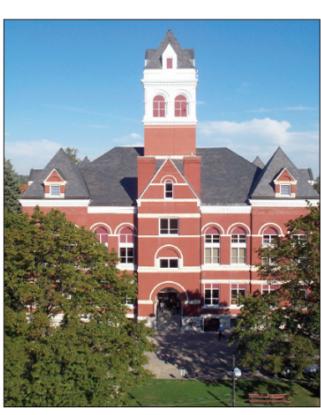




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Mt. Morris Mobile Food Pantry is Sept. 28

Loaves & Fish Food Pantry and NIFB will host a mobile food pantry Sept. 28. **A6**

Stillman Bank donates \$15,000 with latest 'Purchase with a Purpose' campaign

STILLMAN VALLEY – Stillman Bank recently ended its “Purchase with a Purpose” debit card campaign in which a \$1 donation was made to local charities with every Stillman Bank debit card transaction up to \$15,000!

Six local nonprofit organizations from the Rock River Valley were nominated by its local communities to receive \$2,500 from this promotion: Focus House, Helping Hands Pantry, Junior League of Rockford, KFACT (Keeping Families and Commu-

nities Together), Shining Star Children's Advocacy, and the Tommy Corral Memorial Foundation.

For more information about this campaign or Stillman Bank's products and services, visit www.stillmanbank.com.



Above left, Stillman Bank Human Resource Coordinator Sara Mitchell, Retail Office Manager Ryan Spradlin (left), Vice President Retail Banking Kathy Yocum and Universal Banker Jasmin Galvan (right) present the \$2,500 check to Foundation for Focus House President Russell Crull, Focus House Director Brenda Mason and Foundation for Focus House Executive Director Jeni Hardin (center). Above right, Shining Star: Stillman Bank Retail Banking Representative Jodi Peters (left) presents the \$2,500 check to Shining Star Children's Advocacy Center Executive Director Jessica Cash (right).



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Oregon UMC donates to OES for students in need

Oregon United Methodist Church recently donated 300 pairs of earbuds and \$1,200 to Oregon Elementary School to purchase gym shoes for students in need. The staff at OES are appreciative of the continued generosity by community organizations.

Rochelle Intermodal Transload Center construction nearing completion

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE — On Aug. 16, City of Rochelle Economic Development Director Jason Anderson said that concrete, asphalt and gravel work has been completed at the Rochelle Intermodal Transload Center at 1851 S. Steward Road.

A groundbreaking ceremony was held for the new intermodal container yard in the heart of Rochelle's industrial park last fall. The project will return intermodal services to the city after

the Union Pacific Railroad's decision to close the intermodal ramp at Global III in Rochelle in May 2019. The RITC will be served by the City of Rochelle Railroad, a city-owned short-line railroad that connects businesses and industries to both the Union Pacific (UP) and Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) main line Railroads. City officials aim for the facility to give local and regional industries a cost-effective alternative to moving freight through Chicago.

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Do Art Productions seeing growth with art workshops after getting its start in Rochelle

'This summer we did 50-60 workshops and we've traveled 23,000 miles so far'

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE — After getting into the swing of holding comic book workshops in and around the area early this year, Do Art Productions has seen growth in recent months.

Do Art Productions was established by Rochelle native Jerry Moffitt and his best friend, Chester Roush. The business creates comics and art and offers a variety of workshops in a variety of art mediums to inspire community members.

Moffitt said that this summer, Do Art Productions hosted 50-60 workshops and

has traveled over 23,000 miles so far this year in the Midwest alone. Workshops have been done in six states.

“The summer was crazy,” Moffitt said. “We already have 32 workshops scheduled for next year. We're booked every Tuesday and Thursday now for the rest of the year. We've been at YMCAs and schools. We'll continue to build our name here in Rochelle. After so much traveling, it will be nice to see a lot of familiar faces. It's hard to even know what's coming next because it's been a tremendous roller coaster that doesn't seem to be going down yet. It just keeps going up.”

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LOCAL NEWS

CENTER: Facility served by two class-one railroads

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Anderson said he anticipates construction on the current phase of the RITC will be completed by mid-to-late September. Light poles need to be installed and Rochelle Municipal Utilities power needs to be pulled into the yard. A gate and fencing need to be put in place as well. Once there is power, the whole facility can be lighted and the operation could potentially run 24 hours a day.

The first phase of the startup for intermodal service has begun, Anderson said. Containers can be seen in the yard on chassis. Currently, CHS Rochelle is bringing the containers across the street for the purpose of having them contained for the purpose of fumigating grain. Trucks come and get the containers and take them to Joliet.

Anderson said the second phase will start later this fall, where a whole trainload of containers will come in empty and be offloaded and stacked. Those containers will later be loaded and put on another train later in the week, which will bring more empty containers. That process will likely

start sometime in October, Anderson said. "We expect there to be a train a week to start with," Anderson said. "One train a week is 110 rail cars or 220 containers. That's 220 containers in and 220 containers out per week. With that, it'll start to generate a significant amount of revenue."

Developing the yard's operations has brought about "a lot of complexities," Anderson said. Customers have come about wanting to import into Rochelle due to the fact that they don't want to take containers into the larger yard in Chicago. Those customers have a desire to bring loaded containers into the RITC and put them on a truck and ship them to destinations in Wisconsin, Iowa or Southern Illinois.

That demand coming about has added a level of complexity to planning, but could bring added revenue, Anderson said.

"This has now kind of complicated things because we were originally set up to be just an export terminal," Anderson said. "Now we're working with multiple freight lines and railroads to talk about import and export. The

great opportunity there is that the revenue that the city generates through this process is based on loaded containers. If you have loaded containers coming in, you get paid for that. And if you have loaded containers going out, you get paid for that. So even though the process is taking longer to get the whole thing put together, it looks as though we're going to be in a much better position on revenue if we can handle both the import and the export."

The City of Rochelle has had discussions about its own intermodal yard for almost 15 years, Anderson said. The RITC site already has a transloading operation there, which involves freight going from one form of transportation to another. Current items transloaded at the facility include sunflower seed oil and grain.

The City of Rochelle Railroad has equal access to the Union Pacific and the Burlington Northern Santa Fe railroads.

"I don't know how many transloading facilities or intermodal facilities are actually served by two class-one railroads," Anderson said. "We may be



the only one, I don't know. I think it's interesting that we now have the flexibility to provide service to a lot of customers that otherwise didn't have service."

The Greater Rochelle Economic Development Corporation (GREDC) purchased 10 acres next to the transload center 10 years ago with the hopes that intermodal service could be established. Anderson said most of the project has come together as anticipated, but there have been challenges in understanding the complexities of how intermodal services are actually provided.

"All of the entities have to work in concert with each other," Anderson said. "It's been pretty exciting to see it come together. But everyone is trying to figure out what their role is. I think it's going to take us a good 18-24 months to

really get this thing off the ground. I think we're going to see some real success in it. It's getting all the players to work together."

The city has been awarded multiple grants for the RITC. One was received this past winter to expand it east to city-owned land, and the \$7 million project will go forward in 2025 after design and study work next year.

In the city's long-range plan, the current phase of the RITC is the first of three. The first phase will have capacity up to two trains a week, with potential for the railroad to generate \$1.5-2 million per year. If expanded to the next phase due to demand, Anderson said that could add another \$1 million to yearly revenues. The third phase would expand to a 50-100 acre opportunity, which could yield "somewhere in excess" of \$4

million per year, Anderson said.

"Mayor Bearrows made the statement in 2019 when Global III closed how difficult this was going to be on certain industries who basically depended on having local intermodal service," Anderson said. "And now that we're going to reestablish that, at a smaller scale than what Global III was, it's very, very rewarding. It's very rewarding to feel that not only are we helping local businesses and industries to lower their logistics costs by having local intermodal service, but it's also going to be a tremendous amount of revenue to the city itself. That's kind of what the whole idea behind the city's enterprises are, to basically create opportunities that really help support the quality of life, help support businesses, and help to bring new revenue into the community."

ART: Lack of activity for children leads to DoArt Productions workshops

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Do Art Productions took time during the summer to attend comic conventions on weekends after noticing a lack of activities for children at them. Moffitt and Roush decided to host workshops while at conventions. They've been to comic cons in Indianapolis, Omaha, Minnesota and Iowa.

Moffitt said he's been striving to make his workshops more interactive for kids in the audience. He'll ask kids to draw him while he's juggling, on a unicycle or playing the guitar. He's made an effort to learn a new skill each month, to give kids more inspiration and show them they can learn things when they put their mind to it.

"We've progressed and evolved the work-



After getting into the swing of holding comic book workshops in the area this year, Do Art Productions has seen growth in recent months.

shops to get kids engaged and out of their shells and to be creative,"

Moffitt said. "I feel like one of the main areas I thought I was doing was

teaching art. I found I was trying more to create confidence in kids. Being able to see their energy and their light after that engagement with me was what I realized what I was actually doing. They're getting more comfortable and familiar expressing themselves to someone else. By the end of the session, I can guarantee that almost every kid I've had a workshop with has come out of their shell."

Moffitt said seeing the response from and demand for Do Art's workshops has been like "living in a dream come true." He's enjoyed seeing his energy reciprocated by crowds.

"We open up every workshop with an affirmation," Moffitt said. "I have them repeat after me, 'I am amazing. I am creative. I am an artist.'

And then we chant Do Art. I want them to be comfortable expressing themselves and know that their creativity has to do with their own uniqueness. I feel so much gratitude that I'm able to do this. There's been a tremendous amount of growth and evolution in such a short amount of time. All I can do is be grateful."

Upcoming changes for Do Art will include a rebranding. Moffitt said new banners are being created with drawings kids have made. Two more large banners are being created with drawings of different animals done by Moffitt, so kids will know what an animal looks like when they're asked to draw it in workshops.

Moffitt called the recent traveling "super exhausting," but said

it brought a sense of adventure. His family has started to get more involved in workshops.

"We ran a big comic book workshop at a convention for three straight days in Indianapolis," Moffitt said. "To see my family come out of their shells and work together was a peak life experience for me. I didn't think it would grow and turn into this. I don't even know why I thought to start the comic book workshops. Six months have blown by. I wanted people to look at my art and be inspired. Now we have thousands of artworks inspired and boxes of art that people have given me. I'm just grateful it's still going. I would have never believed this was going to happen months ago. It's just a crazy, crazy experience."

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LOCAL NEWS

OGLE COUNTY SHERIFF

Man arrested for possession of cannabis with intent to deliver; passenger arrested for aggravated unlawful use of weapons

OREGON — On Sept. 8 at approximately 9:28 a.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 500 block of North Illinois Route 251 on a vehicle for driving with a suspended Illinois registration. After a brief investigation the driver, Christopher A. Joseph, 22, from Streamwood was placed under arrest for possession of cannabis (over 100 grams) and possession of cannabis with intent to deliver. Joseph was also issued citations for driving while driver's license suspended and driving while registration suspended. The passenger of the vehicle, Anasia L. Bullock, 22, from Rockford, was placed under arrest for aggravated unlawful use of weapons. Both Joseph and Bullock were taken to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

On Sept. 9 at approximately 8:07 p.m. deputies responded to the 2,000 block of East Illinois Route 72 in response to a motorcycle accident. Upon investigation, it was learned that a Harley-Davidson motorcycle driven by David W. Anderson, 43, of Genoa, was driving eastbound when it struck a deer on the roadway. The motorcycle then turned onto its side before coming to rest. Anderson and a female passenger, Emily Nicholson, 39, of Genoa, were transported to the hospital for non-life threatening injuries. Deputies were assisted at the scene by the Byron Fire Department and Byron Police Department.

On Sept. 9 at 11:37 p.m. deputies and Lynn Scott Rock Fire Department responded to a two-vehicle accident at Illinois Route 251 and Big Mound Road. After a brief investigation,

it was determined a black Lexus Rx350 driven by a 16-year-old female from Winnebago was traveling north and struck the rear of a Jeep Wrangler, driven by Robin Mattison, 50, of Davis Junction, that was turning west onto Big Mound Road. The 16-year-old female was issued a citation for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident. The 16-year-old female and an occupant of the Jeep were transported to area hospitals for non-life threatening injuries. Deputies were assisted by the Lynn-Scott-Rock EMS and Fire Department.

On Sept. 10 at approximately 8:08 p.m. deputies responded to an address in the 1,000 block of South Union Road in rural Polo in reference to a disturbance. Upon investigation, Brett Ellinor, 41, of Polo, was placed

under arrest for battery. Ellinor was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond. Deputies were assisted by the Polo Police Department.

On Sept. 11 at 6:15 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop at the intersection of East Illinois Route 64 and South Illinois Route 251. After further investigation, the driver, Dennis W. Lackey, 48, of DeKalb was arrested for driving while license revoked. Lackey was taken into custody without incident and transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond. Lackey was also issued citations for operating an uninsured motor vehicle and suspended registration.

All individuals are considered innocent until proven guilty.

MT. MORRIS POLICE

Woman cited for letting dog run at large

MT. MORRIS — On Aug. 24 at approximately 6:15 a.m. Mt. Morris Police were called to the 200 block of West Lincoln Street for the report of a dog in the area that had attacked another dog. After an investigation, Jennifer L. Blake was issued a village citation for dog running at large. Ogle County Animal Control was contacted and also responded to the scene.

On Aug. 25 at approximately 2 p.m. Mt. Morris Police were notified about a garbage/dumpster complaint in the 10 block of South Seminary Avenue. Sandra Guglielmo, Orland Park, was issued a village citation for accumulation of trash/rubbish.

On Sept. 3 at approximately 8:15 p.m. Mt. Morris Police were sent to the area of the 100 block of South Wesley Avenue for the report of a stolen bicycle. After a brief investigation, Marcello Castillo, 31, Mt. Morris, was arrested and charged with theft. Castillo was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

On Sept. 5 at approximately 11:45 a.m. Mt. Morris Police were sent to the area of the 10 block of West Center Street for the report of a noise complaint. After an investigation, Ernest J. Munyon, 32, Mt. Morris, was issued an ordinance citation for excessive noise.

On Sept. 7 at approximately 7:05 p.m. Mt. Morris Police were sent to the 100 block of East Hitt Street for the report of a female trespassing at a business. After an investigation, Jessica C. Engelkens, 38, Mt. Morris, was arrested and charged with criminal trespass to land. Engelkens was transported to the Ogle County Jail where she was held in lieu of bond.

These charges are merely an accusation, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless proven guilty.

Rep. Fritts to host hunter safety course Sept. 23-24 in Rochelle

ROCHELLE — State Rep. Bradley Fritts (R-Dixon) is hosting an upcoming hunter safety course. This two-day event will take place on Sept. 23 and 24 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Both days are required.

The event will take place at the Rochelle

Masonic Lodge located at 500 Lincoln Highway, Rochelle. Reservations are required and spots are limited. To secure your spot, contact Rep. Fritts' office at 815-561-3690.

For more information about Rep. Fritts, visit RepFritts.com.

POLO POLICE

Man arrested on outstanding Lee County warrant

POLO — On Sept. 5 at 2:09 p.m. Mark A. Ballotti, 41, Polo, was arrested on an outstanding Lee County warrant. Ballotti was transported to the Lee County line where he was taken into custody.

On Sept. 5 at 2 p.m. Dalton Haenitsch, 28, Polo, was issued a city ordinance citation for dogs running at large and was arrested for an outstanding Ogle County Warrant. Haenitsch was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

On Sept. 6 at 11:45 a.m. Ricky J. Rippey, 24, Polo, was issued a citation for illegal operation of a sound system. Rippey was released on an I-Bond.

On Sept. 7 at 7:01 p.m. Joshua D. Cali, 20, Algonquin, was issued a citation for driving with a suspended license, operation of an uninsured motor vehicle and a written warning for speeding 47 miles per hour in a

30-miles per hour speed zone. Cali was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

On Sept. 7 at 6:16 p.m. Matthew R. Blum, 43, Polo, was issued a citation for unlawful use of a cell phone and a written warning for expired registration. Blum was released on a notice to comply.

On Sept. 7 at 9:40 p.m. Michelle R. Collins, 54, Polo, was issued a city ordinance citation for illegal burning.

On Sept. 8 at 12:16 a.m. Jason T. Wiggins, 42, Polo, was arrested for improper lane usage, driving under the influence of alcohol, illegal transportation of alcohol, failure to signal when required and a criminal complaint for unlawful possession of a controlled substance less than 15 grams. Wiggins was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

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LOCAL NEWS

Obituaries

Leon Gene Capes, Sr.

ROCKFORD — Leon Gene Capes, Sr., 86, passed away Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at OSF St. Anthony's Medical Center in Rockford, Illinois. Leon was born on September 3, 1937 to Lorenzo and Mabel (Shelton) Capes in Flag Center, IL. He proudly served with the United States Army after graduating from the Rochelle Township High School. He worked for Chrysler for over 30 years.



Capes of Rockford, IL and Duane (Nancy) Capes of Rochelle, IL; three sisters: Norma Atkinson of Ashton, IL, Leona Tapp of Lindenwood, IL and Judy Zarr of Bethalto, IL; 18 grandchildren and numerous great grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his three wives: Eleanor (Schreiber) Capes, Lois (Steel) Capes and Norma (Fredin) Capes; five brothers: Orville, Lawrence, Ray, Emmett and Reuben "Pete" Capes and his sister, Laura Swick.

The visitation will be from 5:00 - 7:00 P.M., Thursday, September 21, 2023 at Faith Lutheran Church, 14206 E. Flag Rd., Rochelle. The funeral service will be held at 10:00 A.M., Friday, September 22 at Faith Lutheran Church with Pastor Joy Alsop officiating. Burial will follow the service at White Rock Cemetery in Kings, IL. Visit www.ungerhorner.com to sign the online guest book.

Leon enjoyed snowmobiling, fishing, going to supper clubs and attending car and truck shows. He especially enjoyed the time he spent with his family and grandchildren.

Leon is survived by his seven children: Teresa (Homer) Barefield of Belvidere, IL, Diane Disch of Kirkland, IL, Leon Jr. (Sheryl) Capes of Kingston, IL, Daryl (Angela) Capes of Rockford, IL, David Capes of Galva, IL, Danny (Dawn) Capes of Belvidere, IL and Tim (Jackie) Capes of Arkansas; two brothers: Lorenzo

Shirley J. Hall

MONROE CENTER — Shirley J. Hall, age 89, went to be with her heavenly father on September 9, 2023. She was born on November 7, 1933 in Rockford the daughter of David and Meva (Rowe) Royster. She grew up in the Monroe Center area and graduated from Monroe Center High School. Shirley married the love of her life, Wayne Hall on July 22, 1951.



involved mother and grandmother. She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, and siblings.

She is survived and missed by her children, Connie (Robert) Humes of Littleton, CO, Debra (Kevin) Vehrs of St. James, MO, Jeff (Mary) Hall of Winslow, IL, Brian (Donna) Hall of Gaffney, SC, and Gayle (Ken) Lee of Mt. Vernon, WA; 12 grandchildren and many great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, September 16, 2023 at Farrell Holland Gale Funeral Home in Stillman Valley. Visitation will begin at 10:00 AM prior to the service. Burial will be at Monroe Center Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers memorials are established for Serenity Hospice and Home. To leave an online condolence please visit www.farrellhollandgale.com

She worked as a phone inspector for GTE in Genoa until her retirement. Shirley was a woman of faith and was a member of Christ the Rock Lutheran Church in Rockford. In her spare time; she enjoyed shopping and playing cards with her friends. Shirley was an avid reader and loved to travel. She also enjoyed crocheting and going to her church quilting group. But, the most important thing to her was her family. She loved being an

Linda Louise Scholl

POLO — Linda Louise Scholl, 79, went to be with the Lord on the evening of September 11, 2023. She was born on October 2, 1943, to Loren "Sparky" and Dorothea Scholl.



possessions - crazy sunglasses! Linda had a light that came from inside and all those who were fortunate to know her fell in love with her. Linda's delightful presence will be dearly missed by all but there is comfort in knowing she suffers no more and is once again with her parents and brother, Tom.

Survivors include her three nieces: Paula (Kevin) Humphrey and Jeanna (Gary) Fulrath of Polo, IL, Susan (Mike) Connell of DeWitt, IA.

A graveside service is scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on Friday, September 22, 2023, at Fairmount Cemetery, 1533 Il-26, Polo, IL. Anyone wishing to pay their respects and honor Linda is invited to attend.

Service are being handled through Polo Family Funeral Home. To send condolences please visit www.polo-familyfuneralhome.com

Linda had the heart of a child, and it was the little things in life that made her the happiest. Pepperoni pizza and pop were a special treat for her. She loved getting manicures and wearing lipstick with red & pink being her favorite colors. Participating in activities such as BINGO (it wasn't uncommon to see her with several prizes!), community coffee and singing her favorite hymns during vesper services were some of her favorites. She celebrated every holiday like it was her birthday. You'd find her all decked out in festive socks, funny headbands, colorful necklaces, and her most prized

AOP 5K Individual/Team Challenge and 1-Mile Fun Run is Oct. 8

OREGON — The 18th Annual Autumn on Parade 5K and One-Mile Fun Run is coming up!

Spread the word and join us on Sunday, Oct. 8 for another spectacular run, and then stick around town for the Autumn on Parade Festival and parade.

One-mile runners will begin the day at 8:15 a.m. followed by the 5K participants at approximately 8:30 a.m. Registration for the One-Mile Fun Run is \$15. Participants registered prior to Sept. 24 are guaranteed a t-shirt designed by Oregon Junior Senior High School Student Brian Wallace.

As for the 5K, all the same amenities that race goers have come to love will be available again such as music, premium long-sleeve tech shirts, post-race food, awards to first/second/third in 16 different age groups, overall awards, USATF certified course, and timing by Its race time. Strollers will be allowed on the race course but must start after all runners. No pets, bicycles

or scooters allowed on the course. This year's long-sleeved tech shirt for 5k participants was designed by local graphic designer Collin Marshall.

Back again this year is the 5K Team Challenge, so grab your co-workers, friends, or family and sign up. Teams can be a minimum of four and a maximum of 15 per team. The top four race times for each team are added together and the fastest team wins a first-place plaque.

Participants may use one of the three registration options to sign up for the event: online, mail in form, or race day. Registration fee is \$25 for the 5K individual and 5K Team Challenge. Pre-registration by mail will be offered for forms received by Sept. 23. You may also register online at runsignup.com by Oct. 7. Teams may also register online at runsignup.com by setting up their team name and password online for all members to register.

There will be an avail-

ability to register at the early packet pick-up Oct. 7 from 2-4 p.m. at Oregon Elementary School in the Etnyre Gym and again on race day at the Blackhawk Center. No late registrations will be taken after 8 a.m. on race day so please arrive early to accommodate long lines and parking.

For pre-registered participants, packet pickup will be available on Oct. 2 from 2-4 p.m. at Oregon Elementary School and on race day at the Blackhawk Center from 7-8 a.m.

We are excited to announce that we have partnered with The Maggie & Amos Foundation. The Maggie & Amos Foundation is a nonprofit organization that sponsors grants for local schools and libraries to support enriched learning opportunities for our community's youth.

Looking forward to seeing you at this year's AOP 5K! For more information visit the autumnonparade.com website and find us under the events tab.



Leary named OHS September Senior of Distinction

OREGON — Alyssa Leary was recently named the Oregon Junior Senior High School September of Distinction. Mrs. Reynolds, OJSHS math teacher, presented the reasoning for the award.

"Alyssa is an incredible leader, mentor and role model to her peers and our younger Hawks within the building. Her gentle but effective leadership skills are particularly admirable. She leads by example and empowers those around her to step into leadership roles of their own. It is not surprising that she has been elected into official leadership roles such as class president, Student Council president, and National Honor Society president. As her class dean, I can attest to the immense commitment and responsibility that comes within these roles, but she handles it with grace and ease. Alyssa also has a deep love for learning and solving challenging problems. This passion for learning is what drove her decision to enroll in what I believe to be our two most challenging courses within her junior year; AP Biology and AP Calculus. Her success within

these courses can be attributed to her strong work ethic, determination and perseverance. This year, she has taken on an equally-challenging, yet exciting course load that will greatly benefit her in her studies to become a physician. In addition to this, Alyssa volunteers hours of her time to help within our park district, on fundraising events, planning and running school events, and tutoring her peers. As my teaching assistant, she brought a ray of positivity to class. Her gentle demeanor aided her in not only helping students academically, but also helped them gain confidence in their math mindset. She treats her peers with patience, respect, compassion and value. I often see her walking in the hallway with a new student, helping a junior high student find their class, or comforting a peer in need. She is a truly selfless person that always goes above and beyond to help those around her and is a proud Oregon Hawk. I am incredibly honored to nominate Alyssa for our September Senior of Distinction and believe she is so deserving of this award."

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LOCAL NEWS

OCSWMD resumes drop-off recycling program

OREGON — The Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department (OCSWMD) has resumed the drop-off recycling program. The program has returned on a trial basis, in the hope that the bins and the host locations are not misused. The program restarted on July 10, with two locations for county residents to drop-off their recyclables, and has been running successfully so far. The recycling bins are located at the Ogle County Farm Bureau parking lot, 421 W. Pines Road, Oregon, and at the Byron Forest Preserve Maintenance Facility parking lot, 6845 N. German Church Road, Byron.

There are also two other recycling bins in the County, Waste Management provides one at the Orchard Hills Landfill, 8290 Illinois Route 251, Davis Junction. Republic/ Moring also provides a recycling bin in Polo, at the lot on the corner of North Franklin Avenue and East Locust Street. Both of these recycling bins are free for county residents to use. Residents do not need to drive over the scale at Orchard Hills to use the recycling bin however, the bin is for recyclables only. Residents who wish to dispose of garbage at the landfill will have to pay the disposal fee and use the scale.

Acceptable items

Materials accepted at the bins include:

Clean and dry paper products, including newspapers, magazines, office paper, cardboard, and paperboard (e.g., cereal boxes). No items contaminated by food (e.g. pizza boxes). Plastic containers labeled with

recycling symbols #1 through #5 & #7, such as beverage bottles, milk jugs, detergent bottles, and plastic food containers.

Glass bottles and jars, which should be rinsed and free of any lids or caps. Metal cans, including aluminum and steel cans, and aluminum foil.

The recycling guidelines are also posted on the decks, next to the bins. To ensure the success of the program, flatten cardboard boxes, rinse containers, and place the materials into the bin loose, not in plastic bags. Items that are not listed on the recycling guidelines should not be placed in the bin. While an item may have a recycling symbol in it, it does not guarantee that it is able to be recycled in this program. An example of this would be used motor oil containers, while a plastic container can be recycled, the residual oil left in the container will contaminate the other recyclables in the bin, so they should not be recycled in these bins.

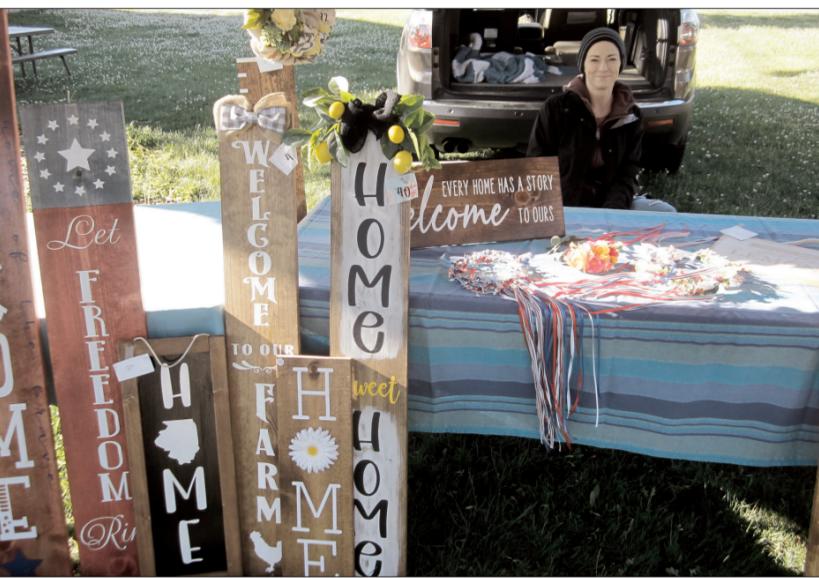
Reducing the amount of contamination in the recycling bins from garbage will help maintain the integrity of the recycling process and keep this program sustainable. Ogle County residents are encouraged to come together as a community to embrace this program and make a positive impact on the environment through responsible recycling. Together we can build a brighter, more sustainable future for Ogle County.

For more information about the Drop-Off Recycling Program, including specific guidelines and updates, please visit www.oglecountyil.gov or contact our office at 815-732-4020.



Botanicals and homemade decorations at Byron Hairy Cow Farmer's Market

Marilu Bechard, Rockford, makes all natural handmade soaps, tinctures, herbal repellants and other botanicals (above). Stop by Byron Hairy Cow Farmer's Market on Saturday mornings from 8 a.m. to noon next to the Hairy Cow Brewery. Taryn Bradley, Stillman Valley, makes a variety of home decorations and crocheted items (below). For more information or to become a vendor, please contact Taryn Bradley at (815) 985-6042, by email at crafterlab23@gmail.com or through the Byron Hairy Cow Farmer's Market Facebook page.



Bark in the Park event in Stillman Valley is scheduled for Oct. 7 at Recreational Park

STILLMAN VALLEY — The Meridian Junior High School Student Council and Meridian Area Small Business Group is excited to host a Bark in the Park event to raise funds for a dog park in Stillman Valley! This family-friendly event will be held on Oct. 7 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Village Recreational Park behind the junior high in Stillman Valley.

There will be a farmers market, dog-related booths, a mobile

petting zoo, the Sheriff's K-9 unit demonstration, art activities for your pups, a doggie mini photo shoot, mobile microchipping with Blackhawk Vet at a discounted rate, doggie costume contest, Bonafide Rescue will be there with adoptable dogs, and a Puppy Parade/one-mile walk at 10 a.m. to show off your pups! (Must register for the walk... Eventbrite registration: search Puppy Parade to register). The

Royal Blue in Stillman is also donating a percentage of proceeds and all profits from their \$1 pup cups to this event - so swing in for lunch! Stay updated on Facebook - <https://fb.me/e/LyaxEfZL>

For more information or to register for the Puppy Parade on paper form, please contact Micki Hoefle, Meridian Junior High School Student Council Advisor at 815-988-7361/mhoeffe@mail.meridian223.org

Come visit and enjoy good company at the Serenity Shed

OREGON — Every Tuesday, starting Sept. 19, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., someone will be available in the workroom at the Serenity Shed.

The coffee will be on if people want to come in and visit. There will also be small crafts visitors can do if they wish.

Anyone who feels like they could use some companionship is welcome to come, whether or not they lost a loved one with Serenity. It is also not necessary for the person to be grieving.

The goal is simply to promote community and foster connection.

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LOCAL NEWS

Ogle County youth win at 2023 Illinois 4-H State Dog Show

DIXON—It was a day filled with wet noses and wagging tails as more than 150 dog owners competed for championship honors in the 2023 Illinois 4-H State Dog Show held Aug. 26 at the Granny Rose K-9 Enrichment Dog facility in Dixon.

4-H members who excel in the 4-H dog project are encouraged to compete at the local 4-H dog obedience contest for a chance to advance to the Illinois 4-H Dog Show. Competition in both obedience and showmanship are held.

“To get to this level of competition, 4-H members devote months of training,” Dan Jennings, University of Illinois Extension state 4-H livestock specialist, said “Not only do the dogs have to perform the required tasks, but they must do so in a new environment surrounded by new noises

and distractions, including several other dogs in the same arena.”

2023 results involving locals included:

The Deborah Orr Memorial Award for most points in a novice class went to Katlyn Miller of Ogle County.

Beginner Novice 1 Top 5 included: Piper Johnson, Ogle County, third and Lily Hongsermeier, Ogle County, fourth.

Beginner Novice 2 Senior Top 5 included Molly Ziegler, Ogle County, first.

Novice 1 Top 5 included Katlyn Miller, Ogle County, first.

Rally Novice Junior Top 5 included Katlyn Miller, Ogle County, second.

Rally Advanced went to Molly Ziegler of Ogle County.

The Illinois State 4-H Dog Show uses the American Kennel Club regulations as a guideline.



Mt. Morris Mobile Food Pantry is Sept. 28

MT. MORRIS — Loaves & Fish Food Pantry alongside Northern Illinois Food Bank is hosting a Mobile Food Pantry on Thursday, Sept. 28 from 10-11:30 a.m. The truck will be located at Mt. Morris Church of the Brethren, 409 W. Brayton Road, Mt. Morris. Food is distributed on

a first-come, first-served basis, while supplies last. Food is free to neighbors in need; no ID, proof of address or income is required.

Loaves & Fish Food Pantry is located on the lower level of the Mt. Morris Church of the Brethren, 409 W. Brayton Road, and is open on the first and third

Thursdays from 3:30-6 p.m. and second and fourth Mondays from 2-4:30 p.m. Anyone experiencing food insecurity is eligible to receive food. You do not need to have a referral, and no proof of income is required. If you have any questions, call 815-613-8776 and leave a message.

OCSWMD reminds residents about open burning

OREGON — The Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department (OCSWMD) responds to multiple cit-

izen complaints each fall regarding the open burning of landscape waste and other materials. These complaints range from the illegal open burning of waste and trash to the nuisance conditions produced by smoldering leaves, grass clippings, and other landscape waste.

The OCSWMD reminds Ogle County residents that the open burning of most types of waste is prohibited throughout Illinois. The open burning of garbage, demolition debris, old buildings, furniture, mattresses, tires, plastic and other forms of municipal waste continue to be problematic for residents and the OCSWMD each fall. The open burning of most waste in Illinois is in violation of the Illinois Environmental Protection Act and Ogle County ordinances. Open burning may be punishable through substantial fines and/or a class A misdemeanor.

The burning of solid waste leads to a variety of problems for area

residents, including the air pollution from the smoke created, toxic ash piles after the fire and the possibility of the fire spreading beyond control. It can result in adverse impacts on your neighbors and your families' health and safety, and our local first responders.

The OCSWMD discourages the open burning of landscape waste in Ogle County and encourages residents to either bag up the landscape waste and have it hauled away to be composted, or use a lawnmower to mulch up fallen leaves, as opposed to open burning. If you live in or near a municipality there may be more restrictive ordinances in place regarding the open burning of landscape waste. Check your local ordinances prior to any open burning of landscape waste.

Residents who choose to burn landscape waste may only do so in unrestricted areas, with materials grown on the property. If you will be

burning your landscape waste, the fire must not create nuisance air pollution for others, and may not obscure or interfere with modes of transportation, such as roads or rail lines. Be sure the fire does not smolder and create excess smoke, and that the fire cannot spread uncontrolled. The fire should be monitored at all times and having a water source nearby is encouraged. Wind and drought conditions should also be monitored.

Be a good neighbor this fall and eliminate the nuisance smoke conditions and other problems associated with open burning. Contact the OCSWMD at 815-732-4020, go to www.oglecountyil.gov, or on Facebook at Ogle County Solid Waste Management Dept. for more information about landscape waste disposal options, or for information regarding the reuse, recycling, or proper disposal of waste materials.

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LOCAL NEWS



Fall Hazel Hurst sale held Sept. 9

The fall Hazel Hurst sale was held on Sept. 9. The Polo Lions Club served biscuits and gravy breakfast for those early people attending the auction. The grill was started after 9 a.m. The Lions Club had hamburgers, cheeseburgers, pork chop sandwiches, hot dogs, brats, chips, coffee, pop and candy. There was a good steady flow through the day. A big thank you to the Lions members that volunteered and to Mike Faivre and these Polo FFA members: Kaleigh Smith, Iyanna Drowns, Noah Dewey, Elsa Monaco, Leah Tobin, Grace Miatke and Cam Jones.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Sept. 18

For our program for Crossroads Country Quilt Guild for Monday, Sept. 18 at 7 p.m., our speaker will be Vicki Hodge, designer and author of Button Box Quilts—two-sided quilts. Hear about Vicki's techniques, tips, and advice to create your own reversible quilts. She'll walk us through her creative process addressing harmonizing colors, motifs, scale, machine quilting and fabrics. Perhaps most importantly, she'll give us a great reason to look on the back of our quilts! Guild meetings are held at the Forresteron Grove Church, 7246 Freepoint Road; Forresteron on the third Monday of each month at 7 p.m. with ample time to meet and greet members before the meeting. Visitors are welcome; for Visitors there is a fee of \$5 at the door. For more information call Program Committee Chairs Dawn Vehmeier 815-291-4592 or Ann Tully 815-238-2218, or Guild President Shelly Holverson 815-297-2381.

Sept. 19

Serenity Hospice & Home's Drop in Wednesday Crafts with Vicky. This will be held at The Serenity Shed, 131 N. 3rd St., Oregon from 9-1 p.m. Please drop in and see what's happening. The coffee will be on and there will be cookies available.

Sept. 20

Serenity Hospice & Home's Men's Coffee Group will meet at The Sunrise in Oregon, 116 N. 4th St. from 9-10 a.m. Please call 815-732-4111 by 4 p.m. Sept. 19 to register.

Sept. 21

Serenity Hospice & Home's Grief Book Club will meet from 5-6 p.m. at The Serenity Home, 1658 S. Illinois Route 2, Oregon. To find out what book we will be discussing, The Knitting Circle by Ann Hood. Please call 815-732-4111 by noon to register.

Sept. 23

Come and join us at Byron's Hairy Cow Farmers Market on Saturday, Sept. 23 from 8 a.m. to noon! Featuring seasonal produce, baked goods, perennials, honey and a large variety of crafts. We have more vendors than ever before this season. We look forward to seeing everyone! For more information or to become a vendor, please contact Taryn Bradley at (815) 985-6042, by email at craftlab23@gmail.com or at the Byron's Hairy Cow Farmers

Facebook page.

Sept. 30

The rich history of the Oregon Park District will be the subject of the Oregon Depot Museum's "those were the days" program, Saturday, Sept. 30 at 10 a.m. The colorful program will be hosted by Chris Martin with Beth Simeone and feature others who were involved in establishing the district in the 1960s right up to its current director.

Oct. 6-8

Oregon United Methodist Church will be hosting their annual White Elephant Sale Oct. 6-8 during Autumn on Parade. This sale supports many missions of our church in our community. Donations accepted: Clean, gently-used items, no clothing, printers, computers, TVs, microwaves, typewriters, exercise equipment or carpets. Donations will be accepted at the church on the following days. Saturday, Sept. 30 from 9-11 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 1 11 a.m. to noon. Monday, Oct. 2 from 2-6 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 3 from 10 a.m. to noon. Thank you in advance for supporting our missions.

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MOMENTS IN TIME

* On Oct. 2, 1614, Louis XIII of France was declared an adult. His mother, Marie de' Medici, continued to act as his Regent, however, as she had begun upon the assassination of his father, King Henry IV of France, in 1610, until Louis turned 16.

* On Oct. 3, 1967, singer/musician/activist Woody Guthrie, lauded by Bob Dylan as "the true voice of the American spirit," died from complications of Huntington's disease at age 55. His music focused primarily on American socialism and anti-fascism, influencing numerous other artists ranging from Johnny Cash to Jerry Garcia.

* On Oct. 4, 2006, the widows of two war veterans brought a lawsuit against the United States government for the right to include Wiccan religious symbols on graves in military cemeteries. While the religion is recognized by the military, its followers were not permitted to display a Wiccan pentacle on such markers until the following year.

* On Oct. 5, 1999, torrential rains caused flooding and mudslides that completely buried 80 homes in the small Mexican city of Teziutlan. Authorities estimated the village received nearly half the amount of its annual rainfall in just three days.

* On Oct. 6, 1945, tavern owner William Sianis bought a seat for himself and his pet goat, Murphy, for Game 4 of the World Series, featuring the Chicago Cubs vs. the Detroit Tigers. Chagrined that Murphy was denied admission, legend holds that Sianis declared the Cubs would never win a game again until the animal was allowed on Wrigley Field. Though he "lifted" the curse in 1969, the Cubs didn't see another victory until 1984.

Thanks to Dick Little and White Pines Ranch

Dear editor,

Sometimes one event can change the course of your life. Last month, when Richard "Dick" Little died, a few days short of 97 years old, I thought back to that event for me. I was 13 years old, living in Joliet, and one Sunday read Parade

praised us when we were meeting those expectations, and encouraged us when we weren't. My work ethic was developed there and has helped me be successful in my career since then.

I have so many good memories from my time at the ranch, and all because I happened to read Parade magazine one day in 1970. Don and I recently spent an evening with a special group of people – our extended ranch family, to celebrate the lives of Dick and Dee. While we don't see this group much at all anymore, it was great to get together and catch up.

I would like to publicly thank Gig, Sue, Andee and Bub for sharing their parents with us all those years at the ranch. When Don and I heard about Dick's death, it felt like it was the end of an era – a great era! Dick made a difference in many people's lives, including both Don and me, and I just wanted to say thanks.

Linda Pottinger
Oregon

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Agriculture and emissions

SEEMS every day we hear more in the news about carbon and how we need to reduce our carbon footprint to save the earth. We can argue the science all day long and most likely will not come to a resolution. However, what bothers me is how the environmental community keeps pointing a finger at agriculture and blames us for the problem. Even US Energy czar John Kerry joined in the fray. What do you expect when he is a follower of Al Gore.

So let's look at the data supplied by our own government's USEPA, you know the folks John Kerry is supposed to trust for data. Perhaps he may want to read their report sometime.

The Inventory of US Greenhouse Emissions and Sinks has been published annually by the Environmental Protection Agency since 1990. Once again, U.S. agriculture represents just 10 percent of total U.S. emissions when compared to other economic sectors. Overall U.S. greenhouse gas emissions increased from 2020 to 2021 by 5.2 percent, though agricultural emissions dropped 0.2 percent. The likely cause of this year-over-year increase is the return of economic activity after a portion of initial COVID-19 lockdowns were lifted. With the slow return of food service, entertainment and travel came the emissions associated with those activities. Agricultural production remained vital throughout the COVID-19 disruptions and lockdowns as the world still required food. The report emphasizes how voluntary, market- and incentive-based conservation practices help farmers and ranchers access finances for the research and technology needed to continue to take care of their natural resources.

In 2021, EPA reports that the total U.S. emissions from all man-made sources was 6.3 billion metric tons in CO2 equivalents, which is an increase of 314 million metric tons compared to 2020 when U.S. emissions totaled 6 billion metric tons in CO2 equivalents. Land use, land-use changes and forestry (LULUC) trapped 754 million metric tons of carbon in the soils, representing 11.8 percent of total U.S. emissions. 2021 net emissions, which combine total U.S. greenhouse gas emissions with the sequestered greenhouse gas emissions, totaled 5.6 billion metric tons, up 6.4 percent from 2020. Again, this increase is likely linked to the rebound of economic activity after initial COVID-19 economic disruptions.

The largest emissions source was the transportation sector, representing 28 percent of total emissions and totaling 1.8 billion metric tons. Transportation emissions increased 11 percent, or 179 million metric tons, from the prior year, largely a result of the return of travel after many pandemic restrictions were lifted. Following transportation, electricity generation represented 25 percent of total emissions at 1.6 billion metric tons. Emissions from the electric power industry were up 6.9 percent from 2020 after a 10.2 percent reduction compared to 2019. Similar to the transportation sector, an increase in economic activity after initial COVID-19 lockdowns contributed to increased demand for electrical generation for things like manufacturing and heating and cooling of re-opened facilities. The industrial sector, which includes the production of iron and steel, as well as other input materials like cement, represented over 23 percent of all emissions at 1.5 billion metric tons. Emissions from the industrial sector increased 1.5 percent compared to 2020. The commercial and residential sectors and U.S. territories represented 12.7 percent of all U.S. emissions, increasing 1.5 percent compared to 2020, again linked to the return of increased economic activity.

By EPA's own methodology, emissions from agriculture totaled 636 million metric tons in CO2 equivalents, or 10.02% of all U.S. emissions, during 2021. This represents a decrease of 0.2%, or 1.43 million metric tons, from 2020. This follows a 2.7 percent, or 18-million-metric-ton, drop between 2019 and 2020 and a 2.2 percent, or 15-million-metric-ton, drop between 2018 and 2019. EPA further categorizes agricultural emissions by crop cultivation, livestock and fuel combustion. In 2021, crop cultivation emissions totaled 319 million metric tons, up one percent, or 2.89 million metric tons, from 2020 and just over 5% of total emissions. At 4.4% of total emissions, livestock emissions were 278 million metric tons, down one percent, or two million metric tons, from 2020. Fuel combustion utilized by the agricultural sector contributed 38 million metric tons in 2021, down 2.2 million metric tons, or six percent, from 2020, a mere 0.6 percent of total emissions.

For livestock categories specifically, enteric emissions from beef cattle sit at 2.19 percent of total U.S. emissions, or 139 million metric tons of the 6.34 billion metric ton total. This is a one percent, or 1.31-million-metric-ton, decline from 2020. Dairy cattle contributed only an additional 0.77% to total emissions or 49 million metric tons – a marginal 290,000-metric-ton increase from 2020. Swine, sheep and horses were a mere 0.05 percent, 0.02 percent and 0.02 percent of the total, respectively.

EPA also estimates agricultural emissions using a second methodology consistent with those of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. By this measure, U.S. agricultural emissions for 2021 totaled 598 million metric tons, up 0.1 percent, or 830,000 metric tons, from 2020, representing 9.4 percent of all U.S. greenhouse gas emissions. This methodology breaks down agriculture into additional categories not considered in the base methodology. In this data set, the largest source of U.S. agricultural emissions was agricultural soil management, e.g., fertilizer applications or tillage practices, at 294 million metric tons, a 3.5-million-metric-ton, or one percent, increase. Agricultural soil management represents approximately 50% of all agricultural emissions, but only 4.6 percent of total U.S. emissions.

Following agricultural soil management, livestock-related emissions from enteric fermentation and manure management contributed 195 million metric tons and 83 million metric tons, respectively, to total U.S. emissions. These two emission sources represented 46 percent of agricultural emissions, but only 4.4 percent of total U.S. emissions. Other agricultural emissions sources include methane from rice cultivation at 17 million metric tons, CO2 from urea fertilization at 5.2 million metric tons, CO2 from liming at 3 million metric tons, and CO2 from field burning at 0.6 million metric tons. Combined, these remaining categories represented less than five percent of agricultural emissions and 0.4 percent of U.S. emissions.

A comparison of 2021 emissions to 1990 emissions shows U.S. agricultural emissions have increased by seven percent. However, that's not the full story. Productivity is increasing, as it must to help feed a growing global population, while emissions are on the decline relative to this productivity and population increase. Innovation and advancements in technology have allowed farmers and ranchers to increase their productivity while using the same amount of inputs. Compared to 1948, farmers and ranchers are producing 2.78 times more in output per unit of input they use, according to USDA-Economic Research Service's estimations of farm output, input and total factor productivity. Even more impressive, productivity is

rising while cropland is declining – by 30 million acres over the last three decades. This means that farmers and ranchers continue to produce more using fewer resources and the additional decrease in agricultural emissions shows that voluntary, market-based incentives are helping farmers and ranchers accomplish this milestone.

For agriculture, production of food is important not just for farmers and ranchers, but also for the millions of families in the U.S. and around the world that U.S. agriculture feeds. Agriculture has been remarkable at sustainable intensification through productivity gains, in addition to adding practices that further shrink its environmental footprint. These improvements have been in crop yields and animal nutrition and breeding. Such productivity growth and the agricultural research that drives it are critical to the sustainability of agriculture's contribution to the world's food, clothing and energy needs.

For instance, consider two examples: milk production and red meat production, which includes cattle, swine and sheep raised for meat. Since 1990, U.S. dairy farmers have increased milk output by 53 percent, going from 148 billion pounds to 226 billion pounds as global demand for products like cheese, butter and dairy powders rises with a growing world economy. During this same timeframe, enteric fermentation from dairy cattle per billion pounds of milk produced has dropped 26 percent, from 293 million metric tons to 217 million metric tons per billion pounds of milk produced. Similarly, global demand for red meat products continues to rise and farmers have met the challenge in a more efficient manner. In 1990, U.S. farmers produced 39 billion pounds of red meat; this grew 44 percent to 55 billion pounds in 2021. In the same timeframe, enteric fermentation from beef cattle dropped 28 percent, from 3.5 million metric tons to 2.5 million metric tons per billion pounds produced. This shows how livestock producers have embraced technological innovation and production practices that increase output while reducing associated emissions.

During 2021, U.S. greenhouse gas emissions from all man-made sources totaled 6.3 billion metric tons in CO2 equivalents, an increase of 5.2 percent from 2020, largely due to the return of commerce after a COVID-19-induced slowdown in 2020. When taking into consideration carbon trapped in the soils through forestry, grasslands, wetlands and cropland, U.S. greenhouse gas emissions were reduced by almost 12 percent to a net emissions level of 5.6 billion metric tons. Emissions related to agriculture totaled 635 million metric tons during 2021, down a slight 0.2 percent from the previous year.

When factoring in productivity and population gains, however, both per unit and per capita agricultural emissions are declining. That means U.S. agriculture is producing more food, fiber and renewable fuel for more people while using fewer resources and emitting fewer greenhouse gases. Additionally, the adoption of conservation practices through voluntary, market-based incentives have helped farmers and ranchers trap 754 million metric tons of carbon in the soil.

The latest report shows that when agriculture is recognized as a partner in reducing greenhouse gas emissions, farmers and ranchers have more opportunities to utilize voluntary, market-based incentives that work to reduce agriculture's environmental footprint while helping farmers and ranchers economically produce the food, fiber and renewable fuel U.S. families, and the world, rely on.

"If you do not take an interest in the affairs of your government, then you are doomed to live under the rule of fools." -Plato

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



Ron Kern

HEALTH

Foods that can keep cholesterol in check

DIET plays an important role in maintaining healthy cholesterol numbers. Although the level of cholesterol in a person's blood is partly due to factors related to heredity, the foods one eats also affect cholesterol levels.

When doctors discuss cholesterol with their patients, they may refer to total cholesterol, bad cholesterol and good cholesterol. What does that mean? Total cholesterol is the combined number of cholesterol in the blood, and should be below 200. Good cholesterol is known as HDL (high-density lipoprotein) and ideally it should be above 60. Bad, or LDL (low-density lipoprotein) cholesterol, should be below 100, says the Cleveland Clinic. A person who has a poor lipoprotein profile may be instructed to alter their diet. Learning which foods might help is an important tool in managing cholesterol and triglyceride numbers.

Oats and more

Individuals likely have heard that oatmeal is good for helping reduce cholesterol numbers. Oatmeal has soluble fiber, which lowers LDL cholesterol by reducing the absorption of cho-

lesterol into the bloodstream. Oat bran and other high-fiber grains also are good to enjoy.

Legumes and produce

Eggplant, okra, kidney beans, Brussels sprouts, pears, apples, and more also can be effective at lowering cholesterol levels. These foods tend to be lower in calories and saturated fats but high in soluble fiber.

Nuts

Almond, walnuts and other foods high in omega-3 fatty acids can lower cholesterol levels by raising the levels of HDL cholesterol. Nuts like almonds also are high in vitamin E, which is an antioxidant that can keep the body healthy in a number of ways. Since nuts are high in calories, it is important to eat them in moderation.

Fatty fish

Eating fish over other meat-based protein sources helps reduce caloric intake. It also means the body gains the benefits of omega-3 fatty acids that lower LDL and triglycerides in the bloodstream.

Sterols and stanols

Sterols and stanols are components of plants that gum up the body's ability to absorb cholesterol from food, says Harvard Health. Companies add them to foods like margarine and granola bars as supplements. Roughly two grams of plant sterols



a day can reduce LDL by 10 percent.

Avocados and olives

Both of these foods are good sources of fiber and also monounsaturated fats that can help improve HDL and lower LDL levels. Substitute olive and avocado oils for lard and butter when cooking to improve cholesterol levels.

Certain foods can be beneficial for improving cholesterol numbers. Focusing on the positive can help people feel less restricted by healthy eating plans.



Who's Who in Healthcare



Drew Fitzanko
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Physical Therapist
Certified Weight Trainer

Specialties:

- Evaluation & Treatment of sports-related injuries
- Treatment of Balance Disorders & Vertigo
- Treatment of chronic pain syndromes
- Baseball overhead athlete certified clinician
- Offers education in injury prevention & fall prevention programs
- 24 Years of experience



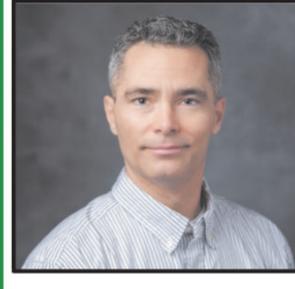
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Personal Info:

Dr. DeForest has enjoyed providing the highest standard of dental care to the Oregon Community for the past 30 years and will continue to do so with his amazing staff by his side. In his free time he enjoys training for his 6th Ironman Triathlon, rebuilding his antique car and traveling with his wife and 4 children.



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Education/Experience:

Dr. Cates graduated from Palmer College. Completed the Harvard postgraduate program on low back pain management; and an orthopedic specialty diplomate; a specialty diplomate in consulting; a postgraduate neurology program at Edgewater Hospital; and a master's degree in biomechanical trauma.

Specialty:

As a chiropractic orthopedist with a master's degree in biomechanical trauma, Dr. Cates specialize in the non-surgical branch of orthopedics; treating the entire skeletal system including joints, muscles, tendons, ligaments, cartilage, and associated nerve structures.

Services Offered:

Diagnostic services, Spinal manipulation, Flexion-distraction of the lower back, Soft tissue manipulation, Trigger point therapy, Ultrasonic therapy, Electrical muscle stimulation therapy, Short-wave Diathermy, Hot packs, Sports taping

Personal Info:

Dr. Cates is originally from the Byron/Oregon area. He has served as past president of the Tri-County Chiropractic Society, Northern Illinois Chiropractic Society, American College of Chiropractic Consultants, and has served as past chairman of Illinois Chiropractic Society's Standards of Care committee, and Ethic committee. In the academic world, Dr. Cates has been appointed to several scientific commissions and expert panels which review research used in the construction of practice guidelines. He has written numerous articles which have been published and referenced in several scientific journals around the world, and has lectured widely around the United States.

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Dr Carri Anderson, DC

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2010 graduate of Palmer College of Chiropractic, Davenport, IA. Twelve years clinical experience with musculoskeletal pain and injuries as well as nutrition.

Specialty:

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Services Offered:

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Oregon Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year 2014 and is a past President of the Oregon Lions Club. Originally from Polo, Carri lives in Oregon with her daughter Evelyn. She enjoys spending time with family and friends and in the outdoors.

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LOCAL NEWS

OHS excels nationally: named to the U.S. News and World Report Best Schools List

OREGON—Oregon High School ranked in the top 40 percent of all public schools nationwide, five percentage points better than last year. The school earned high national and metro-area rankings in the 2023-2024 Best High Schools report, released by U.S. News of schools throughout the U.S. This recognition is underscored by Oregon High School's 93 percent graduation rate and a 16:1 student teacher ratio.



strong placement on the national stage," Dr. Heidi Deininger, principal of OHS, said. "This achievement is a reflection of the dedication and hard work of our students, teachers, staff and community."

Report rankings were determined by enrollment and graduation rates, student body demographics, location, school type and results of state assessments as well as Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate tests. The report evaluated and ranked 18,000 public schools nationwide and 664 public schools.

ISP encourages safe driving during harvest season

SPRINGFIELD—The Illinois State Police (ISP) is reminding motorists and farmers about traffic safety as Illinois enters the fall harvest season. Agriculture is one of the leading industries in Illinois and farmers across the state will be moving equipment along roadways during the harvest season, which typically begins in early September and can last into November.



As farmers are traveling between fields, ISP is reminding motorists and farmers alike to share the road to help reduce crashes involving tractors, implements and other farm equipment. ISP encourages motorists to follow these safe driving tips during harvest season:
 Share the road and be patient. Allow extra travel time

during harvest season. Don't pass until it's safe and legal to do so. It is illegal to pass at intersections and in no-passing zones. Improper passing can be deadly.

Use extra caution around tractors and slow-moving vehicles. Farm equipment is easily recognized by the orange, slow moving vehicle triangle emblem on the back. Most are also equipped with flashing yellow lights to warn motorists. Adjust to a greater following distance to increase sight lines when following behind wide, slow moving vehicles.

ISP also encourages farmers to do their part by following these safe driving tips:
 Take time to wipe off reflec-

tors, flashing lights, and any other warning devices on equipment before entering the roadway. Equipment covered with dust/mud/debris from the field and can make warning devices difficult to see.

Understand motorist sight lines are reduced around large pieces of equipment and look for opportunities to move as far right as possible.

Pay attention for traffic backing up while traveling between fields and look for opportunities to ease them. When possible, move off of the roadway to allow extensive back-ups time to clear.

When possible, reduce width of combines by removing the harvesting heads.

Remember, farm machinery cannot be driven or towed on controlled access highways.

By sharing the road and making safety a priority, motorists and farmers can work together to ensure a safe fall harvest.

Oktoberfest Pairing at Cork & Tap

Friday, September 29, 6:30 pm
 Enjoy food prepared by Ralfie's BBQ, Hazel's, Jen's Artisan Breads and The Noble Cakery paired with an Oktoberfest Flight
 \$26R/\$30NR - Deadline to register 9/21

Sweet Spooky Friday the 13th with Aunt B's Baking

October 13, 6:30-8 p.m. Cork & Tap
 Join us for a cookie decorating night so good it's scary! Aunt B's Baking will teach you some of her favorite tips and tricks for mastering cookie decorating. You will decorate and take home 4 cookies. All supplies included.
 \$48R/\$58NR - Deadline to register 10/6

Fall Foliage Road Trip

Saturday, October 14 from 10 am-4 pm
 Mississippi Palisades State Park & Fergedaboutit Winery
 Enjoy transportation by Oregon Park District van to enjoy the fall colors. Tour of park, enjoy a Charcuterie Box by Jen's Artisan Breads and a stop for a wine flight at Fergedaboutit Winery.
 \$32R/\$38NR - Deadline to register 10/7

Butternut Squash Lasagna

Thursday, October 26 at Cork & Tap - 6-7:30 pm
 Join Linnie's Kitchen to make this fall delight! Cost includes everything to make a scrumptious Lasagna ready to take home and bake.
 \$38R/\$45NR - Deadline to register 10/19

Halloween StoryWalk Trail

Wednesday, October 18 - 1:30-5:30 pm - Park West
 FREE but registration is required - Deadline to register 10/7

Taft Fall Luncheon

Sunday, October 29 from 2-4 pm
 Lorado Taft Campus - \$18R/\$22NR
 Deadline 10/20
 Enjoy a traditional Thanksgiving Style luncheon with all the trimmings at the beautiful Taft Campus.

Pumpkin Crafting for Kids

Wednesday, October 25 from 2:30-3:30 pm
 Oregon Park District
 \$3R/\$4NR - Deadline 10/18
 Enjoy crafting and bingo ages 5-12

Humans vs. Zombies 6-8th Grade Night

Saturday, October 28
 Oregon Park West - 6:30-8:30 pm
 \$5R/\$6NR
 Enjoy humans vs. zombies for fun Halloween activity!



Family Fun Night

Movie in the Pool

Thursday, Oct. 5th

6:30-9:30 pm

\$5 adults \$3 kids

Enjoy Super Mario Bros. Movie in the Pool, Chips & Salsa provided by Hector's Cocina, Popcorn, Bingo in the River and Inflatables in the Gym!

All proceeds benefit 2024 Senior Class at OHS



Best of Ogle County
Voting has Ended

Look for the Winners' Section
in our Oct. 9th edition

SVHS alum Hendrickson visits Meridian School District with 37th Helicopter Squadron

STILLMAN VALLEY – On Sept. 12, the Meridian School District had the distinct honor of welcoming one of its own back to the grounds as Mitchell Hendrickson, a proud alum of Stillman Valley High School, returned with the 37th Helicopter Squadron of the United States Air Force.

Capt. Hendrickson and his squadron were on a cross-country flight from Wyoming to the east coast, which allowed him the opportunity to stop through his hometown. During his visit, Capt. Hendrickson landed at SVHS and was able to engage with students from sixth through 12th grade in allowing students to see his helicopter up close, along with answering questions.

His time allowed him to perform a fly over of Highland Elementary and Monroe Center Grade School.



“This opportunity to welcome back Capt. Hendrickson to his hometown speaks volumes of our vision of small town values and world class results,” District Superintendent PJ Caposey said. “We are incredibly honored to have been afforded the opportunity.”

Hendrickson graduated from SVHS in 2010 and has since embarked on a distinguished career in the United States Air Force. His dedication and com-

mitment to serving our nation has led him to the 37th Helicopter Squadron. His visit to the Meridian School District aimed to inspire and educate the next generation of leaders.

The Meridian School District extends its gratitude to Mitchell for taking the time to inspire our students and share his experience. His visit was an exceptional opportunity for our community to celebrate the achievements of a hometown hero.



OPEN HOUSE! SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH 11AM - 1PM



240 S. West, Byron NOW \$480,000
Call Rebecca

RIVERFRONT BEAUTY! Vacation at home at this stunning, custom-built ranch with fully exposed lower level located on the Rock River yet steps from downtown Byron. This home features an expansive addition with stunning craftsmanship along with many large windows throughout showcasing your serene river views. With over 5,000 square feet of living space, there is plenty of room indoors for your family or guests. Custom kitchen featuring a butler's pantry with granite counter tops and custom cabinetry throughout. Oak hardwood flooring throughout the spacious dining room that is open to both the kitchen and great room. Great room includes marble surround fireplace, crown molding and doors leading your private terrace. There are 4-6 bedrooms and 4.5 bathrooms in this roomy ranch. Master suite boasts 2 sitting areas, 2 master bedrooms and large closets. Walk out lower level has 3-4 additional bedrooms, family room, second kitchen and 2 bathrooms. There are doors leading out to the stamped concrete patio with hot tub. The yard is gorgeous and professionally landscaped. A one of kind riverfront property!

NEW LISTING



112 S. State St., Franklin Grove \$99,900 Call Carla

New Listing in Franklin Grove! This adorable 2 bedroom, 1 bathroom home offers so much with loads of charm throughout! 2 bedrooms up with a large 2nd level bathroom plus loads of storage. Super large kitchen with eat in area plus separate formal dining room with built-in china cabinets! Entering the front door from the large enclosed front porch you'll notice the exceptionally spacious living room with newer carpeting throughout and ceiling fans! All appliances will stay including the washer and dryer! The oversized concrete block wall garage sits next to the gravel driveway with a deep rock base plus access to the street frontage and access to the back alley!! Located in the rural community of Franklin Grove.

NEW LISTING



1801 21st Ave., Sterling \$139,900 Call JD

Introducing a charming ranch home on a corner lot, conveniently located near Sterling schools. This 3-bed, 1-bath gem features a spacious family room, attached garage, and a fenced-in yard for your enjoyment, plus the main floor laundry adds convenience to your daily routine. You'll love the newly custom-designed kitchen with stone counters and modern appliances. The entire interior of the home has been beautifully redone down to the studs since 2021, including electrical and plumbing. Additionally, a new roof and furnace were installed in 2021, ensuring peace of mind and comfort. Don't miss the opportunity to make this fully renovated home yours!

NEW LISTING



422 Spruce Lane, Amboy \$145,000 Call Taylor

MULTIPLE OFFERS RECEIVED! HIGHEST AND BEST OFFERS DUE BY 9/14. Welcome to 422 Spruce Ln, nestled in a peaceful cul-de-sac in Amboy. This charming home offers a perfect blend of comfort and modern elegance. As you arrive, you'll be greeted by a picturesque concrete paver driveway leading up to the attached two car garage. The covered front porch is a great spot to relax and enjoy your morning coffee or unwind with a book. Step inside and discover the inviting open concept design that seamlessly connects the living, dining, and kitchen areas. This spacious layout is perfect for hosting gatherings and creating cherished memories with loved ones. Imagine outdoor barbecues on the back deck with friends and family in this delightful setting. Some recent updates include newer flooring, stainless steel stove, and fridge. For those with a green thumb or a love for fresh produce, you'll appreciate the beautiful apple tree in the backyard as well as a spot to have your own garden. Don't miss this opportunity to make this delightful property yours.

NEW LISTING



514 W. 11th St., Rock Falls \$194,900 Call JD

Presenting a meticulously kept ranch home that defines comfort and style. This property boasts a full finished basement, 3 bedrooms and 3 full bathrooms, including a master suite. Enjoy the convenience of an attached 2 car garage with a brand new door, and a fenced-in yard for outdoor relaxation. Step inside to discover new flooring that adds a touch of elegance. The open concept kitchen complete with skylight, brings in abundant natural lighting and creates an inviting space for all needs. The sprawling basement offers ample room for entertainment and endless possibilities. This home combines modern updates with timeless charm, making it the perfect place to call home. Don't miss your chance to experience the comfort and convenience it offers. Make it yours today!

NEW LISTING



710 E. Oregon, Polo \$259,900 Call Carla

Check out this one-of-a-kind listing located on the edge of Polo! This 3.3 acre property includes a unique, fully remodeled 50ft diameter Monolithic dome home, a 28 x 20 barn, a 32 x 14 barn, 24x30 Wick pole building with concrete floor, lovely park like front yard including a seasonal pond with goldfish and frogs, and even a treehouse! Fall in love with this rustic, cozy home that features all main floor living with an enclosed loft area. Entering the home you are greeted with a warm great room featuring space for living and dining with an open floor plan into a kitchen and live edge bar with hand hewn Pine posts. This home includes 4 bedrooms, 2 full baths, a great room, a beautiful spacious kitchen, an office room, and a recreational room upstairs with an additional bonus room. Masterful rustic touches include Ponderosa Pine ceilings and solid wood doors. The primary bath offers a walk-in slate tile shower, while the guest bath features a soaking tub, double vanities, and tons of counter space. The laundry room has a pet bath, and there is also a built-in kennel under the stairs. This home provides custom storage areas throughout, giving you space to store without clutter. Newer mechanicals have been installed such as an instant hot water heater and water softener (2017), entire ventilation system including ductwork, A/C, furnace and HRV (2022), and it has the option of in-floor propane heating. All appliances will be staying including washer and dryer. Located blocks from Polo Schools, outdoor public pool, and the 5 mile long Joe Stengel Trail.

NEW LISTING



0 River Rd., Oregon \$413,154 Call Carla

Rock River Front Buildable land in Oregon School district! This northern 34.02 acre parcel is offered as buildable with Ag zoning and with RIVER FRONTAGE!! Dock at your own property! This wooded wonderland offers privacy and seclusion like no other property available on the Rock River. Part of the parcel is in the Natural Land Institute conservation easement program. Wooded timber with easement access from River Rd.

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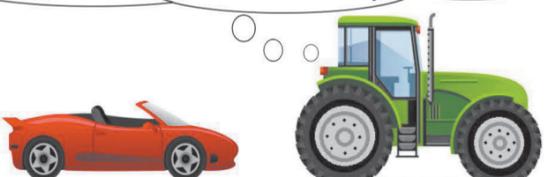
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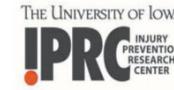
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Weather-related disasters do not discriminate, and people from all walks of life and corners of the globe can be affected by such catastrophes. The agricultural sector is especially vulnerable

to natural disasters, as farmers can lose their homes and their livelihoods in what feels like the blink of an eye. But farmers should know that various support programs are in place to provide assistance should they need it in the aftermath of a natural disaster.

- **Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP):** The Farm Service Agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture notes that this program provides compensation to eligible livestock producers who have suffered grazing losses due to drought or fire on land that is native or improved pastureland with permanent vegetative cover. Assistance also is available when

land planted specifically for grazing has been affected by drought or fire.

- **Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP):** This provides benefits to livestock producers for livestock deaths in excess of normal mortality caused by adverse weather or by attacks by animals reintroduced into the wild by the federal government.
- **Emergency Loan Program:** This program provides loans to producers as they seek to recover from production and physical losses due to drought, flooding and other natural disasters. Loans also may be available after losses due to quarantine or by animal quarantine laws imposed in accordance with the Plant Protection Act.
- **Emergency Conservation Program (ECP):** This program helps farmers and ranchers repair damage to farmlands caused by natural disasters. The program also helps put in place water conservation methods during severe drought.
- **Noninsured Disaster Assistance Program (NAP):** This program pays covered producers of noninsurable crops when low yields, loss of inventory or prevented planting occur due to natural disasters.
- **AgriStability:** According to Public Safety Canada, this program provides support when a producer experiences larger farm income losses.
- **Farm Credit Canada:** Flexible payment arrangements and government-backed loan guarantees may be available to agricultural producers to support recovery from disasters.
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CASE III

LOCAL NEWS

AREA SPORTS

Oregon boys golf falls to Dixon

On Sept. 7, the Oregon varsity boys golf team fell to Dixon on the road 161-189. The Hawks were led by Kylar Early (42), Nole Campos (43), Dom Terlikowski (51) and Jackson Messenger (53). The loss dropped Oregon to 5-3 (4-3 conference). Oregon's JV team fell 214-244, led by Cameron Folk (54) and Brady Davis (57).

Oregon girls golf falls to Dixon

On Sept. 7, the Oregon varsity girls golf team fell to Dixon on the road 192-207. The Hawks were led by Sarah Eckardt (44), Aniyah Sarver (47), Emma Schlitchmann (57) and Hailey-Jane Becker (59). The loss dropped Oregon to 4-2 overall (4-2 conference).

Oregon boys soccer falls to Winnebago

On Sept. 7, the Oregon varsity boys soccer team fell to Winnebago 4-3. Gavin Morrow scored three goals for Oregon, Keaton Salsbury recorded two assists and Jackson Caposey recorded one assist. The loss dropped Oregon's record to 5-4-1 (2-2 conference).

Oregon football falls to Genoa-Kingston in overtime

On Sept. 8, the Oregon varsity football game fell 20-14 to Genoa-Kingston in overtime. After holding a 14-6 lead, the Hawks surrendered a touchdown and two-point conversion in the fourth quarter and G-K scored the game-winning touchdown in overtime on a Nathan Kleba 12-yard run. Jack Washburn went

11-21 for 196 yards and one interception for the Hawks, who were led in rushing by Logan Weems (23 carries for 109 yards). Austin Egyed (5-52) and Avery Harris (3-33) led the Hawks in receiving.

Byron football defeats Rockford Christian 70-14

On Sept. 8, the Byron varsity football team defeated Rockford Christian 70-14. The Tigers ran for 378 yards and nine touchdowns in the game.

Oregon soccer falls to Dixon

On Sept. 11, the Oregon boys varsity soccer team fell to Dixon 2-1 on penalty kicks. Steven Guardado scored Oregon's goal. The loss dropped the Hawks' record to 5-7-1 (2-3 conference).

Oregon volleyball falls to Polo

On Sept. 11, the Oregon varsity girls volleyball team fell to Polo 25-18, 17-25, 10-15. Oregon was led by Kenna Wubbena (12 digs, 11 kills), Madi Shaffer (18 digs, two aces) and Lexi Ebert (13 assists, six kills, three aces). Polo won the junior varsity game 23-25, 25-22, 15-7. Oregon won the fresh-soph game 25-23, 20-19 (40-minute time limit).

Oregon boys golf defeats Polo, Forreton

On Sept. 11, the Oregon boys golf team (173) defeated Forreton (190) and Polo (286) in a match at Silver Ridge Golf Course. The Hawks (8-3, 4-3 conference) were led by Brogan Wilkinson (40, medalist), Nole Campos (41), Kylar Early (43) and Jackson Messenger (49). The Cardinals (7-2,

6-1 conference) were led by Kendall Erdmann (40, medalist), Darin Greenfield (47), Kaden Ganz (51) and Heath Schubert (52). The Marcos (3-12, 1-9 conference) were led by Aiden Messer (53), Caleb Sutton (68), Wyatt Brooks (79) and Cooper Dawson (86).

Oregon girls golf defeats Polo by forfeit

The Oregon varsity girls golf team defeated Polo Sept. 11 by forfeit due to the Marcos only having one golfer. The Hawks shot a 216 in the match and were led by Sarah Eckardt (49), Emma Schlitchmann (54), Aniyah Sarver (51), Hailey-Jane Becker (62) and Toni Withers (62). Avery Faivre shot a 65 for Polo.

Oregon boys golf defeats West Carroll

The Oregon varsity boys golf team defeated West Carroll 173-226 on Sept. 12 at Sandburr Run Golf Course. The Hawks were led by Kylar Early (43), Jackson Messenger (43), Nole Campos (43) and Brogan Wilkinson (44). The win raised Oregon's record to 9-3 (4-3 conference).

Oregon girls golf defeats West Carroll

On Sept. 12, the Oregon varsity girls golf team defeated West Carroll 193-244 at Sandburr Run Golf Course. The Hawks were led by Aniyah Sarver (43, medalist), Sarah Eckardt (45, runner up), Emma Schlitchmann (50) and Hailey-Jane Becker (55). The win raised Oregon's record to 5-2 (3-2 conference).

NIU football falls to Southern Illinois 14-11 at home

'We couldn't get anything going as a team'

BY ANDY COLBERT

DEKALB – After a promising win over Power-5 school Boston College in its season opener, the Northern Illinois University football team fell to Southern Illinois 14-11.

The big question was how a team can beat a program from a major conference like the ACC and then lose to a lower-level FCS school a week later? Adding to the mystery was SIU only converting on 1-of-11 third downs, while the Huskies were 8-of-16.

"We had three turnovers and two missed field goals," said NIU coach Thomas Hammock, in

explaining the statistical anomaly.

It also hurts when your team only garners 63 yards on 34 carries.

"That's almost embarrassing," Hammock said. "We couldn't get anything going as a team."

So woeful was the offensive attack that NIU did not muster a touchdown until the fourth quarter, a 62-yard bomb from Rocky Lombardi to Kacper Rutkiewicz (six catches for 139). That made it 14-11 after a two-point pass attempt.

"Our defense played phenomenal, holding them to 14 points," Hammock said. They gave us a chance to win."

The Huskies had four more offensive possessions after the touchdown, but had two interceptions and a failed 4th and 5 at midfield with eight minutes left.

"That was a tough situation," Hammock said. "We had to be aggressive at that point to win and were looking for a spark."

NIU travels to Lincoln, Nebraska to take on the Cornhuskers of the Big 10. In 2017, the Huskies upset Nebraska 21-17, but lost 44-8 in 2019.

"We're going to cut it loose," Lombardi said. "It's the best atmosphere to play in. The way our defense is playing, we have a good shot."



Polo Lions donate to SVCC Impact program

On Wednesday, Sept. 6, Polo Lions Member Jeff Short presented President Dr. David Hellmich a check that goes towards the Sauk Valley Community College Impact program of earned tuition and fees for Polo High School. The Lions club will contribute \$17,500 over five years.

Polo falls to Milledgeville 58-22

'We got in a hole and couldn't get out'

BY ANDY COLBERT
CORRESPONDENT

POLO – With all the hype leading up to the eight-man football game between rivals Milledgeville and Polo, numerous monikers were attached to it such as "The Battle of the Blacktop", "No. 2-ranked vs No. 3", "The Nye and Soltow Show".

After the game was over, Polo coach Ted Alston had a different term for it and it was more of a statement of reality than of hype.

"It was physical beating. We couldn't get a stop to save our lives," Alston, whose team was on the receiving end of its worst loss ever in eight-man by a 58-22 margin, said.

With quarterback Conner Nye directing the Missiles on five first-half scoring drives, Milledgeville stunned and completely silenced a large Marco crowd accustomed to state titles.

Five touchdowns weren't as much of a stunner as only one score put up by the home team in the 36-8 first-half deficit. A scrambling Soltow found Noah Dewey for a touchdown pass to pull the Marcos within 14-8, but that was as close as it would get.

"Our number one goal all week was to take Soltow out of the game," Micah Toms-Smith, who had two rushing and one receiving touchdown, said.

On Milledgeville's opening drive, a fumble and penalty made it 4th-and-11, but, with Nye and Toms-Smith around, why worry. The pair connected on a 13-yard pass play to make the first down and on the next play hit for a 22-yard scoring strike and 8-0 lead.

Bryce McKenna then intercepted Polo's Conner Meridian, who shared time with Soltow at quarterback. Keyed by a 51-yard run by sophomore Konner Johnson, the Missiles made it 14-0 on a 22-yard Nye touchdown. A Johnson touchdown made it 22-8 after Polo's score.

"We got in a hole and couldn't get out," Soltow said. "They pounded us and always seem to know here we were going."

Meridian and Soltow connected on 4th and 12 to keep its next drive alive. Then, on 4th and 20, it was the same combo, this time for 30 yards.

However, officials ruled offensive pass interference on Soltow and the drive died. Needless to say, the call was widely criticized by the Marco coaching staff.

With 1:10 left in the first half, Toms Smith capped off a 54-yard scoring drive with a seven-yard touchdown, following runs of 15, 10 and 18 in which Marco players looked helpless to stop him.

Meridian had three straight completions, but was intercepted by Spencer Nye with 30 seconds left. Rather than taking the 30-8 lead into halftime, Milledgeville coach Jason Wroble went for broke.

Nye found a wide-open Karter Livengood for a 59-yard touchdown and 36-8 lead on the very next play.

"I knew we had an explosive offense," Wroble said. "But what I was really pleased with was how we got them out of their game plan."

On Milledgeville's first play of the second half, it was Nye and Livengood catching Polo out of position for a 45-yard touchdown pass and 44-8 lead. If there was a positive for Polo, it was avoiding a running clock.

Soltow ran for a 27-yard touchdown to avoid that embarrassment before Milledgeville hit the 50-point mark.

"I'm surprised a bit. I didn't think the score would be like this," Nye said. "Our backs ran well and line blocked well. Even our jayvee guys played well."

Milledgeville had 305 rushing yards with Toms-Smith and Johnson both over 100. Nye needed only four completions for 136 yards passing and three touchdowns.

Soltow was still impressive in the loss, tallying 100 yards rushing and 64 receiving on seven catches. Dewey had five balls for 109 yards. Meridian was 14-23-2 passing with 138 yards.

"They were more physical, more disciplined and beat us in every aspect of the game. We also made bad penalties and had too mistakes," Alston said.

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LOCAL NEWS

Polo-Milledgeville did not disappoint

THIS past weekend's football road trip took me to Polo, site of the rivalry game with Milledgeville. It did not disappoint.

Win or lose, it doesn't matter. Part of the journey is to visit friends, where I hear of things like the big Hazelhurst sale coming up the next day and all the different foods the Lions Club will be cooking.

Located between Polo and Milledgeville, the Hazelhurst sale grounds in far western Ogle county are a locale to see at least once in your life, though I learned that the inventory of items offered has been reduced.

Sometimes shopping at an auction sale garners as much interest as football. There was plenty of interest and enthusiasm at the game though, as fans from both towns cringed the field.

Give me an atmosphere like that over a sterile suburban stadium where everyone is relegated to the bleachers. In fact, the environment was akin to an auction sale, as one could walk around and mingle with friends.

After the game, losing quarterback Brock Soltow could even be found on the Milledgeville sideline, visiting Missile quarterback Conner Nye and other Milledgeville well-wishers.

Remember when Polo and Milledgeville entered into discussion to co-op football? Those conversations never got too far and thankfully they didn't.

Both towns have strong grid heritages and Friday's game was prime example of civic pride. Did you know that other

than 1978 and 1979, Milledgeville has only had three head coaches (Les Snow, Gary Hartje, Jason Wroble) since 1958?

In laying the hammer on Polo, the Missiles have set up the regular-season eight-man game of the year on Sept. 29 at home between them and Amboy.

From kickoff to finish, ESPN lists win probabilities for ongoing football games. If the Oregon-Genoa-Kingston game had same treatment, the Hawks would likely be listed at around 95 percent win probability with a first-and-goal late in the game and 14-6 lead.

In a bizarre twist of fate, G-K managed to come out on top 20-14 in overtime, a result that severely hampered Oregon's playoff chances.

However, all is not lost in this ongoing saga. Oregon can still get in, but the task became a lot tougher. A win over G-K would have set the Hawks up nicely for a Winnebago team that has struggled, along with likely wins over cellar dwellers Rock Falls and Rockford Christian.

Five wins and you're in and that's what it was looking like until the fourth-quarter shocker. But, football is a strange game and strange things can happen.

That's one of the reasons Americans love it so much. Did you know that the opening NFL game between Detroit and Kansas City drew the largest TV audience since (drum roll) the Super Bowl?

Friday morning before the G-K game, I happened upon Kip Crandall and shared with him of my concerns about it. Though

G-K had lost the North Boone game by a wide margin and Oregon beat NB, it seemed like G-K was a trap game for Oregon.

I can't explain it, but certain games elicit that gut feeling. Listening to Sam Ramirez describe the action on the radio, I kept waiting for Oregon to make big plays and clinch the victory. It almost came to fruition in that fateful fourth quarter, but eerily never did.

There was an upset in the making at Byron, where hapless Rockford Christian took a 6-0 lead, before the Tigers rebounded for a 70-14 triumph making it a cumulative 211-20 scoring mark.

No. 2-ranked Forreston passed three consecutive tests and now has the easy part of its schedule before ending it with league heavyweights Du-Pec and LeWin.

A non-conference game of interest on Sept. 23 will be LeWin at Decatur St. Teresa, in a battle of defending 1A and 2A state champs.

Interestingly, Decatur (14-0 last year) is in danger of missing the playoffs with an 0-3 record. They have been forced to play a tough schedule as an independent after getting kicked out of their conference last year for being too dominant.

Stillman Valley had a statement win over Rockford Lutheran and look to run the table before the season-ender against Byron, a team it beat last year. Can Oregon give SV a game?

Well, they did play Dixon closer, but then again...

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



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BYRON

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624 Luther Drive, Byron IL 61010 815-234-5277
Pastor: Janet Wald
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
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
Website: unitedchurchofbyron.org
Pastor: Rev. Tyler Spellious
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
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 448, Byron, IL 61010
Pastor: Garry 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: chanamum@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

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Open Minds, Open Hearts, Open Doors • "God's Heart in Our Community"
Located in town on Rt. 72 • Our Pastor is Rev. Keith Kelsey-Powell
Sunday Services: Worship 10:30am, Children's 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

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
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!

ST. JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pastor Karen Tews
West Grove Rd. At Columbine Rd.
Worship Service 10:30 am. Communion is served every Sunday.
"Singing the Song of Christian Faith in Worship, Service, Learning, Outreach and Welcome" in a beautiful rural setting.
Everyone is cordially invited to be with us.

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/
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

LINDENWOOD

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH - LCMS
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 Rosebrock
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
Website: 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"
All are welcome here!
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
www.disciplesumc.org
Pastor Marcia Peddicord

EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH OF MT. MORRIS

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

MT. MORRIS CHURCH OF THE BROTHERN

409 W. Brayton Road, Mt. Morris, IL 61045 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

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 Sharing is Caring Church
Pastor Jesse Allen 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!

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3 miles east of Oregon on Rt. #64 then 2 miles north on German Church Rd. • Rev. Josiah Youngquist
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
Worship at 11:00 a.m. Holy Communion celebrated the first Sunday of each 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 • 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 or on Facebook at facebook.com/RiverStoneChristianChurch

ST. BRIDE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

1000 Highway 64, West (Hwy 64 W & Mongon Drive on Liberty Hill), Oregon • 732-7211 - Office Rev. Eldred George
Website: saintbrides.org • E-mail: saint.bride.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
10:15 a.m. Fellowship/Education hours
11:30 a.m. Worship

POLO

ST. MARY CHURCH
Rector/Office: 211 North Franklin Ave., Polo, IL 61064
PHONE: 815-946-2535 • Rev. Joseph P. Nail
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

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

CROSSROADS COMMUNITY CHURCH ~ POLO CAMPUS

Meeting Sundays @ 10AM Service
205 N. Jefferson Avenue, Polo ~ 815.837.5255
polo@crossroadsccn.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.crossroadsccn.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 • facebook.com/Faithumpolo

STILLMAN VALLEY

RED BRICK CHURCH OF STILLMAN VALLEY

Pastor Rev. Dr. Chris Brauns | Associate Pastor David Bogner
207 W. Roosevelt Road (Rte 72), Stillman Valley.
815-645-2526 | 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
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

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

GRACE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH DAVIS JUNCTION

Pastor Brad Pittman www.graceisforyou.com
10479 E. High 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

LOCAL NEWS

BYRON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Creative Studio Opens

Our Creative Studio is now open to the public! During staffed open hours, adults may come into the maker space area for projects. Crafts out on the tables are free of charge, while some other projects will incur a cost depending on materials. Middle school and high school youth can use some of the materials while with an adult, or during Teen Time. Visit our website at www.byronlibrary.org/creativestudio to view studio hours and a list of available equipment. If you have any questions about the projects available or prices, contact Cathy at cathyr@byronlibrary.org

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StoryWalks at the Byron Forest Preserve

StoryWalks® are up at the Byron Forest Preserve for another season!

Stroll the 1/2-mile Indigo Trail while reading «On Account of the Gum» by Adam Rex, or read «That Pup!» by Lindsay Barrett George while walking to the Heritage Farm Museum. The StoryWalk® is a joint project of the Byron Public Library and the Byron Forest Preserve. The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. StoryWalk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson.

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YOUTH PROGRAMS

Fall Story Time

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

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

Create-a-Card

Saturday, September 16th, 9:00 AM Enjoy the cool fall temps and make a few cards to share with friends. Jessie

will be here with her talent, tips, and techniques!

Coffee With the Sheriff

Saturday, September 30th, 10:00 AM Come have a cup of coffee with our Ogle County Sheriff, Brian VanVickle. Sheriff 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 suncatcher. 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 feed bags are allowed* Also please remove any ziploc-type seals and paper/sticker labels. Thank you for your cooperation.

NEW RELEASES:

Adult Books

The Wife App by Carolyn Mackler

Payback In Death by J.D. Robb

Chapter Book

Time of the Turtle King by Mary Pope Osborne

Picture Book

Pick a Pumpkin by Patricia Toht

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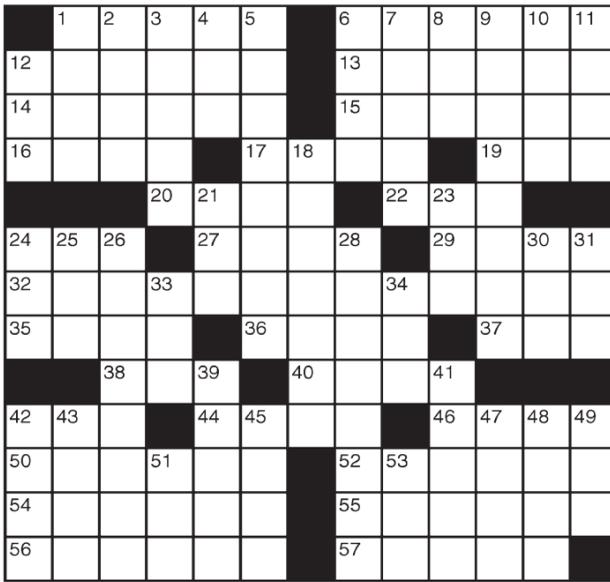
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Weekly Brain Busters

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Swamp
- 6 Foliage
- 12 Alaskan peak
- 13 Current measurement
- 14 Kidnapper's demand
- 15 European peninsula
- 16 Venetian blind part
- 17 Suffix for million
- 19 Busy insect
- 20 Penne — Vodka
- 22 Press for payment
- 24 — Alamos
- 27 Mexican snack



- 29 Aussie greeting
- 32 Chekhov play, with "The"
- 35 Nickelodeon's Explorer
- 36 Outlet letters
- 37 Venus, to Serena
- 38 CBS logo
- 40 Abel's brother
- 42 Campaigned
- 44 Bangkok cuisine
- 46 Elevator name
- 50 Biblical prophet
- 52 Outer-space

- cloud
 - 54 Honor
 - 55 With uniformity
 - 56 Vestibules
 - 57 Valleys
- DOWN**
- 1 Repast
 - 2 Visitor to Siam
 - 3 Bob Marley fan, often
 - 4 — -mo
 - 5 Nepal's — Mountains
 - 6 Hideaway
 - 7 Plant firmly
 - 8 Gorilla

- 9 Porches
- 10 Ireland
- 11 Plane reservation
- 12 ER workers
- 18 Former Chrysler CEO
- 21 USPS delivery
- 23 "Yecch!"
- 24 PC screen type
- 25 Discoverer's call
- 26 Peace
- 28 Admitted to the clergy
- 30 "Entourage" role
- 31 QB's gains
- 33 Shaft of light
- 34 201, in old Rome
- 39 Bygone anesthetic
- 41 Prestigious prize
- 42 Coral formation
- 43 To boot
- 45 Easter entrees
- 47 Melody
- 48 Misfortunes
- 49 Utter
- 51 Observe
- 53 Actress
- Longoria

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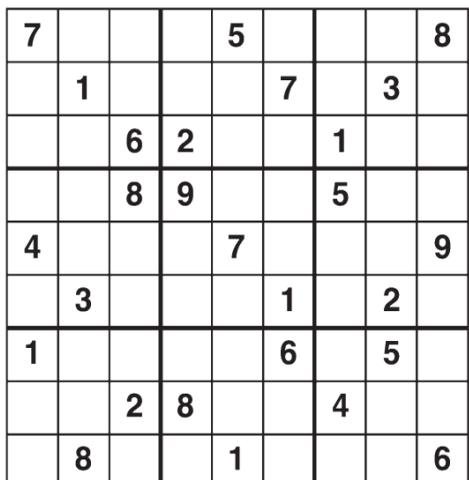
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
Unlisted clue hint: RHYTHM AND —

- Acoustic
- Americana
- Cajun
- Classical
- Country pop
- Doo-wop
- Flamenco
- Heavy metal
- Hip-hop
- Jazz
- New wave
- Oldies
- Rap
- Reggae
- Tango

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

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

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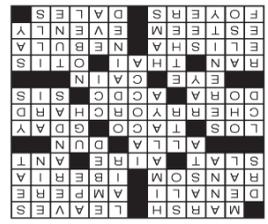
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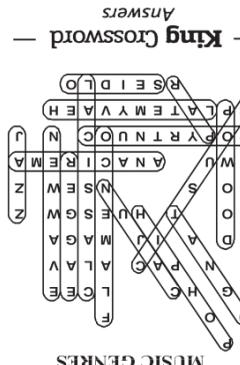
Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Plant is missing. 2. Doll's hair is shorter. 3. Socks are shorter. 4. Horn is missing. 5. Shirttail is different. 6. Wheel is missing.



Solution time: 21 mins.



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101 LEGAL NOTICE

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 within three months from the date of mailing or delivery of Notice to creditors, if mailing or delivery is required by Section 18-3 of the Illinois Probate Act, 1975, as amended, whichever date is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred.
Copies of claims filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the estate legal representative and to the attorney within 10 days after the claim has been filed.
JoAnn P. Boddiger and Ted R. Boddiger, Co-Trustees
No. 0904
(Sept. 4, 11 and 18, 2023)

September, 2023
Submitted by Yvonne Dewey, CMC
Village Clerk
Village of Stillman Valley
No. 0916
(Sept. 18, 2023)

NOTICE
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GARAGE SALE!
September 22nd & September 23rd from 8AM to 4PM

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Laura J. Cook, Ogle County Clerk
No. 0911
(Sept. 11, 18 and 25, 2023)

NOTICE
The Village of Stillman Valley will hold a Public Hearing before the Planning and Zoning Commission on Thursday, October 5, 2023 at 6:00 pm at the Stillman Valley Village Hall located at 120 N Walnut Street, Stillman Valley, IL. The purpose of the public hearing is to hear the following applications for zoning relief: Village of Stillman Valley is requesting to rezone from R-1, Residential, to classification Ag, Agriculture, said property is described as:
ADDRESS: 501 East Hales Corner Road, Stillman Valley (Village Waste Water Treatment Plant)
P.I.N.: 11-18-400-003
2) Village of Stillman Valley is requesting a special use permit be issued for the accessory use of a solar farm proposed to be placed on 12 acres along the eastern part of the parcel
ADDRESS: 501 East Hales Corner Road, Stillman Valley (Village Waste Water Treatment Plant)
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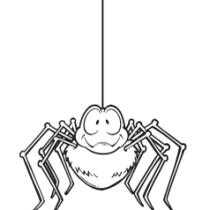
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Crocheting & Knitting Club

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

September Yoga & Chair Yoga with Jen

September 22, and 29. Yoga 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Chair Yoga 11:15 – Noon \$5 per class. Registration and Payment required prior to class. Call 815-732-3252 to sign up.

Ukulele Station

September 25 at 12:00 noon. Advance Registration requested so we can be prepared.

Senior Information Services Provided By Rock River Center

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MT. MORRIS PUBLIC LIBRARY

Book sale September 23rd through October 13th!

It's time to use those gift certificates you earned from Summer Reading Program—Our annual book sale will start on September 23rd! All sales will be by donation. Nothing will be priced. We would like to thank the high school for sending students to help with the heavy lifting in preparation for the sale.

Story Time!

Mrs. Donna will be reading books and children will create a craft this Wednesday, 9/20. 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 October 3rd!

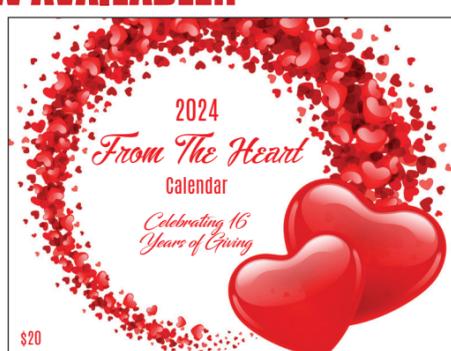
Join us as we explore The Cookbook Club! Wonderful recipes combined with friendship creates something both beautiful and delicious! Stop by to choose your recipe from this month's book, Baking Yesteryear, by B. Dylan Hollis and bring your dish to pass at our next meeting! Join us on the first Tuesday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

Ink with a Friend: Card Making at the Library

Fall is a great 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, October 12th from 5-7! You will get all the materials to make four 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 October 5th!

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

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



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• **IN PERSON:** You can pick up a 2024 From The Heart Cash Calendar **TODAY** at the following locations:

- In Rochelle at: First State Bank, Stillman Bank, HOPE Chest, Colonial Flower Shoppe and Hub City Senior Center
- In Oregon at: Merlin's
- In Dixon at: Shining Star
- In Mendota at: The Mendota Reporter/Amboy News office

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

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OREGON PARK DISTRICT WEEKLY HAPPENINGS

Fall Friday Park Hikes

Oregon has three state parks and one state forest all within a fifteen minute drive. Enjoy a guided evening hike with a relaxed, adult-only group. Hikes will take place on September 8th, September 22nd, and October 6th, and will begin at 5:00 PM. Expect each hike to last roughly 1.5 hours and cover up to 2 miles. Registration is \$2R/\$3NR. Deadline to register is the Tuesday before the hike, and participants will receive an email on Wednesday with the meeting location, as exact meeting spots will be determined based on participation and trail conditions. Maximum of 16 people per hike.

Fall Porch Pot

Welcome the fall season by creating your own beautiful Fall Porch Pot. Join Tyler of Hagemann Horticulture at River's Edge Experience on Wednesday September 27th for a fun evening of design and planting. Cork 'N Tap will be on hand to provide a full bar. In this hands-on workshop you will plant a mum, flowering cabbage, and decorative grasses. Hagemann Horticulture will supply all plants, soil, and containers, gardening gloves and a small trowel from home are highly recommended. Class will be held on the outdoor patio weather permitting. Choose between a 5:00 or a 6:30 class time. Registration is \$51R/61NR and includes pot, soil and plants, deadline to register is September 20th.

Oktoberfest Pairing at Cork & Tap

Friday, September 29th at 6:30 PM at Cork & Tap. Great for a fall date night or social outing, enjoy a bratwurst, German potato salad, and black forest cake shooter paired with a flight of Oktoberfest beers. Featuring contributions from Jen's Artisan Breads, Ralfie's BBQ, Hazel's and Noble Cakery, this fun fall feature is perfect for anyone needing some German food and drink for the fall season. Must be 21 or older to register, registration is \$26R/\$30NR, deadline to register is 9/21.

Sweet Spooky Friday the 13th

Nothing beats a sweet treat before Halloween. Join us at Cork & Tap for a cookie decorating class so good it's scary. Brooke Cox of Aunt B's Baking will teach us her favorite decorating techniques and

guide you through perfectly decorating 4 Halloween sugar cookies. The only question is if it is more fun to eat the cookies or to decorate them. Perfect for a spooky ladies night out with costumes welcome. Class takes place from 6:30-8:00PM Friday October 13th at Cork & Tap. Registration is \$48R/\$58NR, deadline October 6th.

Butternut Squash Lasagna

Lasagna is a perfect full family meal for the fall season, and butternut squash adds even more flavor. Join Lynn Kaufman of Lynn's Kitchen on Thursday October 26th at 6:00PM at Cork & Tap for a fun and flavorful cooking class. Lynn will supply all ingredients and instruction, and participants can come with some dishes and supplies from home and leave with a completed dish ready to take home and bake. Gluten free option available! Registration is \$38R/\$45NR, and the Deadline to Register is October 19th. A full supply list will be sent to participants by email after registration closes.

Halloween StoryWalk Trail

The Park District invites families to join us this year for an outdoor Halloween event at Park West. Enjoy the StoryWalk Trail, reading a Halloween story and participating in a few activities between pages. This year's book is Halloween is Coming, written by Cal Everett and illustrated by Lenny Wen. After the story, families will ride through the prairie to a pumpkin patch, and all children can enjoy making a spooky luminary craft. You are welcome to wear your costume and get your family photo taken. Dress the weather. Although this is a free event, each child ages 2-12 must be registered. The trail and playground are accessible. The ride to the prairie to pick out a pumpkin is not wheelchair accessible, however a paved trail leads to the prairie. Families can register for an arrival time between 1:30 and 5:30, Deadline to register is October 7th.

Howl-O-Ween Canine Costume Contest

Come to the Park West bandshell on Wednesday October 25th at 4:00 PM to watch your favorite canine companions compete for best dressed this Halloween season. Each contestant will be able to do a "runway walk" across the bandshell to show off their costume and will even be able to pick their own song to walk to. All dogs must be vaccinated for rabies, remain on a leash, and be accompanied by an adult to compete in the contest. Families can also get posed pictures with their dog. Registration is \$5R/\$6NR and the deadline is October 11th.

Owl-O-Ween Nightwalk

Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Center has invited us to explore the forest for an evening of the real-life birds that have probably inspired many ghost stories. We will meet at LOMC Friday October 27th at 6:30 PM for a short educational program on owls in Northern Illinois, then a hike to listen for wild owls. Please dress for the weather and be prepared to walk roughly 1.5 miles. Registrations are free but required as we will be guests on LOMC property. Deadline to Register is October 23rd.

Zombies VS Humans Jr High Game Night

Zombies Vs Humans is the perfect game for Halloween weekend. Kids in grades 6-8 can come to Park West on Saturday October 28th to complete a fun team survival challenge while fighting zombies. Game night will run from 6:30-8:30 PM, and will feature prizes for winning teams. Players can request to be on a team with friends,

otherwise teams will be randomly selected. Registration is \$5R/\$6NR, and the deadline for registration is October 21st.

Pre K- 1st Grade Basketball

Players, aged 4-7, will be given the opportunity to improve their skills in a positive environment. These co-ed programs are held on Saturdays at Nash, with each team meeting for an hour. Each Saturday teams will meet for 1 hour, starting with practicing fundamental basketball skills, followed by a game. If you are interested in coaching, please email lesley@oregonpark.org.

Fee includes Jr NBA basketball jersey. Season run October 21st through November 11th. Registration \$50/\$60NR. Deadline September 26th.

OHS Boys Varsity Basketball Clinic

Get ready for basketball season! This basketball clinic for grades 6-8th is being run by the OHS Varsity Boys Basketball coaches and team and will focus on fundamental skill development that will help your player be prepared for their upcoming season. All proceeds will benefit the OHS Boys Basketball program. The clinic is on Thursday September 21st at the Blackhawk Center from 6-8pm. Fee \$15/\$18NR. Deadline for participation is September 18th.

Nerf Fun for Everyone!

The park district has planned three Nerf events for people of all ages. Each event will feature target shooting and capture the flag as well as all out free for all war. Everyone who registers will need their own gun (no rival series guns) and safety glasses. The park district will provide the

bullets. Cost for each event is \$5/\$6 NR and everyone who attends must register. Nerf Night for kids is on October 26, and deadline to register is 10/20. Grown up Nerf Night is November 3, and deadline to register is 10/27. Family Nerf Night is November 17, and deadline to register is 11/10.

No School Events

There is no school on October 6. Kids aged 5-12 can come spend the day at Nash. We will have fun activities, swim, make crafts and have McDonalds for lunch. Cost for the day is \$40/48 NR and registration deadline is 9/29.

Indigenous Peoples Day is October 9. Kids aged K-6th grade can join us at Taft campus for a fun day all about migration. Campers will learn about where hummingbirds and monarchs go in the winter and experience what migration is like. This event is outside all day and includes a delicious lunch. Campers will need to dress for the weather and wear closed-toed shoes. Cost for the day is \$25/30NR and registration deadline is 10/2.

Winter Break Camp is back at Nash. We will spend time making crafts, swimming, going on field trips and having active play time. This program is for kids aged 5-12. Week one is December 27-29 and includes a field trip to DuPage Children's Museum in Naperville on 12/28. Cost is \$120/\$144NR and registration deadline is 12/14. Week two is January 3-5 and includes a field trip to the Discovery Center in Rockford on 1/4. Cost is \$120/\$144 NR and registration deadline for week 2 is 12/27.

Toddler Drop in and Play

This popular event from last spring is back. Bring

your child aged 0-5 to Nash to play and meet friends in the River Room at Nash on Fridays from 9 AM to Noon. Cost will be free for passholders and only the daily fee for others. Children under 5 are free. Children must be accompanied by an adult who remains in the River Room the entire time. This program runs from 9/8/23 through 5/17/24.

Wednesday Afternoon Crafting Classes

Our popular monthly crafting classes for kids aged 5-12 are back for the spring. Our first class will be on September 27 from 2:30 pm -3:30 pm when we will be making Back to School Emoji Crafts. Participants will make an emoji stress ball and an emoji magnet for their locker. Deadline to sign up is September 20 and the cost is \$3/\$4NR.

On October 25 we will be doing pumpkin crafts including painting a pumpkin to resemble a donut. This class is for kids aged 5-12 and takes place on October 25 from 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm. The cost is \$3/\$4NR and deadline to sign up is October 18.

Gingerbread Workshop

It is time again for our annual Gingerbread Workshop. Join us on November 29 from 2:30-3:30 to make and decorate a gingerbread house. Each registration includes one house kit. WE will have extra candy to make you house extra sweet. Also included is crafting a clothespin reindeer ornament. Focus on making memories and leave the mess behind. This event is for all ages and the cost is \$3/\$4 NR and deadline to sign up is November 22.

Nature Declares God's Glory

"Ask now the beasts, and they shall teach thee, and the fowls of the air, and they shall tell thee: or speak to the earth, and it shall teach thee: and the fishes of the sea shall declare unto thee" "The hand of the Lord hath wrought this"

Read your Bible in Job 12: 7-9 KJV

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