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A ribbon cutting was held for a new sign for Oregon School District 220.

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Officials react to elimination of cash bail

VanVickle: 'The repeat offenders are definitely going to be a concern'

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

OGLE COUNTY — Local law enforcement recently reacted to a Tuesday, July 18 ruling by the state's Supreme Court that the SAFE-T Act criminal justice reform legislation that eliminates cash bail is constitutional.

An individual's wealth will no longer play a role in whether they are incarcerated while awaiting trial. Judges can still order someone to be detained as they await trial, but the new system will instead be based on an offender's level of risk of reoffending or fleeing prosecution. The change will take effect Sept. 18. Illinois is the first state to fully eliminate cash bail.

The SAFE-T Act also reformed police training, certification and use-of-force standards, expanded detainee rights, and gave the attorney general's office authority to investigate alleged civil rights violations

by law enforcement. It also required body cameras at all police departments by 2025.

Ogle County Sheriff Brian VanVickle has been outspoken against the elimination of cash bail, and said July 26 that he was disappointed, but not surprised, by the Supreme Court's ruling. He said his office will be ready for the Sept. 18 change, as it was before the original Jan. 1 implementation date before the legislation went through the court system.

The sheriff called the elimination of cash bail "a change in the way law enforcement does business." The "majority" of people will be processed and then released immediately, VanVickle said, and will go before a judge at a later time rather than the next day. He said he has concerns about how likely the accused will be to show up to their court appearances.

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(PHOTO BY BRAD JENNINGS) Local law enforcement recently reacted to a Tuesday, July 18 ruling by the state's Supreme Court that the SAFE-T Act criminal justice reform legislation that eliminates cash bail is constitutional.

Carlson wins 2023 Miss Ogle County contest

OREGON — Lauren Carlson of Byron was recently crowned 2023 Miss Ogle County at the Ogle County Fair Aug. 2-6. Her bio is as follows:

"My name is Lauren Carlson and I am so excited to be your 2023 Miss Ogle County! I have lived in Ogle County my whole life, where I graduated from Byron High School in 2023. This fall, I will be attending the University of Wisconsin — Platteville, majoring in Environmental Horticulture with a Landscape Design Emphasis and a minor in Architecture. I have been a 4-H member for 13 years, showing a variety of projects in the exhibit building including woodworking, floriculture, horticulture, cake decorating, visual arts and more. In high school, I participated in and was captain of the cross country and soccer teams, competed on the academic team, played clarinet

in the band, performed on the speech team, and took part in FFA as a horticulture competitor. This summer, I work as a crop scout for Advanced Crop Care. In five years, I hope to have graduated from Platteville and be doing what I love by designing landscapes for my customers and the community to enjoy. I also plan to continue volunteering in my community, as I have done in the past, through my church St. Paul Lutheran in Oregon, 4-H, FFA, and athletics, where I was an assistant youth soccer coach for four years. As queen, I can't wait to learn more about this county I call home, advocate for the agriculture community, and connect with the people of Ogle County on a deeper level. Additionally, I hope I can touch young kids' lives by being a great mentor and example for them just as others have done for me."



Lauren Carlson

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LOCAL NEWS

Oregon School District holds ribbon cutting ceremony

'We are so thankful for our sponsors who played an instrumental role'

BY GEORGE HOWE
CORRESPONDENT

OREGON — If you arrive at the intersection of 10th and Jefferson Streets in Oregon, take notice of a brand-new, state-of-the-art digital marquee sign in front of the Oregon School District#220 building. The ribbon cutting ceremony was held on Tuesday, Aug. 8, and attended by representatives of the school district, Oregon Chamber of Commerce and the business sponsors who made the sign become a reality.

To say that a new, modern sign was needed is an understatement. The brick, "monument sign" had been welcoming students for the last 40 years plus but had no ability to communicate with the residents and school children. By the way, the monument sign will be moved to a yet-to-be-determined location on campus. Buildings and Grounds Director Bill Nesemeier took it upon

himself to reach out to a number of vendors who have been community partners for many years.

"We've needed this new sign for a long time so when the opportunity came up, I looked for every chance to work with local businesses to raise funds for the construction and installation of the digital marquee," Nesemeier said. "We are so thankful for our sponsors who played an instrumental role in making this visionary project a reality for our school district."

The district sent thanks and recognition to Ehmens, Etnyre, Martin and Company, Wolber and Sons, and Woods.

"We like to give to the community and we do that in different ways," Etnyre Board Vice Chairman Don Etnyre said. "When this opportunity was presented to us, we were happy to do it."

"Woods has a long history in Oregon," Woods General Manager Rupert Miller said. "One of the



(PHOTO BY GEORGE HOWE)

Representatives from the sponsors who made the new sign a reality were on hand for the ribbon cutting ceremony that took place Aug. 8 in front of the Oregon School District office.

things that are important to us is to be a community partner and help in any way that we can. The partnership with the community and Woods will only make both stronger, and that's

why we wanted to be a part of this."

Oregon Superintendent Tom Mahoney added his sentiments.

"The generous support of these businesses

reflects their belief in the school district's mission and their commitment to fostering a stronger sense of community," Mahoney said. "It's not just about having a modern display,

but, creating a space where everyone feels engaged, informed and excited to be a part of our district's latest news and events."

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Fall 2023 Program Guide

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LOCAL NEWS

Ogle County Sheriff's Report: July 27-Aug. 7, 2023



OREGON — On July 27 at 1:19 a.m. deputies were dispatched to the intersection of East Illinois Route 72 and North Merrill Road for a single-vehicle motorcycle crash with injuries. After a brief investigation, it was determined that a westbound motorcycle operated by Jacob R. Ellenby, 27, of Byron was attempting to negotiate the curve when the lost control and exited the north side of the roadway. The motorcycle then struck a guardrail on the north side of East Illinois Route 72 before ejecting the driver and coming to a rest in the roadway. Ellenby was transported to Swedish American Hospital with serious injuries. Additionally, Ellenby was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol. Ellenby was additionally cited for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident, improper lane usage, registration expiration and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. Ellenby was released on an I-Bond with a future court date.

The incident is still under investigation, and additional charges are pending. Deputies were assisted on the scene by Byron Fire/EMS as well as the Byron Police Department.

On July 29 at 4:19 a.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop at Moore Road and Illinois Route 64. After a brief investigation, deputies arrested Nathan Hand, 43, of Chana for driving while license suspended. Hand was released on a \$2,500 individual bond with a future court date.

On July 29 at approximately 1:11 a.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop within the 8,000 block of North Kishwaukee Road. After an investigation, deputies placed Mykhaela A. Cram, 21, of Rockford, under arrest for driving under the influence of alcohol. Cram was additionally cited for following too closely and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. Cram was transported to the Ogle County Jail, where she was held in lieu of bond.

On July 29 at 8:50 p.m.

deputies and Lynn-Scott-Rock Fire Department responded to a single-vehicle rollover in the 19,000 block of East Lindenwood Road. After a brief investigation, it was determined the GMC Envoy operated by a 17-year-old female from DeKalb swerved to miss a deer, lost control and rolled several times. The juvenile was transported to an area hospital for injuries.

On July 29 at 10:54 p.m. deputies were dispatched to Lake Ladonna (1302 S. Harmony Road) for a disturbance. After an investigation, Kayla Thomas, 36, of Rockford was arrested for two counts of domestic battery. Thomas was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

On July 29 at approximately 7:36 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 8,000 block of North Kishwaukee Road. Upon investigation, Suzanne J. Halvorson, 65, of Byron, was placed under arrest for driving while license revoked. Halvorson was

also cited for operating a vehicle with suspended registration. Halvorson was transported to the Ogle County Jail where she was held in lieu of bond.

On July 30 at 11:59 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop on West Illinois Route 64 at Ridge Road for an equipment violation. After an investigation, Tyler Vegliando, 20, of Oregon, was arrested for no valid driver's license. Vegliando was also issued a citation for no front registration. Vegliando was released from the scene on a signature I-Bond.

On July 30 at approximately 4:56 p.m. deputies responded to an address in the 2,500 block of South Union Road in reference to a disturbance. After an investigation, Raymond Schultheis, 39, of Dixon, was placed under arrest for aggravated assault with a motor vehicle and battery. Schultheis was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held pending an appearance before a judge.

On Aug. 2 at 8:27

p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop at Pilot truck stop in Rochelle. After a brief investigation, Wesley Meadows, 28, of Rochelle, was arrested for driving while license suspended. Meadows was released on a \$2,500 individual bond with a return court date. Meadows was also issued a citation for suspended registration.

On Aug. 3 at approximately 12:19 a.m. deputies investigated a parked vehicle with the engine on at 700 West Blackhawk Drive (Casey's General Store) in Byron. After an investigation, deputies placed Duane A. Pinkston, 42, of Oregon, under arrest for driving under the influence of alcohol. Pinkston was transported to the Ogle County Jail, where he was held in lieu of bond.

On Aug. 6 at approximately 4:13 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 200 block of North Illinois Route 251. After brief investigation, deputies arrested Jose Torres, 55, of Rockford, for no valid driver's license. Torres

was issued an additional citation for operating an uninsured motor vehicle. Torres was given an I-Bond with a return court date later next month and released on scene.

On Aug. 7 at approximately 6:45 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 700 block of North River Road. After a brief investigation, deputies arrested Franklin Munoz-Tejeda, 24, of Rockford, for no valid driver's license. Munoz-Tejeda was issued an additional citation for suspended registration. Munoz-Tejeda was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he is held in lieu of bond.

All individuals are considered innocent until proven guilty in the court of law.

Oregon Police Department Report: July 10-July 23, 2023

July 10
At 8 a.m., Oregon Police issued April M. Foster, 39, Mt. Morris, a citation for operating a vehicle with a suspended registration. This violation occurred in the 100 block of North 4th Street.

At 9:05 a.m., Oregon Police issued Richard L. Gallagher, 39, Oregon, a citation for operating a vehicle with an expired registration. This violation occurred in the 100 block of East Washington Street.

At 9:53 a.m., Oregon Police issued Araceli Rocha-Amaro, 46, Rockford, citations for driving while license suspended, operating an uninsured motor vehicle and operating a vehicle with a suspended registration. Rocha-Amaro was issued an I-Bond and will appear in court at a later date for these charges. These violations occurred in the 100 block of South 4th Street.

At 1:50 p.m., Oregon Police issued Monica S. Hernandez, 34, Rochelle, a citation for operating a vehicle with an expired registration. This violation occurred in the 500 block of East Washington Street.

At 10:20 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Marcy A. Devaney, 32, Rockford, for driving while license suspended. Devaney was also issued a citation for operating a vehicle with a suspended registration.

Devaney was transported to the Ogle County Jail. These violations occurred in the 500 block of Gale Street.

July 11
At 7:00 a.m., Oregon Police investigated a two-vehicle traffic crash in the McDonald's parking lot located at 211 South 4th Street involving a 1994 Chevrolet driven by Maxwell W. Milam, 17, Pecatonica and a 2016 GMC driven by Kimberly M. Sweizer, 41, Oregon. No citations were issued.

At 1:05 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Elder O. Rodriguez-Dubon, 33, Rockford, for no valid driver's license. Rodriguez-Dubon was transported to the Ogle County Jail. This violation occurred in the 100 block of North 4th Street.

July 12
At 8:55 a.m., Oregon Police arrested Hannah M. Wilson, 19, Machesney Park, for driving while license suspended. Wilson was transported to the Ogle County Jail. This violation occurred in the 400 block of Jefferson Street.

July 13
At 4:01 p.m., Oregon Police responded to a disturbance in the 500 block of North 5th Street resulting in the arrest of Sandra L. Hessian, 64, Oregon for battery and violation of or-

ders of protection. Hessian was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

July 14
At 7:25 a.m., Oregon Police responded to a two-vehicle traffic crash in the 100 block of North 3rd Street involving a 2006 Toyota driven by David E. Bakener, 73, Oregon, and a 2015 Ford driven by Sara J. Near, 31, of Milledgeville. No citations were issued.

At 9:25 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Keyanta J. Stoutmire, 22, Chicago, for no valid driver's license. Stoutmire was transported to the Ogle County Jail. This violation occurred in the 100 block of West Washington Street.

At 2:30 p.m., Oregon Police were advised of the theft of a motor scooter that had just occurred in the 100 block of South 4th Street. Following a search for the offender, who was found and stopped in the 1400 block of West Washington Street, resulting in the arrest of George A. Landowski, 50, Mt. Morris, for felony theft and resisting a peace officer. Landowski was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

July 15
At 2 a.m., Oregon Police arrested Tiffany J. Hedrick, 44, Oregon, on an outstanding Ogle County warrant for failure to appear. Hedrick was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

July 16
At 2:15 p.m., Oregon Police issued Justin R. Jeter, 22, Oregon, citations for operating a vehicle with an expired registration and failure to secure a child under eight years of age. A passenger in Jeter's vehicle, Kristopher M. Mockovak, 22, Mt. Morris, was arrested on a Rockford PD warrant for retail theft. Mockovak was transported to the Ogle County Jail. These violations occurred in the 500 block of South 7th Street.

At 8:53 p.m., Oregon Police issued a 16-year-old juvenile of Mt. Morris a citation for disobeying a traffic control device. This violation occurred at the intersection of Webster and 10th Streets.

July 17
At 4:23 p.m., Oregon Police responded to a two-vehicle traffic crash in the 1,200 block of West Washington Street involving a 2020 Chevrolet driven by Merle A. Prascak, 44, Oregon, and a 2016 GMC driven by Kimberly M. Schweizer, 41, Oregon. Prascak was issued a citation for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident.

At 7:08 p.m., Oregon Police issued Ismet Covic, 67, of Utica, New York, for speeding, 44 miles per hour in a 30-miles per hour zone. This violation occurred in the 400 block of South 4th Street.

July 18
At 7 p.m., Oregon Police issued Ezekiel R. Newton, 21, Rockford, a citation for operation of a vehicle with a suspended registration. This violation occurred in the 400 block of North 4th Street.

July 19
At 5:27 a.m., Oregon Police issued Lynnea A. H. Racine, 24, Oregon, a citation for operation of an uninsured motor vehicle. This violation occurred in the 100 block of North 4th Street.

July 21
At 8:52 p.m., Oregon Police issued Sandra L. Pease, 52, Oregon, citations for operating a vehicle with an expired registration and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. These violations occurred in the 100 block of South 4th Street.

July 22
At 10:18 a.m., Oregon Police took a report of a car vs. utility pole traffic crash in the 100 block of Adams Street involving a 2019 Kia driven by a 16-year-old juvenile of Oregon. No citations were issued.

At 2:45 p.m., Oregon Police responded to a disturbance at the McDonald's restaurant, 211 S. 4th St., resulting in the arrest of Francis E. Fenton, 58, Oregon. Fenton was transported to the Ogle

County Jail.

At 7:41 p.m., Oregon Police issued Benjerman M. Lemere, 33, Elizabeth, a citation for speeding 55 miles per hour in a 35-miles per hour zone. This violation occurred in the 1,300 block of Pines Road.

At 8:23 p.m., Oregon Police issued Tiffany E. Adcock, 43, Dixon, citations for speeding 58 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.

At 9:08 p.m. Oregon Police issued a 16-year-old juvenile of Byron a citation for illegal squealing/screeching of tires. This violation occurred at the 4th and Franklin Street intersection.

July 23
At 10:18 p.m., Oregon Police issued Nigel A. Parker, 22, of Murrieta, California a citation for speeding 43 miles per hour in a 30-miles per hour zone. This violation occurred in the 400 block of South 4th Street.

Nine parking tickets and 18 verbal warnings issued during the period of July 10-23.

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

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Saturday, Aug. 19

Sunday, Aug. 20

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11 AM - 8 PM - MAGIC MATT'S FAMILY FUN SHOW
NOON - 1 PM - LYNX
2-4 PM - BLUE STEAM
5-7 PM - JERRY CRISS BAND
8-10 PM - NEVERLY BROTHERS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 2023

11 AM - 6 PM - MAGIC MATT'S FAMILY FUN SHOW
1-3 PM - NEAL WOOLBRIGHT - MUSIC WITH JOHN BROWN
4-6 PM - VODKA BOYS

CAR SHOW - SATURDAY 8AM-3PM

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

SUNDAY 3PM-6PM

HAUNTED MAZE AT MOOSE LODGE

SATURDAY 4PM-9PM **SUNDAY 2PM-5PM**

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

SATURDAY 7:30AM-11AM **SUNDAY 7:30AM-11AM**

50/50 RAFFLE TICKETS PLUS OTHER PRIZES

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SATURDAY 10AM-5PM **SUNDAY 10:30AM-4PM**

Amusements (BY A&A AMUSEMENTS)

FRIDAY 4PM-10PM **SATURDAY 11AM-10PM**

SUNDAY 11AM-6PM

FOOD COURT

FRIDAY 4PM-10PM **SATURDAY 11AM-10PM**

SUNDAY 11AM-6PM

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FRIDAY 6PM-10PM **SATURDAY 2PM-10PM**

SUNDAY 2PM-6PM

KID ZONE

SATURDAY 11AM-3PM

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SUNDAY 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM

PARADE

SUNDAY 1PM

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LOCAL NEWS

Obituaries

Dinah J. Boyden

OREGON — Dinah J. Boyden, age 72, passed away at KSB Hospital in Dixon on Wednesday, July 5, 2023. She was born in Pickett, AR on Aug. 16, 1950, the daughter of W.T. and Aylene (Parker) Hogard. Dinah grew up in Arkansas and graduated high school from Corning, Arkansas. She married the love of her life, Rick Boyden in 1980. Dinah worked many years for Cacciatore's Food Mart and Kable Printing. Dinah enjoyed fishing and golfing with her husband in their spare time. She loved flowers and could be found visiting

flea markets and stopping by garage sales. The most important thing in her life was her family. She was an amazing mother and grandmother. She is preceded in death by her daughter, Andrea Hawks, parents W.T. and Aylene Hogard, and brothers, Bill Hogard and Harold Hogard.

She is survived and missed by her husband, Rick Boyden of Oregon; children, Stephanie (Skip Randecker) Brown of Mt Morris, Jeff Boyden of Oregon, and Amanda (Dave Newell) Boyden-Newell of Crescent City, Florida; sisters, Elaine Williams of

Memphis, Madolyn Scriver of O'Fallon, Missouri, and Carolyn (Wayne) Gearhart of Pochontas, Arkansas; grandchildren, Matthew (Steph) Sessler, Michael (Amanda) Hawks, Natalie Hawks, Alex Hawks, Justin Hawks, Hannah Conger, Abigail Conger, Zach (Emily) Newell, and Christina Boyden, and great grandchildren, Annika, Blake, Claire, Luke, Mia, Bridgette, Vivian, Kira, Jameson, and Eloise.

Per Dinah's request no services are being held at this time. To leave an online condolence please visit www.farrellholland-gale.com

Margaret A. Brooks

ROCKFORD — Margaret A. Brooks, formerly of Dixon, was welcomed into the arms of her Lord and Savior on Aug. 5, 2023, at Cedarhurst Senior Living in Rockford, Illinois, at the age of 97. Margaret was born on Jan. 1, 1926, to Ra K. and Dorothy (Warner) Brooks and attended Oregon High School.

After graduating from Bob Jones University, Margaret taught at schools in New York, Missouri, and Oregon before returning to Dixon. Although Margaret spent most of her professional career working for Attorney Warren H. Badger and F.X. Newcomer & Co., her true calling was living a life of service to her Savior, Jesus Christ.

Countless individuals were led to Jesus through her wisdom and dedication in spreading the Good News. Margaret taught adult Sunday School at every church she attended, led many Bible studies in homes and senior facilities, held weekly prayer groups, and continually visited and served others, whatever their needs.

She taught the last Sunday

School class at the age of 94. Better known as "Aunt Margaret" to her many nieces and nephews, Margaret loved spending time with her family. She could often be seen driving a carload of nieces and nephews to Prince Castle or shopping with them at Kline's Department Store.

Her house was a second home to generations of nieces and nephews, and she was the first one to pull out a game of Candyland or Chutes and Ladders. She enjoyed a good laugh, often at herself, and was happiest sitting at the "kids' table" at family events. She loved "the kids" so much and left each of them with a lifetime of smiles and memories.

Margaret was preceded in death by her parents Ra and Dorothy; a sister Delores; her three brothers Arn, Bob, and Jerry; two sisters-in-law, Lucille Brooks and Alene Brooks; and two nephews, Rick Haefner and Lynne Brogren. Survivors include sister-in-law, Barbara Brooks formerly of Oregon; nieces Kathy Brogren of Rockford, Terri (Tom) Henderson of Rockford, and Joann Haef-



ner of Daytona Beach, Florida; nephews Mark (Kim) Brooks of Mesa, Arizona, David (Kelly) Brooks of Winnebago, Brian (Sandy) Brooks of Byron, and Steven Brooks of Palm Coast, Florida; along with 14 great and great-great nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be at 2 PM at Preston-Schilling Funeral Home, in Dixon, Illinois, on Thursday, Aug. 10, 2023, with a service to follow at 3 PM. Memorials in her name may be made to either of Margaret's favorite charities: Sauk Valley Ministries of Dixon, Illinois or Slavic Gospel Association of Loves Park.

Arrangements were completed by Preston-Schilling Funeral Home, in Dixon. Condolences may be sent to www.prestonschilling.com.

Melva Jean Johnson

OREGON — Melva Jean Johnson, age 94, life long Oregon resident, passed away in the early hours of Monday, Aug. 7, 2023 at Liberty Village Nursing Home in Rochelle. She was born on Feb. 5, 1929 in Rockford, the daughter of Harry and Velva (Argraves) Lindahl.

She married the love of her life, Dean Johnson on June 20, 1953 in Oregon. They built a beautiful life together until his passing on Dec. 29, 2017. Melva was a self-made woman who could learn anything she set her mind to. She enjoyed gardening, sewing, painting, and making stain glass which were all skills that she taught herself. She even taught herself how to cut and style her own hair. She loved line dancing

with her husband and they were pivotal in starting the group the Boot Scootin Seniors. She enjoyed travelling with her husband and spending time at the water and going swimming. In her younger years she was an avid roller-skater.

Survived by her son, Bruce (Teresa) Johnson of Oregon; daughter, Christine (Ron) Ware of Mt. Morris; grandchildren: Sarah (Mike) Rutlin, Jessica (Ted) Hade, Joseph Cox, Jr., Adam Cox, Aaron (Lexi) Johnson and Abby (Justin Cotton) Johnson; great grandchildren, Andrew, Skye, Cheyenne, Oren, Silas, Brennan, Landon, and Jackson; and great great grandchildren, Elliot and Grayson. She is predeceased by her hus-



band, parents, and brother, Roland "Junior" Lindahl.

Funeral services will be held at 11 AM on Friday Aug. 11, 2023 at the Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home, Oregon preceded by a visitation beginning at 10 AM. Burial in Ebenezer Cemetery, rural Oregon. In lieu of flowers, memorials in Melva's name may be made to Alzheimer's Research.

To leave an online condolence please visit www.farrellholland-gale.com

Richard Little

OREGON — This world has lost a unique, hardworking husband, father, grandfather, and friend.

Richard Little was born on a farm at the corner of Daysville Road and Route 64, across from the Oregon Golf Course, on Aug. 16, 1926. The golf course was built in the same year. He attended Oak Ridge School for eight years, all taught by Evelyn Graf, a teacher he respected greatly and appreciated in later years. Dick graduated high school in 1944 and enlisted in the Army Air Corps on Aug. 7, 1944. He served most of 1946 in Germany. He strongly considered staying in the Army. Things might have been quite different for us if he had done so. Dick was discharged on Nov. 23, 1946.

Dick married Dolores Chamberlin on Sept. 4, 1948. He had asked her for a date while they both were in high school, but she needed to ask her father. He said he knew Dick's Dad in their high school days and wouldn't allow her to go. They have never been able to figure that one out.

Dick worked on a farm by the month during 1949, the year their son, David, was born. Dick and Dee started farming on their own on Jan. 1, 1950, and he continued farming until after harvest 2014. It was the best crop he had ever

had, and he decided to quit while at the top.

They bought a farm in 1954 that later became White Pines Ranch. Over the years, they owned and rented farms in Pine Creek, Oregon, Grand Detour, and Rockvale Townships. The Ranch was the highlight of Dick's life. Dick Little was not religious but believed in the Golden Rule and tried to live his life that way. He enjoyed working with many people over the years at the Ranch. Dick was particularly supportive of young people regarding education and employment. He was always willing to help young people get back into school or college or give them a job to get them started in life. He has always felt that working at White Pines Ranch is a good stepping stone to bigger and better things. He was an excellent employer and had a very good working relationship with his employees. The staff structure at the Ranch has always been more like a family than an organizational chart.

Dick served as a trustee of the Oregon Fire Protection District for twenty-five years. He also served on several boards.

He is being laid to rest next to his wife and the Ranch he loved - in that order - Dee sometimes doubted that order, but it really was that way.



Our family would like to thank Larry Blume for being the "best damn neighbor and friend an old man could ask for."

He is preceded in death by his wife, Dee, and his daughter-in-law Linda Little. His children survive him David Little, Gig (Tex) Bellows, Sue (John) Andrew, and Andee (Todd) Brehm. Seven grandchildren Tyler (Chasity) Bellows, Jesse Little, Kayla (Terrence) Raper, Lillian Andrew, Dustin (Kelly) Brehm, Alix (Collin Marshall) Brehm, and Carson (Stacey Dinges) Andrew. Four great-grandchildren Leona and Claire Raper, and Bowe and Campbell Brehm. He also had many "old" ranch hands and friends that he cared about deeply.

Instead of flowers or gifts, we request that donations be made to the Oregon VFW Post 8739. Funeral services will be held at 1:30 PM on Sunday, Aug. 13, 2023 at Farrell Holland Gale Funeral Home in Oregon. Visitation will be held from 11 AM until time of service. Burial will be at Mt. Zion Cemetery.

Mary Ellen Raney

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Mary Ellen Raney, aged 82, of Daytona Beach, Florida, formerly of Byron, passed away on June 9, 2023, at the end of a life well-lived. She was born on Aug. 1, 1940, in Clinton, to William Lobb and Mable "Ruth" Cook. Mary devoted her life to serving others as a social worker, helping adults and children with disabilities and advocating for the rights of abused and neglected children. She received her higher education from Western Illinois University, which provided her the foundation for her life's work.

Mary was a faithful member of All Saints Lutheran Church in Byron, where she found solace and comfort in her faith. She cherished her time spent

with her family and friends, especially as the Queen of the Byron Red Hat Ladies, a group that she loved and cherished. Mary's hobbies included gardening, hosting family events, and spending time with her grandchildren.

Mary is survived by her son Brian (Kellie) Clark, stepchildren: Darcy (Eddie) Foreman and Christopher (Adela) Raney; grandchildren, Melissa (Brandon) Clark, Andrew (Sara) Clark, Samantha (Auzzy) Fillmore, Joshua Fillmore, Michelina (Jerome) Clark and, Jessica (Houston) Acrees, Justin (Alyxandra) Foreman, and Alexi Raney, 12 great-grandchildren, and her brother Bill (Cathy) Lobb.

Mary was preceded in death by her father, William Lobb, mother, Mable Ruth Cook, three husbands,



Delbert Clark, Elden "Ben" Stich, and Thomas Raney, her daughter Mashele Fillmore, grandson John Robert Fillmore, two brothers; Louis Huebner and Dean Lobb, two sisters; Norma Martin and Audrey Bray.

A memorial service will be held on Aug. 17, 2023, at 11 am, at All Saints Lutheran Church, 624 Luther Dr, Byron, IL 61010.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Alzheimer's Association in honor of Mary's memory.

Report policy

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

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Byron Kiwanis Sack Lunch is Aug. 19

BYRON — The next Byron Kiwanis Pork Chop sandwich sale is scheduled from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 19 in the St. Mary Catholic Church parking lot, located at 220E. Blackhawk Drive.

A sack lunch of a grilled Eichman's butterfly pork chop sandwich, chips, cookie and bottle of water can be purchased for \$8, or a single sandwich can be purchased for \$6 each. These delicious sandwiches sell

out quickly so be sure to stop by early!

All proceeds benefit programs in our community. Byron Kiwanis sponsors "K-KIDS" at Mary Morgan Elementary, "Builders Club" at Byron Middle School and "Key Club" at Byron High School. We collaborate with other area service organizations and businesses because together we reach more people and have a greater impact on our community.

Some of the programs we support include Mary Morgan Family Reading Night, youth education & sports, high school college scholarships, Byron School PBIS: Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports, Free Breakfast with Santa, benefitting Operation Santa, Crossroads Blues Society, People Helping People Food Pantry, Village of Progress, and Neuroscience Research Foundation among others.

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LOCAL NEWS



Two bands performing at Mt. Morris Band Shell

MT. MORRIS — Premier Creedence Clearwater Revival tribute band, Fortunate Sons return to the Mt. Morris band shell on Aug. 18 at 7 p.m. to take us on a nostalgic ride back in time to the heyday of CCR. Based in Chicago, The Fortunate Sons tour nationally and internationally to keep the tradition of CCR's timeless music alive. Using original vintage gear and instruments, accurate costumes and spot-on musical ability, The Fortunate Sons instantly conjures up the full experience of seeing Creedence in their prime. Anyone fortunate enough to see them perform here the last two

years will heartily agree that this truly is a "do not miss" concert!

Ralfie's BBQ will be serving their signature pork kabobs, pork chop sandwiches, pulled pork sandwiches, pulled pork nachos, pop and chips. Grandpa's ice cream and Bill's Famous Lemonade will also be here, all starting at 6 p.m.

Ewe and Me Acres will have a fresh produce stand with a variety of fruits, vegetables, baked goods, jams, jellies and dog treats on the campus too, from 4:30-8:30 p.m.

The campus will be extra festive that evening as the Eighth Annual National

Straw Sculpting Competition continues, with four new sculptures and many winners from the past on display all around the south end of the campus until the end of August.

Please bring a blanket or chair, or enjoy the new benches and join the fun on our beautiful, historic campus in the center of Mt. Morris, two blocks south of Illinois Route 64 on Wesley Avenue and enjoy the free classic rock and roll concert.

In the event of rain, the whole show moves to the old Mt. Morris High School, located at 105 W. Brayton Road at the same times.

Aug. 19
Encore! Mt. Morris is pleased to announce the debut performance of Western swing band Swingbilly RFD on our band shell stage, playing a two-hour free concert on Saturday, Aug. 19, starting at 7 p.m.

Swingbilly RFD is a Rockford-based group that plays traditional honky-tonk and Western swing music as it was performed in its golden age of the 40s through the 60s. The group is comprised of some of the area's most accomplished musicians, and the instrumentation is the same as it was back in the day...vocals, upright bass, acoustic guitar, steel

guitar, fiddle and drums. Playing music from Hank Sr. to Bob Wills to Loretta Lynn to Patsy Cline, this group is sure to please. Their music spans generations and is guaranteed to get your toes a-tappin' and your face a-smilin'!

Their specialty is playing songs about lovin', cheatin', heartache and drinkin' and sometimes trains.

Blaz'n Magic BBQ serves burgers, polish, BBQ and jerk turkey tips, BBQ rib tips, many sides and drinks. Grandpa's ice cream and Bill's Famous Lemonade will be here also, all starting at 6 p.m.

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Mt. Morris Police Department Report: July 10-July 20, 2023

MT. MORRIS — On July 10 at approximately 2:40 a.m. Mt. Morris Police conducted a traffic stop in which the driver, Caleb M. Zellers, 21, Mt. Morris, was issued a citation for operating an uninsured motor vehicle. Zellers was given an I-Bond. This occurred in the 500 block of East Brayton Road.

On July 10 at approximately 9:25 a.m. Mt. Morris Police responded to the 100 block of South Wesley Avenue for the report of a disturbance. After an investigation, Michael J. Malinowski, 25, Mt. Morris, was arrested and charged with battery. Malinowski was transported to the Ogle County Jail where

he was held in lieu of bond. On July 14 at approximately 10:20 a.m. Mt. Morris Police responded to Dollar General for the report of a disturbance. After an investigation, George A. Landowski, 50, Mt. Morris, was arrested and charged with criminal damage to property. Landowski was transported to

the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond. On July 16 Mt. Morris Police were sent to the 400 block of East Illinois Route 64 for the report of a disturbance. After an investigation, Taylor A Haas, 18, Mt. Morris, was issued an ordinance citation for battery. Haas was released on scene.

On July 18 at approximately 8:30 a.m. Mt. Morris Police were sent to Sullivan's Foods for the report of a shop lifter. After an investigation, it was determined that a juvenile, 13, Mt. Morris, had committed the offense of retail theft. A report was forwarded to the Ogle County Juvenile/Probation

Department for referral. The juvenile was released to a guardian. On July 20 Mt. Morris Police responded to the 10 block of East Front Street and located garbage accumulating in the area. Richard Haan, 80, Mt. Morris, was issued an ordinance citation for accumulation of trash/rubbish.

Polo Police Department Report: July 11-Aug. 6, 2023

POLO — On July 11 at 12:46 a.m. Atley J. Dunn, 33, Polo, was arrested for an outstanding Lee County warrant. Dunn was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

On July 17 at 10:02 p.m. Charles A. Albert, Jr., 54, of Gainesville, Florida was cited for operating an uninsured motor vehicle. Albert was released on a notice to appear.

On July 29 at 9:30 p.m. Brian Arriola, 33, Polo, was cited for driving with a suspended registration. Arriola was released on an I-Bond.

On Aug. 1 at 9:29 p.m. Christopher A. Prussia, 35, Polo, was cited for operating an uninsured vehicle and a written notice for driving with one headlight. Prussia was released with a notice to appear.

On Aug. 3 at 8:29 p.m. Kenneth R. Lantz, 52, Mt. Morris, was cited for driving with a suspended registration. Lantz was released on an I-Bond.

On Aug. 4 at 10:13 p.m. David A. Williams, 53, Polo, was cited for operating an uninsured motor vehicle. Williams was released on an I-Bond.

On July 12 at 8:24 a.m. John R. Powell, 61, Polo, was issued a city ordinance violation for failure to register to obtain a permit for operating his UTV.

On July 19 at 2:17 a.m. Kellie E. White, 39, Forreston, was cited for operating an uninsured motor vehicle. White was released on a notice to appear.

On July 30 at 6:54 p.m. Danielle D. Karrow, 43, Polo, was cited for operating a motor vehicle with an expired registration and a written notice for unlawful use of a cell phone while driving. Karrow was released on an I-Bond.

On Aug. 1 at 10:20 p.m. Katherine A. Wibben, 38, Mt. Carroll was cited for no valid proof of insurance and no valid registration and a written notice for driving with no taillight. Wibben was released with a notice to appear.

On Aug. 5 at 6:13 p.m. a 16-year-old juvenile of Rock Falls was cited for driving over the one-passenger limit. Geske was

released on an I-Bond. On Aug. 6 at 12:55 a.m. Daniel A. Stone, 42, Freeport, was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol, a citation for operating an uninsured motor vehicle and a citation for no registration lights. Stone was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

On July 13 at 11:23 p.m. Victoria A.M. Haag, 31, Dixon, was cited for operating an uninsured motor vehicle. Haag was released on a notice to appear.

On July 23 at 9 a.m. Shannon M. Ellis, 42, Polo, was issued a city ordinance for dog running at large.

On July 31 at 11:21 p.m. Joshua R. Shank, 37, Polo, was cited for operating an uninsured motor vehicle

and a written notice for no valid registration and no plate light. Shank was released on a notice to appear.

On Aug. 1 at 11:38 p.m. Benjamin Jesse Boyd Cul-

bertson, 37, Polo, was cited for operating an uninsured vehicle and a written notice for driving with an expired registration. Culbertson was released with a notice to appear.

On July 17 at 5:29 p.m. Spencer G. Doeden, 18, Polo, was cited for unlawful use of a cell phone while driving. Doeden was

released on an I-Bond. General calls for service for the weeks of July 10-23: Citizen complaints/assists: 29. Animal complaints: two. City ordinance: four. Disturbance/

domestic: two. Fire/medical assist: four. Alarm/open door: one. Lock out: one. Traffic stops: 72. County assist: one.

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On Aug. 4 at 10:13 p.m. David A. Williams, 53, Polo, was cited for operating an uninsured motor vehicle. Williams was released on an I-Bond.

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(A) The name, address, and telephone number of the person to contact for information regarding the real estate is Courtney E. Kennedy, Ehrmann Gehlbach Badger & Considine, LLC, 114 E. Everett Street, Suite 300, Dixon, Illinois 61021 (815) 288-4949.
(B) Both the legal description of the real estate and the common address is follows: Part of the Northwest Quarter (NW¼) of the Northwest Quarter (NW¼) of Section 35, in Township 24 North, Range 9 East of the 4th P.M., bounded and described as follows: Beginning on the West line of said Section at a point 719 1/8 feet South of the Northwest corner of said Section, running thence East 28 ¼ rods, thence South 56.58 feet, thence West 28 ¼ rods, and North 56.58 feet to the Point of Beginning; situated in the Township of Mount Morris, County of Ogle and State of Illinois. PIN: 08-35-103-005
Common address or location of premises: 1823 South McKendrie Street, Mount Morris, Ogle County, Illinois.
(C) The improvement on the real estate is a shed.
(D) The real estate may not be inspected prior to the sale.
(E) The time and place of the sale are as follows:
The Ogle County Sheriffs Office, 202 S. First Street, Oregon, Illinois 61061, at 10:00 a.m. on September 22, 2023.
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(G) The case title, case number, and the Court in which the foreclosure was filed are specified above.
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LOCAL NEWS

Encore! US National Straw Sculpting Competition began Aug. 11

MT. MORRIS — The Eighth Annual US National Straw Sculpting Competition opened with four new sculptures Friday, Aug. 11 on the Mt. Morris Campus. New "Fine Art in Straw" sculptures from Doreen White, Chris & Cecilia Mann, Steve Lentz and Danica & Mark Rogers are on display along with sculptures from previous years for all to enjoy each day through Aug. 27.

This weekend includes live evening music on the historic band shell stage. Friday, Aug. 18 the Mt. Morris Jamboree features "Fortunate Sons", (CCR Tribute), and Saturday, Aug. 19 Encore! is sponsoring "Swingbilly RFD" (Western swing) on the

band shell. Food trucks, ice cream and refreshments will be available. All starting at 6 p.m., concert at 7 p.m.

Sixteen artists are featured for the month of August in the Encore! Old Sandstone Gallery juried fine art show. The gallery, on the Mt. Morris campus, will be open on Friday and Saturday evenings from 6:30-9 p.m., and during special straw events during the month of August. Mark your calendar for StrawFest weekend opening Friday, Aug. 25, listen and sing along to Chicago Tribute Anthology music from the band Chicago and more) 7-9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 26 will include: Food trucks, crafter's market, black-

smith demos, Rustic Ridge – Ax Throwing, round straw bale races in the street, straw sculpting awards, Art on Fire awards and more. A great band, new to our bandshell stage, "Truman's Ridge" (bluegrass) wraps up the evening from 7-9 p.m. There will be pop-up live music on the Straw Jam stage, next to the straw sculptures, intermittently on Saturdays and Sundays. Visit StrawUSA.com for the latest schedule and follow Encore Mt. Morris on Facebook for additional information. All events are free and open to the public.

ENCORE! Mt. Morris is a cultural initiative of Mt. Morris Economic Development Corp. Learn more at EncoreMtMorris.com.



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Byron Civic Band to resume weekly rehearsals on Wednesday, Sept. 6

BYRON — Do you play a band instrument? Perhaps you've just finished playing with a group this summer and would like to continue this fall. Or, maybe you used to play in high school or college and then you put your instrument aside,

thinking that maybe you'd pick it up again in a few years. Another possibility is that you're playing in your high school band and would like to play with some more seasoned musicians. There is a band for you, right here in Byron!

The Byron Civic Band, directed by Mark Rose, will resume weekly rehearsals 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 6 in the Byron Middle School band room. The fall concert is scheduled for 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 5. Our band plays inter-

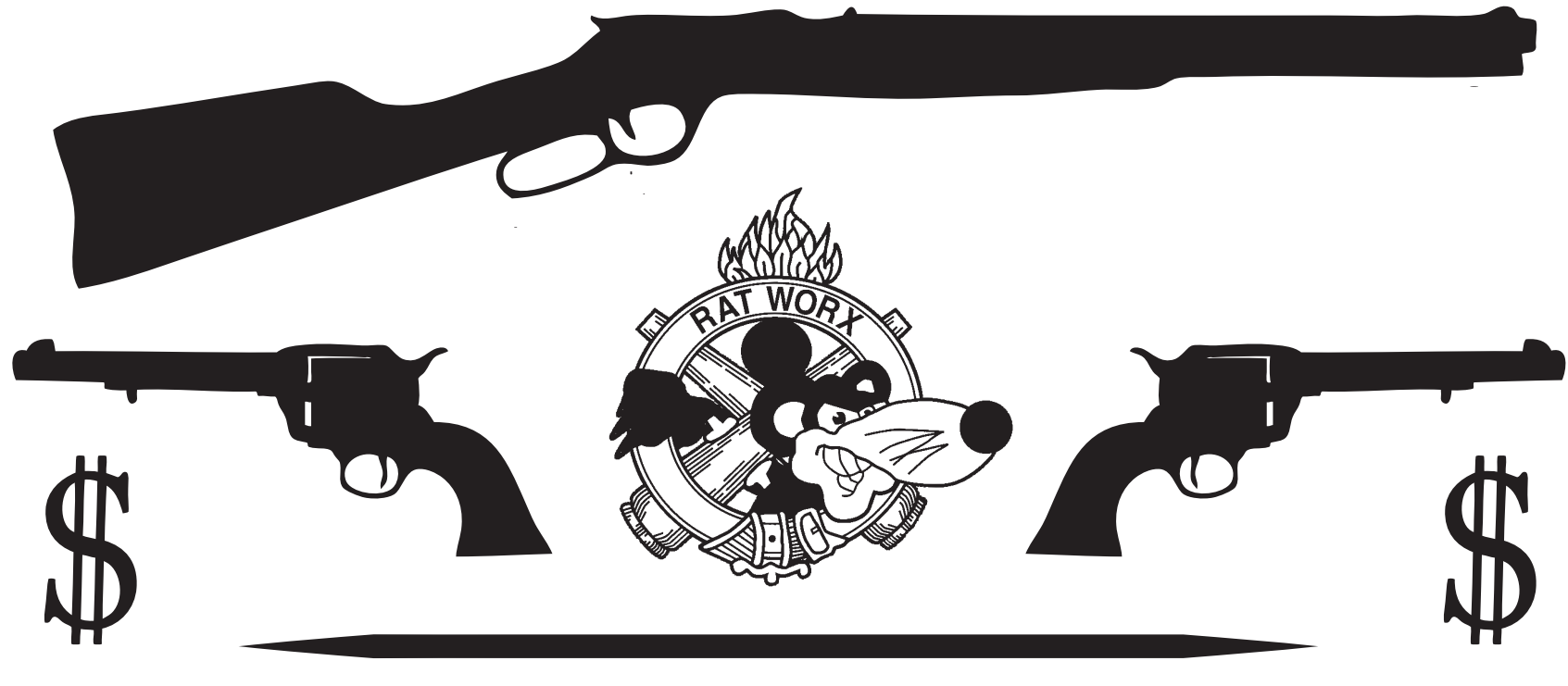
mediate-level concert band literature, and we are looking for players of all band instruments. We have a nice mix of adult players in their 20s to 80s along with a sprinkling of younger musicians, and we invite current and former band

musicians living within about 25 miles or so of Byron to consider joining us. If it has been a few years (or decades) since you've played, you may find that this band will provide an ideal opportunity to again play that band instrument

you once loved to play. You will not be asked to audition. If you are interested in joining this band, please call or text Ron Kroeger at (847) 219-9393 or email him at ronkroeger@gmail.com.

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LOCAL NEWS

Oregon's Prose awarded VOP scholarship through Larry Young & Friends Charity

OREGON — For 25 years the Village of Progress Foundation has presented educational scholarships to folks in Ogle County. Applicants must be a resident of Ogle County and a high school senior or full-time college student who either has a disability or is majoring in an area that serves those with disabilities.

One of the scholarships, in the amount of \$1,000 is made through a gift from Larry Young & Friends Charities. Larry Young & Friends Charities partner with the Foundation to help make its annual golf outing a success. Larry Young also serves on the foundation's board of directors.

This year a scholarship through the Larry Young & Friends Charity was given to Gracie Prose.

Gracie is a senior holding a 3.96 GPA at Oregon High School. Gracie will be pursuing a degree in communication.

Gracie wrote that she has a deep passion for helping others as well as a keen eye for detail and emotional shifts. She wrote that she truly tries to use every opportunity available to impact the lives of others.

Gracie's reference commended her for the countless volunteer hours that she donated to the Village of Progress; her work as an aide with OCEC students at her high school;



Gracie Prose, Oregon High School senior with Larry Young, board member of The Village of Progress Foundation, receiving a check for \$1,000 from the Village of Progress Foundation made possible by Larry Young & Friends Charity.

and her ability to form immediate connections with people.

To learn more about

scholarships opportunities visit the news and events section at www.villageofprogress.org.

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Amanda Tauch, Oregon, with Wanda Cacciatore, board member, Village of Progress Foundation, receiving a check for \$1,000 from the Village of Progress Foundation in honor of the Pete and Wanda Cacciatore family.

Oregon's Tauch awarded VOP Cacciatore family scholarship

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Cacciatore family has been long-time supporters of the Village of Progress.

Wanda was a member of the Village of Progress Board of Directors for 10 years beginning in 1988 and has served on the foundation's board for over 26 years. Her husband, Pete was also an enthusiastic supporter of the village. Pete passed away in the fall of 2014, leaving behind a legacy of commitment to the village and its mission.

This year a scholarship through the Cacciatore fam-

ily was given to Amanda Tauch. Amanda is a junior at Illinois State University. She is pursuing a degree in music therapy.

Amanda lives in Oregon. She has volunteered time to ride bikes at the Village of Progress during the summer months and observe some of our music therapy sessions.

Amanda is described as "a person who models kindness, compassion, a genuine desire to see individuals with disabilities achieve their full potential."

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Aug. 18: The United Church of Byron will be having their next Outdoor Family Movie Night on Friday, Aug. 18! As always, movies are free and open to the community! We will be showing "Space Jam", a 1996 American live-action/animated sports comedy film. The film stars basketball player Michael Jordan as a fictional version of himself; the live-action cast also includes Wayne Knight and Theresa Randle, as well as cameos by Bill Murray and several NBA players. The film follows Jordan as he is brought out of retirement by the *Looney Tunes* characters to help them win a

basketball match against invading aliens intent on enslaving them as amusement park attractions.

We're also having a costume contest that night. Anyone that comes dressed in a costume will be entered into a drawing for a prize. We'll again be offering snacks that will be available for a freewill donation. You are also welcome to bring your own snacks. The movie will begin at dusk, and if weather does not permit being outside, we will move it inside the fellowship hall and it will begin at 8 p.m. Please visit our Facebook page or our website www.unitedchurchofbyron.org for more

information and upcoming movie dates. We hope you can join us!

Aug. 19: Come and join us at Byron's Hairy Cow Farmers Market on Saturday, Aug. 19 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

Aug. 21: For our pro-

gram for Monday, Aug. 21 at 7 p.m. at Country Crossroads Quilt Guild, we welcome the return of local artist Karen Hilliard. She is well known in our area for offering fun painting classes featuring various seasonal or home décor items. Here evening program will feature a trunk show of many of her creations. For members Karen will present an all-day workshop creating painted garden posts.

Guild meetings are held at the Forreton Grove Church, 7246 Freeport Road; Forreton, on the third Monday of each month at 7 p.m., with ample time to meet and greet

members before the meeting. Visitors are welcome; for visitors there is a fee of \$5 at the door. For more information call Program Committee Chairs Dawn Vehmeier 815-291-4592 or Ann Tully 815-238-2218, or Guild President Shelly Holverson 815-297-2381.

Sept. 9: A pork chop dinner by Double OO, raffles and a live auction will take place on Saturday, Sept. 9 at Monroe Center Community Church. Tickets must be purchased prior to Sept. 1: \$15 each. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Dinner is at 6:30 p.m. The live auction with Todd Wills starts at 7:30 p.m. For tickets or more information: Contact

Nancy at 815-985-4880 or Judy at 815-222-1906. All proceeds will benefit six missionaries.

Sept. 16: The Leaf River Lions will be having a Drive Thru Brat and Beef Hot Dog Sandwich lunch on Saturday, Sept. 16 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Serving will be in the old fire station next to the Bertolet Memorial building at 103 W. Second St. The lunch will consist of your choice of either a brat or beef hot dog sandwich with chips, applesauce, cookie and a drink. Cost of the meal is \$5, and proceeds will go toward Lions projects. Enjoy a delicious sandwich and support your local Lions Club.

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VIEWPOINT

"Congress shall make no law . . . abridging the freedom of speech or of the press"

MOMENTS IN TIME

* On Aug. 28, 1789, William Herschel, court astronomer under England's King George III, discovered Enceladus, one of Saturn's innermost moons, while using his new 40-foot telescope for the first time. Enceladus reflects almost 100% of the sunlight that strikes it and has at least five different types of terrain.

* On Aug. 29, 1998, a strike by 6,200 Northwest Airlines pilots seeking a 15% pay raise left 70,000 frustrated passengers high and dry around the U.S. The pilots had been in contract negotiations for more than two years, and an agreement was finally reached on Sept. 10 after the strike had cost the airline \$26 million per day.

* On Aug. 30, 1951, Sgt. John R. Rice, a decorated World War II veteran and part-Native American soldier killed in the Korean War, was refused burial in Sioux City, Iowa's Memorial Park Cemetery on the grounds of his ethnicity. After hearing the news at a press conference, President Harry Truman authorized a telegram to Rice's widow, Evelyn, offering her a plot in Arlington National Cemetery, which she accepted.

* On Aug. 31, 1888, 43-year-old Mary Ann "Polly" Nichols, a prostitute from London's East

End and married but separated mother of five, was found brutally murdered near Whitechapel Road, becoming the first known victim of serial killer Jack the Ripper.

* On Sept. 1, 2013, new internet restrictions imposed by the Vietnamese government prohibited the country's users from discussing current affairs, with social media and other sites, including blogs, limited to sharing personal information but not news stories. The law was criticized by both internet companies and a number of human rights groups.

* On Sept. 2, 1969, the original "Star Trek" TV series aired its final episode after running for just three years. While it never rose higher than No. 52 in the ratings, it remains a beloved cult classic, eventually generating movies and other series.

* On Sept. 3, 1908, J.M. Barrie's play "What Every Woman Knows" debuted at London's Duke of York's Theatre. Written prior to the women's suffrage movement, the show's theme suggested that "every woman knows" she's really the invisible power behind the success of the men in her life.

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Drought poses challenges for farmers

THIS summer growing season has brought a whirlwind of challenges for Illinois farmers, from severe drought to a devastating derecho and flash flooding. When it comes to how farmers are faring under such conditions, my friend and colleague said it the best: "It depends on what cloud you're under."

Every farmer's situation is different. How drought affects profitability and yield depends on numerous variables, including crop variety and location, making it difficult to generalize how farmers will end up after this rollercoaster ride of weather patterns.

In a single county one farmer's field of corn or soybeans might look completely different from another's 5 miles down the road.

Illinois closed July with some of the warmest temperatures so far this year with drought conditions spottily disrupted by pop-up thunderstorms across the state. While some areas were lucky enough to see rain, we're not out

of the woods yet. To quote the Illinois State Climatologist office, "drought is a complex physical and social phenomenon, usually with no clear beginning or end."

At the end of the day, farmers want to produce a good crop. Drought and unpredictable weather are discouraging for farmers planning for a bountiful harvest, but we are still a long way from the bin. We are hopeful for good, timely rains in the coming weeks.

While we wait for the upcoming harvest, now is a good time to remind consumers to take full advantage of their local farmers markets. Illinois ranks second in the nation for the number of farmers markets, which offer fresh, locally produced vegetables, meat and other food products at affordable prices.

Sweet corn, a summertime favorite, is now available so be sure to grab a few ears to grill on your next farmers market visit.

It's hard to believe the dog days of summer are nearly over. I am eagerly

looking forward to another lively Illinois State Fair. Some of my favorite memories are the years I spent showing dairy cattle owned by family friends. Now as a spectator, I am energized watching the youth exhibitors take to the ring during the Master Showmanship competition, which Illinois Farm Bureau proudly sponsors.

Ag Day at the Illinois State Fair is an annual event celebrating all that Illinois agriculture has to offer. This year's celebration will take place on Aug. 11 and is a great opportunity for Illinoisans to connect with agriculture at every level, whether it's stopping by the commodity pavilion for a pork chop sandwich or grabbing a refreshing cup of frozen apple cider and other fresh produce from the Illinois Specialty Growers tent.

Amid the excitement of fair activities, however, Ag Day is also an opportunity for farm leaders to work collaboratively on agricultural issues. Such conversations are increasingly important

as lawmakers hammer out the details of the next Farm Bill, which extends beyond the farm by protecting our nation's food supply, access to nutrition and advancing conservation efforts.

Later this August hundreds of farmers and agribusinesses from across the globe will travel to Decatur for the 70th annual Farm Progress Show. This event will showcase the latest agricultural innovations and emerging technologies.

There is no better way to end a busy summer than celebrating Illinois agriculture, whether it is at the State Fair or Farm Progress Show. I encourage everyone to take a day or two to spend at the fair and learn more about how Illinois agriculture touches their everyday life.

Richard Guebert Jr. is the president of the Illinois Farm Bureau. This op-ed was distributed through a cooperative project between Illinois Farm Bureau and the Illinois Press Association. For more food and farming news, visit FarmWeekNow.com.

Advocate for a new farm bill

WITH Congress out on its August Recess it would be a good opportunity to find time to visit with your Congressman or Congresswoman to advocate for a new Farm Bill. Of all the things that are critical to agriculture's survival, this ranks at the top of the list.

Managing risk on the farm is critical to keeping food on our tables. We all depend on the success of American agriculture, so it's important for America's farmers to be supported by strong farm programs as they face weather disasters, high supply costs and inflationary pressures.

America's public investment in agriculture through farm bill programs helps secure our food supply and keep our country strong with sustainable food, fiber and renewable fuel.

The farm bill impact extends beyond the farm by protecting our nation's food supply, providing access to nutrition for families facing hunger, advancing conservation efforts and spurring innovation through agricultural research.

Illinois Farm Bureau priorities:

Illinois Farm Bureau members believe the farm bill must be WTO-compliant, provide price and revenue protection for farmers, and link nutrition and commodity programs.

Maintaining the current crop insurance program remains IFB's top priority in the upcoming farm bill debate.

Farm Bureau supports

maintaining both SNAP and TEFAP (The Emergency Food Assistance Program) in the farm bill in their current form.

In 2013, USDA calculated that roughly eight cents of every dollar spent on food purchases (including purchases made by SNAP recipients) returns to the farmgate.

Why does the Farm Bill matter for everyone?

Food security: America's public investment in agriculture through farm bill programs helps secure our domestic food supply and keep our country strong while consumers get the benefits of high-quality, affordable food.

Jobs: The food and agriculture industry supports nearly 21.5 million U.S. jobs (that's more than 14 percent of U.S. employment) and contributes more than \$1 trillion to U.S. gross domestic product.

The food and agriculture sector is critical to our economy, making up roughly one-fifth of U.S. economic activity, directly supporting nearly 23 million jobs — 15 percent of total U.S. employment. When looking across the entire food and agriculture supply chain, agriculture's impact is even more striking, supporting more than 46 million jobs.

The vibrancy of our rural communities relies on farm bill programs that support rural infrastructure and other investments, including broadband, a "must have" to ensure career opportunities as well as access to quality education and

health care. Conservation: The farm bill's investment in ag research and conservation programs are critical to ensuring the productivity and sustainability in our farms and domestic food supply.

Farm bill conservation programs recognize farmers as partners in sustainability and provide resources to help them care for environmentally sensitive land and employ climate-smart practices in their fields to help preserve wildlife habitat, soil and water.

Through the farm bill, farmers have voluntarily enrolled 140 million acres in conservation programs — that's equal to the size of California and New York combined.

The farm bill's investment in agricultural research and conservation programs is critical to reaching sustainability goals as we work to feed a growing population using fewer resources.

Thanks to advances in climate-smart farming, farmers are producing more with fewer resources. To put this in perspective, it would have taken 100 million more acres 40 years ago to produce the same amount of food, feed, fiber and fuel we are growing today.

Risk Management: We all depend on the success of American agriculture so it's important for America's farmers and ranchers to be supported by strong farm programs as they face down weather disasters, high supply costs and inflationary pressures. Managing risk is critical

to keep food on our tables.

Farmers and ranchers are proud to grow and raise the safe, sustainable food, fiber and fuel we all rely on, and the farm bill gives them the tools they need to keep our farms and food supply secure in all seasons.

We buy insurance to prepare for tough times, and similarly, crop insurance through the farm bill provides an important tool to help farmers and ranchers weather storms beyond their control.

In light of global events, supply chain challenges and inflation, it is critical that the U.S. make it a top priority to protect our food supply for the well-being and security of our nation.

Addressing Hunger: The farm bill includes nutrition programs intended to ensure the most vulnerable among us have access to healthy, affordable food.

This is more accurately a food and farm bill, as funding provides a comprehensive package of programs for farmers, as well as access to safe and nutritious food for families in need.

America's farmers and ranchers are proud to grow the food that helps supply more than four billion meals annually through the farm bill's nutrition programs, which ensure the most vulnerable among us have access to healthy, affordable food.

"You can make a small fortune in farming — provided you start with a large one." -Anonymous

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

Letter: Golf outing a success thanks to many

DEAR editor, On behalf of Sinnissippi Centers, I would like to thank all our sponsors, golfers, Sinnissippi staff and board members, the staff and management of Deer Valley Golf Club and Deer Valley Banquets, and others who made the 31st Annual Sinnissippi Centers' Golf Open a success!

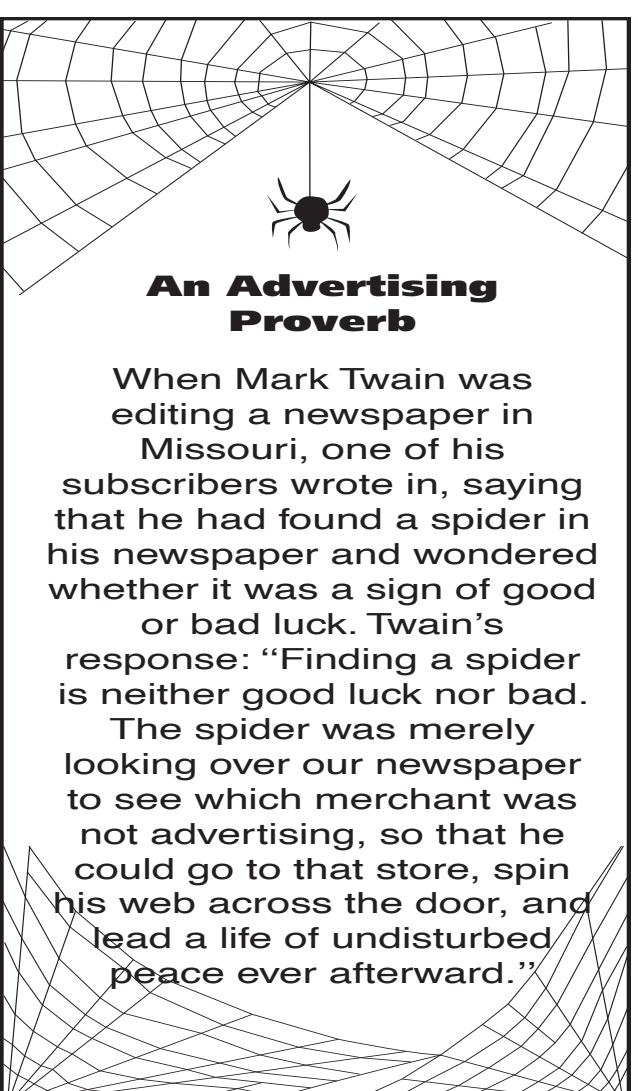
It's a long list of individuals and organizations who played a part that we can't list in its entirety here, and it shows how no one can ever achieve such success alone but can do much with the help of their community members.

While we can't mention them all, we would like to

put the spotlight on a few of the organizations and individuals who played a part in the golf open: Ken Nelson Auto Group, Sauk Valley Bank, Boss Carpet one Floor & Home, CGH Medical Center, Arthur J. Gallagher & Co., Genoa Healthcare, Pinney Printing, Larry & Ann Prindaville, Sauk Valley Community College and Jim Grot, and Sterling Federal Bank.

Thanks to everyone who came and helped us raise funds to support veteran services at Sinnissippi Centers.

Andrew Jackson, marketing coordinator, Sinnissippi Centers, Inc.



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."

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LOCAL NEWS

SIGN: Ribbon cutting ceremony held by Oregon School District

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Mahoney went on to say how much he appreciated Nesemeier's diligence.

"Bill, of his own accord, secured 95 percent of the cost leaving very little expense to the district," Mahoney said. "From the time that I arrived here in July of 2010, we've wanted a digital sign but the cost of \$25,000 had been so prohibitive when we had so many other needs. I can't thank Bill enough for his efforts."

Mahoney shared a funny in an interview. "About the third day of the sign being up and functional, I got an email from a resident that lived



(PHOTO BY COREY FRY)

Members of Oregon Hawks Alumni Football proudly stand in front of the former monument sign. "We have a lot of memories associated with that sign," member Corey Fry said. "Now new ones will be made with the new sign."

very close to the sign," Mahoney said. "He asked if we could dim it because

it's 'blasting' into his living room and he could barely sleep because of

the strobe. We were so excited to finally have the sign that we didn't think

how it might negatively impact someone like our great neighbor. We

worked it out and turn it off at night," he added with a laugh.

July 2023 From the Heart calendar winners announced

July 2023 From The Heart Calendar Winners
 July 1 - Heather James, Stillman Valley, \$25
 July 2 - Calvin Jacobs, Rochelle, \$50
 July 3 - Barbara Halvorson, Rochelle, \$25
 July 4 - From the Heart Event Auction, \$1,000
 July 5 - Calvin Jacobs,

Rochelle, \$25
 July 6 - Ashley Anderson, Mt. Morris, \$25
 July 7 - Tami Rhea, Esmond, \$25
 July 8 - RACF, \$25
 July 9 - Aaron Samp, Palos Heights, \$50
 July 10 - Kevin Koch, Bozeman, Montana, \$25
 July 11 - HOPE of Ogle

County, \$25
 July 12 - Will Reis, Worthington, Ohio, \$25
 July 13 - Dorothy Lockard, Creston, \$25
 July 14 - Zekelman Employee, \$25
 July 15 - Zekelman Employee, \$25
 July 16 - The Kitchen Table, Rochelle, \$50

July 17 - Rayanne Hibshman, Rochelle, \$25
 July 18 - Melissa Drafall, Monroe Center, \$25
 July 19 - From the Heart, Rochelle, \$25
 July 20 - Jessica Mueller, Rochelle, \$25
 July 21 - Kathy Pfeiffer, Rochelle, \$25
 July 22 - The Kitchen

Table, Rochelle, \$25
 July 23 - Rocio Belmonte, Rochelle, \$50
 July 24 - Zekelman Employee, \$25
 July 25 - Rochelle Fire-fighter Social, \$25
 July 26 - Tom McDermott, Rochelle, \$25
 July 27 - Margaret Daner, Kings, \$25

July 28 - Rochelle Police K-9, Rochelle, \$25
 July 29 - T-Byrd Lanes, Rochelle, \$25
 July 30 - Zekelman Employee, \$50
 July 31 - Max Sulzberger, Dwight, \$25
 Checks to winners will be mailed out at the end of each month.

Extension Master Gardener online training offered

OGLE COUNTY — Are you ready to take your love of gardening to the next level? University of Illinois Extension Master Gardeners will be offering a self-paced online training course this fall starting on Monday, Oct. 2. Whether you want to better your gardening knowledge or become an Illinois Extension Master Gardener volunteer, this training is for you. The course is open to the public.

participate in community education programs which may include speaking at garden clubs, civic groups, or schools; answering calls or emails at the garden help desks; establishing demonstration gardens that serve as educational tools; and educating citizens on how to establish community gardens.

The course will offer in-depth horticulture content including soils and fertilizers, plant disease, entomology, pest management, organic gardening and more. This course can be completed in 14 weeks and includes training videos, a manual, reading materials and quizzes. A strong internet connection is recommended.

The course costs \$300 and registration is open through Monday, Sept. 11. For more information, contact Illinois Extension Program Coordinator in your county. Please call or email Cindy Jankiewicz at 815-732-2191, cjankie@illinois.edu in Ogle County; Judy Hodge at 815-544-3710, hodg@illinois.edu in Boone County; or Connie Handel at 815-758-8194, cahandel@illinois.edu in DeKalb County.

After training is completed, participants may apply to become an Illinois Extension Master Gardener volunteer. These volunteers

If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in this program, please contact your local county Extension office.



Emmanuel Lutheran Church donates to HOPE

Emmanuel Lutheran Church of Paynes Point recently donated \$1,000 to HOPE of Ogle County from the proceeds of their annual Pancake & Sausage Supper. Pictured from left to right are Marvin Schabacker, Ivan Maas, Pastor Andrew Kayes and HOPE Executive Director Ruth Carter.

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LOCAL NEWS

BAIL: Law enforcement officials react to court ruling

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“While a judge can issue an order for them to show up to court, it’s not detainable,” VanVickle said. “We just would make contact with that person and issue them a new date. There’s concerns of, ‘How effective is the judiciary going to be if people aren’t showing up to court?’ That not only taxes our folks by having to provide additional paper service, but it taxes the state’s attorney by multiple court dates that don’t yield any resolution as well as additional docket dates. Those are some of what I feel are going to be unintended consequences of this, on top of the fact that people that offend are going to be back out on the street immediately. The repeat offenders are definitely going to be a concern. That’s a concern they’ve had in New York and New Jersey. Why would we think that Illinois is going to be any different?”

VanVickle said the elimination of cash bail will result in the loss of about \$150,000 per year in income that’s used to supplement the operations of the judiciary. That shortfall will have to be made up for through budget reductions or increased taxes, he said. The sheriff has reservations about what decision-making authority judges will have under the new system. “What I think they’re missing is that this takes

decision making out of the judges’ hands,” VanVickle said. “That’s something I appreciate, living in a smaller area, that the judge has that ability to decide if somebody needs to stay in jail because they’re a threat to whatever it may be. This decision-making process is essentially taken out of their hands. We have elected officials who are judges who have a job and now they’ve been removed of the responsibility of maintaining that safety for our community.”

The elimination of cash bail will not immediately change the circumstances of current inmates in the Ogle County Jail. Current inmates would need to petition the court to be considered under the new bond-type of system. If every current inmate did that and was granted the change, about 50 percent of them would be eligible to be released, VanVickle said.

When asked what guidance he has given deputies on policing following the change on Sept. 18, VanVickle said the core mission of their work will remain the same. “I expect our deputies to go out and do their jobs,” VanVickle said. “Keep the people that we serve safe. Make those arrests. Whether it’s repetitive arrests, arresting the same people over and over again, we’re still going to do our job. We still have a job to do and that’s what I’ve stressed to our deputies, is



(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)

Rochelle Police Chief Pete Pavia said the biggest change from the SAFE-T act will be implementation of body cameras. His department will be required to implement them by the start of 2025. The Ogle County Sheriff’s Office was required to implement body cameras by 2024 and officially put them in place earlier this summer.

our job is to keep the citizens safe. I fully anticipate that our call volume will certainly increase and the number of arrests we have will increase. But we’re not going to let up. We’re still going to make those arrests and take those people to be processed and go through the process.”

Ogle County State’s Attorney Mike Rock released a statement on July 20 following the Supreme Court ruling expressing his disappointment with it and his office’s stance going forward. “From its inception this legislation was irresponsibly passed during a lame duck legislative session at 4 a.m. without meaningful

debate,” Rock said in the statement. “My office will continue to do everything within our power to ensure dangerous offenders remain in custody. Unfortunately, I believe once this law goes fully into effect, it will have a negative impact on the safety of communities throughout the state.”

Rochelle Police Department Chief Pete Pavia reacted to the ruling by remarking concern for the safety of his community. “I get the arguments on both sides of no cash bail,” Pavia said. “But I am concerned that certain individuals are going to be out rather quickly and commit a crime again pretty quickly. My priority is the safety of

our community and that’s my concern with it.”

Pavia said the biggest change for RPD from the SAFE-T act will be implementation of body cameras. His department will be required to implement them by the start of 2025. The Ogle County Sheriff’s Office was required to implement body cameras by 2024 and officially put them in place earlier this summer.

RPD will have the body cameras in place sooner than required as well, and Pavia said the city received a grant for four body cameras that will cover part of the total cost. For cameras and storage for 25 officers, the total cost is about \$173,000.

Like VanVickle, Pavia said the advice given to officers going forward post-SAFE-T Act remains the same.

“Really nothing has changed as far as what we tell them,” Pavia said. “My best advice and what I tell all of my officers is just to do what’s right. That’s what it comes down to. If you’re doing what’s right, you really don’t have anything to be concerned with. But in today’s modern age of policing, you’re always on camera. Whether it’s a body camera or a cell phone, there’s cameras everywhere. Just act professional, do what’s right and pretend you’re always on camera anyways.”

54th Annual Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive scheduled Sept. 8-9

OREGON — The 54th annual Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive in Oregon and Mt. Morris will be held

Sept. 8-9. Last year we raised \$5,800 with the help of a few businesses and from Knight families

and friends. The funds that were raised help to support the Knights of Columbus programs in Illinois, such as Special

Olympics and homes for some intellectually disabled. Local organizations who also split \$4640 were: Village of

Progress, Oregon School district special education program, and Stouffer Terrace.

“I want to thank to

people in Oregon and Mt. Morris for their generous support again this year,” Tootsie Roll Drive Chairman Dave Starke said.

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Oregon celebrated a grand opening on Saturday, Aug. 5 at Bad Ash Cigars, now located in downtown Oregon at 110 N. 4th St., Oregon. Visitors enjoyed fine cigars while touring the newly-renovated lounge and getting a sneak peek at Ogle County Brewery's new distribution center in the same building behind the lounge.

Oregon celebrates grand opening for Bad Ash Cigars

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Owners Barry Skinner, Joshua Skinner, Brian

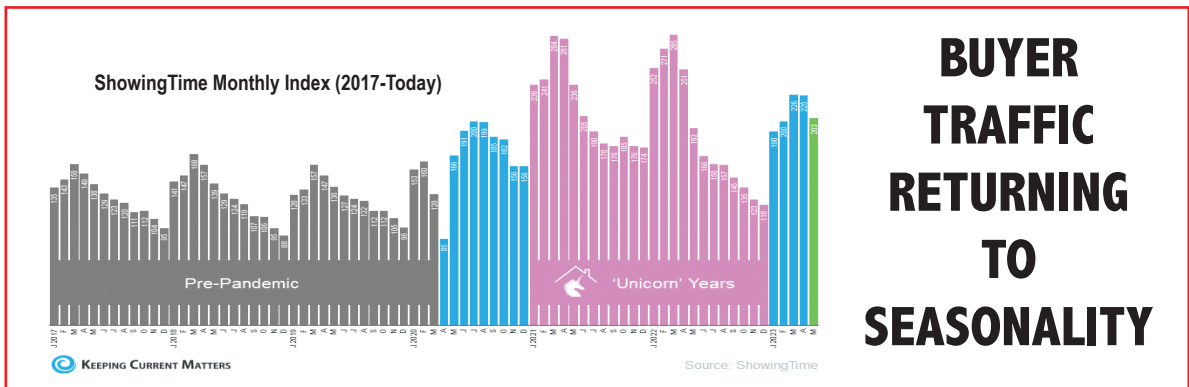
Wynn, family, friends and city officials were in attendance.

"We'd like to thank everyone who stopped

in today to show their support," the ownership group said. "We look forward to several upcoming occasions to get together."

Bad Ash Cigars is open seven days a week, Monday-Saturday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sundays 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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NEW LISTING

117 N. Lincoln Street, Byron
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Looking for commercial space to start up a business, investment property or just some extra room for hobbies and "toys"? The possibilities are endless! This building right off Highway Route 2 was completely remodeled in May 2022. Storefront (46x31) has all new LVP flooring, countertop has been redone, desk stays, shelves on wall, 1/2 bath completely remodeled, French doors to warehouse area (31x23), this has rubber mat flooring, garage door w/opener, new lights, shop area (35x31) has concrete floor w drains, electric supplemental heater, vent (as-is), utility room has laundry sink, furnace & A/C - '16, 20 gal electric water heater - '18, new water main to road '21, new paint inside throughout, fenced area has a Storage shed (32x12), blacktop drive, outside newer paint '22, flat roof and pitched metal roof, city water/sewer, current renter will be out Oct 1, 2023. New business/usage must be approved by City of Byron.

NEW LISTING

8014 Towermont Drive, Rockford
\$264,900 Call Becky

Winnepago Schools! This beautiful & spacious ranch has so much to offer! Formal LR is open to DR and has hardwood. This leads to the freshly remodeled kitchen with new mocha colored maple raised panel cabinets - all with soft close, granite tops, new sink & lighting, pantry, all appliances stay. Eat-in dinette, family room has cathedral ceilings with a gas brick fireplace & oak mantel. French doors to the 20x20 four season room off the back for ample living space, has its own heat/AC system new in 2019, cathedral ceiling, built-in cabinet, windows with built in blinds and hideaway screens, patio door to newly stained deck overlooking the .89 acre fenced in yard with tree lined privacy, patio, 110 outlet for hot tub, & raised garden beds. Main bath remodeled '23 with new vanity, sink, toilet, lights & accessories. MBR is huge with walk-in closet and attached MBA remodeled '23 with same updates as main bath. LL has epoxy floor, crawl space under 4 season room, water filtration, sump pump, water softener, Aprilaire new '21, new landscaping outside. Ring stays, security system (\$76/mo), 3 car garage w/ 2 openers, 220 amp in garage, Pella windows & doors in front new '22, rest of house new windows '17, new white trim & casing, 6 raised panel white doors, new between '11-'16 (carpet, roof, furnace, AC, hardwood & appliances), 3 minutes to Bypass 20

NEW PRICE

403 S. 4th Avenue, Forreston
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Welcome to 403 S. 4th Ave in Forreston! This affordable and inviting two bedroom, one and a half bath home offers a comfortable and cozy living space with delightful features that will make you feel right at home. This home features first floor laundry, a newer water heater, hardwood floors, and a large full bathroom with a jacuzzi tub. Don't miss the opportunity to own this cozy home with all the features you desire in a great community. Sold As Is.

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LOCAL NEWS

Bertolet Library News

Pack the Pantry

July 13th - August 12th Food is an immediate and tangible way to help someone. Every donation of food helps. We are collecting donations of unexpired, non-perishable food in jars, cans, and sealed packets for New Life Community Center in Forreston. Toiletries are welcome as well. From Summer Reading Program to Create-a-Card, LEGO Club to Mississippi River Life. Bring a food donation when you stop in for a program and help

support our local community!

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Mississippi River Life
Saturday, August 12th, 10:00 AM The Mississippi River Museum Returns! Mussels, snakes, and beavers: each species has a niche or role in the environment. Through the use of pelts and other hands-on items, participants will explore animals that call the Mississippi River home! All ages, kids and adults, are welcome.

ADULT PRO-

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August Take & Make Craft

If you're not looking forward to school starting

back up, pick up a kit to make a wish bracelet and make a wish to see if summer sticks around. Kits are available at the circulation desk while supplies last beginning August 2nd.

August Book of the Month

Pheby Delores Brown lives on a plantation awaiting the day she turns 18 and becomes a free woman. Fate throws her a cruel twist and she ends up living as a slave with the jailor of "Devil's Half Acre." There she must face the atrocious deeds

of the jailor and learn to survive the harshness. A novel about a little known side of slavery and how one woman sacrificed everything to survive. Stop by the circulation desk to pick up your copy today.

Create-a-Card

Saturday, August 19th, 9:00 AM Getting ready to send your new adult off to college? Prep some cards to help fill those care packages! All supplies included.

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no debris in the donation. *No animal feed bags are allowed* Also please remove any ziploc-type seals and paper/sticker labels. Thank you for your cooperation.

NEW RELEASES

Adult Books
I Know What You Did by Cayce Osborne
Obsessed by James Patterson
Picture Books
Mae's First Day of School by Kate Berube
On the First Day of School by Maggie Fischer

Byron Public Library News

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Did you know that there is an easy way to use the library from your phone? Just download the PrairieCat app to your phone or mobile device and log in with your library card number and PIN! You'll be able to view your checkouts and holds, renew renewable materials, and search the library catalog. There's even a digital copy of your library card!

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That you can scan documents and pictures at the Byron Public Library? At

the Byron Library's scan station, you can scan your documents or pictures and save them to a flash drive, send them as an email attachment, to a fax number, or to our printer. There is no charge to email or save. The library charges \$.10 per page for black and white print outs and \$.25 per page for color. Faxing costs \$1 for the first page and \$.25 for each additional page.

The Beatles - Their History - One Hour

Thursday, August 17, 6 - 7:00 pm. Thanks to a treasure chest of memora-

ble songs and an uncanny ability to chart fresh musical direction with each new album, The Beatles remain one of the world's most popular and iconic bands. With performance and interview clips we'll trace the arc of the Beatles career from their development in Liverpool, through Beatlemania, into their psychedelic phase and finally their dissolution. "A splendid time is guaranteed for all." Gary has lectured at over 100 libraries across the country. Gary's Beatles presentation was deemed "The

Best of The Best" by the Library Administrators Conference of Northern Illinois. Please call 815-234-5107 or visit Byron.evanced.info/signup to register.

StoryWalks at the Byron Forest Preserve

StoryWalks® are up at the Byron Forest Preserve for another season! Stroll the 1/2-mile Indigo Trail while reading «On Account of the Gum» by Adam Rex, or read "That Pup!" by Lindsay Barrett George while walking to the Heritage Farm Museum. The

StoryWalk® is a joint project of the Byron Public Library and the Byron Forest Preserve. The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. StoryWalk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson.

Curbside Delivery

The library is open for browsing, but patrons can still use our curbside service! Place your holds online at byronlibrary.org or call us at 815-234-5107. Not sure what you

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Visit the Byron Library Facebook page, or subscribe to our newsletters at byronlibrary.org, to keep up to date on library news and programs! Be sure to also check out the Byron Library and Byron Library Teen Instagram pages!

Forreston Public Library News

Hoo Haven Pelican Program

Thursday, August 17th at 6:00 pm. Join us for an interesting and educational program on pelicans with presenters from Hoo Haven Wildlife Rehabilitation and Education Center. Meet some of

these intriguing birds up close as you learn about their lives and habitats and the amazing work being done at the center. In conjunction with this program, we will be taking donations for Hoo Haven. Suggested items include: sheets, towels, dry dog or

cat food, unsalted nuts in the shell, paper towels, and any flavor of yogurt. Donations may be brought in anytime between now and August 17th. This program is for all ages, but seating is limited so please call the library at (815)938-2624 to register.

SSET 4 School

Thank you so much for helping to prepare our local students for school! Our giant box was filled with supplies and we greatly appreciate your generosity.

Community Room

Looking for a place

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

Soft Plastic Recycling

We are collecting film-

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

Julia Hull District Library News

Storytime at the Library

Join us at the library, every Wednesday at 10 a.m., for songs, stories

and crafts! Ages 2-5. Space is limited: call to register: 815-645-8611.

Teens: Paint & Pizza

Stop by the library

after school for the ultimate hang out. Get your paint brushes ready for an afternoon of friends, creativity and pizza (of

course)! Friday, August 25 at 3 p.m. Ages 13-18. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

Barbie: The History

of America's Most Famous Doll

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LOCAL NEWS



(COURTESY PHOTOS)

Last week, Miss Kelly and friends celebrated summer with a special Storytime in Davis Junction Park. Besides listening to stories, we played with a giant parachute, and made an edible craft out of Oreo "dirt", chocolate pudding and gummy worms.

From page 2

In this illustrated lecture, historian Leslie Goddard delves into the history of Barbie and her inventor, the passionately creative—and intensely competitive—Ruth Handler. Learn what inspired Handler to develop Barbie in 1959, how Barbie helped make Mattel one of the world's most successful toy companies and what Barbie's impact has been on American culture. Monday, August 28 at 6:30 p.m. Call to register: 815-645-8611.

Tween Scene: Caramel Apple Party
Ready for the perfect fall evening? We've got the fool proof formula: apples + caramel + BIN-

GO = awesome. Tuesday, September 5 at 6 p.m. Ages 10-12. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

Toddler Time: Have a Ball

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

Pirate Party

Ahoy, mateys! Gather your crew and head to the library for a swashbuckling good time! We'll play pirate games and make our own treasure maps. Saturday, September 16 at 10 a.m. For buccaneers ages 5-9. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

Library Renovation

Closure

The library's getting a facelift and we couldn't be more excited! During this short-term project, the library will be intermittently closed to browsing. However, mobile holds pick-up, personal shopping, library card renewal, email printing, scanning, faxing and reference services, etc. will be available by email and telephone. Please stay tuned to our library Facebook & Instagram for the most up-to-date information. Library programming will continue, as scheduled - with some changes to location, TBA. Program participants will be notified directly of any changes to program meeting locations.



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LOCAL NEWS

Mount Morris Library News

Rock Painting Drop-In

Conner the Caterpillar has arrived at the Mount Morris Library! You can visit him outside our doors. We would love to see Conner grow through our flower beds! Everyone is welcome to add a painted rock (positive message or picture) to watch Conner get longer and longer! We will be having a rock painting drop-in activity on Saturday, August 26th from 10-2. You can bring a rock to paint or we will have some available! Supplies will be provided, a great activity for all ages!

Story Time!

Mrs. Donna will be reading books and children will create a craft this Wednesday, 8/16. Story time is every Wednesday @11:15, bring your little ones to enjoy stories and a craft at the Mount Morris Library!

Adult Book Club

The August book is *"The Good Neighbor"*

The Life and Work of Fred Rogers by Maxwell King. 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, August 28th at the library.

Cookbook Club! Next Meeting September 5th!

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

Ink with a Friend: Card Making at the Library

September is 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, September 14th from 5-7! You will get all the materials to make two beautiful cards to take home. Stop by to see the samples, fees are by donation. Registration is limited so call the library or stop by to save your spot before September 7th!

Lego Club!

Our next Lego night is this Thursday, August 17th, from 6:00-6:45pm. Bring a friend and build some fun with Lego bricks! All children and parents are invited every third Thursday of the month. Children under 8 need to bring a parent with them.

Memorial Gifts

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

Display Case Showings

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

Newspaper Available!

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

Explore More Illinois

Explore More Illinois users can access and reserve passes from any

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

Adult Programming

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

Curbside Service is available!

We want to remind everyone that you still have the option of having your materials delivered to your vehicle. If you have holds waiting for

you, call us to tell us you are on your way, and we will bring them out to your vehicle when you arrive. Call us if you need more information.

Additional Services Offered

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

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

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

Oregon Public Library News

Wizard of Oz themed Mystery Dinner Event

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

I Spy Hunt in the Library!

(3yrs. & up) will continue through August 16th. Pick up a game card at the desk and locate specific items on the card. If you find all the items & their location, you may select a prize.

Story Time

(18 months-6 yrs.) Mondays, 10 am. Story Time will be taking a break. Go online to register for the next session which will begin September 11.

Try It Tuesday

Tuesday, August 15th at 1:00pm or 5:30pm (Choose your time slot). **Sunflower Painted Shoes** - Bring a pair of Keds type shoes (preferably white) and make a customized sunflower painted shoe. All supplies, except the shoes, are provided. Registration required, www.oregonpubliclibrary.com.

Ink with A Friend Monthly Card Club

Monday, August 21st at 6:00pm. Sending personal cards to your friends and family is a way to let them know you care and are thinking about them. All designs include beautiful colored cardstock, gorgeous designer series

paper, detailed stamped images, die cut pieces, matching ink, ribbon, and embellishments. All cards come with matching envelopes. Whether you're a new card maker or a seasoned pro, our kits are suited to every skill level. Don't wait! Sign up today to reserve your spot. Oregon Patrons only. Registration required (815) 732-2724 or www.oregonpubliclibrary.com

Produce Swap

August 22nd from 10am - 6:00pm. Food Swaps are local gatherings where people swap excess home-grown produce and gardening extras. Items may include fruit, vegetables, herbs, eggs, seeds, seedlings, gardening tips and worm juice, but may easily extend to skill shares, stories and seasonal recipes. Take some, leave some or both! Have too

much in your garden, bring to the library for others to enjoy. Food can be brought in beginning at 9:00am through 4:00pm. Any food left at 6:00pm will be donated to local pantries.

Book Club

The Afternoon Book Club meets Wednesday, August 16 at 1 pm to discuss *A Tale for the Time Being* by Ruth Ozeki. Cocktails & Crimes will meet Sunday, August 20 at 2 pm at Cork n Tap. Is This Just Fantasy? Book Club will meet August 22 at 6 pm at the Library to discuss *Ninth House* by Leigh Bardugo. Books on Tap Book Club meets Thursday, August 24 at 6 pm at Cork & Tap to discuss *Horse* by Geraldine Brooks. The 2WBC Book Club meets September 13, at 12:30 pm to discuss *Gulliver's Travels* by Jonathan Swift.

Yoga

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

Oregon Writers Group

2nd Tuesday each month at 10:00 am. 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.

Passport Services

The Oregon Public Library offers Passport Application Processing. Patrons seeking Passport Services should call the Library prior to their visit to ensure that an official processor is available at that time and for a checklist of items, you will need for the appointment.

Dial-A-Story & Oregon Public Library StoryWalk

At Oregon Park West. Call 815-732-2724, follow the prompts and presto...a story!

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Tails Humane Society
PET OF THE WEEK
815.758.2457
www.tailshumanesociety.org


Wade Wilson

 Hey there! My name is Wade Wilson. While I might have had a 'ruff' start to life, I can't be more thankful to the people that rescued me so that I can start living my best life. In fact, I love people so much that as soon as you sit on the couch, I want to be right next to you for snuggles. While living in my foster home, I have learned many new things like sit and stay. I even will sit at my food bowl until you free me to eat. I love to chew on benebones (they are my favorite) and I love to destroy rubber chew toys. I love to be outside and running around in the yard, but I am just as comfortable wearing my super fashionable sweater and snuggling next to you to binge watch the marvel universe. **I am currently staying in a foster home, so please email info@TailshumaneSociety.org to request an appointment to meet me!

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Call:
Andrew Heiserman 815-561-2123
Christel Ackland 815-561-2153
 or
Chris Grimm 815-561-2125
to advertise on the Pet of the Week Page!

LOCAL NEWS

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Current story- There's a Dragon in Your Book by Tom Fletcher. Current story at the StoryWalk is Time to Roar by Olivia A. Cole

New Releases
1964: Eyes of the Storm by Paul McCartney 779

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Fire Weather: A True Story from the Hotter World by John Vaillant 363.37 VAI
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Rock River Center Activities

Rock River Center is a resource center located at 810 S. 10th Street, Oregon. Our activities and trips are open to all ages. Do you need assistance with Benefit Access Application for a license plate discount, Medicare, housing, homemaker service, heating assistance

or other things? Call our office at 815-732-3252 with any questions. Visit us on the web at www.rockrivercenter.org and like us on Facebook.

Cards & Table Games
Monday, 12:15 – 3:00 p.m.
Shuffleboard
Tuesday and Wednesday

day. 12:00 – 3:30 p.m.
Stroke Awareness & Living Heart Healthy
Presented by RCH Cardio/Pulmonary Staff.
August 14. 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.
NEW Crocheting & Knitting Club
Where: Rock River Center—Activities Room.

When: Thursday, August 17. Time: 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.
Proper Plant Pruning
By Extension Office/Heritage Woods. September 11. 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. Advance Registration requested.
Country Music Tribute

Featuring Denny Svehla. September 13. 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. Registration requested by Sept. 6.
NICOR GAS "SHARING" PROGRAM
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You can apply for the NICOR GAS Sharing program at the Rock River Center. For more information or to make an appointment call 800-541-5479 or 815-732-3252..

Byron Police Department Report: July 14-July 29, 2023

BYRON — On July 14, James L. Moore III, 41, of Rockford was issued citations for operating a vehicle with suspended registration and operating a vehicle with no insurance.
On July 15, Matthew D. Vanderkolh, 22, of Oregon was issued a citation for speeding.
On July 15, Ernesto N. Montanez, 27, of Byron was issued citations for operating a vehicle with no insurance and operating a vehicle with suspended registration.
On July 16, Wyatt C. Coleman, 21, of Durand was issued a citation for

disobeying a traffic control device.
On July 16, Andy N. Khuangsavanh, 43, of Byron was issued citations for operating a vehicle while registration suspended and operating a vehicle with no insurance.
On July 17, Jill M. Apinwall, 42, of DeKalb was issued a citation for speeding.
On July 19, a 16-year-old juvenile of Byron was arrested for domestic battery.
On July 19, Roxanne M. Jordan, 41, of Byron was arrested for domestic battery. Jordan was trans-

ported to Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.
On July 21, Yonny D. Quintero, 35, of Loves Park was issued a citation for operating a vehicle with no insurance and operating a vehicle with suspended registration.
On July 21, Ivan Diachenko, 31, of Skokie was issued a citation for disobeying a traffic control device.
On July 21, Kevin J. Chimel, 57, of Saint Charles was issued a citation for disobeying a traffic control device.
On July 22, Andrea J. Mullens, 40, of Byron was arrested for do-

mestic battery. Mullens was transported to Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.
On July 22, Joe J. Wilder, 30, of Sterling was issued citations for disobeying a traffic control device and driving while license suspended.
On July 23, Brady K. Keller, 28, of Rockford was issued a citation for disobeying a traffic control device.
On July 23, Daniel R. Jones, 36, of Winnebago was issued a citation for disobeying a traffic control device.
On July 23, Todd E. Gilmore, 53, of Rockford

was issued a citation for disobeying a traffic control device.
On July 23, Seng Montanez, 52, of Dixon was issued a citation for disobeying a traffic control device.
On July 23, Emily E. Nible, 20, of Bethany, Missouri was issued a citation for speeding.
On July 26, Fabian R. Velasco, 33, of Byron was arrested on an in-state warrant. Velasco was transported to Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.
On July 27, Jose A. Lara, 30, of Rockford was issued citations for speed-

ing and no insurance.
On July 28, Amber Coffey, 37, of Byron was arrested for driving while license revoked. Coffey was transported to Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.
On July 29, Dorvin Bladimir Escalante Licona, 23, of Rockford was issued citations for operating a vehicle with no valid driver's license and operating a vehicle while registration suspended.
Any arrests listed below are merely accusations and the defendant is presumed innocent unless proven guilty in a court of law.

AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

BYRON

ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH
624 Luther Drive, Byron IL 61010 815-234-5277
Pastor: Janet Wald
Sunday Worship Service held at 9:00 am. A recording of each Sunday's worship service is available on our Facebook page and our website later in the day. Communion is served every Sunday. Sunday School for ages 3 through Adult is held at 10:00 am September through May. Confirmation studies for 7th and 8th grade students are held each Sunday morning at 10:00 am. Monday afternoon Bible Study is held at 1:30 pm via Zoom. In person Bible Studies are held Tuesday evening at 7:00 pm and Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 pm. Book Club and The GATHERING meet monthly; quilts meet twice monthly. Visit our website <http://www.AllSaintsByron.org> or call the church office for further information.

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

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

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Mailing Address: P.O. Box 838, Byron, IL 61010

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

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

DIXON

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

FORRESTON

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

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
402 First Ave., Forreston, IL Phone: 815-938-2380
Pastor Sung-Eun Kim
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MT. MORRIS CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
409 W. Brayton Road, Mt. Morris, IL 61045 Phone 734-4573
Pastor-Rodney Caldwell. Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m. Worship service available online, call for details. Other activities currently suspended due to pandemic.
Email: mtmcb@frontier.com

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

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

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www.stmarypolo.org

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

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702 E. Dixon Street, Polo, IL 61064 • Tel:815-946-3212
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Website: www.faithumcpolo.com • facebook.com/Faithumcpolo

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

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

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www.oregonumc.org • Pastor Rev. Megan Smick
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609 S. 10th Street, Oregon, IL 61061
Pastor Craig Arnold ~ 812-236-1213
Sunday Service @ 10:45 AM ~ contemporary style worship with coffee and doughnuts in our cafe! Online worship is also available via Facebook.
We believe in sharing Communion every Sunday as an act of worship.
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Encounter Youth Ministry for kids in 7th-12th grade meets on Sunday afternoons. Please see our Facebook page for scheduled dates and times.
For complete ministry info and events, visit us online at RiverStonecc.com or on Facebook at facebook.com/RiverStoneChristianChurch

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Webpage: saintbrides.org • E-mail: saint.bride.church@gmail.com •
Worship Services: Sunday 10 am Holy Communion with Hymns
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STILLMAN VALLEY

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Wednesday: AWANA (Sept - April) from 6:00 to 7:30 pm.
Men, women, youth Bible Studies throughout the year.
See website for all activities or contact the church office.

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8195 Kishwaukee Road, Stillman Valley, IL 61084 • 815-965-1940
Rev. Nick Garner, Pastor
www.kishchurch.org
Sunday Schedule: Discipleship Hour 9:00 AM, Coffee Fellowship 11:15 AM
Gathered Worship 10:00 AM
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VALLEY EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH
Interim Pastor Barry Norris
103 S Maple St, Stillman Valley, IL
815-645-8872 | www.valleycov.org
Sunday Morning 9am "Gather" for learning & conversation, 10:15am Worship both onsite and online at facebook.com/VECCFV
Home of Valley Covenant Preschool 815-645-8882 Director Jill Huber
Bible Studies, Youth Group, Bread of Life Food Pantry
Please visit website for more information or contact the church office M-F 9am-2pm

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Pastor Brad Pittman www.graefellowship.org
10479 E. High Rd., Stillman Valley, IL 61084 • 815-973-1369
Worship Service: Saturday at 5pm

WINNEBAGO

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

CHANA

CHANA UNITED METHODIST
Pastor Josh Brown, 606 Main Street, Chana, IL 61015. Church office 815-732-7683.
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Fellowship following the Worship Service each Sunday. Communion the first Sunday of the month. Potluck luncheon following Worship every 4th Sunday, except in the summer months of June, July and August. Various small groups meet throughout the month. For more information about the small groups please call 298-2310. AA meets Wednesdays at 5:30pm and Saturdays at 9am. For more information please visit our website WWW.DJUMC.ORG

LINDENWOOD

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

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

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

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

KINGS ELIM REFORMED CHURCH
140 S. Church Road, Kings, IL 61068 • Pastor Marv Jacobs
Phone 815-562-6811 E-mail: goelimchurch@gmail.com
Website: www.goelimchurch.org
Sunday morning worship 10:00 am

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(815) 734-4853
102 N Maple Ave., Mt. Morris, IL 61054
Rev. Julie Bunt, Pastor

LOCAL NEWS



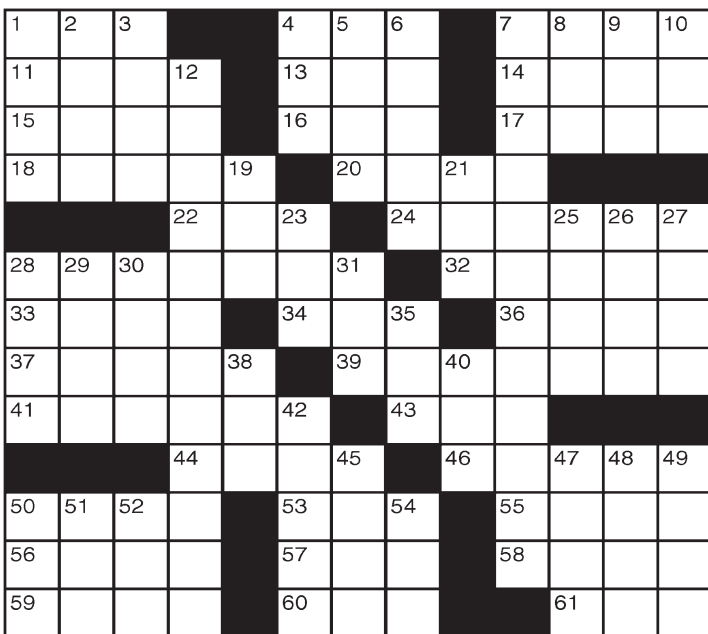
Oregon resident Olson sets up shop at Byron Hairy Cow Farmer's Market

Bev Olson, Oregon, grows and sells all natural vegetables, local honey and garden art. Stop by Byron Hairy Cow Farmer's Market on Saturday mornings from 8 a.m. to noon next to the Hairy Cow Brewery. For more information or to become a vendor, please contact Taryn Bradley at (815)985-6042, by email at craftlab23@gmail.com or through the Byron Hairy Cow Farmer's Market Facebook page.

Weekly Brain Busters

King Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Solidify
 - 4 Tummy muscles
 - 7 Rum cake
 - 11 Sir Guinness
 - 13 Cistern
 - 14 Modern taxi rival
 - 15 Wife of Jacob
 - 16 Melody
 - 17 Shoe fillers
 - 18 Wash thoroughly
 - 20 Canadian flag emblem
 - 22 Uncivilized
 - 24 Prepared potatoes
 - 28 Medium
 - 32 Condition
 - 33 Orem's place
 - 34 Talk on and on
 - 36 Actress Merrill
 - 37 Talk a blue streak?
 - 39 Extreme
 - 41 Tolerate
 - 43 Light brown
 - 44 Tropical tree
 - 46 Salon sounds
 - 50 "— and Away"
 - 53 Charged bit
 - 55 Duel tool
 - 56 Fan publication
 - 57 Bar bill
 - 58 Pro —
 - 59 Mr. Stravinsky



- DOWN**
- 1 Guys' dates
 - 2 Power co. supply
 - 3 Tragic king
 - 4 "Selma" director
 - 5 Release money
 - 6 Throat affliction
 - 7 Self-serve meal
 - 8 Honest politician
 - 9 Spell-off
 - 10 Illustrations
 - 12 Communal meal at a place of worship
 - 19 "Humbug!"
 - 21 DDE's opponent
 - 23 Peruke
 - 25 Secular
 - 26 Sicilian spouter
 - 27 Bargain
 - 28 Brownish purple
 - 29 Dazzle
 - 30 Lawn party site
 - 31 Automobile
 - 35 Cudgel
 - 38 Epoch
 - 40 "— Kapital"
 - 42 Select group
 - 45 Castle defense
 - 47 Apple tablet
 - 48 Anti-fur org.
 - 49 Penn or Astin
 - 50 Submachine gun
 - 51 Glutton
 - 52 Family card game
 - 54 Cagers' gp.

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MAGIC MAZE

HIGH — OR LOW —

C F C Z W T Q N K S I F C Z W
 U R P Y M J H E E C C V Z X L
 U S Q N **T E C H N O L O G Y E**
 L J G E C I Z E I R O L A C V
 X V T R R P L N R E L U D N E
 J H E P C D N A L U A M Y E L
 W V T R P N E L U L S E D U I
 K I G E C G B D Z Q A S E Q F
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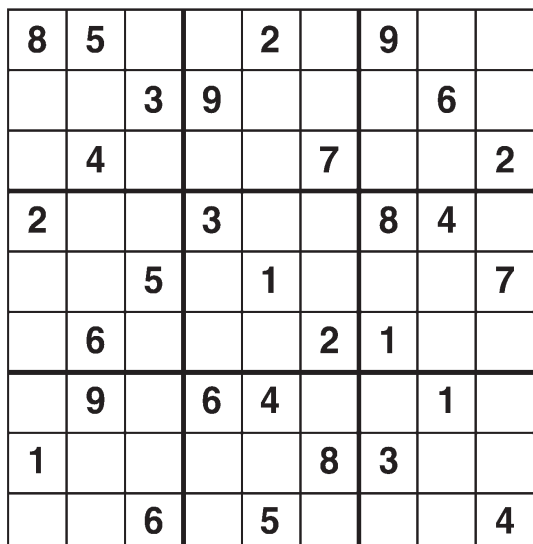
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
 Unlisted clue hint: **Rise and Fall of the Sea Level**

- Ball
- Gear
- Price
- Speed
- Calorie
- Land
- Profile
- Technology
- End
- Level
- Quality
- Volume
- Frequency
- Pressure
- Score

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



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

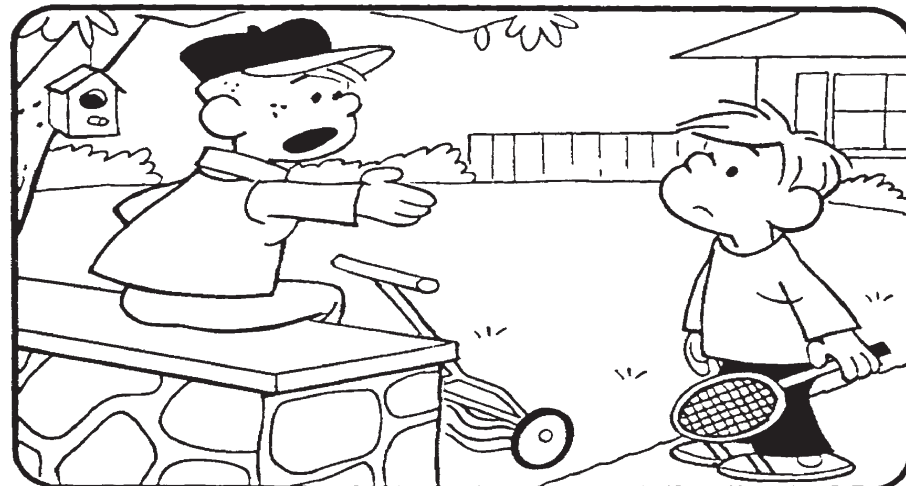
DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

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

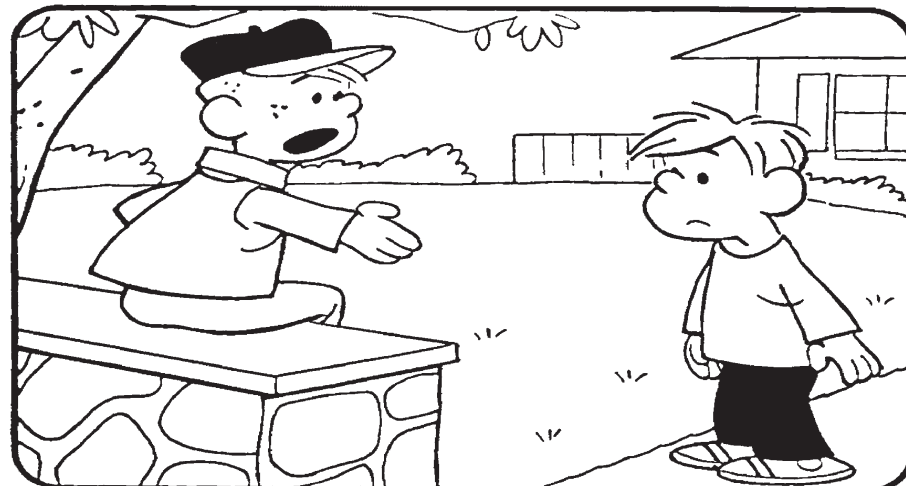
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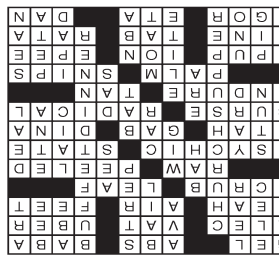
BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



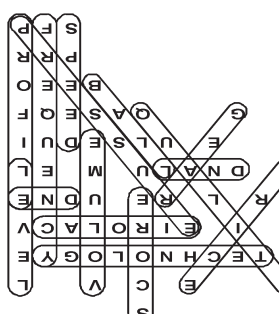
Find at least six differences in details between panels.



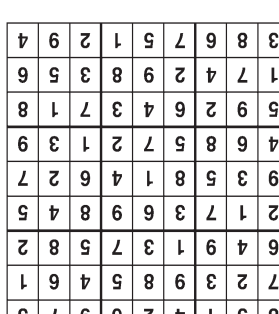
Differences: 1. Birdhouse is missing. 2. Arm is missing. 3. Lawn mower is missing. 4. Fence is shorter. 5. Head is tilted. 6. Tennis racket is missing.



Solution time: 22 mins.
 Answers



HIGH — OR LOW —



ANSWER

Weekly SUDOKU

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101 LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE STATE OF ILLINOIS, CIRCUIT COURT OGLE COUNTY PUBLICATION NOTICE OF COURT DATE FOR REQUEST FOR NAME CHANGE (ADULT)

Request of Jessica Nicole Saltz Rowland Case Number 2023MR000027 There will be a court date on my Request to change my name from: Jessica Nicole Saltz Rowland to the new name of: Jess Anthony Saltz The court date will be held on September 20th, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. at 106 S. 5th St., Oregon, IL 61061, Ogle County, in Courtroom #304 /s/ Jessica Rowland Attested to this 24th day of July 2023 By Kimberly A. Stahl, Clerk of the Circuit Court, 15th Judicial Circuit, Ogle County No. 0750 (July 31, Aug. 7 and 14, 2023)

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

KEITH BECKINGHAM, Plaintiff, v. KERRY BECKINGHAM, UNKNOWN OWNERS, and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants. No. 2023FC1 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE (IT IS ADVISED THAT INTERESTED PARTIES CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEYS BEFORE BIDDING AT FORECLOSURE SALE.) PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE entered by the Court in Keith Beckingham v. Kerry Beckingham, Unknown Owners and NonRecord Claimants, Case No. 2023FC1 Ogle County, Illinois, on June 9, 2023, the property hereinafter described will be sold to the highest bidder. (A) The name, address, and telephone number

of the person to contact for information regarding the real estate is Courtney E. Kennedy, Ehrmann Gehlbach Badger & Considine, LLC, 114 E. Everett Street, Suite 300, Dixon, Illinois 61021 (815) 288-4949. (B) Both the legal description of the real estate and the common address is follows: Part of the Northwest Quarter (NW¼) of the Northwest Quarter (NW¼) of Section 35, in Township 24 North, Range 9 East of the 4th P.M., bounded and described as follows: Beginning on the West line of said Section at a point 719 1/8 feet South of the Northwest corner of said Section, running thence East 28 ¼ rods, thence South 56.58 feet, thence West 28 ¼ rods, and North 56.58 feet to the Point of Beginning; situated in the Township of Mount Morris, County of Ogle and State of Illinois. PIN: 08-35-103-005 Common address or location of premises: 1823 South McKendrie Street, Mount Morris, Ogle County, Illinois. (C) The improvement on the real estate is a shed. (D) The real estate may not be inspected prior to the sale. (E) The time and place of the sale are as follows: The Ogle County Sheriff's Office, 202 S. First Street, Oregon, Illinois 61061, at 10:00 a.m. on September 22, 2023. (F) The terms of the sale are ten percent (10%) down at the time of the sale, payable in certified funds, and the full balance within seven (7) days. (G) The case title, case number, and the Court in which the foreclosure was filed are specified above. (H) No other information is required to be disclosed. KEITH BECKINGHAM, Plaintiff By EHRMANN GEHLBACH BADGER & CONSIDINE, LLC By Courtney E. Kennedy Com1ney E. Kennedy (6322625) Ehrmann Gehlbach Badger & Considine, LLC Attorneys for Plaintiff 114 E. Everett Street,

Suite 300 Dixon, IL 61021 (815) 288-4949 (815) 288-3068 (FAX) kennedy@egbcilaw.com No. 0804 (Aug. 7, 14 and 21, 2023)

NOTICE CITY OF BYRON, ILLINOIS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the City of Byron, Illinois is seeking Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Water Pollution Control Loan Program (WPCLP) funding for a Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements project. The City of Byron has prepared a detailed Project Plan regarding this project, and the proposed financing of the project is through the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) Water Pollution Control Loan Program. As a condition of the proposed funding, a Project Summary and Preliminary Environmental Impact Determination (PEID) has been prepared by IEPA. Detailed information on the project, together with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency's (IEPA) Preliminary Environmental Impact Determination (PEID) documents, will be available for public inspection at City Hall located at 232 W. Second Street, Byron, Illinois 61010. The IEPA has reviewed the above cited project plan and concurs with the applicant's finding that the proposed project is technically appropriate and cost effective. The IEPA has issued a Notice of Intent to Issue a Categorical Exclusion for this project. Persons and/or organizations wishing to make a statement on the proposed project or the PEID for the project will be asked to identify themselves and their respective interest at City Hall in the City of Byron. Written statements regarding the subject of the PEID and the Categorical Exclusion for the project will be accepted until 10 days after the publication of this Public Notice on Monday, August 13, 2023 and should be addressed to

the IEPA as indicated in the Preliminary Environmental Impact Determination document. Written comments can be directly submitted to IEPA to the attention of Rachael Heaton, Infrastructure Financial Assistance Section, 1021 North Grand Avenue East, P.O. Box 19276, Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276. No. 0809 (Aug. 14, 2023)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on July 28, 2023 a certificate was filed in the Ogle County Clerk's Office setting forth the names and post office address of all of the persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as:

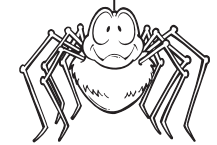
The Yard at Black Diamond 106 W Wilson St. Stillman Valley, IL 61084

Dated July 28, 2023 Laura J. Cook, Ogle County Clerk No. 0812 (Aug. 14, 21 and 28, 2023)

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Ogle County Highway Department is requesting qualifications from interested firms to update the existing US-ACE/FEMA hydraulic modeling study for the Lake Mistake Drain on the southwest side of Oregon, Illinois. Qualifications are due by 3:00 PM on September 1, 2023. Additional information can be found on the QBS page of the Ogle County Highway Department website or by contacting the office at 815-732-2851 between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 3:30 P.M. Monday - Friday. No. 0816 (Aug. 14 and 21, 2023)

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NOTICE ORDINANCE NO. 2023-2 COMBINED ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE OF THE MONROE TOWNSHIP FIRE AND AMBULANCE PROTECTION DISTRICT

June 1, 2023 AND ENDING May 31, 2024
BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE MONROE TOWNSHIP FIRE AND AMBULANCE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS:
Section 1: That the fiscal year of said District for the purpose of this Ordinance shall be from June 1, 2023 to May 31, 2024. Section 2: That the following Annual Budget containing an estimate of corporate receipts and expenditures contained therein be and the same is hereby adopted as the Annual Budget and Appropriations of said District for the above fiscal year and shall be in full force and effect from and after this date, to-wit:;
ESTIMATED RECEIPTS: Cash on hand at the beginning of the fiscal year \$72,000.00; Estimated receipts from all sources:
A. 2022 Levy for Fire Corporate Purposes \$129,105.00
B. 2022 Levy for Ambulance Service Corporate Purposes \$129,105.00
C. 2022 Levy for Insurance \$29,449.00
D. 2022 Levy for Workman's Compensation Fund \$8,841.00
E. Homeland Security Assist. to FF / FEMA Grant(s) \$10,000.00
F. Reserve Account for replacement, repair and/or purchase of building or equipment and site improvement \$350,000.00
G. Ambulance Fees \$2,000.00
H. Miscellaneous \$4,000.00. Total Estimated Receipts: **\$844,500.00**
ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES Personnel Compensation \$80,000.00; Insurance \$25,000.00; Fire/EMS Training \$53,000.00; Trustee Training/Expenses \$8,000.00; Office Expenses \$9,500.00; Utilities \$17,000.00; Vehicle Gas, Fuel and Oil \$9,725.00; Building and Maintenance \$30,500.00; Remodeling \$40,000.00; Fire Equipment & Supplies \$168,700.00; EMS Equipment & Supplies \$30,000.00; Equipment Maintenance \$15,000.00; Vehicle-Reserve \$185,000.00; Accounting/Audit \$30,000.00; Legal Expenses/Retainer \$25,000.00; Miscellaneous-Reserve \$118,075.00. Total Estimated Expenditures: **\$844,500.00**.
Section 3: That the sum of **\$844,500.00** in money, or so much thereof as may be deemed necessary and as may be authorized by law to defray all of the expenses and liabilities of the MONROE TOWNSHIP FIRE AND AMBULANCE PROTECTION DISTRICT in the County of Ogle and State of Illinois, be and the same is hereby appropriated for all corporate purposes for the said District for the fiscal year commencing June 1, 2023 and terminating May 31, 2024, and said total being divided among the purposes and amounts specified as "ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES", which section is hereby incorporated herein by reference as a part of this Section 3 as though set forth, and which shall be and is the annual Appropriation Ordinance of said District for the fiscal year declared in Section 1 of this Ordinance.
Section 4: All unexpended balances of any items or items appropriated by this Ordinance may be expended to cover any deficiency as to any other item of the foregoing items set forth in Section 3 hereof.
Section 5: There being no newspaper published in said District, this Ordinance, after the adoption thereof, shall be published in the Ogle County Life, a newspaper of general circulation within said District within thirty (30) days after its passage and shall take effect ten (10) days after it is so published. Adopted and approved this 3rd day of August, A.D. 2023.
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE MONROE TOWNSHIP FIRE AND AMBULANCE PROTECTION DISTRICT
No. 0813
(Aug. 14, 2023)

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105 BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

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113 FINANCIAL

NOTICE Advance Fee Loans or Credit Offers Companies that do business by phone can't ask you to pay for credit before you get it. For more information, call toll-free 1-877-FTC-HELP. A public service message from your hometown newspaper and the Federal Trade Commission.

119 ANNOUNCEMENTS

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127 SERVICES AND REPAIRS

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203 HELP WANTED

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307 MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE

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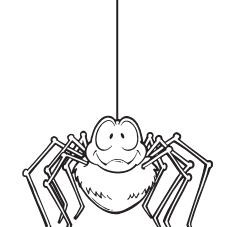
509 HOUSE FOR RENT

HOUSE FOR RENT: Three bedroom house near Franklin Grove, no pets. Call 815-456-2453. (08-13-23)

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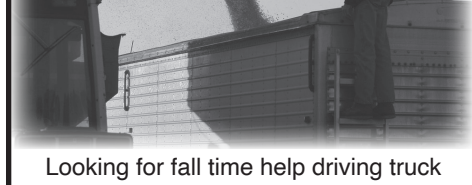


203 HELP WANTED

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- Bus Monitor

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815-234-5491 or apply online:
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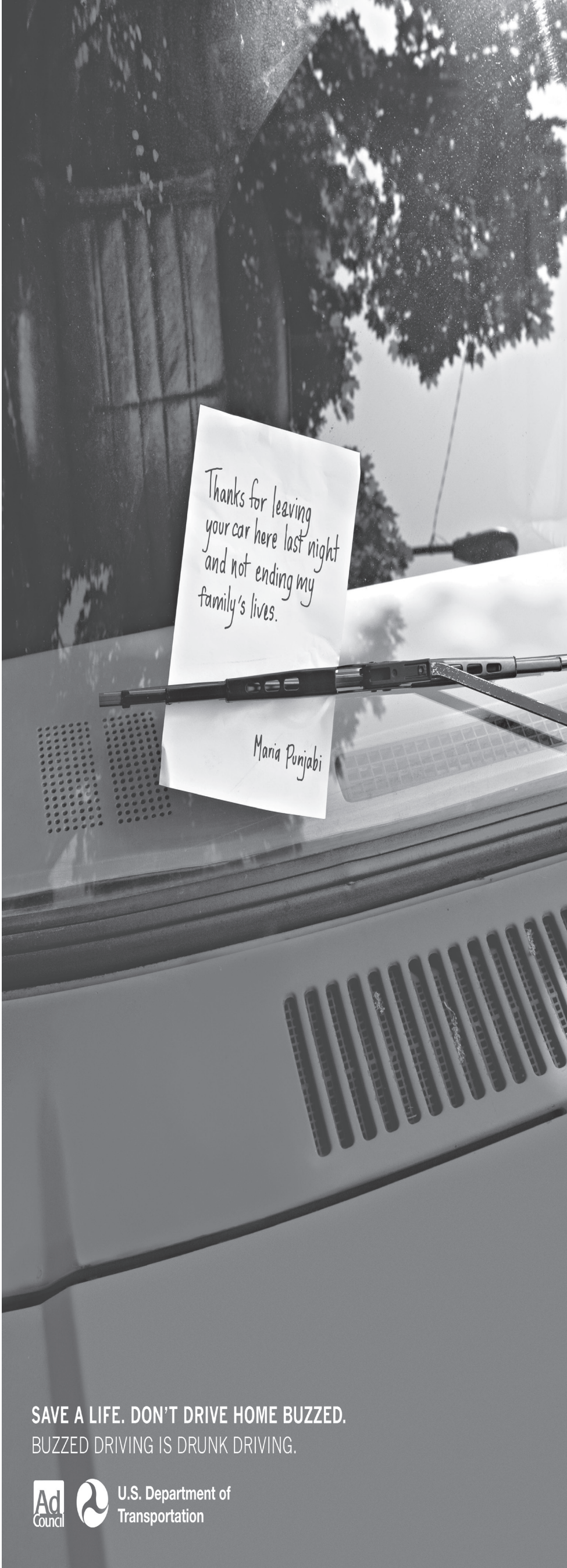
Moving Sale

3225 E. Ridgewood Ct., Oregon
Sat 8/19 - Sun 8/20
7AM to 5PM
Furniture, household & misc. items

Big Carport Sale Aug. 17th to 20th

Mount Morris at Lot 83. 7 to 5
Lots of fishing stuff - poles all lengths, fish finders, air tools, portable air compressor, nail gun, staple gun, lawn mower, bikes, exercise bench, blankets, towels, bedding, food saver, 4 kitchen chairs, Christmas stuff, 30 inch range hood, pizza oven slow cooker, track lighting kit, Nascar stuff, vintage roller skates, shop vacuums, Hamilton cooker, air mattress, power washer, battery charger, silver tea sets, boat seat, curry vacuum, like new electric blankets, Dewalt radios, lots more stuff. Don't want to miss this one. All priced to go. No baby stuff.

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According to Lincoln Heritage Life Insurance Company, the average funeral costs between \$7,000 and \$12,000, which may or may not include viewing, burial, transport, casket, and other fees. Surviving family members responsible for planning a funeral may be asked to contribute a portion of these expenses if other arrangements have not already been made, which can exacerbate stressful feelings during an already difficult time.

Funeral pre-planning is a good way for individuals to make a difficult time

a little more manageable for their survivors. Funeral homes frequently work hand-in-hand with individuals and families to customize pre-planning packages and facilitate the process. Here's a rundown of pre-planning as individuals consider their options.

Pre-planning a funeral enables people to consider all of the options without the time constraints of making funeral arrangements directly after the passing of a loved one. A knowledgeable staff member at a funeral home, can explain the offerings and answer any questions.

Unless an individual has planned a funeral in the past, there could be a lot of unknowns. Funeral homes handle these events every day and can guide families through the intricacies of the process with ease. Most have pre-planning kits that include all of the essentials of the process, such as choosing caskets, deciding on prayer cards and design-

ing floral arrangements.

Working directly with a professional also helps alleviate the burden on family members, who may not agree on arrangements or concur on what they believe would be a loved one's final wishes. When pre-planning a funeral, individuals can spell out in their own words exactly what they desire and even finance the funeral in advance.

A funeral home staff member can go over the various ways to fund funeral expenses, and may work out a payment schedule to spread out the expense over a period of time. He or she also may explain how funeral prearrangement can be a way to "spend down" assets in a way that protects those monies from look-back periods when determining eligibility for certain assisted living or nursing facilities should that be required in the future. Very often a funeral home is a conduit that facil-

itates all facets of the funeral process. They may reach out to a preferred house of worship to organize a mass

or other religious service, and will also contact the cemetery and work with them to secure a plot and

deed. This also alleviates pressure down the line on grieving family members who need time to mourn.

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Great part-time jobs for retirees to enjoy

MANY adults nearing retirement age count down the days until they can bid adieu to the daily tasks of commuting and working so they can enjoy much more time for recreation, travel or whatever is they aspire to do.

As enticing as unending free time may seem, some retirees find it is not ideal to be entirely free from the responsibility of working. As current seniors can attest, inflation can drive up the costs of living, meaning that seniors who were once able to afford a certain retirement lifestyle may no longer enjoy that hard-earned luxury. Others may miss the daily opportunities to socialize that working provides, or the way problem-solving on the job stimulates the brain. But even retirees who miss working may not be ready to return to the workforce full-time. That can make part-time employment an ideal fit for mature workers.

Here's a look at some part-time positions that could be a good fit for

older adults reentering the workforce.

Working in retail opens seniors up to a wide array of responsibilities and scenarios. Jobs may include greeting customers, making sales, putting out inventory, and helping customers select merchandise. Being personable and having good customer service skills are necessary traits to have when working in retail. Many stores offer part-time employees flexible hours so schedules can be customized.

Retirees who loved their job but wanted to spend less time doing it can return as consultants. According to *The Balance: Money*, individuals often find they earn more per hour working as consultants than they did as full-time staff members. Consulting is a way to share expertise and experience without making a full-time commitment.

A customer service representative is tasked with helping customers solve problems and ensuring customer satisfaction. He or she may work in a traditional office or store



location, or answer calls and resolve issues from home.

Retirees may want to consider jobs working in schools or in related capacities. Driving a school bus is an option if people are willing to undergo the proper training and licens-

ing to operate this type of vehicle. Seniors also may consider working as lunchroom aides or lunch service providers, crossing guards, substitute teachers, and paraprofessionals. School employees will only work a few hours during the day. They'll also enjoy many

holidays off as well as summer vacations.

Receptionists greet patients or customers in office settings. According to AARP, they are the welcoming faces of organizations. Answering phones and light clerical work also may be required of recep-

tionists. Those who want to work off-peak hours can think about working nights and weekends in hospitals or skilled nursing facilities.

Seniors have many different options if they decide they want to return to the workforce in a part-time capacity.

Interesting facts about Alzheimer's disease

OF the roughly 55 million people around the world living with dementia, 60 to 70 percent are estimated to have Alzheimer's disease, reports the Mayo Clinic.

Alzheimer's disease is a progressive brain disorder marked first by mild memory loss that can worsen and lead to problems with communication and an inability to perform the activities of daily life. The condition is named for Dr. Alois Alzheimer. In 1906, Alzheimer noticed changes in the postmortem brain tissue of a woman who had died of unusual mental illness, which included symptoms of language problems, memory loss and unpredictable behavior. Her brain showed many abnormal clumps and tangled bundles of fibers. According to the National Institute on Aging, doctors now know those clumps are amyloid plaques and the tangles are hallmarks of the disease.

The National Institutes of Health says Alzheimer's disease is the seventh leading cause of death in the United States and is the most

common dementia among older adults. While most people are familiar with Alzheimer's, there is much more anyone can learn. The following are some interesting facts about Alzheimer's.

- The most common symptoms of Alzheimer's involve a gradual decline in memory, reasoning, language, coordination, mood, and behavior.

- The Cleveland Clinic says the buildup of plaques and tangles from an overabundance of amyloid and tau protein production block the communication between nerve cells and cause brain cells to die, thus contributing to Alzheimer's. Nerve cell death starts in the hippocampus, the area of the brain that controls memory. Doctors are not entirely sure what causes this protein build-up.

- Many times family members are the first to recognize a friend or loved one forgetting newly learned information, especially recent events, places and names.

- Issues with thinking and reasoning may include not wearing the right clothes for the weather or not knowing

to use oven mitts when taking hot items out of the oven.

- Changes in the brain can begin years before initial symptoms appear, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Age is the biggest risk factor for Alzheimer's. Researchers believe that genetics may play a role, but a genetic predisposition to

Alzheimer's does not make it an inevitability.

- A healthy lifestyle, which includes adequate physical activity, a nutritious diet, limited alcohol consumption, and not smoking, may help people avoid Alzheimer's.

- Alzheimer's can rob a person of his or her personality. As the disease be-

comes more severe, mood swings, anger, depression, and anxiety may occur. This is combined with the patient forgetting who family members are and potentially lashing out or being disinterested in visitors.

- There is no cure for Alzheimer's, but doctors use medical management to improve quality of life

for patients and their caregivers. Treatments may help maintain brain health and manage behavioral symptoms.

Alzheimer's disease was first diagnosed at the start of the 20th century. Now, 117 years later, it remains a major health issue affecting millions of people worldwide.

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