermon Streaming: Sundays at 10:00 AM at [www.facebook.com/LEAFRIVERBC/](http://www.facebook.com/LEAFRIVERBC/)  
Archived Sermons on our YouTube channel: Leaf River Baptist Church (Until further notice)  
9:30 Church Service. Nursery available, 11:00 Sunday school for all ages. Nursery available  
6941 N Mt Morris Rd., Leaf River, IL 61047  
815-738-2205 [leafriverbc@gmail.com](mailto:leafriverbc@gmail.com)

### LINDENWOOD

#### IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH – LCMS

[immanuel-lindenwood.org](http://immanuel-lindenwood.org) (for sermons, events, etc.)  
16060 E. Lindenwood Road, Lindenwood, IL 61049  
815-393-4500 • office@immanuel-lindenwood.org  
**Sunday Mornings:** Divine Service @ 9am; Food & Fellowship @ 10am; Sunday School and Adult Bible Study @ 10:30am  
**Food Bank:** 1st and 3rd Saturdays, 9am-12pm  
Pastor: Rev. Dr. Matthew Rosebrack  
[pastor@immanuel-lindenwood.org](mailto:pastor@immanuel-lindenwood.org)

#### LINDENWOOD UNION CHURCH

101 N Galena St, P.O box 67  
Lindenwood IL  
815-393-4658  
Worship: 10:00 am  
Coffee Fellowship following service

### KINGS

#### ELIM REFORMED CHURCH

140 S. Church Road, Kings, IL 61068 • Pastor Marv Jacobs  
Phone 815-562-6811 E-mail: [goelimchurch@gmail.com](mailto:goelimchurch@gmail.com)  
Website: [www.goelimchurch.org](http://www.goelimchurch.org)  
Sunday morning worship 10:00 am

### MOUNT MORRIS

#### DISCIPLES UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

"By God's grace in Christ, we LIVE, LOVE, and SERVE"  
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9:30 a.m. - Sunday Worship with Communion open to all, followed by fellowship hour  
10:45 a.m. Sunday School (Sep. - May)  
102 N. Maple Ave., Mt. Morris, IL 61054  
815-734-4853 [secretary@disciplesumc.org](mailto:secretary@disciplesumc.org)  
[www.disciplesumc.org](http://www.disciplesumc.org)  
Pastor Marcia Peddicard

### EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH OF MT. MORRIS

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

#### MT. MORRIS CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

409 W. Brayton Road, Mt. Morris, IL 61054 Phone 734-4573  
Pastor Rodney Caldwell. Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m. Worship service available online, call for details. Other activities currently suspended due to pandemic.  
Email: [mmtcob@frontier.com](mailto:mmtcob@frontier.com)

#### MT. MORRIS TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

308 E. Brayton Rd. Mt. Morris, IL Phone: 734-6354 Rev. Josh Ehrler  
**Worship Services:** Saturday 5:30 PM; Worship Sunday 9:30 AM. Sunday Church School - follows Worship Service (Sept.-May) Chime Choir Wednesday 6:00 PM;

#### LITTLE PRAIRIE MENNONITE CHURCH

409 W. Brayton Rd. Mt. Morris, IL 61054 (Church of the Brethren Basement Entrance) Worship Services: 10:00 AM Sunday Morning, 7:00 PM 1st & 3rd Sunday Evening, 7:30 PM 2nd & 4th Wednesday Evenings of the Month.  
Pastor: Norman Reinford 779-861-3700

### OREGON

#### EAST OREGON CHAPEL CHURCH OF GOD

East Oregon Chapel Church of God  
The Shering is Caring Church  
Pastor Jesse Allen [ECCOGministries@gmail.com](mailto:ECCOGministries@gmail.com) 107 N Daysville Rd., Oregon, IL  
Phone: 815-732-2960  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m. with Sunday Worship following at 10:30 a.m.  
Breakfast is served every fifth Sunday beginning at 9:30 a.m.  
Wednesday evenings both Adults (all year) & Youth (during the school year) meet weekly beginning at 6:30 p.m.  
In the event that Oregon Schools are not in session the Youth group does not meet on Wednesdays.  
Thursday morning Women's Bible study meets at 10:30 a.m.  
We look forward to meeting you!

#### EBENEZER REFORMED CHURCH

2997 N. German Church Rd., 815-732-6133  
3 miles east of Oregon on Rt. #64 then 2 miles north on German Church Rd. • Rev. Josiah Youngquist  
[www.EBENEZERREFORMED.com](http://www.EBENEZERREFORMED.com) • Sunday school 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m.

#### LIGHTHOUSE UNITED METHODIST

Pastor Dave Rogula 4962 S. Daysville Rd., Oregon, IL 61061 [lighthouseUMC@yahoo.com](http://lighthouseUMC@yahoo.com)  
Worship at 11:00 a.m. Holy Communion celebrated the first Sunday of each of month. Lighthouse will live up your life!

#### OREGON CHURCH OF GOD

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

#### OREGON FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

505 Hill St. Oregon, IL 61061 Phone: 732-2642  
Pastor: David Snow "A Christ-centered, Bible-believing, family-oriented ministry."  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Morning Service 10:30 a.m.; Sunday Evening Service 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Night Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

#### OREGON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

200 S. 4th St, Oregon, IL 61061 • 815-732-2994  
[www.oregonumc.org](http://www.oregonumc.org) • Pastor Rev. Megan Smick  
9:00am Fellowship; Sunday School; 10:00am Worship with music, meditation & Fellowship; 10:15am Announcements begin.

#### RIVERSTONE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

609 S. 10th Street, Oregon, IL 61061  
Pastor Craig Arnold 812-236-1213  
Sunday Service @ 10:45 AM "contemporary style worship with coffee and doughnuts in our cafe! Online worship is also available via Facebook.  
We believe in sharing Communion every Sunday as an act of worship.  
RiverKids Service @ 10:45 AM for nursery-6th grade "provides a safe and fun environment where kids can learn about who God is and who they are because of Him.  
Encounter Youth Ministry for kids in 7th-12th grade meets on Sunday afternoons. Please see our Facebook page for scheduled dates and times.  
For complete ministry info and events, visit us online at [RiverStonecc.com](http://RiverStonecc.com) or on Facebook at [facebook.com/RiverStoneChristianChurch](http://facebook.com/RiverStoneChristianChurch)

#### ST. BRIDE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

1000 Highway 64, West (Hwy 64 W & Mangan Drive on Liberty Hill), Oregon • 732-7211 - Office Rev. Eldred George  
Website: [saintbrides.org](http://saintbrides.org) • E-mail: [saintbride.church@gmail.com](mailto:saintbride.church@gmail.com) •  
**Worship Services:** Sunday 10 am Holy Communion with Hymns Christian Education Available

#### ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH, NALC

114 S. 5th St. Oregon, IL Phone: (815) 732-2367  
Website: [stpaulnalcoregonil.weebly.com](http://stpaulnalcoregonil.weebly.com)  
10:15 a.m. Fellowship/Education hours  
11:30 a.m. Worship

### POLO

#### ST. MARY CHURCH

Rectory/Office: 211 North Franklin Ave., Polo, IL 61064  
PHONE: 815-946-2535 • Rev. Joseph P. Naill  
Masses: Sun 10:30am, Tuesday Mass 8 a.m.  
**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** First Sunday of each month after 10:30 mass  
**OFFICE HOURS:** Tuesday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
[www.stmarypolo.org](http://www.stmarypolo.org)

#### CHURCH OF THE OPEN BIBLE

302 S. Franklin Ave., Polo, Illinois • 815-946-2848 • Luke N. Schier, Pastor  
Sunday Worship: 9:30am We include our children in our Sunday Worship Experience. "THE GRAND Kids Class" Ages 3-10 are then dismissed right after Praise & Worship. Blended Services. "Passion for God" "Compassion for People" Visit our website: [PoloOpenBible.org](http://PoloOpenBible.org)

#### CROSSROADS COMMUNITY CHURCH ~ POLO CAMPUS

Meeting Sundays @ 10AM Service  
205 N. Jefferson Avenue, Polo ~ 815.837.5255  
[polo@crossroadsn.com](mailto:polo@crossroadsn.com)  
We offer contemporary worship and relevant Bible teaching through engaging messages and powerful video. Join us after services for coffee, snacks & fellowship. Kidzink Children's Ministry (nursery-5th grade) ~ during 10AM service  
Crave Youth Group (6th-12th grade) ~ Wed. 6:30PM - June 1st.  
Visit our website: [www.crossroadsn.com](http://www.crossroadsn.com)

#### FAITH DISCOVERY CHURCH

801 W. Oregon St., Polo • 815-946-3588 • Jeremy Heller, Pastor  
Sunday School 9:00 a.m., Worship Service 10:00 a.m., Nursery Available, Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m. We are an independent non-denominational Christian church. Visitors are always welcome.

#### FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

702 E. Dixon Street, Polo, IL 61064 • Tel: 815-946-3212  
Sunday School for all ages 9am followed by Worship at 10am  
Pastor Brian LeBaron  
Website: [www.faithumpolo.com](http://www.faithumpolo.com) • [facebook.com/Faithumpolo](https://www.facebook.com/Faithumpolo)

### STILLMAN VALLEY

#### RED BRICK CHURCH OF STILLMAN VALLEY

Pastor Rev. Dr. Chris Browns | Associate Pastor David Bogner  
207 W. Roosevelt Road (Rte 72), Stillman Valley.  
815-645-2526 | [www.theredbrickchurch.org](http://www.theredbrickchurch.org)  
Sunday: Worship at 9:00 and 10:30 am. Sunday School at 9:00 am.  
Wednesday: AWANA (Sept - April) from 6:00 to 7:30 pm.  
Men, women, youth Bible Studies throughout the year.  
See website for all activities or contact the church office.

#### KISHWAUKEE COMMUNITY EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

8195 Kishwaukee Road, Stillman Valley, IL 61084 / 815-965-1940  
Rev. Nick Garner, Pastor  
[www.kishchurch.org](http://www.kishchurch.org)  
Sunday Schedule: Discipleship Hour 9:00 AM, Coffee Fellowship 11:15 AM Gathered Worship 10:00 AM  
For complete ministry schedule check out our website or call the church office.

#### VALLEY EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH

Interim Pastor Barry Norris  
103 S. Maple St, Stillman Valley, IL  
815-645-8872 | [www.valleycov.org](http://www.valleycov.org)  
Sunday Morning 9am "Gather" for learning & conversation, 10:15am Worship both onsite and online at [facebook.com/VECCFSV](http://facebook.com/VECCFSV)  
Home of Valley Covenant Preschool 815-645-8882 Director Jill Huber  
Bible Studies, Youth Group, Bread of Life Food Pantry  
Please visit our website for more information or contact the church office M-F 9am-2pm

#### GRACE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH DAVIS JUNCTION

Pastor Brad Pittman [www.graceisforyou.com](http://www.graceisforyou.com)  
10479 E. Pitt Rd., Stillman Valley, IL 61084 • 815-973-1369  
**Worship Service: Saturday at 5pm**

### WINNEBAGO

#### MIDDLE CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

12473 Montague Road, Winnebago, IL 61088  
Located West of Tower Road on Montague Rd.  
**Sunday:** Worship Service at 9:30 am.  
Office Hours: Mon., Tues., Thurs. & Friday 9am-2pm.  
Phone: 815-335-2609. Email: [middlecreekchurch@gmail.com](mailto:middlecreekchurch@gmail.com)



# LOCAL NEWS

## OREGON PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Help us celebrate Library Card Sign-Up Month by entering to win Fargo! Fargo is a 40-inch stuffed pony who is currently stabled at the Library. How can you take him home with you? Beginning September 1st when you sign-up for an Oregon Public Library card you may receive a ticket to enter into a drawing. In addition, for every book checked out during the month, you also receive an entry ticket. A drawing will be held after September 30 and the winning ticket will take Fargo to his new corral!

### Wizard of Oz themed Mystery Dinner Event

Friday, September 15th. Doors open at 5:30pm, show starts promptly at 6:00pm. Held at River's Edge and catered by Hazel's. This event was scheduled the year of COVID and we are excited to bring it back! Mystery dinner tickets are on sale at the Library. Enjoy an evening of mystery and try to solve the case of the missing Ruby Slippers! For more information call (815) 732-2724, visit our website or Facebook page.

### Colson Whitehead

Wednesday, September 6th at 7:00pm. The Power of Story with Colson Whitehead - we are thrilled to welcome two-time Pulitzer Prize winning author Colson Whitehead to our Illinois libraries. The #1 New York Times bestselling author of The Underground Railroad, The Nickel Boys,

Harlem Shuffle, The Noble Hustle, Zone One, Sag Harbor, The Intuitionist, John Henry Days, Apex Hides the Hurt, and a collection of essays, Whitehead is only the fourth writer to win two Pulitzers in the Fiction category (for Underground Railroad in 2018 and The Nickel Boys in 2020). His highly anticipated latest, Crook Manifesto, is a darkly funny tale of a city under siege, but also a sneakily searching portrait of the meaning of family. His reviews, essays, and fiction have appeared in the New York Times, The New Yorker, New York Magazine, Harper's and Granta. Whitehead has received a MacArthur Fellowship and Guggenheim Fellowship and the Library of Congress Prize for American Fiction, among others. In 2023, President Biden awarded Whitehead a National Endowment for the Humanities Medal. He has taught extensively, including at Columbia University, Princeton University, and Brooklyn College, and has been a Writer-in-Residence at Vassar College, the University of Richmond, and University of Wyoming. He lives in New York City.

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### Story Time

(18 months-6 yrs.) Mondays, 10 am. Story Time starts back up again on Monday, September 11. Go online or call to register for the next session.

### Try It Tuesday

Tuesday, September 12th at 1:30pm or 5:30pm (Choose

your time slot). Pumpkin & Brown Sugar Scrub and lip scrub. - it's Pumpkin time! Love the smell? We will be making pumpkin and brown sugar scrub along with a lip scrub for fall. All supplies are provided. Registration required, www.oregonpubliclibrary.com.

### Book Clubs

The 2WBC Book Club meets September 13, at 12:30 pm to discuss Gulliver's Travels by Jonathan Swift. Cocktails & Crimes will meet Sunday, September 17 at 2 pm at Ogle County Brewery. The Afternoon Book Club meets Wednesday, September 20 at 1 pm to discuss Killers of the Flower Moon by David Grann. Is This Just Fantasy? Book Club will meet September 26 at 6 pm at the Library to discuss Magic for Liars by Sarah Gailey. Books on Tap Book Club meets Thursday, September 28 at 6 pm at Cork & Tap to discuss Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus.

### 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.

### TRIVIA at the Rock River Center is back!

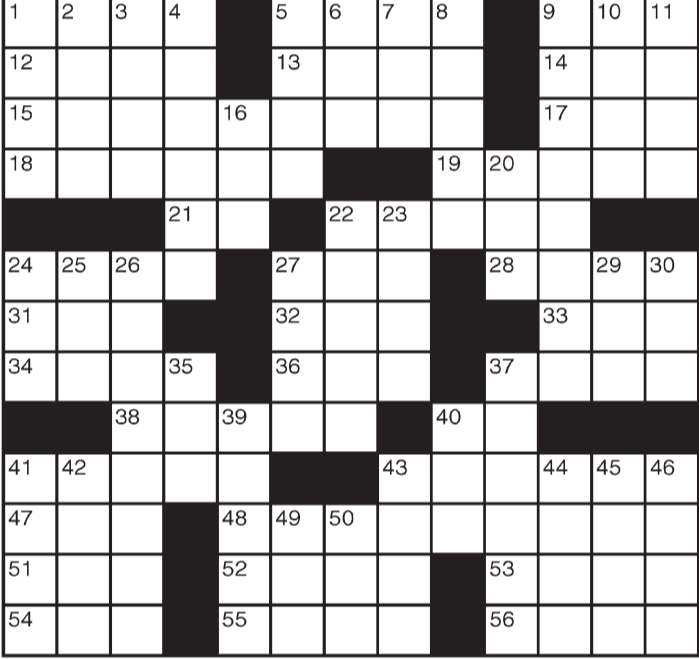
1st Thursdays of the month - 12:30pm. Test your knowledge of sports, history, movies and much more. Come alone, bring your friends and make a team of 4, or join a team when you arrive. Registration required, www.oregonpubliclibrary.com or call (815) 732-2724.

## Weekly Brain Busters

### King Crossword

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- 1 Martial art
- 5 Smack a baseball
- 9 Romance
- 12 Abbr. on a phone
- 13 Sunscreen additive
- 14 "Big Blue"
- 15 Royal with a golden touch
- 17 Actress Vardalos
- 18 Naval rank
- 19 Avid
- 21 Hosp. triage area
- 22 Parsley and sage
- 24 Stately trees
- 27 Candle dripping
- 28 Incite
- 31 Luau souvenir
- 32 Glamorous Gardner
- 33 Santa — winds
- 34 Ward (off)
- 36 Tiara sparkler
- 37 Winter blanket
- 38 Accepted fact
- 40 "I see"
- 41 Flood protection
- 43 Clothe
- 47 Coach Parseghian
- 48 Cell phone



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- 9 Airplane meal
- 30 Cold and damp
- 51 Insult, slangily
- 10 Theater award
- 35 Conk out
- 52 Boast
- 11 Sharif of "Funny Girl"
- 37 Hide from view
- 53 Pac-12 school
- 16 Ball club VIP
- 39 Action words
- 54 Observe
- 20 Six-pack muscles
- 40 Busy insect
- 55 Utters
- 22 Refuge
- 42 New York canal
- 56 Sub shop
- 23 Pre-diploma hurdle
- 43 Early birds?
- 1 Gag
- 2 — arms
- 24 Sprite
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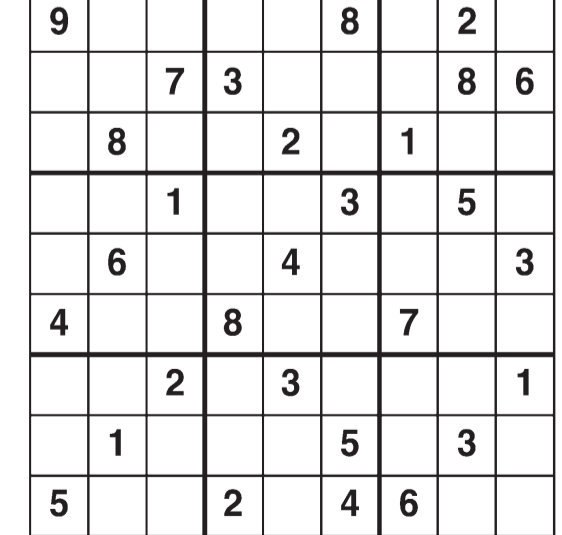
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Unlisted clue hint: BATHING A PIG

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- Claptrap
- Horsefeathers
- Poppycock
- Baloney
- Drivel
- Jive
- Rubbish
- Blarney
- Gibberish
- Palaver
- Twaddle
- Bunk
- Hooy
- Piffle

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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



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

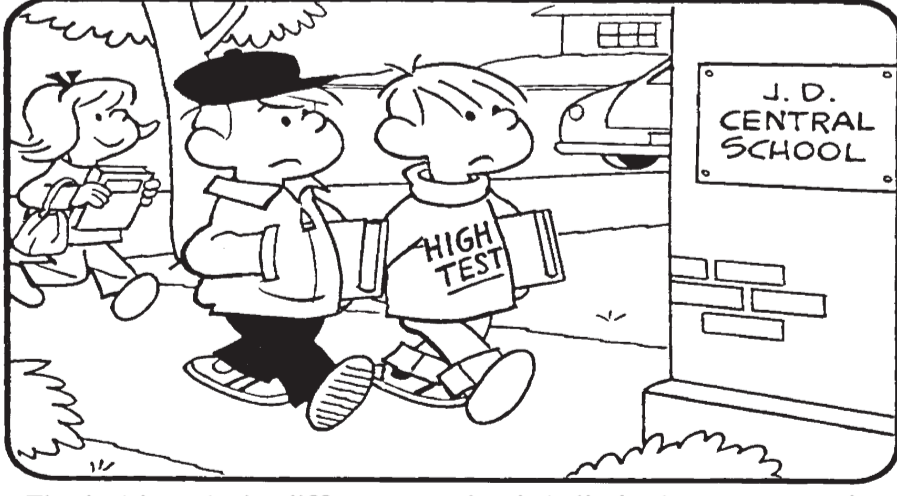
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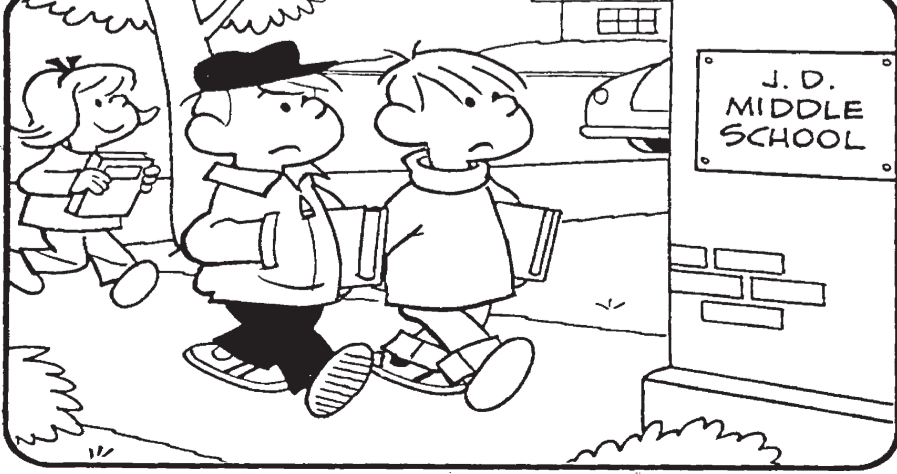
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## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

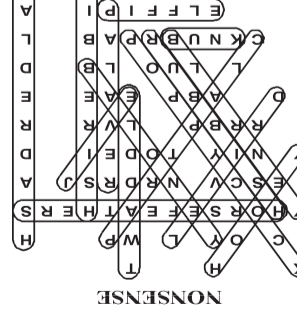


Differences: 1. Purse is missing. 2. Cap is different. 3. Sweater words are missing. 4. Book is moved. 5. Car is moved. 6. School name is different.



Solution time: 25 mins.

Answers



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Answer



# LOCAL NEWS

## MT. MORRIS PUBLIC LIBRARY

### Book Donations

We are getting ready for our Annual Fall Book Sale! We would appreciate any donations of books or related items. You can drop donations off anytime during open hours: M-Th 11-7, F 11-5, & Sat 10-2. We cannot accept textbooks, encyclopedias, VHS cassettes, sheet music, or Reader's Digest Condensed books.

### Story Time!

Mrs. Donna will be reading books and children will create a craft this Wednesday, 8/30. Story time is every Wednesday @11:15, bring your little ones to enjoy stories and a craft at the Mount Morris Library!

### Axis360 is changing to BOUNDLESS

Your library's Axis 360 digital service will be upgraded to Boundless in September 2023. The library can provide you with information about the date of the transition to Boundless. All your user info and history, including holds position, bookmarks, notes, and other saved data will be seamlessly transitioned to the new Boundless platform. Please make sure that you have updated to the latest version of the Axis 360 app on your devices. Beginning a few weeks before the library's Boundless transition, Axis 360 users will be directly notified about the transition through the Axis 360 apps and website.

### Adult Book Club

The September book is "No Time Like The Future" by Michael J. Fox. Everyone is welcome to join this book club group! Copies of the book are available at the library. This group will meet in-person on Monday, September 25th at the library.

### Cookbook Club! Next Meeting September 5th!

Join us as we explore The Cookbook Club! Wonderful recipes combined with friendship creates something both beautiful and delicious! Stop by to choose your recipe from this month's book, Baking Yesteryear by TikTok sensation B. Dylan Hollis! Bring your dish to pass at our next meeting! Join us on the first Tuesday each month, 6pm at The Senior Center for another exciting meal!

### Ink with a Friend: Card Making at the Library

September is time to make some lovely home-made cards to send to family and friends. We will be offering a card-making class from local crafter, Liz Gullett. She will be here on Thursday, September 14th from 5-7! You will get all the materials to make two beautiful cards to take home. Stop by to see the samples, fees are by donation. Registration is limited so call the library or stop by to save your spot before September 7th!

### Lego Club!

Our next Lego night is Thursday, September 21st, from 6:00 – 6:45pm. Bring a friend and build some fun with Lego bricks! All children and parents are invited every third Thursday of the month. Children under 8 need to bring

a parent with them.

### Memorial Gifts

Give a gift that lasts, brings joy to many, and doubles in value. Your memorial gift to the library is matched by the Mt. Morris Library Foundation, doubling your generosity! Many thanks to all who gave memorial gifts in 2023.

### Display Case Showings

We have 2 great display case showings this month! Come visit our display of dolls from around the world! This collection was donated to the library and we are so excited to share it with everyone! We will also have a display case of Mount Morris Memorabilia on loan from Lenny and Barbara Wells. Come see all of these historical collections! We are always looking for collectors or artists who are willing to share their treasures in our display cases. If you are interested, please call, 815-734-4927.

### Newspaper Available!

We will now be receiving the Dixon Telegraph daily! We receive the Ogle County Life, Sauk Valley, and Mt. Morris Times. If you want to keep up with the local news-stop on by!

### Explore More Illinois

Explore More Illinois users can access and reserve passes from any of our attractions on their participating library's website. Explore More Illinois is easy to use with your library card. Visit the library's website to browse attractions. You can find the information on our website, www.mtmorris-il.org under the resources page.

### Adult Programming

We are trying to get back into the swing of offering monthly programs for adults. We would love to hear from you. Do evenings or weekends work better? Do you have any program ideas? Do you have a program you would like to share? Contact Mary Cheatwood at the library through email at mmlib@mtmorris-il.org or call 815-734-4927.

### Curbside Service is available!

We want to remind everyone that you still have the option of having your materials delivered to your vehicle. If you have holds waiting for you, call us to tell us you are on your way, and we will bring them out to your vehicle when you arrive. Call us if you need more information.

### Additional Services Offered

We make copies (\$0.25 per black and white page). We fax (\$2 for the first page and \$0.50 each additional page). We can scan a document and send it to email (\$2 per document). You can use a computer without a library card for \$1.00. Resume software is available on our computers. Come visit us and let us help you!

Monthly board meetings are the third Wednesday of the month at 7pm at the library unless otherwise noted. The public is welcome to attend.

The Mount Morris Public Library is located at 105 S. McKendrie Ave. Mt. Morris IL 61054 – 815-734-4927 Fax-815-734-6035 www.mtmorris-il.org

## BERTOLET MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Bertolet Memorial Library will be closed Monday, September 4th, in observance of Labor Day.

### YOUTH PROGRAMS

#### Fall Story Time

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

### LEGO Club

No LEGO Club in September. We will create again in October!

### Fall Family Movie

Monday, September 18th, 5:00 PM Set aside this Monday evening for a fun family movie, popcorn, and drinks. Keep watching to see what movie will be shown!

### ADULT PROGRAMS

#### Coffee With the Sheriff

Saturday, September 30th, 10 AM Come have a cup of coffee with our Ogle County Sheriff, Brian VanVickle. Sher-

iff VanVickle will be here to chat and answer any questions about how his department keeps Ogle County safe for you and your family. Coffee and refreshments will be served.

### September Book of the Month

The Children's Blizzard by Melanie Benjamin is a novel based on actual stories from the blizzard on January 12, 1888 that caused hundreds of deaths across the Great Plains. Raina and Gerda are sisters and teachers and both must live with the consequences of their decisions during the storm. An emotional story of survival and death and a testament to the resilience of the immigrants who moved to the region at that time. Stop by the circulation desk and pick up your copy today beginning September 5th.

### September Take

### & Make Craft

Welcome in fall with your choice of a sun-catcher. Stop by the circulation desk to pick up your kit while supplies last beginning September 6th.

### Plastic Recycling

We ask that you make sure plastic is clean with no debris in the donation. \*No animal feces bags are allowed\* Also please remove any ziploc-type seals and paper/sticker labels. Thank you for your cooperation.

### NEW RELEASES:

#### Adult Books

Rock Bottom by Fern Michaels

Homecoming by Kate Morton

#### Picture Books

You Rule! by Rilla Alexander

Let's Tell Jokes About Dogs by Leonard Clasky

#### DVDs

The Fablemans  
The Whale

## 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

## U of I Extension announces upcoming events in Ogle County

OREGON – University of Illinois Extension serving Ogle County will be offering upcoming programs in Rochelle and Oregon. Join Extension educator, Kara Schweitzer, as she leads these free sessions which are open to the public. Register by calling 815-632-3611.

### Penning the Past

10:15-11:15 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 14 at Hub City Senior Center, 401 Cherry Ave., Rochelle. Have you thought about writing your own life story to share with others, or perhaps to leave a legacy? Come and explore ways to preserve your individual and family stories for future generations. No prior writing skills are needed!

### Don't Go It Alone: Improving Your Social Connections

10-11 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 11 at Rock River Center, 810 S. 10th St., Oregon. Learn the difference between social isolation and loneliness, identify risk factor for both, and gain strategies for staying connected with others.

### Looking for the Funny Side: The Value of Humor

10-11 a.m. Monday, Nov. 6 at Rock River Center, 810 S. 10th St., Oregon. This program will help you look at ways humor can help when dealing with stress and change, and the benefits of humor will be identified.

### Wits Fitness Rochelle

10:15-11:15 a.m. Thursdays, Sept. 28, Oct. 26 and Nov. 30 at Hub City Senior Center, 401 Cherry Ave., Rochelle. Engage in interactive activities designed to enhance cognitive function and memory with Wits Fitness Brain exercises.

University of Illinois Extension offers programs that put knowledge to work and aim to make life better, healthier, safer, and more profitable for individuals and their communities. The University of Illinois Extension provides equal opportunities in programs and employment. For reasonable accommodations to participate, please call 815-632-3611.



# LOCAL NEWS

## JULIA HULL DISTRICT LIBRARY STILLMAN VALLEY

### 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.

### Labor Day Closing

The library will be closed Saturday, September 2 – Monday, September 4 for the Labor Day holiday. No library materials will be due during this time.

### Pirate Party

Ahoy, mateys! Gather your crew and head to the library for a swash-buckling good time! We'll play pirate games and make our own trea-

sure maps. Saturday, September 16 at 10 a.m. For buccaneers ages 5-9. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

### Cricut Lab: Meet Your Cricut

Beginners will create their first Cricut project by learning how to upload and create a design, how to alter a design, how to use design space functions and how to create layers. BYO Cricut machine (Explore or Maker) and cords; device with Cricut app already installed: cutting mat and blade. Thursday, September 21, at 6 p.m. Registration only: 815-645-8611.

### Fall Book Sale

Stop by the library

Saturday, September 23 from 10-4, for our Fall Book Sale! Books for children, teens and adults will be pre-packed by library staff with a surprise assortment! Each bag will include a selection of gently used books, labeled by genre. Bags will be sold (as is) for \$5 each. Cash and exact change only. While supplies last.

### Teen Game Show Challenge: Pyramid

Join your friends after school for some competition, snacks and laughs with this classic word-association game. Thursday, September 28 at 3 p.m. Ages 13-18. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

### Tween Scene: Halloween Trivia

Join your friends and enjoy some spooky snacks while testing your knowledge of all things fall and Halloween, from tasty to terrifying! Costumes welcome and encouraged. Tuesday, October 3, at 6 p.m. Ages 10-12. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

### Toddler Time: Fall Sensory Bins

Indulge your little one's curiosity with a hands-on event just for them. Join us for some tactile play using a variety of sensory bins with a fun fall twist! Friday, October, 6 at 10 a.m. Ages 1-4. Registration required: 815-645-8611.



At Julia Hull District Library (Stillman Valley) last week, local historian, Leslie Goddard presented an engaging and informative history all about Barbie and her inventor, Ruth Handler.

# Mt. Morris Community Library Foundation donates for books for first graders

'This program is so beneficial to our students and families'

**MT. MORRIS** — On Aug. 21, Oregon School District first-grade teachers Dawn Merrill, Olivia Phalen, Gretchen Nelson, Erica Cann and Kenzie Dusing received checks from the Mt. Morris Community Library Foundation. Those checks will enable every first-grade student in the Oregon public school district to receive a new book every month this school year.

"This program is so beneficial to our students and families," Merrill, a 31-year teaching veteran, said. "Getting books into kids' hands and homes is very important! It benefits approximately 100 OES first-grade students each year who receive a brand new book every month."

In 2018, Mt. Morris Community Library



OESD first-grade teachers receive checks from the Mt. Morris Community Library Foundation to buy books for first-grade students this year. Left to right: Foundation member Becky McCause, teacher Dawn Merrill, Foundation member Paula Diehl, teachers Olivia Phalen, Gretchen Nelson, Erica Cann, Kenzie Dusing and Foundation President Julie Robinson.

Foundation president Julie Robinson saw a Facebook post from Merrill and her teaching colleagues, asking for donations to buy books for their students throughout the year. Robinson contacted Merrill and offered the Mt. Morris Community Library Foundation's resources to fund that endeavor every year, and

it became the Foundation's 9x9x9 Program. For just \$9 per child, a first grader will receive one book per month for nine months, i.e., nine books during the school year.

The program has continued every school year since 2018-2019. During COVID-19, when in-person learning was suspended, the

foundation paid the postage to have books delivered to each first grader.

"We are so thankful to the Mt. Morris Library Foundation for helping us accomplish this year after year," Merrill said.

The Mt. Morris Community Library Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that supports the

Mt. Morris Community Library through funding, by matching every memorial gift given to the library, and by supporting the library's services and programs. The foundation also gives away books to kids who visit Santa during the Mt. Morris Christmas on the Square event. Donations are welcome, and anyone can become

an annual member of the foundation for \$25/year. or purchase a lifetime membership for \$100. Those funds are invested and used to support the library. More information is available at the Mt. Morris Community Library, the MMCLF page at [www.mtmorris-il.org](http://www.mtmorris-il.org), or by messaging the library on social media.



Oregon first graders have received free books every month in the school year since 2018, courtesy of the Mt. Morris Community Library Foundation.





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**101 LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE**  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS VILLAGE OF FORRESTON, an Illinois municipal corporation, Petitioner, vs. RHONDA L. SCHANDELMEIER and OGLE COUNTY, as TRUSTEE, Respondents,  
2023 MR 28  
PUBICATION NOTICE TO: Rhonda L. Schandelmeier, 402 W. White Oak Road, Forreston, Illinois 61030

An Affidavit for Publication having been filed, because upon due inquiry you cannot be found so that process can be served upon you.

Notice is give you, Rhonda L. Schandelmeier, Respondent in the above-entitled action, that an action was commenced in the Circuit Court of the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit, Ogle County, Case No. 2023 MR 28, by Petitioner VILLAGE OF FORRESTON, an Illinois Municipal corporation against you, in which the Petitioner seeks an Order declaring the building located at 402 W. White Oak Road, Forreston, IL 61030, as abandoned and authorizing a Judicial deed to transfer the property to the Village of Forreston pursuant to the Illinois Municipal Code 65 ILCS 5/11-31-1(d), and for other relief, and that said action is now pending in said Court.

Consequently, unless you file your anser to the Complaint in the action or otherwise make your appearance in the Circuit Court of the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit, Ogle County, Illinois, at the Ogle County Courthouse, 106 S. 5th Stret, Oregon IL, 61061, on or before September 13, 2023, A DEFAULT JUDGEMENT MAY BE ENTRED AGAINST YOU AT ANY TIME AFTER THAT DATE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRAYER OF THE COMPLAINT.

Dated Aug. 11, 2023  
Kimberly A. Stahl, Ogle County Circuit Clerk  
Matthew D. Cole - ARDC 6326731  
Ward, Murray, Pace & Johnson, P.C.  
Attorneys for Petitioner  
226 W. River Street | P.O. Box 404  
Dixon, IL 61021  
P: 815.625.8200  
cole@wmpi.com  
No. 0821  
(Aug. 21, 28 and Sept. 4, 2023)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Public Notice is hereby given that on August 14, 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:  
Made on Market  
201 Market St.  
Woosung, IL 61091  
Dated August 14, 2023  
Laura J. Cook, Ogle County Clerk  
No. 0828  
(Aug. 28, Sept. 4 and 11, 2023)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Public Notice is hereby given that on August 18, 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:  
Little Hands, Big Dreams  
1830 Southfield Lane  
Byron, IL 61010

Dated August 18, 2023  
Laura J. Cook, Ogle County Clerk  
No. 0831  
(Aug. 28, Sept. 4 and 11, 2023)

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

VILLAGE OF FORRESTON, an Illinois municipal corporation, Petitioner, vs. JAMES AND ASSOCIATES LLC, REALTAX DEVELOPERS, LTD, OGLE COUNTY, AS TRUSTEE, and TAX LIEN INVESTMENTS, Respondents,  
2023 MR 29  
PUBICATION NOTICE TO: James and Associates LLC, c/o Thomas H. James, 310 1st Ave., Forreston, IL 61030; Tax Lien Investments, c/o Doug Johnson, 5600 Minkler Road, Yorkville, IL 60560; Realtax Developers LTD, c/o Nicole Hatch, 1212 W. Bradley Ave., Peoria, IL 61612

An Affidavit for Publication having been filed, because upon due inquiry you cannot be found so that process can be served upon you.

Notice is give you, James and Associates LLC, Realtax Developers LTD and Tax Lien Investments, Respondent in the above-entitled action, that an action was commenced in the Circuit Court of the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit, Ogle County, Case No. 2023 MR 29, by Petitioner VILLAGE OF FORRESTON, an Illinois Municipal corporation against you, in which the Petitioner seeks an Order declaring the building located at 412 Second Ave., Forreston, IL 61030, as abandoned and authorizing a Judicial deed to transfer the property to the Village of Forreston pursuant to the Illinois Municipal Code 65 ILCS 5/11-31-1(d), and for other relief, and that said action is now pending in said Court.

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Dated Aug. 11, 2023  
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Matthew D. Cole - ARDC 6326731  
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No. 0822  
(Aug. 21, 28 and Sept. 4, 2023)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS STATE OF ILLINOIS SS

COUNTY OF OGLE Public Notice is hereby given to all persons in Byron Township that a Public Hearing will be held Thursday, September 29, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. in the Third Floor County Board Room #317 of the original Ogle County Courthouse, 105 S. Fifth St., Oregon, Illinois, to consider the request filed August 1, 2023 of Richard & Colleen Considine, 8499 Winnebago Lane, Byron, IL for an Amendment to the

Zoning District to rezone from AG-1 Agricultural District to R-1 Rural Residential District on property described as follows and owned by the petitioner(s):

Part of the West Half (W1/2) of the Southeast Quarter (SE1/4) of Section 24 Byron Township 25N, R10E of the 4th P.M., Ogle County, IL, 5.0 acres, more or less  
Property Identification Number: Part of 04-24-400-022  
Common Location(s): 9000 Block of N. Hedge Rd.

All persons in attendance at the hearing shall have an opportunity to be heard. Any person who also wishes to appear as an interested party with the right to cross-examine others at the hearing must complete and file an appearance form with the Ogle County Planning & Zoning Department no later than five (5) business days before the date of the hearing. The application for this map amendment is on file with detailed description and available for examination at the Planning & Zoning Department, 911 Pines Rd., Oregon, Illinois or at the following URL: [http://www.oglecounty.org/departments/planning\\_and\\_zoning/zoning\\_board\\_of\\_appeals.php](http://www.oglecounty.org/departments/planning_and_zoning/zoning_board_of_appeals.php).

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS RANDY OCKEN, Chairman  
Dated at Oregon, Illinois this 1st day of August 2023  
#04-23AM  
No. 0901  
(Sept. 4, 2023)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS STATE OF ILLINOIS SS

COUNTY OF OGLE Public Notice is hereby given to all persons in Marion Township that a Public Hearing will be held September 28, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. in the County Board Room #317, 3rd floor of the Ogle County Courthouse, 105 S. Fifth St., Oregon, IL, to consider the request filed August 17, 2023 of Jay Friberg, 1522 N. Stillman Rd., Oregon, IL for a Variation in the AG-1 Agricultural District to allow the construction of a residential accessory building 18 feet from the right-of-way of N. Stillman Rd. in lieu of 60 feet as required by the Ogle County Amendatory Ordinance but going no closer to N. Stillman Rd. than the existing legal non-conforming structures on property described as follows and owned by the petitioner:

Part of the Southeast Quarter (SE1/4) of the Northwest Quarter (NW1/4) of Section 34 Marion Township 24 North, Range 11 East of the 4th P.M., Ogle County, IL, 8.24 acres, more or less  
Property Identification Number: 10-34-200-002  
Common Location: 1522 N. Stillman Rd.

All persons in attendance at the hearing shall have an opportunity to be heard. Any person who also wishes to appear as an interested party with the right to cross-examine others at the hearing must complete and file an appearance form with the Ogle County Planning & Zoning Department no later than five (5) business days before the date of the hearing. The application for this variation is on file with detailed description and available for examination at the Planning & Zoning Department, 911 Pines Rd., Oregon, Illinois or at the following URL: [http://www.oglecounty.org/departments/planning\\_and\\_zoning/zoning\\_board\\_of\\_appeals.php](http://www.oglecounty.org/departments/planning_and_zoning/zoning_board_of_appeals.php).

org/departments/planning\_and\_zoning/zoning\_board\_of\_appeals.php.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS RANDY OCKEN, Chairman  
Dated at Oregon, Illinois this 17th day of August 2023  
#03-23VAR  
No. 0902  
(Sept 4, 2023)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS STATE OF ILLINOIS SS

COUNTY OF OGLE Public Notice is hereby given to all persons in Marion Township that a Public Hearing will be held September 28, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. in the County Board Room, 3rd floor of the Ogle County Courthouse, 105 S. Fifth St., Oregon, Illinois, to consider the request filed July 31, 2023 of Ted Wilson, 6580 N. Marrill Rd., Byron, IL for a Variation in the AG-1 Agricultural District to allow the construction of a residential accessory building 30 feet from the right-of-way of N. Marrill Rd. in lieu of 40 feet as required by the Ogle County Amendatory Ordinance on property described as follows and owned by the petitioner:

Part of the East Half (E1/2) of the Northeast Quarter (NE1/4) of Section 5 Marion Township 24 North, Range 10 East of the 4th P.M., Ogle County, IL, 2.38 acres, more or less  
Property Identification Number: 10-05-200-017  
Common Location: 6580 N. Marrill Rd.

All persons in attendance at the hearing shall have an opportunity to be heard. Any person who also wishes to appear as an interested party with the right to cross-examine others at the hearing must complete and file an appearance form with the Ogle County Planning & Zoning Department no later than five (5) business days before the date of the hearing. The application for this variation is on file with detailed description and available for examination at the Planning & Zoning Department, 911 Pines Rd., Oregon, Illinois or at the following URL: [http://www.oglecounty.org/departments/planning\\_and\\_zoning/zoning\\_board\\_of\\_appeals.php](http://www.oglecounty.org/departments/planning_and_zoning/zoning_board_of_appeals.php).

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS RANDY OCKEN, Chairman  
Dated at Oregon, Illinois this 31st day of July 2023  
#02-23VAR  
No. 0903  
(Sept. 4, 2023)

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: WALES, HELEN, M., deceased.

NO. 2023-PR-47  
CLAIM NOTICE  
NOTICE IS GIVEN OF the death of HELEN M. WALES of Polo, Illinois. Letters of office were issued on August 21, 2023, to JoAnn P. Boddiger and Ted R. Boddiger of Polo, Illinois, 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 with-

in 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.

JoAnn P. Boddinger and Ted R. Boddinger, Co-Trustees  
No. 0904  
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**SCOTT TOWNSHIP**  
Annual Treasurer's Report  
For The Fiscal Period April 1, 2022, Through March 31, 2023

SUPERVISORS FUND -- REVENUE SUMMARY	
Property Taxes - \$85,175.01	Personal Property Replacement Tax - \$26,451.72, Interest - \$3,034.15, Miscellaneous Income - \$969.20, TOIRMA Dividend - \$596.00, Insurance Proceeds - \$37,939.99
<b>TOTAL REVENUES - \$154,166.07</b>	
SUPERVISORS FUND -- COMPENSATION SUMMARY	
Range: Under \$25,000.00 - Mike Adams, Dan Bond, Douglas Glendearing, Jodi Glendenning, Tamara Glendenning, Terry Glendearing, Terry Hardy, Patrick Hickey, Robert Horn, Scott Miller, Charles Tagua. Range: \$25,000.00 to \$49,999.99 - Kevin Sullivan.	
<b>TOTAL COMPENSATION - \$57,322.67</b>	
SUPERVISORS FUND -- EXPENDITURE SUMMARY	
Big Mound Cemetery \$5,000.00, Illinois Department of Revenue \$3,226.65, IMRF - \$4,938.36, IRS \$15,336.30, Metro Insulation - \$3,500.00, TOIRMA - \$4,481.00, Zenz Buildings, Inc.. All other disbursements less than (\$2,500.00) - \$10,198.29.	
<b>TOTAL VENDORS - \$44,164.94</b>	
GENERAL ASSISTANCE -- REVENUE SUMMARY	
Property Taxes - \$527.93, Interest - \$63.91	<b>TOTAL REVENUE - \$591.84</b>
GENERAL ASSISTANCE - EXPENDITURE SUMMARY	
<b>TOTAL VENDORS - \$0</b>	
ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND -- REVENUE SUMMARY	
Property Taxes - \$76,898.90, Personal Property Tax Replacement - \$34,830.89, Interest - \$1,670.96, TOIRMA Dividend - \$529.00.	
<b>TOTAL REVENUES - \$113,929.75</b>	
ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND -- COMPENSATION SUMMARY	
Range: Under \$25,000.00: Joseph Barber, Brent Creason, Tyler Duschen, Cody Mercer, Dario Nanni,	
<b>TOTAL COMPENSATION - \$4,839.73</b>	
ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND -- EXPENDITURE SUMMARY	
Card Service Center - \$4374.49, Conserv FS - \$12,321.85, Hi Viz - \$998.00, Ogle County Highway Department - \$5,501.29, Thompson Gas - \$2,541.89, Toby's Tire Service - 4,775.00, TOIRMA - \$ 3,973.00, Wagner Aggregate, Inc. - \$3,596.59, West Side Tractor \$65,784.33.	
All other disbursements less than (\$2,500.00) - \$14,349.05.	<b>TOTAL VENDORS - \$120,215.49</b>
BUILDING & EQUIPMENT FUND -- REVENUE SUMMARY	
Property Taxes - \$20,138.35, Interest - \$220.27.	<b>TOTAL REVENUE - \$20,358.62</b>
BUILDING & EQUIPMENT FUND -- EXPENDITURE SUMMARY	
Bonnall Industries - \$14,020.24, Westside Tractor - \$4,442.81 All other disbursements less than \$2,500.00 - \$0.00	<b>TOTAL VENDORS - \$18,463.05</b>
CBHB FUND - REVENUE SUMMARY	
Property Taxes - \$34,733.48, Interest Income - \$2,731.64.	<b>TOTAL REVENUE - \$37,465.12</b>
CBHB FUND - EXPENDITURE SUMMARY	
<b>TOTAL VENDORS - None</b>	
PERMANENT ROAD FUND - REVENUE SUMMARY	
Property Taxes - \$116,009.51 - Interest Income - \$2,942.91, Miscellaneous Income -- \$752.70	<b>TOTAL REVENUES - \$119,705.12</b>
PERMANENT ROAD FUND - EXPENDITURE SUMMARY	
Silcalca, Ltd. - \$8,838.28, Ogle County Highway Department - \$151,486.76, Wagner Aggregate, Inc. - \$1,029.90, Wm. Charles Construction - \$95,000.00, R. R. Wolber - \$2,415.00	<b>TOTAL VENDORS - \$223,769.93</b>

**SUMMARY STATEMENT OF CONDITION**  
SCOTT TOWNSHIP  
April 1, 2022 Through March 31, 2023

	Supervisors Fund	General Assistance Fund	Road and Bridge Fund	Building & Equipment Fund	CBHB Fund	Permanent Road Fund
Beginning Balance	\$328,614.46	\$12,918.49	\$208,744.49	\$31,258.24	\$285,292.19	\$404,022.19
Total Revenues	154,166.07	591.84	113,929.75	20,358.62	37,465.12	119,705.12
Less Disbursements	141,932.60	-	125,056.22	18,463.05	-	223,769.93
Ending Fund Balance	\$338,847.92	\$13,510.33	\$197,619.02	\$33,153.81	\$322,757.60	\$299,957.38

Subscribed and sworn to this 26th day of June 2023  
Robert L. Horn, Treasurer

I, Laura Sullivan, Clerk of Scott 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

Laura Sullivan, Clerk No. 0905 (Sept. 4, 2023)



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**ONLINE ONLY AUCTION**  
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**'Margaret F. Adams Estate Antique Auction'**  
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**105 BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES**

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**405 HOUSES FOR SALE**

ALL REAL ESTATE advertised herein is subject to the Federal Fair Housing Act, which makes it illegal to advertise any preference, limitation or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin, or intention to make any such preferences, limitation or discrimination. We will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. All persons are hereby informed that dwellings advertised are available on an equal opportunity basis

**301 ANTIQUES**

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**307 MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE**

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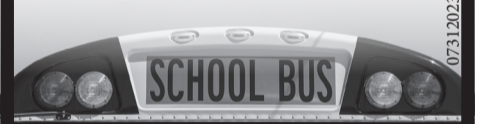
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Ogle County offers a competitive benefits package, including paid time off, health & dental insurance, and employer contributions to a defined-benefit retirement plan. We are seeking applicants for multiple career opportunities. Each position is a full-time position working 35 hours a week.

The **Administrative Assistant** will perform administrative tasks and services to support effective and efficient operations to Ogle County's Board, Economic Development Committee and the Human Resource department.

The **Animal Control Warden** will enforce laws concerning the care and treatment of animals, protect and rescue domesticated animals, and maintain public health standards.

Under the direction of the Treasurer, the **Deputy Collector** is accountable for assisting the supervisor of the tax collection duties. The Deputy assists in the direction of the entire workload of the Collector's Office and ensures that all office functions are performed efficiently and in a professional and timely manner. This position will require a great deal of multitasking along with thorough knowledge of the property tax cycle, mobile home tax collection, bookkeeping and fund accounting.

The **Deputy County Clerk – Tax Extension and Payroll** position assists and supports the office of the Ogle County Clerk and Recorder. The Deputy Clerk is responsible for routine administrative office and accounting duties, in addition to issuing Marriage and Civil Union Licenses, filing, indexing, tax extension, payroll and working with the public. Work requires a high level of discretion and often requires the use and handling of confidential information.

**Truck Driver** (40 hour work weeks) – Operation of large trucks used to haul various materials used in the construction and maintenance of the County highway system. Snow and ice removal from the County highway system. Tractor operation for roadside mowing, sweeping, shoulder maintenance, etc. Hand labor required to maintain the roadway. Experience operating heavy equipment such as excavator, end loader, motor-grader, skid loader and backhoe a plus.

The **Engineering Technician** will perform work related to the construction, design and surveying of County and Township highways, bridges and related projects.

The full job description for each career opportunity can be found here <https://www.oglecountyil.gov/business/employment/index.php>. Completed applications and/or resumes can be emailed to [Ajacio@oglecountyil.gov](mailto:Ajacio@oglecountyil.gov) or mailed to Ogle County Human Resources at 105 South 5th Street,

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# LOCAL NEWS



## RCH holds open house for new CEO Tracy

On Thursday, Aug. 24, Rochelle Community Hospital hosted an open house for its new chief executive officer, Karen Tracy. The event welcomed both RCH staff and members of the community. Tracy was appointed to her position earlier this year and has worked at RCH for 31 years in a number of different positions.



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**WEEKDAY SINGLE GAME TICKETS \$18**

### 2023 HOME SCHEDULE

<b>SEP. 9</b> SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	<b>SEP. 23</b> TULSA	<b>OCT. 14</b> OHIO	<b>OCT. 21</b> EASTERN MICHIGAN	<b>NOV. 7</b> BALL STATE	<b>NOV. 14</b> WESTERN MICHIGAN
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## The Invention of the Year

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Throughout the ages, there have been many important advances in mobility. Canes, walkers, rollators, and scooters were created to help people with mobility issues get around and retain their independence. Lately, however, there haven't been any new improvements to these existing products or developments in this field. Until now. Recently, an innovative design engineer who's developed one of the world's most popular products created a completely new breakthrough... a personal electric vehicle. It's called the **Zinger**, and there is nothing out there quite like it.

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The first thing you'll notice about the **Zinger** is its unique look. It doesn't look like a scooter. Its sleek, lightweight yet durable frame is made with aircraft grade aluminum so it weighs only 47.2 lbs. It features one-touch folding and unfolding - when folded it can be wheeled around like a suitcase and fits easily into a



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# LOCAL NEWS

## SVHS seniors earn Rural/Small Town Recognition Award

**STILLMAN VALLEY** — Stillman Valley High School students have earned academic honors from the College Board National Recognition Programs. These National Recognition Programs grant underrepresented students with academic honors that can be included on college and scholarship applications and connect students with universities across the country, helping them meaningfully connect to colleges and stand out during the admissions process. Colleges and scholarship programs identify students awarded National African American, Hispanic, Indigenous and/or Rural/Small Town Recognition through College Board's Student Search Service.

SVHS seniors Adrienne Allvord, Anna Bradle, Kevin Chavers, Ada Haner and Joshua Reisinger have earned the honor of Rural/Small Town Recognition Award by the College Board National Recognition Program.



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and self-discipline," SVHS Principal Leslie Showers said.

Students who may be eligible have a GPA of 3.5 or higher and have excelled on the PSAT/NMSQT or PSAT 10, or earned a score of 3 or higher on two or more

AP exams; and are African American or Black, Hispanic American or Latinx, Indigenous, and/or attend school in a rural area or small town.

Eligible students will be invited to apply during their

sophomore or junior year and will be awarded at the beginning of the next school year. Students will receive their awards in time to include them on their college and scholarship applications.

"We want to hon-

or the hard work of these students through the College Board National Recognition Programs. This program creates a way for colleges and scholarship programs to connect directly with underrepresented students who they

are hoping to reach," Tarlin Ray, College Board senior vice president of BigFuture, said. "We hope the award winners and their families celebrate this prestigious honor and it helps them plan for their big future."

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