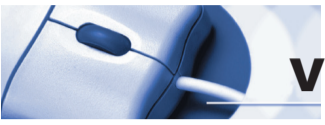




# County Board holds August meeting

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### National Night Out event held

The Ogle County Sheriff's Department held its annual National Night Out event earlier this month. Page 5

**WEATHER**

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>
HIGH LOW	HIGH LOW
91 67	99 71
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>
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<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>
HIGH LOW	HIGH LOW
94 73	82 60

**OBITUARIES**

- John 'JB' Bruce Northrup
- Priscilla A. (Pat) Kruger
- Hyecha (China) Lindquist
- Julie Hardesty
- Bonnie J. Merrill
- Lavonne Irma Anderson
- Douglas R. Bettner

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- Felker Foods
- Polo Fresh Food
- Menards
- Farm & Fleet

# Land purchased for new firehouse site

## Construction slated to start in spring 2024

**MT. MORRIS**—The Mt. Morris Fire Protection District Board of Trustees recently announced the next step in planning for its new firehouse in a press release.

On Aug. 15 the district completed the purchase of land for the new firehouse site. The land is comprised of four parcels located in the 10 block of South McKendrie Avenue. The site includes to the north, the two previous hardware store buildings and the house on the corner of Main & McKendrie. To the south, it includes the house on the corner of Front Street & McKendrie Avenue and the house immediately to the west.

The district has spent over a year seriously considering and evaluating several sites in the process. Staying central in the district was par-

amount. Moving the firehouse from the core of the village would have changed response times, especially to the outlying areas of the district with the new site allowing quicker access to Illinois Route 64. Additionally, homeowners' insurance rates could have increased for some if the firehouse had moved too far from its current location. The chosen site was by far the best for utility access as there is "excellent" access to the sanitary sewer, storm sewer and fiber optic lines all located on McKendrie Avenue. Additionally, there is a large 16-inch water main located on McKendrie, which is the largest in the village and needed to fill the apparatus quickly. Firefighters will use the current structures on the new property for emer-

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gency training late this summer. The training will involve simulated fire conditions, and there will be no burning of any fashion in the structures. While the timeline is still being finalized for the next phase of the project, plans are to demolish the structures in early fall. After some light grad-

ing and site preparation, the final phase will be the construction of the new facility, starting in the spring of 2024. Barring any major setbacks, completion of the new building would be in early 2025. After the new facility is in operation, the district's century-old firehouse

will be put up for sale. The district has been able to secure funding through federal, state and local sources.

"The most humbling has been the funds donated by the past and present community members who believe in the district's mission," the Aug. 15 press release said.

# County farmers impacted by drought

## Kern: 'I think we're going to struggle to get to an average yield'

BY JEFF HELFRICH  
MANAGING EDITOR

**OGLE COUNTY** — With fall approaching, Ogle County farmers have been impacted by drought conditions over the summer, Ogle County Farm Bureau Manager Ron Kern said Aug. 8.

While rain hit the area that same day of Aug. 8, Kern said rain before harvest may not make a difference in the quality of the corn crop due to the lack of moisture that has been seen. Rain could still make a difference for the 2023 bean harvest, he said.

"Basically as far as the crop goes, most likely what's out in the corn fields now is what it's going to be," Kern said. "At this point with the rain, unless it was very late corn, the rain isn't going to help the corn crop as much as it will the bean crop. A lot of corn is starting to already drop. It will be what it is. The rain from here on out won't help out



(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)

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the corn. For beans, pods are still filling and a nice shower on those beans today or this week could help to boost that yield a little bit. Beans tend to be much more drought tolerant than corn."

Kern said that when looking at corn fields around the county, he's seen some crops that look like they should, but "a lot" with shorter corn.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## DROUGHT: Farm bureau's Kern discusses dry weather's impact on harvest

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"The ears are probably a little shorter and maybe not quite as thick with maybe not quite the number of kernels on the ear that you'd usually get," Kern said. "If I was going to take a very uneducated guess right now, I'd say our corn crop is going to be somewhere around 10 percent off of average, maybe a little more or a little less. I think we're going to struggle to get to an average yield."

Kern emphasized that the county has been short on moisture for more than the current growing season. A dry winter was seen this past year, and the past two growing seasons saw less rain, despite showers coming when they were needed.

"Droughts run in cycles," Kern said. "And I guess maybe this year was our turn in the saddle, I don't know. Last year was one of those years where we were dry, but we got rain just when we needed it each time. This year has kind of been the same way. We really haven't had normal moisture in the area for the past 2-3 years. We've been short."

The smog that has been seen in the area in recent months can have an impact on the photosynthesis process for crops, Kern said. Other growing factors this summer have included temperatures, but Kern said warm temperatures are needed to grow crops and the mostly-seen mid-to-upper 80s conditions in Ogle County have been ideal for crops. He hasn't seen much heat stress in crops this year



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where plants are forced to put more energy into staying alive than trying to grow an ear of corn or a pod of beans.

With the ongoing drought, Kern said not many farmers in Ogle County have irrigation systems in their fields. Those are seen more south of the area in Lee and Whiteside Counties, he said.

Kern detailed the ideal conditions he would like to see in the upcoming months ahead of harvest.

"I still would like to see us pick up rain between now and the middle to end of September," Kern said. "We're short and we need it and we're

going to need it going into next spring. It would be nice if in October or November we could see decent temperatures, a lot of sunshine, a nice breeze and low humidity to dry this crop out naturally in the field so farmers don't have to take out wet corn and spend money on propane and natural gas and time to dry it out. That slows down the harvest. If we get those ideal conditions in October and November with nice weather and good drying conditions, I think that will improve a few attitudes. It will depend on what they see on yield monitors as they go through the fields."

## RCH Community Blood Drive scheduled for Aug. 23

**ROCHELLE** — On Wednesday, Aug. 23 from noon to 6 p.m. Rochelle Community Hospital will be hosting its Community Blood Drive.

The New Rock River Valley Blood Center Blood Mobile will be at RCH in the Health & Wellness parking lot. RRVBC will have rep-

resentatives with blood donation information. All blood donors that day will receive a coupon for a free pint of Culver's custard. RCH will have a check presentation at 4 p.m. in support of the new blood mobile.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Zoning fee schedule sent back to committee

Committee Chairman Janes: 'I want to make sure we stay in compliance'

BY JEFF HELFRICH  
MANAGING EDITOR

**OREGON** — At its monthly meeting Tuesday, the Ogle County Board voted unanimously to send a potential zoning fee schedule update for the county back to the committee level so changes could be made before an eventual approval.

The move was made due to a high number of recent bills being signed into law at the state level that could impact an Ogle County zoning fee schedule that will have to be reviewed, Zoning Committee Chairman Dan Janes said.

"I want to make sure we stay in compliance," Janes said. "Everybody raise your hand who has read the 174 bills that were passed in the last two weeks by the governor. Nobody? I haven't either. There are a lot of moving parts, so I'd like to go back to the zoning committee to look at everything."

Zoning Committee Member Ryan Reeverts said a lot of discussion

has been had on the fee schedule to this point involving fee structures for building and zoning. He said he wants to make sure the county is charging the right fees to make sure it can cover its expenses.

"With a three-year probationary period, we could adjust our fees by resolution or ordinance if needed if we knew that the fee we're using is insufficient for the zoning expenditures we're trying to cover," Reeverts said. "We could then unlock it from that three year probationary period and adjust it at that time. It gives us some flexibility to adjust if we're not covering our costs. I look forward to looking closer at all of this and bringing it back before this board for a vote."

### ARPA

The board unanimously approved a request to use American Rescue Plan Act funds for \$660 worth of training by Teska Associates, Inc. for its zoning department. The county has paid for a number of



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expenses using the federal COVID-19 relief ARPA funds in recent months.

### Bridge

The board unanimously approved a petition for county aid from Forrester Township for bridge

repair for on Mt. Vernon Road. The county will pay for 50 percent of the local share of the project. The total cost of the project is said to be \$28,500.

### Exercise

Ogle County Board

Chairman John Finrock praised Ogle County Sheriff Brian VanVickle and Ogle County Emergency Management Coordinator Tom Richter for their work on the July 26 county disaster exercise that recently took place.

The exercise is done in conjunction with Constellation Energy and the Byron Nuclear Plant and Finrock said county emergency operations officials received high marks for their work on the exercise.

## Oregon Police Department Report: July 31-Aug. 6, 2023

### July 24

At 1:30 p.m., Oregon Police observed Noah D. Reber, 18, Mt. Morris, violating an order of protection. Reber was taken into custody and charged with violation of orders of protection. Reber was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

At 9:08 p.m. Oregon Police responded to a two-vehicle traffic crash at the intersection of 4th and Washington Street involving a 2005 Pontiac driven by a 16-year-old juvenile of Polo, and a 2012 Ford driven by Sue E. Engelkes, 61, Oregon. The juvenile was issued a citation for failure to yield turning left.

### July 25

At 8 p.m., Oregon Police issued Norton F. Johnson, II, 65, Dixon, a citation for improper lane usage. This violation occurred at the intersection of Daysville and East

Washington Street.

### July 26

At 2:46 p.m., Oregon Police issued Annette L. Coble, 86, Oregon, a citation for driving while license suspended. Coble is scheduled to appear in court for this offense. This violation occurred in the 600 block of South 4th Street.

### July 27

At 12:10 a.m., Oregon Police arrested Samantha L. Burkhart, 34, of Elgin, for driving under the influence of alcohol and endangering the life or health of a child. Burkhart was also issued citations for operating a vehicle with one headlight, and illegal transportation of alcohol as a driver. Burkhart was transported to the Ogle County Jail. These violations occurred in the 200 block of East Washington Street.

At 3:41 p.m., Oregon

Police arrested Brandon L. Boyer, 26, Rock Falls, for driving while license revoked. Boyer was also issued citations for operating a vehicle with an expired registration and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. Boyer was transported to the Ogle County Jail. These violations occurred in the 100 block of North 4th Street.

At 7:20 p.m., Oregon Police responded to a domestic disturbance in the 500 block of Mix Lane resulting in the arrest of Nataliya K. Creegan, 33, Oregon, for domestic battery. Creegan was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

### July 28

At 2:26 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Nataliya K. Creegan, 33, Oregon, for violation of bond conditions.

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## John 'JB' Bruce Northrop

**BYRON** — John "JB" Bruce Northrop, 73, of Byron was born on July 27, 1950 in Saint Marys, West Virginia. He passed away, one day after his birthday, on July 28, 2023. JB married Karen (Dietrich) Northrop in 1985 and they moved to Byron. They resided in the beautiful trees of Woodgate Ln, where JB spent years working in his shop and socializing with "The Boys." JB could do many things, but he was best at ignoring his "honey-to-do list" and joining his friends. Whenever JB was present, fun was to be had.

Growing up, JB was a die-hard St. Marys Blue Devil, where he was an All-State football player. After graduating in 1968 he attended West Virginia Tech and years later Concordia University. Like many of his family members, JB started his career at Quaker State but then moved on to Westinghouse and eventually Chrysler, where he retired in

2015 as a skilled electrician.

Although he was loved by so many, JB's heart belonged to his family. His love and dedication for his wife, children, and grandchildren was unmatched. When "Papa" walked in the room eyes would sparkle, smiles would beam, and giggles would fill the room. He was always ready for a drink and a good adventure, whether that was fishing, woodworking, trail riding on his UTV, or snowmobiling.

JB is survived by his loving wife of 38 years Karen; children, Amy, Heather, John, and Joslynn (Cody) Lindsey; grandchildren, Victoria, Jacob, Connor, Cohenn, Laine, Colton, and Locklan; great-grandchildren; siblings, Richard (Freda) Northrop, Robert (JoAnn) Northrop; brothers and sisters-in-law, Beverly (Terry) Olson, Randy Dietrich, Kris (Burns) Mullins, and Mark Dietrich; many nieces, nephews, and loving friends. JB was preceded in



death by his parents, Richard and Betty Northrop; and first wife, JoAnn (Becker) Northrop in 1983.

A celebration of life will take place Friday, Aug. 4th, at 3 pm, at SMSF Club (1010 Sandy Hollow Rd, Rockford). Please wear plaid, or buffalo plaid, and join us in reminiscing memories of JB's life. In lieu of flowers, a memorial fund has been set up under JB's name at Holcomb Bank. Donations will be given to his favorite local club, Byron Sno-Blasters. Fitzgerald Funeral Home & Crematory, Mulford Chapel assisted the family. Send condolences and share memories at www.fitzgeraldfh.com

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If Christian religion is belief in God and the Bible, then godliness is making personal choices based upon that belief. Godliness means "being like God." Jesus said, "You will know them by their fruits." He also said, "Not everyone that says, 'Lord, Lord' will enter the kingdom of Heaven, but he that does the will of God." Read Matthew 7:15-29

Have too many people been offended by Christians who say they believe in God, but don't bother obeying Biblical commands for daily life and simply continue in ungodly lifestyles? The theological excuse that "you can't lose your salvation" has been largely responsible for the decline in Christianity in recent years. What is the point of living a righteous life if a sinner's prayer is a permanent ticket to Heaven, no matter what you do afterwards? Many have come to despise Christianity, thinking it does no one any good; and it doesn't, if we just believe it in our minds, without allowing it to affect our lives.

To be clear, we must first be saved by accepting Jesus into our hearts, but we must also repent, and with repentance, God promises power to live in victory over sin. Romans 8 describes this process. And the New Testament is full of verses that emphasize the need to live godly lives. We are saved by grace, it is true, but we will be judged by our works. James 2:14-26

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Obituaries

### Priscilla A. (Pat) Kruger

**STILLMANVALLEY** — Priscilla A. (Pat) Kruger, age 89, passed away on Thursday, Aug. 3, 2023. She was born Dec. 1, 1933 in Monroe Center to Kenneth and Florence Hildebrand. She graduated from Monroe Center High School in 1951. She married Wilbur (Skip) Kruger on Aug. 26, 1951 in Monroe Center.

Pat's employment history consisted of secretary at Sundstrand Aviation for 5 years, Monroe Center Grade School for two years and AG Communication Systems for 23 years, retiring in 2000. Following retirement, she was church secretary for Monroe Center Community Church for five years.

She was an avid Stillman Valley High School Cardinal backer for all sports and attended as many sporting events as possible in which her children and grandchildren participated. She also enjoyed bowling for many years. She was a Green Bay Packer fan as well.

Pat loved her family and often had her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren at her home for delicious holiday dinners. She also loved to knit and crochet. She was also a member of the Red Hats for several years. Pat was predeceased by her husband, Wilbur (Skip) in

2003, her father Kenneth Hildebrand in 1954, her mother Florence VanStone (Hildebrand) in 2004, great grandson Maddox in 2016, brothers Irvin, Charles and Douglas, sisters Eleanor VanStone, Linda Barber and Sharon Barber.

She is survived by her five children, 16 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren as well as several step grandchildren, step great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Her children which include: her son Dean (Carol) Kruger and their children Dustin (Laura) Kruger, Kelli (Randy) Blank, Alexis (Josh) Kruger and grandchildren Brody and Carter Kruger and Boone Heller; her daughter Judy (Marty) Larson and their children David (Rachel) Larson and Jeffrey (Joanna) Larson and grandchildren Brett, Luke, Jake, Janae, Jaryn and Easton Larson; her son Mike (Lori) Kruger and their children Thomas "TJ" (Haley), Clay and Quin Kruger and grandchildren David and Delilah Kruger; her daughter Deb Thibodeau and her children Jason, Justin (Andrea) and Jordan (Jordan) Thibodeau and Jaime (Derek) Jarvis and grandchildren Harper, Levi, Charlotte and Reese Thibodeau and Noah and Taytum Jarvis and special step grandchildren Bryce



and Jady Edwards; her son Brian Kruger and his children Kyle, Claire, Carson and Chase Kruger.

Visitation to be held from 4-7 pm, on Wednesday, Aug. 9, 2023 at the Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home 136 West Roosevelt Road in Stillman Valley. Funeral Service to be held 10 AM, Thursday at Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home with the Pastor Bob Mellon of the Monroe Center Community Church officiating. Burial will immediately follow in Monroe Center Cemetery, 402 North St. Monroe Center.

The family sends many thanks to Cindy and her staff at Liberty Village of Rochelle, her nurse Rose and the staff at Manor Court in Rochelle and Serenity Hospice of Oregon for being so special to her life in the end. Memorials may be directed to Serenity Hospice and Home of Oregon. To leave a condolence or memory of Pat, please visit [www.farrellhollandgale.com](http://www.farrellhollandgale.com).

### Julie Hardesty

**CHANA** — Julie Hardesty, age 79, passed away on Saturday, Aug. 12, 2023, at Elmhurst Memorial Hospital after a short illness. She was born on Sept. 30, 1943, in La Junta, Colorado. Julie married E. Thomas Garman in 1962.

She was predeceased by her mother Bette, father Bill, sister Kathy, second husband Keith Gatz, and daughter, Dana. Survivors include her loving husband of 26 years, Mike Hardesty, son, Scott Garman, granddaughter Julia Kurpiel, and stepson Jeremy Hardesty.

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in Oregon for 30 years, making an impression on countless students. She was a tireless volunteer for many organizations. She adored her pets and found her greatest joy in helping others. Julie was a dedicated member of the Chana United Methodist church, where she enjoyed delivering the children's sermon. She was an avid reader and a talented seamstress. Julie also enjoyed knitting, embroidery, and other crafts, and sharing her creations with loved ones.

Visitation is planned for Thursday, Aug. 17, 2023, at Farrell Holland



Gale funeral home in Oregon from 4 to 7 p.m. The funeral service will be held at Chana United Methodist Church at 11 a.m. on Friday Aug. 18, 2023.

A luncheon will be held after the service. A private burial will follow.

Memorial donations can be made to Serenity Hospice, Oregon.

### Lavonne Irma Anderson

**MT. MORRIS** — Lavonne Irma Anderson, age 100, passed away on July 1, 2023 at Allure at Pinecrest Manor, Mt. Morris.

Lavonne was born on Sept. 24, 1922, on the family farm in Cherry Grove Township, Lanark, one of six children born to Elmer and Etta (Bolinger) Gaul.

She married Harry William Anderson in Mt. Morris on April 22, 1945, at the Mt. Morris Church of the Brethren. Lavonne & Harry met roller skating in Lanark.

Lavonne attended one room school in Cherry Grove. At 13 she moved into Lanark with Dr. Seyfrath and family where she was a nanny for their two children. This allowed her to attend high school. She graduated from Lanark High School Class of 1941.

In her early working years Lavonne worked at the Savanna ordinance depot soldering ammunition cans during WWII. She also waitressed, performed bookwork, worked at Lawton's Dairy and the Royal Blue Store. She sold World Book Encyclopedias for decades. She assisted Harry in running the Poultry Tribune Experimental Farm for Watt Publishing Co. south of Mt. Morris. Lavonne retired from the sandstone building of Watt Publishing in 1984.

Lavonne was a member of the Mt. Morris Church of the Brethren where she taught Sunday School. She had a faith that made her grandchild-

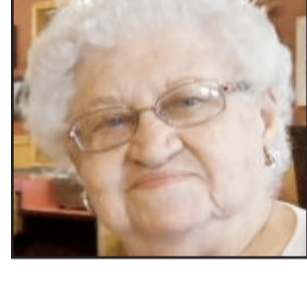
dren envious. She had an unbelievable ability to give life's struggles to the hands of the Lord. She was also a Girl Scout Leader when Jan and Jo were young.

1956 moving from the farm, Harry and Lavonne completed their brick home on South McKendrie Ave. Side by side they dug the basement by hand, poured the concrete, cut the rafters and laid all 7,000 bricks. Lavonne lived on the same street for nearly 80 years. From the Poultry Farm, to the brick house, to Pinecrest, Lavonne moved less than one mile.

She was an accomplished seamstress and quilter and was a member of the Pinecreek Ladies. She loved playing Rummikub and Bridge, of which she belonged to several clubs. She and Harry were avid antiquer's and loved collecting their entire lives. They traveled all across the country, from Maine to Hawaii. They even traveled abroad several times. Their visit to the Holy Land was exceptionally important to them.

Lavonne was spirited and independent, when she believed something, she believed, there was no room for debate. One of her sayings was "a big fat damn it never hurt anyone.....but I pray". She drove until she was 97 and lived at home until a stroke at 98.

Lavonne is survived by her daughter JoLynn Kay (Michael) Ward, Mt. Morris; son-in-law Gerry Hough III, Mt.



Morris; grandchildren, AnnEtta (Gabe) Young, Mt Carroll, Mindy Ward, Savannah, Georgia, Casey Ward, Mt. Morris, Kelly (Cheryl) Ward, Chattanooga, Tennessee, Kyle (Elizabeth) Ward, Manhattan, Kansas, Chris (Jason) McCoy, Milwaukee, Rob (Lynnette) Hough IV, Mt. Morris, Rick Hough, Mt. Morris, Josephyn Hough, Charlotte; 11 great grandchildren, AnnBrielle Young, JL Young, Caleb Ward, Karla Mendoza, Josiah Osborn, Elijah Ward, Benjamin McCoy, Samuel McCoy, Rebecca Hough, RG Hough V, Peyton Boyd; and many nieces, nephews & cousins.

Lavonne was preceded in death by her parents; husband; two sisters Beatrice, Barbara; three brothers Maynard, Marlin, Kenneth; daughter Janice Ray Hough.

A celebration of life will be held on Aug. 26, 2023 at 11 A.M. in the Mt. Morris Church of the Brethren. A visitation will happen on Aug. 26, 2023 from 10 A.M. until service time in the Brethren Church. A meal and fellowship will follow the memorial service.

Memorials to Mt. Morris Fire Foundation NFP and/or Mt. Morris Church of the Brethren.

### Douglas R. Bettner

**FORRESTON** — Douglas R. Bettner, 60, passed away Thursday, Aug. 10, 2023, at Polo Rehab & Healthcare Center after a courageous battle with prostate and bone cancer. Douglas was born July 29, 1963, in Dixon, the son of Raymond & Virginia Mae (Lansden) Bettner. He was a graduate of Byron High School.

Douglas was a social person. He often spent his time getting coffee with "the guys", going out to eat, or watching tractor and truck pulls. Douglas was a collector of antique toy tractors. Douglas truly loved his family. His grandchildren were his entire world. He loved it when the family would have big get-togethers, especially around the holiday times. He is preceded in death by his parents and Nephew Victor.

Douglas is survived and missed by his wife Cathy Bettner of Forreston; son Derek Bettner of Milledgeville; daughter Jessica (Torey) Bettner of Forreston; grandchildren Brianna Vaultonburg and Brooklyn Koser; brothers Kenneth Bettner of Polo, Stewart Bettner of Forreston, Patrick (Katie) Bettner of Wisconsin, Shawn Bettner of Forreston; sisters Bernadine (Harlen) Grenzow of Juda Wisconsin, Teresa (John) Nafzger of Brodhead, Wisconsin, Dawn (Joel) Stocker of Chetek, Wisconsin, Priscilla Schumacher of Cicero, Joy Svihlik of Erie, Carlyn Klotzback of Shullsburg, Wisconsin, Tina (Chris) Krebs of Monroe, Wisconsin and many Nieces and Nephews.

A funeral service is being held in his honor on Wednesday, Aug. 16,



2023, at 10 at Farrell Holland Gale Funeral Home in Oregon with Pastor Rod Benavidez presiding. A visitation will take place the night prior on Tuesday, August 15, 2023, from 5 pm to 7 pm at Farrell Holland Gale Funeral Home in Oregon.

Douglas will be laid to rest immediately following the funeral home on Wednesday, Aug. 16, 2023, at Silver Creek Cemetery in Mt. Morris. Memorials are established in his name and may be directed to the family.

### Hyecha (China) Lindquist

**BYRON** — Hyecha (China) Lindquist, age 78, passed away on Thursday, Aug. 10, 2023 at Swedish American Hospital in Rockford. She was born June 13, 1945 in South Korea. Hyecha married Lawrence J. Lindquist on Jan. 11, 1968 while He was serving in the United States Army. She was a loving Wife, Mother, Sister, Grandmother and Aunt.

Her family was her priority and she loved to spend time with them. Hyecha would often spend time in her garden, visiting her neighbors, cooking with family and enjoying

time on her deck with her dog Teddy. She was predeceased by her husband Lawrence in 2012, her parents, sisters, and brother.

She is survived by her five children Hwasoon, Chungsoon, Haeyoung, Jill, Jonathan, grandkids, brother inlaws, sister inlaws, and many nieces and nephews.

A funeral service will be held 11 AM, Saturday, Aug. 19, 2023 at the Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home, 506 W. Merchant Street in Byron, IL Pastor Randy Snider leading the service.

Visitation will be held 1 hour prior to the service



from 10AM-11AM at the funeral home. Burial will be immediately following the service at Byron Cemetery. A memorial fund is established in Hyecha's name for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Visit [www.farrellhollandgale.com](http://www.farrellhollandgale.com) to leave a condolence or memory of Hyecha.

### Bonnie J. Merrill

**BONNIE J.** Merrill passed away May 20, 2023. She was born July 27, 1954.

It seems it's been a long time since I have seen you my love.

Now when the sun fades and the night sky comes and goes, I dream of you in many different ways my love.

Each man and woman leave their mark in this world, and most die anonymously without the spark of feeling the warmth of love that you have given me.

But not I, for I have known you my love just as I know my heart and soul I will see you again.

I suffer in the aftermath of love, to know that fate is the protractor of time and do each man and woman who has genuinely loved each other knows this to be true.

There's tears and sorrow, days are long and nights are longer.

My friends are few and far between. Life at this time seems wasteful and dry.

I ask, why did you leave, but we all know because you were not well and God said it was time to go. Life will never be the same for me.

At 68 you lived your life full of everything



from worry to ambitions and even sorrow. But you always seemed happy and ready to go.

Now that it's over, and we must try and go on, your memory will linger way beyond each day, each week, each month and year because we hold your memory dear. -Your loving husband, Aug. 12, 2023.

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# LOCAL NEWS



## Ogle County Sheriff's Office hosts National Night Out event on Tuesday, Aug. 1

The Ogle County Sheriff's Office recently thanked everyone who participated and came out to its National Night Out event on Aug. 1 and made it a success. Deputies Ryan Winterton and Jon Shippert were recipients of the 2023 Distinguished Service Award at the event, and Rochelle Fire Department Lt. Jeremy Good and Deputy Kyle White were recipients of the Lifesaving Award. "A huge thank you to RAT Worx and Smokin Gun Worx for sponsoring the 2023 Distinguished Service Award!" an OCSO Facebook post said.

## OPD: Oregon Police officers issue several arrests and citations

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Creegan was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

At 4:55 p.m., Oregon Police investigated a hit and run that occurred in the drive-thru at the Oregon McDonald's restaurant, located at 211 S. 4th St. involving a 2007 Lexus driven by a 16-year-old juvenile of Amboy, that was struck by an unknown person driving a gray pickup truck with matching gray top. If anyone has any information regarding this incident or vehicle, please contact the Oregon Police Department at 815-732-2162.

At 6:19 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Lucas S. Gelernder, 47, Oregon, for driving while license suspended. Gelernder was transported to the Ogle County Jail. This violation occurred in the 900 block of Madison Street.

**July 29**  
At 1:40 p.m., Oregon Police issued Michael J. Alaniz, 46, Oregon, a citation for operating a vehicle with a suspended registration. This violation occurred in the 300 block of West Washington Street.

**July 30**  
At 1:09 a.m., Oregon Police arrested Reyes S. Carreno, 23, Oregon, for

driving under the influence of alcohol and driving under the influence of alcohol greater than .08 percent. Carreno was also issued a citation for improper lane usage. Carreno was transported to the Ogle County Jail. These violations occurred in the 100 block of East Washington Street.

At 4:58 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Anthony L. Wasley, 38, Byron, for driving while license suspended. Wasley was transported to the Ogle County Jail. This violation occurred in the 300 block of West Washington Street.

Three verbal warnings were issued during the week of July 24-30.

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

**July 31**  
At 10:08 a.m., Oregon Police arrested Cassandra E. Smith, 34, Oregon, for driving while license suspended. Smith was transported to the Ogle County Jail. This violation occurred in the 100 block of South 4th Street.

**Aug. 1**  
At 2:36 a.m., Oregon Police issued one 17-year-old male juvenile of Oregon,

a city citation for being a minor in possession of tobacco products.

At 11:59 a.m., Oregon Police investigated a two-vehicle traffic crash in the parking lot to the Oregon Laundromat located at 210 S. 4th St. involving a 2014 Jeep driven by Bradley J. Kasper, 28, Forreton, and a parked 2010 Chrysler belonging to Russel E. Doran, 47, Oregon. No citations were issued.

At 8:35 p.m., Oregon Police issued Naysa L. Johnson, 19, Oregon, a citation for operating an uninsured motor vehicle. This violation occurred in the 1,000 block of Pines Road.

At 11:45 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Aaron R. McBride, 25, Mt. Morris, for an outstanding Winnebago County warrant for failure to appear. McBride was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

**Aug. 2**  
At 10 a.m., Oregon Police issued Robert L. McAdam, 42, Dixon, a citation for operating an uninsured motor vehicle. This violation occurred in the 100 block of West Washington Street.

At 10:11 a.m., Oregon Police responded to the 400 block of Franklin Street for

a two-vehicle traffic crash involving a 2005 Chevrolet driven by a 17-year-old juvenile of Mt. Morris, and a parked 2014 Ford owned by Dorothy D. Burke, 90, Oregon. No citations were issued.

At 1:07 p.m., Oregon Police issued Rachel M. Powell, 35, Rochelle, a citation for operating a vehicle with a suspended registration. This violation occurred in the 100 block of South 4th Street.

At 5 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Cody L. Moser, 24, Oregon, for violation of bond conditions. Moser was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

**Aug. 3**  
At 8:06 a.m., Oregon Police arrested Duane L. Abernathy, 49, Rockford, for driving while license suspended. Abernathy was also issued a citation for operating a vehicle with a suspended registration. Abernathy was transported to the Ogle County Jail. These violations occurred in the 300 block of West Washington Street.

At 12:45 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Iris K. Norris, 34, Rochelle, for driving while license suspended. Norris was also issued a citation for operating a vehicle with a suspended

registration. Norris was transported to the Ogle County Jail. These violations occurred in the 400 block of East Washington Street.

At 10:36 p.m., Oregon Police issued Colton J. Griffin, 25, Polo, a citation for operating a vehicle with an expired registration. This violation occurred in the 200 block of North 4th Street.

**Aug. 4**  
At 10:40 p.m., Oregon Police issued John N. Wojcik, 20, of Aurora a citation for operating an uninsured motor vehicle. This violation occurred in the 300 block of West Washington Street.

At 11:40 p.m., Oregon Police issued a 16-year-old juvenile of Mt. Morris a citation for violating the graduated driver's license regulations of having too many passengers. This violation occurred in the 1,000 block of West Washington Street.

**Aug. 5**  
At 12:06 a.m., Oregon Police issued Devrin J. Thomas, 20, Dixon, a citation for speeding 43 miles per hour in a 30-miles per hour zone. This violation occurred in the 500 block of North 4th Street.

At 4:30 p.m., Oregon

Police issued Ronnie L. Freeman, 74, Dixon, a citation for improper lane usage. This violation occurred in the 100 block of North River Road.

At 9:24 p.m., Oregon Police issued Curtis T. Akins, 20, Forreton, citations for disobeying a stop sign and illegal squealing/screaming of tires. These violations occurred at the intersection of 4th and Madison Streets.

**Aug. 6**  
At 6:20 p.m., Oregon Police issued Melissa N. Goken, 25, Dixon, a citation for speeding 43 miles per hour in a 30-miles per hour zone. This violation occurred in the 500 block of North 4th Street.

At 9:46 p.m., Oregon Police issued Zachery Lorenzo-Cartez, 49, of Broxton, Georgia a citation for failure to wear a seat belt as a driver. This violation occurred in the 300 block of West Washington Street.

Ten parking citations were issued and 23 verbal warnings were issued during the week of July 31 through Aug. 6.

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

## Monroe Center fire results in minor burn injury, stove damage

**MONROE CENTER**  
—The Monroe Township Fire Protection District responded Aug. 14 at 11:14 a.m. to a stove and kitchen on fire in the 18,000 block of Crill Road, where a single-family residential building was found to have light smoke showing inside from an open front

door and all occupants standing in the driveway, a Monroe Township Fire and Ambulance Protection District press release said. Firefighters from Stillman also responded.

The residents were confirmed evacuated without incident after the fire department's arrival.

All persons escaped; one juvenile was evaluated with minor burns at the scene. The property was noted as not having working smoke alarms at the time of the fire. The fire was discovered by the occupants who smelled a burning odor.

The fire was extin-

guished prior to the fire department arriving on the scene, by the 15-year-olds quick actions. Damage is estimated at \$5,000. The Monroe Township Fire Protection District investigated the cause and origin of the fire which is believed to be accidental in nature. The fire

occurred due to placing a small plastic container on the electric stove. It was not known that a burn was on very low, causing the plastic to melt and ignite. Damage was confined to the stove, the range hood immediately above the stove, and light smoke staining inside the

kitchen. The Monroe Township Fire Protection District would like to remind its residents to have working smoke detectors and test them monthly. They also recommend each family to have a designated meeting place once evacuating the home.

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# LOCAL NEWS



## New Habitat partner signs mortgage documents

On July 28, Ashlie, Habitat for Humanity of Ogle County partner, signed her mortgage documents and became an official homeowner. Congratulations to Ashlie, who put in 200 hundred hours of sweat equity, to help build her home. She will now have an affordable mortgage thanks to the many hours of volunteer labor, in-kind donations, and grants that support Habitat programs. Habitat Board Member Joanne Carr of Holcomb Bank joins Habitat Board President Gail Tuttle in the photo of Ashlie signing her mortgage papers.

# DIRECTORY OF AREA HUMAN SERVICES

<b>Alcohol Abuse Counseling &amp; Recovery</b>	
A.A. Hotline	800-452-7990
Sinnissippi Centers, Inc.	
Oregon	732-3157
Rochelle	562-3801
<b>Domestic Abuse Agency and 24-Hour Shelter and Helpline</b>	
HOPE of Ogle County	562-8890 or 732-7796
Counseling Services, Court Advocacy, Latina Advocacy, and Shelter programs	
<b>Education</b>	
University of Illinois Extension-Ogle County	
421 W Pines Rd, Oregon 61061	732-2191
<b>Low Income Housing</b>	
Ogle County Housing Authority	
200 W Washington, Oregon	732-1301
<b>Habitat for Humanity of Ogle County</b>	
P.) Box 628	
Oregon, IL 61061	732-6855
<b>Mental Health</b>	
Family Counseling Services	962-5585
Sinnissippi Centers, Inc.	
Oregon	732-3157
Rochelle	562-3801
The Serenity Shed Grief Services	732-2499
<b>Senior Citizens Services</b>	
Hub City Senior Center	562-5050
Mt Morris Senior Center	734-6335
Polo Senior Center	946-3818
Rock River Center	732-3252
Oregon, IL	800-541-5479
<b>Sexual Assault/Abuse</b>	
Rockford Sexual Assault Counseling	
24-hour hotline	636-9811
412 W Washington, Oregon	732-0000
<b>Therapeutic</b>	
Pegasus Special Riders	973-3177
<b>Veterans' Services</b>	
Rock River Center	732-3252
Serenity Hospice and Home	732-2499
Medical Transportation	677-6515
<b>Wellness Services</b>	
Ogle County Health Dept	
907 Pines Rd, Oregon	562-6976
510 Lincoln Hwy, Rochelle	562-6976
Serenity Hospice and Home	732-2499

## Two bands set to play at Mt. Morris Band Shell Aug. 25-26

**MT. MORRIS**—The Mt. Morris Jamboree is pleased to announce the return of Chicago Tribute Anthology to our bandshell stage for a free two-hour concert on Aug. 25 from 7-9 p.m.

In April of 1969, a new rock 'n roll band burst onto the scene garnering nationwide attention. Born in the Midwest and infused with elements of jazz, blues, and Latin influences, the first album by "Chicago Transit Authority", or CTA as they were commonly known, went double platinum. Such hits as Beginnings, Does Anybody Really Know What Time It Is?, and Question 67 & 68 propelled the band to popularity.

With a rock rhythm section led by the brilliant guitarist Terry Kath, a powerful horn section, and unique vocals, the band now known simply as "Chicago" released their second album in January of 1970. Considered by many to be the band's breakout album, Chicago 2 would also go platinum with hits like: Make me Smile; Colour My World; and 25 or 6 to 4.

Chicago became a dominant force in popular music during the 1970's, producing at least one new album each year. This period was marked by the release of classic songs like, Free, Saturday in the Park, Dialogue, Just You 'n Me, Feelin' Stronger Every Day, Call On Me, and Old Days, to name a few.

CTA brings to life the 'Golden Age' of Chicago by meticulously recreating many of the great songs from the first 11 albums. Members include Tom Anderson, Paul Bata, Terry Geraci, Paul Mabin, Chuck Parrish, Reed Pauley, Dan Peters and John Springbrunn. Learn more about the band at <http://www.chicagotribute.net>. Enjoy CTA live and experience all of these classic songs just the way you remember them!

Concessions for the evening will be provided

by the Ogle County Beef Producers serving ribeye steak sandwiches, one-third pound hamburgers/cheeseburgers, quarter pound all-beef hot dogs, water and soft drinks. Mt. Morris Moose Lodge will be serving chicken strips, French fries, cheese fries, onion rings, cheese curds and fried mushrooms, with pop and water to drink. Grandpa's and Just 4 Fun ice cream as well as Bill's Famous Lemonade stand will be there, 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 Aculpting 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 the month.

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 rock and roll concert.

Please help us pray for a beautiful summer evening so that we can be on the campus, but in the event of inclement weather, our rain location will be at the old Mt. Morris High School, located at 105 W. Brayton Road at the same times.

### Truman's Ridge

Encore! Mt. Morris is pleased to announce the debut performance of bluegrass band Truman's Ridge, who will be playing a free concert on our bandshell stage to close out the Straw Fest Day festivities on Aug. 26 starting at 7 p.m.

Truman's Ridge is a regional band organized late in 2007, now featuring Steve Sarver (guitar), Chris Johnson (upright bass), Charley

Smart (resonator guitar), Max Winkels (banjo), and Russ Ginn (mandolin). Based out of Sycamore, they've enjoyed performing in Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Missouri, and Nashville at countless venues.

Truman's Ridge has been featured on many radio broadcasts throughout the years and throughout the world. Among their most distinguished accolades, they have been the featured band on "Chicago Acoustic Underground" with Michael Teach and WGN "Outside the Loop" radio series with Mike Stephen.

Truman's Ridge has released five projects in their tenure. Tru-Blue (2009), Long Way Home (2010), Cold Cold Feeling (2012), Louisiana Swing (2014), and Beyond the Ridge (2020). Their music is available on compact disc but also electronically through major internet providers such as iTunes and Amazon. They can also be enjoyed on various streaming sites such as YouTube, Spotify, Pandora, etc.

"They refer to their sound as a combination of bluegrass, folk, a touch of jazz, and a "touch of Swing Chicago Style Bluegrass." I honestly didn't know what Swing Style Chicago Style Bluegrass was until I listened to Beyond the Ridge, but think I've got it now." - Michael Brantley (Bluegrass Unlimited Magazine)

Well dressed with instrumentation and vocal synchronicity designed to please all audiences. All the excitement of the early days of Bluegrass with a Midwest feel. It's a bit of Folk, a hint of Jazz, and a touch of Swing: Bluegrass music at its finest...Chicago Style!

Concessions for the evening will be provided by Maxon's Restaurant and Riverboat, serving BBQ Ribs, pulled pork sandwiches, potato chips, assorted canned drinks and bottled water, as well as cupcakes from 3 p.m. until after 8:30 p.m. Grandpa's and/or Just 4 Fun ice cream and Bill's Famous Lemonade will be there throughout the day. 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.

The campus will be especially festive as the 8th annual Straw Sculpting Competition wraps up with Straw Fest Day, featuring family friendly events happening all day on the square, including a craft fair, straw bale races and many other attractions, with winners of the competition announced before the band's performance.

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 bluegrass concert.

In the event of rain, the concert and concessions move to the old Mt. Morris High School, located at 105 West Brayton Road at the same times.

**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 Sheriffs 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.  
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# LOCAL NEWS



## Winnebago's Kapfer, Oregon's Hammer have stands at Byron Hairy Cow Farmer's Market

Karen Kapfer (left), Winnebago, makes beautiful occasion cards for all seasons. Steve Hammer (right), Oregon, sells and grows a variety of fresh vegetables and fruits. 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

## Ogle County Sheriff's Department Report: Aug 8-10, 2023

**OREGON** — On Aug. 8 at approximately 10:23 a.m. deputies initiated a traffic stop on Illinois Route 64 near Mulford Road. After a brief investigation, deputies arrested Nicholas Adams, 41, of Rockford, for no valid driver's license. Adams was released on scene with a return court

date. Adams was additionally cited for expired registration.

On Aug. 9 at 7:13 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop on East Royster Road at the intersection with North Kilbuck Road. As a result, Victor M. Alcalde, 55, of Monroe Center was arrested for driving while

license revoked. Alcalde was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

On Aug. 10 at approximately 10:39 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop on Interstate 39 near mile marker 109. After investigation, deputies arrested Justin Smith, 41, of Gales-

burg, for driving while license suspended. Smith was issued an additional citation for operating an uninsured motor vehicle. Smith was given an I-Bond with a return court date later next month and released on scene. Passenger Amanda Wilson, 41, of Galesburg, was also arrested for an

active Warren County warrant. Wilson was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

On Aug. 10 at 7:07 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop on East Illinois Route 72 near the intersection with North Moulton Road. As a result, Joseph W. Szymanski, 24, of Lockport was

arrested for driving while license suspended. Szymanski was additionally cited for operating a vehicle with expired registration and loud muffler. Szymanski was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

All individuals are innocent until proven guilty.

## Polo Police Department Report: Aug. 8-15, 2023

**POLO** — On Aug. 8 at 7:58 a.m. Hanna R. Miller, 28, Dixon, was cited for speeding 45 miles per hour in a 30-miles per hour speed zone. Miller was released on an I-Bond.

On Aug. 10 at 2:35 a.m. Charles E. Houpt, 45, was issued a city ordinance for consumption of alcohol in

a public place.

On Aug. 11 at 6:22 a.m. Jorge H. Hernandez, 27, Sterling, was cited for speeding 45 miles per hour in a 30-mile per hour speed zone. Hernandez was released on an I-Bond.

On Aug. 11 at 6:38 p.m. Peter K. Brachler, 28, Polo, was cited for operating a

motor vehicle with a suspended registration. Brachler was released with a notice to appear.

On Aug. 12 at 7:23 p.m. Jodene L. Knox, 67, Cedarville, was cited for operating a motor vehicle with an expired registration. Knox was released with a notice to appear.

On Aug. 12 at 9 a.m. Rhonda J. Meiners, 57, Sterling, was cited for failure to signal when required. Meiners was released on a notice to comply.

On Aug. 12 at 10:17 p.m. John R. McCullough, Jr., 62, Polo, was cited for operating an uninsured

motor vehicle and given a written warning for no plate light. McCullough was released on a notice to appear.

On Aug. 13 at 9:21 p.m. Christopher C. Delgado, 27, Rockford, was cited for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended registration. Delgado was released

with a notice to appear.

On Aug. 15 at 7:59 p.m. Madison K. Jackson, 22, Walnut, was cited for the unlawful use of a cell phone while driving. Jackson was released with a notice to comply.

All individuals are considered innocent until proven guilty.

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**Aug. 22:** English as a Second Language (ESL) classes offered in Mt. Morris through Sauk Valley Community College will begin on Tuesday, Aug. 22 at 9 a.m. The class meets at the Evangelical Free Church of Mt. Morris, 102 S. Seminary Ave. Classes will meet Tuesday and Thursday from 9 to 11 a.m. Fall classes will run Aug. 22 through Dec. 14. Spring classes will run Jan. 16 through May 9.

For more information about the class, including registration information,

contact the Adult Education program at Sauk Valley Community College at 815-835-6310. Parahablar con alguien en español, llame al 815-835-6241.

**Aug. 24:** The Polo Farmer's Market takes place on Thursdays, 3-6 p.m. through October (parking lot south of the Shell Station - Division Avenue/Illinois Route 26). Vendors: Death Farms Meats, Earl-E Green Gardens, Ewe and Me Acres, Ferguson Farm, Ivan's Farm, and Wooden's Farm.

**Aug. 26:** Come and join

us at Byron's Hairy Cow Farmers Market on Saturday, Aug. 26 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. 27:** The German

Valley Historical Museum, 805 Church St., will be open from 1-4 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 27. At 1:30 p.m. Dr. Gordon Dammann of Lena will present "A Virtual Tour of Antietam National Battlefield with an Emphasis on the Letterman Plan". There is no admission fee but donations are appreciated. For more information go to gvmuseum.org or call 815 275-6907.

**Sept. 9:** Byron Women's Club presents Ladies Brunch & Bingo on Saturday, Sept. 9 at 11 a.m. Come

for the free bingo, prizes, food, and live music. You don't need to join the club to support its mission of community service. Tickets are \$25 per person, learn more on FaceBook Byron Women's Club Illinois or contact Jennifer Peterson petersonstrings@gmail.com for tickets. Byron Women's Club donates to 13 local charities and supports a women's empowerment scholarship each year for a young woman pursuing further education. The General Federation of Women's

Clubs is an international women's organization dedicated to community improvement by enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service. Collectively, we are Living the Volunteer Spirit. Byron Women's Club members meet monthly September through May for lunch and a program. If you are interested in attending a meeting as a guest or would like information about joining the Byron Women's Club, please email kvavra90@gmail.com with any questions.

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# VIEWPOINT

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

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## MOMENTS IN TIME

\* On Sept. 4, 1925, laws were enacted to ensure that farm wagons would be equipped with headlights for traveling at night, due to an increase in the number of accidents the wagons were involved in during peak corn-packing season.

\* On Sept. 5, 1969, U.S. Army platoon leader Lt. William Calley was charged with premeditated murder in the death of 109 Vietnamese civilians at My Lai, where Calley had led his men in a massacre that included women and children. Though hushed up at first, the event was made public a year later.

\* On Sept. 6, 1997, an estimated 2.5 billion people around the world watched the four-mile funeral procession of England's beloved Princess Diana as her coffin was carried to Westminster Abbey. After the formal service there, a private ceremony was held in which she was laid to rest on an island in the heart of her family's estate at Althorp.

\* On Sept. 7, 1907, the RMS Lusitania set sail on her maiden voyage from Liverpool, England, setting a new trans-Atlantic record when she arrived

in New York City a mere five days later.

\* On Sept. 8, 2006, only a week after permission was granted for helicopter flights over the ancient Incan ruins of Machu Picchu in Peru, the country's government declared the area a no-fly zone following protests by environmentalists who claimed such flights would adversely affect rare plants and animals in the area.

\* On Sept. 9, 2007, the NFL discovered that the New England Patriots were illegally videotaping coaching signals from the New York Jets at an unauthorized location in a Week 1 game in East Rutherford, New Jersey. News media quickly dubbed the scandal "Spygate."

\* On Sept. 10, 1897, 25-year-old London taxi driver George Smith had the dubious honor of becoming the first person ever arrested for "being drunk when in charge of a motor car" after he slammed his cab into a building, breaking a water pipe and window. Smith later pleaded guilty and was fined 25 shillings.

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# Kern: You can't fix stupid

**A**S I approach my 67th birthday I have almost too many things to look back on. Memories, people, events and where I'm headed today sayings.

We've all heard some of the most popular adages from the past like:

All that glitters is not gold.

A picture is worth a thousand words.

All good things come to an end.

Beggars can't be choosers.

A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step.

A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush.

Actions speak louder than words.

But I must admit my all-time favorite is "You can't fix stupid."

With that in mind let's prove this old adage correct.

An Illinois man, pretending to have a gun, kidnapped a motorist and forced him to drive to two different locations with automated teller machines; then proceeded to withdraw money from his own account.

Police in Los Angeles had good luck with a robbery suspect who just couldn't control himself during the suspect lineup. When detectives asked each man in the lineup to repeat the words "give me all your money or I'll shoot" the man shouted "That's not what I said."

A man spoke frantically into the phone, "My wife is

pregnant and her contractions are only two minutes apart!" The doctor asked, "Is this her first child?" To which the man replied, "No, this is her husband."

In Modesto, California, a man attempted to hold up a local bank without a weapon. He used his thumb and finger to simulate a gun, but unfortunately he pulled his hand out of his pocket.

Near Bakersfield, California on Lake Isabella some folks who were new to boating were experiencing a problem. No matter what they did or tried they could not get their new 22-foot Bayliner to perform. It wouldn't get on a plane in the water, was very sluggish during every maneuver and seemed to lack power. After about an hour of trying to get the boat to go, they headed back to the marina hoping someone there could diagnose their problem. One of the folks at the marina agreed to help out and did a topside check revealing nothing was wrong. The engine ran fine, the prop and outdrive were fine. So he then jumped into the water to check the underside. He came up choking on water he was laughing so hard. Under the boat, still strapped firmly in place was the trailer.

In Kalamazoo, Michigan, a man was killed trying to repair a farm truck. The man, a mechanic, got a friend to drive the truck down the road while he hung underneath to find the problem. The man

was killed when he got wrapped in the driveshaft.

A lawyer in Toronto fell to his death demonstrating the safety of windows in a skyscraper. The man was explaining the strength and safety of the building's windows to a group of law students when he lunged at the window with his shoulder, the pane broke and he plunged 24 stories down. According to the law firm's senior partner, the lawyer had done this several times before. The senior partner was quoted as saying the lawyer "was one of the best and brightest" in the 200-member firm.

A gentleman waiting for many years for execution in South Carolina stemming from a murder conviction had his sentence changed to life in prison. Lo and behold a month later he was sitting on the metal toilet in his cell and was attempting to fix his small television set when he bit into a wire and electrocuted himself.

And finally from the Arkansas Democrat Gazette:

Two local men were injured when their pickup truck left the road and struck a tree near Cotton Patch, Arkansas. The county deputy investigating the incident reported it around midnight. The driver from Des Arc and his passenger from Little Rock were treated and released at the local hospital.

The accident occurred as the men were returning to Des Arc after a frog gig-

ging trip. On an overcast night the pick-up truck's headlights started malfunctioning. After inspection the men determined the fuse for the headlights had burned out. Having no replacement, one of the gentlemen determined that a round from his .22 caliber pistol fit perfectly in the fuse box. In it went and the headlights came on with the men proceeding down the highway.

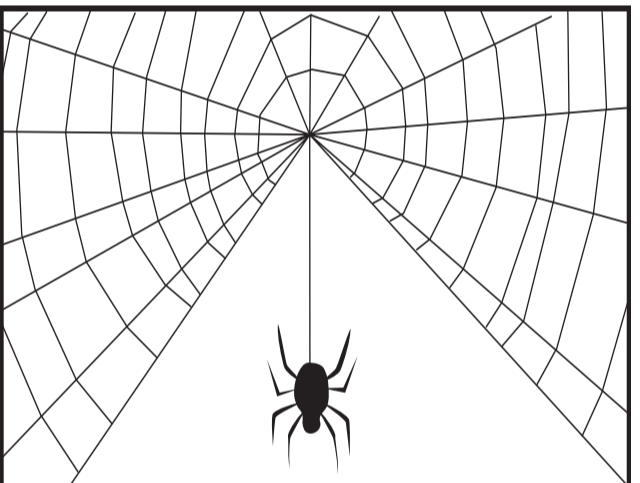
After traveling 20 miles and just before crossing a bridge the round heated up and discharged, striking the driver in the groin. The vehicle swerved sharply off the road through the ditch and hit a tree.

The driver suffered only bruises and cuts from the accident, but will require surgery on his groin. The passenger suffered a broken collarbone and various cuts. The passenger was quoted as telling the deputy at the scene, "Thank God we weren't on that bridge when my buddy shot his balls off or we might both be dead."

The deputy in his report listed, "I've been a deputy for 10 years in this county but this is a first for me. I can't believe those two would admit too how stupid they were."

When the deputy called the driver's wife to inform her of the accident she only asked, "how many frogs the boys had caught and did anyone get them from the truck?"

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



### 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."

## State's investment in infrastructure makes the road ahead bright for Illinois

**F**OR more than 200 years, Illinois' strength has been rooted in making connections.

With its major metropolitan area of Chicago and its surrounding suburbs right in the middle of the Heartland, the Prairie State helps millions every day make the connections that matter. Our economy thrives from our intricate network of rail, roads, airways and ports that connect the coasts and all points in between. With every vehicle traveling that network around the clock, millions of families have better lives and support each other everywhere they go.

Over time, Illinois policymakers lost focus on the importance of ensuring those connectors that make up our transportation infrastructure could hold up under the strain. Pavement broke and crumbled. Road surfaces wore thin. Bridges became less safe. Barges struggled to travel our rivers. Buses broke down. Without help, we faced a real crisis.

In 2019, Gov. JB Pritzker and state legislators stepped up and approved Rebuild Illinois, a long-

term funding capital program to answer the call. This year, Illinois is setting new records for investing in connecting infrastructure and our future is bright.

The Transportation for Illinois Coalition is an umbrella organization of business, labor, transit agencies and transportation advocates who know how important investing in our connection strength is to our state's and its people's success. We formed nearly 25 years ago to build support for the investments we are seeing now – investments in our economy and our future success.

In July, our team joined the Illinois Department of Transportation to release a new Multi-Year Program for the next six years of planned spending on infrastructure improvements and expansions. The results are record-setting and worth celebrating:

Illinois' largest-ever Multi-Year Program, with annual spending of about \$4.6 billion for highways and bridges.

More than \$27 billion in improvements for highways and bridges, addressing more than 3,000 miles

of roadway and nearly 10 million miles of bridges.

More than \$9 billion for transit agencies.

94 percent of state interstate road pavement and 96 percent of state interstate bridges will be considered in acceptable condition when these improvements are completed.

IDOT has created a comprehensive set of maps and explaining documents to support the program here: <https://idot.illinois.gov/>.

Making these connections is about much more than filling cracks and shoring up concrete and asphalt. It's about helping people build their connections.

These improvements will reduce the costs and time delays to ship goods and services. They will reduce the time you sit in traffic or ride on buses and trains to get to work or to your family event, and the costs you face to fix your vehicle from a run-in with busted pavement.

They will draw young engineers back to Illinois, who had no choice but to leave a few years ago when there were no projects to work on here. They will

support many dedicated union workers and their families, including minorities who will have opportunities that simply didn't exist until now. They will support small and large contracting businesses, who hire local workers and spend their money locally to boost fellow businesses in our communities.

As you see the orange cones and flags pop up more frequently on our roadways across Illinois this year and beyond, we hope you will see them as a sign of progress. Thank you to Gov. Pritzker and legislators for helping strengthen the support system that will ensure we can all connect more safely and with more certainty, today and for many years to come.

*Kevin Burke III, PE, of Springfield is the executive vice president of the Illinois Asphalt Pavement Association and a co-chair of the Transportation for Illinois Coalition. Pat Hosty is the executive director of the Chicago Area Laborers-Employers and Education Trust and a co-chair of the Transportation for Illinois Coalition.*

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## Not just Xs and Os for Forreston football in 2023 ‘We had an absolutely tremendous summer with attendance and work ethic’

BY GEORGE HOWE  
CORRESPONDENT

**FORRESTON** — For anyone who has been in and around a head coach on any level, they eat, drink and sleep their jobs and the amount of time and dedication that is involved regardless of the outcome is enormous.

For most programs, wins and losses are the measuring stick of success and can be the difference between a long tenure or being shown the door. Forreston High School Varsity Head Coach Keynon Janicke is no different than other team leaders with their quest to win a championship. Yet, he feels that his responsibilities go farther than just on the field.

“I take our role as coaches seriously and it’s more than just football here,” Janicke said. “My job is to help these young men excel academically and become good people to be around and to someday make a difference in whatever community they end up in.”

Janicke, in his eighth season, also understands

that there is a lot of pressure on his players to do well in all facets of being a student athlete.

“As football players, you have a target on your back,” Janicke said. “At school on Fridays before our games the players get to wear their jerseys, participate in pep rallies, and get ready for the bright lights of gamenight. Not to mention keeping up with their studies, it’s a lot to handle.”

Janicke and his staff’s message seems to be getting through to the players. Last season the team received a National Academic Merit award due in large part to high GPAs and SAT scores posted by the seniors.

“The guys really excelled and scored through the roof,” Janicke said. “When we can get the academic monkey off of our backs then we can focus and really get after it between the lines and we don’t have those distractions.”

This year’s Cardinals squad returns a solid experienced core of seniors that were part of the strong



(COURTESY PHOTO)

**The Forreston Cardinals open play at home Aug. 25 against Fulton, who according to head coach Keynon Janicke have had their number the last couple of years.**

showing in 2022 when the team went 8-5 and reached the semifinal round of the IHSA playoffs.

“We had an absolutely

tremendous summer with attendance and work ethic which was awesome but didn’t surprise me,” Janicke said. “I’m excited

to see how this group of seniors are going to lead our team.”

What makes these standout four-year players

even more valuable is that they compete on both sides of the ball.

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### What Equity Is and How It Works

Equity is the current value of your home minus what you owe on the loan. And recently, that equity has been growing far faster than you may expect.

Over the last few years, home prices rose dramatically, and that gave your equity a big boost very quickly. While the market has started to normalize, there's still an imbalance between the number of homes available for sale and the number of buyers looking to make a purchase. And it's because homes are in such high demand that prices are back on the rise today. Rob Barber, CEO of ATTOM, a property data provider, explains:

“Equity levels were high even during the recent downturn, and now they are going back up and better than ever.”

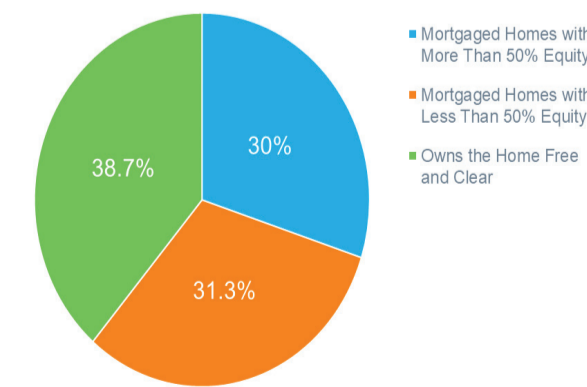
### How Equity Benefits You in Today's Market

With today's affordability challenges, that equity can be a game changer when you move. Here's why. Based on data from ATTOM and the Census, nearly two-thirds (68.7%) of homeowners have

either paid off their mortgages or have at least 50% equity (see chart below):

### Americans Sitting on Tremendous Equity

68.7% Have Paid Off Their Mortgage or Have at Least 50% Equity



KEEPING CURRENT MATTERS

Source: Census, ATTOM

That means roughly 70% have a tremendous amount of equity right now.

Once you sell your house, you can use your equity to help with your next purchase. It could be some (if not all) of what you'll need for your next down payment. It may even be enough to allow you to put a considerably larger down payment on your next home, so you don't have to finance quite as much. And, if you've been in your current home for years, you may have even built up enough equity to pay in all cash. If that's true for you, you'd be able to avoid borrowing altogether, so you wouldn't have to worry about today's mortgage rates.

### How To Find Out How Much Equity You Have

The best way to learn how much you have is to reach out to a trusted real estate agent for a Professional Equity Assessment Report (PEAR).

### Bottom Line

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# DRIVE TIME

## What to do after suffering an auto accident

**C**AR accidents occur every day. According to data from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, there are more than five million car accidents in the United States every year. Forty-three percent of car accidents resulted in injuries in 2020.

No one wants to get into an automobile accident, which can be stressful and even fatal. Even accidents that do not result in any major injuries can be traumatizing. Knowing what to do in the immediate aftermath of an accident may make such instances less stressful.

The insurance experts at GEICO® advise individuals involved in an accident to first determine if any of the involved parties suffered an injury. If you are injured, stay put. If not, check on the condition of the other driver. At this point do not admit any fault or reveal any policy limits.

Next, make a call to emergency services to request assistance from the police and an ambulance, if necessary.

If possible, pull the vehicle over to a safe, well-lit public location. This is especially important if you believe you were the victim of a staged accident, says the Insurance Information Institute. If the car will cause another road hazard, it is best to move it over to the side and use flashers to alert oncoming traffic. It is important that you don't leave the scene, according to American Property Casualty Insurance Association.

Have the police write up an accident report. You should take pictures of the damage to your vehicle, the other vehicle, if possible, and the scene of the accident, including any skid marks, debris and/or property damage. If there are any witnesses to the accident, get their names and contact information. You'll need this information when filing



an insurance claim. Collect the names, phone numbers, addresses and email addresses of other drivers and vehicle occupants and exchange insurance information

with all drivers involved. That includes the insurance company name, policy number and the name of the insured. Even if the accident is not serious, you may want

to call a friend or family member to provide emotional support. If you've been injured, a friend or family member can meet you at the hospital and/or arrange to have your

vehicle towed or returned home while you get the care you need. Automotive accidents can be nerve-wracking. Knowing the steps to take can alleviate some stress.

## Maintenance intervals that all drivers should know

**V**EHICLES are among the most costly expenses individuals have. According to data from Kelley Blue Book, the average price paid for a new vehicle in the United States in September 2022 was \$48,094. Canadian car buyers face an equally expensive reality in their country, where the average MSRP for a new car is more than \$45,000.

Since vehicles are such sizable investments, it behooves motorists to do as much as they can to keep their cars and trucks running smoothly. Vehicle owner's manuals typically recommend maintenance intervals and should be drivers' first resource for information regarding how to take care of their cars and trucks. But the following are some standard maintenance

intervals drivers can keep in mind.

The 3,000-mile marker used to be the benchmark for changing oil, but modern vehicles can now go longer between oil changes. However, it's still a good idea to check other fluid levels every 3,000 miles. Windshield washer fluid, coolant, brake fluid, transmission fluid, and power steering fluid should all be checked every 3,000 miles and topped off if levels are low.

It's wise for drivers to perform some additional maintenance checkups every 3,000 miles. Check tire pressure, inspect hoses (which should not be leaking or bulging) and clean the interior of the vehicle every 3,000 miles.

Many vehicle manufacturers now recommend oil changes every 5,000 miles. Tire rotations also



can be part of service visits at this interval, and drivers can ask their mechanic to check their fuel filters and batteries every 5,000 miles as well. Many may already do this as part of their comprehensive maintenance

packages, but it's still good to confirm if they do and request they do so if it's not part of the plan.

Drivers also can request that cabin air filters are inspected at this point, though they can generally last a year before they need to be replaced.

Around the 5,000-mile mark, wiper blades also may begin to show signs of wear and tear, including streaking on the windshield or scratching noises when in use. Each of those signs indicates the wipers need to be replaced. However, drivers should take note of these signs regardless of when they appear. Some may not make it 5,000 miles before they begin to wear down. In such instances,

they should be replaced immediately regardless of how many miles it's been since they were installed.

Some vehicles may only require oil changes every 10,000 miles. That's not uncommon in vehicles that use synthetic oil, though drivers are urged to consult their owner's manuals.

Brake pads also may need to be replaced around this time, and one telltale sign of that is a squeaking noise whenever the brakes are applied.

Drivers can ask their mechanics to check the

alignment of their vehicles around this interval as well. Though many vehicles won't develop alignment issues, it's best to check for such issues every 10,000 miles or whenever a vehicle feels as though it's pulling in one specific direction.

Maintenance intervals are created to serve as a guideline for drivers. Any issues that arise should still be brought to the attention of a mechanic regardless of how many miles have been added to the odometer since the most recent trip to the garage.

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### Pack the Pantry and SSET 4 School

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### YOUTH PROGRAMS Fall Story Time

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

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

### Fall Family Movie

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

### ADULT PROGRAMS

#### The Life & Sacrifice of Sgt. Ralph DeWitt

Tuesday, August 29th, 7:00 PM Join Post Historian Scott Bicksler from the Jerry Wickam American Legion Post IL-1148 as

he shares the life and sacrifice of local WWII hero and POW, Sgt. Ralph DeWitt, U.S. Army Air Corps.

### 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.

### Plastic Recycling

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

loc-type seals and paper/sticker labels. Thank you for your cooperation.

### NEW RELEASES

#### Adult Books

The Sisters of Sea View by Julie Klassen  
Happiness by Danielle Steel

#### Graphic Novel

A First Time For Everything by Dan Santat

#### Picture Books

Thomas and Bruno by Awdry  
Simon and the Better Bone by Corey Tabor

## Byron Public Library News

### Check out Our Mobile App

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!

**Did you know...** 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.

### 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

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### 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 want? Call us for help! We will call or email you with a confirmation when your holds are ready to be picked up. Call us when

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## 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

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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 + BINGO = 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, mates! 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.

### Young Critics Book Club

Join us for a discussion and hands-on craft/activity all about the graphic novel «Apple of My Pie» by Mika Song. Tuesday, September 19 at 6:00 p.m. Ages 7-9. Copies of the reading available to borrow. Registration required.

### 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 pickup, 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.

## Mt. Morris Library News

### Book Donations

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

### 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> at the library.

### Cookbook Club! Next Meeting September 5<sup>th</sup>!

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

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

September is time to make some lovely home-

made cards to send to family and friends. We will be offering a card-making

class from local crafter, Liz Gullett. She will be here on Thursday, Septem-

ber 14<sup>th</sup> from 5-7!

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## Byron wins golf meet at PrairieView

**BYRON** — Ogle County schools recently competed in a golf meet at Prairie View Golf Club in Byron.

The Tigers won the meet with a total score of 303. Maison Brandt shot a 70, Aaron Lorenz shot a 77 and Ryan Tucker shot a 78. Stillman Valley finished fifth with 349, Forreton finished sixth with 353, Oregon finished seventh with 381 and Hononegah 2 finished eighth with 386.

For Stillman Valley, Noah Klaren shot a 78, Amelia Dunseth shot an 81 and Andrew Gibbs shot 100.

For Forreton, Kaden Brown shot an 84, Kendall Erdmann shot an 86 and Heath Schubert shot a 100.

For Oregon, Kylar Early shot a 91, Jackson Messenger shot a 93, Brogan Wilkinson shot a 99 and Nole Campos shot a 100.

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**Lego Club!**

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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 Welcomes Community Players Theatre!**

Explore More Illinois, RAILS' online cultural and recreational pass program for Illinois libraries, welcomes its newest attraction, Community Players Theatre in Bloomington! Community Players is a charitable, nonprofit theatrical organization dedicated to the idea that live theater enhances the quality of life for our audiences, our participants, and the community. Our mission is to produce classic and contemporary dramas, comedies, and musicals;

to provide a place where the citizens of the Bloomington-Normal area, of all ages and incomes, can experience high-quality live theater; to offer a home where a diverse group of theatrical artists can learn and develop their craft.

Community Players Theatre is offering 20% off show ticket. Explore More Illinois users can access and reserve passes from any of our attractions on their participating library's website. Explore More Illinois users can access and reserve passes from any of our attractions on their participating library's website. Explore More Illinois users can access and reserve passes from any of our attractions on their participating library's website. 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

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**Additional Services Offered**

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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

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**BYRON**

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

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

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

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

**UNITED CHURCH OF BYRON**  
A Member of the United Church of Christ  
701 W. Second Street; PO Box 927, Byron IL 61010, 815-234-8777  
Email: ucby@comcast.net  
Website: unitedchurchofbyron.org  
Pastor: Rev. Tyler Spillious  
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

**CHANA**

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

**DAVIS JUNCTION**

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

**DIXON**

**LOST LAKE COMMUNITY CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE**  
Pastor John Trotter 8:00am Sunday School  
815-973-5981 9:00am Church Service  
90 W. Flagg Road www.lostlakechurch.org  
Dixon IL 61021

**FORRESTON**

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

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

**ST. JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
Pastor Karen Tews  
West Grove Rd. At Columbine Rd.  
Worship Service 10:30 am. Communion is served every Sunday.  
"Singing the Song of Christian Faith in Worship, Service, Learning, Outreach and Welcome" in a beautiful rural setting.  
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**LEAF RIVER**

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

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

**LINDENWOOD**

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

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

**KINGS**

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

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www.disciplesumc.org  
(815) 734-4853  
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Rev. Julie Bunt, Pastor

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

**MT. MORRIS CHURCH OF THE BROTHERN**  
409 W. Brayton Road, Mt. Morris, IL 61045 Phone 734-4573  
Pastor-Rodney Caldwell. Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m. Worship service available online, call for details. Other activities currently suspended due to pandemic.  
Email: mtmcob@frontier.com

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

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

**OREGON**

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

**EBENEZER REFORMED CHURCH**  
2997 N. German Church Rd., 815-732-6313  
3 miles east of Oregon on Rt. #64 then 2 miles north on German Church Rd. • Rev. Josiah Youngquist  
www.EBENEZERREFORMED.com • Sunday school 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m.

**LIGHTHOUSE UNITED METHODIST**  
Pastor Dave Rogula 4962 S. Daysville Rd., Oregon, IL 61061 815-732-7683  
Worship at 11:00 a.m. Holy Communion celebrated the first Sunday of each month. Lighthouse will lit up your life!

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

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

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

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

**ST. BRIDE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
1000 Highway 64, West (Hwy 64 W & Mongon Drive on Liberty Hill), Oregon • 732-7211 - Office: Rev. Eldred George  
Website: saintbrides.org • E-mail: saint.bride.church@gmail.com •  
**Worship Services:** Sunday 10 am Holy Communion with Hymns Christian Education Available

**ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH, NALC**  
114 S. 5th St. Oregon, IL Phone: (815) 732-2367  
Website: stpaulnalcoregonil.weebly.com  
10:15 a.m. Fellowship/Education hours  
11:30 a.m. Worship

**POLO**

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

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

**CROSSROADS COMMUNITY CHURCH ~ POLO CAMPUS**  
Meeting Sundays @ 10AM Service  
205 N. Jefferson Avenue, Polo ~ 815.837.5255  
polo@crossroadsccn.com  
We offer contemporary worship and relevant Bible teaching through engaging messages and powerful video. Join us after services for coffee, snacks & fellowship. Kidzlink Children's Ministry (nursery-5th grade) ~ during 10AM service  
Grave Youth Group (6th-12th grade) ~ Wed. 6:30PM - June 1st.  
Visit our website: www.crossroadsccn.com

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

**FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
702 E. Dixon Street, Polo, IL 61064 • Tel:815-946-3212  
Sunday School for all ages 9am followed by Worship at 10am  
Pastor Brian LeBaron  
Website: www.faithumpolo.com • facebook.com/Faithumpolo

**STILLMAN VALLEY**

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

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

**VALLEY EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH**  
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/VCECISV  
Home of Valley Covenant Preschool 815-645-8882 Director Jill Huber  
Bible Studies, Youth Group, Bread of Life Food Pantry  
Please visit website for more information or contact the church office M-F 9am-2pm

**GRACE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH DAVIS JUNCTION**  
Pastor Brad Pittman www.graceisforyou.com  
10479 E. High Rd., Stillman Valley, IL 61084 • 815-973-1369  
**Worship Service: Saturday at 5pm**

**WINNEBAGO**

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

# LOCAL NEWS

## Oregon Public Library News

### Wizard of Oz themed Mystery Dinner Event

Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. 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.

### August 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 6:00 pm will be donated to local pantries.

### Book Clubs

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. The Afternoon Book Club meets Wednesday, September 20 at 1 pm to discuss Killers of the Flower Moon by David Grann. Cocktails & Crimes will meet Sunday, September 17 at 2 pm at Ogle County Brewery.

### Yoga

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

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

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

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

### Oregon Writers Group

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

### 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.

### OPLD Dial-A-Story & Oregon Public Library StoryWalk @

### Oregon Park West

Call 815-732-2724, follow the prompts and presto...a story! 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

The Puppeteers by Jason Chaffetz 320.51 CHA  
The Last Word by Taylor Adams FIC ADA  
A Tale for the Time Being by Ruth Ozeki FIC OZE  
An Evil heart by Linda Castillo MYS CAS  
Salvage Right by Sharon Lee SF LEE  
100 Acts of Love by Kim Hamer 155.937 HAM  
Arca by Van Jensen 741.5 JEN (GRAPHIC NOVEL)  
The Thing - 3-movie collection 3-DVD R THI

## Rock River Center Activities

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

### Croquet

August 23 at 10:00 a.m. Sign up by 8/22. Weather permitting

### Yoga & Chair Yoga with Jen

August 25 Yoga 10:00 - 11:15 a.m. Chair Yoga 11:15 - Noon. \$5 per class. Registration and Payment required prior to class. Call 815-732-3252 to sign up.

### Medicare Basics & Medicare Fraud

August 28 at 12:00 noon Advance Registration requested.

### RRC Closed on September 4, 2023

Rock River Center will close on Monday, September 4, 2023 in recognition of Labor Day.

No transportation or activities will take place on that day. Please plan accordingly. Have safe and happy holiday.

### Proper Plant Pruning

Presented by Extension Office. Sponsored by Heritage Woods. September 11 at 12:00 noon. Advance Registration requested.

### Country Music Tribute

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

### SUPPORT GROUPS@ROCKRIVERCENTER

### CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

Meets: 4 t h Wednesday of March, June, Sept. & November. Time: 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

### CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP - NEW SCHEDULE

Meets: 3 R D Tuesday of month. Time: 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

### DIABETIC SUP-

### PORT GROUP

Meets: 1 s t Wednesday of the month. Time: 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

### LOW VISION GROUP

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

## Weekly Brain Busters

### King Crossword

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9	Rhyming tributes
10	Egyptian river
11	Hair goops
16	Sulk
20	A billion years
21	Words at the start of a lesson
22	Talk on and on
23	Ambulance VIP
24	Earth (Pref.)
25	Gym unit
26	Skillet
27	Biz bigwig
28	Aachen article
29	Pub pint
31	Repair
34	Cauldron
35	Totals
37	Hollanders
38	Engrossed
39	Curved molding
40	Impale
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43	Friend
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W V M A R T F A R C E C A P S

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally  
Unlisted clue hint: **Underground Transportation**

Airplane	Horse	Scooter	Train
Bicycle	Motorcycle	Ski lift	Tram
Boat	Rickshaw	Spacecraft	Walk
Cable car	Run	Tour bus	

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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

4				3		7
	2			6		5
		5	4			3
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

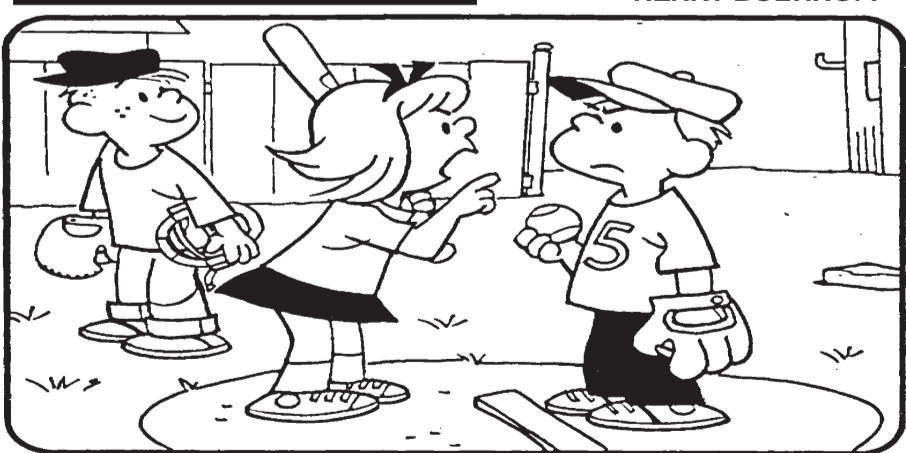
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- ◆ Moderate
- ◆◆ Challenging
- ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

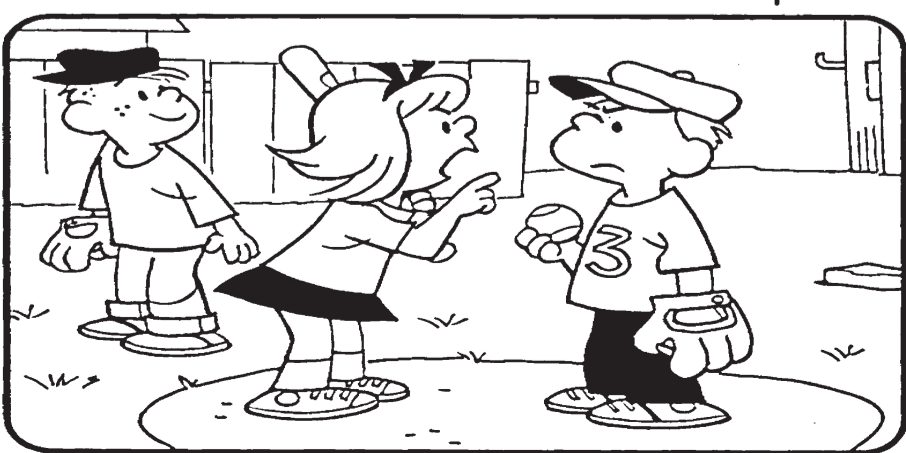
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## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Glove is different. 2. Mask is missing. 3. Bat is shorter. 4. Post is missing. 5. Number is different. 6. Pitching slab is missing.

**Answers**

King Crossword

MAR(T)FAR(C)E(O)A(P)S  
F(I)T(R)A(I)N(U)R  
E(L)C(Y)C(I)B(B)R(L)K(I)H  
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Solution time: 23 mins.

**Answers**

Weekly SUDOKU

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Answer



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**101**  
**LEGAL NOTICE**

**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 the 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

(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@egbclaw.com

No. 0804  
(Aug. 7, 14 and 21, 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)

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

VILLAGE OF FORRESTON, an Illinois municipal corporation, Petitioner, vs. RHONDA L. SCHANDELMEIER and OGLE COUNTY, as TRUSTEE, Respondents,  
2023 MR 28  
PUBICATION NOTICE TO: Rhonda L. Schandemeier, 402 W. White Oak Road, Forreston, Illinois 61030

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

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

Consequently, unless you file your anser to the Complaint in the action or otherwise make your appearance in the Circuit Court of the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit, Ogle County, Illinois, at the Ogle County Courthouse, 106 S. 5th Street, Oregon IL, 61061, on or before September 13, 2023, A DEFAULT JUDGEMENT MAY BE ENTRED AGAINST YOU AT ANY TIME AFTER THAT DATE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRAYER OF THE COMPLAINT.  
Dated Aug. 11, 2023  
Kimberly A. Stahl, Ogle County Circuit Clerk  
Matthew D. Cole - ARDC 6326731

Ward, Murray, Pace & Johnson, P.C.  
Attorneys for Petitioner  
226 W. River Street I  
P.O. Box 404  
Dixon, IL 61021  
P: 815.625.8200  
cole@wmpi.com  
No. 0821  
(Aug. 21, 28 and Sept. 4, 2023)

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

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

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

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

Consequently, unless you file your anser to the Complaint in the action or otherwise make your appearance in the Circuit Court of the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit, Ogle County, Illinois, at the Ogle County Courthouse, 106 S. 5th Stret, Oregon IL, 61061, on or before September 13, 2023, A DEFAULT JUDGEMENT MAY BE ENTRED AGAINST YOU AT ANY TIME AFTER THAT DATE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRAYER OF THE COMPLAINT.  
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Matthew D. Cole - ARDC 6326731  
Ward, Murray, Pace & Johnson, P.C.  
Attorneys for Petitioner  
226 W. River Street I  
P.O. Box 404  
Dixon, IL 61021  
P: 815.625.8200  
cole@wmpi.com  
No. 0822  
(Aug. 21, 28 and Sept. 4, 2023)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Sealed bids will be received for the following section by the Ogle County Highway Department, Oregon, Illinois, until 2:00 P.M. September 8, 2023: 2023-2024 Ice Abrasives.

Proposals are available on the Ogle County Highway Department website and in person at 1989 South IL Rte. 2, Oregon, IL between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 3:30 P.M. Monday - Friday.

The Road and Bridge Committee reserves the right to accept or reject and or all bids.  
No. 0825  
(Aug. 21 and 28, 2023)

**NOTICE**

The Village of Stillman Valley will hold a Public Hearing before the Planning and Zoning Commission on Thursday, September 7, 2023 at 6:00 pm at the Stillman Valley Village Hall located at 120 N Walnut Street, Stillman Valley, IL. The purpose of the public hearing is to hear the following applications for zoning relief: Village of Stillman Valley is requesting to rezone from R-1, Residential, to classification Ag, Agriculture, said property is described as:

ADDRESS: 501 East Hales Corner Road, Stillman Valley (Village WWTP)  
P.I.N.: 11-18-400-013  
2) Village of Stillman Valley is requesting a special use permit be issued for the accessory use of a solar farm proposed to be placed on 12 acres along the eastern part of the parcel  
ADDRESS: 501 East Hales Corner Road, Stillman Valley (Villae WWTP)  
P.I.N.: 11-18-400-013  
3) Jeffrey & Lorna Parker are requesting to rezone the following parcel from R-1, Single Family Residential, to B-1, Business:  
ADDRESS: 118 South Pine Street, Stillman Valley  
P.I.N.: 10-02-477-008  
Dated this 15th day of August, 2023  
Submitted by Yvonne Dewey, CMC  
Village Clerk  
Village of Stillman Valley  
No. 0826  
(Aug. 21, 2023)

**203**  
**HELP WANTED**

**Truck Driver Employment Opportunity**

Ogle County Highway Dept  
Applicants must be at least 18 yrs of age and have a Class B CDL with Full Air Brakes.  
Apply in person 7:00 AM - 3:30 PM or contact the office for an application.

Department will accept accplications until the position is filled, and the vacancy may close without notice.

Ogle County Highway Dept  
1989 S IL Rt 2, Oregon, IL  
815-732-2851  
highway@oglecountyiil.gov  
www.oglecountyiil.gov

Looking for fall time help driving truck (CDL) and grain cart driver. Must have a clean driving record. Experience with Ag related equipment a must. Forreston IL. Please contact Lori at 815-541-7296 and send resume to Loristuk@gmail.com

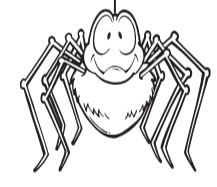
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**NOTICE ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT GRAND DETOUR TOWNSHIP FISCAL YEAR ENDING 03/31/2023**

**REVENUES** - PROPERTY TAXES - \$76,691.92; **INTEREST** - \$34.36; **TOTAL REVENUES** - \$76,726.28  
**SALARIES** - KENNETH LOWRY \$12,300.00; DEBBIE LOWRY \$10,671.33; CONNIE ROSS \$4,318.18; JOHN FOXLEY \$860.40; RHONDA DREW \$860.40; JOHN THOMPSON \$860.40; JOHN CHESNEK \$860.40  
**TOTAL SALARIES** - \$30,731.11  
**VENDORS** - UNITED STATES TREASURE (941) \$7,394.24; CLARKE MOSQUITO \$7,311.00 ALL OTHER VENDORS (UNDER 2,500.00) \$10,383.96  
**TOTAL VENDORS** - \$25,089.20

**SUMMARY STATEMENT OF CONDITION**

BEGINNING FUND BALANCE	\$153,452.29	
REVENUES		76,726.28
EXPENDITURES		55,820.31
ENDING FUND BALANCE		\$174,358.26

I, DEBBIE LOWRY, SUPERVISOR OF GRAND DETOUR TOWNSHIP, OGLE COUNTY, IL, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A TRUE COPY OF THE ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING 03/31/2023.  
DEBBIE LOWRY, SUPERVISOR

**NOTICE ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT GRAND DETOUR TOWNSHIP ROAD DISTRICT FISCAL YEAR ENDING 03/31/2023**

**REVENUES:** PROPERTY TAXES-\$70,534.90; INTEREST-\$30.38; INS-\$579.00 **TOTAL REVENUES**-\$71,144.28  
**VENDORS** - ADS (TUBES) \$5,812.81; OGLE COUNTY \$6,533.40; MARTIN \$3,459.76; R. E. WOLBER \$12,940.00; ROGER SHEELY \$5,007.51; PATRIOT TREE REMOVAL \$29,900.00; POLO CO-OP \$2,974.10 ALL OTHER VENDORS (UNDER 2,500.00) \$15,263.92  
**TOTAL VENDORS** - \$81,891.50

**SUMMARY STATEMENT OF CONDITION**

BEGINNING FUND BALANCE	\$148,343.59	
REVENUE		71,144.28
EXPENDITURES		81,891.50
ENDING FUND BALANCE		\$137,596.37

I, DEBBIE LOWRY, SUPERVISOR OF GRAND DETOUR TOWNSHIP, OGLE COUNTY, IL, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A TRUE COPY OF THE ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING 03/31/2023.  
DEBBIE LOWRY, SUPERVISOR  
No. 0823  
(Aug. 21, 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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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2023 AT 10:00 AM<sup>CT</sup>

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The Pezanoski farm is located approximately 3 miles southeast of Ottawa, IL or 14 miles north of Streator, IL. The property is further described as being located in Section 30, T33N-R4E, Fall River Township, LaSalle County, Illinois. The real estate contains a total of 103.44 taxable acres, will be sold in 1 tract, and represents highly productive Class A soil.

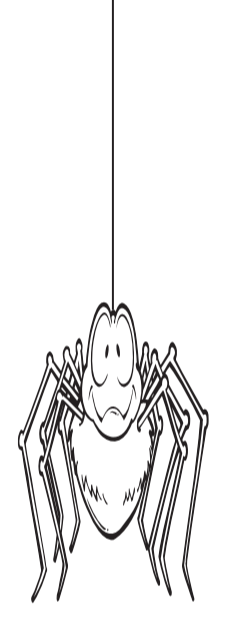
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### 305 GARAGE/RUMMAGE SALES

**OLD FOUNDRY SALE**  
309 S. 1st St., Oregon, IL  
Friday, Aug. 25th & Saturday, Aug. 26th 9AM to 1PM  
(Art supplies, books, tools, fishing poles, vintage forklift, vintage safe, commercial drafting table, pictures and paintings, cameras and accessories, and LOTS LOTS MORE!)  
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**Quilter's Sale: Second Annual**  
700 IL-72 East, Leaf River @ Vintage Chicks and Feed  
Tuesday, August 22  
9:00 to 5:00, no early sales

Multiple Quilters are once again sorting through their stashes - Kits, Fabric, Scrap Bags, Books, Patterns, Shop Samples, Display Pieces, Craft Items, UFO's, Vintage quilts. Unmarked item area will welcome donations to Serenity Hospice of Ogle County. Cash Only Please.

**PERSONAL PROPERTY AUCTION LAUREL CHERRY DRIVE, ROCKFORD, IL**  
Thursday, August 24th 8AM to Sunday, August 27th 5PM

This is an Online Sale ONLY. Please visit <https://aandtauctionservices.hibid.com/> for sale viewing beginning 8/23/23.

**Personal Property:** VERY nice furniture, household and antique; brass bed; Pump Organ; antique lamps; antique chest; LOTS of glassware and dishware—complete and partial sets; as well as individual pieces; China & tea sets; Silver and Silverplate; Jewelry & costume Jewelry; Hummel figurine & plate collection; Other collectible plates; Miscellaneous antiques; vintage toys, including fisher price; some Lionel train pieces; Antique oil lamps and parts; Vintage beer can collection; Model cars and planes; memorabilia items; hand tools; elliptical; garage items & tools; too much to list here. There's a house full of great items—something for everyone!

**Item Viewing:** Items will be available for online viewing beginning @ 8am on 8/23/23. If you wish for more information on an item or an appointment to view an item, please contact A & T Auction Services directly.

**Item Pick-up:** Pick up will be held on Saturday, September 2nd from 10AM-1PM at the sale site. Exact pick-up information will be shared with winning bidders after the conclusion of the sale.

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# LOCAL NEWS



**Tri-County Opportunities Council awards 2023 scholarships to locals**  
 The Tri-County Opportunities Council recently announced the recipients of the CSBG Scholarship Awards for the 2023-2024 school year. Kaylee Dowda and Ayize Martin from Bureau County, Isabella Pena from Carroll County, Arianna Heersink, Jennifer Horton and Jazzmyn DeFord from LaSalle County, Nour Alsramah, Janda Hicks, Jack Johnson, and Anna Logan from Lee County, and Zalak Patel and Alva Valle from Ogle County are the 2023-24 scholarship winners. Pictured left to right: Heersink, Horton, Pena and Valle.

## Shining Star partners with Shell for Giving Pump program

DIXON — Shining Star Children’s Advocacy Center is proud to partner with Johnson Oil for the Shell USA (Shell) “The Giving Pump” as part of its Force For Good initiative to drive positive change in local communities by giving back. Running through Sept. 30, a portion of the purchases made by consumers who use the designated pump at Shell stations at 1250 Franklin Grove Road/ Illinois Route 38, Dix-

on will support Shining Star Children’s Advocacy Center. “The Giving Pump” at Shell station at 1250 Franklin Grove Road in Dixon will be specially marked with colorful signage to inspire consumers to fuel up and support this local charity. It’s easy to participate in the program, and it costs customers nothing extra. “We appreciate the support of Johnson Oil Shell station to help us continue

our mission of transforming victims of child abuse into survivors,” Jessica Cash, executive director, Shining Star CAC, said. More than 7,500 Shell stations across the U.S. are participating in this two-month Giving Pump initiative. Those looking to find a participating station can visit shell.us/givingpump. Since launching Force for Good, Shell has highlighted the impacts its wholesalers have made

in the communities in which they operate, going beyond fuel quality and loyalty. Through The Giving Pump, Shell wholesalers and retailers have donated over \$4.7 million and supported over 500 charities. Visit shell.us/giving-pump to find additional program details, participating sites and content on local charity partners, and follow @ShellStationsUS to keep up with the latest news.

## Tractor show takes place at Ogle County Fair

OREGON — The Antique Tractor and Implement Show was one of the opening events at the 2023 Ogle County Fair! Some 21 vintage antique tractors were exhibited at the fair. To the delight of young and older alike, a tractor drive was featured at the fair! Awards were presented based on ballots cast by the exhibitors: Best of show and first place went

to Kevin Johnson of Rochelle with his 1955 Allis Chalmers Model WD 45. Second place was awarded to Ray Ankney of Chana with his 1967 Oliver Model 88. Third place was awarded to Ralph McCall of DeKalb with his 1954 J.I. Case Model SC. Each participant in the show who exhibited a tractor received a dash plaque with the Ogle County Fair insignia in recognition of their participation.

## Summer lunch program served students in Mt. Morris

MT. MORRIS — The Northern Illinois Food Bank Summer Lunch Program was held for two months this summer in Mt. Morris. The program, which provides free lunches to all school-age children, was hosted by the Evangelical Free Church of Mt. Morris, its first year to participate. Lunches were served to 10 different stu-

dents during the program, which was held on Tuesdays and Wednesdays in June and July. Several volunteers from the church family made the food service possible. The Evangelical Free Church of Mt. Morris is located at 102 S. Seminary Ave. Worship services are held on Sundays at 10 a.m., with childcare and children’s church available.



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## CARDINALS: Forreston football team gearing up for 2023 season

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An intriguing storyline is starting to unfold as a result of talented quarterback Brock Smith graduating. Janicke and staff have decided to put their faith and trust in sophomore signal caller Brady Gill. This is a somewhat unique opportunity to have the chance to bring along a player as important as quarterback for three full seasons.

Janicke feels that Gill, a three sport athlete, is up to the task.

“He knows our offense really well and isn’t going to make a lot of mistakes,” Janicke said. “He can command a huddle, has a good arm and throws a pretty good ball.”

Gill got a taste of things to come thanks in part to dual camp scrimmages over the summer against the Rochelle Hubs.

“Those practices were so beneficial to me because it gave me a realistic look of how teams will approach their attack,” Gill said.

Another set of eyes who keeps tabs on Gill’s progress is his father, Nick, who is the quarterbacks coach. He was also the starting quarterback for the team back in the 90s and holds the schools passing records. Gill spoke to just how special it is to have his son follow in his footsteps.

“I’m immensely proud of what he’s done so far with his work ethic, demeanor and how he’s worked behind the scenes to put himself in a good spot to mesh with the upperclassmen,” Nick Gill said. “I’m looking forward to watching his growth and maturity for the next three years.”

“My dad usually doesn’t mention his past or the records and tells me that I don’t have anything to live up to but myself and to create my own legacy,” Brady Gill said. “My dad is always positive and it’s neat to get to do this together.”

The Cardinals open play at home Aug. 25 against Fulton, who according to Janicke have had their number the last couple of years.

“Fulton has gotten the best of us recently and the team has had this game circled on the calendar all summer long,” Janicke said. “This has become a good rivalry against a quality opponent. We are excited for week one and are not looking past that.”

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