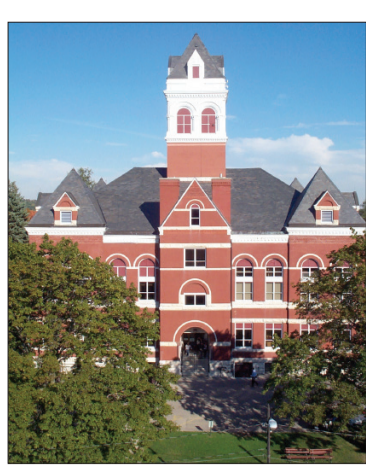


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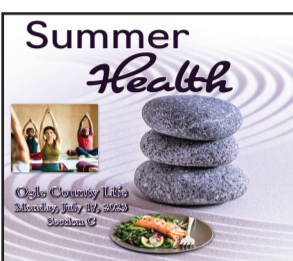
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RCH opens XCEL Orthopedics clinic in Sycamore

'I felt like we had the right team in place to dream big and make it work'

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

SYCAMORE — Rochelle Community Hospital recently opened its XCEL Orthopedics clinic in Sycamore at 2670 DeKalb Ave.

The clinic and Orthopedic Surgeon Dr. Gadini Delisca offer a full range of orthopedic services for patients as young as 2-3 years old up to geriatric patients including fracture care and total joint replacement, particularly hips, knees and shoulder replacements, sports medicine programs including care for ACL injuries, rotator cuff tears, sprains and strains, and hand procedures including for trigger finger/carpal tunnel problems.

Delisca currently sees patients at the Rochelle and Sycamore clinics. On June 14, RCH representatives held a ribbon cutting event for the location in conjunction with the Sycamore Chamber of Commerce.

"We're still very much building and working hard to get community trust and



(COURTESY PHOTO)

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really showcasing what we have to offer," Delisca said. "We're very pleased with the location and being in Sycamore. Now we're just working on putting in the work."

Delisca said that in his work in Rochelle, he noticed a lot of patients would come over for treatment from the DeKalb/Sycamore area. "I was really attracted

to the community and have had a lot of patients from that community and I felt that would be a great market for us to expand to and tap into," Delisca said. "I know for the hospital,

it's never had a satellite venture, and I felt like we had the right team in place to dream big and make it work."

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Rochelle woman helping organize suicide prevention walk

AFSP chairperson White: 'I feel like it's just a good way to process grief'

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE — The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention will host an Out of the Darkness walk for the Rockford area on Saturday, Sept. 23 at 11 a.m. at the Rock Valley College Starlight Theater in Rockford. Check in begins at 10 a.m. and registration can be done online at afsp.org/Rockford. Donations can also be made at that site. The event will take place during National Suicide Prevention Month.

Stephanie White of Rochelle holds a chair position with the AFSP locally and is working to organize and promote the walk. Since May 2022, White has been working as an advocate for the AFSP. Her father, Steven, passed away in February 2022 due to sui-

cide. After that, she felt it's important that communities come together to educate everyone on mental health and end suicide. Her work as an advocate has included helping to urge public officials to prioritize suicide prevention and mental health.

"The work with the AFSP has felt really good over the past year," White said. "I feel like it's just a good way to process grief. I think personally, it's just helped me take something really negative in my life and spin it to a positive to try to help other people."

After her father's passing, White's family did research and chose the AFSP as the organization that friends and family could make donations to during his memorial service.

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LOCAL NEWS



Oregon Lions hold annual Fathers' Day car show

One hundred and sixty cars were on display during the Oregon Lions Annual Fathers' Day Car Show held at Oregon Park East on Sunday, June 18. A large crowd gathered to admire the beautifully-restored vehicles and to enjoy the breakfast sandwiches, pork chops and brats that were served up by the Oregon Lions Club. Shown are Molly Madden and her father Bill Madden with their Dodge Challenger. The winner of the Lions' Choice Award for 2023 was Mingo Lara, from left to right: Oregon Lion Doug Aken, Lara and Oregon Lion Rob Arneson. The winner of the 50/50 Drawing worth \$316 was Ken Baux. He donated \$60 back to Lions for their charities. From left to right: Oregon Lion Dug Aken, Baux and Arneson.

Byron Bank kicking off Stuff-A-Bus campaign

BYRON – Byron Bank's annual Stuff-A-Bus campaign exists to help students have a strong start to the school year. Having a backpack full of much-needed school supplies is essential to help prepare students for success. "Every donation will make a positive difference in the lives of these children," Byron Bank

President Brent Baker said. "Schools are a vital part of our communities and as a local community bank, we are proud to be able to give back and help our schools in any way we can." Items that are most needed are backpacks, crayons, dry erase markers, scissors, spiral notebooks, one-inch binders, index cards, ear buds or headphones, hygiene kits, and #2 pencils.

All supplies donated will be delivered directly to the Byron School District, Meridian School District, District 100 in Belvidere and the Focus House Foundation and distributed by school staff. "Byron Bank has had great success with our Stuff-A-Bus campaign," Byron Bank Marketing Officer Samantha Ciaccio said. "We are thrilled to have a wonderful outpouring of support from our communities."



Chana Play Day scholarships awarded

The Chana Play Day Committee awarded six \$1,000 scholarships from the 2022 Chana Play Day. From left to right: Lindsey Breeden, committee; Rachel Kultgen, Shawn Schabacker, committee; Ava Kultgen; Marvin Schabacker, committee; Alyssa Mowry; Ron Stocking, committee and Dave Chapman, committee. The 2023 Chana Play Day will be held on Friday, July 21 at Prairie View Golf Club. You can sign up by contacting Stocking Equipment at 815-732-6054, Chana Tap at 815-732-3922 or C+C Plumbing and Heating (Dave Chapman) at 815-562-7110.



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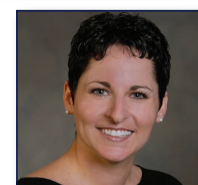
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LOCAL NEWS



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This year's Ogle County 4-H cat show was held at the Ogle County Farm Bureau in Oregon on Monday, June 26. Champion Senior Showmanship winner, Kaden Lingbeck, Leaf River. Champion Junior Showmanship winner Andrew Hickman, Byron. Andrew Hickman, Byron, won Champion Cage or Carrier award.

Ogle County 4-H Fair cat award winners named

OREGON — This year's Ogle County 4-H cat show was held at the Ogle County Farm Bureau in Oregon on

Monday, June 26. Cats are judged on their physical condition, cleanliness and presentation, temperament,

appearance, good health, alertness, and graceful movement. 4-H'ers receive ratings based on their knowledge about

the care and grooming of their entry and the cat itself. Please see below for the results of the show.

Champion Junior Showmanship- Andrew Hickman, Byron; Champion Senior Showmanship- Kaden Lingbeck, Leaf River;

Champion Feline- Andrew Hickman, Byron and Champion Cage or Carrier- Andrew Hickman, Byron



Leaf River Daze Parade winners announced

(COURTESY PHOTOS)

The Leaf River Daze Parade winners were recently announced. The weather was beautiful for a parade on June 4. Thank you to Leaf River Telephone Company and Constellation for sponsoring the parade. Also thank you to everyone who participated and came to watch the parade. The winners were - Organizational float: Leaf River Soaring Eagles 4-H (first), Bertolet Memorial Library (second) and Leaf River Busy Beavers 4-H (third). Vintage car & truck: Byron Fire Protection District. Novelty: Leaf River Unity Methodist Church. Horse hitch: Carriage Spring Farm. Equestrian: Ogle County 4-H Horse Drill Team.

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Obituaries

Bradley James Gasmund

LEAFRIVER—Bradley James Gasmund unexpectedly went to be with Jesus on Saturday, July 1, 2023, after a cardiac episode. Born June 26, 1965 to Leon C. and Myrna F. (DeVries) Gasmund of Leaf River.

Brad is survived by his wife, Patricia Beauvais Gasmund, and their children, Brandon (Marrina Zammuto) Gasmund, Jasmine, Michelle, Aiden Gasmund, and unborn grandson Adriann James. Along with bonus sons Patrick (Molly) Outlow and Brandon (Jordan) Austin. Mother Myrna (Mark) Lohman, Sisters Cheryl Gasmund Newcomer and Connie (Joe) Lameyer. Nieces and Nephews Joel (Rita Prentice) Gasmund, Emily (Rhett) Backeberg,

and Tyler (Heidi Engebretson) Newcomer. In-Laws Jay Beauvais, Jenny (Jerry) Amenda, William (Ramona) Beauvais, Ann (Dan Osmera) Roberts, and many more nieces and nephews.

He graduated from Leaf River High School in 1983. After high school, he attended Highland Community College and received his Diesel Mechanics Certificate. He worked at many places but was most recently employed at Helm Truck & Equipment of Freeport.

Brad and Pat were married on July 7, 1991.

For many years Brad enjoyed camping and boating at Lake Koshkonong with his family. He loved watching his kids participate in their activities. He spent many years as a Tebala Shriners Klown, appearing



as "Tiny" in my local parades. He always kept busy with projects and things to do. The small things in life matter most to him. He also enjoyed "talking loudly" at his kids.

He is preceded in death by his Father Leon Gasmund, Mother in Law Barbara Beauvais, and Nephew Austin Roberts.

A celebration of life was held Thursday, July 6 at the Verdi Club in Rockford.

Memorials can be made to the family to be established at a later date.

Gary D. Hahne

OREGON — Gary D. Hahne, age 80, died peacefully on Sunday, June 25, 2023 at the Illinois Veteran's Home in Quincy. He was born January 15, 1943 in Rockford the son of Maynard and Martha (Barnett) Hahne.

He graduated from Rockford East High School in 1961, served his country in the U.S. Air Force from 1961-1965, then obtained two different Associate Degrees from Rock Valley College. Gary married Johanna Schreiber on July 11, 1964 in Reno, Nevada. Gary worked several years for Sundstrand in Rockford, and retired after many years working for Boeing Aerospace. After retirement, he and Johanna owned and operated the Kishwaukee Tavern for 9 years in Rockford.

Gary loved sports of

all kinds. He was an avid Chicago Cubs and Bears fan. Most of all he enjoyed watching his 2 children play their sports at Byron High School. Gary liked to play softball for the Sundstrand Association and also in the church softball league. He was a former member of the Byron United Church of Christ. During his working career,

Gary traveled domestically and internationally. This led to his love for traveling. Gary loved to plan trips for he and Johanna. He was predeceased by his parents, son Jason Hahne, sister Linda Cox, and brother Ronald Hahne.

He is survived by his wife Johanna Hahne of Oregon; daughter Erin (Rajko) Ivanchich of Roscoe; grandson Devan Hahne of Roscoe; aunt Wanda Knaub; nephews, one niece, and



many cousins.

A visitation will be held from 5-7 pm on Wed., July 26, 2023 at the Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home, 110 S. 7th St. in Oregon, IL with the Pastor Nathan Massie officiating. Military honors will follow the visitation at 7 p.m. followed by a memorial service. Private burial will take place at the Willowbrook Cemetery near Roscoe. A memorial fund is being established for a Byron High School Athletic Scholarship. Visit www.farrellhollandgale.com to leave a condolence or memory of Gary Hahne.

Oregon Police Department

Officers make several arrests

June 23
At 4:58 p.m., Oregon Police issued Leah M. Beneventi, 45, Stillman Valley, a citation for operating a vehicle with an expired registration. This violation occurred in the 100 block of North 4th Street.

June 26
At 1:30 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Deshawn Green, 25, Chicago, for driving while license suspended. Green was transported to the Ogle County Jail. This violation occurred in the 300 block of West Washington Street.

June 27
At 9:55 a.m., Oregon Police issued Jessica A. Peterson, 38, Mt. Morris, citations for driving while under the influence of drugs. These charges

are from the result of an accident investigation that occurred on May 12. Peterson is scheduled to appear in court on these charges.

At 7:04 p.m., Oregon Police issued Jisela L. Cantu, 20, Rock Falls, citations for operating a vehicle with a suspended registration for non-insurance and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. A passenger in Cantu's vehicle, one male juvenile, 17, Sterling, was taken into limited custody for the offense of possession of controlled substance and issued a civil citation for possession of cannabis less than 10 grams. The juvenile was released into a guardian's custody with a referral sent to the state's attorney for review. These viola-

tions occurred in the 500 block of Gale Street.

At 11:29 p.m., Oregon Police took one 12-year-old male juvenile, and one 13-year-old male juvenile, both of Oregon, into limited custody for the offense of criminal trespass to a vehicle. The juveniles were released into a parent's custody with a referral sent to the state's attorney's office for review.

June 28
At 11:29 p.m., Oregon Police took one 14-year-old male juvenile of Oregon into limited custody for the offenses of criminal trespass to a vehicle and theft under \$500. The juveniles were released into a parent's custody with a referral sent to the state's attorney's office for review.

Ogle County Sheriff's Department

Deputies respond to accident

OREGON — On July 1, Ogle County Sheriff's Office 911 center received a 911 call at 1600 hours referencing smoke emitting from a residence at 218 Prairie Street in Creston. Ogle County Deputies, Creston FD, Rochelle FD, Stillman Valley FD, and Illinois State Police responded to the scene. No injuries were reported. This fire remains under investigation.

On July 2 at 10:55 a.m., Deputies responded to the 3000 block of North River Road, Oregon for the report of a single vehicle accident. After a brief investigation, it was learned that a black Chevrolet SUV left the roadway, entering the west ditch. The vehicle then struck a culvert and mailbox before coming to a rest after colliding with a tree. The driver, Jesus Deleon (age 33 of Lakemoor), was cited for Failure to Reduce Speed to Avoid an Accident and Improper Container/Driver-Cannabis. Deleon refused medical treatment and was released on a notice to appear. All subjects are presumed innocent.

On July 2 at approximately 3:14 a.m., Ogle County Deputies along with Lynn-Scott-Rock, Rochelle, Stillman Valley, and Byron Fire Departments responded to a structure fire in the 15,000 block of East Bethel Road, Rochelle. Fire fighters contained the scene and no one was injured. The fire is still under investigation.

On July 3 at approximately 2:49 p.m., deputies conducted a traffic stop at the intersection of Route 251 and Lind Road. After investigation Deputies placed Bradly Risely, age 43 of Rochelle under arrest for Driving While License Suspended. Risely was additionally issued a citation for No Valid Insurance. Risely was released on an I-Bond at the scene and given a future court date. All subjects are presumed innocent.

On July 3 at 5:57 p.m., deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 10,000 block of West Illinois Route 72. After a brief investigation, Ramonda G. Easley age 57, of Freeport was arrested for Possession of Controlled Substance (Crack Cocaine Class 4 Felony, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Easley was additionally issued a citation for Operate Vehicle with Suspended Registration. Easley was transported to the Ogle County Jail pending an appearance before a judge. All suspects are presumed innocent.

On July 4 at approximately 4:08 p.m., Ogle County Deputies along with the Polo Police department responded to the 2000 block of South Galeana Trail Road in reference to a suspicious person. After a brief investigation Jared Mon, age 22 of Polo was arrested for driving with a revoked driver's license, driving under the influence of drugs, aggravated driving under influence, and an \$100,000.00 outstanding Lee County warrant. Mon was transported to the Ogle County jail where he is held in lieu of bond.

All subjects presumed innocent.

On July 4 at approximately 2:48 p.m., deputies conducted a traffic stop at the intersection of Lowell Park Road and Henry Road. After investigation Deputies placed Jeremy Henson, age 25 of Dixon was placed under arrest for Driving While License Suspended. Henson was additionally issued a citation for operating an uninsured vehicle. Henson was released on an I-Bond at the scene and given a future court date. All subjects are presumed innocent. On July 5 at approximately 7:04 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 3,600 block of North Illinois Route 251. After a brief investigation, deputies arrested Julio Ramos, 21, of Rochelle, for two outstanding Ogle County warrants and possession of controlled substance (crack/cocaine). Ramos was additionally cited for illegal transportation of alcohol-passenger. Ramos was transported to the Ogle County Jail pending a court appearance before a judge.

On July 5 at approximately 8:46 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 5,000 block of South Freeport Road. Upon investigation, Ariana M. Prado, 25, of Rock Falls, was placed under arrest for possession of a controlled substance (crack/cocaine) and possession of drug paraphernalia. Riley was transported to the Ogle County Jail where she is being held pending a court appearance before a judge.

On July 6 at approximately 9:22 a.m. deputies initiated a traffic stop in the 400 block of South 9th Street in Rochelle. After a brief investigation, deputies arrested Jose Orozco-Garcia, 45, of Rochelle, for no valid driver's license. Orozco-Garcia was additionally cited for suspended registration/non-insured. Orozco-Garcia was released on a \$2,500/10 percent individual bond and shall return to court on a later date.

On July 6 at approximately 1:15 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the area of East Blackhawk Drive and North Chestnut Street, Byron. After a brief investigation it was learned that the driver, Rachel Ruiz, 43, of Byron was driving while license suspended. Ruiz was taken into custody and released on an individual bond with a scheduled court appearance. Ruiz was also cited for a suspended registration.

On July 6 at approximately 2:45 p.m. deputies initiated a traffic stop at Creston Road and Dement Road. After a brief investigation, deputies arrested Rebecca Schott, 20, of Rochelle, for driving while license suspended. Schott was additionally cited for no insurance and suspended registration/non-insured. Schott was released on scene with a return court.

On July 6 at approximately 8:13 p.m. deputies responded to the 10,000 block of West Illinois Route 64 for the report of a disturbance. After an investigation, Brennden

M. Harms, 20, of Polo, was placed under arrest for criminal damage to property over \$500, criminal damage to property under \$500, domestic battery and obstructing/resisting a peace officer. Harms was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held pending an appearance before a judge.

On July 7 at 3:20 a.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 12,000 block of East Flag Road. After a brief investigation, Cyndy Marruffo, 22, of Rochelle, was arrested for driving without a valid license. Marruffo was released on a \$2,500 individual bond with a return court date. Marruffo was additionally cited for disobeying a stop sign.

On July 8 at approximately 11:13 a.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 3,900 block of North Cox Road. After an investigation, deputies arrested Joseph Vera, 39, of Stillman Valley for driving while license revoked and speeding. Vera was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he is being held in lieu of bond.

On July 8 at approximately 11:56 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop on East Illinois Route 72 near Interstate 39. After investigation, deputies arrested Sarah Riley, 34, of DeKalb, for possession of a controlled substance (crack/cocaine) and possession of drug paraphernalia. Riley was transported to the Ogle County Jail where she is being held pending a court appearance before a judge.

On July 8 at approximately 10:18 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop at West Blackhawk Drive and Fox Run Lane in Byron. After a brief investigation, deputies arrested Thomas B. Minton, 40, of Freeport, for driving while license suspended and for an active Stephenson County arrest warrant for failure to appear on driving while license suspended. Minton was taken into custody and transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond. Minton was additionally cited for speeding 95 miles per hour in a 55 miles per hour speed zone.

On July 9 at approximately 2:52 a.m. deputies responded to a single-vehicle accident at the intersection of East Illinois Route 64 and German Church Road. After investigation, deputies determined that a white Nissan Altima, being operated by Isaac S. Sanchez, 22, of Dixon, was traveling southbound on German Church Road. Sanchez failed to obey the stop sign at the intersection, traveled over Illinois Route 64, and into the south ditch where he struck an embankment. Sanchez was taken into custody for driving under the influence of alcohol and transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond. Sanchez was additionally cited for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident and disregarding an official traffic control device.

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RCH: New XCEL Orthopedics facility opens in Sycamore

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Delisca said he's most excited for the opportunity for more access and showcasing the quality of care that XCEL Orthopedics and RCH have to offer. He wants his practice to be "a pillar of orthopedic services" for Ogle County and the surrounding counties.

In looking at the idea of a clinic in Sycamore, RCH noticed a lack of competition for orthopedic care and the provider there did not accept "a lot of insurance providers," Delisca said. The XCEL Orthopedics clinic will make for independent evaluations and healthy competition and increase the quality of area orthopedic care, he said.

"We take a fair bit of insurance providers," Delisca said. "With the exception of HMOs there's a lot of insurance, including all of the major Medicaid that we take. It's relatively easy to get in with us, in terms of being able to get advanced imaging like

MRI, which we'd do at RCH. We can get people in quicker at RCH than the surrounding hospitals. We have a lot of opportunities to help people get taken care of in an expeditious manner."

Delisca said the clinic has already seen "a number of patients" that have been thankful for the offering of services closer to where they live. In the past, some patients from the DeKalb/Sycamore area had difficulty getting to Rochelle.

"In general, we've gotten a lot of good feedback about us having a service that is much-needed and people being excited about the prospect of having an orthopedic injury and being able to get right in with us," Delisca said.

The demand for orthopedic care has been increasing "almost exponentially," Delisca said, due to an aging baby boomer population that brings with it arthritis, fracture care and injuries. Rural communities in the

area have a harder time finding and traveling to orthopedic care.

"I think whenever you can make it convenient for patients and get them access, you can help bridge the gap between need and access," Delisca said. "You can offer people first-world services that they otherwise would have not thought of. What we can do by giving someone an injection or replacing a joint. In terms of optimizing their lifestyle and making them feel younger in some ways is extremely rewarding and it's something that small-town America deserves."

Delisca said that if the clinic model goes to plan, another orthopedic surgeon will be needed along with more team members. He believes it could be a model as a specialty clinic from a critical access hospital like RCH.

Being able to help people and having the trust of patients to provide a service or surgery to improve their lives are honors that



(COURTESY PHOTO)

Dr. Gadini Delisca currently sees patients at the Rochelle and Sycamore clinics. On June 14, RCH representatives held a ribbon cutting event for the location in conjunction with the Sycamore Chamber of Commerce.

Delisca said he doesn't take lightly. He's been able to help patients with a vast variety of different ailments. He recalled one patient with osteoarthritis in both hips whose goal was to be able to walk her daughter down the aisle at

her wedding.

"Because her rate was slightly on the high side, she'd already been declined by multiple providers and I felt that she had a disease that we could treat and treat faithfully at RCH," Delisca said. "We

took on her hips and were able to replace them one at a time in a staged fashion and she was able to walk her daughter down the aisle. That kind of stuff is what matters. Being able to provide the everyday is rewarding."

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LOCAL NEWS



Stillman Valley High School club wins first place nationally for plastic recycling

The Stillman Valley High School Environmental Club participated in the Trex Plastic Film Recycling Challenge for the 2022-2023 school year. With their hard work they were able to keep 421,623 pounds of plastic out of landfills. This year they had 780 schools registered across the US for the challenge with a total of 608 actively reporting. SVHS won first place in the national competition (for schools of their size) by collecting 1,955 pounds of plastic. The school thanked environmental club advisor Mrs. Rogers and Mrs. Marsh and other community advocates for collecting and bringing plastics to the collection bins at the high school. Trex Plastic will be sending another "recycled" bench, like SVHS won last year for sixth place.



(COURTESY PHOTO)

Stephanie White of Rochelle holds a chair position with the AFSP locally and is working to organize and promote the walk. Since May 2022, White has been working as an advocate for the AFSP.

WALK: Rochelle's White working to promote suicide prevention

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Funds donated to the AFSP go directly to scientific research and helping families impacted by suicide loss. "The more I read and researched that foundation, I loved what they were doing and decided I wanted to help out any way I could," White said. "I started just volunteering as an advocate, where I was working with local, state and federal levels to get different policies in place and then I attended my first walk last year. I decided I really would like to put my focus into helping with those."

All donations to the AFSP and funds raised by the walks are used for a variety of initiatives, including educating the public on suicide prevention, critical research to improve suicide prevention and treatment for those at risk.

Back in 2021, the AFSP donated \$6.44 million for suicide prevention research. Funds are also used to organize programs for survivors of suicide loss, and some of that donation money is used to empower volunteers to advocate for those policies at the state, federal and local levels.

The AFSP also does talks and presentations at no fee and no cost for resources with donations and fundraisers.

White called attending her first walk last year "a mix of emotions."

"Obviously it brings that grief forward, but just the community and the amount of people that come to these walks and everybody is going through similar feelings and has had a similar experience, and everyone else is sharing their stories, so it just has this positive community feel," White said. "It's a big range of emotions. Everyone there is sad, but feeling loved and supported. It's very therapeutic."

White's advocacy work in the past involved the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline. The now-simplified 988 service is an alternative to 911 and connects callers to Lifeline centers. The service is up and running and those in crisis can easily call or text the number and get somebody live on the line to help them.

"It's such a wonderful tool for people to have," White said. "Just having an easy number to remember and getting it out there so people know

how accessible it is and that there's somebody to talk to. It's very important that we get that number out there."

White said she is content with her volunteer work at a local level, but would like to do more in the future.

"The educational part of it has helped me as someone who hasn't personally struggled with depression or suicidal thoughts," White said. "Learning what my dad was going through has been helpful. And it's also been having this community that you didn't know about. You feel so isolated when you have a loved one that you lost to suicide. Just knowing that there are so many other people out there in your local community that have gone through a very similar struggle is helpful. And just doing work to help other people and having that positive spin on a hard thing that happened is very beneficial. It's hard to be sad when you're helping somebody else."

For more information on the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, visit afsp.org. If you're in a crisis, call or text 988 or text TALK to 741741.

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United Church of Byron movie night is July 21

BYRON—The United Church of Byron will be having their next Outdoor Family Movie Night on Friday, July 21. As always, movies are free and open to the community!

We will be showing "A Goofy Movie", a 1995 American animated musical comedy-adventure film produced by Disney

MovieToons and Walt Disney Television Animation. The film is based on The Disney Afternoon television series *Goof Troop* created by Robert Taylor and Michael Peraza Jr., and serves as a standalone follow-up to the show.

It features the voices of Bill Farmer, Ja-

son Marsden, Jim Cummings, Kellie Martin, Rob Paulsen, Pauly Shore, Jenna von Oÿ, and Wallace Shawn. Taking place three years after the events of *Goof Troop*, the film follows Goofy and his son, Max, who is now in high school, and revolves around the father-son relationship between the two as Goofy embarks on a misguided mission to bond with his son by taking him on a cross-country fishing trip.

We'll again be offering snacks that will be available for a freewill donation. You are also welcome to bring your own snacks.

The movie will begin at dusk, and if weather does not permit being outside, we will move it inside the fellowship hall and it will begin at 8 p.m. Please visit our Facebook page or our website www.unitedchurchofbyron.org for more information and upcoming movie dates.

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LOCAL NEWS



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This year's multi-county 4-H dog show was held on Saturday, June 24 at Granny Rose Animal Shelter in Dixon. Winner of the Ogle Champion Junior Showmanship was Piper Johnson. Reserve Champion Agility on Leash (12 feet) award went to Zoey Swank, Ogle County.

Awards given to local youth at multi-county 4-H dog show

DIXON—This year's multi-county 4-H dog show was held on Saturday, June 24 at Granny Rose Animal Shelter in Dixon. This is the sixth year that Carroll, DeKalb, Lee, Ogle and Whiteside counties have participated in the show together. Twenty-eight 4-H members competed in this year's show. Youth and their dog competed for awards in the following classes, care and grooming, agility, costume, showmanship, and rally. Please see below for the results of the show.

Ogle Champion Junior Showmanship- Piper Johnson, Ogle; Reserve Ogle Champion Junior Showmanship- Katlyn Miller, Ogle; Ogle Champion Senior Showmanship- Molly Ziegler, Ogle; Reserve Ogle Champion Senior Showmanship- Kyle Miller, Ogle; Champion Junior Care & Grooming- Hunter Kreamske, Ogle; Reserve Champion Junior Care & Grooming- Kenzie Hongsermier, Ogle; Champion Senior Care & Grooming- Molly Ziegler, Ogle; Reserve

Leash (eight feet)- Charli DeShazo, Ogle; Reserve Champion Agility on Leash (12 feet) - Zoe Swank, Ogle; Champion Agility off Leash (eight feet) - Kayla Williams, Ogle; Reserve Champion Agility off Leash (eight feet) - Molly Ziegler, Ogle; Champion Agility off Leash (16 feet) - Katlyn Miller, Ogle; Champion Beginner Novice I Class- Piper Johnson, Ogle; Reserve Champion Beginner Novice I Class- Charli DeShazo, Ogle; Champion Beginner Novice II Class- Molly Ziegler,

Ogle; Reserve Champion Beginner Novice II Class- Kinzleigh Miller, Ogle; Champion Novice Class- Katlyn Miller, Ogle; Champion Pre-Open Class- Kyle Miller, Ogle; Champion Graduate Open- Molly Ziegler, Ogle; Champion Rally Novice- Molly Ziegler, Ogle; Reserve Champion Rally Novice- Kinzleigh Miller, Ogle; Champion Rally Intermediate- Kyle Miller, Ogle; Champion Rally Advanced- Molly Ziegler, Ogle and Reserve Champion Costume- Hunter Kreamske, Ogle.

Exercise of Byron Nuclear Power Station emergency plans set for July 25

BYRON—An exercise to test emergency response plans for the area surrounding the Byron Nuclear Power Station is scheduled for Tuesday, July 25.

Emergency response personnel from the state of Illinois, Ogle County, Winnebago County and Constellation will participate in the exercise. The Federal Emergency Man-

agement Agency (FEMA) will evaluate the units of government during the exercise. FEMA will provide preliminary findings at a meeting on Friday, July 28 at 11 a.m. at the Ogle County Emergency Operation Center, 500 Lincoln Highway, Rochelle, IL 61068. The public and media may attend this meeting.

Mt. Morris Jamboree to feature Paddygrass July 21

MT. MORRIS—The Mt. Morris Jamboree welcomes Wisconsin Band Paddygrass to its band shell for their debut performance on July 21 at 7 p.m.

Paddygrass plays Celtic, Bluegrass and Gospel. Over the last 15 years they have assembled a collective of Wisconsin's finest folk musicians. Their live show is full of dynamics from upbeat dance numbers to sweeping ballads, they play multiple instruments and sing in four-part harmony. Some shows feature dancers from Milwaukee Irish Dance Company.

Leader of the band, Derek Byrne, left Ireland at the age of 21 to tour the world with Riverdance as a singer and musician for six years. He met his wife Carrie backstage in Milwaukee and after a three-year, long-distance love affair, they settled here. A feature of the Irish Scene since

2001, Derek loves to collaborate with other musicians and this is the driving force behind Paddygrass, an ever-evolving band. Maxson's Restaurant and Riverboat will be serving concessions for the evening, including BBQ ribs, pulled pork sandwiches, potato chips, assorted canned drinks and bottled water, as well as cupcakes. Both Grandpa's and Just for Fun ice cream vendors will be there too, all starting at 6 p.m.

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 folk concert. In the event of rain, please check for an alternate location on one of our websites: Facebook.com/mtmorrisjamboree, mtmorrisil.net, moundertown.com

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Monday, July 17: For our program for Monday July 17 at 7 p.m. at Country Crossroads Quilt Guild, we welcome the return of Phyllis Fay from Studio 180 Design. Her evening program will feature a humorous lecture titled "Motivate Me to Use My Stash!" She will make you think twice about what you already have and how you can use it to make several scrap quilts.

the future. For members Phyllis will present an all-day workshop using scraps and the Studio 180 Wedge Star tool. Guild meetings are held at the Forreston Grove Church, 7246 Freeport Road; Forreston on the third Monday of each month at 7 p.m., with ample time to meet and greet members before the meeting.

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

297-2381.
Wednesday, July 19: Serenity Hospice & Home's Men's Coffee Group will meet at Sunrise, 116 N. 4th St. Oregon from 9-10 a.m. This group is for all bereaved men in the community. Please call 815-732-4111 by 4 p.m. on July 18 to register.
Thursday, July 20: The Polo Farmers Market will take place from 3-6 p.m. in the parking lot south of the Shell Station (Division Avenue/ Illinois Route 26). The market will run through the end of October (weather permitting). Vendors will include Earl-E Green Gardens, Death Farms

Meats, Ferguson Farm and Ivan's Farm.
Saturday July 22: Come and join us at Byron's Hairy Cow Farmers Market on Saturday, July 22 from 8 a.m. to noon! Featuring seasonal produce, baked goods, farm fresh eggs, 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.
Saturday, July 22: Immanuel Lutheran Church of Lindenwood will be offering free vacation Bible school (VBS) to children (ages three through 6th grade) on July 22 from 3-6 p.m. followed by an optional cookout for the whole family. This year's VBS theme is "Growing in God's Word." We will focus on the power of God's Word to do amazing things by bringing us to faith in Jesus who forgives, gives life and grants salvation all because of His work! In addition, this VBS will be complete with singing, playing, acting, crafts and

snack time. In Matthew 19:14, Jesus says, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them. For to such belongs the kingdom of heaven." Please consider giving your children this opportunity to hear more about what Jesus has done and continues to do for them through his gracious forgiveness and life. To sign up, please register online at our website: Immanuel-lindenwood.org or reach out at: Immanuel Lutheran Church, 16060 E. Lindenwood Road, Lindenwood, IL 61049 office@immanuel-lindenwood.org 815-393-4500.

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Kern: Successful legislation in Springfield

THE Illinois General Assembly wrapped up a couple of weeks ago and as usual, farm bureau was in Springfield working the Capitol halls. Let's look at some of the legislation we were successful in passing.

Energy generation equipment sales tax exemption

The omnibus tax bill included language that allows energy generation equipment used directly for the raising of crops and livestock to be treated like 'farm equipment and machinery' for production which are not subject to state sales tax. Power equipment will include items like generators, solar panels, wind turbines or other forms of generation equipment. The equipment must be necessary for the actual growing of a crop or livestock. This is modeled after the current farm equipment

exemptions so equipment that is primarily used for powering a machine shed, your house, electric fence, etc. will not be exempt.

Ethanol sales tax exemptions

This provision establishes a sales tax incentive on E-15 equal to 10 percent; creates a 20 percent sales tax break on mid-range ethanol (20 percent to 51 percent ethanol-blended fuel), and the current E-85 sales tax exemption of 100 percent will be extended. All three exemptions sunset on Dec. 31, 2028. The original bill introduced would have let the exemptions run until 2030, but there were concerns of the legislators that the exemptions could have a larger fiscal impact in future years, so the shorter sunset will require a review sooner. The only group that opposed this provision was ABATE. Their feeling was this

was somehow going to mandate the elimination of E-10.

Diseased animals prohibition

Allows the director of the department of agriculture to declare a temporary (30-day or longer) prohibition on the sale, movement, or exhibition of certain animals in order to prevent or reduce the spread of any contamination or disease in the state.

School code FFA & 4H absences

This bill allows schools to support FFA and 4-H students attending competitions or exhibitions. This also benefits the school by counting these students as in attendance while participating in the events. High school agricultural education and the FFA and 4-H are vital programs for development of the talent and leadership needed in farming and agricultural service industries. Stu-

dents benefit from participating in competitions and exhibitions held by these organizations.

Soil & water conservation districts

IFB worked diligently with the Illinois Association of Soil and Water Districts (IASWCD) and American Farmland Trust (AFT) to focus this legislation on providing practical soil health authority for soil and water conservation districts (SWCD) and continue farmers involvement in state and federal conservation. SB 1701 allows SWCDs the ability to better leverage federal funds; continues the Partners for Conservation program; and provides more direction to SWCDs on soil health duties. In this long-haul conservation effort, this legislation will help farmers continue to find the best sustainable soil practices for their fields and make steady

progress in this space.

Modular nuclear reactors

Repeals language prohibiting approval and construction of new nuclear facilities and requires the ICC to provide a certificate of public convenience and necessity to modular nuclear reactors.

Food labeling standardization

The department of agriculture in consultation with the department of health shall publish information to encourage food manufacturers, processors and retailers responsible for the labeling of food products to voluntarily use specified uniform terms on food product labels to communicate quality dates and safety dates.

Trailer bill clean-up for county siting of wind & solar facilities per PA 102-1123

Changes to public act passed in January include:

Require a wind/solar facility to file a farmland drainage plan with the county and any impacted drainage districts.

Clarify that a vegetative ground cover and management plan shall follow provisions outlined in the Agricultural Impact Mitigation Agreement (AIMA) unless the landowner negotiates a more stringent standard by agreement.

Clarify that a wind/solar facility shall compensate landowners of repair the damage for crop losses and other agricultural damage caused by drainage issues during construction.

Restore a provision that keeps the financial protections for decommissioning a facility consistent with requirements of the AIMA and at a more stable protective level.

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

Guebert Jr.: Mental health and farmers

FARMERS go to great lengths to take care of their land and livestock, but sometimes we're not great at taking care of ourselves.

Our first instincts are to protect our operations at any cost, often by working alone for long hours. Unpredictable stressors such as weather, crop yields, high labor and energy costs, skyrocketing land prices and low income build over time, weighing you down day after day.

When things get tough, it's hard to ask for help.

May was Mental Health Awareness Month, which presents an opportunity to share our story and the tools available for helping farmers cope with stress, anxiety, depression, suicidal thoughts or substance abuse.

In January, the American Farm Bureau Federation unveiled results of a survey of 1,600 Georgian farmers about farm stressors in the state. The survey, conducted in partnership with the Georgia Rural Health Innovation Center, housed in Mercer Univer-

sity School Development, found that:

Twenty nine percent of farmers report suicidal thoughts at least once every month.

Forty two percent of all farmers have thought about dying by suicide at least once in the past 12 months.

Forty seven percent of farmers report experiencing loneliness at least once per month.

Forty nine percent of farmers report being sad or depressed at least once per month.

Thirty nine percent of farmers report feeling hopeless at least once per month.

Of those surveyed, the top stressors reported were balancing home and work life, weather and finances, and common coping strategies included drinking alcohol, exercising and engaging in a hobby.

The results of this survey are staggering, but there are several mental health resources and wellness tools farmers can use to reduce stress and manage their mental health.

In Illinois, the Farm Family Resource Initiative (FFRI) is a free helpline connecting farmers across the state with mental health specialists. The service is managed by Southern Illinois University School of Medicine's Center for Rural Health and Social Service Development and averages a handful of calls per month on a range of issues, including financial stresses, conflict and relationship troubles on the farm.

Follow-up telehealth counseling sessions with SIU Medicine counselors are also offered to those using the resource. Up to six individual, couple or group sessions are available for free to the farmer or farm family member.

FFRI also offers free monthly virtual suicide bereavement group sessions, which is overseen by a licensed clinical social worker and behavior health program supervisor with SIU Medicine's Department of Family and Community Medicine. For more information or to register, call 217-757-

8115 or email program supervisor Bonnie Landwehr at blandwehr54@siumed.edu.

Other tools farmers can use to manage stressors and mental health include developing strong social networks and relationships. Taking 15 minutes each day for an uninterrupted conversation with a spouse or family member and getting involved or staying connected with a friend or group of friends can provide a lifeline when things are tough.

Farmers should also take note of how their body reacts to stress, which is often out of their control. Instead of focusing on things you cannot change, try working toward a solution. This goes hand in hand with nurturing yourself and finding ways to keep your mind and body connected. Exercising 20 minutes or taking a daily walk, swim or bike ride, getting regular medical checkups with a local health care provider, eating a nutritious diet, spending time outside, getting plenty of rest, and

finding hobbies or other activities that you enjoy can all help to reduce stress.

Establishing goals can also help navigate stressful situations and plan for increased periods of work. Spending 10 minutes of your day prioritizing tasks can help you stay on top of your work. However, don't let discussions of farm operation needs occupy all aspects of your life. When you find yourself overwhelmed, try stepping away to assess the problem and brainstorm possible solutions that help break it down into manageable steps.

A productive mind is a healthy mind. Finding 5-10 minutes in your day to relax and recharge, sharing your concerns with a counselor or another professional and using helpful self-talk (telling yourself that you can adapt and overcome any challenge) can help reframe your way of thinking.

These strategies are just a few coping mechanisms farmers can incorporate into their daily life to help

manage stress. However, they are not a substitute for professional medical advice, diagnosis or treatment. If you or a loved one is experiencing a crisis, visit your local emergency department or call 911.

Other resources include:

Farm Family Resource Initiative Helpline: 1-833-FarmSOS or 1-833-327-6767; serves farm families in Illinois.

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1-800-273-TALK (8255).

Crisis Text Line: Text TALK to 741-741; text with a trained counselor from the Crisis Text Line for free, 24/7.

For more information on farmer mental health and wellness resources, visit www.ilfb.org.

Richard Guebert Jr. is the president of the Illinois Farm Bureau. This story was distributed through a cooperative project between Illinois Farm Bureau and the Illinois Press Association.

For more food and farming news, visit FarmWeekNow.com.

Colbert: Labor in the food industry

ON my annual visit to the National Restaurant Association Show in May, the number one topic on everyone's mind was not food or beverage. It was labor with two jobs available for every one worker.

According to data from the association, the labor situation shows no signs of abating either.

"In looking at demographics, there will be forever high turnover," said one seasoned observer. "Additionally, a challenge is less skilled and less knowledgeable workers."

A strategy employed by the food service industry is not necessarily replacing workers, but taking steps

out of the labor process.

For example, using a robot that cooks french fries or does dishes. Or using more items partially or fully cooked. Made-from-scratch meals will be harder to find and more expensive.

Consumers, who have become accustomed to sticker shock at the grocery store, are slowly adapting to higher costs in restaurants. Reluctantly, they have also begun to accept reduced serving hours and parts of dining rooms closed because of the 'no help' syndrome.

Ambience, service and signature menu items remain drawing cards for restaurants. Since the first restaurant was allegedly opened in France in 1765,

there has always been an attraction to escape the household kitchen and be treated to a meal out.

Studies from the National Restaurant Association indicated that people continue to cook at home less and want more convenience. Consumers still want the experience of 'affordable indulgence', be it coffee in the morning or a leisurely dinner.

By the way, 75 percent of the beverages served by Starbucks are cold/iced, not the traditional steaming hot cup of coffee. One reason places like that do so well is that coffee is the largest category in the food service industry.

From the days of percolated coffee with either cream or sugar at the diner,

there has been an explosion of innovations in how coffee is made and served. And, the profit margin in both non-alcoholic and alcoholic has always surpassed that of food.

With all the changes in the way people eat and drink, the majority still enjoy flavors that remind them of past comfort foods. However, some of those same people want "daring" spices, those that challenge their taste buds, such as gochujang, unami or wild hibiscus.

Plant-based foods continue to make inroads. First, it was burgers such as the Impossible Burger. Now, plant-based seafood has entered the market, with konjac (an Asian root vegetable) a protein

replacement filler for crab, tuna, calamari and prawns.

After sampling the product, I don't get it. Seafood is seafood and plant-based does not taste anywhere close to it. But, oceans have been over-fished for years and plant-based is also a way to satisfy vegetarians.

Sustainability and environmental issues are important to the younger clientele and chain establishments readily promote those values.

With so many challenges these days, the restaurant business is at a crossroads. The potential for gross revenues has never been higher, but optimal profits aren't being realized.

To quote the bible, "The harvest is plenty, but the workers are few." Drive past any fast food restaurant and you will simultaneously see a help wanted sign accompanied by long line of cars waiting to spend money.

To survive and prosper, the main objective of today's food and beverage operators has become attracting and retaining workers. From an era when the focus was on food and drink, a dramatic change has occurred with everything else secondary to the labor dilemma.

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

OCL letter to the editor policy

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LOCAL NEWS

Byron Civic Theatre's production of Into the Woods opens July 21

BYRON — Byron Civic Theatre presents its summer musical theater production, *Into the Woods*, with six total shows scheduled. Performances will be on July 21 & 22 at 7 p.m., July 23 at 2 p.m., July 28 & 29 at 7 p.m., and July 30 at 2 p.m. at Byron Middle School. The production features 27 performers between the ages of 14 and 64 and is produced by Tammy Long and directed by

Ellen Mahan. Tickets are on sale now and may be purchased at www.byronparks.org/byroncivictheatre or at the Byron Park District's Guest Services Desk, located at 500 N. Colfax St., Door #55. Tickets will also be available at the Byron Middle School Theatre Box Office beginning one hour prior to show time. All tickets are \$15 each and are general admission.

From MTI Shows: James Lapine and Stephen Sondheim take everyone's favorite storybook characters and bring them together for a timeless, yet relevant, piece... and a rare modern classic. The Tony Award-winning book and score are both enchanting and touching. The story follows a Baker and his wife, who wish to have a child; Cinderella, who wishes to attend the King's Festival;

and Jack, who wishes his cow would give milk. When the Baker and his wife learn that they cannot

have a child because of a Witch's curse, the two set off on a journey to break the curse. Everyone's wish

is granted, but the consequences of their actions return to haunt them later with disastrous results.



Bad Ash Cigars new location open house is July 20
Join us Thursday, July 20 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Oregon's newest business opening: Bad Ash Cigars! Owners Barry Skinner, Joshua Skinner and Brian Wynn invite you to join them for an open house and walk through to tour their progress. Bad Ash Cigars, formerly located on River Road in Oregon, is an upscale cigar lounge boasting a fine selection of over 200 cigars. Please enjoy owner-led tours in their well-ventilated, beautifully-remodeled, historic location. We hope you will come and enjoy a tour of the cigar lounge and a sneak peek at the brewery's distribution center as well. Bad Ash Cigars is now located at 110 N. 4th St. in Oregon. Grand opening day for the business will be Aug. 5 with a 10 a.m. ribbon cutting celebration. An Oliva Cigars representative will be there with discounts and specials. Please save the date and join us



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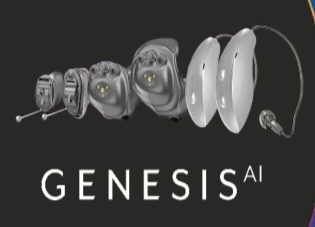
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LOCAL NEWS

Rep. Fritts hosting school supply drive for students in need

DIXON — State Rep. Bradley Fritts (R-Dixon) is hosting his first annual School Supply Drive for students in need. Local school districts have provided a list of new items needed for incoming students across various grade levels.

“If we want to improve our education system, we

need to ensure all students have access to the resources they need to excel in their studies,” Rep. Fritts said. “Without the necessary supplies, it’s incredibly challenging for any student to succeed. Let’s come together as a community to provide these children with the tools they need to build a brighter future.”

Donations can be made at any of the following drop-off locations beginning on July 17 through July 31.

Amboy High School - 11 E. Hawley St., Amboy. Ashton Village Hall - 810 Main St., Ashton. Dixon Rural Fire Department - 1020 Palmyra St., Dixon. Dixon High School - 300

Mark Dallas Way, Dixon. Dixon School District Office - 1335 Franklin Grove Road, Dixon. Rep. Fritts’ Dixon District Office - 101 W. 1st St., Suite 501, Dixon. Open Sesame - 1101 Middle Road, Dixon. Bright Beginnings - 1033 Franklin Grove Road, Dixon. Sauk Valley Community College - 173

Illinois Route 2, Dixon. Rochelle Township High School - 1401 E. Flagg Road, Rochelle. Rock Falls High School - 101 12th Ave., Rock Falls. Polo High School - 100 S. Union Ave., Polo. Earlville Village Center - 210 W. Railroad St., Earlville. Paw Paw Village Hall - 362 Chicago Road, Paw

Paw. Waterman Village Hall - 215 W. Adams St., Waterman. Morrison City Hall - 200 W. Main St., Morrison. Sterling High School - 1608 4th Ave., Sterling.

For more information about the School Supply Drive, including a list of requested supplies, visit RepFritts.com

Oregon Park Board holds monthly meeting

OREGON — The Oregon Park District Board of Commissioners held their monthly meeting on Tuesday, July 11 at Nash Recreation Center. The district meets the second Tuesday of each month.

The Board of Commissioners approved the District Values Statements, an engineering services contract with 20/10 engineering for air handler design services, National Recreation and Park Association conference

expenses, a 36-month contract with Dynegy Energy for electric supply rates, and a resolution authorizing support for an OSLAD grant for improvements at Park East. Each item was approved with a 4-0 vote.

The park district began their pursuit of a new strategic plan in February and the first step in this process was redefining their values.

“The values create a clear focus on what drives day-to-day decision-making,

inspires leadership, and holds the organization accountable,” Erin Folk, executive director, said.

The approved values include: Caring, Creative and Community-Focused. The values were determined following interviews with community stakeholders and a staff summit involving all full and part-time employees.

An engineering services contract was awarded to 20/10 engineering in the amount of \$31,500 to

complete electrical and mechanical design work for a new air handler at Nash Recreation Center.

Folk added, “a facility assessment was completed in 2018 and replacement of the air handler has been a priority on the five-year rolling capital plan. The existing air handler is 23 years old and will be replaced with a stand-alone pool dehumidification unit. Design services are expected to be completed this fall

with construction bids to follow.”

Illinois Department of Natural Resources will be accepting applications for their OSLAD grant program through Aug. 31. Oregon Park District intends to submit a \$600,000 grant application for improvements scheduled at Oregon Park East. The board has pledged their support by resolution and will look to improve recreation access and existing infrastructure at the

park site. Improvements will not impede the area occupied by Chana School or the playing field for Oregon Ganymedes.

Folk also announced the release of the district’s 2022 annual report. The report can be viewed at www.oregonpark.org and highlights all the district achieved in 2022.

The Oregon Park District Board will hold their next monthly meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 8 at 5 p.m. at Nash Recreation Center.



2022 Annual Report Highlights

2022 was an impressive year for the Oregon Park District. A full report was released this month highlighting 2022 and can be found at www.oregonpark.org. Enjoy some of our highlights and accomplishments of our staff.

PARTICIPANT SURVEY RESULTS

Recreation by the Numbers:

- 13,469** 2022 Activity Participation Count
- 8%** Participation increase from 2021
- 1,729** Swimming Lesson Participation
- 4,050** Free programming participants
- 503** Inclusive participation opportunities



\$10,000 in net proceeds from athletic camps donated to OHS Athletic Programs

150

The District was fortunate to work with many community volunteers throughout 2022. In fact, there were more than 150 volunteers that helped our District excel in many ways through coaching, scorekeeping, event preparation, and special events.

OPD has received over \$2.5 million dollars in grants since 2011. These grants help the District create great recreation spaces for our community without increasing taxes.



The District concluded fiscal year 2022 exceeding its original financial and budget expectations. All fund balance goals were met. Total fund balances at end of year were \$2,079,374, which was 6.34% greater than the original budget.

4.34%

The average City of Oregon homeowner paid about 4.34% of their property tax bill to the Park District for the 2021 tax year (taxes payable in 2022). The average homeowners tax liability was estimated to be approximately \$161.22. Taxes provide access to 10 park sites, 8 playgrounds, 4 river access parks, splash pad, 7 miles of trails, 150 acres of open space, dog park, skate park, Nash Recreation Center and indoor pool.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COMPLETED IN 2022

- Park East Deck Overlook
- Pickleball Courts at Mix Park
- Mini Pitch Court & Park West Trails
- Facility & Gym Improvements
- ITEP Trail Grant Submission and Award
- Park Improvements including shelter repairs & roofing



\$280,572

LONG-TERM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND CREATED IN 2019

Created in 2019, the fund will help the District plan for large capital improvements in the future. The District contributed \$70,000 in 2022, with a fund balance of \$280,572.



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Meridian CUSD 223 secures Digital Equity Grant Video boards for main gymnasium at Stillman Valley High School part of grant

STILLMAN VALLEY — Meridian CUSD 223 is committed to fostering innovation and digital literacy and is thrilled to announce the successful acquisition of a Digital Equity Grant through the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE). This grant will enable the organization to provide many digital upgrades in all schools, including multiple curricular supports and extensions for our graphics classes.

Most notably, these upgrades allow the high school to be equipped with state-of-the-art digital media resources and install captivating video boards in the main gymnasium.

Digital media education plays a pivotal role in preparing students for the rapidly-evolving digital landscape. Recognizing the significance of providing equal access and opportuni-

ties to all learners, Meridian CUSD 223 embarked on an endeavor to secure the Digital Equity Grant. After a rigorous evaluation process, the ISBE awarded the grant to our institution, acknowledging our commitment to bridging the digital divide and enhancing educational experiences for our students.

The grant funding will be utilized to equip the high school with cutting-edge digital media equipment, enabling students to explore various aspects of digital communication and media production. This includes screen printing equipment, digital printing press, and video production equipment such as cameras, lights and audio recording devices. An industrial paper cutter was also purchased with grant funding. The acquisition of these resources will empower students to

develop their creativity, critical thinking and communication skills through hands-on experiences in digital media production.

Furthermore, the grant will facilitate the installation of dynamic and engaging video boards in the main gymnasium. These video boards will not only enhance the overall sports and event experience for students, staff, and community members but also serve as a valuable educational asset. With the ability to display real-time scores, instant replays, team introductions and informative messages, the video boards will foster a sense of school pride, boost community engagement and provide unique learning opportunities for students interested in sports broadcasting and event production.

“We are incredibly grateful to the Illinois State

Board of Education for offering this type of funding to allow this incredible opportunity,” District Superintendent Dr. PJ Caposey said. “This grant will enable us to create an inclusive and innovative learning environment where students can develop their digital literacy skills and explore their creativity. The digital media equipment and video boards will open up a multitude of opportunities for our students and transform their educational experience.”

Meridian CUSD 223 remains committed to ensuring equitable access to high-quality education and preparing students for success in the digital era. The deployment of these funds represents a significant milestone in our ongoing efforts to provide comprehensive and dynamic learning opportunities for our students.



(COURTESY PHOTO)

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Oregon High School releases fall athletic season information

OREGON — The Oregon Community Unit School District 220 athletic department recently released general informa-

tion for the start of the fall athletic season. On Aug. 3 at 6:30 p.m. at the Oregon High School gym, Freshman Athlete/New Athlete

Orientation Night will be held. The event is mandatory for all freshman and new transfer students that are planning on participating

in high school athletics at any time during their high school career in Oregon. At least one parent or guardian is also required to attend.

The event will be repeated on Tuesday night, Aug. 15 for any students/families not able to attend on Aug. 3. Monday, Aug. 7 will be the

first day of official practice for Oregon High School fall sports (specific times TBA).

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1307 Trail Drive, Dixon
\$305,000 Call Jenny

Prepare to be impressed by this Idle Oak treasure with 3 bedrooms and 3 full bathrooms. The open floor plan on this gorgeous ranch is fantastical featuring hardwood floors and an abundance of space for family and entertaining guests. The updated kitchen has beautiful cabinets, granite counters, and a breakfast bar. A quaint breakfast nook off the kitchen and a separate dining area off the large family room make it perfect for hosting. Main floor master suite has a spacious walk-in closet, tub/shower combo and double sink vanity. 2nd bedroom upstairs has double closets and is located near the 2nd full bath. The laundry room is conveniently located near the master suite and kitchen. The partially exposed lower level is tastefully finished with a large family room, additional recreation room/dry bar, and 3rd full bath. A spacious 3rd bedroom and a possible 4th bedroom/bonus room with look-out windows make this home complete. There is ample storage throughout and a large 2 car garage with shelving. The yard is beautifully landscaped, and the back patio is quiet and peaceful for relaxing. Call today to make your appointment to tour this fantastic property.



15165 Ill Route 73, Shannon
\$260,000 Call Rebecca

YOUR 10 ACRE FARMETTE AWAITS! 4 bedroom, 1 bathroom farmhouse with many updates including: kitchen cabinets, appliances, kitchen flooring, Feldco Windows, central air, furnace, water softener, hot water heater and new carpet upstairs. Plenty of room in the 2000+ square foot home with hardwood floors throughout the main floor, main floor laundry, eat in kitchen, formal dining room, 2 living rooms and a screened in porch. Upstairs has 4 roomy bedrooms plus a large storage closet. Detached 2.5 car garage with concrete floors and LED flights. Barn with 240V electric and half concrete floors. There is also a storage shed that could be converted into a chicken coop and feed shed. This property is sure to please with a variation of pasture, woods and tillable. All ready set up as a true farm with a spring fed creek that runs through the north pasture that is fully fenced and has moveable run throughs. Another great feature is the automatic waterer in the south pasture. Plum and pear trees as well. There is roughly 3.75 acres tillable, too. Eastland Schools and close to Lake Carroll. Move quickly to call this FARMETTE your HOME!



118 S. Pine Street, Stillman Valley
\$89,000 Call Rebecca

RESIDENTIAL OR COMMERCIAL? THE POSSIBILITIES ARE ENDLESS! This property was formerly a 1 bedroom, 1 bathroom home that was converted into an office space. It has an open floor plan with reception area, two patient rooms, full bathroom and laundry room. There is off street parking along with a detached oversized 1 car garage. Plumbing is still in a patient room making it easy for a kitchen to be re-installed. Located near downtown, call for your showing on this rare property today!



3747 W. Ill Route 64 Lot 82, Mt. Morris
\$39,900 Call Mark

Looking for a move in ready 2 bedroom, 1 bathroom home that is the "Complete Package"? This beautifully updated 1983 Nashua 14 x 70 mobile home is being sold with most personal property available to stay! New appliances in 2020. Plus, a John Deere 42" riding mower to take care of your new yard is included! Updates include 2 year old furnace and central air, newer beautiful cabinets, newer gutters, newer shed with cement foundation, new blinds, new fans and light fixtures and a re-sealed roof in the Fall of 2021! Home is located in Mt. Morris Estates and monthly lot rent is 400.00. Purchaser must be approved by the park.



416 W. Washington Street, Oregon
\$349,000 Call Rebecca

THE CHILE PEPPER GRILL & BAR is being offered for sale! After 20 successful years in business and their best year of business revenue in 2021, the owners are ready for the next chapter. Here is your chance to own a piece of property in booming downtown Oregon with a well-established bar and grill. Locals love the Chile Pepper along with other regulars that travel from afar. Known for the great atmosphere and delicious food, this business is being sold completely turnkey! The sale includes the real estate along with all equipment. There is seating inside for nearly 70 guests comprised of pub tables and a bar space. With a new rolled rubber roof in 2022, the building is ADA accessible, has ample storage and a large kitchen. Added ambiance with the large window with views of the beautiful and historic courthouse and downtown Oregon. High traffic count along Route 64/North Avenue. If you have always dreamed of owning a bar, do not miss your chance to call this successful bar and grill yours! Owner financing may be available for qualified buyers.



908 S. Congress Avenue, Polo
\$108,000 Call Stephanie

Spacious 3 Bedroom Ranch move in ready! Boasts new laminate flooring, brand new carpet in living room, some new light fixtures. All appliances stay. You will love the large back yard and dog run.



4440 Carthage Drive, Rockford
\$575,000 Call JD

Opportunity! This 8 unit building composed of (6) 2 bedroom and (2) 1 bedroom units plus in house laundry; must be sold as a package with 4456 Carthage Dr for a total of 16 units, price reflects each building separately. Conveniently located directly across from Collins Aerospace which creates additional rental opportunities beyond the standard demand that the city of Rockford already provides! Immediate value add potential... capitalize on rising rental rates and see the cashflow grow! One's loss is another's gain. The heavy lifting has been done for you.

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LOCAL NEWS

Bertolet Library News

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

program and help support our local community!

YOUTH PROGRAMS
Try It! How Frieda Caplan Changed the Way We Eat

Tuesday, July 18th, 10:30 AM Miss Melinda from Ag In The Classroom will be presenting Try It! How Frieda Caplan Changed the Way We Eat by Mara Rockliff. Participants will create their own self portrait in the style of Italian painter Giuseppe Arcim-

boldo using pictures of fruits and vegetables, test their knowledge about what the "ins and outs" of fruits and vegetables look like, and enjoy a yummy fruit salad. Registration is requested by July 13th at 815-738-2742.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Adult Summer Reading Program
Adult Summer Reading Program runs June 5th through July 31st. The more books you read, the better your chances at winning prizes at the

end. Goodie bags handed out for signing up while supplies last. Stop by the circulation desk for more information and sign up today.

July Take & Make Craft

As we continue to hop our way through summer, stop by the circulation desk to pick up the kit to make a frog. While supplies last.

July Book of the Month

France, 1939. Vianne sees her husband off to the front lines and deals with

German officers occupying her home. Isabelle must deal with young love and rejection and joins the resistance movement. They both discover who they are and what they will do to survive. Stop by the circulation desk and pick up your copy of Kristin Hannah's The Nightingale 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 ziploc-type seals and paper/sticker labels. Thank you for your cooperation.

NEW RELEASES

Adult Books
Weapons of Opportunity by Dale Brown
Palazzo by Danielle Steel

Byron Public Library News

Check out Our Mobile App
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Summer Reading Challenge

May 30 - July 28. Sign up to participate in our summer challenge! Read books to earn a free book and entries in our prize drawings! Youth can also complete activities to participate! Register at Byron.beanstack.org, on the Beanstack Tracker app, or at the library circulation desk. Staff can assist with logging books too. Simply bring completed books to the desk and staff will log for you.

Summer Blood Drive with RRVBC
Monday, August 7. 1-6:00

pm. Join us as we host a community blood drive in partnership with the Rock River Valley Blood Center. Register for an appointment by calling the library at 815-234-5107 or visiting https://donor.rvbc.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/55076. Walk-ins are also welcome! Prospective donors must be at least 17 years old (16 with parental consent) and weigh at least 110 lbs. It is recommended that donors eat a meal within 3-4 hours before donating and drink plenty of fluids.

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 «The Grizzled Grist Does Not Exist» by Juliette MacIver, or read «Look & Listen: Who's in the Garden, Meadow, Brook?» by Dianne White while walking to the Heritage Farm Museum. The StoryWalk® is a joint project of the Byron Public Library and the Byron Forest Preserve. The

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Forreston Public Library News

Comic Book Workshop

Thursday, July 20th, 4:30 - 5:30 pm. Join professional artists from DoArt Productions for an energetic, interactive workshop on drawing comics. As participants are led through the creative process they'll be

encouraged to discover their own unique style. This workshop is open to youth and adults, age 7 and up. Whatever your skill level, this entertaining team will get you drawing! In order to ensure enough supplies, please call (815)938-2624 or stop in the library to

register.

Summer Reading Program

Only two weeks left to join the fun at our summer reading program, Oceans of Possibilities! Toddlers and preschoolers meet on Tuesdays and Kindergarten through 5th graders meet on Wednesdays.

Both programs begin at 10:00 am. Please join us!

New Materials

New adult fiction titles include: The Sound of Sleighbells by Janet Dailley, The Happiness Plan by Susan Mallery, and Welcome to Beach Town by Susan Wiggs.

Community Room

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

Soft Plastic Recycling

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

Julia Hull District Library News

Storytime at the Library

Join us at the library, every Wednesday at 10 a.m., for songs, stories and crafts! Ages 2-5. Space is limited: call to register: 815-645-8611.

Summer Reading Program: Reading Road Trip

Hop in, friends! We're going on a reading road trip! This summer, we'll hit the road with an important stop at your local library

in the Valley. During your stay, you'll explore all the fun reading has to offer—while earning badges on a virtual BINGO card! You'll collect badges for logging your reading, completing activities and earning BIN-

GO. It's fun. It's easy. It's free! May 29-July 31, 2023. Download the Beanstack app to get started! All ages.

Storytime in the Park

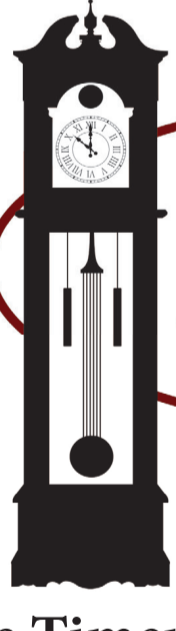
Join us for a special storytime at 10 a.m. Friday, August 4, in Davis Junction

Park! We'll enjoy stories, songs and parachute play. Feel free to bring blankets or lawn chairs for your comfort. Ages 2-9. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

Teens: Paint & Pizza

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

Barbie: The History of America's Most Famous Doll
She might be the most

famous doll in the world. For more than sixty years, Barbie has been played with, analyzed, collected, criticized and loved. In this illustrated lecture, historian Leslie Goddard delves into the history of Barbie and her inventor, the passionately creative—and

intensely competitive—Ruth Handler. Learn what inspired Handler to develop Barbie in 1959, how Barbie helped make Mattel one of the world's most successful toy companies and what Barbie's impact has been on American culture. Monday, August 28 at

6:30 p.m. Call to register; 815-645-8611.

Library Renovation Closure
The library's getting a facelift and we couldn't be more excited! Starting July 20 through July 30, the library will be CLOSED FOR BROWSING to be-

gin a short-term project that includes: new paint, new carpeting, refaced service desk, upholstery and drinking fountain. Renovation will continue through the first 1-2 weeks of August, with limited library services offered, TBA. 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.

Mount Morris Library News

Closings
We will be closing at 5:30pm on Thursday, July 27th for our Summer Reading Celebration!

Summer Reading Program Schedule July 10-15

Find Your Food Voice! Program Monday, July 17th, 1pm. Fruishi Drop-In Craft Monday, July 17th, 11am-7pm, while supplies last.

Create Playfood, Take-N-Make Tue-Sat, July 18-24th, while supplies last. Story Time Wednesday, July 19th, 11:15am. Last Day to Log Books!! Saturday, July 22nd, 10am-2pm. Bonus!

Back to School Keychain, Drop-In Craft Monday, July 24th, 11-7pm. Celebration Party with the SpoonMan! Thursday, July 27th, 6pm.

Story Time!

Mrs. Donna will be reading books and children will create a craft this Wednesday, 6/19. 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 July book is "The Book of Lost Names" by Kristin Harmel. 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,

every third Thursday of the month. Children under 8 need to bring a parent with them.

Memorial Gifts

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

Display Case Showings

Happy Independence Day!!! Come see the gorgeous display provided by Kit Reynolds! It will truly put you in the red, white, and blue spirit! 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 Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago!

Explore More Illinois, RAILS' online cultural and

recreational pass program for Illinois libraries, welcomes its newest attraction, the Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago! Founded in 1967, the Museum of Contemporary Art (MCA) Chicago champions the new and unexpected in contemporary art and culture through its exhibitions, performances, programs, and collection. Located in the heart of downtown Chicago, the MCA boasts a gift store, restaurant, 300-seat theater, and a terraced sculpture garden with a great view of Lake Michigan.

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

Adult Programming

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

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

Curbside Service is available!

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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

July 31st at the library.

Cookbook Club! Next Meeting September 5th!

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

Ink with a Friend: Card Making at the Library

Join us in August to make some lovely homemade cards to send to family and friends. We will be offering a card-making class from local crafter, Liz Gullett. She will be here on Thursday, August 10th from 5-7! You will get all the materials to make two beautiful cards to take home. Stop by to see the samples, fees are by donation. Registration is limited so call the library or stop by to save your spot before August 3rd!

Lego Club!

Our next Lego night is Thursday, July 20th, from 6:00 - 6:45pm. Bring a friend and build some fun with Lego bricks! All children and parents are invited

on any of our Support Groups, call Rock River Center at 815-732-3252 or 1-800-541-5479.

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

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CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP - NEW SCHEDULE

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DIABETIC SUPPORT GROUP

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LOW VISION GROUP

Meets: 2nd and 4th Tuesday of month. Time: 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. For more information

check our website to find out how you can be a part of this summer event!

Trivia Quest

Each week a trivia question will be posted at the library. (Clues are hidden around the Library). Solve the question and submit your answer

at the Library. You have one week to submit your answers.

Two individuals with correct answers will receive a prize.

I Spy Hunt in the Library! (3yrs. & up)

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Rock River Center Activities

Rock River Center is a resource center located at 810 S. 10th Street, Oregon. Do you need help with Benefit Access Application for a license plate discount, Medicare, housing, homemaker service, heating assistance or other things?

Our Information & Assistance Specialists are available at various locations throughout Ogle County. Our activities and trips are open to all ages. Call our office at 815-732-3252 with any questions. Visit us on the web at www.rockrivercenter.org and like us on Facebook.

Cards & Table Games Monday. 12:15 - 3:00

Shuffleboard Tuesday and Wednesday. 12:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Yoga Classes with Jen July 21: 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. Yoga; July 21: 11:15 - 12:00 noon Chair Yoga. \$5 per session. Registration and Payment required prior to class.

Scam & Fraud Protection July 24 at 12:00 Noon Advance registration requested. Please call 815-732-3252 to sign up or for more details. Advance registration requested so we can be prepared.

SUPPORT GROUPS @ ROCK RIVER CENTER

Oregon Public Library News

2023 Summer Reading Program- Find Your Voice! June 1- July 28

Last 2 weeks... Free to residents, 3 - 17 years old of the Oregon Public Library District. Activities and programs are available. Registration is required. Come in, call or

check our website to find out how you can be a part of this summer event!

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Mondays in June-Story Time
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Tuesday, July 18 Teen Tech Afternoon
1:30 pm (13 yrs. & up).

Come to the library for an afternoon of TECH! Another chance to see and use all of the tech offerings that we have, including our 3D pens (bring ideas for your own creations) & Oculus VR headset. Registration required

Thursday, July 20, Speaking with Art
1:30 pm, (1st grade & up). Do Art Productions will present a workshop of how to turn your voice

into characters through art! Registration deadline is Tuesday, July 18.

Tuesday, July 25, Activity Time
What Did I Miss? 1:30 pm (grades 1st & up) Registration required.

Wednesday, July 26
All youth book logs due, online and on paper.

Adult Summer Reading Program - through August 11th 2023

Follow us on Facebook, join our e-newsletter and visit our website for more information about programs. All brain game packets and book logs must be turned in by the end of the business day on August 11, 2023.

Try It Tuesday
Tuesday, July 18th at 1:00pm or 5:30pm (Choose your time slot) Diamond Painting. What is Diamond Painting? Similar to both cross-stitch and paint-by-numbers, diamond paint-

ing is a new creative hobby that has taken the world by storm, especially fans of DIY crafts. Crafters have fallen in love with this activity because it is easy to learn and incredibly rewarding. Mastering the basics is a breeze, and crafters describe diamond painting as relaxing and calming. In fact, most say it is more stress-relieving than any other craft. All supplies are provided. This is an adult class. Registration required, please call (815) 732-2724 or visit www.oregonpubliclibrary.com.

Harry Potter Trivia Night-Cork N Tap

Thursday, July 20th at 6:30pm. Grab your friends and have a night out of fun! Are you a Harry Potter fan? This trivia will cover the books, movies, and characters. Program intended for 18 and over. Register your team of up to 6 players at (815) 732-2724 or www.oregonpubliclibrary.com.

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Calling all local authors!!! Local Author Open Mic Night

Wednesday, August 2nd at 6:30pm. Local authors are invited to an open mic night to share poetry, short stories, excerpts of their novels and more. Come and support our local authors. Authors and participants can register at www.oregonpubliclibrary.com or call (815) 732-2724 for more information. Registration required.

Stateville Calling: Screening and Discussion

Wednesday, August 9th at 6:00pm. Is rehabilitation a right? Stateville Calling is an Emmy-nominated documentary exploring parole reform and the struggle of aging incarcerated people in Illinois. A screening of the docu-

mentary will be followed by a panel discussion with the Illinois Prison Project's Community Navigators and Ambassadors, a team of formerly incarcerated people working to transform Illinois' criminal legal system. Registration required (815) 732-2724 or www.oregonpubliclibrary.com.

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Monday, August 21st at 6:00pm. Sending personal cards to your friends and family is a way to let them know you care and are thinking about them. All designs include beautiful colored cardstock, gorgeous designer series paper, detailed stamped images, die cut pieces, matching ink, ribbon, and embellishments. All cards come with matching envelopes. Whether you're a new card maker or a seasoned pro,

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Friday, September 15th. Doors open at 5:30pm, show starts promptly at 6:00pm. Held at River's Edge and catered by Hazel's

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God is Good, All the Time, All the Time, God is Good!

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

LEAF RIVER

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

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

LINDENWOOD

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

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

KINGS

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

MOUNT MORRIS

DISCIPLES UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
"By God's grace in Christ, we LIVE, LOVE, and SERVE"
All are welcome here!
9:30 am - Sunday Worship with Communion open to all
10:45 am - Sunday School (Sep - May)
www.disciplesumc.org
(815) 734-4853
102 N Maple Ave., Mt. Morris, IL 61054
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 BRETHERN
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: mtmco@frontier.com

MT. MORRIS TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
308 E. Brayton Rd. Mt. Morris, IL Phone: 734-6354 Rev. Josh Ehler
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 EOCCGministries@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 10:30 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 of month. Lighthouse will lite 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 & Morgan 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
Rectory/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@crossroadscn.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.crossroadscn.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.therebrickchurch.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/VECCJSV
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

Polo Public Library News

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS
Friday, July 21st
 11 A.M. to 1 P.M. - THIS IS A FREE POLO LIBRARY CHILDREN'S PROGRAM EVENT AT THE POLO POOL. Children under 10 should be accompanied by an adult. Join Ms Melanie for some water fun & having fun with friends in the water!!!
Storytime Saturday
 Saturday July 22nd

- starting at 10:30 a.m. - Polo Library Lawn
Lunch
 NOW till August 10th, every Tuesday and Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. - LUNCH will be available for all children, ages 0 to 18. Meals are provided through the National Food Bank.
Book clubs
 Started book clubs for all youth, contact Ms. Melanie if your kiddo would like to join!

For more information or to register for any programs and events please call Melanie at 815-946-2713, call or text 815-677-3586, email melanie@pololibrary.org, go to the Polo Library website or Facebook page to look for the Google form link.
ADULT MONTHLY PROGRAMS
Book Club Monthly Meets - Coming in August
 2nd Friday, August

11th at 1:00 p.m. at the Polo Senior Center, book discussion of "The Next Person You Meet in Heaven" sequel by Mitch Albom.
 4th Monday, August 28th at 1:00 p.m. at the Polo Library, book discussion of "The Sun Does Shine" by Anthony Ray Hinton.
New twist ongoing program - DNA Genealogy Assistance
 Wednesday, August

2nd - 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday, August 19th 10 a.m. to 12 with Donna & Pam. AncestryDNA..... You Received Your Results! Now What? Come get some ideas on how to look at your matches, sort through them and what to do next.
Online Catalog
 If we don't have what you're looking for at Polo Library, visit our online catalog to search other libraries and have

it delivered right to Polo Library for pick up! Visit pololibrary.org and click on "Books/Media" and "Your Account" to access the online catalog.
Special Procedures
 Masks are optional for staff and visitors to the library. If you require an access service to fully participate in a program or have any questions about accessibility, please contact Marie Monaco at 815-946-2713.

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Book Clubs
 The Afternoon Book Club meets Wednesday, July 19 at 1 pm to discuss Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens. Books on Tap Book Club meets Thursday, July 27 at 6 pm at Cork & Tap to discuss A Gentleman In Moscow by Amor Towles. The 2WBC Book Club meets August 9,

at 12:30 pm to discuss Tim Lahaye. Is This Just Fantasy? Book Club will meet in August at 6 pm at the Library to discuss Ninth House by Leigh Bardugo. Cocktails & Crimes will meet Sunday, August 20 at 2 pm at Cork n Tap.
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. Registra-

tion required, this class fills quickly. Please call (815) 732-2724 or visit www.oregonpubliclibrary.com.
Oregon Writers Group
 2nd Tuesday each month at 10:00 am. The OWG is a gathering of writers or writer-wannabes who meet to support each other and further their own writing. The purpose of the group is

to help and encourage you in your writing. If you need brainstorming ideas, we can help suggest ideas or aid with the creative process.
Passport Services
 The Oregon Public Library offers Passport Application Processing. Patrons seeking Passport Services should call the Library prior to their visit to ensure that an official processor is available at

that time and for a checklist of items, you will need for the appointment.
OPLD Dial-A-Story & Oregon Public Library StoryWalk @ Oregon Park West
 Call 815-732-2724, follow the prompts and presto...a story! Current story- Maybe by Kobi Yamada. Current story at the StoryWalk is Speak Up, Molly Lou Melon by Patty Lovell.

Weekly Brain Busters

King Crossword

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ACROSS
 1 Artist Chagall
 5 Witty one
 8 Infatuated
 12 — about (roughly)
 13 Copper head?
 14 Arkin or Alda
 15 Famed circus impresario
 17 A deadly sin
 18 Tuscan city
 19 Rapsallions
 21 Craving
 24 "— was saying ..."
 25 Pocket bread
 28 Chart toppers
 30 Cagers' gp.
 33 Author Tan
 34 Highway divisions
 35 City area, for short
 36 LP speed
 37 Staffer
 38 College VIP
 39 Luau bowlful
 41 Cold War initials
 43 Chin covers
 46 Old hat
 50 Forearm bone
 51 Every year
 54 Blue material?
 55 Swiss canton
 56 Campus digs

DOWN
 1 Floor cleaners
 2 Con
 3 Judicial garb
 4 Brain protectors
 5 Pallid
 6 — Dhabi
 7 Jewels
 8 Grand parties
 9 Kitchen foil type
 10 React in horror
 11 Picnic invaders
 16 Squealer
 20 Mama Elliot
 22 Spiced tea
 23 Brahmanist
 25 Standard
 26 Little rascal
 27 Ear membrane
 29 Casual tops
 31 Buddy
 32 "Shark Tank" network
 34 Set down
 38 "The Godfather" star
 40 Emulate Lincoln
 42 Resort
 43 Small statue
 44 Ticklish Muppet
 45 Tater
 47 Uppity sort
 48 Foolproof
 49 TV trophy
 52 Before
 53 Tease

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MAGIC MAZE ● — HOOD

O Z V S P L I E B Y V R O N L
 I F C Z W T Q N K I F C I Z W
 U R P M J H **N E I G H B O R E**
 C Z X U S Q N L J G O E C O D
 Z T X V T R P N L R J H E L C
 A Y L W V T R R R P E N I E L
 K I G U E I C E B Z X H W H U
 S R P O D M T T H L C J T C I
 G E D I N A M S B T N E R A P
 A Y N X T H G I N K O Y O B F
 W G U S T S E S L A F M F Q P

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

Adult	False	Man	Robin
Bachelor	Father	Mother	Sister
Boy	Fort	Neighbor	State
Child	Knight	Parent	

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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6			2			9		
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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.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
 ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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HOCUS - FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Basket is added. 2. Fence is different. 3. Ball is higher. 4. Arm is lower. 5. Cap is reversed. 6. Window is missing.

Solution time: 24 mins.
 Answers

King Crossword

HOOD

2	8	1	7	4	3	6	5	9
5	3	6	9	2	8	7	1	4
9	7	4	1	6	5	3	8	2
4	2	7	5	3	9	1	6	8
8	9	3	6	7	1	4	2	5
6	1	5	2	8	4	9	7	3
3	6	9	8	1	2	5	4	7
1	4	2	3	5	7	8	9	6
7	5	8	4	9	6	2	3	1

Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

Classified Marketplace

BUY OR SELL
Place A Classified Ad



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LEGAL NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
CASE NO. 2023TX15
To: Estate of Kent Dearborn, Jr., deceased; Zander Dearborn; Florence Dearborn; Unknown Heirs/Devises of Kent Dearborn, Jr., deceased; 1095 Investments, LLC; Ogle County, as Trustee; Laura Cook, Ogle County Clerk; Persons in occupancy or actual possession of said property, unknown owners or parties claiming any right, interest or title in the described real estate:
Property located at: 17955 W Taylor St, Polo, IL

Property Index No. 06-27-151-002
Tax Sale Certificate No. 2019-00001
This property was sold on November 4, 2020 for delinquent general taxes for the year of 2019. A Petition for Tax Deed for this property was filed on May 4, 2023.

Your right to redeem the property from the sale will expire on October 24, 2023. If you fail to redeem by that date, the court may enter a judgment granting petitioner a tax deed.
This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Oregon, Illinois on November 1, 2023 at 9 AM before Judge Roe via Zoom (https://www.oglecountyil.gov/departments/circuit_clerk/zoom_links_for_court.php, "Judge Roe - Courtroom 302"), or whomever may be sitting in his or her stead.

JICTB, Inc., Petitioner
Angela L. Tucker, Esq.
JICTB, Inc.
1701 Broadmoor Dr. Ste 100
Champaign, IL 61821
No. 0612
(July 3, 10 and 17, 2023)

NOTICE STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF OGLE
In The Matter of the Estate of DARREN E. SMITH, Deceased
No. 2023 PR 34

CLAIM NOTICE
NOTICE is given of the death of DARREN E. SMITH, who died on May 3, 2023. Letters of Office were issued on June 20, 2023, to Rilee Smith, who is the Administrator of the estate, 4234 E. Countryview Dr., Byron, IL 61010. The attorney for the estate representative is Attorney Elizabeth Groncki-Boger, 120 W. State St., Ste. 303, Rockford, IL 61101.

Any claims against the estate may be filed on or before January 3, 2024, that date being at least six (6) months from the date of first publication, or within three (3) months from the date of mailing or delivery of Notice to creditors, if mailing or delivery is required by Section 18-3 of the Illinois Probate Act of 1975, as amended, whichever date is later. Any claim not filed on or before that date shall be barred.

Claims against the estate may be filed with the estate representative or the Office of the Ogle County Circuit Clerk - Probate Division at the Ogle County Courthouse, 106 S. 5th Street, Oregon, Illinois 61061, or both.

Copies of claims filed with the Circuit Clerk's Office - Probate Division, must be mailed or delivered to the estate legal representa-

tive and to her attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.
Dated June 23, 2023
Rilee Smith, Administrator
Elizabeth M. Groncki-Boger - ARDC# 6283004 DERANGO & CAIN, LLC
120 W. State St., Ste. 303
Rockford, IL 61101
(815)962-5490
Attorney for the Estate
Darren E. Smith, Deceased
No. 0703
(July 3, 10 and 17, 2023)

NOTICE TAKE NOTICE CERTIFICATE NO. 2019-00061
TO:
OCCUPANTS
MARY DIANE DORSEY
MARY DIANE DOMBKOWSKI
NAVY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION
NAVY FEDERAL FIREFLY LEGAL INC %NAVY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION
MCALLA RAYMER
LEIBERT PIERCE LLC %NAVY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION
MARY DIANE DOMBKOWSKI
ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
ILLINOIS ATTORNEY GENERAL
OGLE COUNTY TREASURER
THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK & TRUST COMPANY OF ROCHELLE
NKA CENTRAL BANK
ILLINOIS
Persons in occupancy or actual possession of said property and all unknown owners, occupants, beneficiaries, heirs, devisees, or parties interested in said land or lots. A Petition for Tax Deed on property described below has been filed with the Circuit Clerk of OGLE County, Illinois as Case # 2023TX21.

The property is located at:
9020 FLAGG RD ROCHELLE IL 61068
RNG/BLK:1 TWP:140 SECT/LOT:18N 330FT OF W 264FT OF E 996FT W2 SW4 N OF FLAGG TOWNSHIP
Property Index Number: 24-18-300-003
Said Property was sold on 11/04/2020 for delinquent real estate taxes and/or special assessments for the year 2019. The period of redemption will expire on 10/26/2023.

On 11/15/2023 at 09:00AM, the Petitioner will make application to such court in said county for an Order Directing Issuance of Tax Deed if the real estate is not redeemed from the sale.
ANDREW R. HENDRIAN, Petitioner
No. 0720
(July 10, 17 and 24, 2023)

NOTICE TAKE NOTICE CERTIFICATE NO. 2019-00094
TO:
OCCUPANTS
JAIME SALAZAR
JAMIE SALAZAR
CENTRAL BANK ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
ILLINOIS ATTORNEY GENERAL
JAMIE SALAZAR
Persons in occupancy or actual possession of said property and all unknown owners, occupants, beneficiaries, heirs, devisees, or parties interested in said land or lots. A Petition for Tax Deed on property described below has been filed with the Circuit Clerk of OGLE County, Illinois as Case # 2023TX22.
The property is located at:
123 AVE H ROCHELLE IL 61068
RNG/BLK: TWP:0 SECT/LOT:LOT 10 BLK 6VASSAR ADD CITY OF ROCHELLE
FLAGG TOWNSHIP

Property Index Number: 24-25-278-007
Said Property was sold on 11/04/2020 for delinquent real estate taxes and/or special assessments for the year 2019. The period of redemption will expire on 10/26/2023.
On 11/15/2023 at 09:00AM, the Petitioner will make application to such court in said county for an Order Directing Issuance of Tax Deed if the real estate is not redeemed from the sale.
ANDREW R. HENDRIAN, Petitioner
No. 0721
(July 10, 17 and 24, 2023)

NOTICE TAKE NOTICE CERTIFICATE NO. 2019-00134
TO: OCCUPANTS
JACOB E ISKE
HANNAH J ISKE
JACOB E ISKE
HANNAH J ISKE
EXCHANGE STATE BANK
Persons in occupancy or actual possession of said property and all unknown owners, occupants, beneficiaries, heirs, devisees, or parties interested in said land or lots. A Petition for Tax Deed on property described below has been filed with the Circuit Clerk of OGLE County, Illinois as Case # 2023TX23.
The property is located at:
2095 N FREEPORT RD POLO IL 61064
RNG/BLK:8 TWP:24 SECT/LOT:30PT W2 SW4
LINCOLN TOWNSHIP
Property Index Number: 07-30-300-008
Said Property was sold on 11/04/2020 for delinquent real estate taxes and/or special assessments for the year 2019. The period of redemption will expire on 10/26/2023.

On 11/15/2023 at 09:00AM, the Petitioner will make application to such court in said county for an Order Directing Issuance of Tax Deed if the real estate is not redeemed from the sale.
ANDREW R. HENDRIAN, Petitioner
No. 0722
(July 10, 17 and 24, 2023)

NOTICE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DONALD W. SCHELLING, Deceased
2023-PR-37
CLAIM NOTICE
NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of Donald W. Schelling of Mt. Morris, Illinois. Letters of office were issued on June 23, 2023 to Ann Michael Book of Leaf River, Illinois, whose attorney is Douglas P. Floski, of Floski Law Office, LLC, at 220 W. Third Street, P. O. Box 1007, Byron, Illinois, 61010-1007.
CLAIMS against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court at Ogle County Judicial Center, 106 South 5th Street, Oregon, Illinois, 61061, or with the representative, or both, within 6 months from the first publication of this Notice, or within three months from the date of mailing or delivery of Notice to creditors, if mailing or delivery is required by Section 18-3 of the Illinois Probate Act, 1975, as amended, whichever date is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred.
Copies of claims filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the estate legal representative and to the attorney within 10 days after the claim has been filed.
MICHAEL BOOK, Inde-

pendent Executor
No. 0724
(July 19, 17 and 24, 2023)

STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF OGLE PROBATE DIVISION
In the Matter of the Estate of ALLEN L. SWEGLE, Deceased
2023PR41
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of ALLEN L. SWEGLE. Letters of Office were issued on July 6, 2023, to CAROL M. DUNN, who is the Independent Executor of the Estate. The attorneys for the Estate are Michael Jon Shalbrack, HolmstromKennedyPC, 800 North Church Street, Rockford, IL 61103.
Claims against the Estate may be filed on or before Jan. 10, 2024, that date being at least six (6) months from the date of first publication, or within three (3) months from the date of mailing or delivery of Notice to creditors, if mailing or delivery is required by Section 18-3 of the Illinois Probate Act, 1975 as amended, whichever date is later. Any claim not filed by the requisite date stated above shall be barred.
Claims against the Estate may be filed in the office of the Winnebago County Circuit Clerk - Probate Division, at 400 West State Street, Rockford, Illinois 61101, or with the Estate legal representative, or both.
Copies of claims filed with the Circuit Clerk's Office - Probate Division must be mailed or delivered to the Estate legal representative and to its attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.
Dated: July 6, 2023
Carol M. Dunn, Independent Executor of the Estate of Allen L. Swegle, Deceased
HolmstromKennedyPC, By Michael Jon Shalbrack, one of its attorneys
Attorney Michael Jon Shalbrack - ARDC #6188198
HolmstromKennedyPC
Attorneys for the Estate
800 N. Church Street
Rockford, IL 61103
(815)962-7071
mshalbrack@hkrockford.com
No. 0727
(July 10, 17 and 24, 2023)

NOTICE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LOIS A. LINTS, Deceased
No. 2023 PR 40
CLAIM NOTICE
NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of Lois A. Lints of Oregon, Illinois. Letters of office were issued on June 30, 2023 to Graeme A. Lints of Oregon, Illinois, whose attorney is Douglas P. Floski, of Floski Law Office, LLC, at 220 W. Third Street, P. O. Box 1007, Byron, Illinois, 61010-1007.
CLAIMS against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court at Ogle County Judicial Center, 106 South 5th Street, Oregon, Illinois, 61061, or with the representative, or both, within 6 months from the first publication of this Notice, or within three months from the date of mailing or delivery of Notice to creditors, if mailing or delivery is required by Section 18-3 of the Illinois Probate Act, 1975, as amended, whichever date is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred.
Copies of claims filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the estate legal representative and to the attorney within 10 days after the claim has been filed.
GRAEME A. LINTS
Independent Administrator
No. 0731
(July 17, 24 and 31, 2023)

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
On Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance of Bertolet Memorial Library District
Notice is hereby given to the Public that on September 11, 2023,

home, and it shall be disposed of or sold at public auction free and clear of any existing liens.
If you have any questions regarding this notice, you should contact the following person.
Cecilia Raza
SCI Rolling Meadows LLC
4989 N. US RT. 251
Davis Junction IL 61020
1.815.200.1229
No. 0729
(July 17, 24 and 31, 2023)

at the hour of 6:00 P.M. at the Bertolet Memorial Library, 705 Main Street, Leaf River, Illinois, a public hearing will be held on the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the Bertolet Memorial Library District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024. Any person interested in said budget and ordinance may be present at said time and place and may be heard in regard to the budget and ordinance. The tentative budget is now on file with the Secretary of the Board of Trustees, Bertolet Memorial Library District, at the Library office and may be reviewed upon request prior to said hearing by the Public.
Date: July 10, 2023
Krista Carlson, Secretary
Board of Trustees
Bertolet Memorial Library District 705 Main Street
Leaf River, IL 61047
No. 0732
(July 17, 2023)

NOTICE
TO:
Torey Hensley
114 Loraine Dr.
Genoa IL 60135-1144
Date of Notice: July, 7th 2023
You are notified that SCI Rolling Meadows LLC has declared that a certain mobile home 1990 Vin# 245786 located at 108 Azalea Ave Davis Junction IL 61020 is an abandoned mobile home within the meaning of the Abandoned Mobile Home Act. Unless all delinquent monies owed \$5110.00 are paid and electric and water service restored to this mobile home within 30 days of the date of this notice, SCI Rolling Meadows LLC shall remove and dispose of the mobile home, and it shall be disposed of or sold at public auction free and clear of any existing liens.
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Leaf River, IL 61047
No. 0733
(July 17, 2023)

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GARAGE/ESTATE/BARN SALES

Huge Barn Sale

Children's toys, clothes and books, women's clothing, Cindy Crawford Brown Leather reclining sofa and loveseat in mint condition, chair w/ottoman, lamps, home and wedding decor and household items.

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Thursday & Friday, July 20 & 21
8am to 5pm
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8am to 12noon

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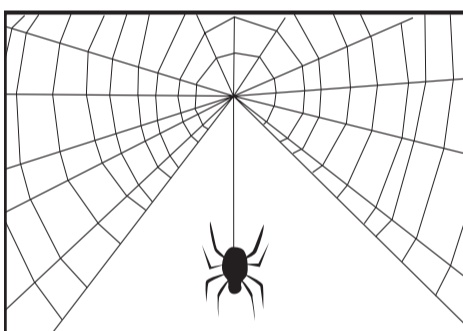
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from 8AM to 4PM
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Sat., July 22 9am-12 noon



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Ashton, IL 61006-0186
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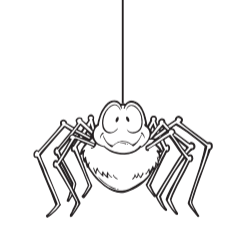
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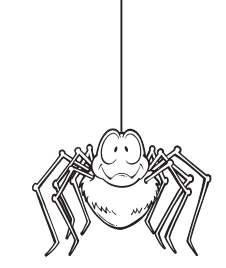
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LOCAL NEWS

Oregon Park District Weekly Happenings

Bingo, Brownies, and Booze

Who doesn't love bingo? Bingo, Brownies, and Booze is moving to River's edge experience for the summer on Wednesday July 26th. Doors open at 6:00PM, games begin at 6:30PM, and we will play ten games or until we run out of prizes. Cork & Tap staff will be onsite with a full bar. Each registration includes bingo cards, a homemade brownie from Teresa's Treats, and a beverage voucher good for one drink of choice. Registration is \$12R/\$14NR, deadline to register 7-19.

Summer Dayz in the Park Canvas Painting

Warm summer days are perfect for painting in the park. Join Cindy Hendrickson of Cin's Treasures Studio for a special children's painting class in fairgrounds park on Friday August 11th from 10:00AM-12:00PM. Children ages 8-16 will paint a colorful summer scene on a 12x12 canvas. Cindy will supply all materials and instruction. Deadline to register is 8-4, registration fee is \$22R/\$26NR.

Buffalo Chicken Cobb Salad

Join food guru Lynn Kaufman of Lynn's Kitchen in the back room of Cork & Tap on Thursday August 17th from 6:00-7:30PM for a flavorful cooking class. This month's recipe is a spicy buffalo chicken cobb salad that will be ready to eat at the end of class. Participants will need to bring some dishes and utensils from home. A full supply list will be emailed to participants after registration closes. Leave class with a ready to eat dish and a recipe card to enjoy again and again at home. Registration fee is \$38R/\$45NR, deadline to register is 8-10.

Camp OPD

Registration is now open for Camp OPD Summer 2023: Literary Times. Camp runs from May 30 through August 11. Tuesday through Thursdays feature activities that are themed around different book series. Familiarity with the book series is not required to enjoy the camp activities. Each week will feature a field trip on Wednesday. Mondays

and Fridays may be added each week for an additional cost and will feature non themed activities, with Fridays being spent at the Splash Pad. Don't miss out on this summer of fun for your child. Space is limited to 24 kids each week. See the website for details about costs, themes and field trips.

Volleyball Camp

Join Oregon Hawks Volleyball Coach Farrell Cain, her coaching staff and the OHS Lady Hawks for a week of basic techniques, skill building and intra-team scrimmages. This week-long camp will either introduce your child to the sport of volleyball or build on their skills. Each player will receive an OHS Lady Hawks team shirt. Players will be divided by age levels. Younger players will learn the basics of volleyball at their level with an age appropriate net. Camp will be held at the Blackhawk Center. Camp is from Monday July 24th through Friday July 28th. Grades PreK through 3rd from 9-10am, \$30/\$36NR.

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OHS: Information released for upcoming fall sports season

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Thurs./Fri., Aug. 10 & 11 will see junior high volleyball tryouts (3 p.m., Blackhawk Center). Tuesday, Aug. 15 will see Freshman Athlete/New Athlete Orientation (7:30 p.m., OHS Gym after "Meet The Teacher Night") This event is mandatory

for all freshman and new transfer students that are planning on participating in high school athletics at any time during their high school career in Oregon who were not able to attend the initial presentation on Aug. 3.

At least one parent or guardian is also required to attend.

Friday, Aug. 18 will be Red/White Spirit Night (5 p.m., Blackhawk Center & Stadium) Also, a reminder that all HS & JH athletes must have a current physical on file and their parent consent and concussion awareness forms turned in prior to the start of the first practice or tryouts in August.

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LOCAL NEWS

Ogle County 4-H Blue Ribbon Livestock Auction set for Aug. 5

OREGON — The annual 4-H Blue Ribbon Livestock Auction has been set for Saturday, Aug. 5. It will be held at the Ogle County Fair at the fairgrounds in Oregon. The 4-H Auction Committee invites the public to support 4-H project work by bidding on a quality 4-H

animal. The auction will start at 3 p.m. in the Beef Arena. It will feature 4-H market hogs, lambs, beef animals, goats, poultry and rabbits as well as the champion and reserve champion beef, swine, lamb and goat carcasses. Live animals may be

purchased and sent to a locker or may be bought and resold at a slaughterhouse. Transportation to processing plants will be provided. A floor price will be set according to the current market trends the day of the auction. A list of current market prices will be available.

Champion and Reserve Champion market animals will be sold first. Pork and lamb carcasses will be sold whole. Beef carcasses will be sold in halves. Auction order will be Sheep Carcass, Live Sheep, Live Poultry, Live Rabbits, Dairy Basket, Dairy & Meat Goat Weth-

ers, Swine Carcass, Live Swine, Beef Carcass, Live Beef, Live Swine and Live Beef. Auction flyers are available in the Ogle County Extension Office and online at <https://extension.illinois.edu/bdo/4-h-ogle-county>. Bidding arrangements can be made for

interested parties who are unable to attend. For more information or if you need a reasonable accommodation to participate, please call the Ogle County Extension office at (815) 732-2191. Early requests are strongly encouraged to allow sufficient time for meeting your access needs.

Northern Rehab hosting food & school supplies drive through July 21

ROCHELLE — Northern Rehab Physical Therapy Specialists is hosting a combination Food & School Supplies Drive from July 10-21 to collect non-perishable

food items and school supplies to benefit the Rochelle Christian Food Pantry. Non-perishable items needed include canned meat (chicken, tuna),

pasta, dry goods, canned foods (soups, sauces, fruits, or vegetables), rice, beans, applesauce, paper goods, personal care items, cleaning products, or any non-perishable

items that have a longer shelf life. School supplies needed include pencils, pens, markers, highlighters, crayons, colored pencils, notepaper, notebooks, folders, glue, erasers,

rulers, sticky notes, etc. Items may be dropped off at any Northern Rehab location in Rochelle (1211 Currency Court), DeKalb (3266 Sycamore Road or 232 W. Lincoln

Highway), or Genoa (540 E. Main St.). For more information, please visit northernrehabpt.com or call 815.562.3299. Thank you in advance for your support and contribution.

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Grades 4-8 from 10-11:30am, \$50/\$60NR. 100% of the proceeds from camp benefit the OHS Volleyball Team. Please register your child for the grade they are entering in fall 2023. Deadline to register is July 10th.

TORO Tuesdays
Join OPD staff every Tuesday afternoon for free, organized games of TORO. Drop by between 1-3pm and improve your soccer ball skills while playing fun games. This is a free event, and we will form age appropriate teams/ games every week with the players that arrive. No registration needed. Open to ages 7-14 years.

Mini Pitch Games
Have you tried our new soccer Mini Pitch court? Swing by on Wednesday afternoons from 1-3 pm for some fun, free Mini Pitch soccer games, led by OPD staff at our Mini Pitch next to the tennis courts. A Futsal ball will be provided, and teams/ games will be formed from

players that arrive every week. These are fast paced games that will challenge all ages and skill levels of players. Open to ages 7-14, no registration required. No soccer cleats on Mini Pitch court.

Operation Move
Join the Oregon Park District and KSB Wellness as we get kids moving! Operation Move is a free program to promote families getting active in the summer. Free events will be held throughout the Oregon Parks in June and July. Sign up for giveaways at the events. Events will be held on Thursday mornings from 11am- 12pm.

July 13- Kickball Game at Park East Ball Diamond.
July 20- Basketball at outdoor courts Park West

July 27- All Ages Tball Game at Park East

Batting Cages
Ready for some batting practice? We are excited to offer rentals for Batting Cages with a pitching machine at Oregon Park West on Monday afternoons from 1-3pm. A staff member will be on-site to assist

with the pitching machine. You must provide your own bat and helmet. Reservation must be made by the prior Thursday. Available in 30 min intervals for \$15/\$18NR, but you can certainly book more than one! Need a different day or time? Please email Lesley@oregonpark.org to check availability. Registration deadline is the prior Thursday.

Inclusive Recreation with VOP

All ages and abilities are invited to join us on Thursday mornings as we do a variety of inclusive recreation activities with our friends from the Village of Progress. All activities will be adapted to accommodate the various needs of our participants and all ages are welcome!

Come have fun at our different parks where we may play t-ball, kickball or soccer. You never know what fun we will come up with! Registration is required but free. This program is brought to you by our presenting sponsor E.D. Etnyre. Registration

deadline is the Tuesday prior.

Color Run
The Color Run is back!!! Bring your family out for our 1 mile fun walk/run through Park West on Tuesday August 1st at 6pm! This color walk/run themed course will offer multiple color stations along the route. Be prepared to get colorful and messy! All participants registered before July 20th will receive a t-shirt!

After completing the course, stay at the Park West Amphitheater for our Concert in the Park series and enjoy Burn N' Bush. Food trucks will be onsite to enjoy dinner if you choose. 2 and under can be free with no shirt. Over 2 must be registered!

Fall Soccer
Soccer returns to Park West in the Fall of 2023! Practices will be held during the week and games are scheduled for Saturdays beginning August 19th in Oregon and surrounding towns. Are you unsure of which age level to sign up for? Reference our age

chart below. A new practice ball is included with your registration. If you are interested in coaching please contact Lesley at lesley@oregonpark.org

U6- Born in 2018 \$65/\$78 NR; U7- Born in 2017 \$65/\$78 NR; U8- Born in 2016 \$80/\$95 NR; U9- Born in 2015 \$80/\$95 NR; U10- Born in 2014 \$80/\$95 NR; U11- Born in 2013 \$80/\$95 NR; U12- Born in 2011 & 2012 \$85/\$100 NR; U13- Born in 2009 & 2010 (No H.S. Players allowed) . \$85/\$100NR; Deadline for Participation is July 12th.

6th Grade Volleyball

The 6th Grade volleyball program focuses on skill development and is an introduction to volleyball. The program will help prepare participants for the Jr. High level of competition. Practice dates and times will vary depending on the preference of the head coach. Home games are played at the Nash and travel to away games is provided by OCUSD buses. Tryouts may be required if the max number

of participants is reached. Deadline for participation is July 18th, \$75/\$90NR

Junior High Cross Country

5th- 8th Grade athletes will develop endurance, improve their running technique, and build team camaraderie. Practices will be held multiple days of the week and meets will be held similar to the high school schedule. Transportation to meets is not provided. Sign up early to ensure you maximize practices before the meets begin! Practices will begin the week of 7/31 but registration is open through 8/16. Fee \$75/\$90NR

CoEd Softball League

Recreational softball is back at Park West! This league is designed for men and women to enjoy slow-pitch softball through friendly competition. Bats will be provided by the park district for each team to use. The league will consist of a regular season, and a post-season tournament to end the year. Fee per team \$450

Registration Deadline: 8/3/23

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