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## KNOW IT TODAY

# Occupant transported to hospital following June 23 home explosion in Stillman Valley

'It was a family homestead house and it's completely leveled'

BY JEFF HELFRICH  
MANAGING EDITOR

**STILLMAN VALLEY** — A Stillman Valley woman was transported to a Rockford hospital with broken bones and is "doing well" following a June 23 home explosion in rural Stillman Valley, Ogle County Sheriff Brian VanVickle said.

Fire crews were called to a home in the 9,000 block of East High Road in rural Stillman Valley at 2:41 p.m. for a report of a home explosion with a woman trapped in the home. The Stillman Valley Fire Department arrived on the scene within four and a half minutes and located a woman trapped in what used to be the kitchen of the house.

"They worked on stabilizing the house and getting her out and transported to the hospital," VanVickle said. "There was a little bit of fire. It was not a significant amount of fire.



A Stillman Valley woman was transported to a Rockford hospital with broken bones and was "doing well" following a Friday afternoon home explosion in rural Stillman Valley on June 23, Ogle County Sheriff Brian VanVickle said. (Photo by Jeff Helfrich)

The fire spread through different areas. At this point it looks like it was a natural gas explosion. The fire marshal is here and ATF is here, which is standard protocol, just trying to determine what happened. They said the home occupant was actually in pretty good shape. She has some broken bones and she's in a Rockford hospital and doing well."

VanVickle said that besides it being natural gas-related, the specific

cause of the explosion is unclear pending an investigation by Nicor, the state fire marshal and the ATF. Crews were still working on a live gas leak and trying to find the main to shut off the gas as of early Friday evening.

The sheriff said the explosion was heard and felt miles away.

"It's pretty incredible, the amount of damage. It was a family homestead house and it's completely leveled," VanVickle said. "It's just fortunate that

the homeowner was in an area that was close to the outside. You can see that if she was in any other area, it certainly could've been a different outcome."

Along with SVFD and the sheriff's office, multiple agencies responded Friday including fire departments from Byron, Lynn-Scott-Rock and Cherry Valley.

Neighbors of the home sustained minor damage to their properties and ash and glass covered

the road in front of the home. Two dogs were in the home and survived the explosion as well, VanVickle said.

"The only thing I've seen that's comparable to this is the tornado damage in 2015," VanVickle said. "She was the only occupant of the home. There were two dogs and we just got the second dog out about an hour ago. Both dogs survived. It was a good outcome. Everyone is doing well."

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BY JEFF HELFRICH  
MANAGING EDITOR

**OREGON** — Following unanimous Ogle County Board approval of an Ogle County Sheriff's Office patrol deputy expansion from 20 to 23 to allow for a full-time drug interdiction unit on June 20, Sheriff Brian VanVickle said June 21 said the hiring process will begin in July and he hopes to have the drug unit up and running by Jan. 1, 2024.

Sixty-one percent funding of salary and benefits for the three additional deputy sheriff positions has been obtained for three years through the federal COPS grant, with county matching funds of 39 percent obtained through the salary budgeted line and a one-time payment of

Ogle County Sheriff Brian VanVickle recently spoke to the Ogle County LIFE about his office's new drug unit.



\$80,000 from the opioid lawsuit monies received by the county. The total cost of the expansion will be \$621,602, and the county share of that will be about \$55,000 a year.

Office will add 3 full-time patrol deputies, unit to start by Jan. 1

At the end of the three-year grant, the additional three patrol deputy positions will be reevaluated by both the sheriff and the county board for permanent staffing of those positions. The ordinance approved June 20 said there is a "critical need" for a full-time drug interdiction unit in the county and the work has been being done on a part-time basis.

"We've had this grant for quite a long time and we've talked about this in meetings for nearly two years," VanVickle said. "To finally be able to bring that to the citizens is something that I think is a really great accomplishment for the people in our office that have been working so hard to get this taken care of."

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Byron Generating Station contributes \$10,000 to area environmental nonprofits

Employees and volunteers do conservation work

**BYRON** — Constellation's Byron Generating Station is contributing a total of \$10,000 to four area environmental non-profit organizations, while its employee-led conservation club continues ecological improvements on the more than 1,700 acres of the nuclear plant's property in northern Illinois. The donations to groups focused on Rock River preservation and community ecological efforts, combined with station employee conservation events, is a logical pairing of business and community efforts to maintain the state's natural resources and help combat the negative effects of climate change.

"We've planted milkweed along with warm season grasses and summer flowers on hundreds of acres of Constellation property to restore the natural habitat for wildlife and create a sanctuary for the diminishing monarch butterfly population," Byron Station Employee Matt Hinkle, president of the plant's employee conservation club, said. "Our club members, employees and their families have helped with numerous projects like tree plant and invasive brush clearing to make our extended property a wonderful oasis for area wildlife."

The \$10,000 gift to area environmental non-profits will be split evenly between:

"Hoo" Haven Wildlife Rehabilitation & Education Center – Dedicated to



rehabilitating and releasing sick, injured and orphaned North American wildlife, and educating individuals to the importance of the conservation of Mother Earth, to maintain the land, clean and beautiful for all.

Rockford Park District Foundation – Its mission is to assist the Rockford Park District in its pursuit of a quality park and recreation system in order to help people in our community enjoy life.

Forest Preserves of Winnebago County – Dedicated to protecting, conserving, enhancing and promoting Winnebago County's natural heritage for the environmental, educational and recreational benefit of present and future generations.

Rock River Coalition – Dedicated to preserving and improving water resources throughout the Rock River Basin and to educate and provide opportunities for people of diverse interests

to work together to improve the environmental, recreational, cultural and economic resources in the Rock River Basin.

"Hoo Haven remains committed to help area wildlife, and contributions like these from Constellation are vital to helping us treat injured animals," Steven Herdklotz of Hoo Haven said. "Our organization is working to acquire a portable X-ray machine and expand some veterinary services. These funds come at a perfect time to help us continue our mission."

Byron Generating Station is a certified "Silver" business by the Wildlife Habitat Council. The plant is located in Ogle County, about 100 miles northwest of Chicago. With both units at full power, the site produces more than 2,300 megawatts, enough electricity to power the equivalent of more than 1.7 million average American homes.

## DRUG: Sheriff's office getting new unit

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The sheriff's office is currently taking applications as part of its normal hiring process, which will close on July 1. Physical tests will follow shortly thereafter and meetings will be held with the merit commission to establish a hiring list by mid-July and then the sheriff's office will move forward to fill the positions "as quickly as possible." Veteran officers will join the drug interdiction unit and new officers will fill the patrol positions.

With a nationwide shortage of law enforcement applicants for open positions, VanVickle said his office has been fortunate to be fully-staffed for the past year with hiring processes going "very smoothly."

"We've gotten really good candidates when hiring," VanVickle said. "We've had a number of recent retirements over the last 4-5 years. We haven't lowered our standards at all. In fact, if anything, we've raised our requirements. We take a different approach. We support our deputies. We try to provide them with the best equipment and the best training. The men and women in this profession talk, and that's been our go-to, taking care of our people. And when you do that, their work ethic speaks for itself."

Current drug interdiction work has taken place

on an overtime basis, with night shift deputies coming back in between normal patrol shifts to do drug enforcement work. The new model will allow them to dedicate an entire shift to the work.

The sheriff said the COPS grant will provide "a huge tax savings" to Ogle County residents.

"And it's a huge benefit to them to have a dedicated group of individuals that are out there dealing with drug work," VanVickle said. "And it's not just the drugs, it's everything else that goes along with drugs. The retail thefts, the burglaries and gun crimes, that's all perpetuated by the drug trade. This is going to be a great addition to the county and it will make this a better place to live and a place that we want our kids to come back to."

VanVickle said the primary drug problems the county deals with are heroin and cocaine, with some issues with meth being seen more lately.

"Meth hasn't been a real big contributing factor in the county just because heroin has been so readily available just to the east and to the north of us," VanVickle said. "But we have seen some of the meth creep in from the west. That's something that we're definitely keeping an eye on."

At the June 20 Ogle County Board meeting, State's Attorney Mike Rock said drug cases can't be worked effectively on a part-time basis and that the way the program will

be set up will make for "much more effective" investigations and prosecutions.

The sheriff's hope for the full-time drug interdiction unit is to send a message to offenders and produce results to make the county safer.

"Even though we're a small, rural agency, this is something that we take very seriously and we have a dedicated group of people that are going to go out and enforce that and put cases together on those people and arrest them and hopefully send them to jail," VanVickle said. "That's what I want people to understand. Our goal is to make sure that everybody understands what we're doing down here and that we're going to hold those people accountable."

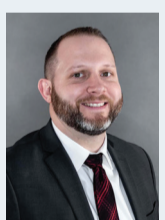
On the topic of the need for regular patrol deputy coverage in the county, VanVickle said he's had those discussions with the county board members on his department's subcommittee over the past several months. He called the expansion for the drug interdiction unit "a good compromise" because of the federal funding, and said a conversation about more regular patrol deputies will "definitely" need to be had again in the future.

The sheriff's office has 758 square miles to cover and the population it specifically serves is about 32,000 people. VanVickle said measures have been taken to help with coverage such as bringing in cover shifts to add additional deputies during busy times. Schedules have been adjusted accordingly after looking at analytics about when the potential for the highest call volume is.

"When you compare our numbers to the surrounding counties per capita and per square mile, our patrol deputy numbers haven't changed since the 1990s and those numbers reflect that," VanVickle said. "At some point this is a discussion that we're going to have to have about increasing the number of patrol deputies just because of the sheer volume of calls that we have and the distance it takes to get there. Waiting 25-30 minutes for a deputy to get there when a serious crime has been committed is not the right answer."

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# LOCAL NEWS

## OREGON POLICE DEPARTMENT

### Man cited for operating vehicle with expired registration

**June 10**  
At 10:45 a.m., Oregon Police issued Enrique Solis, 50, Rockford, a citation for operating a motor vehicle with an expired registration. This violation occurred in the 100 block of South 4th Street.

**June 11**  
At 5:33 p.m., Oregon Police issued Boston S. Rink, 25, Freeport, citations for operating a motor vehicle when registration suspended for non-insurance and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. These violations occurred in the 100 block of North 5th Street.

**June 13**  
At 12:35 p.m., Oregon Police issued James J. Burd, 52, Winnebago, a citation for operating a vehicle with an expired registration. This violation occurred in the 100 block of South 4th Street.

**June 14**  
At 6:47 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Andrew C. Gonzales, 21, Rockford, for improper container as a driver and driving while license suspended. Gonzales was also issued a citation for operating a vehicle when registration is suspended. Gonzales was transported to the Ogle County Jail. These violations occurred in the 100 block of South 4th Street.

**June 15**  
At 10:31 a.m., Oregon Police arrested Jesus R. Aguirre, 54, Chicago, on an outstanding Ogle County warrant for a traffic violation. Aguirre was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

At 12:38 p.m., Oregon Police issued John R. Campbell, 61, Kings, a citation for operating a vehicle with an expired registration. This violation occurred in the 300 block of West Washington Street.

**June 16**  
At 9:40 a.m., Oregon Police arrested Rechanel J. Belanger, 26, Chicago, for driving while license suspended. Belanger was also issued a citation for operating a vehicle with a suspended registration. Belanger was transported to the Ogle County Jail. These violations occurred in the 100 block of West Washington Street.

**June 17**  
At 2:50 p.m., Oregon Police issued Antonio Sanchez-Martinez, 32, Rockford, a citation for operating a vehicle with an expired registration. This violation occurred in the 500 block of East Washington Street.

**June 18**  
At 12:52 a.m., Oregon Police arrested Lane A. Christians, 21, Lanark, for driving under the influence of alcohol. Christians was also issued citations for improper lane usage, illegal transportation of alcohol as a driver, and driving under the influence of alcohol with blood alcohol content greater than .08 percent. Christians was transported to the Ogle County Jail. These violations occurred in the 1,200 block of West Washington Street.

At 7:30 a.m., Oregon Police issued Amanda J. Tobin, 44, Oregon, a citation for operating a vehicle with an expired registration. This violation occurred near the intersection of 2nd and Webster Streets.

Four parking tickets and 14 verbal warnings were issued during the week of June 12-18.

**June 19**  
At 9:35 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Davis I. Sabillon-Sorto, 43, Rockford, for driving while license suspended. Sabillon-Sorto was also issued citations for improper lane usage and operating an uninsured vehicle. Sabillon-Sorto was transported to the Ogle County Jail. These violations occurred in the 1,000 block of North Illinois Route 2.

**June 20**  
At 12:35 p.m., Oregon Police issued Josue Orozco-Ramos, 19, Rochelle, citations for operating a vehicle with a suspended registration, operating an uninsured motor vehicle, and operating a vehicle with an expired registration. These violations occurred in the 300 block of West Washington Street.

At 3:05 p.m., Oregon Police issued Kyle S. Lowe, 34, Rochelle, a citation for operation of a motor vehicle when registration is suspended. This violation occurred in the 100 block of South

9th Street.  
At 4:48 p.m., Oregon Police issued Holly C. Phillips, 26, Mt. Morris, an I-Bond with notice to appear for driving while license suspended. This violation occurred in the 100 block of South 4th Street.

At 7:57 p.m., Oregon Police issued Shayna R. Waasdrorp, 18, Polo, a citation for use of a cell phone while driving. This violation occurred in the 600 block of Gale Street.

At 8:21 p.m., Oregon Police issued Teresa A. Shepard, 53, Rockford, a citation for use of a cell phone while driving. This violation occurred in the 100 block of South 4th Street.

At 10:53 p.m., Oregon Police issued a 16-year-old juvenile of Mt. Morris a citation for operating an uninsured motor vehicle. This violation occurred in the 400 block of West Washington Street.

**June 23**  
At 10:12 a.m., Oregon Police arrested Keyanta J. Stoutmire, 22, Chicago, for an outstanding DeKalb County warrant for failure to appear on a traffic offense. Stoutmire was also charged with driving while license suspended. Stoutmire was transported to the Ogle County Jail. These violations occurred in the 100 block of S. 4th Street.

At 2:17 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Shatese K. Davis, 28, Mt. Morris, for driving while license suspended. Davis was transported to the Ogle County Jail. This viola-

tion occurred in the 200 block of West Washington Street.

At 7:26 p.m., Oregon Police issued Dustin M. Massolle, 28, Mt. Morris, a citation for operating a vehicle with an expired registration. This violation occurred in the 800 block of Pines Road.

**June 24**  
At 5:23 p.m., Oregon Police issued Kyle P. Copeland, 23, DeKalb, a citation for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended registration. This violation occurred in the 100 block of North 4th Street.

At 8:32 p.m., Oregon Police issued Philip M. Stehl, 47, Lanark, citations for operating a vehicle with an expired registration, and operating a motor vehicle when registration is suspended for no insurance. These violations occurred in the 1,200 block of West Washington Street.

**June 25**  
At 3:50 p.m., Oregon Police issued Ezekiel R. Newton, 21, Rockford, citations for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended registration and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. This violation occurred in the 100 block of South 4th Street.

11 parking tickets and 14 verbal warnings were issued during the week of June 19-25.

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

## RCH names Karen Tracy as chief executive officer

**ROCHELLE** — The Board of Trustees at Rochelle Community Hospital has named Karen Tracy as its new chief executive officer effective July 1, an RCH press release said.

Tracy brings 31 years of steady growth and increased responsibility during her time with RCH. She has been a registered nurse for 32 years, a member of the administrative team for 20 years and has served as second in command to the CEO for the past 10 years.

Tracy has been actively responsible for quality process improvement and risk management functions since 1998, with The Joint Commission survey leadership to the entire staff since 1999. She has provided surveillance and support for improved patient safety through active policy implementation. She expanded and improved patient relations through active listening and resolution. Tracy researched and implemented the Corporate Compliance Program for RCH and expanded case management to improve continuity to the patients on the medical surgical floor. She serves as a physician liaison and is



**Karen Tracey was named the new Chief Executive Officer at Rochelle Community Hospital.**

involved in recruitment and retention of providers including nurse practitioners and physician assistants. During her tenure as an administrator she has been part of the vision for three expansion projects: 2005 surgical and emergency services; 2016 health and wellness center and 2023 XCEL Orthopedics expansion to Sycamore.

“We are pleased with our decision to promote Karen to CEO,” Noah Carmichael, chairman of the board of trustees for RCH, said. “She is the right choice for RCH and our community. We look forward to our continued partnership with her.”



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# LOCAL NEWS

## Obituaries

### Lucinda (Cindy) Eastman

**MT. MORRIS** — Lucinda (Cindy) Eastman, 77, of Mt. Morris, Illinois, peacefully passed away on June 25, 2023, at Serenity Hospice and Home in Oregon, IL surrounded by her family. Cindy, was born to the late Earl and Myrtle (Burton) VanWambeke, on March 20, 1946, in Rockford, Illinois. Married to John Eastman on February 14, 1964 in Rockford.



Cindy is survived by her three children and 4 grandchildren: Jeff (Tracy) Eastman, daughter Breanna and son Zachary (Maddi Knouse) Eastman. Teresa Eastman (Deb Rabe). Brad Eastman and sons Brandt and Hayden Eastman

and daughter in law, Christy Eastman. She is also survived by her brother Richard "Dick" (Marg) VanWambeke of Machesney Park, and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband John, daughter Tina, her parents and step mother, her brother Ron and sister Barbie.

Cindy's life will be celebrated in a private service. A memorial has been established to Serenity Hospice and Home, Oregon, IL and/or Mt. Morris Fire and Ambulance. To share a memory or condolence please go to [www.finchfuneral.com](http://www.finchfuneral.com).

### Fern A. Hammond

**LEAF RIVER** — Fern A. Hammond, age 87, beloved member of the Leaf River community passed away peacefully on June 26, 2023 in Rockford. She was born on October 4, 1935, in Leaf River, the daughter of Lee and Viva "Mabel" (Runnion) Westerman.



She graduated from Leaf River High School Class of 1953. At age 17, Fern began what would be a nearly four decades-long career with the United States Postal Service. Starting as a clerk before working as a rural carrier and eventually becoming Postmaster in Leaf River until her retirement.

She also enjoyed working in her garden while taking calming walks around nature. Trying her luck on scratch off tickets were one of her guilty pleasures.

Fern is survived and missed by her children, Kelly Truckenbrod of Rockford, Mindy (Keith) Morgan of Erie, Pat Hammond of Oregon, and Mona (Roger) Best of Rockford; grandchildren, Tiffany (Chris) Oszkandy, Bobby Truckenbrod, Samantha (Matt) Wolf, and Sydney (Ricky) Stubblefield; and great grandchildren, Landon, Lilly, Olivia, and Gabby.

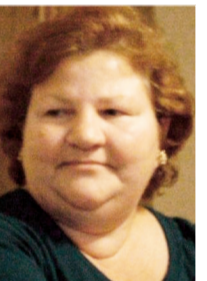
A time of sharing remembrances will take place at 11:00 AM on Thursday, June 29th at Farrell Holland Gale Funeral Home in Byron. The visitation period will take place from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM prior to the service. Burial will be at Lightsville Cemetery in Leaf River. Memorials are established for the American Cancer Association or Mercy

She is remembered for being a smiling face to everyone who came into the post office. Fern was known to be an incredibly caring, kind, and warm person who always put others first.

Fern enjoyed playing games such as Sudoku, working on jigsaw puzzles, or playing cards with family and friends.

### Angela J. Tillett

**OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla.** — Angela J. Tillett, age 65, died Friday, June 23, 2023 at Integris Baptist Hospital in Oklahoma City, OK. She was born September 19, 1957 in Oregon, Illinois the daughter of Fred and Florence (Drumheller) Tillett. Angela loved the Chicago Bears, the Stillman Valley Cardinals and doing Diamond Paintings to pass the time. Angela would travel often, her favorite spot was always the beach. Angela worked as a CNA at Generations at Neighbors Nursing Home in Byron, Illinois for over 30 years. She always loved working as a CNA because she was able to help those in need. Along with her work she was entirely devoted to her family. Her children, grandchildren, and grand-puppies were her world, they meant everything to her.



brother Charles W. Tillett. She is survived by the family she so dearly loved including son, Jason (Nikki) Grimes of Ashton; daughters, Jessica (Chris) Haymes of Davis Junction, Ricki (Curt) Kiolbassa of Gilberts; sisters, Carla Good of Davis Junction, Sharon (Don) Probasco of New Mildford; grandchildren Megan, Kaitlyn, Robert, Taylor; and grand-puppies, Willow, Apollo, Shilo, Ellie, Missy, Pugsley, and Izzy.

A memorial service will be held in her honor on Saturday, July 22, 2023 at 11:00 am at Farrell Holland Gale Funeral Home of Oregon Illinois. A visitation is scheduled for Saturday, July 22, 2023 just prior to the memorial service from 10:00 to 11:00. Memorials are established in her name and may be directed to the family. To leave an online condolence please visit [www.farrellhollandgale.com](http://www.farrellhollandgale.com)

Angela is preceded in death by her parents, child Cory Jay Grimes, and

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### Harry Bernard Prentice

**LEAF RIVER** — Father of three, grandfather of 14, and great grandfather of 7, Harry Bernard Prentice, age 82, of Leaf River, IL, passed away Friday evening, June 16th, 2023 with family at their home. Big Harry", as he was called by those closest to him, was born on April 1, 1941 in Paw Paw, IL. He was born to James and Margaret Prentice. Harry was preceded in death by his wife, Rita Mae Prentice (76) and second grandson, Adam Spittler (28).



He was also preceded in death by his parents, James and Margaret Prentice, also by his sisters; Donna Lunardon, Dixie Johnston, and brother; James Prentice.

He is survived by his oldest daughter, Robin (Gary) Spittler of Adeline, IL, his son Harry (Linda) Prentice of DeKalb, IL, and his youngest daughter Rhonda Prentice (Jeremy Debord) of DeLeon, TX; granddaughters, Daniella Schreiber, Rita Prentice (Joel Gasmund), Michelle Wallace (Andrew); grandsons, Logan Prentice, Christian Prentice, Joshua Short (Wendy), Tyler Short (Shandon), Noah Spittler, Jeremy J DeBord (Haley); great granddaughter, Mackenzie Schreiber, Gracelynn Short, Oaklynn DeBord, Savannah Wallace; great grandsons; Dyllan Schreiber, Jaxson Mills, Carson DeBord; also by his sister Diana Wise, and a small circle of loved ones.

Harry and Rita had their three children and raised them in Rochelle, IL where Big Harry had a 29 year long career at Del Monte. He also worked a second job which included driving tow truck for Lunardon Wrecking for approximately ten or more years. Later in life Harry and Rita purchased their property in the country where they built their home and

farm in Leaf River, IL in 1990 and lived there the rest of their lives raising their grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Harry had throat cancer and lost his ability to talk in his early 50's. He had to retire early from full time work due to a life altering farm machinery accident where he lost his arm. A fall off his roof that broke his back while hanging Christmas lights left him with further long term health issues. He is recognized by some closest to him for his resilience and determination. He was never known to give up. He overcame many battles. Family believe Harry was dedicated to his family and being there for others that came to him in times of need he helped whenever he could.

After purchasing his farm, Harry enjoyed caring for his animals and helping raise his grandkids with his wife. He took care in mowing his yard and maintaining the roadsides. He and his wife had an exceptionally large garden which they cooked and canned food from. His different interests included reading books, magazines and newspapers, listening to and watching the news and Westerns, horseback riding and trail rides, tractors and farming, and his family.

His bright blue eyes and smile will be missed by those closest to him and Harry will be remembered as an extremely hard working individual with a strong work ethic and true determination. He loved his wife, family, and farm.

Visitation in memory of Harry will begin at noon Tuesday, June 27, 2023 at Burke Tubbs Forrester, IL. Memorial service and prayer will start at 1:00 P.M. Interment at North Grove Evangelical Cemetery will follow.

### Victoria Elizabeth Finfrock

**MT. MORRIS** — Victoria Elizabeth Finfrock, 78, of Mt. Morris, IL, passed away on June 21, 2023 in Allure of Pinecrest, Mt. Morris, surrounded by family. Vicki was born March 6, 1945 in Bloomington, IL, to the late John and Benita (Clifford) Schneider. She graduated from Minok-Dana-Rutland High School (class of 1963), Western Illinois University, and received a Master of Education from National-Lewis University.



Vicki is survived by her son, Jason, of Mahomet, IL, daughter, Amy MacLeod, Irmo, SC; four granddaughters: Ella, Sophie, and Sasha MacLeod, and Ayla Finfrock; three siblings: Terry (Sue) Schneider of Warrensburg, IL, Shelley (Gary) Gilfillan of Towanda, IL, and Jeff (Brenda) Schneider of Armington, IL.

A resident of Mt. Morris for nearly fifty-four years and a lifelong educator of over thirty years, she touched countless lives. She primarily taught home economics and English in junior high and high school in Leaf River, Mt. Morris, and Oregon. Each student was always a priority for her and as a passionate GED instructor with Highland Community College, she expressed unbridled joy whenever a student she helped earned his or her GED certificate. Always eager to teach, a favorite summer activity of hers was leading students throughout Europe, Australia, and New Zealand with People to People Student Ambassadors and after retirement she continued to tutor underserved local kids.

Vicki was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Oregon, Philanthropic Education Organization (Chapter CU), Performing Arts Guild, Ogle-Lee Retired Teachers Group, Mt. Morris Community Library Foundation, and was active in two local food banks. Always curious and forever inquiring, she loved to cook, travel, and garden, and was an absolutely voracious reader. Selfless to a fault, she was always reluctant to speak about herself and would much prefer to listen to others. As her students, children,

and others remember, she always expected order and discipline. Some may have misinterpreted her expectations as being demanding. She simply wanted anyone in her charge to find the inner excellence that she knew he or she possessed.

A visitation will be held in Finch Funeral Home, 405 East Hitt, Mt. Morris, IL on July 11, 2023, from 6:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M. A service will be held at 11:00 AM on July 12, 2023, at St. Mary's Catholic Church, at 11:00 A.M. in Oregon, IL. Interment will be held at a later date and a meal will be served following the service.

The family would like to express gratitude for the exceptional care Vicki received as a resident of Pinecrest, with a special thank you to the staff in the Terrace Memory Unit as well as Serenity Hospice. In lieu of flowers, please donate to a religious or charitable organization of your choice.

### Meet the author at Byron Library on July 20

You are invited to meet Juan Carlos Marcos, the author of "The Last Corpsman: The Story of John I. Unger, Chief Hospital Corpsman, U.S. Navy, and Former World War II Prisoner of War in the Pacific." Mr. Marcos will be at the Byron Public Library on Thursday, July 20 to discuss his book about John I. Un-



ger. The program will take place in the meeting room starting at 6 p.m. We are very excited to host Mr. Marcos at the Byron Public Library. We hope you will join us for what is sure to be an educational and stimulating evening. Please register online through the Byron Public Library District website or call the library

815-234-5107. Limited copies of the book will be available for purchase the evening of July 20. If you are interested in reading the book prior to Mr. Marcos presentation, you may purchase a copy at the circulation desk at the Byron Library. Cost is \$15. Cash or check only. Mr. Marcos will be available to autograph books, as time allows the evening of July 20.

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## 9 facts about the Declaration of Independence

**T**HE Declaration of Independence is a document that indicates the founding principles of the United States of America. The declaration was issued by the Continental Congress on July 4, 1776, and announced the separation of the 13 British colonies in North America from the United Kingdom.

That significance means the public may want to learn more about the Declaration of Independence. Here are some key facts.

1. While Thomas Jefferson wrote the Declaration of Independence, it was carefully reviewed and modified by other members of the Continental Congress, notably John Adams and Benjamin Franklin.
2. The Continental Congress actually voted for independence on July 2, 1776. The written Declaration was dated July 4, 1776, but it wasn't actually signed until August 2nd of that year. John Adams thought July 2nd would be marked as the national holiday.
3. Fifty-six delegates signed the Declaration of Independence, but not all were present on that day in August.
4. While many know that John Hancock signed first, with his prominent signature readily visible, it is believed that Thomas McKean of Delaware was the last person to sign.
5. Others signed according to state delegation and in columns, starting with the northernmost state (New Hampshire) to the southernmost (Georgia).
6. About 200 copies of the Dunlap Broadside were printed. Today, 26 copies remain.
7. The original rough draft of the Decla-



8. The Declaration of Independence was not universally accepted, and many people in the colonies remained loyal to the British monarchy and opposed American indepen-

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Sheriff's office announces Independence Day safety campaign

*Drive sober or get pulled over, drive high get a DUI*

**OREGON** — Ogle County Sheriff Brian VanVickle announced plans for stepped-up July 4 traffic enforcement with a focus on impaired and unbuckled drivers. The safety campaign runs from June 16 through the early-morning hours of July 5 to encompass three summer weekends leading up to and after Independence Day.

"It's simple: If you're driving, don't drink, use marijuana or other drugs," Sheriff VanVickle said. "Our officers will be working around the clock to keep impaired drivers off the roads and enforce all other traffic laws. We're doing it to save lives."

The Ogle County Sheriff's Office will join the Illinois State Police and more than 200 local police and sheriff's departments for the increased statewide enforcement effort.

Use these tips to help ensure a happy and safe holiday:  
 Designate a sober driver and

give them your keys before you go out.

Don't let friends or family members drive under the influence.

If you are drunk or impaired by marijuana or other drugs, call a taxi, take mass transit, use your favorite ride-sharing app, or call a sober friend or family member to get home safely.

Promptly report drunk drivers to law enforcement by pulling over and dialing 911.

Make sure everyone in your vehicle wears their seat belt. It's not only the law, but also your best defense against an impaired driver.

The "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over," "Drive High Get a DUI" and "Click It or Ticket" programs are made possible by federal highway safety funds administered by the Illinois Department of Transportation. The enforcement period runs concurrently with a media campaign reminding motorists that "It's Not a Game" to drive impaired.

## POLO POLICE DEPARTMENT Man cited for driving on revoked license

**POLO** — On June 20 at 12:13 p.m. Jacob D. Baker, 28, Prophetstown, was cited for driving on a revoked driver's license. Baker was released on a notice to appear.

On June 21 at 9:45 p.m. Jose A. Garcia, 44, Charlotte, North Carolina, was cited for disobeying a stop sign. Garcia was released on an I-Bond.

On June 22 at 10:49 p.m. a 17-year-old juvenile of Polo was cited for disobeying a stop sign and was released

on an I-Bond.

On June 23 at 7:45 p.m. Todd A. Brehm, 59, Oregon, was cited for speeding 41 miles per hour in a 30-miles per hour speed zone. Brehm was released on an I-Bond.

On June 24 at 6:20 p.m. Robert A. Lauritzen, 56, Franklin Grove, was arrested for driving on a revoked driver's license and issued a warning notice for illegal cell phone use and expired insurance. Lauritzen was transported to the Ogle

County Jail.

On June 26 at 3:50 p.m. Mauro, Juarez-Xique, 41, Dixon, was cited for speeding 44 miles per hour in a 30-miles per hour speed zone. Juarez-Xique was released on an I-Bond.

On June 26 at 9:55 p.m. Madison Nichole Spaulding, 45, Polo, was cited for failure to yield, resulting in a non-injury accident and for driving with no valid driver's license. Spaulding was released on an I-Bond.

## Church Trash & Treasure Sale is July 6-8

**BYRON** — There are always great treasures to be found at the United Church of Byron's annual Trash & Treasure Sale! The hours for the sale on Thursday and Friday, July 6 and 7 are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. On Thursday and Friday, anything you can fit into a paper bag (bags provided) is \$5.


The Reber Car show takes place on the church grounds on Saturday, July 8. On that day, the hours will be from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and anything you can fit into a paper bag is \$2 per bag and other larger items will be half price. Also on that Saturday, UCB Fellowship

will be sponsoring a luncheon that begins at 11 a.m. offering hot dogs, brats, hamburgers/cheeseburgers and sloppy joe sandwiches. The Mission Committee of the church will also be selling pop & water that day.

Also on Saturday, July 8 from 4-5 p.m. (after the Byronfest parade) all items that are left over from the sale are FREE to anyone that would like them. Come and sort through the treasures that are left and take them home for free. At that time, you can even bring your own bag. The church is handicapped accessible and is located at 701 W. Second St. in Byron.

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## OGLE COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT

# Man arrested after fleeing, crashing vehicle

**OREGON** — On June 21 at approximately 12:45 a.m. deputies attempted to stop a vehicle in the 11,000 block of North Illinois Route 26 after observing several traffic violations. The vehicle continued to flee north on Illinois Route 26 into Stephenson County and into Freeport, before the vehicle came to a stop in the 1,400 block of Lacresta Drive. The driver then fled the scene and was later taken into custody after being located in the area. The driver was identified as Dontay Martin, 36, of Rockford, under arrest for driving while license revoked and fleeing to elude a police officer. Martin was additionally issued citations for speeding, operating an uninsured vehicle, seat belt violation, improper lane usage, failure to signal, driving without headlights and disobeying a stop sign. Martin was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond. Stephenson County Sheriff's Office, Freeport Police, and Illinois State Police assisted with the incident.

On June 21 at approximately 12:25 p.m. deputies initiated a traffic stop near Center Road and Kyte Road. After a brief investigation, deputies arrested Alfonso Perez, 29, of Flagg Center for driving while license revoked. Perez was additionally cited for expired registration and suspended registration. Perez was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

On June 22 at 12:53 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 3,000 block of North

Illinois Route 2. The driver, Dylan Ballard of Rockford, 30, was cited for speeding and improper container of cannabis by driver. Ballard was released on scene with an I-Bond.

On June 22 at 7:34 a.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 18,000 block of East Illinois Route 64 for a speeding violation. After an investigation, William M. Orsburn, 46, of Shabbona was arrested for driving while license revoked. Additionally, Orsburn was placed under arrest for a failure to appear warrant out of Lee County. Orsburn was also issued a citation for speeding. Orsburn was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

On June 22 at approximately 11:11 a.m. deputies responded to the 6,000 block of North Illinois Route 2 for a reported suspicious person at a residence. After a brief investigation, deputies arrested Ryan Palmer, 38, of Lee County for no valid driver's license. Palmer was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

On June 22 at approximately 7:18 p.m. the Ogle County Sheriff's Office 911 Center received multiple calls of a structure fire at 6714 S. China Road in Dixon.

Polo Fire Protection District was dispatched and located a fully-involved house fire at the location. Polo Fire command escalated to a third alarm with the following agencies responding: Mt. Morris, Forreston, Leaf River, Oregon, Byron, Stillman, Dixon Rural, Sterling, Milled-

geville, Franklin Grove, Rock Falls, Coleta, Ogle County Emergency Management and ComEd.

The structure was located on an abandoned property. The Office of the Illinois Fire Marshal, Ogle County Sheriff's Office Arson Investigators and Ogle County Sheriff's Office detectives conducted an initial investigation on site. The cause of the fire is undetermined and anyone with information is encouraged to call The Ogle-Lee Crime Stoppers at 888-228-4488.

On June 23 at 9:45 p.m. the Ogle County Narcotics Task Force conducted a traffic stop in the 9,000 block of North Illinois Route 2 in reference to an ongoing drug investigation. As a result of the traffic stop, the Ogle County Narcotics Task Force arrested Krysten A. Latta, 39, of Rockford for unlawful possession of crack cocaine (class one felony), possession of crack cocaine with the intent to deliver (class X felony) and possession of drug equipment (class A misdemeanor). During the traffic stop, the Ogle County Narcotics Task Force located 30.5 grams of crack cocaine on Latta. Latta was transferred to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

On June 24 at 1 p.m. the Ogle County Sheriff's Office investigated a reckless driving complaint on Illinois Route 2 north of Byron. The vehicle was located and stopped on Illinois Route 2 near East 3rd Street. After a short investigation Daniel Owen, 58, of Leaf River was charged with driving under the influence,

illegal transportation of alcohol and improper lane usage. Owen was taken to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

On June 25 at 11:57 a.m. deputies were called to the Lightsville Road and Adeline Road area for a report of a suspicious person. After a short investigation, deputies arrested William Kenny, 45, of Rockton for trespass to real property and driving while suspended. Kenny was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

On June 25 at 3:10 p.m. deputies were dispatched to the Mount Morris Estates Trailer Park (3747 W. Illinois Route 64, Mt. Morris) for a report of a domestic disturbance. After an investigation, deputies located and arrested Jose A. Velazquez-Mejia,

26, of Mt. Morris for domestic battery and violation of bond conditions. Velazquez-Mejia was transported to the Ogle County Jail pending an appearance before a judge.

On June 26 at approximately 12:38 a.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop on Interstate 39 at mile marker 106 northbound. After a brief investigation, Deputies arrested Carliyah R. Fuller, 18, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin for driving while license suspended. Fuller was taken into custody without incident and released on an individual bond. Fuller was additionally cited for speeding.

On June 26 at approximately 10:30 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop at Hemstock Road and Center Road. After a brief investigation, deputies arrested

Cole Burkhart, 30, of Steward, for driving under the influence of alcohol. Burkhart was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond. Burkhart was also issued citations for improper lane usage and no tail lights.

On June 26 at approximately 7:58 p.m. deputies initiated a traffic stop near the intersection of Kishwaukee Road and Meridian Road. After further investigation, Hilario Limon-Garcia, 33, of Rockford, was placed under arrest for no valid driver's license. Limon-Garcia was also cited for operating an uninsured motor vehicle and suspended registration. Limon-Garcia was released on an individual bond.

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# LOCAL NEWS



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## First Fridays Open Mic is July 7

**OREGON** — The First Fridays Open Mic presents its monthly show at the Oregon VFW this July 7. The event attracts many talented performers, but musicians and singers of all skill levels find acceptance from its supportive audience. The show starts at 6:30 p.m. Admission is free, although a jar is available for donations. Performers can sign up

for time slots on a first-come-first-serve basis, so it's best to arrive by 6 p.m. or earlier. Interested parties who have questions can contact Jerry Tice, at 815-449-2660. The VFW is located at 1310 W. Washington St. in Oregon. It provides ample parking, along with the availability of a restaurant and bar within the building. A fish fry runs from 4-8 p.m.

## Time to sign up for the Chana Play Day

**BYRON** — This year, the 46th Annual Chana Play Day will be on July 21 at Prairie View Golf Course. Come for a day of fun and support several worthy causes.

This year, donations will go to Habitat for Humanity, Ogle County fairgrounds, HOPE, three area food pantries and the Chana Play Day Scholarship Fund.

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## Rockin' Fendershirts to play in Mt. Morris July 3

**MT. MORRIS** — Chicago classic rock & roll band the Rockin' Fendershirts will play a free concert at the Let Freedom Ring Classic Car Show from 5-8 p.m. July 3 on the Mt. Morris Campus Bandshell.

You'll get all shook up. Who knows, you might even twist and shout! Concessions for the evening will be provided by the Ogle County Pork Producers starting at 4 p.m. Grandpa's ice cream truck will be there, too.

Put on your blues shoes and rock around the clock to your favorite rock 'n' roll oldies. That'll be the day The Rockin' Fendershirts come to town. Great Balls of Fire! There'll be a whole lotta shakin' goin' on, you'll dance, you'll sing, you'll laugh.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Howard and the White Boys to play July 7 in Mt. Morris

**MT. MORRIS** — The Mt. Morris Jamboree is pleased to announce the return of Howard and the White Boys to our Bandshell on July 7 for a free concert starting at 7 p.m. Considered one of Chicago's finest live blues acts of the last two decades, Howard and Boys were mentored by Buddy Guy (who has taken the band on several Midwestern tours as his opening act, and appeared on their third CD, "The Big Score"), HWB's new CD, "Rosa's Lounge", bears witness to the power and raw energy of the group when they perform live on stage.

Howard & the White Boys began jamming together just for fun, but their fast-growing popularity soon convinced them they could make a career of it. After only a few months, they got their first big break by opening for B.B. King. Their reputation grew in Chicago and they began performing with the biggest names in blues: Koko Taylor, Otis Rush, Albert King, Junior Wells, Lonnie Brooks, Luther Allison, Bo Diddley, and Chuck Berry.

The group made two highly acclaimed recordings, 'Strung Out On The Blues' and 'Guess Who's Coming To Dinner?', for L.A. based Mighty Tiger Records. They began traveling extensively across the U.S. with their growing popularity capturing the attention of Philadelphia-based Evidence Records. 'The Big Score' was the first of three successful discs released by Evidence, and the band wasted no time in promoting it via many trips to Europe. Evidence released two more well-received HWB discs, 'Live at Chord On Blues,' and 'Made in Chicago,' which showcased the group's versatility and encompassed the funk, R & B, and rock styles that have become Howard & the White Boys' trademark.

Howard and the White Boys are: Howard McCullum - bass, vocals, Rocco Calipari - guitar, Pete Galanis - guitar and Jim Christopoulos - drums.

Concessions for the evening will be provided by the Mt. Morris Senior Center, serving burgers, brats and dogs with all the fixings, chips and drinks. Grandpa's Ice Cream will be with us, too, both serving from 6 p.m. on.

Please bring a blanket or chair, or enjoy our 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 blues concert. In the event of rain, please check for an alternate location on one of our websites: Facebook.com/mtmorrisjamboree, mtmorrisil.net, moundertown.com.

## The Beaux to perform in Mt. Morris

**MT. MORRIS** — Rock and roll band The Beaux will perform a free concert behind the school in Mt. Morris on July 4 from 6-8 p.m. before the fireworks.

Iowa. They pay tribute to over 100 artists from the 60s through the 90s. The band played over 80 dates in 2022.

The Beaux is a six-member classic rock cover band serving Northern Illinois, Southern Wisconsin and Eastern

Concessions for the evening will be served by Hector's Cocina, Blaz'n Magic BBQ and Just For Fun ice cream, starting at 5 p.m. behind the school.



## Mt. Morris PorchFest 2023 a great success on June 10

**MT. MORRIS** — Encore! Mt. Morris offers a huge thank you to all the musicians offering free music and visitors who made the Sixth Annual PorchFest a success. Saturday, June 10 was truly a great day for live music in the village! With perfect weather and 15 bands and solo musicians playing on 12 porches and lawns, PorchFest Mt. Morris lived up to its promise of being an ultimate grassroots community music festival. Many favorites from past years, along with some new musicians performed 45-minute sets on community porches and lawns throughout the festival area from 1-5 p.m.



Visitors selected music and locations from a schedule and map, then walked, road bikes, drove ATVs and cars enjoying the day. Encore! Mt. Morris PorchFest is held annually on the second Saturday in

June. Encore! Mt. Morris hopes to see you next year on Saturday, June 8, 2024 for this growing event! Find more info about all Encore! and Mt. Morris activities at EncoreMt-Morris.com.

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### July 4-5:

The Kable Band will be in "patriotic mode" bringing two "star-spangled", exciting concerts. The Kable Band will perform prior to the Mt. Morris Let Freedom Ring fireworks at 8 p.m. behind the former DLR school. And, on the following night, July 5, there will be the regular concert on the Reckmeyer Bandshell on the beautiful Mt. Morris campus at 7:30 p.m. Come celebrate the birth of our country with sparkling, patriotic concerts performed by the hometown Kable Concert Band, directed by Andy Eckardt.

Lawn chairs or blankets at the fireworks. Benches are provided on the campus, or bring your own lawn chairs. Happy Birthday to the United States of America!

### July 6:

The Polo Farmer's Market will make its official start on Thursday, July 6 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.

### July 8:

Come and join us at Byron's Hairy Cow Farmers Market on Saturday, July 8 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, including the Black Pearl Coffee truck, 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 craflab23@gmail.com or at the Byron's Hairy Cow Farmers Facebook page.

### July 9, 16, 23:

Summer Concert Series at Byron Forest Preserve. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets and join us at the Heritage Farm Stage for local bands! These free concerts are on Sunday evenings, July 9, 16 and 23, starting at 7 p.m. Feel free to bring your own drinks or snacks and there will be drinks available for purchase. Patchouli. July 16: Freeborn Men. July 23: Backroads Trio.

Concerts are held at the Heritage Farm Stage, 8059 N. River Road in Byron, weather permitting. Rain/weather location will be at the Jarrett Prairie Center. For more information, call 815-234-8535, x217.

### July 12-13:

The Serenity Shed is having a Dixie Belle brand chalk paint class, July 12, 1-4 p.m. or July 13, 5-8 p.m. Carry in your own piece to paint. Supplies, such as brushes, cleaning solution and wax will be provided. Purchase paint on site at a discount. Must register, space is limited. Please call 815-732-4111 and ask for The Shed. Class is only \$30 and all proceeds benefit Serenity Hospice.

### July 15:

The Silver Creek Reformed Church ACTS Ministries will serve a pancake breakfast on Saturday, July 15 in conjunction with the annual German Valley Days Festival. Serving will be from 7-10 a.m. at the German Valley Fire Station, 600 Church St. The menu will include pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, applesauce and beverage. Costs are \$8 for adults, \$4 for ages 5-12 with those four and under free. All proceeds will go toward the church's mission to educate children in Haiti. For more information call 815 362-2129.

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# VIEWPOINT

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

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## Losing Biblical literacy

**P**LEASE fill in the blank: "Our Father who art in heaven \_\_\_\_\_ be they name. This month, that question came up on the television gameshow Jeopardy and none of the otherwise smart contestants could answer that question.

Jesus Christ shortly before he ordered his crucifixion. In case you think Jordan is a religious zealot, think again. She grew up Presbyterian in Peoria, later dabbled at being a Unitarian and now just calls herself "spiritual."



Scott Reeder

The social media universe exploded with indignation. (In case you are wondering, the correct word is "hallowed.") The Rev. Franklin Graham said, "We have lost so much Biblical literacy & basic awareness of the things of God's Word. This moving away from Biblical values will equal double jeopardy for our nation."

In Illinois, towns such as Athens, Mt. Zion, Zion, Hebron, Salem, Rome, Mount Olive and Bethany all derive their names from biblical references. Basic knowledge of scripture helps us understand our own heritage.

To be honest, I admired Graham's father, Billy, but after several years of listening to Franklin Graham bow before the altar of Donald Trump, I've come to the conclusion that the Graham gene pool might need a new lifeguard. His dad he ain't.

What Jordan is experiencing in the classroom is what my college civil liberties professor, Donald Boles, warned of more than 35 years ago. Boles was one of the foremost experts on the intersection of religion and public schools.

But even a stopped clock is right twice a day. And Graham is on to something here. In many ways are society is becoming increasingly ignorant of scripture.

He agreed with the 1963 Supreme Court decision, *Abington Township v. Schempp*, which prohibited mandatory recitation of Bible verses in public schools. But he feared school administrators (modern day scribes and Pharisees) would use the ruling as a legal pretext to eliminate classes dealing with religion.

For centuries the Bible has been a common cultural reference point that bound our nation. When Abraham Lincoln gave his House Divided speech, he was quoting from the book of Matthew.

But the high court said just the opposite in their landmark ruling:

When I was in high school, the rock group Iron Maiden came out with the tune, "Hallowed be thy name" proving that scriptural knowledge can give insight into heavy metal music.

"In addition, it might well be said that one's education is not complete without a study of comparative religion or the history of religion and its relationship to the advancement of civilization. It certainly may be said that the Bible is worthy of study for its literary and historic qualities. Nothing we have said here indicates that such study of the Bible or of religion, when presented objectively as part of a secular program of education, may not be effected consistently with the First Amendment."

When Ben Franklin sent his "olive branch petition" to King George III it was a plea from colonists to avoid war with Great Britain. But its name came from a Biblical reference. (A dove bearing an olive branch returned to Noah's Ark and it has become a symbol of peace.)

In other words, public schools should not be in the business of proselytizing. But it should be educating about religion.

A few years ago, I interviewed Gwen Jordan, who was then an associate professor of legal studies at the University of Illinois-Springfield.

Sadly, Professor Boles was prophetic. Schools have cut back on the religion courses during the past half century. And it has resulted in a growing ignorance of even the most basic biblical references.

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This has had a corrosive effect on our society.

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Abraham Lincoln was keenly aware of the shared cultural reference the Bible represented when he quoted the Gospel of Matthew in the period leading up to the Civil War by saying "A house divided against itself cannot stand."

Probably not. We are losing the common reference point the Bible has brought our culture.

It seems we, too, are becoming a house divided.

*Scott Reeder, a staff writer for Illinois Times, can be reached at sreeder@illinoistimes.com.*

# July 4 is upon us

**F**OURTH of July is upon us. Family trips, parades, grilling in the backyard and fireworks are all on the agendas for most of us. A time to not only celebrate our dependence as a nation, but celebrate the wonderful weather of summer.

Participants are responsible for rinsing containers and removing all caps, valves, metal, labels, booklets and foil seals. Participants are also responsible for cutting off the top and bottom of plastic drums and cutting the side of the drum from top to bottom. Mini-bulk and intermediate bulk containers can be recycled via the IDOA's container recycling program by making the following container preparations: Mini bulk (cage) containers are required to be cut into separate top, bottom and sides, fittings discarded (no metal, no wood) (six slabs of plastic).



Ron Kern

The last real chance for kids to enjoy a holiday before school starts again in August.

So whatever you have on your plate to celebrate the day...enjoy!

## Recycling

The Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA) encourages farmers and agrichemical facilities to take part in a free agrichemical container recycling program. Beginning in the middle of July and continuing into August, sites throughout the state will collect containers that are recycled to make shipping pallets.

Intermediate bulk containers are to be cut in to one-foot square pieces, fittings discarded (no metal, no wood). G. Phillips and Sons, L.L.C. is offering services to pick up mini-bulk and intermediate bulk containers throughout the year. Feel free to contact G. Phillips and Sons, L.L.C. at 678-232-6047 to learn more about their mini-bulk and

This program offers farmers and agrichemical facilities a convenient opportunity to dispose of empty pesticide containers and demonstrate their environmental stewardship. Metal and household pesticide containers are not eligible for the recycling pro-

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The program is a cooperative venture between the Illinois Department of Agriculture, Agriculture Container Recycling Council GROWMARK, Inc., Illinois Fertilizer and Chemical Association, G. Phillips and Sons, L.L.C., Illinois Farm Bureau, and University of Illinois Extension.

To obtain a free brochure about the program, call IDOA toll free at 1-800-641-3934. The collection sites and dates for the 2023 Pesticide Container Recycling Program are as follows:

- Permanent collection sites:
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- "Character consists of what you do on the third and fourth tries." -James A. Michener

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

## What American children need

**Dear editor,**  
I watched some of the BEEs on TV. Did you notice that the stage had very few so-called "American-born children?" It just strengthened my resolve that American children in general are lazy, spoiled and entitled.

together to make sure that they get the right education and rules to acquire a good result. Children want rules. They need to know someone cares to give them and follow through on penalties. They will love you for it, maybe not then but when they think about it later. Many look to gangs for rules.

I am an American born. I was orphaned at three years old. I lived with an aunt and uncle who didn't care if I got good grades or not just so I could work on the farm. I realized that I needed education to take care of myself. So I did what I could.

I one time heard that you will learn everything that you need to know in kindergarten. Share with others, be kind, and do not take anything that does not belong to you. I know a lot of people will not read this, but if one person learns something from this letter, then I am happy.

People from other countries know the value of education for their children. They do not have freedom or money to send them to a good school.

We do not need bigger houses, two cars or membership to a country club. Pay attention to local board elections.

Years ago a Russian diplomat said that they would not have to fire a shot to get our country, and they would just get it through our education. They are sure doing it with the help of our teachers.

**Beverly LaFleur**  
Byron

Our children need teachers and parents to work

## Response to Reeder column

**Dear editor,**  
This is a response to Scott Reeder's article featured in the June 26 edition of the Ogle County Life, titled Renaming military bases.

England's economy. At the time, there was speculation that England might enter the war to get the cotton shipments sailing again. Ergo, the speech. The speech was designed to make it appear that anyone supporting the South would have the stigma of being in favor of slavery. Lincoln cared little about slavery; he aimed to keep the country together.

To the argument that the Civil War was about State's Rights. Reeder writes, "Well, I guess you can ignore the Emancipation Proclamation."

Ironically, once the Civil War started, supposedly to free the slaves in the South, slavery continued in the North.

Many theorize the Emancipation Proclamation speech was about keeping England out of the war on the side of the South. The Civil War had stopped the shipments of cotton to England; this was having a devastating effect on

**Richard Rowland**  
Polo

## MOMENTS IN TIME

- \* On July 17, 1941, New York Yankees center fielder Joe DiMaggio's hitting streak of 56 consecutive games ended as 67,468 people watched him at bat against the Cleveland Indians. His record still stands, though Pete Rose came the closest to matching it when he hit in 44 consecutive games in 1978.
- \* On July 18, 1984, 21 people were shot to death and 19 more were injured in a San Ysidro, California, McDonald's by James Oliver Huberty, who told his wife as he was leaving his house with three guns that he was "hunting humans." The fatal

- spree ended only when Huberty was fatally shot by a SWAT team sniper.
- \* On July 19, 1879, Doc Holliday committed his first murder, killing Mike Gordon, who'd tried to persuade a girl working at Holliday's New Mexico saloon to run away with him. When she declined, the frustrated Gordon began shooting into the saloon from the street, and Holliday returned fire, dropping him with one bullet.
- \* On July 20, 1963, Jan and Dean's "Surf City," which trumpeted "Two girls for every boy!" in its opening

- line, reached No. 1 on the U.S. pop charts. Penned by the Beach Boys' Brian Wilson, the tune helped create an image of California as an endless summer paradise.
- \* On July 21, 1925, John T. Scopes, a science and math teacher in Dayton, Tennessee, was convicted of violating the state's law against teaching evolution in public schools in what became known as the "Trial of the Century." He was ordered to pay a \$100 fine, but the sentence was overturned on a technicality.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Ogle County Fair seeking exhibitors

**OREGON** — The Ogle County Fair is looking for exhibitors to enter projects for the fair. The Exhibit Building Open/Junior Show is asking for community friends and families to enter projects to show at the county fair. The

Ogle County Open/Junior Show is available to anyone age eight and older. We also have categories for under age eight such as mechanical science, design and animal science. We have many project categories to choose from. Prize money is

awarded for placing first, second or third place. New projects are available this year. The clothing department has categories such as quilts or special-themed costume, such as a character or vintage theme costume. Bee keeping, recycled yard display art or 3-D sculpture are just a couple of the many categories to choose from. Deadline to enter is July 10. Registration is online. Check out the fair

book, online registration and rules on the website, [Oglecountyfair.com](http://Oglecountyfair.com). The fair is proud to support our families and friends of the community. "We have worked hard to have a place that can really show off the amazing talent in our community," Chris Carter, Ogle County Fair director, said. "We want persons of all ages to have a safe place to make memories, and show off what they can do."

## St. Mary's Altar and Rosary Society installs new officers

**POLO** — On Monday, June 5, members of St. Mary's Altar and Rosary Society gathered at the White Pines Restaurant for lunch and the installation of new officers. The new officers included Kathy Bickford as president, Connie O'Brien as vice president and Kris Clothier as treasurer and secretary. This is the first year where the treasurer and secretary positions were combined. Sue Rothermel conducted an installation service of candle lighting for the new officers. The newly elected officers have consented to "Keep the Flame Growing" as many previous generations have done in the past.



**Officers were installed for the Altar and Rosary Society of St. Mary's church in Polo on Monday, June 5 at the White Pines Restaurant. Above, from left to right: Connie O'Brien, vice-president; Kathy Bickford, president and Kris Clothier, treasurer and secretary. In addition to the installation of officers, members of the Altar and Rosary Society also showed special appreciation to Carol Glen (left) and Kay Tyne for their many years of service and dedication to the society.**



The Altar and Rosary Society has been very active at St. Mary's Church in several areas for decades. Activities declined during the pandemic but have now returned to prior levels. The biggest event of the year is the luncheon and Chinese auction that is always held in Oc-

tober. Other activities of the society include helping with funerals, sending cards to the sick, items during Holy Week, Christmas and other dates as well as a kitchen committee for serving food at special events. Membership is open to all women of the parish.

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## COMING SOON! BEST OF OGLE COUNTY 2023

### ONAA awards grant to Byron Park District for Johnson Riverfront Park

**BYRON** — On June 20, the Ogle Natural Areas Alliance awarded the Byron Park District a \$1,500 Pollinator Habitat Development grant for use at the park district's Johnson Riverfront Park located on River Drive in Byron.

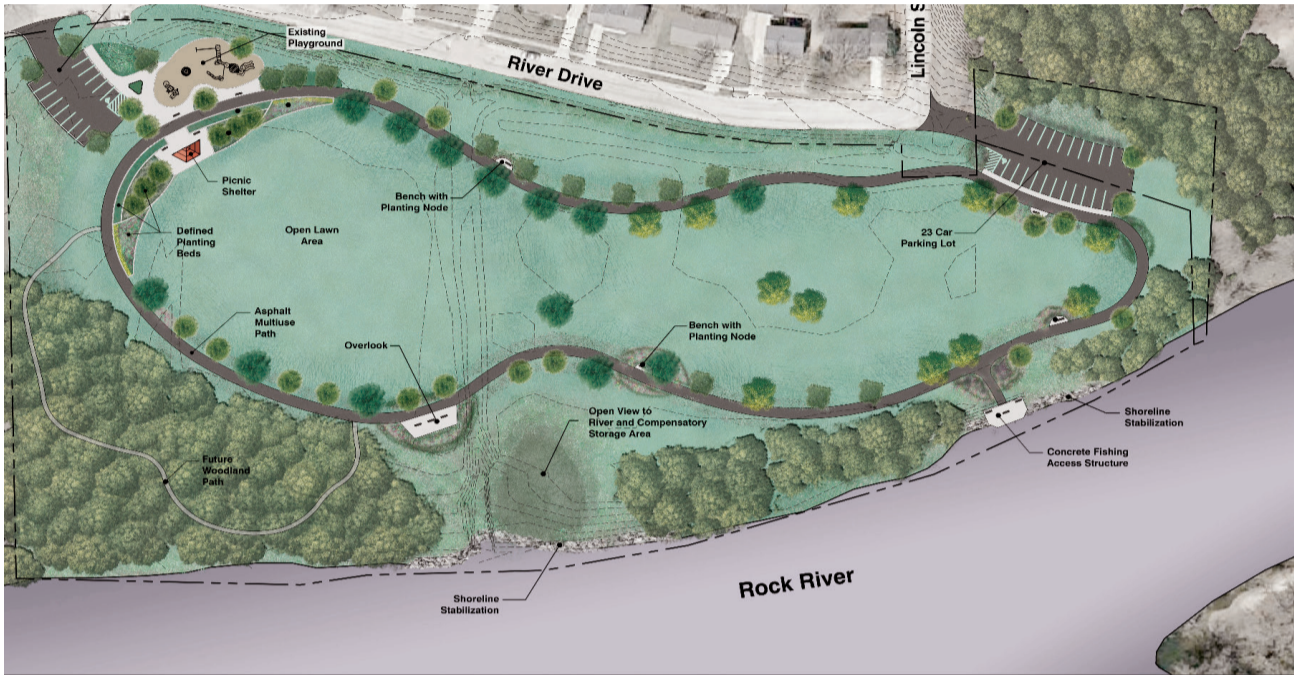
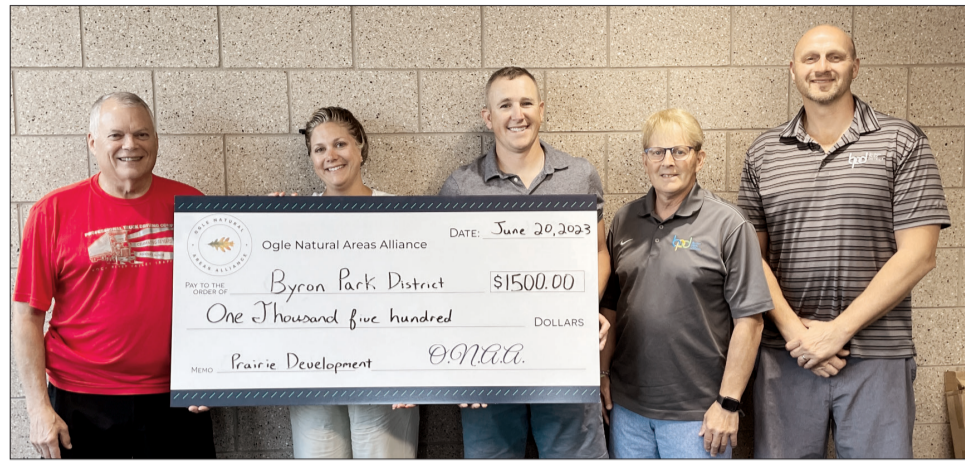
"We are happy to award this grant and partner with the Byron Park District on this project," Ogle Natural Areas Alliance Board President Trevor Hogan said. "This park provides access to a beautiful location on the Rock River and we want to help improve and restore the natural areas within the park to benefit the park-goers experience while improving ecological diversity."

Donald B. Johnson Riverfront Park was purchased from the Johnson family by the Byron Park

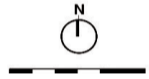
District in 2019. The 10-acre property is located on the southwest side of Byron. A portion of the purchase was paid by a grant from the National Park Service's Land and Water Conservation Fund, which was awarded through the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. The park district is currently developing the property into a neighborhood park which includes a playground, a picnic shelter, asphalt and natural trails, an accessible fishing area and two parking lots.

The Ogle Natural Areas Alliance is a 501c3 nonprofit on a mission to benefit Ogle County's public land holding agencies through charity, stewardship and education. To learn more about ONAA, please visit [www.oglenaturalareasalliance.org](http://www.oglenaturalareasalliance.org).

**Pictured left to right: BPD Commissioner Jeff Wilmarth, BPD Vice President Rachel Oracki, ONAA President Trevor Hogan, BPD Commissioner Bruce Boyle and BPD Commissioner Judd Griffith.**



**Donald B. Johnson Riverfront Park**  
Concept Plan  
10/13/2022



**NEW LISTING!**

**7419 N. Junction Rd., Davis Junction**  
**\$368,500 Call Erin**

Amazingly well maintained modern home on 5 acres of land situated in Davis Junction, IL. The home itself welcomes you with a great room made for entertaining. Bathed in natural light, the massive room is a gathering place for friends and family alike. There is a cozy wood fireplace insert (2020) for those chilly Illinois nights. A large entry leads you into an updated kitchen (2019) with an 8 ft island, tons of counter space and easy to clean, soft close cabinets and drawers. Beyond the kitchen is a multituse area ready for your needs! A dining room, office or additional sitting or entertaining area are just waiting to be created by you! There are 2 generous bedrooms to the left that share a full size bathroom, and to the right you enter the master suite. With his and hers walk ins closets and a en-suite bath complete with jetted tub, you may never want to leave! But when you do, you have 5 groomed acres zoned AG to explore! Perfect for ATV riding, gardening or getting in some target practice on the shooting range! The oversized barn (32x56) has 1 horse stall and a separate area designed specifically for dog kennels, but have the potential for so much more! There is an indoor/outdoor chicken coop area/run and a fenced in paddock for livestock or family pets, complete with water spigot! The 4 car garage has tons of space for all your vehicles plus one stall that is fully insulated with electricity and an eye-lift for storage and working on those toys! All this with country taxes, minutes from Interstate 39 and highly desirable Stillman School District!! Agent related.

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**NEW LISTING**

**101 W. Oregon Street, Polo**  
**\$109,900 Call JD**

Cozy 4 bed 2 bath home situated on a half-acre lot with proximity to downtown, schools, and parks, making it an ideal place to call home. With a host of recent updates this residence is a potential gem. This home features main floor laundry space; a new roof, and updated electrical panel, both completed in 2020. Additional enhancements include a new water heater (2019); sump pump, some new windows, gutters, and updated plumbing (2022). Outside, is a detached 2.5 car garage and an expansive backyard that offers ample space for outdoor enjoyment. Don't miss your chance to own this property with its numerous updates and desirable features, plus plenty of opportunity to make it your own!

**LOTS & LAND LOTS & LAND LOTS & LAND LOTS & LAND LOTS & LAND LOTS & LAND LOTS & LAND**

**000 Woods Drive, Oregon**  
**\$27,000 Call Rebecca**

STONEGATE RIDGE SUBDIVISION! Here is your chance to build your dream home in Stonegate Ridge! Lots ranging from .30 to .77 acres. Many lots offer the possibility for an exposed basement. Wooded lots are also available. City utilities & the only residential area in Oregon with Fiber highspeed internet available. The subdivision allows pools, fences & is not builder restricted. Building packages are also available. City of Oregon offers reduced impact fees. Agent related.

**000 N. River Road, Oregon**  
**\$220,000 Call Carla**

10 Acres on the Rock River with 700 ft of shoreline! This awesome opportunity offers out of flood plane, buildable land for your dream home. Zoned R-2 with city water hook up at lot line. Septic is required. Byron school district. Approximately 2 acres are buildable. Agent related.

**000 S. Andrew Drive, Oregon**  
**\$45,000 Call Jenny**

Look no further! This beautiful 1.5 acre lot is the perfect building site for your new home. It has a country feel, yet is conveniently located just outside of Oregon off of Daysville and Lowden roads. The Sinissippi Point Subdivision has large lots providing ample distance from neighbors. The covenants allow for swimming pools, fences, and out buildings. Get your house plans ready and build your new home this year!

**7701 Highlands Drive, Winnebago**  
**\$24,900 Call Becky**

Beautiful 1/2 acre lot in this country subdivision with a rural setting! Winnebago schools yet minutes to Bypass 20 exit to Rockford. Close to Severson Dells Forest Preserve. Partial Out lot (green space) behind this property that can't be built on. Build your dream home now or later, building packages available if interested. Well and city sewer required. Agent owned.

**000 N. River Road, Byron**  
**\$89,900 Call Jamie**

Do you love the outdoors? Here is your opportunity to own your own private recreational island! Hunting, Fishing, Camping, Boating, Kayaking, just to name a few things you can enjoy with this property! Perfectly nestled in the best location of the Rock River. Sandbar is just located across the river. 2 Public boat launches are within minutes away. Near Prairie View Golf Course and Downtown Byron. 5 minutes to Oregon. 20 minutes to Rockford. 90 minutes to Chicago.

**000 S. Maple Avenue, Byron**  
**\$45,000 Call Jenn**

BYRON SCHOOLS! Buildable .34 acre lot in the city of Byron. Walking distance to schools, athletic fields, parks and downtown. This beautiful lot already has a garden shed towards the back of the property. City water and sewer. Build your dream home here!

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# LOCAL NEWS

## OHS athletic teams qualify for IHSA academic award

**OREGON** — The Oregon High School Athletic Department recently announced that all 11 of its second semester athletic teams qualified for the IHSA Team Academic Achievement Award.

The 11 teams from winter and spring of 2022-23 are: Boys basketball, girls basketball, girls bowling, boys bowling, wrestling, competitive cheerleading, baseball, softball, girls soccer, boys track and girls track.

The Illinois High School Association's IHSA Team Academic Achievement Award is designed to reward teamwork not only in competition, but in the classroom as well. This award recognizes those teams that maintain a team grade point average of 3.0 or higher throughout their respective season. For the overall 2022-23 year, the OHS volleyball team led the way with a cumulative 3.91 team GPA.

Oregon High School is proud of these student athletes, and their teachers, coaches and families who support them.



**Fishing derby held at Conservation Club**  
A fishing derby was held at the Rochelle Wildlife Conservation Club on June 25. Over 165 kids registered. Bass Masters and the Conservation Club and lots of generous sponsors help make this free event happen every year. Lunch, drinks and tons of prizes including fishing poles, bikes, lures and lots of other fun items were given away.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## OREGON PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Library will be closed Tuesday, July 4 for Fourth of July!

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

Only 4 weeks left! 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!

### 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)

Pick up a game card at the desk and locate specific items on the card. If you find all the items & their location, you may select a prize.

### Mondays in June- Story Time (18 months-6 yrs.) at 10:00 am

Stories, crafts & fun!

### Tuesday, July 4, Library Closed for Fourth of July

Thursday, July 6, Teen Crafternoon  
**DIY with Alcohol Ink, 1:30 pm (13 yrs. & up)**  
Join us to learn about the art of alcohol ink & create your very own design on a tin box. All supplies will be provided. Due to the sealer drying time, participants will need to leave their tins overnight to dry. Registration required

### Thursday, July 6, River's Edge Farmers Market, 5:00 - 7:30 pm

The most magical evening at the market! Bring the whole family down and make bubbles of all sizes with Jason, the Bubble Guy!

### Monday, July 10, STEM Afternoon: Solar Community Kits, 1-3 pm (10 yrs. & up)

Grab a team of up to three people & register for an afternoon of STEM discovery! Each team will receive everything they need to create a mini microgrid, using a solar panel to give power to a whole community.

### Tuesday, July 11, A Voice for Nature, 1 pm, (ages 10 & up)

Learn how Dr. Elizabeth Bach observes plants, explores underground life & tracks the bison at The Nature Conservancy's Nachusa Grasslands! This will be an interactive opportunity at the library to touch & try out tools that are used to listen & speak for nature in our neighborhood. Registration required

### Wednesday, July 12, Activity Time, Let's Get Messy!

1:30 pm (grades 1st & up) Registration required

### Thursday, July 13, Lego Club, 2 pm (2nd grade & up)

The club is designed to provide an enjoyable activity (FUN) that stimulates and develops spatial intelligence. Registration required

Saturday, July 15, "Find Your Voice" selected Book titles are due.

### Adult Summer Reading Program

June 1st through August 11th. Join others who are "too old" for the Children's Summer Reading Program (yes, that includes 18 and up!) for a low-key stress-free Adult Summer Reading program. Oregon Public Library has two ways to record your reading progress. Give the library a call or stop by for more information. We have brain game packets available again this year. Brain game packets completed will be entered into the drawing for the Adult Summer Reading prizes at the end of the program. 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.

### Athens to Istanbul - A Journey in Time

Monday, July 10th at 1:00pm (virtual presenter). This presentation will follow Eugene Flynn's journey from Athens and the Greek Islands to Ephesus and Istanbul. He will touch on the history of ancient and modern sites, as well as, the many sites welcoming people we meet along the way. Eugene Flynn spent 35 years in sales and marketing at major technology firms while occasionally teaching at College of Lake County and Harper College. He is a volunteer at the non-profit Barrington Career Center and serves on the board of the Institute of Continued Learning at Roosevelt University. He holds an M.A. degree from NIU (Sociology) and an MBA from the from the University of Chicago Booth School of Business. Registration required, call (815) 732-2724

or visit [www.oregonpubliclibrary.com](http://www.oregonpubliclibrary.com)

### Ink with A Friend Monthly Card Club

Monday, July 17th at 6:00pm. Sending personal cards to your friends and family is a way to let them know you care and are thinking about them. All designs include beautiful colored cardstock, gorgeous designer series paper, detailed stamped images, die cut pieces, matching ink, ribbon, and embellishments. All cards come with matching envelopes. Whether you're a new card maker or a seasoned pro, our kits are suited to every skill level. Don't wait! Sign up today to reserve your spot. Oregon Patrons only. Registration required (815) 732-2724 or [www.oregonpubliclibrary.com](http://www.oregonpubliclibrary.com)

### 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 painting 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](http://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](http://www.oregonpubliclibrary.com). Prizes!

### 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](http://www.oregonpubliclibrary.com) or call (815) 732-2724 for more information. Registration required.

### Book Clubs

The 2WBC Book Club meets July 12, at 12:30 pm to discuss Ready Player One by Ernest Cline. Is This Just Fantasy? Book Club will meet July 13 at 6 pm at the Library to discuss Thistlefoot by Gennaro Nethercott. Cocktails & Crimes will meet Sunday, July 16 at 2 pm at Trippy's (formerly Messie's). 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.

### Yoga

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

## 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](http://www.rockrivercenter.org) and like us on Facebook.

### RRC July Holiday Schedule

Rock River Center will close on Tuesday, July 4, 2023 in recognition of Independence Day.

No transportation or activities will take place when the Center is closed. Please plan accordingly.

Enjoy your holiday and stay safe.

### Outdoor Cooking Safety

July 10 at 12:00 noon. Facilitated by Debbie Clark. Sign up by July 6.

### Croquet

July 12 at 10:00 a.m. Sign up by July 11.

### Activities with Mary

July 18 at 1:00 pm - Pictionary. July 18 at 1:45 pm - Drumming. Sign up by July 17.

### Activity/Program Information & Registration

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

### CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

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

### CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP - NEW SCHEDULE

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

### DIABETIC SUPPORT GROUP

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

### LOW VISION GROUP

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

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

## POLO SENIOR CENTER

We will be closed Tuesday July 4th. Enjoy your holiday.

### Silver sneakers chair exercise

Tuesday's and Thursday's 9:00 am & 10:15

### Tai Chi/Chair Yoga

All Wednesday's 9:00 am & Friday 7/14 & 7/21 at 9:00 am

### Bingo

7/14 10:00am Dessert served, Please sign up

### Games and Pizza

Thursdays at 12:00

### Movie Mondays

7/3, 7/17, 7/24 Ben Franklin a documentary, 7/31 "Hamilton" the Broadway show. All movies begin at 10:00am.

7/7 Day trip to the Van Gogh Experience

Virtual reality art exhibit, Davenport IA. Depart Polo at 8:45 from FUM Church. Lunch to follow in Davenport. Cost \$40 for members. Lunch on your own. Please call to sign up, limited tickets available. 815-946-3818

7/10 : the Breakfast Club Meet at Grubstakers, 9:30 Hwy 251 & RT 64 near Rochelle.

### Line Dancing

Tuesdays 7/11 & 7/25 @ 12:00

### Cooking Demo

Eggrolls 7/12 11:15

### Polo Senior Center 30th anniversary celebration

7/18 11:30 meet at Louise Quick Park, guided tour of the Polo Historical Museum followed by ice cream in the park provided by Just4fun Ice Cream truck. Members get their ice cream for free!

### Crafts and Conversation

7/19 12:00 - 2:00 Bring your own craft or do one of ours. Enjoy conversation while you work.

Alzheimers/ Dementia Caregiver Support group

7/24 2:00 - 3:00 pm

Brain Wits

7/24 11:15 Snack served, Please sign up

Medicare Insurance help

7/26 12:30

Wheel of Fortune

7/26 11:00

Benefit access

7/27 from 10:00 to 11:00

### Pass Luncheon and program

7/28 @ 11:00 Grilled Chicken and Berry Salad with poppy seed dressing. Program to be announced.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## BERTOLET MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Bertolet Memorial Library will be closed Tuesday, July 4, 2023 in observance of Independence Day.

### YOUTH PROGRAMS

**Have Book, Will Travel**  
Thursdays through July 13th, 10:00 AM We've been to Peru, Germany, and Madagascar so far this summer. Where will we visit next? Have Book, Will Travel with Bertolet Memorial Library this summer. Kids, pre-k through 5th grade, are invited to join Miss Jana on an adventure around the world.

### The Girl Who Thought In Pictures

Tuesday, July 11th, 10:30 AM Miss Melinda from Ag In The Classroom will be presenting The Girl Who Thought In Pictures: The Story of Dr. Temple Grandin by Julia Mosca. Participants will be taking part in craft projects such as a cow bookmark, herding balloon cows, and enjoying a tasty hamburger made from cookies and frosting. Registration is requested by July 6th at 815-738-2742.

### 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 Arcimboldo 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

**Coffee With The Sheriff**  
Saturday, July 22nd, 10:00 AM Come have a cup of coffee with our Ogle County Sheriff, Brian VanVickle. Sheriff VanVickle will be here to chat and answer any questions about how his department keeps Ogle County safe for you and your family.

### 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, July 15th, 9:00AM Can't make the trip to see all your relatives this summer? Send them a personalized card to tell them you miss them! All supplies included.

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Children's Ministry Director: Lori Martin  
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Adult Sunday School Hour: 9am  
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Coffee & fellowship time: 9:30am - 10:30am  
Main Worship: 10:30am  
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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.faithumcpolo.com](http://www.faithumcpolo.com) • [facebook.com/Faithumcpolo](https://www.facebook.com/Faithumcpolo)

### STILLMAN VALLEY

**RED BRICK CHURCH OF STILLMAN VALLEY**  
Pastor Rev. Dr. Chris Brouns | Associate Pastor David Bogner  
207 W Roosevelt Road (Rte 72), Stillman Valley, IL 615-645-2526 | [www.theredbrickchurch.org](http://www.theredbrickchurch.org)  
Sunday: Worship at 9:00 and 10:30 am. Sunday School at 9:00 am.  
Wednesday: AWANA (Sept - April) from 6:00 to 7:30 pm.  
Men, women, youth Bible Studies throughout the year.  
See website for all activities or contact the church office.

**KISHWAUKEE COMMUNITY EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
8195 Kishwaukee Road, Stillman Valley, IL 61084 / 815-965-1940  
Rev. Nick Garner, Pastor  
[www.kishchurch.org](http://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](http://www.valleycov.org)  
Sunday Morning 9am "Gather" for learning & conversation, 10:15am Worship both onsite and online at [facebook.com/VECCSV](http://facebook.com/VECCSV)  
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.graceforyou.com](http://www.graceforyou.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](mailto:middlecreekchurch@gmail.com)

# LOCAL NEWS

## MT. MORRIS PUBLIC LIBRARY

### Closings

We will be closed on Tuesday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day.  
We will be closing at 5:30pm on Thursday, July 27th for our Summer Reading Celebration!

### Summer Reading Program Schedule June 26th-July 1st!!!

Try It! Program: Monday, July 3rd, 1pm. Fairy Gardens Drop-In Craft: Monday, July 3rd, 11am-7pm, while supplies last. Library Closed: Tuesday, July 4th. Peat Pots, Take-N-Make: Wed-Sat, July 5-8th, while supplies last. Story Time: Wednesday, July 5th, 11:15am.

### Story Time!

Mrs. Donna will be reading books and children will create a craft this Wednesday, 6/7. 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, July 31st at the library.

### Cookbook Club!

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 Tuesday, July 11th @6pm at The Senior Center for another exciting meal!

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

Join us in July to make some lovely home-made cards to send to family and friends. We will be offering a card-making class from local crafter, Liz Gullett. She will be here on Thursday, July 13th 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 July 6th!

### Lego Club!

Our next Lego night is Thursday, July 21st, from 6:00 - 6:45pm. Bring a friend and build some fun with Lego bricks! All children and parents are invited every third Thursday of the month. Children under 8 need to bring a parent with them.

### Memorial Gifts

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

### Display Case Showings

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 The National Museum of Puerto Rican Arts and Culture

Explore More Illinois, RAILS' online cultural and recreational pass program for Illinois libraries, welcomes its newest attraction, The National Museum of Puerto Rican Arts and Culture in Chicago! The National Museum of Puerto Rican Arts and Culture is devoted to the promotion, integration, and advancement of Puerto Rican arts and culture, presenting exhibitions and programming created to enhance the visibility and importance of the rich Puerto Rican arts tradition.

The National Museum of Puerto Rican Arts and Culture is offering 5% Off Gift Store Purchase. Admission to The National Museum of Puerto Rican Arts and Culture is free. 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.

## Weekly Brain Busters

### King Crossword

**ACROSS**

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
12			13					14			
15			16					17			
			18				19	20			
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48			49		50				51	52	53
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|-----------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| 28 "Bullitt" director Peter | 49 Novel storage area?   | 5 Blow up                 | 30 sword              |
| 31 Leeway                   | 54 Buddy                 | 6 Sundial                 | 31 Fax                |
| 33 Hirohito's title (Abbr.) | 55 Kate's sitcom partner | 7 Type of checking        | 32 Manhandle          |
| 35 Aspiration               | 56 Aussie hopper         | 8 Vigor                   | 34 Football, slangily |
| 36 Rapper's headgear        | 57 Fine, to NASA         | 9 Biography               | 37 Worldwide          |
| 38 "Chandelier" singer      | 58 Property claims       | 10 Raw materials          | 39 Comes up           |
| 40 Stimp's pal              | 59 Chopper               | 11 Salamander             | 42 Dangerous bacteria |
| 41 Christmas                |                          | 16 Fleur-de-              | 44 Sports fig.        |
| 43 Aged, in a way           |                          | 20 Ham's dad              | 45 Exile isle         |
| 45 As a whole               |                          | 21 Three feet             | 46 Sleuth Wolfe       |
| 47 Perch                    |                          | 22 Slangy suffix          | 50 Flamenco cheer     |
| 48 Zodiac feline            |                          | 23 Tot's reading material | 51 Historic period    |
|                             |                          | 27 Baseball execs         | 52 Bagel topper       |
|                             |                          | 29 Fencing                | 53 Nemesis            |

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### MAGIC MAZE ● POPEYE

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

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

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|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| Ahoy      | Muscles  | Sailor   | Tattoo    |
| Bluto     | One-eyed | Sea Hag  | Toot toot |
| Brutus    | Pappy    | Spinach  | Wimpy     |
| Hamburger | Pipe     | Swee'Pea |           |

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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

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!

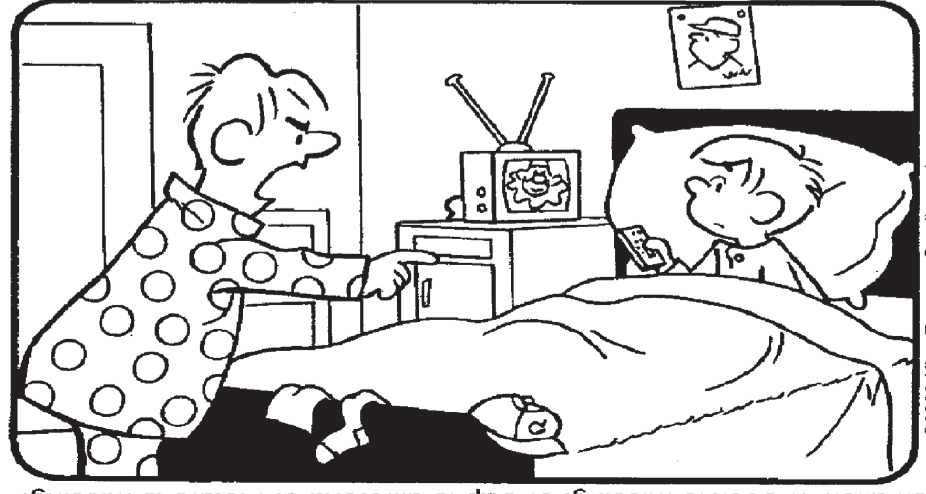
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## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Sign is missing. 2. Antenna is different. 3. Handle is smaller. 4. Sock is missing. 5. Cap is different. 6. Picture is missing.

**King Crossword**  
Answers

RO	LA	SE	LC	SU	M	T	H
DE	VE	N	O	A			
E	F	I	P				
H	A	M	O	R	L		
O	M	B					
H	A	M	O	R	L		
C	A	N	E				
P	I	E	T				
E	S	A					

Solution time: 22 mins.

**POPEYE**

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

Answer

### Weekly SUDOKU

# Classified Marketplace

**BUY OR SELL**  
Place A Classified Ad



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**101 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](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)

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

CASE NO. 2023TX16  
To: Bryan Austin; Spouse of Bryan Austin; Lannette Austin; Spouse of Lannette Austin; First Gateway Credit Union; Cavalry SPV I, LLC; Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC; LVNV Funding LLC; Bischoff Dentistry, Ltd.; Monica Weiskopf; Collin Austin; 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: 9757 N Baileyville Rd, Forreston, IL  
Property Index No. 02-20-200-026  
Tax Sale Certificate No. 2019-00106  
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.  
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**TAKE NOTICE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

CASE NO. 2023TX18  
To: Rebecca Morris; Spouse of Rebecca Morris; Jennifer Williams; Skyleer Kelly; 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: 2174 N Leaf River Rd, Mt Morris, IL  
Property Index No. 08-26-478-008  
Tax Sale Certificate No. 2019-00167  
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.  
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Champaign, IL 61821  
No. 0613  
(June 26, July 3 and 10, 2023)

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

CASE NO. 2023TX17  
To: Richard Kretsinger; Spouse of Richard Kretsinger; Sterling Federal Bank, FSB; 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: 403 S Main St, Leaf River, IL  
Property Index No. 03-36-255-002  
Tax Sale Certificate No. 2019-00131  
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.  
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No. 0614  
(June 26, July 3 and 10, 2023)

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

CASE NO. 2023TX19  
To: Palm Avenue Hialeah Trust, a Delaware Statutory Trust; Palm Avenue Hialeah, LLC; Revolve Capital Group LLC; City of Byron; Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB; Kevin Hall; Sarah Brickey; 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: 5481 N River Rd, Byron, IL  
Property Index No. 09-11-152-007  
Tax Sale Certificate No. 2019-00217  
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.  
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No. 0616  
(June 26, July 3 and 10, 2023)

Angela L. Tucker, Esq. JICTB, Inc.  
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Champaign, IL 61821  
No. 0615  
(June 26, July 3 and 10, 2023)

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No. 0616  
(June 26, July 3 and 10, 2023)

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

CASE NO. 2023TX20  
To: Richard Bucci; Spouse of Richard Bucci; Tax Lien Investments; 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: 305 E Oakwood Dr, Byron, IL  
Property Index No. 09-11-326-002  
Tax Sale Certificate No. 2019-00223  
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.  
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**TAKE NOTICE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

CASE NO. 2023TX20  
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Champaign, IL 61821  
No. 0617  
(June 26, July 3 and 10, 2023)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Public Notice is hereby given that on June 15, 2023, a certificate was filed in the Ogle County Clerk's Office setting forth the names and post office address of all of the persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as: JMH Custom Tweed Heads  
405 S 2nd St.  
Oregon, IL 61061  
Dated June 15, 2023  
Laura J. Cook, Ogle County Clerk  
No. 0629  
(June 26, July 3 and 10, 2023)

**NOTICE INVITATION TO BID:**

The Byron Forest Preserve District seeks firms to complete the Rooftop Unit Replacement at the Jarrett Prairie Center, 7993 North River Road, Byron, IL 61010. Bids will be received until 10 A.M., local time, on July 14, 2023, at the office of the Byron Forest Preserve, Jarrett Prairie Center, 7993 North River Road, Byron, IL 61010. At that time and place, all bids received will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bidder attempting to deliver after the opening time and date will be refused. Bid documents may be obtained via email or on the Byron Forest Preserve's website: [www.byronforestpreserve.com](http://www.byronforestpreserve.com) or michellegerke@byronforestpreserve.com, or at the main office located at the Jarrett Prairie Center, 7993 North River Road, Byron, IL. Bids must be enclosed in a sealed envelope and marked with the name of the bid and the bid number.  
No. 0633  
(June 26 and July 3, 2023)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Sealed bids will be received by the Ogle County Highway Department, Oregon, Illinois until 2:00 P.M., July 10, 2023, for the purchase of the following new equipment:  
1) Dump body, wing, snow plow push frame and spreader box for tandem-axle truck.  
Specifications for the new equipment are available at the Ogle County Highway Department, 1989 South IL Rt. 2, Oregon, IL between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 3:30 P.M. Monday - Friday. The Road and Bridge Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.  
No. 0634  
(June 26 and July 3, 2023)

**NOTICE**

NOONAN & LIEBERMAN, LTD (Attorney ID: 6288863) Attorneys  
33 North LaSalle Street, Suite 1150  
Chicago, Illinois 60602  
STATE OF ILLINOIS, COUNTY OF Ogle, ss - IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OGLE COUNTY OREGON, ILLINOIS, LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC, Plaintiff, vs. DEVON J. CANADA; ASHLEY M. CANADA; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; UNKNOWN OWNERS-TENANTS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, et. al., Defendants, Case No. 2023FC29.  
The requisite affidavit for publication hav-

ing been filed, notice is hereby given to you: UNKNOWN OWNERS-TENANTS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, defendants in the above-entitled suit has been commenced in the IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OGLE COUNTY OREGON, ILLINOIS, by the said plaintiff against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit: THE WEST SIXTY-SIX FEET (66) OF LOT THREE (3) IN BLOCK EIGHT (8), OF THE IN J.C.T. PHELPS ADDITIONS TO THE TOWN, NOW CITY, OF OREGON, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN BOOK A OF PLATS, PAGE 174, SITUATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF OREGON-NASHUA, COUNTY OF OGLE AND STATE OF ILLINOIS. PIN: 16-04-285-003. Commonly known as: 907 Jefferson St., Oregon, IL 61061, and which said Mortgage was made by DEVON J. CANADA and ASHLEY M. CANADA, as Mortgagees to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Platinum Home Mortgage Corporation, as Mortgagee, and recorded as document number 201803174, and the present owners of the property being DEVON J. CANADA and ASHLEY M. CANADA, and for other relief: that summons was duly issued out of said Court against you as provided by law, and that the said suit is now pending. Now, therefore, unless you, the said above named defendant, file your answer to the Complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OGLE COUNTY OREGON, ILLINOIS, 106 South Fifth Street, Oregon, IL 61061 on or before July 26, 2023, default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a Judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint.  
Dated, Oregon, Illinois, June 26, 2023.  
Clerk of the Ogle County Circuit Court.  
THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.  
No. 0636  
(June 26, July 3 and 10, 2023)

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No. 0702  
(July 3, 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. Countyview 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 representative 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)

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Sealed itemized bids must be received by July 17, 2023 at 7:00 PM and will be opened and read at the July 17, 2023 meeting at Rockvale Townhall. The Rockvale Township Board reserves the right to waive any: technicalities or irregularities and to reject any and all bids or any part or parts thereof.

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owned by the Village for purposes of the construction and development of a Dollar General project and related improvements thereon. The real property proposed to be conveyed consists of approximately 2.63 acres and is known as Lots 1 & 2 of the Resubdivision of Lot 72 of Homestead Subdivision, Stillman Valley, Illinois (the "Property"). The Property is located in the redevelopment project area of the tax increment financing district known as the IL-72 and Stillman Road Redevelopment Project Area. The conveyance of the Property shall be made pursuant to the terms of a Real Estate Sale Contract approved by the Village Board. The form Real Estate Sale Contract is available for review at Village Hall. All interested parties are invited to make alternate proposals and bids for the purchase and development of said Property. Such proposals must be submitted in writing to the Village Clerk on or before the 24th day of July, 2023, at 3:00 p.m. Said alternative bids or proposals shall be addressed to:  
Village President and Village Board  
Village of Stillman Valley  
c/o Village Clerk  
120 N. Walnut Street  
Stillman Valley, Illinois 61084  
and shall bear the legend "PROPOSAL - ACQUISITION AND DEVELOPMENT OF REAL PROPERTY" and the name and address of the bidder.  
All bids and alternate proposals received will be publicly read aloud at a special meeting of the Village Board of the Village at 5 p.m. on July 25, 2023, at Village Hall.  
This notice is published pursuant to the requirements of the Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act of the State of Illinois, as supplemented and amended.  
No. 0705  
(July 3, 2023)

**NOTICE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
COUNTY OF OGLE  
Public Notice is hereby given to all persons in Forreston Township that a Public Hearing will be held Thursday, July 27, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. in the County Board Room, 3rd floor of the Ogle County Courthouse, Oregon, Illinois, to consider the request filed June 14, 2023 of Josh Fransen, 403 W. Center St., Baileyville, IL for an Amendment to the Zoning District to rezone from R-2 Single-Family Residential District to B-1 Business District on property described as follows and owned by the petitioner:  
Lots 7, 8, & 9 of Block 7 in Deans Addition to the Village of Baileyville, part of the West Half (W1/2) of the Northeast Quarter (NE1/4) of Section 5 Forreston Township 25 North, Range 5 East of the 4th P.M., Ogle County, IL  
Property Identification Number: 02-05-252-002  
Common Location(s): 403 W. Center St.  
All persons in attendance at the hearing shall have an opportunity to be heard. Any person who also wishes to appear as an interested party with the right to cross-examine others at the hearing must complete and file an appearance form with the Ogle County Planning & Zoning Department no later than five (5) business days before the date of the hearing. The application for this map amendment is on file with detailed description and available for examination at the Planning & Zoning Department, 911 Pines Rd., Oregon, Illinois or at the following URL: [http://www.oglecounty.org/departments/planning\\_and\\_zoning/zoning\\_board\\_of\\_appeals.php](http://www.oglecounty.org/departments/planning_and_zoning/zoning_board_of_appeals.php).  
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS RANDY OCKEN, Chairman  
Dated at Oregon, Illinois this 14th day of June 2023  
No. 0714  
(July 3, 2023)

**NOTICE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
COUNTY OF OGLE  
Public Notice is hereby given to all persons in Grand Detour Township that a Public Hearing will be held July 27, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. in the County Board Room, 3rd floor of the Ogle County Courthouse, 105 S. Fifth St., Oregon, Illinois, to consider the request filed June 5, 2023 of Nickey Adams, 8054 S. Delaware St., Dixon, IL for a Variation in the R-2 Single-Family Residential District to allow the construction of an open, unenclosed car port 10 feet from the right-of-way of S. Delaware St. in lieu of 28 feet as required by the Ogle County Amendment Ordinance on property described as follows and owned by the petitioner:  
Lots 4 & 5 of Block 28 in Village of Grand Detour, part of the West Half (W1/2) of the Northwest Quarter (NW1/4) of Section 13 Grand Detour Township 22 North, Range 9 East of the 4th P.M., Ogle County, IL  
Property Identification Number: 21-13-105-005 & -006  
Common Location: 8054 S. Delaware St. - Village of Grand Detour  
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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS RANDY OCKEN, Chairman  
Dated at Oregon, Illinois this 5th day of June 2023  
No. 0713  
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## 113 FINANCIAL

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

## 119 ANNOUNCEMENTS

"This publication does not knowingly accept fraudulent or deceptive advertising. Readers are cautioned to thoroughly investigate all ads, especially those asking for money in advance."

## 127 SERVICES AND REPAIRS

**FURMAN'S** Lawn Care and Tree Work. Mowing, bushes, spring clean up, weeding and much more. Call Jeremy Furman 815-761-9619. Please leave a message will return call ASAP. Fully insured, in business since 1999. Servicing Rochelle and surrounding areas.

**LAWN** Mowing Service. Cost depends upon lawn size. Call 815-762-3494. (07-09-23RNL)

## 201 DOMESTIC/CHILD CARE

**NO** INDIVIDUAL, unless licensed or holding a permit as a childcare facility, may cause to be published any advertisement soliciting a child care service. A childcare facility that is licensed or operating under a permit issued by the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services may publish advertisements of the services for which it is specifically licensed or issued a permit. Your Hometown Newspaper strongly urges any parent or guardian to verify the validity of the license of any facility before placing a child in its care.

## 203 HELP WANTED

**DEKALB** - part-time driver/crew. Mostly weekends, taking animals to events. Drivers \$24/hr with pickup/trailer exp. Crew \$15/hr no exp. Needed, min 14 yr old. Call Steve 815-756-7773. www.friendlyfarmsltd.com. (07-05-23)

## 301 ANTIQUES

**WANTED TO BUY:** Vintage Metal and Wood Signs, Milk Bottles & Local Advertising, Oak Icebox, Iron Door Stop and Antique Lighting... Call Dick Harms at 815-562-2928 or email dickharms@hotmail.com

**ANTIQUES WANTED:** I pay cash for antiques; furniture, glassware, pottery & crocks, tin & iron toys, sterling silver, decoys. If it's antique, I'm interested in looking! Call 815-562-2928 or email dickharms@hotmail.com

## 307 MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE

**BUNDLED** Newspaper -\$3 per Bundle. End Roll- Cost Depends on Weight of Roll. Available Monday-Friday 815-562-4171 (8AM-NOON ONLY) Rochelle News Leader.

## 405 HOUSES FOR SALE

**ALL** REAL ESTATE advertised herein is subject to the Federal Fair Housing Act, which makes it illegal to advertise any preference, limitation or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin, or intention to make any such preferences, limitation or discrimination. We will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. All persons are hereby informed that dwellings advertised are available on an equal opportunity basis.

## 501 APARTMENTS FOR RENT

**OREGON/MT. MORRIS** Newer 1, 2 & 3 BR APTS. Water, sewer, garbage inc. w/most units. HOUSES some w/garages, all in like new condition. Starting at \$425/mo. 815-734-4348 815-590-2302

**For Rent - Byron** 3-Bedroom, Upper Apartment Oversize Garage NO Pets 1-Year Lease \$875/month \$975/Deposit 412 W. 2nd. Street., Byron, IL 815-904-4014

## 509 HOUSES FOR RENT

3 Bedrooms with Garage. Franklin Grove Area. No Pets. 815-456-2453 (07-05-23ALL)

## 511 STORAGE UNITS

**K&P SELF STORAGE** 1563 Kysor Drive, Byron (next to D&W Garage) 815-247-8518 OUTSIDE STORAGE NOW AVAILABLE Storage Unit Sizes: 5' x 10' 10' x 10' 10' x 15' 10' x 20' 10' x 30'

**H.O.P.E** For Free Help or Information Call 815-562-8890 24 Hours All Calls Are Confidential. Support, Advocacy, Referral Services, Shelter for victims of domestic violence and their children. HOPE of Ogle County P.O. Box 131 Rochelle, IL 61068 Public Service Announcement

## 101 LEGAL NOTICE

**ANNUAL TREASURE'S REPORT**  
**WOOSUNG TOWNSHIP & ROAD DISTRICT**  
**FISCAL YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 2023**  
TOWNSHIP & GENERAL ASSISTANCE  
REVENUE SUMMARY  
REAL ESTATE TAXES-\$22181.04- REPLACEMENT TAX-\$724.06  
INTEREST-\$9.26-MISCELLANEOUS-\$800.00  
**TOTAL REVENUES \$71147.91**  
DISBURMENTS MORE THAN \$2500. M.A. Schindler (audit) \$3500.  
DISBURMENTS LESS THAN \$2500.-\$20466.51  
COMPENSATION SUMMARY RANGE UNDER \$2500.  
Tom Hoak, Matt Shore, Sharon Harrison, Jeff Rayburn, Brent Scholl, Jeremy Weaver, Brian Hillison.  
**TOTAL COMPENSATION \$23966.51**  
ROAD DISTRICT REVENUE SUMMARY  
REAL ESTATE TAXES-\$44618.28 REPLACEMENT TAX-\$2568.93  
INTEREST-\$10.50  
**TOTAL REVENUES \$47197.71**  
Buffalo Twp. \$16507. Wes Tree Service \$6000.  
GRAY EXCAVATING-\$4268.R.E. WOLBER & SONS-\$15630.  
From Joint Bridge \$5000.  
DISBURMENTS LESS THAN \$2500.00-\$1810.  
**TOTAL DISBURMENTS \$40305.75**  
Subscribed and sworn to this 15<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023  
Matt Shore - Treasure  
I, Sharon Harrison, clerk of Woosung Township, Ogle County, Illinois  
Do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the annual treasurer's Report for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2023.  
Sharon Harrison - Clerk  
No. 0704  
(July 3, 2023)

## 103 AUCTIONS

**PERSONAL PROPERTY AUCTION**  
**July 6th Online Auction**  
**Thursday, July 6th to**  
**Sunday, July 9th**  
*This is an ONLINE Sale ONLY.*  
Please visit <https://aandtauctionservices.hibid.com/> for sale viewing beginning 7/5/23.  
**Personal Property:** China; Collectibles (including many elephant figurines, glass items, and more); Ski & Snowboard Equipment; Golf balls and accessories; Antique Horseshoes; Glassware; Canning Jars; Jewelry and Costume Jewelry; Holiday Decorations; Antique wooden chairs; Records; Yard Roller; Antique Ploom; Ping-Pong table; Some Furniture; Antique Loom; Sewing Machine; Yarn; and much more!  
**Item Viewing:** Items will be available for online viewing beginning @ 8am on 7/5/23. If you wish for more information on an item or an appointment to view an item, please contact A & T Auction Services directly.  
**Item Pick-up:** Pick up will be held on Tuesday, July 11th from 4-6pm at 8821 N. Mulberry Road, Leaf River, IL 61047.  
**Terms & Conditions:** This is an absolute sale. There will be a 10% Buyer's Premium added to all items sold. Items can be purchased with cash, GOOD check, or credit card. There will be a 3.5% fee added to any credit card transaction.  
**Follow A & T Auction Services on Facebook for the Online Sale Link and additional sale information, including pictures, how to register for online bidding, and complete sale terms and conditions.**  
**Travis Cunningham,**  
**Auctioneer IL Lic. # 441.002600**  
**A & T Auction Services, LLC**  
**atauctionservices@gmail.com**  
**815-297-4595**  
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**ONLINE ONLY AUCTION**  
[hacksauction.hibid.com](https://hacksauction.hibid.com)  
**AUCTION OPENS: Fri., June 30th @ 8 A.M.**  
**605 Alamo, Freeport, IL 61032**  
Shirley Ifert Estate. Featuring 2017 Kia Sorento 4D LX 2WD Utility Vehicle w/ Only 36,000 Miles! Antiques & Collectibles; Antique Furniture; Quality Clean Household Furniture & Furnishings; Beautiful Thomasville King-Size Bedroom Suite w/ Wall-Size Mirrored-Lighted Headboard-Armoire; Duncan Phyfe Dining Suite Incl. Table w/ Leaves & Pads-Rose Carved Chairs-China Cabinet; Queen Anne Side Tables; Gorham 'Etruscan' 12-Pi. Sterling Flatware & Extras; American Gold & Silver Coins; Silver Plate & Stainless Flatware Sets; Fine China & Glassware; 12-Pi. Mikasa Fine China Set; Signed & Framed Fine Artwork; Lighting; Vintage Dolls; Electronics; Tools & Related; Lawn & Garden & Related; Kitchen Items; Appliances; Linens; Seasonal Decorations; Bird Figurines; Brass Candlesticks; Books; **Much More!**

**ONLINE ONLY AUCTION**  
**'Vintage & Antique Toy Truck-Car-Train Collection'**  
**PREVIEW: FRI., JULY 7th - 9 A.M. to 1 P.M.**  
**BIDDING OPENS: FRI., JULY 7th @ 8 A.M.**  
**Hack's Auction Antique Center**  
**400 W. Third St., Pecatonica, IL 61063**  
**Great Collection Old Pressed Steel Trucks, Cars, Trains, Construction Toys - 1920's - '70's. Huge Selection! Early Mack Open Cab; Arcade; Buddy "L"; Cor-Cor Large Early Train Sets; Ertl; Keystone; Oh Boy; Kingsbury; Lionel Trains; Marx; Tin Litho; Metalcraft; Nylint; Playboy; Jeep Pedal Car; Ride-On; Sonny; Smith-Miller; Sturtoy; Steelcraft; Structo; Loads Tonka, Turner, Wyandotte; Vintage Custom One-Off Cars & Trucks; Hill Climber; Revell; Tru-Scale; Adv. & Private Label; Plastic; Parts & Many Other Makers. Detailed Die-Cast Classic Cars - Danbury Mint (200+) 1/24 & 1/18 Scale. Harley-Davidson Leather Motorcycle Jackets & Gear. Country Store Adv.; Duck Decoys & Wildlife; Terry Redlin Art Work; Many Other Collectible Toys. Over 750 Lots!**

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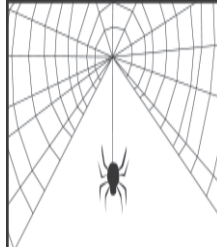
## 203 HELP WANTED

**Byron CUSD #226**  
**Openings**  
8th Grade Volleyball Coach  
5 hour per day Kitchen  
2.75 hour Lunch Supervisors  
Elementary Library Aide  
2nd and 3rd Shift Custodial  
Apply online at [www.byron226.org](http://www.byron226.org)  
'About Us' Tab - Employment Opportunities Tab

The Village of Ashton is accepting resumes and applications for a Part-Time Code Enforcement Officer. This position will perform enforcement of Village Code for existing buildings, structures, properties, and vehicles throughout the Village. Code Enforcement is responsible for assuring compliance relating to housing, zoning, health and sanitation and other ordinances.  
Resumes and Applications may be dropped off in person or sent to the Village Office:  
Village of Ashton  
PO Box 186  
810 Main St.  
Ashton, IL 61006-0186  
Or emailed to [thenert@ashtonil.com](mailto:thenert@ashtonil.com)  
**Village of Ashton**  
LEE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

**Byron CUSD #226 has openings for Bus Drivers**  
**SIGN-ON BONUS Available**  
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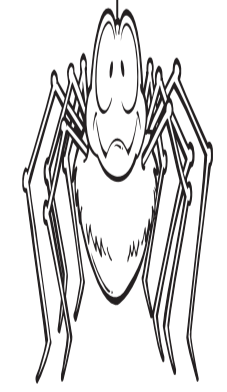
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# LOCAL NEWS

## BYRON PUBLIC LIBRARY

### Special Hours

The Byron Public Library will be closed on Tuesday, July 4th, in observation of the July 4th holiday. We will re-open at our normal time on Wednesday, July 5th. We wish all of our patrons a safe and happy Fourth of July!

### 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](http://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.

### 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 StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. StoryWalk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson.

### DIY Dish Towel Painting

Thursday, July 13. 6 – 7:30 pm. Join Cathy as we try out your painting skills with some DIY Painted Dish Towels, just in time for summer. They are easy to make and perfect for refreshing your home decor with some new summer feels. All supplies will be provided. Please call 815-234-5107 or visit [Byron.evanced.info/signup](http://Byron.evanced.info/signup) to register.

### Meet the Author – Juan Carlos Marcos

Friday, July 20. 6 – 7:00 pm. Juan Marcos will be at the Byron Public Library to discuss his book - «The Last Corpsman: The Story of John I. Unger, Chief Hospital Corpsman, U.S. Navy, and Former World War II Prisoner of War in the Pacific.» Join Mr. Marcos as he discusses how he came to write this book and the life of John I. Unger from his birth in Austria through his 44 months as a POW. A captivating and inspirational read. Copies of the book will be available for \$15 (cash only). You can purchase this book anytime at the Byron Public Library or the night of the event. Books are limited. Please register for this program by visiting [Byron.evanced.info/signup](http://Byron.evanced.info/signup) or calling 815-234-5107.

### Curbside Delivery

The library is open for browsing, but patrons can still use our curbside service! Place your holds online at [byronlibrary.org](http://byronlibrary.org) or call us at 815-234-5107. Not sure what you want? Call us for help! We will call or email you with a confirmation when your holds are ready to be picked up. Call us when you arrive at the library, and we will bring your items out to you, already checked out. A receipt with your due dates will be included with your items.

Visit the Byron Library Facebook page to keep up to date on library news and virtual programs! Be sure to also check out the Byron Library and Byron Library Teen Instagram pages!

## FORRESTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

### SUMMER READING SPECIAL

Monday, July 3rd, 10:00 am. Join Miss Melinda from the Ogle County Extension office as she shares the story «The Girl Who Thought in Pictures: The Story of Temple Grandin» and presents an interactive program on beef cattle with fun crafts and a delicious snack!

### CHESS CLUB

Thursday, July 6th, 4:00 - 6:00 pm. Beginners, experts, and everyone in between are invited to join us for some friendly chess matches. All ages are welcome! Please call the library for more information.

### SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Our summer program, Oceans of Possibilities, for toddlers through 5th grade is underway! Tod-

dlers and preschoolers meet on Tuesdays and Kindergarten through 5th graders meet on Wednesdays. Both programs begin at 10:00 am. Please join us!

### 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!

## OREGON PARK DISTRICT WEEKLY HAPPENINGS

### Home Chef 101: Knife Skills

A good set of kitchen knives is one of the most important tools for any chef to have on hand. Learn techniques for best usage of several different kinds of knives from Lynn's Kitchen while preparing two tasty summer sides. We will prepare a salsa fresca and bruschetta. Participants will need to bring a set of knives and a few other dishes from home, and a full list will be sent by email after registration closes. Class will take place at Cork & Tap on Wednesday July 12th from 6:00-7:30 PM. Deadline to register July 5th, Registration is \$37R/\$44NR.

### Introduction to Ceramics: Make a Mug

Have you ever been curious about ceramics but not sure where to start? Come to happily handmade studio on Washington St. in downtown Oregon for an introductory ceramics class. Create your own coffee mug from start to finish. No experience needed, and come prepared to get hands on. Class takes place on two consecutive Wednesdays to allow time for drying between classes, make sure you can attend both sessions. Class dates are July 19th and 26th from 5:00-7:30 PM. Registration fee is \$66R/\$78 NR, deadline to register is July 12th.

### Kids Homemade Pizza Party

Do you have a budding chef in your house looking for new recipes? Mini Pizza Pies are a favorite for all. Lynn Kaufman of Lynn's Kitchen joins us for a special children's class at Nash Recreation Center from 2:00-3:30 PM on July 19th. Kids will make their own pizza crust from scratch, and can choose from pepperoni or cheese pizzas. Class is open to children ages 9-15, registration is \$28R/\$34NR. Children will need to bring a few items from home, and will head home with two 8-inch pizzas. Full list of needed materials will be emailed to parents after registration closes, deadline July 12th.

### 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.

### Bingo, Brownies, and Booze

Who doesn't love bingo? Join us for Bingo, Brownies, and Booze Wednesday July 26th from 6:00-8:30 PM at River's Edge Experience. All players receive a gourmet brownie from Teresa's Treats and a beverage of choice from Cork & Tap to enjoy while playing for fun and prizes. Doors open at 6:00, and games will begin at 6:30. Registration is \$12R/14NR, and the registration deadline is July 12th. Must be 21 or older to attend.

### Nerf Night for Kids

Battle it out with Nerf in July 19 from 6-7:30 pm. Compete in games like Capture the Flag and Free-for-All Combat as well as do some target practice. Bring your own Nerf guns (no rival series guns please), and safety glasses. We will provide the bullets. Label all your equipment with your name. Oregon Park District is not responsible for lost or damaged guns, bullets or eye protection. Cost is \$5 for residents and \$6 for nonresidents

and deadline to sign up is July 12.

### 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. 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, fun, 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. No games on July 4th. 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 games on July 5th. 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](mailto: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! No inclusive play on July 6th.  
Registration is required but free.

This program is brought to you by our presenting sponsor E.D. Etnyre. Registration deadline is the Tuesday prior.

### Youth Pickleball Camp

Are you interested in learning how to play Pickleball? Join Coach Kristy Eckardt for a free youth pickleball camp. Practice some shots and learn how the game is played, then play games against your fellow campers. This camp is open to players entering 3rd-12th grade in the fall. There is no charge for this camp, but space is limited. Registration is required. Paddles and balls will be available to use! Camp will meet Tuesday July 11th through Thursday July 13th, ages 6-9 from 3:30-4pm and ages 10-14 from 4-4:30pm. Deadline is July 9th

### 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](mailto: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
  - U13- Born in 2011 & 2012 \$85/\$100 NR
  - U15- 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 postseason tournament to end the year. Fee per team \$450  
Registration Deadline: 8/3/23

## JULIA HULL DISTRICT LIBRARY STILLMAN VALLEY

### Storytime at the Library

Join us at the library, every Wednesday at 10:00 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 BINGO. It's fun. It's easy. It's free! May 29-July 31, 2023. Download the Beanstack app to get started! All ages.

### Teens: Lawn Games

It's summer and we're gonna enjoy the great outdoors as long as we can! Come play classic games like bocce

and ring toss out on the library lawn. Friday, July 7 at 1:00 p.m. Ages 13-18. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

### Tween Scene: Road Trip: San Francisco

Pack your bags, we're hitting the road! The next stop on our tween road trip is San Francisco. Don't worry, there's no fog in sight! We'll enjoy games, crafts and snacks inspired by this cool, laid-back city by the bay. Tuesday, July 11 at 6:00 p.m. Ages 10-12. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

# BYRONFEST

## ByronFest events set

**BYRON**—The events schedule has been set for ByronFest from July 7-9. Friday, July 7 will see the Wanda Cacciatore Quilt Show at the Byron Museum of History from 5-8 p.m. Taste of ByronFest will take place at Walnut and 2nd Street from 5 p.m. to midnight. There will be beer gardens at the city hall parking lot and municipal lot one from 5 p.m. to midnight. Magician Magic Matt will perform at Walnut and 2nd Street from 5-9 p.m. The Carnival Midway will take place at 2nd Street and Union Street from 5 p.m. to midnight. Music will be played on the Constellation stage at 2nd Street and Washington Street and on the Byron Lions Club Stage at municipal lot one from

5 p.m. to midnight. Saturday, July 8 will see the 5K Run at the Byron Forest Preserve at 8 a.m. The Hib Reber Memorial Car show is at 8 a.m. The Wanda Cacciatore Quilt Show at the Byron Museum of History will take place from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. At 11 a.m., there will be a bags tournament at municipal lot one. From 11 a.m. to midnight, the Carnival Midway will be open at 2nd Street and Union Street. Taste of ByronFest will take place again from 11 a.m. to midnight. At 3 p.m., there will be a parade at 2nd Street to Colfax to 3rd Street. Magician Magic Matt will perform at Walnut and 2nd Street from noon to 8 p.m. Music will be played on the Constellation stage from 3 p.m. to midnight

and on the Byron Lions Club stage from noon to midnight. There will be beer gardens at the city hall parking lot and municipal lot one from 11 a.m. to midnight. Bingo with the Mt. Morris Moose will take place at noon and 3 p.m. Sunday, July 9 will see the Wanda Cacciatore Quilt Show at the Byron Museum of History from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Taste of ByronFest will run from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., along with the beer gardens from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Carnival Midway will be open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Magician Magic Matt will perform from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. There will be entertainment on the Byron Lions Club stage and Constellation stage from noon to 5 p.m.



## ByronFest enters 36th year

**BYRON** — ByronFest, one of the finest family festivals in Northern Illinois, is held annually during the second full weekend in July. 2023's festival is scheduled for July 7, 8 and 9. The festival is located in Byron's downtown area. Additional events are held in other venues throughout the city, including athletic events at the Jarrett Prairie Center and quilt show at the Byron Museum of History.

ByronFest is a venture of the Byron Chamber of Commerce designed to encourage and promote tourism in the Byron area and to showcase the Byron community to the many visitors who travel to Byron for the three-day event. In addition, the festival provides an opportunity for many not-for-profit organizations to raise funds for various projects. During the past 33 years, ByronFest has returned more than \$830,000 to local

charitable groups. These organizations have in turn used the funds for community improvements and programs throughout the area. Some local organizations that have taken advantage of this opportunity throughout the years include Byron Lions Club, Byron Kiwanis Club, Byron Key Club, Byron Firemen's Association, Boy Scouts, Byron High School Cross Country, Byron High School Volleyball, Stillman Valley Boys Basketball, Dakota Cheerleaders and many others.

Want to Help? Planning and operating an event of this size requires not only the work of the Chamber staff and ByronFest Steering Committee but also the efforts of over 400 dedicated local volunteers. If you are interested in donating a few hours of your time to assist with this worthwhile community festival, please contact the Chamber of Commerce office at 815.234.5500

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# BYRONFEST



## ByronFest Carnival Midway set

**BYRON** — The Carnival Midway sponsored by Holcomb Bank will take place during ByronFest July 7-9 at 2nd Street and Union Street. It will be open Friday from 5 p.m. to midnight, Saturday from 11 a.m. to midnight and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Back again this year is the carnival Mega Pass. The Weekend Mega Pass costs \$60 in advance and \$65 at the festival. The day Mega Pass is \$35, only at the festival. Mega Pass provides unlimited rides and entry onto festival grounds. A ByronFest wristband is not required with a Mega Pass. You can purchase your Mega Pass at the Byron Chamber of Commerce office at 232 W. 2nd St. in City Hall (upstairs), Monday-Friday 9-4 p.m.

The Mega Pass advance cut off for online and in-person purchases is July 6 at noon. Individual ride tickets will also be sold at the festival only for \$1.25 a ticket.



## ByronFest 5K is July 8

**BYRON** — The ByronFest 5K, sponsored by Weezy's Sports Bar & Grill and Athletico Physical Therapy, is set for Saturday, July 8 with the race beginning at 8 a.m. and the fun run beginning at 8:05 a.m. Registration & check-in time: 7-7:45 a.m. at Jarrett Center/Keller Education Center: Byron Forest Preserve, 7993 N. River Road Byron, IL.

The event is held in cooperation with the Byron Park District and Rockford Road Runners.

Sign-up is through the Byron Park District registration site. Registration questions? [byronparks.org](http://byronparks.org) or 815-234-8435.

The course located at the Byron Forest Preserve along the outer grass trails, you will enjoy a picturesque start to your day.

This race is included in the Rockford Road Runners Circuit.

There is a 10 percent discount for Pre-registered RRR or Rockford Wildcat Members available by phone and mail in with the discount code.

Chip timing will be utilized and splits will be provided at the one and two-mile marks.

Water stations will be located at or near the 1.5-mile mark and at the finish line.

A visual timer will be displayed. Parking and indoor restrooms available onsite.

Due to the terrain, baby joggers and strollers are discouraged.

Questions about the race can be directed to the Byron Park District at [byronparks.org](http://byronparks.org) or 815-234-8435.

5K age divisions – Youth: 8 and under, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14 and 15-19. Adult: 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69 and 70+.

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# BYRONFEST

## ByronFest musical entertainment set

**BYRON** — The musical entertainment is set for ByronFest July 7-9.

Friday, July 7 will see the Byron Lions Club stage feature Route 38 from 5-7:30 p.m., Monroe from 8-9:30 p.m. and Sunset Strip from 10 p.m. to midnight. The same night, the Constellation stage will feature Distilled Band from 5:30-8:30 p.m. and Shooter from 9 p.m. to midnight.

Saturday, July 8 the Byron Lions Club stage will feature ByronFest Idol from noon to 1:30 p.m., Lola Blu from 2-5 p.m., Rollin Whiskey from 5:30-7:30 p.m., Walker Montgomery from 8-9:15 p.m. and Vodka Boys from 9:30 p.m. to midnight. The same night, the Constellation stage will feature Wait, What? from 3-5 p.m., Jerry Criss Band from 5:30-7:30 p.m., Audio Drive from 8-9:45 p.m. and Blind Date from 10:15 p.m. to midnight.

Sunday, July 9 the Byron Lions Club stage will feature Byron Dance Academy from noon to 1 p.m. and Rock City Blues from 3-5 p.m. The same day, the Constellation stage will feature JT Wells from noon to 3 p.m. and Burn N' Bush from 3:30-5 p.m.



A variety of activities from a 5K, carnival rides, food booths, various entertainment and more are just a few of the things that ByronFest-goers have to look forward to at this year's annual event. The 36th annual ByronFest will be held July 7-9. (Ogle County Life file photos)

## 31st annual Hib Reber Memorial Car Show is July 8

On July 8, the 31st annual Hib Reber Memorial Car Show will be held at the United Church of Byron (corner of Colfax and 2nd Street). Music will be provided by 3D Sound. United Church will be hosting its annual Trash Treasure Sale with concessions.

Questions about the car show? Contact Darrell Reber (815-997-2390) or Dan Reed (815-677-1634). Email: Hibreber-carshow@yahoo.com. Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/HibReber-CarShow>.

Registration is from 8-11:30 a.m. Voting is from noon to 1 p.m. Awards are at 2 p.m. Entry costs \$10 through July 3 and \$15 after July 3. All makes of cars, trucks and motorcycles are welcomed. Proceeds benefit Ogle County Educational Co-Op Special Olympics Program.

There will be 50 top awards by participant voting, 20+ top best of awards, numerous door prizes and a silent auction, dash plaques for the first 200 entries, a 50/50 drawing and vendor and craft booths.

Categories include best Ford, GM, Mopar, import, Mustang, Camaro, Challenger, Jeep, Chevrolet, Corvette, stock truck, modified truck, stock motorcycle, modified motorcycle, special interest and five memorial awards.

For more information about this year's ByronFest events, visit [www.byronfest.org](http://www.byronfest.org) or [www.facebook.com/byronfest](http://www.facebook.com/byronfest)

# ByronFest 2023

## Schedule of Events

### Friday, July 7th

- 5PM-8PM.....Wanda Cacciatore Quilt Show @ Byron Museum of History
- 5PM-12AM.....Taste of ByronFest @ Walnut & 2nd St.
- 5PM-12AM.....Beer Gardens @ City Hall Parking Lot & Municipal Lot #1
- 5PM-9PM.....Magician: Magic Matt @ Walnut & 2nd St.
- 5PM-12AM.....Carnival Midway @ 2nd St. & Union St.
- 5:30PM-12AM.....Constellation Stage @ 2nd St. & Washington St.
- 5:30PM - 8:30PM.....Distilled Band
- 9PM - Midnight.....Shooter
- 5:30PM-12AM.....Byron Lions Club Stage @ Municipal Lot #1
- 5:30PM - 7:30PM.....Route 38
- 8PM - 9:30PM.....Monroe
- 10PM - Midnight.....Sunset Strip

- 3:30PM - 5PM.....Wait, What?
- 5:30PM - 7:30PM.....Jerry Criss Band
- 8AM - 9:45PM.....Audio Drive
- 10:15PM - Midnight.....Blind Date
- 12PM-12AM.....Byron Lions Club Stage @ Municipal Lot #1
- 12PM - 1:30PM.....ByronFest Idol
- 2PM - 5PM.....Lola Blu Band
- 5:30PM - 7:30PM.....Rollin Whiskey
- 8PM - 9:15PM.....Walker Montgomery
- 9:30PM - Midnight.....Vodka Boys
- 11AM-12AM.....Beer Gardens @ City Hall Parking Lot & Municipal Lot #1
- 12PM & 3PM.....Bingo with the Mount Morris Moose Club (Shade Tent on 2nd St.)

### Saturday, July 8th

- 8AM.....5K Run @ Byron Forest Preserve
- 8AM.....Hib Reber Memorial Car Show - an event of the Hib Reber Memorial Car Show Committee
- 10AM-7PM.....Wanda Cacciatore Quilt Show @ Byron Museum of History
- 11AM.....Bags Tournament on 2nd St. near the Constellation Stage
- 11AM-12AM.....Carnival Midway @ 2nd St. & Union St.
- 11AM-12AM.....Taste of ByronFest @ Walnut & 2nd St.
- 3PM.....Parade @ 2nd St. to Colfax to 3rd St.
- 12PM-8PM.....Magician: Magic Matt @ Walnut & 2nd St.
- 3:30PM-12AM.....Constellation Stage @ 2nd St. & Washington St.

### Sunday, July 9th

- 8AM-4PM.....Wanda Cacciatore Quilt Show @ Byron Museum of History
- 11AM-5PM.....Taste of ByronFest @ Walnut & 2nd St.
- 11AM-5PM.....Beer Gardens @ City Hall Parking Lot & Municipal Lot #1
- 11AM-5PM.....Carnival Midway @ 2nd St. & Union St.
- 11AM-5PM.....Magician: Magic Matt @ Walnut & 2nd St.
- 12PM-5PM.....Byron Lions Club Stage @ Municipal Lot #1
- 12PM - 1:30PM.....Byron Dance Academy
- 3PM - 5PM.....Rock City Blues Band
- 12PM-5PM.....Constellation Stage @ 2nd St. & Washington St.
- 12PM - 3PM.....JT Wells
- 3:30PM - 5PM.....Burn N' Bush

**Wristbands: \$8 in advance, or \$10 at gate**  
**Ages 7 & Under - Free!**  
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**1 Block North**  
**of Rt. 2**

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