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The Polo High School varsity football team recovered from a tough first loss. **Section B**

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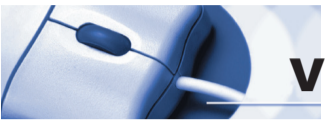
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Ogle County no longer liable for \$17.3 million after Constellation agreement

2024 holiday schedule approved during County Board meeting

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

OREGON — At the monthly meeting Tuesday of the Ogle County Board, Chairman John Finfrock said the county received official notification Tuesday from the Property Tax Appeal Board that it is no longer liable for \$17.3 million worth of taxes following an agreement with Exelon/Constellation and the Byron Nuclear Plant regarding real property tax assessment that it approved unanimously in June.

"That was good news," Finfrock said. "So now we start fresh with Constellation. We passed that agreement with them and that was a really big step. I thank the people that were on that committee and worked to do that."

The agreement made the plant's equalized assessed valuation \$500 million for the years of 2022-2027. Back in June, Finfrock called the agreement "good



(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)

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for all of the taxing bodies in the county." The county liability for \$17.3 million was from 2012 on.

Finfrock said back in June that after the sixth year, it's expected that Exelon will possibly add

more to its current station, at which point the county and taxing bodies could then renegotiate and pos-

sibly increase the taxing dollars after that.

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Lions Drawdown winners named

The Oregon Lions Club recently announced the winners of its drawdown event. **Page 9**

WEATHER

MONDAY	TUESDAY
HIGH LOW	HIGH LOW
71 57	73 52
WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
HIGH LOW	HIGH LOW
72 50	74 49
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76 50	75 50

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- Rodney 'Rod' P. Daniels
- Joan (Peggy) L. Janssen
- Linda Kay (McNeil) Fultz

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- Farm & Fleet
- Byron County Market
- Felker Foods
- Menards
- Polo Foods
- Living 50+



Oregon High School Homecoming Court named

Oregon High School recently held its Homecoming coronation ceremony on the school's front lawn on Wednesday, Sept. 13. Homecoming marshals were Dr. & Mrs. Mahoney. Freshmen representatives were Quinn Plescia & Shaylee Davis. Sophomore representatives were Nole Campos & Aniyah Sarvet. Junior representatives were Briggs Sellers & Sonya Plescia. Senior Prince/Princess were Cooper Alderks & Lexi Ebert. Homecoming King & Queen were Leo Cardenas & Alyssa Leary.

Barrio Agave now open in Rochelle

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE — On Sept. 15, a ribbon cutting ceremony was held for Barrio Agave, a new Mexican restaurant at 1310 N. 7th St. The restaurant officially opened Sept. 15 and is open 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 10 a.m. to midnight Fridays and Saturdays.

Barrio Agave Owner Jennifer Gonzalez said Sept. 15 that she and her family are from Rochelle and they have been working for the past year to open the restaurant's doors.

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LOCAL NEWS



Ogle/Lee Retired Teachers meet at Stronghold

The Ogle/Lee Retired Teacher Membership Meeting was held on Wednesday, Sept. 13 at Stronghold Camp and Retreat Center in Oregon. The retired teachers enjoyed a delicious lunch served by Stronghold's staff. Following lunch, Dr. Danny Pierce, executive director of Stronghold Center, presented a program on the history of Stronghold. From left to right: RTA Co-President and Membership Chairperson Jean Whipple, Pierce, retiring RTA President Kim McKenna and RTA Co-President Mary Gardner.

State Rep. Fritts to seek re-election

DIXON — Following his Second Annual Farm Fest Fundraiser, State Rep. Bradley Fritts (R-Dixon) released the following statement regarding his bid for re-election in Illinois House District 74.

"Growing up in rural Illinois I always heard the same phrase repeated to me. Adults telling me to 'grow up, get an education, and get out of Illinois.' Well, as a fourth-generation family farmer, throwing in the towel and walking away isn't in my blood. I love the state of Illinois and the incredible community we have built in District 74. Instead of walking away, I chose to stay here, roll up my sleeves, and get to work."

"At 22 years old, I was the youngest representative ever elected to the Illinois General Assembly. In my first term, I passed four bills through the Illinois House, all of which were local initiatives brought to me by you, the people of District 74."

"This summer, I spent my time touring the district. I made over 38 stops on my summer tour, speaking with hundreds of district residents, local officials, job creators, nonprofit leaders and constituents in need of assistance."

"I am proud of the work we have accomplished in my first term, but there is always more work to be done. Rural Illinois is feeling the effects of urban legislators who have continued to ignore our part of the state over many years. Crumbling infrastructure, lack of access to medical care, rising crime, and desperate need for economic development are just a few of the reasons why I am running for re-election."

"I am honored to serve my constituents by focusing on real, bipartisan solutions, and I look forward to receiving your vote on March 19th."

For more information about State Representative Bradley Fritts, visit his website at fritts4rep.com.

Extraordinary 4-H volunteers honored including Ogle County's Johnson

OREGON — Illinois 4-H volunteers empower and prepare youth for success as the program relies on its more than 6,000 volunteers to fill key leadership and mentoring roles. Carl Heide, DeKalb County; Amy Hildebrandt, Boone County; and Gretchen Johnson, Ogle County

were recently honored by Illinois 4-H for their selfless dedication to the University of Illinois Extension 4-H youth development program. In 2023, 53 individuals were inducted into the Illinois 4-H Hall of Fame.

Illinois 4-H honors and celebrates extraordinary 4-H alumni, volunteers,

and former 4-H staff. Those inducted have a track record of exemplary service to 4-H or outstanding career and community achievement and were nominated by county University of Illinois Extension staff. Each inductee receives a commemorative Hall of Fame medallion at

the Illinois State Fair 4-H Alumni & Volunteer Celebration events.

Heide has been a judge for the DeKalb County general projects show for over 32 years. He is known for being friendly and encouraging. He also does an exceptional job of talking to the 4-H members about their projects

and guiding and leading youth. Hildebrandt has served as a 4-H leader of the Manchester Mavericks 4-H club for nearly 20 years. In addition, she served as an Illinois 4-H chaperone to 4-H Club Congress. Currently Amy is a member of the Expansion and Review Committee and is a founding member of the Boone County 4-H Foundation.

Johnson has been a dedicated volunteer for over 12 years. She has coached the horse bowl and hippology team for 12 years and has led them to qualify at state and national levels. Gretchen took on the role of managing the children's farm during the Ogle County 4-H Fair. She recently joined the Ogle DeKalb 4-H Horse Committee.

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100th Birthday

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Local students graduate from Highland Community College

FREEMONT — Highland Community College recently announced its 2023 summer graduates. Graduates were awarded associate degrees, associate of

applied science degrees or certificates. They included: Byron: Carter Conderman, Associate of Science and Forrester: Elizabeth Gable, Associate of Arts.

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LOCAL NEWS

OREGON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Aug. 28
At 1 p.m., Oregon Police issued Gloria J. McKenzie, 78, Oregon, a city citation for dog running at large. This violation occurred in the 1,000 block of South 2nd Street.

Aug. 29
At 3:13 p.m., Oregon Police issued Cassie J. Varney, 31, Oregon, a citation for operating a vehicle while registration is suspended. This violation occurred near the 10th and Adams Street intersection.

At 9:26 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Edward H. Hendrickson, 62, Oregon, for driving while license suspended and issued a citation for operating an uninsured vehicle. Hendrickson was transported to the Ogle County Jail. These violations occurred in the 400 block of South 2nd Street.

At 4:20 p.m., Oregon Police took a report of a hit and run where within the prior 24 hours, a parked 2020 Ford belonging to Michele A. Holms, 53, Oregon, was struck by an unknown vehicle. If anyone has any information regarding this incident, please contact the Oregon Police Department at 815-732-2162.

Aug. 30
At 12:26 p.m., Oregon Police issued Lynsey L. Custer, 34, Polo, a citation for operating a motor vehicle when registration suspended for non-insurance. This violation occurred in the 100 block of North 3rd Street.

At 2:34 p.m., Oregon Police issued Sarah K. Washburn, 52, Oregon, a citation for operating a motor vehicle when registration suspended for non-insurance. This violation occurred near the intersection of Washington Street and Hastings Avenue.

At 4:45 p.m., Oregon Police responded to a two-vehicle traffic crash at the intersection of West Washington and North 4th Streets involving a 2016 Dodge driven by William R. Ritchey, 69, Polo, and a 2005 Chevrolet driven by Christopher L. Alaniz, 23, Oregon. Oregon EMS transported Ritchey from the scene of the crash. Ritchey was issued citations for improper lane

usage, failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident, and operating an uninsured motor vehicle.

At 11:44 p.m., Oregon Police took one 14-year-old male juvenile, Mt. Morris, into limited custody as he was reported as a runaway. The juvenile was released into a guardian's custody.

Aug. 31
At 4:05 a.m., Oregon Police issued Dillon J. Jeter, 25, Oregon, a citation for speeding 72 miles per hour in a 40-miles per hour zone. This violation occurred in the 1,200 block of South Illinois Route 2.

At 12:27 p.m., Oregon Police issued Chad E. Veitc, 32, Oregon, a city citation for violating the grass/weeds ordinance in the 200 block of Jefferson Street.

At 12:32 p.m., Oregon Police issued Robert Dela Rosa, 32, Byron, a city citation for violating the grass/weeds ordinance at a residence in the 800 block of Adams Street.

At 7:13 p.m., Oregon Police issued Erika R. Jones, 29, Dixon, citations for speeding 51 miles per hour in a 35-miles per hour zone and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. These violations occurred in the 1,300 block of Pines Road.

Sept. 2
At 10:35 a.m., Oregon Police issued Michael A. Moyer, 39, of Woodridge, Illinois, a citation for operating a vehicle with an expired registration. This violation occurred in the 100 block of North 4th Street.

Sept. 3
At 12:38 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Nicholas K. Craemer, 26, Oregon, for improper container as a driver. Craemer was also issued citations for operating a vehicle with an expired registration and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. Craemer was transported to the Ogle County Jail. These violations occurred in the 100 block of West Washington Street.

Six parking citations and one verbal warning were issued during the week of Aug. 28-Sept. 3.

Sept. 4
At 7:25 a.m., Oregon Police issued Brianna L. Jackson, 25, Rockford, a

citation for speeding 52 miles per hour in a 30-miles per hour zone. This violation occurred in the 300 block of South 4th Street.

At 9:34 a.m., Oregon Police issued Michael R. Behrens, 40, Byron, a citation for operating a vehicle with a suspended registration. This violation occurred in the 500 block of Gale Street.

At 11:16 a.m., Oregon Police issued Scott R. Porter, 45, Rockton, a citation for operating a vehicle with a suspended registration. This violation occurred in the 400 block of North 4th Street.

At 3:27 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Brittany A. Daehler, 33, Rockford, for aggravated driving while license revoked. Daehler was also issued citations for failure to wear a seat belt as a driver and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. Daehler was transported to the Ogle County Jail. These violations occurred near the intersection of Monroe and Washington Streets.

At 8:25 p.m., Oregon Police issued Paula L. McGinnis, 55, Dixon, a citation for operating a vehicle with an expired registration. This violation occurred in the 400 block of Madison Street.

At 9:04 p.m., Oregon Police issued Peggy A. Sturgeon, 46, Rock Falls, a citation for operating a vehicle with an expired registration. This violation occurred in the 500 block of South 9th Street.

Sept. 5
At 9:55 a.m., Oregon Police issued Ricardo F. Aguilar-Ramos, 41, Rockford, a citation for speeding 42 miles per hour in a 30-miles per hour zone. This violation occurred in the 600 block of North 4th Street.

At 10:20 a.m., Oregon Police issued Gerald W. Turner, 63, Oregon, a citation for use of a cell phone while driving. This violation occurred in the 700 block of South 10th Street.

At 10:34 a.m., Oregon Police issued Christopher R. Burton, 36, Malta, a citation for disobeying a stop sign. This violation occurred at the 10th and Webster Street intersection.

At 10:41 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Niki L. Smith, 30, Davis Junction, for improper container as a driver. Smith was also issued a citation for operation of a vehicle with a suspended registration. Smith was transported to the Ogle County Jail. These violations occurred in the 200 block of North 4th Street.

Sept. 8
At 7:14 p.m., Oregon Police issued Thomas W. Foat, 40, Rockford, a citation for speeding 50 miles per hour in a 30-miles per hour zone. This violation occurred in the 600 block of North 4th Street.

Sept. 9
At 10:23 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Brian L. Albee, 36, Sterling, for aggravated driving while license revoked. Albee was transported to the Ogle County Jail. This violation occurred in the 500 block of Gale Street.

Sept. 10
At 1 a.m., Divante C. Zinke, 21, Mt. Morris, was arrested on an outstanding Ogle County warrant for failure to appear and cited for uninsured motor vehicle and improper cannabis container as a driver. Zinke was transported to the Ogle County Jail. These violations occurred in the 400 block of West Washington Street.

Twelve parking citations and four verbal warnings were issued during the week of Sept. 4-10.

Sept. 11
At 11:21 a.m., Oregon Police issued James R. Schroedl, 55, of Palatine a citation for disregarding a stop sign. This violation occurred at the intersection of 2nd and Adams Streets.

Sept. 12
At 7:50 a.m., Oregon

Police took one 15-year-old female, Mt. Morris, into limited custody for the offense of stalking. The juvenile was released into a parent's custody with referral to the State's Attorney's Office with a petition for juvenile delinquency. This violation occurred in the Oregon High School, located at 210 S. 10th St.

At 11:19 a.m., Oregon Police responded to a car vs. building traffic crash in the 100 block of Jefferson Street involving a 2010 Toyota driven by Maxwell P. Miller, 19, Oregon. No citations were issued.

At 12:45 p.m., Oregon Police took one 16-year-old female, Oregon, into limited custody for the offenses of stalking and battery. The juvenile was released into a parent's custody with referral to the State's Attorney's Office with a petition for juvenile delinquency. This violation occurred in the Oregon High School, located at 210 S. 10th St.

Sept. 14
At 3:08 p.m., Oregon Police issued a 16-year-old female of Mt. Morris a citation for disobeying a stop sign. This violation occurred at the intersection of Madison and 7th Streets.

Sept. 15
At 8:42 a.m., Oregon Police issued Heather N. Johnson, 36, Milledgeville, a citation for use of a cell phone while driving. This violation occurred in the 100 block of South 4th Street.

At 10:15 a.m., Oregon Police took one 16-year-old female, Oregon, into limited custody for the offense of battery. The juvenile was released into a parent's custody with a referral of juvenile delinquency to the State's Attorney's Office.

This violation occurred in the Oregon High School, located at 210 S. 10th St.

At 11:04 a.m., Oregon Police investigated a hit and run that had occurred at some time in the 700 block of Jefferson Street to a parked 2020 Ford belonging to Frank J. Mlejnek, 65, Oregon. If anyone has any information regarding this incident, please contact the Oregon Police Department at 815-732-2162.

At 11:59 a.m., Oregon Police arrested Karla A. Garcia, 30, Rochelle, for driving while license suspended. Garcia was transported to the Ogle County Jail. This violation occurred in the 400 block of Jefferson Street.

Sept. 16
At 7:14 a.m., Oregon Police issued Allison M. Karolus, 22, Dixon, a citation for speeding 44 miles per hour in a 30-miles per hour zone. This violation occurred in the 600 block of Gale Street.

Sept. 17
At 1:57 a.m., Oregon Police issued Karl E. Lloyd, 70, Oregon, a citation for disobeying a stop sign. This violation occurred in the 200 block of South 3rd Street.

At 7:59 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Alyssa M. Peavy, 23, Rockford, for an outstanding Ogle County warrant for canceled, revoked, suspended registration. Peavy was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

Six parking citations and four verbal warnings were issued during the week of Sept. 11-17.

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LOCAL NEWS

BYRON POLICE DEPARTMENT

BYRON — On Sept. 3, Krysta S. Hassard, 43, of Dixon was issued a citation for operating a vehicle with no proof of valid insurance.

On Sept. 3, Jesus J Espindola, 37, of Mt. Morris was issued citations for operating a vehicle with no proof of valid insurance, operating a vehicle with no valid driver's license and operating a vehicle with suspended registration. Espindola was also wanted for an in-state warrant. Espindola was transported to Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

On Sept. 4, Cierrah B. Dempsey, 23, of Rockford was issued citations for operating a vehicle with expired registration and operating a vehicle with suspended registration.

On Sept. 4, Jennifer Fuller of Machesney Park was issued citations for operating a vehicle while license suspended and possession of adult-use cannabis in a motor vehicle.

On Sept. 5, Jordan M. Williams, 35, of Rockford was issued a citation for operating a vehicle with suspended registration.

On Sept. 5, Brooke L. Hurt, 42, of Byron was issued a citation for speeding.

On Sept. 5, Travis T. Scott, 29, of Bolingbrook was issued a citation for speeding.

On Sept. 6, Ezekiel R. Newton, 21, of Rockford was issued a citation for operating a vehicle with

suspended registration and operating a vehicle with no proof of valid insurance. Newton was arrested due to having an in-state warrant. Newton was transported to Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

On Sept. 7, Wai Yan Moe, 38, of Rockford was issued a citation for operating a vehicle with suspended registration.

On Sept. 8, a 17-year-old minor of Byron was issued a citation for open container of cannabis under 18 years old.

On Sept. 9, Matthew M. McGuire, 49, of Rockford was issued a citation for speeding.

On Sept. 9, Shyanna D. Phillips, 31, of Rock Falls was issued a citation for operating a vehicle with suspended registration.

On Sept. 10, Richard A. Lawson, 58, of Byron was issued citations for driving while license suspended/revoked, operating a vehicle with expired registration and operating a vehicle with no proof of valid insurance. Lawson was taken to Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

On Sept. 10, Nyandwi Bonane, 24, of Rock Island was issued citations for operating a vehicle with suspended registration and operating a vehicle with no proof of valid insurance.

On Sept. 10, Devin B. Messenger, 24, was issued a citation for operating a vehicle with expired reg-

istration.

On Sept. 10, a 17-year-old minor of Rochelle was issued a citation for speeding.

On Sept. 12, Haley D. Starneika, 39, of Rockford was issued a citation for operating a vehicle with suspended registration/non-insured.

On Sept. 13, Roberto Diaz, 33, of Rockford was issued citations for operating a vehicle while license suspended, operating a vehicle when registration is suspended, and operating a vehicle with no valid proof of insurance.

On Sept. 13, Ethan S. Knuth, 20, of Poplar Grove was issued citations for operating a vehicle with no proof of valid insurance and operating a vehicle while registration is suspended.

On Sept. 14, a 17-year-old minor of Belvidere was issued a citation for speeding.

On Sept. 17, Ian Petersen, 21, of Ashton was issued a citation for improper display of registration.

On Sept. 18, Sharilyn M. Eddy, 52, of Dixon was issued citations for operating a vehicle with no valid proof of insurance, operating a vehicle with expired registration and operating a vehicle while registration is suspended.

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

OGLE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

OREGON — On Sept. 12, deputies responded to a single-vehicle accident with injury at the intersection of Kishwaukee Road and Meridian Road. Upon further investigation Kelly Yocum, 59, of Dixon, was cited for failure to reduce speed and unlawful possession of cannabis. Yocum was transported to Swedish American and released on an individual bond with a future court date given.

On Sept. 12, deputies conducted a traffic stop at West South and Center Street in Creston. After an investigation, deputies arrested Theresa Mullis, 43, of DeKalb, for driving while license suspended. Mullis was given an I-bond for her citation and released from the scene. Mullis's passenger, Gene Gunn, 40, of Calumet City, was arrested on an outstanding warrant out of DeKalb County. Gunn was given a notice to appear and was released from the scene.

On Sept. 13 at approximately 11:45 a.m. deputies

responded to a two-vehicle accident at the intersection of Mud Creek Road and Leaf River Road. It was determined that a black Toyota Tacoma being driven by Seth M. Todd, 31, of Columbus Junction, Iowa was southbound on Leaf River Road. Todd failed to yield the right of way to a black Ford F-350 that was eastbound on Mud Creek Road. The Ford was being driven by John B. Wells, 38, of Mt. Morris and his passenger Cody M. Snyder, 23, of Forreston. Todd pulled his Tacoma into the intersection and was struck by the Ford being driven by Wells. Wells was transported to Mercy Health by Life Line Helicopter for life-threatening injuries and Snyder was taken to KSB for serious injuries. Todd was transported to OSF St. Anthony for serious injuries. The accident is still under investigation.

On Thursday, Sept. 14 the Ogle County Sheriff's Office received reports from both the Creston

School District and Kings School District of a suspicious person taking pictures from the roadway in front of the schools. The subject was reportedly driving a black Audi. The same vehicle was also observed at a school in a neighboring county. Investigators from the Ogle County Sheriff's Office have identified the vehicle, a black four-door Audi with Indiana registration and are actively seeking to speak with the driver. On Sept. 19, the individual observed taking pictures outside Creston and Kings Elementary Schools was located. Through the investigation, it was determined the subject was employed by a company to take photos of schools, restaurants and local amenities for real estate purposes throughout many communities in northern Illinois. All information has been verified and there are no additional concerns with this incident.

All individuals are considered innocent until proven guilty.

POLO POLICE DEPARTMENT

POLO — Polo Police Department general calls for service for Sept. 4-17. Citizen complaints/assists:

26. Juvenile: Three. Animal complaint: One. City ordinance: Two. Disturbance/domestics: Three. Fire/

medical assists: 10. Lockouts: Three. 911 Hang ups: Three. Traffic stops: 29. County assists: One.

Eagle's Nest Art Group Show is Oct. 7

OREGON — Eagle's Nest Art Group will host a one-day art show in its studio at Conover Square Mall, on Saturday, Oct. 7 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. during Autumn on Parade.

The group of over 85 local artists will have a variety of original art work on display, including oil, watercolor and acrylic paintings;

photography; drawings; calligraphy; glass work; ceramics, as well as other three-dimensional art.

Also, a wide selection of artist-created prints and cards are available for sale. Come and browse and meet some of our local artists.

ENAG continues to support Hands On Oregon with original art for sale at

the show to benefit their work in our community. The studio is on the second floor of Conover Square Mall, 201 N. Third St. in Oregon.

For more information about the group and its offerings, call (815) 732-7783. Or drop in on Saturday, Oct. 7 and pick up a program schedule of events and shows.

Polo Women's Club food drive is Sept. 30

POLO — Polo Women's Club, a member of the Greater Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) since 1921, is participating in the inaugural National Day of Service (NDS) spotlighting food insecurity and hunger in the United States.

Club members that volunteer their time and talent to this non-profit organization are holding a food drive on Saturday, Sept. 30 from 8 a.m. to noon at Polo Fresh Food Market. All items received will be donated to the Polo Food Pantry that is in need of several specific items but all products will be accepted.

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, 34 million people in the U.S. are food insecure, nine million children are hungry, 53 million people turned to food banks following COVID-19 due to unemployment, and 100 percent of U.S. Counties have families suffering from food insecurity.

The Polo Women's Club, whose slogan is Living the Volunteer Spirit, works together selecting projects and programs based on interests and needs in our own community while benefiting from the expertise and support at district,

state, regional and national levels of GFWC.

The club supports the arts in all Polo schools, promoting leadership skills at the high school level, educating the community on the prevention of all forms of domestic violence, and conducting an annual coat drive to provide free items to those in need, along with other projects throughout the year.

For further details on the National Day of Service Food Drive, or on the Polo Women's Club, please contact: Sheila Dean, president (815-677-6877, call or text).

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LOCAL NEWS

COUNTY: Board approves holiday schedule for 2024 during Tuesday meeting

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Holiday schedule

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Some board members took issue with the number of holiday dates.

"I can't and won't support this," One board member said. "I see we're talking about 15 days

off. That's three five-day weeks in addition to their vacation time. Every time we turn around, somebody has another holiday they want. I just don't think it's right. It's excessive."

The board also approved its meeting schedule for 2024 and will continue to meet on the third Tuesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. at the Ogle County Courthouse at 105 S. 5th St. on the third floor.

Meeting dates will be Jan. 16, Feb. 20, March 19, April 16, May 21, June 18, July 16, Aug. 20, Sept. 17, Oct. 15, Nov. 19 and Dec. 17. The 2024 budget hearing will be held Oct. 28.

Ice abrasives

The board voted unanimously to appropriate \$32,475 from the County Highway fund for ice abrasives and accepted a low bid for the materials from Steve Benesh & Sons for that amount.



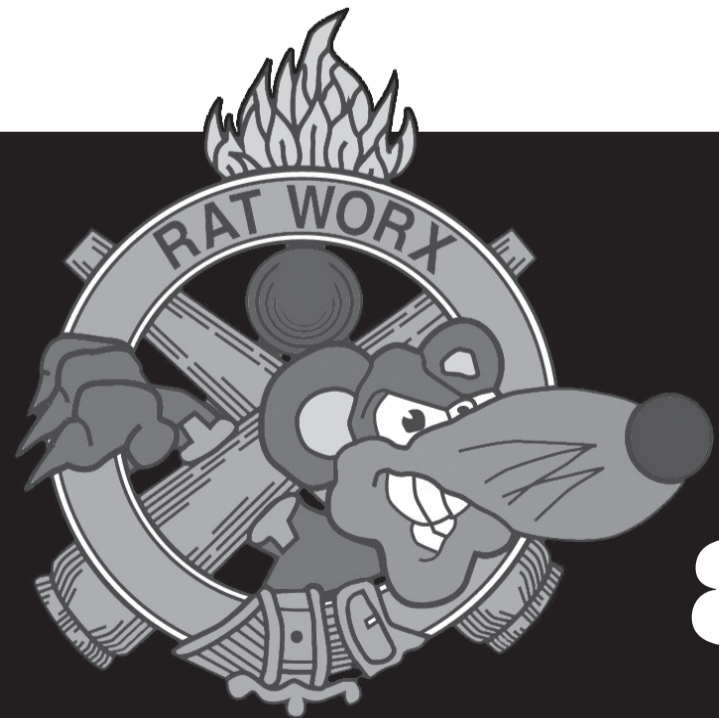
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LOCAL NEWS



60th class reunion had for Polo HS Class of 1963

The 60th class reunion of the Polo High School class of 1963 was held on Sept. 9, 2023 at the Polo Senior Center. 22 former classmates attended. Seated: Diane Long Weaver, Aileen Diehl, Joyce Naylon, Joan Bushman Beard, Doris Plautz Ferb and Jan Berge Wiemken. Row two: Linda Gorski Farley, Carol Parrett Mayo, Cheryl White Joiner, Tom Nelson, Florence Willstead Wragg, Marge Immel and Kay Poper Miller. Last row: James Hopkins, Beverly Beck Merdian, Richard Humphreys, Paul Wiemken, Herschel Newcomer, Susan McConaughy Frost and Eugene Schick. Missing from the picture is Jane Davis Benson and Sharon Temple Werther.



Stillman Valley Class of 1968 holds reunion

The Stillman Valley Class of 1968 reunion was held Sept 9 at the SM & SF Club. A special thanks to classmate Randy Fritz who was the speaker for the evening. Those in attendance were (back row) Denny Geiger, Ron Johnson, Gary Harleman, Greg Frericks, Galen Crull, Diana (Hall) Klapp, Lyle Bennett, Dave Svanda and Randy Fritz. Middle row: John Brown, Al Atchison, Rich Tyler, Jim Knoll, Pennie (Gipson) Bartlett, Brenda (Schumacher) Adams, Judy (Reeves) Johnson, Diane (Schier) Roos and Sue (Eickman) Savage. Bottom row: Larry Larson, Mary Ann (Rainwater) Priewe, Sharon (Carlson) Prutz, Linda (Walker) Austin, Mary Ellen Hagemeyer, Chris (Cooney) Smallwood and Lucille (Freeberg) Powell.

Back Roads Market will be held Saturday, Sept. 30

MT. MORRIS — The fourth annual Back Roads Market will be held Saturday, Sept. 30 from 9-4 p.m. Spend a fall day traveling to the Mt. Morris countryside amidst corn fields and scenery making four stops along the way.

Mount Morris Road, satisfy your maple cravings choosing from syrup, cinnamon rolls, honey and candies. Also find some dog treats, vegetables, pumpkins and much more goodies. Featured vendors will have vintage goods, pottery, Harry's yard art, hand-spun wool/yarn, and 815 Farm

Girl air fresheners. Next, make your way to Berry View Orchard, 7504 W. Midtown Road, there you will find the best apple cider donuts, slushies, a variety of juicy apples, aronia berries, a farm-filled store filled with treats, jams, Simple Comfort Candles, Lynnie's Kitchen Goodies,

Nelson Farms Meats And much more. Food concessions will be served by Nelson Farms. Round the corner to some "Funky Junk" and much more located at 6410 W. Grove Road. Twelve plus vendors here will have vintage goods, refurbished furniture, retro items, primitives,

relics, collectibles, local advertising, "Junko-Lanterns," plus lots more. Grab a variety of some yummy baked goods from Bobbi's Country Catering. Food concessions will be available at this stop as well!

Continue down the road to Vintage Chicks and Feeds, 700 Illinois Route 72, Leaf River. Browse through this quaint store filled with vintage wares, soaps, lotions, local honey, antiques, barn goods, Dixie Belle Paints, and more! So take the ride and support these local businesses, vendors, all within a short distance from one another. Signs will be posted.

Fehr Graham announces scholarship, marks 50 years in business

FREEPORT — On Sept. 15 on its 50th anniversary in business, Fehr Graham, a leading Midwest engineering and environmental firm, announced a scholarship program to help students pursuing post-secondary degrees in STEM-related fields. Firm leaders shared the scholarship news with employees at a 50th anniversary event in Freeport, the city where Fehr Graham started on Sept. 15, 1973.

Since its inception in Freeport, Fehr Graham has demonstrated a dedication to excellence, establishing itself as a trusted partner to its clients on a range of engineering and environmental solutions. Over the past five decades, the company has evolved, grown and adapted to meet the ever-changing needs of clients and communities. The company's mission to improve the quality of life where its clients live and work is one of the reasons for starting a scholarship program.

"It is with great pride that we celebrate this special milestone by giving back to the professions that have been so good to us by helping the next generation get started," Fehr Graham Chief Executive Officer Mick Gronewold said. "Our journey to 50 years has been defined by the dedicated people that make up Fehr Graham and their ability to provide innovative solutions, foster strong client relationships and make a positive impact in the communities we serve. We are so excited to be able to lean into helping continue this legacy into the future."

The Fehr Graham Scholarship, valued at \$2,500 and renewable for up to three years, will go to five high school seniors who are pursuing two- and four-year degrees in engineering and environmental fields. Recipients must live near any of the firm's 12 offices in Illinois, Iowa and Wisconsin.

"This announcement not only marks Fehr Graham's 50th anniversary celebration, but a commitment to the future," Dan Ross, president of the Community Foundation of Northern Illinois, said. "The Fehr Graham Scholarship program demonstrates a dedication to education and community development, inspiring the next generation of STEM leaders. We are proud to partner on an effort that so closely aligns with our own mission."

In addition to announcing its scholarship program today, Fehr Graham staff from all 12 of its offices gathered in Freeport to celebrate the firm's anniversary. Freeport Mayor Jodi Miller declared Sept. 15 as Fehr Graham Day in the city. Fehr Graham's success story is a testament to the hard work and expertise of its dedicated team, whose talents consistently drive the company's growth and development. Their unwavering commitment to delivering solutions, paired with a passion for community betterment, has made Fehr Graham a respected, award-winning name in the industry.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Sept. 26: Serenity Hospice & Home's Drop-In Craft Day will meet from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at The Serenity Shed, 131 N. 3rd St., Oregon. We will have the coffee on and our famous homemade cookies. Even if you don't do crafts, stop

in for conversation. **Sept. 30:** Come and join us at Byron's Hairy Cow Farmers Market on Saturday, Sept. 30 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. **Oct. 3:** Serenity Hospice & Home's Young Widows will meet from 6-7 p.m. at The Serenity Home, 1658 S. Illinois Route 2. This group is for ages 55 and under. Please call 815-732-

4111 by noon to register. **Oct. 4:** United Methodist Men will host a Pancake and Sausage dinner, Wednesday, Oct. 4 from 4:30 to 7 p.m. at Disciples United Methodist Church. Located at 102 Maple Ave. in Mt. Mor-

ris. Their famous chicken alaking will also be served. No tickets are needed. Donations will be accepted with proceeds going to the missions of United Methodist Men. all the office at 815-732-4853 for more information.

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MOMENTS IN TIME

* On Oct. 9, 2004, Afghan voters went to the polls for the first time in their nation's history to vote for a president and elected Hamid Karzai, who had served as their interim president after the collapse of the Taliban regime three years earlier.

* On Oct. 10, 1845, George Bancroft -- historian, educator and secretary of the Navy -- founded the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland, to improve the then-unsatisfactory methods of instructing the service's midshipmen.

* On Oct. 11, 2000, at a ceremony in London, the International Women of the Year Association awarded the title "Greatest Woman Achiever of the Century" to Russian engineer and cosmonaut Valentina V. Tereshkova, who became the first woman in space when she flew a solo mission on the Vostok 6 on June 16, 1963.

* On Oct. 12, 1810, the first Oktoberfest was celebrated in Munich, Germany, in honor of the marriage of Ludwig, the crown prince of Bavaria (who later became King Louis I), to Princess Therese von Sachsen-Hildburghausen. The festivities lasted nearly a week and ended in a horse race. Today, the festival is the largest in the world, with more than 6 million participants around the globe.

* On Oct. 13, 1950, the movie "All About Eve," starring Bette Davis and Anne Baxter, premiered in both Paris and New York City. Known for its acid wit, it won six Academy Awards, including Best Picture, but was roundly criticized for depicting a character smoking in bed by an Indiana man who was part of his local fire prevention committee.

* On Oct. 14, 1926, English humorist, poet and playwright A.A. Milne published "Winnie-the-Pooh," a children's book set in the fictional Hundred Acre Wood featuring the adventures of the eponymous honey-loving bear and his good friends, including Eeyore, Christopher Robin and Piglet.

* On Oct. 15, 1966, Huey P. Newton and Bobby Seale founded the Black Panther Party, with a mission of protecting African Americans from police brutality. The organization developed into a Marxist revolutionary group, calling for, among other things, the arming of all African Americans and the release of African Americans from jail.

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OCFB's Ron Kern: Looking at land prices

EVERY year I get dozens of calls from landowners asking me what is the selling price of farmland or the going rate of farm cash rents. While the dollars and cents part are the predominant thing they look for, there's more that goes into negotiating a viable sale price or cash rent.

However, being a farm owner in Illinois with its rich soils has its advantages as both sales prices and cash rents tend to trend higher than other parts of the country. Thought we might look at land prices this week to see where they are trending; and hint -- it ain't down.

Agricultural land values increased by \$280 an acre over 2022, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. The NASS report released on Aug. 4, shows a 7.4 percent increase following 2022's record-breaking numeric increase of \$420 per acre (12 percent) over 2021. Cash rent values for cropland were up 4.7 percent to a record \$155 per acre and up 7.1 percent to \$15 per acre for pastureland. This annual report provides one of many indicators of the overall health of the agricultural economy and illustrates yet another heightened production cost and barrier to profitability faced by farmers and ranchers.

The U.S. average farm real estate value, a measurement that includes the value of all land and buildings on farms, clocked in at a record \$4,080 per acre. This 7.4 percent increase over last year is less than the 12-percent bump between 2021 and 2022, which was the largest change since 2006, when values increased 14 percent over 2005. Excluding last year, 2023 farm real estate values had the largest percentage increase since 2014. Looking at the dollar value of the change, the \$280 per acre increase over 2022 is the second-highest increase since the USDA began the survey in 1997.

These levels vary significantly throughout the country, with the highest real estate values concentrated

in areas with larger volumes of high-value crops (think wine grapes and tree nuts in California), as well as areas experiencing upward pressure due to proximity to urban areas with little remaining developable land, like the small states of the Northeast. Much of the Midwest had higher real estate values, followed by the South and Pacific Northwest, and finally the Plains and Mountain states. Part of this increase can be linked to high 2021-2022 commodity prices that have translated to a higher farming value for land in row crop-heavy heartland states like Iowa, Illinois, Nebraska, Kansas and Indiana. New government program incentives that provide financial compensation to landowners who voluntarily enroll and retire highly erodible and environmentally sensitive lands, such as those added in 2021 to the CRP program, also contributed to increased competition for active cropland, increasing land prices. Other factors contributing to rising land values are competing land-use interests, which includes urban and suburban sprawl, and increased investments into hard assets, like land, for a safer return on investment during an extended period of inflation.

Like overall agricultural real estate values, average U.S. cropland values increased in 2023, rising to \$5,460 per acre. This increase came in an 8.1-percent jump over 2022, which is marginally higher than the 7.8-percent increase in cropland values in 2021 but is below double-digit percentage increases between 2005-2007, 2011-2013 and in 2022. In dollar values, this year-over-year increase was \$410 per acre, the third highest behind 2022 and 2013. The distribution across the country follows a similar pattern as overall farmland value, with California and Northeastern states claiming the highest average cropland values. Following that top category is much of the Midwest.

Similar to overall agricultural real estate val-

ues and cropland values, pastureland values posted strong gains from the previous year, coming in at \$1,760 per acre on average for the U.S. This is an increase of 6.7 percent over 2022, a drop from 2022's 11.5-percent increase from 2021 after seven years of little to no increases in value. However, the distribution of pastureland values across the country differs from cropland values and real estate values. Instead of the Midwest and California, some of the more valuable pastureland state averages are concentrated along the East Coast and in the mid-South, with the Midwest and the Plains toward the bottom of pastureland values. A very high percentage of grazeable land in the West is owned by the federal government a portion of which is leased to ranchers using grazing permits. These dynamics limit the role of real estate competition for pastureland in many Western states. States with higher pastureland values tend to be those with higher competition for open land.

NASS also released data on cash rents, with the increases in land values translating to increases in cash rent. Cash rent tends to be more of a lagging indicator, and likely will be reflected in future producer-landlord negotiations. Average U.S. cropland rent increased to \$155 per acre this year, a 4.7-percent rise over 2022. Irrigated cropland rents increased 4.4 percent to \$237 per acre, while non-irrigated cropland rents increased 5.2% to \$142 per acre. Cash rents for pastureland increased 7.7 percent this year, reaching \$15 per acre.

Washington and Georgia led the country in highest percent increases in cropland cash rental rates in 2023 of 10 percent each followed by Florida (nine percent). Decreases in cropland cash rental rates occurred in Oklahoma (down eight percent) and parts of the West like Wyoming (down five percent) and Nevada (down five percent). By value, the highest cropland rental rates were in California (\$344/

acre), Arizona (\$347/acre) and Hawaii (\$295/acre), all states with high-value orchard and specialty crops often linked to the existence of water rights that contribute to more valuable contracts. Washington and heartland states of Iowa, Illinois and Indiana made up the next highest cropland rental rate category, linked to higher value specialty crops for the former and a high density of high-value commodity crops in the latter.

Margins for many producers who rely on rented land are jeopardized by even minimal changes in rental rates. This can threaten annual production output. More broadly, those who lack equity from land ownership have reduced access to operating lines of credit needed to fund annual equipment and input purchases; and rising land prices and rents often take away the benefits of high crop prices.

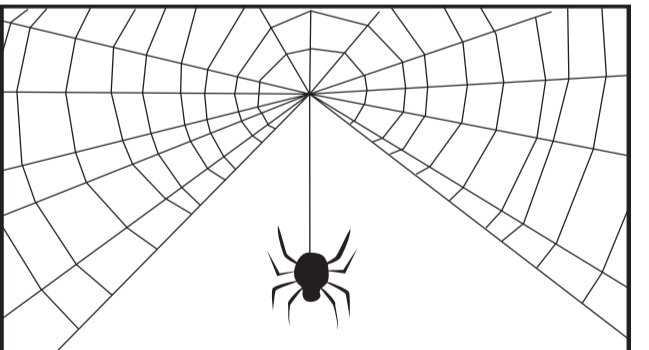
USDA's land value report shows continued increases across the board in agricultural real estate values, cropland values and pastureland values. The average U.S. farm real estate value increased by \$280 per acre, or 7.4 percent over 2022, while the cropland value and pastureland value increased by 8.1 percent and 6.7 percent, respectively. Cash rents have also jumped, ranging from 4.4 percent to 7.1 percent increases across cropland, irrigated and non-irrigated, and pastureland. In a continued period of heightened input costs across the board further exacerbated by inflationary pressures, high rent and land costs are yet another hurdle for farmers and ranchers working to produce more crops and raise more livestock.

Fortunately for producers who own land, their equity has increased, but for those just starting out or reliant on the acres they rent to make ends meet, these increases can become an unbreachable barrier to entry.

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

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An Advertising Proverb

When Mark Twain was editing a newspaper in Missouri, one of his subscribers wrote in, saying that he had found a spider in his newspaper and wondered whether it was a sign of good or bad luck. Twain's response: "Finding a spider is neither good luck nor bad. The spider was merely looking over our newspaper to see which merchant was not advertising, so that he could go to that store, spin his web across the door, and lead a life of undisturbed peace ever afterward."

Scott Reeder: The memory of certain politicians

AS I stood on the Australian shore last month, I pondered the majesty of the Pacific but when I looked down, I couldn't help but think of Rod Blagojevich.

There at Rex Lookout in the Australian state of Queensland stood a plaque that once identified the politician who made the scenic overlook possible. But an acetylene torch had been used to melt away the name of that elected official. After 35 years of covering politics, I didn't need a tour guide's explanation to figure out what had happened.

Nonetheless, our guide informed us that the fellow whose name was obliterated was an Aussie pol who was mired in scandal in the 1980s. His name was Martin Tenni. He didn't go to prison but a number of his buddies did. Despite this, someone in power removed his name.

This is a lousy practice. Take a walk on the Illinois Capitol's second floor and you'll see 42 portraits of the state's chief executives. All but one of the state's past governor's stares out onto the marble hallway. At least three of the men represented there went to prison: George Ryan, Dan Walker and Otto Kerner.

Others such as William Stratton and Len Small, were indicted but never convicted. And more than likely there are others who should have gone to prison -- but were never caught. And then there is Rod Blagojevich. He served eight years in prison on corruption charges and is the only Illinois governor to be removed from office. His portrait is the one missing from the statehouse.

Why? Shortly after removing him from office, Illinois lawmakers passed a measure prohibiting the state from spending money to create a portrait for Blago. So, portraits in the hall of governors skips from No. 39 to No. 41. It's as if Blagojevich never led the state for six years. His absence ignores that Illinois voters twice selected him as their leader. He did some bad things while he was governor, but he also did some good things. No one is all good or all bad.

For the record, I wasn't a fan of Blagojevich while he was in office. This column frequently criticized him. I never voted for him. But denying him a place in the hall of governor's is petty. Little is accomplished by scraping his name off of the state's collective memory.

Please note there is a difference between honoring someone and acknowledging their role in history. I talked to Blagojevich about this recently. He said he has had several potential donors approach him about paying for the creation of a portrait. But he said he is holding off.

"The question is going to be what color my hair will be," he said of his helmet-like mane that turned snow white during his period of incarceration. Hair dye is not allowed in federal lockups.

"Well, I don't want the white hair. It was never black, by the way. It was sable brown, No. 47D. . . . I'm not pushing for it. It's not a priority. It is true people have come up to me and offered to actually pay for it. And there will be a time when I think my portrait will be up there. I do believe there will be a time where I'll be vindicated. I do believe there will be a time where the truth will be exposed on what was happening. And I think these things are happening now."

Blagojevich's arch-nemesis Mike Madigan faces corruption charges of his own. Madigan, who led the Illinois House longer than any leader of any state legislative chamber in the history of the United States, also does not have a portrait hanging in the statehouse.

Even Paul Powell, the corrupt speaker who hid \$800,000 in shoeboxes in his hotel closet, has a painting hanging in that building. Whether he is convicted or not, Madigan should be recognized as well. It's about history, not canonization. In the wake of the Commonwealth Edison scandal, lawmakers are scared voteless on the matter. Over the years, I've taken family members and friends on tours of the state Capitol. When I walk by the paintings of governors, I point out the ones that went to prison -- and the others who probably should have.

I remember taking my then 19-year-old niece up into the balcony of the House and pointing out Powell's portrait. I told of how his closet was full of ill-gotten loot and how he died of a heart attack in a Minnesota hotel room he was sharing with a woman not his wife. As we walked away, I reached out and gave the frame a nudge. Some politicians just deserve to be remembered crooked.

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LOCAL NEWS



(COURTESY PHOTOS)

The Oregon Lions Club held their popular annual drawdown at the VFW in Oregon on Thursday, Sept. 14. A large crowd of ticket holders gathered to enjoy a generous assortment of sandwiches, snacks and desserts, compliments of the Oregon Lions.

Oregon Lions Club announces drawdown winners

OREGON — The Oregon Lions Club held their popular annual drawdown at the VFW in Oregon on Thursday, Sept. 14. A large crowd of ticket holders gathered to enjoy a generous assortment of sandwiches, snacks and desserts, compliments of the Oregon Lions.

Lion Dr. Carrie Anderson and her daughter, Evelyn, drew the numbers, and Lion James Brown called them out. Lion Dr. Tom Champley, Lion Joanna Cermak and Lion Janet Champley kept track of the prizewinners.

A total of 17 cash prizes were awarded. 13 ticket holders won \$50 each. Two ticket holders won \$100 each. There

was one \$200 winner. The ticket holder of the very last number drawn won the grand prize of \$1,000.

There was a second drawing for the 34 donated door prizes which were valued at over \$2,500.

The Oregon Lions Club wishes to thank everyone who bought a ticket to our annual drawdown, as well as the local merchants, organizations, clubs and individuals who donated the door prizes. It was a fun-filled evening!

One \$100 winner was Mike Mc Laws. The \$200 winner was Rosemary Underwood. Two door prize winners were Erin Herrmann and Lion Carol Ohrn. The \$1000 grand prize winners were Lions Tom and Jan Champley.



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LOCAL NEWS

BARRIO: Ribbon cutting ceremony held for new restaurant

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"I'd like to thank our friends and family who have been helping us along the way," Gonzalez said. "We've been working extremely hard for the past year. There have been a lot of challenges, but we worked through it and collaborated together. I'm happy we're here."

Gonzalez thanked the City of Rochelle as well for its support over the past year.

"I think it's just a reflection of what a great community Rochelle is: Supportive, encouraging, motivating and loving," Gonzalez said. "I could say so much more. We grew up here in Rochelle and after high school we moved to Arizona and got to explore different types of food which is something we're incorporating here today in our menu. Growing up we moved around a lot. We lived in California and I lived in Chicago for a time for school. We put all of our experiences together and we're happy to share it with you all. I hope you enjoy it. I hope you all love it."

The ribbon cutting was hosted by the Rochelle Chamber of Commerce and the City of Rochelle. Speakers included Chamber Executive Director Tricia Herrera, Mayor John Bearrows and State Rep. Bradley Fritts. Herrera welcomed the family to the chamber and business community and thanked them for choosing Rochelle to open their restaurant.

"We love celebrating with new members," Herrera said. "We love new businesses. We love to



(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)

On Sept. 15, a ribbon cutting ceremony was held for Barrio Agave, a new Mexican restaurant at 1310 N. 7th St. The restaurant officially opened Sept. 15 and is open 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 10 a.m. to midnight Fridays and Saturdays.

celebrate their enthusiasm and ideas and seeing the culmination of a dream. We have been very fortunate to be involved with this for some time. They got the location and came and sat down with us and wanted to get started. We're very proud to be involved since the beginning of this idea with you guys. You guys have been wonderful. The com-

munity is really ready for this. They're very excited about this. When you open a business, you can put it anywhere. And we are always grateful that you choose our location. Congratulations and thank you for choosing Rochelle."

Bearrows welcomed Barrio Agave on behalf of the city and said small businesses are "the backbone of the community."

"We take great pride in the fact that we got through the COVID-19 pandemic and didn't lose any small businesses," Bearrows said. "We worked with them as a partnership to keep them open. We're thankful you're here offering yet another variety of ethnic foods for our community, which has a wide variety of ethnic folks that love to come

out and enjoy and learn with me since day one on this. Our employees are already great and we appreciate them so much. Thank you all so much for being here. This is a huge accomplishment for us. It's something we always wanted. As kids growing up we used to tell my mom that we needed our own restaurant and that one day we were going to do it. And here we are."

Gonzalez said that getting the business ready to open over the past year was a family affair.

"I'm super excited and proud of my family," Gonzalez said. "My dad did all of the remodeling for us and did an awesome job. My sister has worked

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Polo football bounces back following rare lopsided loss

Head coach Alston: 'I'm very proud of the kids' hard work and determination'

BY GEORGE HOWE
CORRESPONDENT

POLO — A true heart of a champion can sometimes be measured by how well they come back from adversity. For the Polo varsity football team, like most programs, a perfect, unblemished season record, culminated by a state championship is the ultimate goal.

After starting the young season 2-0, with big wins over Peoria Heights 62-14, and Orangeville 50-6, that quest came to a crumbling halt when the number two-ranked Marcos hosted the number-three Milledgeville Missiles back on Sept. 8, as they suffered their worst loss ever in eight-man football 58-22. Last season's I8FA and Sauk Valley Media Player of the Year, quarterback Brock Soltow shared the general sentiment of the team after the defeat.

"Holy cow, they came in ready to go and caught us off guard," Soltow said.



Polo's Brock Soltow looks for a hole in a recent game. The Marcos recently bounced back from a rare lopsided loss with a comeback victory against Ridgewood - Cambridge. (COURTESY PHOTO)

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NEW LISTING

207 N Seminary Street Mt Morris \$82,500 Call Mark

Very Affordable 2 Bedroom, 1 Bath, Ranch home in Mt. Morris is being offered for sale! Galley style kitchen has dishwasher, gas stove and refrigerator that will all stay. There is a dining room off the kitchen for family dinners or entertaining! Beautiful new laminate flooring throughout! Roof is only 10 years old and home has new windows and fresh paint. 1 car attached garage has upper loft storage area. Green backyard space for the kids and pets! Need a place to retire? Starter home? Investment home? Come find out!

NEW LISTING

9509 N Woodgate Lane Byron \$399,900 Call Becky

This beautiful home in a country subdivision has it all! A private oasis in the backyard includes a 20x40 inground pool (4-10ft deep) with walk-in steps & diving board (heater as-is), stamped concrete surround, 2 tier deck with invisible wire rails and a 7x7 hot tub all overlooking the fenced in 1 acre lot! The inside is just as amazing with an oversized front living room w/ French doors to the office, a door to front porch and a Murphy bed for guests. Next is the stunning kitchen including custom made gray cabinets, open shelving, a spacious island with seating for 6, easy access microwave drawer, wine fridge, granite counters, SS appliances (gas double oven), and disposal. This opens to a large eat in dinette with French doors to deck. Large family room with bamboo wood floors, gas stone fireplace, cathedral ceiling with beam and 2 skylights and window seats for an added touch. Laundry room/mud room is a dream with washer/dryer (21), laundry sink, ironing board, pantry and coat hooks galore. Upstairs boasts 4 bedrooms with carpet (21)...Master has cathedral ceiling, 3 closets, & door to private balcony overlooking pool. MBA is huge with double sink, tile heated floors, glass shower with gray subway tile. Main bath also has heated tile floors and double sink. 3 car insulated garage with never doors (18). All new windows (22), gas water htr (22), HVAC & A/C (21), wrap around porch, well pump (20), sediment filter, water softener.

NEW LISTING

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NEW LISTING

922 Missouri Drive Dixon \$359,000 Call Rebecca

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506 N Main Milledgeville NOW \$133,000 Call JD

Discover this charming 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom two-story home tucked just off downtown Milledgeville. Overflowing with character, this residence offers an oversized four-car garage with a workshop and convenient alley access. Inside, you'll find tons of natural woodwork, hardwood floors, large living spaces, main floor laundry, and a cozy wood burning fireplace. The full basement provides additional space for your needs. Don't miss this unique gem in an ideal location. Welcome home!

420 Meadows Drive Freeport NOW \$179,999 Call Rebecca

OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS! Over 5,000 finished square feet in this Morton building plus an attached 2,000 square feet greenhouse that has an above ground pool! Formerly, Brooke's Barks & Recreation, the possibilities are endless with this location which includes front reception area, several offices, kitchenette, 2 bathrooms, and a laundry area. There is also a large room with TSR floor coating that is open and could easily be divided into additional workspace or storage space. Another bonus is that the property is ADA compliant. 1.07 acre lot that includes large fenced in area off the front of the business and a parking lot with parking for 20+ cars. A quick closing is possible. Call for your showing today!

1220 S Gale Oregon NOW \$370,000 Call Carrie

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YOUTH PROGRAMS

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BINGO
Monday, October 23rd, 5:00 PM BINGO is back! Join us for a variety of free, fun BINGO layouts, including a goalpost round for football season. A choice of prizes for all ages will be available for the winner of each round.

ADULT PROGRAMS

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.

Create-a-Card
Saturday, October 21st, 9:00 AM Stop in for our last official card making session for the season. Card supplies will be

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Byron Public Library News



(COURTESY PHOTOS)

The Byron Library's first teen sewing workshop was sew great! Six youth committed to three mornings of learning how to use a sewing machine in early August under the tutelage of our sewing expert Beth. By the end of the workshop, they had created a cloth bookmark and a small pouch for treasures. Teens created tie-dye shirts at the end of the summer at the Byron Library- with colorful results that they could wear!

Creative Studio Open

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

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StoryWalks at the Byron Forest Preserve
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Mount Morris Library News

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
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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!

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On Sept. 19 at Prairieview Golf Course, the Byron varsity boys golf team defeated Oregon 153-191. The Tigers were led by Ryan Tucker (36), Mason Brandt (37), Aaron Lorenz (40) and Davis Baker (40). The Hawks were led by Dom Terlikowski (44), Nole Campos (48), Logan Sarver (49) and Kylar Early (50). The win increased Byron's record to 8-0 (8-0 conference). The loss dropped Oregon to 10-4 (4-4 conference).

Byron girls golf defeats Oregon

On Sept. 19 at Prairieview Golf Course, the Byron varsity girls golf team defeated Oregon 197-215. The Tigers were led by Abby Baker (44), Alana Brandt (49), Jayden Palzkill (52) and Taylor

Lenz (52). The Hawks were led by Aniyah Sarver (50), Sarah Eckardt (51), Emma Schlitchmann (56)

and Hailey-Jane Becker (58). The loss dropped Oregon's record to 10-3 (5-3 conference).



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LOCAL NEWS

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Ink with a Friend: Card Making at the Library

Fall is a great time to make some lovely homemade 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!

Lego Club

Our next Lego night is

Thursday, October 19th, from 6:00–6:45pm. Bring a friend and build some fun with Lego bricks! All children and parents are invited every third Thursday of the month. Children under 8 need to bring a parent with them.

Memorial Gifts

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

Display Case Showings

We have 2 great display case showings this month!

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

Newspaper Available!

We will now be receiving the Dixon Telegraph daily! We receive the Ogle County Life, Sauk Valley, and Mt. Morris Times. If

you want to keep up with the local news-stop on by!

Explore More Illinois

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

Adult Programming

We are trying to get back into the swing of offering monthly programs for adults. We would love to hear from you. Do evenings or weekends work

better? Do you have any program ideas? Do you have a program you would like to share? Contact Mary Cheatwood at the library through email at mmlib@mtmorris-il.org or call 815-734-4927.

Curbside Service is available!

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

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

Monthly board meetings are the third Wednesday of the month at 7pm at the library unless otherwise noted. The public is welcome to attend. The Mount Morris Public Library is located at 105 S. McKendrick Ave. Mt. Morris IL 61054 – 815-734-4927 Fax-815-734-6035 www.mtmorris-il.org

OPD 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.

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!

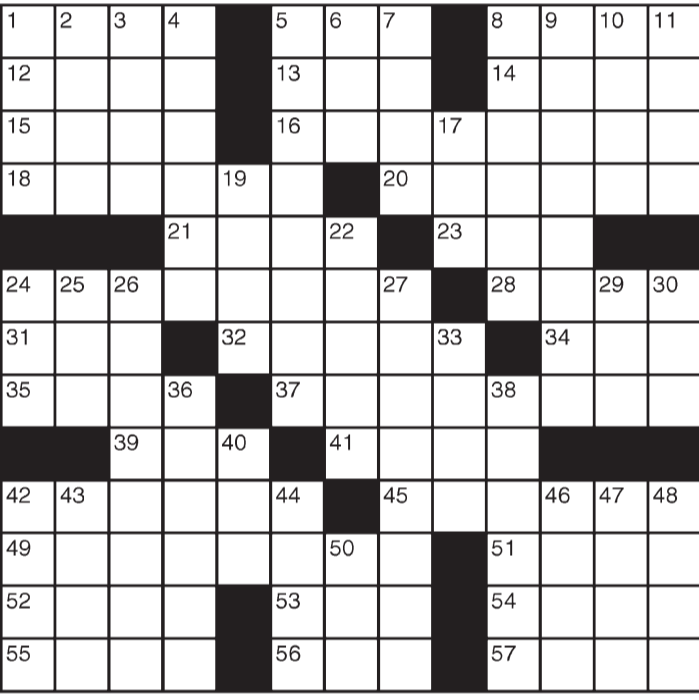
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Weekly Brain Busters

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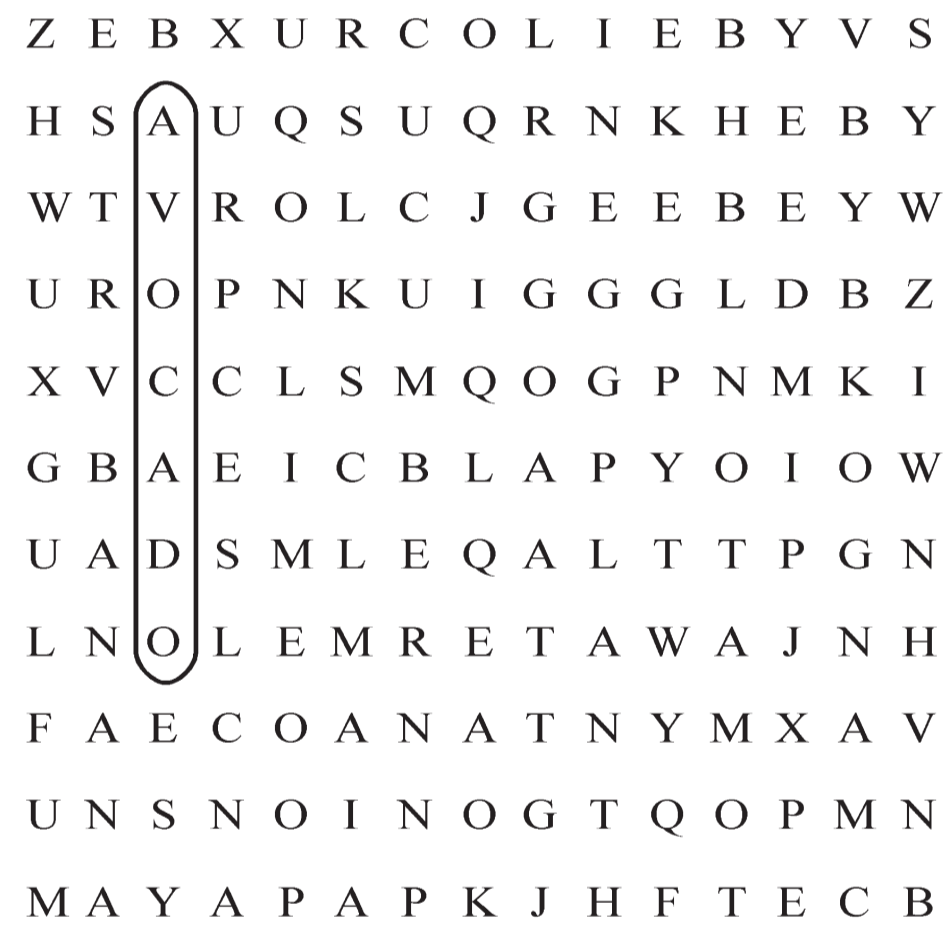
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- 45 TV type
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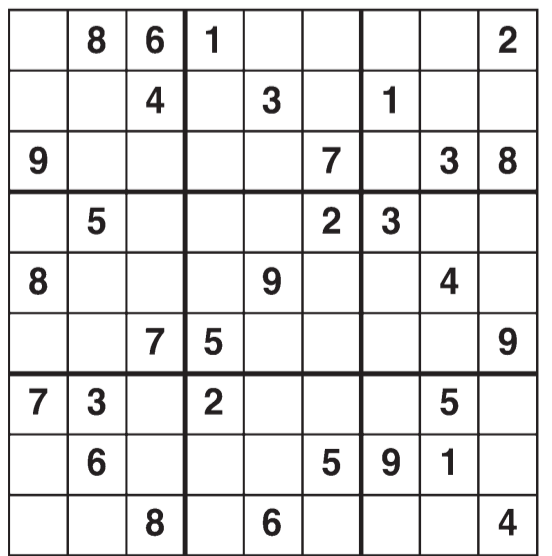
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Unlisted clue hint: A PICKLE BEFORE PICKLING

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- Banana
- Eggplant
- Garlic
- Ginger
- Lemon
- Lime
- Mango
- Onion
- Papaya
- Pineapple
- Potato
- Squash
- Tomato
- Watermelon

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



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

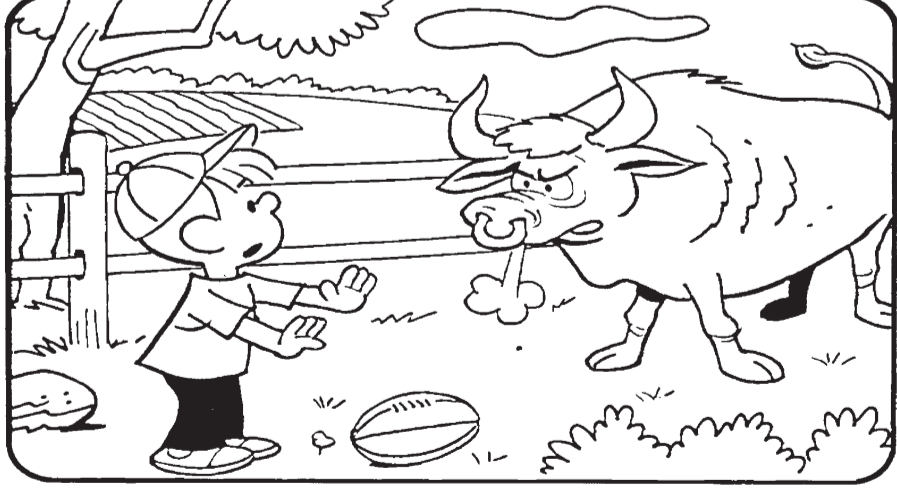
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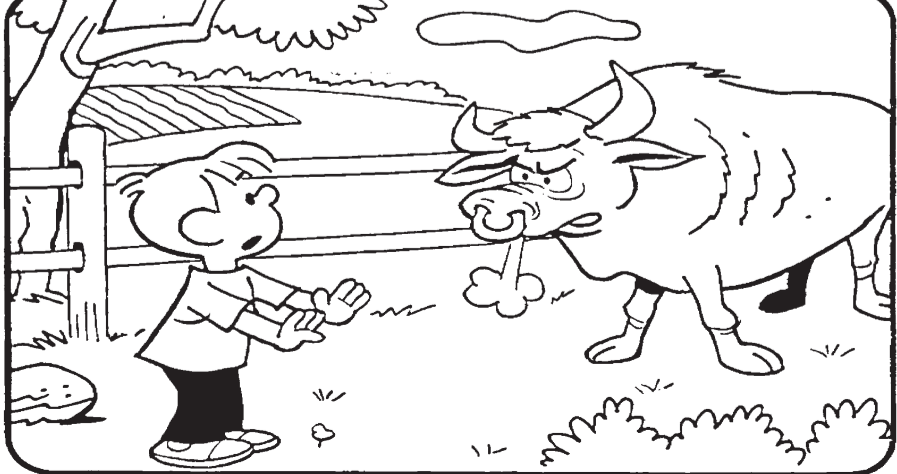
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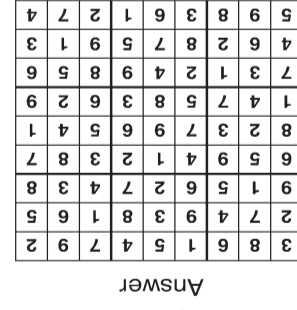
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Find at least six differences in details between panels.

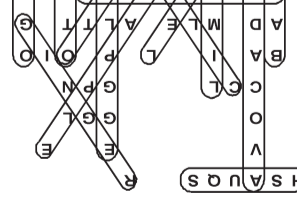


Differences: 1. Cap is missing. 2. Arm is moved. 3. Football is missing. 4. Cloud is different. 5. Horn is smaller. 6. Bull's tail is missing.



Answer

Weekly SUDOKU



THINGS WE PEEL



Solution time: 22 mins. Answers

LOCAL NEWS

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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 Night-walk

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.

2nd-5th Grade Basketball Girls and Boys

Boys and Girls will be given the opportunity to improve their skills in a positive environment. Practices are held during the week at Nash Recreation Center or Oregon Elementary. Games are played on Saturday at Nash Recreation Center or Byron Park District. If you are interested in coaching please contact Lesley at lesley@oregonpark.org. Head Coaches will set practice times. Practices are scheduled to start the first week in November with games in December and January. Deadline for registration is October 18th. Fee \$70/ \$84NR.

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 playtime. 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/\$144NR 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 your 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.

Open Volleyball Gym

Thursdays from 3:30-5:30pm starting October 5th at Nash Recreation Center. Continue to develop your volleyball skills with a new weekly open gym at Nash Recreation Center.

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Dated September 1, 2023
Laura J. Cook, Ogle County Clerk
No. 0911
(Sept. 11, 18 and 25, 2023)

NOTICE
Pursuant to the Illinois Self Storage Lien Act, Gesin Rentals makes notice of sale of contents of storage unit for rent and other charges incurred for the storage of personal property. Due to failure to pay the rent, Gesin Rentals is enforcing its lien and intends to sell or otherwise dispose of the personal property of Sandra Parks located in Unit 31 at 207 N McKendrie Ave. in Mt.

Morris. In-person viewings and final offers accepted between 3:00 pm - 4:00 on Friday, September 29th, 2023. For additional information or to make an offer, contact Gesin Rentals at 815-734-4716 or gesincompanies@hotmail.com.
No. 0920
(Sept. 18 and 25, 2023)

NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF OGLE
In the Matter of the Estate of
WALTER MAURICE ROSE, 2023-PR-048
Deceased.
NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION - CLAIMS
Notice is given of the death of Walter Maurice Rose, whose address was 3716 W. Lightsville Road, Leaf River, IL 61047. Letters of office were issued on September 8, 2023, to Kathy A. Rose whose address is 3716 W. Lightsville Road, Leaf River, IL 61047, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Amanda J. Martinez, The Law Office of Amanda Adams Martinez LLC, 5732 E. Riverside Blvd., #201, Loves Park, IL 61111. The estate will be administered without Court Supervision, un-

less under section 28-4 of the Probate Act of 1975 (755ILCS 5/28-4) any interested person may terminate independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Circuit Court Clerk. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of this Court at 106 S. 5th St., #300, Oregon, IL 61061 or with the representative, or both, on or before March 25, 2024, any claim not filed within the period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it had been filed.
Attorney Amanda J. Martinez ARDC#: 6287970
The Law Office of Amanda Adams Martinez LLC
5732 E. Riverside Blvd., #201
Loves Park, IL 61111
p. 815-491-8065
amartinez@adamsmartinezlaw.com
No. 0923
(Sept. 25, Oct. 2, and 9, 2023)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Notice is hereby given that on October 12, 2023 the Mount Morris

Township and Mount Morris Road District in the County of Ogle, State of Illinois, will hold a Public Hearing for the purpose of adopting the Tax Levy for the Mount Morris Township and Mount Morris Road District for fiscal year 2023-24. Said hearing will be held in the Mount Morris Township office located at 105 W Lincoln Street at 6:15 PM. A copy of the proposed Tax Levies are on file in the Clerk's office for public viewing.
Dated this 14th day of September, 2023.
Paula Diehl, Township Clerk
John Thompson, Township Supervisor
No. 0924
(September 25, 2023)

PUBLIC NOTICE
PUBLICATION
NOTICE OF COURT DATE FOR REQUEST FOR NAME CHANGE (MINOR CHILDREN)
STATE OF ILLINOIS
CIRCUIT COURT
OGLE COUNTY
CASE NUMBER
2023 MR 34
REQUEST OF:
JENNIFER GAYLE HARNESK
TO CHANGE NAMES OF MINOR CHILDREN
Publication is not necessary if both parents, confirmed on

birth certificate, agree to the name change or have been given notice. There will be a court date on a Request for Name Change (Minor Children) for these children:
Jaxon Wade Harnesk to the new name of Jaxon Wade Hood
Eli Jeffrey Harnesk to the new name of Eli Jeffrey Hood.
Court date will be October 18, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. at 106 S. 5th St., Oregon, Ogle County, Courtroom 304.
Jennifer Harnesk.
No. 0926 (Sept. 25, Oct. 2, and 9, 2023)

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101 LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE
WHITE ROCK TOWNSHIP
ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1 APRIL, 2022 THROUGH 31 MARCH, 2023
Ammended 9/14/2023

SUPERVISORS FUND-REVENUE SUMMARY
Property Taxes- \$94,493; Property Replacement Taxes- \$26,111.; Interest- \$1,080; Miscellaneous- \$407;
TOTAL REVENUE- \$122,091
SUPERVISORS FUND, COMPENSATION SUMMARY
Range: Under-(\$25,000)- Tom Smith, Jim Milligan, Lorraine Hubbard, & Dennis Probasco, Tim Reints, Jamie Herring,.... \$25,000 to \$49,999- Heath Strohm,
TOTAL COMPENSATION; \$54,491
SUPERVISOR FUND EXPENDITURE SUMMARY
IRS Taxes- \$12,059; IL Dept. of Revenue- \$2,409; Toirma- 2,551; Accounting Services- 1,000; Capitol Projects, Salt Shed- \$101,083; Donations-\$3,800
All other disbursement less than (\$2,500.00)- \$2,415
TOTAL VENDORS- \$125,317
GENERAL ASSISTANCE FUND-REVENUE SUMMARY
Property Taxes- \$0; Interest- \$14; TOTAL REVENUE- \$14
GENERAL ASSISTANCE FUND-EXPENDITURE SUMMARY
All other disbursements less than (\$2,500.00)- 0; TOTAL VENDORS- \$0
ROAD & BRIDGE FUND-REVENUE SUMMARY
Property Taxes- \$36,529; Replacement Taxes- \$13,948; Interest- \$502; Toirma \$583; Village of Hilcrest-\$6,135
TOTAL REVENUE- \$57,698
ROAD & BRIDGE FUND-COMPENSATION SUMMARY
Range: Under \$25,000: Jeff Johnson, & Bill Hubbard
TOTAL COMPENSATION- \$6,230
ROAD & BRIDGE FUND-EXPENDITURE SUMMARY
TOIRMA- \$3,991; Browns Tire-;\$2,680; Dekalb Implement-\$3,288
All other disbursement less than (\$2,500)- \$12,420; TOTAL VENDORS- \$22,379
SPECIAL ROAD TAX FUND-REVENUE SUMMARY
Property Taxes- \$39,340; Interest- \$257; TOTAL REVENUE- \$39,597
SPECIAL ROAD TAX FUND-EXPENDITURE SUMMARY
Conserv FS \$8,578; Steve Benesh & Sons - \$21,260; Ogle Cty. \$14,397; Martin & Co.- \$5,605
All other disbursements less than (\$2,500)- \$3,138
TOTAL VENDORS- \$52,977
CBHB FUND-REVENUE SUMMARY
Property Taxes- \$10,603; Interest- \$315; TOTAL REVENUE- \$10,918
CBHB FUND- EXPENDITURE SUMMARY
Iowa Culverts-\$4,980;
All other disbursement less than (\$2,500)-0; TOTAL VENDORS- \$4,980
SPECIAL EQUIPMENT FUND-REVENUE SUMMARY
Property Taxes- \$8,245; Interest- \$191 TOTAL REVENUE- \$8,346
SPECIAL EQUIPMENT FUND-EXPENDITURE SUMMARY
All other disbursement less than (\$2,500)- \$0.00; TOTAL VENDORS- 0

**SUMMARY STATEMENT OF CONDITION
WHITE ROCK TOWNSHIP
1 April, 2022 through 31 March, 2023**

	Supervisors Fund	General Assistance Fund	Road and Bridge Fund	Special Road Tax	CBHB Fund
Beginning Balance	\$245,363	\$3,607	\$106,329	\$68,995	\$76,141
Total Revenue	\$122,093	\$15	\$57,698	\$39,599	\$10,918
Less Disbursements	(\$168,405)	(0)	(\$28,603)	(\$52,979)	(\$4,980)
Ending Balance	\$199,050	\$3,622	\$135,424	\$55,615	\$82,079

	Special Equipment			
Beginning Balance	\$42,375			
Total Revenue	\$8,436			
Less Disbursements	(\$0)			
Ending Balance	\$50,811			

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Located at the Leonard & Donna Hagemann Farm

Oliver 1930's-60's Farm Tractors: 1937 - 70 Row Crop Tractor: rear iron spoke wheels on rubber, belt pulley, older restoration, bad tire; 1941 - 60 Row Crop Tractor: restored; 1944 Standard 60 Tractor: restored; 1945 - 70 Row Crop Tractor: restored; 1957 Super 77 Farm Tractor: restored; 1969 - 1750 D Farm Tractor: WF, 18.4x34 tires w/ newer fronts, over/under Hyd. shift, 3 pt., dual hyd., shows 6300 hrs., SN: 218830-720; 550 Utility Tractor w/ Loader: orig. cond.; 550 Yellow Industrial Tractor: 'as is'; 80 Standard Tractor: older restoration; 88 Standard Farm Tractor: restored; Canvas Tractor Umbrellas.

Oliver Farm Implements & Equipment: 1929 Superior #6B Corn & Cotton Horse Planter: single heavy cast iron wheel; 1951 Superior #7 Manure Spreader: restored; #155 Hillside Walking Plow; #40 Wood Beam Walking Plow: good red paint; #42, #99, #405 Walking Plows; #4340 3B Pull Moldboard Plow: repaint, good cond.; 10' & 8' Grain Drills on Steel; 1B Horse Drawn Plow: on steel; 23-A Reversible Sulkie Plow: nice cond.; 4B Pull Plow: old repaint; Accessories & Parts: steering wheels, gauges, wheel weights, rims & more; Chilled Plow Works C.I. Seats: nicely repainted; E-1 & #40 Horse Walking Plows; Drawn 2-Row Corn Planter: restored; Horse Drawn Cultivator; Horse Drawn Sickle Mowers: orig. on steel, repaint; Mounted 7" Sickle Mower; No.19 2B Horse Drawn Plow: on steel; Pull Corn Picker; RS "Star" Walking Plow; Walking Plows & Seeders. **Farm Primitives & Related:** Iron Spoke Implement Wheels; Leaf River Creamery Milk Can: w/ brass plate label; Oliver Chilled Plow Works C.I. Seats; Hay 3 Pt. 5-Spike 8' Bale Mower; Knight 253 Manure Spreader; Massey 35 Hay Rake; MC 9D Haybine; Woods Batwing Mower: well used; Year-A-Round Steel Tractor Cab: good glass. JD F525 Riding Mower: needs engine work. **Recreational:** '87 Suzuki 4WD Quad Runner ATV: Model LT-4WDJ, VIN: JSAA-J45A4H2102440; 1973 JD Model 4 Snowmobile: 'as is'; Snowmobile Pull Sled. **Shop Equipment:** Cutting Torch Set w/ Gauges & Cart; Duracraft Floor Drill Press; Manual Tire Changer; MTM 1502 Hot Water Pressure Washer; Ped. Grinders & Polishers; Standard 20-Ton Shop Press. **JD 70 Skid Loader:** gas engine, 4' bucket, also 4'6" bucket, runs, SN: 01051. **Signs:** Old Oliver Metal Painted Signs. **Tools & Equipment:** Duracraft Roller Tool Chest; Electric Cords; Log Chains & Binders: large selection; Makita 14" Chop Saw; Paint Spray Guns & Refinish Tools; Power & Air Tools; Service Jacks & Stands; Socket & Wrench Sets. **Trailers:** 2009 MEB HD Tandem Axle Equip. Trailer: 7'x18' + 2' tail, good wood deck, ramps, good ST205/75D15 tires, VIN: 492UU18299A045365, very good cond.; 1972 Balko Flat Deck 4-Place Utility Trailer: VIN: B7754461; 1973 Ski-Kart 2-Pl. Utility Trailer: 6'x8' flat wood deck, VIN: R29302; Tandem Axle Equip. Trailer Frame: 'no title'. **Vehicles:** 1929 Chevrolet Coupe: nearly complete restoration w/ rebuilt engine, tires, prime paint, needs interior, VIN: 81283885; 1967 Ford F700 Dump Truck: 5 yd., solid, not running, VIN: E70DUA28876; 1980 Chevrolet K-20 4WD Pickup: with Meyer 7'6" hyd. snow plow, runs good, VIN: CKX24AJ129575; 1990 Chevrolet GEO Tracker 4x4 SUV: 'as is', good tires, VIN: 2CNBJ18U9L6230260.

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LOCAL NEWS

POLO: Marcos recover from tough loss with win over Ridgewood-Cambridge

From page 1

“We didn’t seem to have much energy. It was kind of the same thing at practice leading up to the game. We’ve never experienced anything like this. It was tough.”

Longtime Polo Head Coach and Athletic Director Ted Alston admitted that he was a little surprised by the outcome.

“We weren’t able to match their physical play and made tons of mental mistakes,” Alston said. “We let the team know that the coaching staff was upset about how we looked out there. We will need to get back to basics in some areas.”

The program is used to success, winning back-to-back state championships in 2019-2021 (no 2020 season), and reached the semifinals in 2022. Every opponent in eight man is tough, according to Soltow.

“We have quality teams up and down the conference,” Soltow said. “Amboy, Ashton-Franklin Center, of course Orangeville and Milledgeville, you have to be ready every week.”

Under Alston, and the coaching staff’s guidance, the team got right back to work.

“We came back to practice and totally forget about it except for putting it on the back burner to remember



(COURTESY PHOTO)

The Polo Marcos football team recently stormed back from a late deficit with 20 unanswered fourth quarter points to defeat Ridgewood - Cambridge.

how we felt afterwards,” Soltow said. Alston is happy with the senior leadership which includes Soltow, Delo Fernandez, Landon Brooks, Jacob Monaco, Carter Meridian, Gage Lagee, Nathaniel Yingling and Alex Abano. Alston explained that there

really isn’t that much difference between 11 and eight-man football except that fundamentals are always worked on. “We spend a lot of time on specific drills like open field tackling, blocking, and getting into our formations quickly because it’s a faster game,”

Alston said. “The field is more open with eight players but the edge is so short and good players can close quickly. Our kids do a good job working on this.”

The Marcos’ next opponent on the road was a non-conference affair against Ridgewood-Cam-

bridge. It was a battle right from the opening kickoff where the Marcos found themselves trailing for three quarters but outscored the Spartans 28-8 with 20 unanswered in the fourth to pull out a hard-fought 48-44 victory. This unending resolve shows the grit of a

champion. “We did a good job not just coming back from a tough loss, but how we continued to fight when we were down for most of the game against Ridgewood,” Alston said. “I’m very proud of the kids hard work and determination.”

From page 7

One court will be set up with balls for you to practice and play. Free for members, or daily admission fee.

Beginners Pickleball Open Gym

Have you been interested in trying out Pickleball? This game is fast, fun, addictive, and can be played by people of all ages and athletic abilities! Join us for a new beginners time on

Mondays, when you can learn to play with other beginners in a relaxed environment. A few of our regular pickleball players may even be around to give you some tips! To learn more about pickleball you can visit the USA Pickleball Association at: usapa.org.

Nash has a limited number of paddles and balls that you can borrow to play. Mondays starting October 2nd from 12pm- 1:30pm. Free for

members, or daily admission fee.

Fall Pickleball Tournament

Come and play in our Fall Pickleball Tournament on Tuesday October 10th from 4-8pm. This tournament will be a doubles tournament. Teams can be made up of male, female, or co-ed. Players must sign up as a team. Nash does have a limited number of paddles that are available to play with. Registration Deadline:

10/3/23 . Fee: \$25per team/ \$30NR

Only 8 teams allowed..... don’t wait to register!

Womens Volleyball League

Are you ready for some volleyball this fall? This league is played on Thursday nights and is open to all women who are at least 18 years old and out of High School. This is a great opportunity for all skill levels to exercise and have fun with friends and

others from surrounding communities. A tournament will be played at the end of the regular season. Mandatory captains meeting will be held on 11/2 at 5:30 pm at Nash Recreation Center. Season runs November 2nd through January 18th. No games on November 24th. Fee \$225 per team. Deadline for registration is October 25th.

Doubles Pickleball League

Join us for our new dou-

bles Pickleball League. Sign up as a pair for this fast paced 6 week League on Tuesday mornings in the Nash Gym. Every week, each team will play 2 different teams in a best of three games format. Prizes will be awarded to the top league finishing team. Sign up soon, as there is a limited number of team slots. Deadline is Thursday, October 19th with the league starting Tuesday, October 24th. Fee \$50 per team.

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

September 30 and the winning ticket will take Fargo to his new corral!

Mark the Date! Oregon Public Library Book Sale

Friday, October 6 and Saturday October 7. Yes, the annual library book sale will once again provide you with an abundance of reading choices (adult, non-fiction, children, young adult, juvenile and more) at prices you can’t resist! The Sale will take place on the Library lawn on Friday, 9am-3pm & Saturday from 9 am – 2 pm, so mark your calendar NOW!

The Library will be accepting donations on Thursday, October 5 from 9 am – 3 pm on the Library lawn, so clean off those shelves and repurpose those gently used books that are just sitting there collecting dust! (NO textbooks, magazines, encyclopedias or Reader’s Digest condensed books, please) Any questions, call 815-732-2724.

Story Time (18 months-6yrs.) Mondays, 10 am. Story Time

is back! On Mondays, September 11 through December 18, there will be stories, activities, and fun! Go online or call to register for this session.

Book Clubs

Is This Just Fantasy? Book Club will meet September 26 at 6 pm at the Library to discuss Magic for Liars by Sarah Gailey. Books on Tap Book Club meets Thursday, September 28 at 6 pm at Cork & Tap to discuss Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus. The 2WBC Book Club meets October 11, at 12:30 pm to discuss Carrie by Stephen King. Cocktails & Crimes will meet Sunday, October 15 at noon. The Afternoon Book Club meets Wednesday, October 18 at 1 pm to discuss Chasing the Boogeyman by Richard Chizmar.

Yoga

Wednesdays, 9:30 am Functional Yin-Yasa - This class is a hybrid of yang (active yoga) with yin (passive yoga). We will use fundamental yoga postures combined with functional move-

ments to build strength and warmth followed by passive, long held poses to help with flexibility and mobility of the joints and soft tissues. A yoga mat and blocks will be useful props for this class! All levels welcome.” Oregon Library Patrons only. Registration required, this class fills quickly. Please call (815) 732-2724 or visit www.oregonpubliclibrary.com.

TRIVIA at the Rock River Center is back!

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

NEW! Rubiks Cube Club

Wednesday, September 27th at 3pm. Come and meet other fellow Rubiks cube lovers and learn some tricks as well as see many different varieties of Rubiks cube. Interested in learning? This club is

for you too! Registration required (815) 732-2724 or www.oregonpubliclibrary.com.

Try It Tuesday

Tuesday, October 10th at 1:30pm or 5:30pm (Choose your time slot). This class was rescheduled from September - Pumpkin & Brown Sugar Scrub and lip scrub. – it’s Pumpkin time! Love the smell? We will be making pumpkin and brown sugar scrub along with a lip scrub for fall. All supplies are provided. Registration required, www.oregonpubliclibrary.com.

Spooky Halloween Trivia Night-Cork N Tap

Wednesday, October 25th at 6:30pm Grab your friends and have a night out of fun! Are you smarter than a fifth grader? This trivia will cover the books, movies, math, science, history and more. Program intended for 18 and over. Register your team of up to 6 players at (815) 732-2724 or www.oregonpubliclibrary.com. Prizes!

Oregon Writers

Meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 10:00am. The OWG is a gathering of writers or writer-wannabes who meet to support each other and further their own writing. The purpose of the group is to help and encourage you in your writing. If you need brainstorming ideas, we can help suggest ideas or aid with the creative process.

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or other things. Visit us at www.rockrivercenter.org and like us on Facebook.

Cancer Support Group

The Wednesday, Sept. 27 meeting at Rock River Center has been rescheduled.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, November 29, 2023.

Crafting Group

Project: Bedazzled Pumpkins. Dates: Monday, October 2 & 9. Time: 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. Cost: No charge / All material provided. Advance registration is required so we can be prepared. Call 815-732-3252 to sign up.

Trivia October 5 at 10:00

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VA Rep @ RRC

Friday, October 6 at 8:45 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Call RRC with questions 815-732-3252.

“Pride of Oregon” Luncheon Cruise

Wednesday, October 18, 2023. Last Day to

Register is October 6, 2023. Call 815-732-3252 to sign up

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

Meets: 3 R D Tuesdays of month. Time: 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

DIABETIC SUPPORT GROUP

Meets: 1 s t Wednesday of the month.

Time: 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

LOW VISION GROUP

Meets: 2nd and 4th Tuesday of month. Time: 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. For more information on any of our Support Groups, call Rock River Center at 815-732-3252 or 1-800-541-5479.