

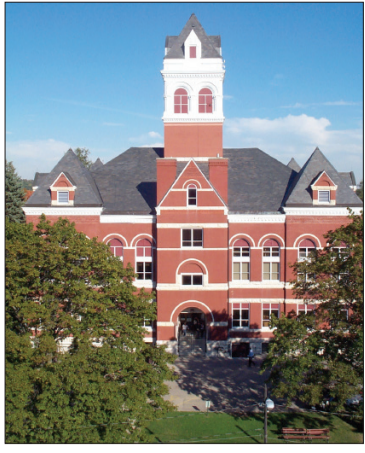


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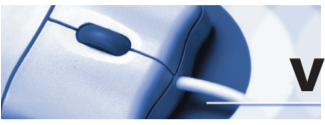
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## Tracy takes helm as hospital's CEO

Longtime RCH employee began 31-year career as a nurse

BY JEFF HELFRICH  
MANAGING EDITOR

**ROCHELLE** — In a June 28 press release, Rochelle Community Hospital named Karen Tracy its new chief executive officer. The move took effect July 1. Tracy succeeds Gregg Olson, who retired in March after two tenures as CEO at the hospital for a total of 12 years.

Tracy has worked at RCH for 31 years, starting as a nurse. She's been a member of the administrative team for 20 years and has been second in command to the CEO for the past 10 years.

"I'm very humbled and very honored to have this responsibility," Tracy said. "I've worked so closely with so many good CEOs and always respected them and their positions. I know so many people here and I have such good relationships with the doctors and I've received a lot of well wishes from folks that I've just gotten to know and people that have worked with me. I feel very inspired to do a good job for them."



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Tracy has been actively responsible for quality process improvement and risk management functions at RCH 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 serves as a physician liaison and is involved in recruitment and retention of providers including nurse practitioners and physician assistants.

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## New mural in Oregon is 'Bad Ash'

'We tried to make it look fun... while progressively moving forward'

BY GEORGE HOWE  
CORRESPONDENT

**OREGON** — A lot of fun and exciting things are happening in the "artsy" town of Oregon. On July 14, the old Coliseum has new life and was officially re-opened as the Museum of Art, Antiques and Americana.

The owners of Ogle County Brewery purchased the longtime vacant Oregon theater building, built in the 1900s, about a year ago and with the help of the city, this small business is expanding its footprint in Ogle County.

Yes, the marquee is gone but in its place is a new vibrant mural depicting a large cigar with wings and countries such as Cuba, Nicaragua and the Dominican Republic, shaped in the

form of tobacco leaves for the new location of "Bad Ash Cigars." Formerly located on River Road in town, when you walk through the glass doors, there are tables and comfy leather couches to stretch out and enjoy your favorite stogie. With over 200 to choose from, it can be a difficult choice.

Co-owner Josh Skinner shared the vision for the mural.

"We didn't want to get too colorful but wanted to embrace the rich history of tobacco and three key places that started the blending and rolling process," Skinner said. "We wanted the shop to look similar to what you see in one of those countries and wanted it to blend in the downtown area."



(PHOTO BY GEORGE HOWE)  
**Mural artist Ed Muren grew up in Elgin and attended the Illinois Institute of Art in Chicago for graphic design and 3D animation.**

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# LOCAL NEWS

## MURAL: New artwork on Bad Ash Cigars in Oregon complete

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During his time in the desert, he painted four or five murals including a city water tank and said that smaller drawings can't compare.

"When I start painting, standing back and seeing something come together is not like anything else," Muren said. "It's neat to take a small concept and see it on a huge wall."

The creative process for this project kicked off with sketches, photo shopping and a digital mock-up. Then once up on the wall, Muren used a mixture of high-grade acrylics, latex and art grade aerosol spray paint.

A mural shield is applied at the end to protect from weather and UV rays. The actual artwork took about 60 hours in five days; all told the mural took about a month to complete since Muren is a one-man operation.

"My greatest joy is that I love the beginning and end of a project

but some of the middle stuff gets long-winded," Muren said. "When it comes to the finer points of a project I'm a perfectionist and that's why it takes me a bit longer he added with a laugh.

So far there has been quite a bit of positive reaction from residents and tourists walking by the shop.

"The mural gives a certain zip to the downtown area with the floral arrangements and design," City Commissioner Terry Schuster said. "It's certainly caught the attention of many people so far."

Skinner shared that Muren exceeded expectations.

"Ed nailed it," Skinner said. "Everything that we wanted he provided. It's a good way to get people to take notice on Illinois Route 2 and Illinois Route 64. We tried to make it look fun and inviting while progressively moving forward. It's great."



(PHOTO BY GEORGE HOWE)

At the age of 20, mural artist Ed Muren decided to go west and lived in Arizona for 20 years, and moved back to Illinois two years ago.



(COURTESY PHOTOS)

## Byron teacher receives grant for playground communication board

**BYRON** — Mrs. Hoppe, Mary Morgan special education teacher, was awarded a grant from the Byron Education Foundation. A "playground communication board" was bought from Smarty Symbols in May. Byron students from left to right: Cooper Mershon, Everett Druien, Mason Burnes, Devin Swan and Katanyah Khuangsavanh.

communication board" was bought from Smarty Symbols in May. The stand was built and installed by Mr. Pulmer's Byron High School construction

class. The communication board is placed at the Mary Morgan playground. It will help normalize the use of communication boards and augmentative and alterna-

tive communication (AAC) devices. Special education children can learn new vocabulary, combine tapping on images to make phrases, and use it to interact with

adults and their peers. This project will enhance the relationship between special education students, adults, peers and the community. The com-

munication board will also help create more opportunities for social interactions for all kids.

See GRANT page 5

## Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department receives grant funding

**OREGON** — The Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department (OCSWMD) has recently received grant funds made possible by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill. The United States Environmental Protection Agency's Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling (SWIFR) program

allocated funds to states for distribution at the local level in 2022.

The OCSWMD applied for, and received a grant for an amount of \$9,000 through the Illinois EPA's grant vehicle for these federal SWIFR funds. These funds will allow the OCSWMD to pursue recycling goals here

in Ogle County at the local level, and the OCSWMD is required to track and report how these funds are being utilized. Identified in the grant application process were objectives related to enhance local recycling efforts. Included in these objectives were educational efforts, recycling surveys for

waste haulers, infrastructure needs for a new rural recycling drop-off program in July 2023, training sessions and recycling symposiums, program promotions and ancillary supplies required for both office and field work associated with recycling here in Ogle County.

Central to this effort is

the re-establishment of two rural recycling drop-off containers which are scheduled to be deployed in early July in Oregon and Byron. Coupled with this roll-out will be extensive education efforts, publicity on proper recycling, social media efforts, recycling surveys, and on-site monitoring of

these sites. In 2019 all of the five recycling sites provided by the OCSWMD were removed due to cost increases and illegal dumping. It is hoped with these SWIFR funds mechanisms can be put in place to ensure this pilot recycling program is successful and can be expanded in the future.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Oregon REMAX of Rock Valley Agents recognized as 'America's Best'

**OREGON** — Four local REMAX of Rock Valley agents were recently recognized in the 2023 "America's Best Real Estate Professionals" rankings by RealTrends + Tom Ferry. The prestigious survey is made up of five categories for participating agents and teams in the U.S. based on 2022 numbers. The five categories are: Individual producers, Small teams (2-5 agents), Medium teams (6-10), Large teams (11-20) and Mega teams (21+). Each category has two subcategories — one for sales volume and

one for sales volume. The four agents who ranked were JD Gieson, Rebecca Hazzard, Mark True and Carla Benesh.

Gieson ranked in the top 0.0051 percent in the US by residential transactions, with a rank of 80. He also had a total of 158 transaction sides, with earned a number-six rank in the state for sides. JD ranked 129 in the State of Illinois for residential sales volume.

Hazzard ranked 171 in the State of Illinois for residential sales volume. True ranked 103 rank in the State of Illinois for



**J.D. Gieson**

sides. Benesh ranked 101 rank in the State of Illinois for sides. "It's an honor for our agents to be included in this list of hardworking and dedicated real estate professionals across the country," Hazzard, the RE-



**Rebecca Hazzard**

EMAX of Rock Valley managing broker and owner, said. "I'm more grateful than ever for each client who trusted our office to help them buy or sell a home during this truly unforgettable year." "We are incredibly proud of these RE/MAX agents



**Carla Benesh**

for being recognized as the best," Nick Bailey, RE/MAX, LLC president and CEO, said. "This honor is a testament to their unwavering commitment to excellence and their dedication to providing exceptional service. It underscores our



**Mark True**

brand's ongoing position as the best option for productive professionals." Ranking nearly 24,000 top producers, "America's Best Real Estate Professionals" is the industry's largest ranking of agents based on homes sold.



**Winnebago's Kapfer sells cards at Byron Hairy Cow Farmer's Market**  
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## 'Those Were the Days' depot program set for Saturday, Aug. 5

**OREGON**—The next "Those Were the Days" depot program will be Saturday, Aug. 5 at 10 a.m.

David Krogh, instructor at Atlanta Bible College and former president of both the Church of God General Conference and the Oregon/Atlanta Bible college, now in McDonough, Georgia, will be presenting.

The church of God on Oregon Trail Road is hosting the annual heritage and general conference of the Churches of God from Aug. 1-4. David will present at the depot Saturday, Aug. 5 about the establishment of the Church of God headquarters in Oregon in the early 1920s, the purchase of the Restitution Publishing Company building soon thereafter called the National Bible Institute, the Golden Rule Retirement

Home, the greenhouse with large farm on Mix and Monroe Streets, the bible training school which became Oregon Bible College, the changes through the years and what has happened since the church headquarters and bible college were relocated to the Atlanta area in 1991 up to the present.

In the mid-1920s, the General Conference, operating under the business name of the National Bible Institution, had a flower and gift shop called the Golden Rule Flower & Gift Shop on Washington Street in the Sinissippi Hotel. Pictured in 1925, left to right, are gift shop workers F. L. Austin, Esta Lansbery Starbuck, John Railton and Melville Lyon.

The Aug. 5 program will be in lieu of the July 29 program, no July program.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Obituaries

### Tyler Munhollon

**OWENSBORO, K.Y.** — Tyler Munhollon, 33, of Owensboro, Kentucky passed away July 19, 2023, at UK Albert B Chandler Hospital in Lexington, Kentucky. Tyler was born April 9, 1990, in Rockford, the son of Richard and Deanne (Hilliard) Munhollon of Byron.

After graduating from Byron High School, Tyler completed his undergraduate program in mathematics and physics at Coe College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. He then attended Rutgers University in New Brunswick, New Jersey. There he received his doctorate in materials science engineering. After graduation, he was recruited to work at Daramic LLC in Owensboro, Kentucky.

It was there that he met and married Jennifer Mattingly, on Oct. 20, 2018, in Owensboro, Kentucky. Tyler was a dedicated husband, loving father, and quick friend to many. He enjoyed spending his time by the grill, on the golf course, or watching HGTV and sports. Above all, his favorite time was spent with his children. Every weekend was spent at the farmers market and visit-

ing their favorite coffee shop. Many evenings were spent at the park swinging and playing.

Tyler was a quiet thinker. Although a man of few words, he was always taking in the surroundings and being curious about the world around him. He spent a great deal of time wood-working and creating beautiful spaces in his home. He was adored by Ike, Clara, and his nieces and nephews, who affectionately called him Uncle Ty-Ty. Although he was taken far too young and too soon, he fought a valiant battle to return to those whom he loved. He will be desperately missed.

Tyler was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Jessie Hilliard and Ira Hilliard; his paternal grandparents, Billy and Janie Munhollon; paternal great grandmother, Nora Meek; his father-in-law, Dennis Mattingly.

Those left to cherish his memory include his wife of almost five years, Jennifer Mattingly Munhollon; children, Ike and Clara; parents, Richard and Deanne Munhollon; sister, Ashley (RJ) McGarry;



in-laws, Maria Mattingly, Jaime and Chad Mongold, & Jackie and Jordan Osowicz; nieces and nephews, Landon, Logan, Cooper, Mason, Stella, Owen, Henry, Libby, & Vera; and many other loved ones.

The funeral Mass will be 10:00 am Monday at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Owensboro. Visitation will be Sunday from 2 until 6 pm with prayers at 5:30 pm and Monday from 8:30 until 9:30 at Glenn Funeral Home and Crematory. The burial will be in Resurrection Cemetery.

Expressions of sympathy may take the form of contributions to Ike and Clara's Educational Fund, c/o Glenn Funeral Home, 900 Old Hartford Road, Owensboro, KY 42303.

Condolences and memories for Tyler's family may be left at [www.glenncare.com](http://www.glenncare.com).

### Mary Louise Wright

**MT. MORRIS** — Mary Louise Wright, age 87, of Mt. Morris, formerly of Oregon, passed away on July 23, 2023 at Allure of Pinecrest in Mt. Morris with her loving family by her side. She was born on Jan. 24, 1936 to Robert T. and Grace E. (Richerson) Owings in Visalia, California.

She was the eldest of three girls. She married Arlen "Art" Wright on May 28, 1955 in Fresno, California. Mary was employed by Ogle County Title and later by Northwestern Title Co. She was a lifetime member of Mt. Morris Women of the Moose and Oregon VFW Ladies Auxiliary.

She is survived by her son Robert Wright of Oregon; daughters Cheri Wright of Oregon, Jackie

Paul of Chana; grandsons Jake (Jenn) Zimmerman and Billy Paul; granddaughter Dusti (Dave) Streibeck; great-grandchildren Andrew, Emily, Adam Zimmerman, and Mark Streibeck; sisters, Judy Anderson of Orange, California, Norma Russell of North Richland Hills, Texas; special sister, Lu Kessling of Roscoe; and many nieces and nephews.

Mary is preceded in death by her parents, husband Art, infant daughter Diane, and son Mark. Mary's family would like to thank all of the staff at Allure of Pinecrest for all of the wonderful care she received while she was there.

Funeral services have been scheduled for Satur-



day, July 29, 2023 at 11 at Farrell Holland Gale Funeral Home in Oregon. A Visitation will be held from 10 to 11 on Saturday, July 29, 2023 at Farrell Holland Gale Funeral Home of Oregon. Mary will be laid to rest following the funeral service at Lightsville Cemetery near Leaf River. Memorials may be directed to the family. To leave an online condolence please visit [www.farrellhollandgale.com](http://www.farrellhollandgale.com)



Musicians often help each other out at the First Fridays Open Mic. In this photo from the last show, Randy Holland, at far right on the harmonica, is backed up by, from left to right, Jim Woelber, Larry Lamb, Tracy Fleck, Fred Grant and Mike Bratt.

### First Fridays Open Mic is Aug. 4

**OREGON** — The monthly First Fridays Open Mic will take place on Aug. 4 at the Ogle County Fair, located near Oregon at 1440 North Limekiln Road.

The open mic starts at 6:30 p.m. on a new stage, located alongside the Lions Club Pavilion. Admission

to the show will be free for the audience once they enter the fairgrounds, although a jar is available for donations.

Admission to the fair will be free to all musical performers. They will sign up for time slots on a first-come-first-serve basis, so

it's best to arrive by 6 p.m. or earlier. The open mic attracts many talented performers, but musicians and singers of all skill levels find acceptance from a supportive audience. Interested parties who have questions can contact Jerry Tice, at 815-449-2660.

### Mt. Morris Police issue citations

**MT. MORRIS** — On June 19 at approximately 11:30 p.m. Mt. Morris Police were called to the area of the 10 block of East Front Street for a noise complaint. After an investigation, Karen E. Jackson, 58, Mt. Morris, was issued a village ordinance citation for noise violation.

On June 21 at approximately 11:45 p.m. Mt. Morris Police were called to the area of Dillehay Park for the report of subjects in the park. After an investigation, it was learned that damage

to property was committed at the park. A male juvenile, 15, Leaf River, a female juvenile, 14, Leaf River, and a male juvenile, 16, Mt. Morris, were involved and referred to the Ogle County Juvenile/Probation Department for charges.

On June 22, Ryan Dinkleman, 36, Mt. Morris, was issued a village ordinance citation for grass/weeds taller than eight inches.

On July 2 at approximately 7 p.m. Mt. Morris Police were sent to the area of the 100 block of

South Wesley Avenue for the report of a disturbance. After an investigation, Alexandra L. Feuntes, 19, Mt. Morris, was issued a village ordinance citation for disorderly conduct.

These charges are merely an accusation, and that the defendant is presumed innocent unless proven guilty. Citizen assists: 32. Other agency assists/medical: 28. Other public complaints: 105. Traffic warnings: three. Village ordinance violations: 26. Parking violations: three.

### Polo Police make multiple arrests

**POLO** — On June 26 at 10:02 p.m. Blayne T. Crump, 26, Sterling, was arrested for operation of an uninsured motor vehicle, driving with a suspended license & driving with a suspended registration. Crump was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

On July 5 at 5:47 p.m. Timothy Paul Burns, 59, Morrison, was cited for operating an uninsured motor vehicle and operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended registration. Burns was released on an I-Bond.

On July 6 at 9:15 p.m. Michael D. Frye, 37, Polo, was cited for operating a motor vehicle with expired registration. Frye was released on an I-Bond.

On July 6 at 7:50 a.m. Jalon Buder, 50, Polo, was cited for speeding 47 miles per hour in a 30-miles per hour speed zone. Buder was released on an I-Bond.

On July 6 at 8:19 a.m. Lesly D. Wicks, 63, Polo, was cited for speeding 44 miles per hour in a 30-miles per hour speed zone. Wicks was released on an I-Bond.

On July 6 at 6:17 p.m. Rebekka A. Powell, 32, was cited for unlawful use of a cell phone while driving. Powell was released on an I-Bond.

On July 7 at 7:20 p.m. William T. Stark, 33, Dixon, was cited for unlawful use of a cell phone while driving. Stark was released on an I-Bond.

On July 7 at 10:13 p.m. Dakota M. Pommerening, 28, Freeport, was cited for speeding 45 miles per hour in a 35-miles per hour speed zone. Pommerening was released on an I-Bond.

On July 7 at 9 a.m. Richard V. Jeter, 53, Polo, was issued a city citation for accumulation of litter.

On July 7 at 9 a.m. Julia A. Jeter, 44, Polo, was

issued a city citation for accumulation of litter.

On July 8 at 12:11 a.m. Christopher Scott Brown, 30, Dixon, was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol, no valid driver's license, driving with an expired registration, illegal transportation of alcohol and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. Brown was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

On July 10 at 8:54 p.m. Kayden J. Currier, 17, Freeport, was cited for speeding 45 miles per hour in a 30-miles per hour speed zone. Currier was released on an I-Bond.

General calls for service for the weeks of June 26 through July 9 - Citizen complaints/assists: 23; Juvenile: two; Animal: one; Disturbance/domestic: two; Alarm: one; Lock out: one; 911 hang up: three; Traffic stops: 96; County assists: one and DUI: one.

### Blum named May Student of the Month at Polo High School

**POLO** — Molly Blum was recently named the May Student of the Month at Polo Community High School and received a scholarship from the Polo Schools Foundation for her efforts.

Blum is the daughter of Matthew and Krista Blum. She participates in FFA, student council and Spanish club. After high school, she plans to attend Iowa State University to earn a bachelor's in agronomy. Upon winning the award, Blum filled out a list of questions about her school experience at Polo High.

**What does it take to be a successful high school student?** -Make sure you enjoy your experience, keep your grades up but still make sure you have fun and don't stress about it too much.

**What do you do in your free time?** -Hangout with friends or family.

**If you could go anywhere in the world for free, where would it be?** -Ireland or Australia.

**What is your life's philosophy?** -I believe that if you live with an open mind, an open heart

and a positive attitude you will be happy no matter what.

**What would you do if you received \$1 billion all of a sudden?** -I would pay for college, buy my dream car, build my dream house and donate the rest to different charities.

**Is there anything else you want people to know about you?** -I love to be outside. I enjoy swimming, kayaking and hiking in the warm months, and skiing, sledding and having snowball fights in the winter. I also love going to fairs to watch truck and tractor pulls, demo derbies, rodeos and concerts.

**What class do you find really engaging and why?** -I really enjoyed taking Stephanie Schultz's new floral and landscape design class. It was very hands on and I even made my own corsage and boutonniere for homecoming.

**What are your career and post-graduation plans?** -I am going to be attending Iowa State University this fall and am pursuing a bachelor's degree in agronomy. As of now I am seeking a career as a crop consultant.

**What are your two favorite extracurricular, volunteer or community activities you participate in?** -FFA gave me many opportunities to be a leader and taught me many leadership skills. I made a lot of amazing friends and fun memories. Although I haven't been involved in it since before COVID-19, 4-H is another thing that I really enjoyed being a member of. It taught me a lot about responsibility and it was a great community to be a part of. They both also taught me the importance of volunteering and helping others by giving me many opportunities to help out.

**Please share a moment, group event or activity at school that was meaningful or memorable.** -Holding a meeting on the bus ride back from the Parliamentary Procedure contest to decide where we should eat. It got very intense and it was hilarious.

**What is your hope for the future?** -My hope for the future is that more people build their relationship with God and as a result people will be more kind and compassionate.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Sheriff releases Fourth of July numbers

**OREGON** — Ogle County Sheriff's Office deputies made five impaired driving arrests and issued 195 total citations during the recent Independence Day "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over," "Drive High Get a DUI" and "Click It or Ticket" safety campaigns which ran from June 16 to July 5. The 195 citations were for various offenses, including: five arrests for DUI, three arrests for felony drug offenses, four arrests for misdemeanor cannabis offenses, two

arrests for fleeing to elude a police officer, 27 arrests for suspended/revoked/no valid driver's license, 57 citations for speeding offenses, 37 citations for registration violations, 27 citations for no insurance, 12 citations for improper lane usage, 2 citations for illegal transportation of alcohol, one citation for no seat belt, one citation for reckless driving and 20 citations for other offenses.

The Ogle County Sheriff's Office joined forces with more than 200 other

state and local law enforcement agencies to get drunk and drugged drivers off our roads, encourage seat belt use, and enforce speeding and other traffic laws. The effort featured high-visibility enforcement combined with a variety of outreach activities including a media campaign titled, "It's Not a Game."

The enforcement period was funded by federal traffic safety funds administered by the Illinois Department of Transportation.

## Annual Car Show & Sauerkraut Day Aug. 5

**FORRESTON** — The Forreston American Legion Family is sponsoring its 15th Annual Car Show as part of the yearly Sauerkraut Day on Aug. 5 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Forreston's Memorial Park.

More than 130 cars and motorcycles are expected during the daylong show.

Dash plaques will be given out to the first 100 entries and door prizes will be given out during the day.

A sauerkraut lunch will be served from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sauerkraut lunches are \$6, which includes a brat or hot dog (with or without that delicious sauerkraut topping), a bag

of chips and a can of pop. Music will be provided by 3D Sound. For questions concerning car entries, call Chris Moore, American Legion Riders, 815-979-5044. Trophies for the car and bike show will be awarded at 3 p.m. The annual 50/50 drawing winner will be at 3:30 p.m.



**Oregon Lions serve at Mt. Morris Jamboree**  
Oregon Lions served up pork chops and brats during the Shindig Concert at the Mt. Morris Jamboree on June 30 in Mt. Morris. Shown is the Lions' serving line. Oregon Lions' cooks were Lion Doug Aken, Lion Jim Hoff and helper Jeff Rose from Grand Detour. Oregon Lions' President Joe Kryszak posed for a photo with the 2023 "Let Freedom Ring" Queen Nora Hammer. The Lions' first customers were Kyle Ward and his son, Elijah Ward.

## Final Kable Band concert is Aug. 2

**MT. MORRIS** — The Kable Band welcomes the community to the final concert of the 2023 season.

Guest conductor is Sarah Reckmeyer. Reckmeyer is a graduate of Mt. Morris High School. Now retired, Sarah was music educator and director of the Ottawa High school

Band for 27 years. With Sarah's tenure as band director in Ottawa, the band received many state awards. Sarah remains very active as a musician with the Illinois Valley Community College Wind Ensemble, and is principal clarinetist with the Illinois Valley Symphony. She is the pianist for the Open Table United church of Christ in Ottawa. Sarah

will be directing the Kable Concert Band where her father, Warren Reckmeyer, previously directed the Kable Band for 55 years.

For this final concert of the 2023 season, the band will be featuring two instrumental soloists, who are members of the band. Ryan Starkey, will be performing a French horn solo. Starkey is a graduate of Oregon High School and a 2028 graduate of Illinois State University. There, she participated in both French horn and flute studies, while receiving a degree in music therapy. Becoming involved in music at the age of seven, Ryan's first instrument was the flute. She is proficient on several

instruments including saxophone, guitar, French horn, flute, etc.

Bryan Imel will be performing a solo on the baritone horn. Bryan is a 2023 graduate of Oregon High School and plans to continue his education at Kishwaukee College. You won't want to miss these talented soloists, along with a fine concert at this, the final concert of the 2023 Kable Band season. The Kable Concert Band thanks the community for the excellent support, and looks forward to 2024.... its 128th season. Enjoy the Kable Band "Concert on the Campus", 7:30 p.m. Aug. 2. Come early. Ice cream social by Chapter CU, PEO.



**Fair officials attend Oregon Rotary meeting**  
Ogle County Fair Officials attended the Oregon Rotary meeting last Wednesday at the Blackhawk Steak Pit. Ogle County Fair Queen, Renee Gehrke, presented the program for the recent meeting! She has been busy participating in parades and making many contacts for the Fair. She said the 2023 Ogle County Fair Queen Pageant will start at 5:30 p.m. on the opening day of the fair, Wednesday, Aug. 2! From left to right: Pageant Director Michelle Brazeal Eyster-Jozefowicz; Tom Simpson, Ogle Fair president; Gehrke, Stan Eden, program chair for the day; and Chris Madden, Oregon Rotary Club president. For additional information about the many activities at the fair, please see the Ogle County Fair website.

## GRANT: New communication board posted at Mary Morgan playground

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The board will help facilitate the interactions between people while they are out on the playground.

Some benefits from having a communication board on the playground would be peer interaction, supporting a person with limited speech, building social skills, expanding a person's playground vocabulary and increasing a person's independence on the playground.

The Byron Education Foundation, 501c3 non-profit, established in 1993, is an independent organization, founded to provide the Byron school educators access and opportunity to impact learning that empowers students and provides an enriched education beyond the district tax dollars. This volunteer team

of parents, educators and community members are committed to supporting children with unique experiences to help broaden their education, expose them to enriched opportunities and to cultivate leaders. We are a cohesive group of people with a mix of background and talent with a shared vision.

The board of directors meets 4-6 times a year, hosts an annual fundraiser, accepts and processes grants that average \$5,000 a year, and manages scholarship funds for other individuals and organizations. Over the past 25 years, over 40 community members have served as board members, raising funds and granting over \$150,000 to the Byron school staff for use in their classrooms.

We recognize and celebrate the history and value

of the foundation's work. The focus on long-term planning and sustainability has led to a recent partnership with Community Foundation of Northern Illinois and the creation of a new Byron Foundation Endowment Fund. The Byron Foundation Endowment Fund establishes a financial reserve, provides a reliable source of income in perpetuity and shows the solidity and permanence of The Byron Foundation in our community and our commitment to continued educational excellence in the Byron School District.

If you are inspired to give some of your time and talents or a tax-deductible gift to the Byron Foundation Endowment Fund, please contact Byron Foundation President Michelle Albert: Malbert6@comcast.net or 815-985-5102.

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# LOCAL NEWS



### Gibson sells handmade jewelry at Hairy Cow Farmer's Market

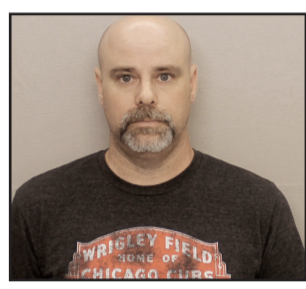
Ruth Gibson, Winnebago, makes and sells a variety of handmade jewelry. Stop by Byron Hairy Cow Farmer's Market on Saturday mornings from 8 a.m. to noon next to the Hairy Cow Brewery. For more information or to become a vendor, please contact Taryn Bradley at (815) 985-6042, by email at craftlab23@gmail.com or through the Byron Hairy Cow Farmer's Market Facebook page.

### Morrison man arrested for aggravated criminal sexual abuse

OREGON — The Ogle County Sheriff's Office recently arrested a Morrison man for aggravated criminal sexual abuse that allegedly occurred in Oregon, a July 26 press release said. On July 25 at approximately 9:30 a.m. the

Ogle County Sheriff's Office arrested Jason L. Endress, 44 of Morrison, for aggravated criminal sexual abuse, a class one felony. The arrest stems from an investigation in which Endress is alleged to have sexual contact with a minor in rural Oregon.

Endress was held in the Ogle County Jail without bond and was scheduled to appear in court on July 26. Ogle County Sheriff's detectives were assisted by the Illinois State Police Zone 2 Investigations. All subjects are presumed innocent until proven guilty.



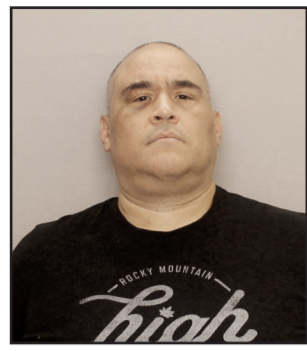
Jason L. Endress

### Dixon man arrested for aggravated battery to a police officer

POLO — The Ogle County Sheriff's Office recently arrested a Dixon man for felony aggravated battery to a police officer, a July 26 press release said.

On July 22 at approximately 11:23 a.m. deputies responded to 2667 South Galena Trail Road in rural Polo for the report of an unwanted subject. Upon arrival, they attempted to convince Jamin M. Soria, 46, of Dixon that he needed to leave the residence or be arrested for trespassing. Soria then attacked several deputies and subsequently resisted arrest. Soria was eventually subdued and taken to KSB Hospital by Polo Ambulance for treatment of minor injuries.

Two deputies also went to KSB Hospital for treatment of injuries. Soria was charged with four counts of aggravated battery to a police officer (class two felony), two counts of aggravated battery to



Jamin M. Soria

a police officer causing great bodily harm (class one felony), criminal trespass to a residence (class four felony) and domestic battery (class A misdemeanor).

Upon being discharged from the hospital, Soria was taken into custody on the warrant by Ogle County deputies without incident and transported to the Ogle County Jail. Soria is being held on a \$150,000 bond.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## TRACY: Longtime Rochelle Community Hospital nurse takes over as CEO

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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.

Tracy started at RCH as an OB nurse for six years before becoming manager of that department. After RCH ceased offering OB services, she became quality and risk coordinator and later joined the administrative team and assumed more responsibilities.

“Quality and risk really touches everything in the hospital,” Tracy said. “That’s part of the reason why the breadth of what I know in the hospital is pretty deep, because you work with everybody. I worked with staff members, managers and with outside organizations. But in all aspects of things I’ve done, nursing has always been part of it because it just filters in understanding and that has always been part of that.”

Tracy said her immediate priorities include more face-to-face communication and collaboration with employees and management after COVID-19 limited that. RCH also recently spent time on a master facility planning process for improvements to various parts of the hospital, which she said will soon yield renovations done piece-by-piece.

Tracy said RCH is also looking at offering new services to the community, including a possible behavioral health unit. With its orthopedic services expansion to Sycamore, Tracy said supporting that



(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)

**New CEO Karen Tracy started at RCH as an OB nurse for six years before becoming manager of that department. After RCH ceased offering OB services, she became quality and risk coordinator and later joined the administrative team and assumed more responsibilities.**

endeavor is a top priority as well.

The week that her appointment to CEO was announced, Tracy was away at a conference. Since she wasn’t around RCH and its employees, she took time to write down what it meant to her. That consisted of her feeling that every RCH employee is equally important, and she wants them to know that she will be taking into consideration how administration decisions will impact the entire team.

“My goal is to keep us strong, to make sure we hire the right people and have the right folks in place to do the jobs that

need to be done,” Tracy said. “And I am accessible. I’m going to move to this new office and that’s a little bit of a struggle for me because I’ve been on the hallway for over 20 years. So I help people, I jump up and show them where they need to be and get them whatever they need or call somebody for them. Now I’ll be a little farther away. I guess what our employees need to know is that I really respect the team.”

As far as what she wants patients and the community to know, Tracy said quality patient care is “of the utmost importance” to her and RCH and that is

found through physician and care staff recruiting and having high-quality equipment.

“We are committed to keeping our technology up to date and we want to be that small hospital that can provide a certain set of services, and then also if we cannot perform a service, we have the ability to have strong emergency care that gets you to where you need to be,” Tracy said. “We’re committed to maintaining our high quality here in the community.”

When starting out as a nurse, Tracy said she had no aspirations of becoming CEO. She didn’t even think she’d work in

the quality and risk field at the time. She’s learned to never say never, and found after getting into management that she had an aptitude for improving systems. Tracy said she’s found value in knowing and listening to RCH team members.

“Anything that I can do to educate all of us on what we need to know to be part of this community, that will be my job,” Tracy said. “My approach is always to involve the people that have the most say in that decision. We should function as a team. We should share with each other. And then we collaboratively make de-

isions. We’ve already been doing that. We hear everybody’s response and then huddle up and make that decision.”

In her 31 years at RCH, Tracy has not grown tired of the community hospital’s atmosphere.

“It’s all about the people and the community,” Tracy said. “I love our community. There’s people I interact with that I know and people I interact with that I’ve just met. I think it’s the people and also what I enjoy about working here is the collegial atmosphere. We support one another and it’s about doing the right thing. I like to be part of that.”

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**Aug 1:** Serenity Hospice & Home’s Young Widows Group will meet from 6-7 p.m. at the Serenity Home, 1658 S. Illinois Route 2, Oregon. This group is for ages 55 and under. Please call 815-732-4111 by noon to register.

**Aug. 5:** Come and join us at Byron’s Hairy Cow Farmers Market on Saturday, Aug. 5 from 8 a.m. to noon! Featuring seasonal

produce, baked goods, perennials, honey and a large variety of crafts. We have more vendors than ever before this season. We look forward to seeing everyone!

For more information or to become a vendor, please contact Taryn Bradley at (815)985-6042, by email at craflab23@gmail.com or at the Byron’s Hairy Cow Farmers

Facebook page.

**Aug. 5:** Small Town Girl Events is bringing the Summer Vintage & Artisan Market to The Barn on the Hill in Leaf River on Saturday Aug. 5 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. This market will feature 30+ local makers, artists and vintage dealers. You will find high-quality, unique handmade items, local honey, breads and baked

goods, plant-based snacks, even a pop-up bookstore! It will be a beautiful summer day out at The Barn, visiting with local artisans and enjoying a flavored lemonade from the Main Squeeze truck. Grab a friend or two and make plans to come out to the market on Saturday!

**Aug. 12:** The Ogle County Historical Society will be offering bus tours

of Historic Oregon on Saturday, Aug. 12. Tours are approximately 1 hour long and will leave from the Annex behind the Ruby Nash Home 111 N. 6th St., Oregon. The first tour will leave at 1:15 p.m. The tours are conducted by Ogle County Historical Society volunteers and are free of charge. The air-conditioned bus is handicap accessible and is provided

by the Rock River Center of Oregon. A second tour will be added if necessary and will leave at 2:45 p.m. Space is limited! Please call Kris Martinaitis at 815-677-0139 to reserve your seat. We encourage you to visit the Ruby Nash Home, which is open on Saturdays from 1-4 p.m. Donations for the tour can be made to the Ogle County Historical Society.

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## MOMENTS IN TIME

\* On Aug. 14, 1040, Scotland's King Duncan I was killed, not in his sleep, as Shakespeare would later portray the event in his famous play, but in a battle against his cousin and rival, Macbeth, who went on to succeed Duncan as king.

\* On Aug. 15, 1914, architect Frank Lloyd Wright's handyman, Julian Carlton, murdered Wright's mistress, Martha Borthwick, along with her two children and four other adults, at Wright's home and studio in Wisconsin before burning the home to the ground. Two men managed to escape, and Carlton died in prison several weeks later.

\* On Aug. 16, 1962, Ringo Starr replaced Pete Best as drummer for The Beatles after the group's manager, Brian Epstein, fired Best at the request of John Lennon, Paul McCartney and George Harrison. Best sued the rockers for defamation of character and won an out-of-court settlement.

\* On Aug. 17, 1992, 57-year-old Woody Allen confessed to his affair with Soon-Yi Previn, who was notably not just 35 years his junior but the adopted daughter of his longtime partner, actress Mia Farrow.

Allen and Previn married and adopted two daughters of their own.

\* On Aug. 18, 1992, Boston Celtics forward Larry Bird, widely regarded as one of the greatest basketball players in history, announced his retirement from the game and took a front-office position with the team. The following year, his No. 33 jersey was retired in a sold-out ceremony at Boston's TD Garden.

\* On Aug. 19, 1791, Benjamin Banneker, a largely self-educated free man, wrote a letter to Secretary of State Thomas Jefferson in which he criticized Jefferson's support of slavery and requested justice for African Americans, using language from the Declaration of Independence.

\* On Aug. 20, 1858, German pathologist and statesman Rudolf Virchow's groundbreaking medical text "Cellular Pathology" was published in Berlin, establishing the basis for modern medical science. Virchow was dubbed the "Pope of Medicine" by his colleagues and is today considered the "Father of Modern Pathology" and the founder of social medicine.

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## Racial preferences in college admissions

THERE is a perception that last month the U.S. Supreme Court ended affirmative action in college admissions. But that is not the case. What it did was end race-conscious admissions.

Former first lady Michelle Obama put it this way, "So often we accept that money, power and privilege are perfectly acceptable forms of affirmative action, while kids growing up like I did are expected to compete when the ground is anything but level. Affirmative action will continue for those who least need it."

Nothing the Supreme Court did June 29 keeps elite universities from continuing to give preference to the relatives of donors, those whose parents attended the institution, athletes and children of faculty. According to briefs submitted to the Supreme Court, 43 percent of white students admitted to Harvard are part of these groups and 75 percent of them would not otherwise be admitted.

These types of breaks for the privileged should make anyone uneasy. Whether applicants should get special breaks because of the color of their skin has been debated for decades.

But one thing is cer-

tain: applicants shouldn't get a break because they grew up in a rich family, were born to parents who attended the institution or are particularly adept at swinging a lacrosse stick.

There is no arguing that racism remains a pernicious cancer in our society. People of good will can disagree on how to rectify this wrong. But pretending that it is not there doesn't mean it will just go away. In the wake of the Supreme Court ruling, it is time we look beyond race and ethnicity when we talk about diversity.

In 2020, California voters overwhelmingly rejected a proposition that would have ended the state's moratorium on race-based admissions. Overwhelmingly, whites and Asian-Americans rejected the notion. Latinos split evenly. The only racial group who supported the measure were African Americans.

The measure was rejected despite California being a liberal state that overwhelmingly supported President Joe Biden during that same election.

One of the reasons racial preferences are unpopular is how Asian Americans have been adversely affected. For decades, elite schools have curtailed the number of people of Asian descent who they admit in order

to add greater "balance" to the student body.

A recent Pew study found that only 23 percent of Asians supported race being a factor considered in college admissions.

The other factor that is seldom mentioned is that race-based admissions don't always help those within a racial group who have been most adversely affected by racism.

For example, in 2004 the New York Times reported that while eight percent of Harvard's undergraduates were Black, perhaps as many as two-thirds of those were West Indian and African immigrants or their children, or to a lesser extent, children of biracial couples.

Black leaders in academia such as the late Harvard law professor Lani Guinier and Henry Louis Gates Jr., of Harvard's African and African-American studies department, have expressed concern about this.

The article noted only about one-third of the students were from families in which all four grandparents were born in the United States and were descendants of slaves. Some have argued that it is students like these, disadvantaged by the legacy of slavery, segregation, racism, poverty and inferior schools, who were

intended as the principal beneficiaries of affirmative action in university admissions.

But often those youngsters have been edged out by other Black students with different stories to tell. Academia has focused too much on race and ethnicity and not enough on life's circumstances.

Financially-struggling youngsters from ghettos, barrios and small towns are the ones most in need of a hand-up. And they are also the ones often overlooked.

The U.S. Supreme Court has said race-based admissions are no longer allowed, but that doesn't mean such programs can't be replaced by ones that focus on helping those from difficult economic backgrounds.

For example, I'd much rather be treated by a physician who bussed tables as an undergraduate than one who spent her leisure time on a beach. Folks who have experienced difficulty often develop empathy, a trait missing from too many in elite fields such as medicine or law. In the wake of the Supreme Court ruling, it's something worth pondering.

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## The whitest profession

LAST summer I met my first Black veterinarian.

I was accompanying a colleague of my wife's to a veterinary conference in North Carolina and we sat down for lunch with a group of other animal doctors. One of them happened to be African American.

What's remarkable about this first-time encounter is that I'm the son and husband of veterinarians. I've spent my entire life surrounded by animal doctors. I've attended countless veterinary reunions, conferences and informal get-togethers with my parents and spouse. But before 2022, I had never met a Black, Asian or Hispanic vet. Every veterinarian I had ever known was white.

When my dad graduated from the University of Illinois' vet school in 1960, his class was entirely white. When my wife graduated from the same college in 2001, she too didn't have any Black or Hispanic classmates.

In 2016, 2.1 percent of the nation's veterinarians were Black. By 2019, the number had dropped below one percent, Time magazine reported. Veterinary medicine has been called the "whitest profession." That's a sad but accurate depiction. Veterinary and human medical schools are extraordinarily difficult to gain admission to. Some unsuccessful candidates for American programs resort to studying in the Caribbean or elsewhere overseas.

Historically Black Colleges and Universities, or HBCUs, such as the vet school at Tuskegee or the medical schools at Howard, Meharry or Morehouse universities are largely responsible for fostering diversity within those professions. In fact, Tuskegee University College of Veterinary Medicine has educated more than 70 percent of the nation's African-American veterinarians. It is recognized as the most diverse of all colleges of veterinary medicine in the U.S.

It's no secret that many historically Black colleges

are struggling. Just last year Lincoln College closed after 157 years of service. HBCUs are special places that provide unique nurturing and leadership opportunities.

But last month, the U.S. Supreme Court dealt a body blow to places like Tuskegee and other HBCUs. The High Court said that race can no longer be considered a factor in university admissions. I'm left wondering what that means for highly selective programs at historically black universities? If whites wanting to be physicians or veterinarians are willing to travel to other countries to attain their degrees, they certainly aren't going to be shy about applying to an American HBCU. It is very possible that the vet school at Tuskegee will become as white as every other veterinary program in the nation. Much the same could be said for the nation's four HBCU medical schools.

HBCU's primarily exist to provide opportunities for students of color. That's why generations of donors have sacrificed to support these institutions. To now say that they need to be blind to race in their admissions is not just wrong but absurd. Unfortunately, we live in a society that does not provide equal opportunity. Kids growing up in rural poverty or in the inner city often do not have access to the same quality schools that others do.

There needs to be some way of leveling the field. HBCUs have done a good job of helping do just that. Why undermine their reason for being? After all, a profession should look like the people it serves. Also, when children don't see someone who looks like them doing a particular job, they are likely to discount it as a career option for themselves. In the wake of the Supreme Court ruling, one has to ask what hope there is for greater diversity? Will the whitest profession become even whiter?

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## Ron Kern: What is a farmer?

SO what is a farmer?

Well the dictionary defines it as A husbandman or agriculturist; one who cultivates a farm, whether the land be his own or another's.

USDA defines a farm as any place that produced and sold — or normally would have produced and sold — at least \$1,000 of agricultural products during a given year.

The Illinois Farm Bureau for membership purposes defines a farmer as anyone who has a gross income of \$2,500 or more annually from farm income.

Paul Harvey defines it as:

And on the eighth day, God looked down on his planned paradise and said, "I need a caretaker." So God made a farmer.

God said, "I need somebody willing to get up before dawn, milk cows, work all day in the fields, milk cows again, eat supper and then go to town and stay past midnight at a meeting of the school board." So God

made a farmer.

"I need somebody with arms strong enough to rustle a calf and yet gentle enough to deliver his own grandchild. Somebody to call hogs, tame cantankerous machinery, come home hungry, have to wait lunch until his wife's done feeding visiting ladies and tell the ladies to be sure and come back real soon — and mean it." So God made a farmer.

God said, "I need somebody willing to sit up all night with a newborn colt. And watch it die. Then dry his eyes and say, 'Maybe next year.' I need somebody who can shape an ax handle from a persimmon sprout, shoe a horse with a hunk of car tire, who can make harness out of haywire, feed sacks and shoe scraps. And who, planting time and harvest season, will finish his 40-hour week by Tuesday noon, then, pain'n from 'tractor back,' put in another 72 hours." So God made a farmer.

God had to have somebody willing to ride the ruts at double speed to

get the hay in ahead of the rain clouds and yet stop in mid-field and race to help when he sees the first smoke from a neighbor's place. So God made a farmer.

God said, "I need somebody strong enough to clear trees and heave bails, yet gentle enough to tame lambs and wean pigs and tend the pink-combed pullets, who will stop his mower for an hour to splint the broken leg of a meadow lark. It had to be somebody who'd plow deep and straight and not cut corners. Somebody to seed, weed, feed, breed and rake and disc and plow and plant and tie the fleece and strain the milk and replenish the self-feeder and finish a hard week's work with a five-mile drive to church."

"Somebody who'd bale a family together with the soft strong bonds of sharing, who would laugh and then sigh, and then reply, with smiling eyes, when his son says he wants to spend his life 'doing what dad does.'" So God made a farmer.

And Jeff Foxworthy says you might be a farmer if:

Your dog rides in your truck more than your wife.

You have ever had to wash off in the back yard with a garden hose before going in the house.

You have never willingly thrown away a five gallon bucket.

You have used a chainsaw to remodel your home.

You have used a velvet leaf plant as toilet paper.

You have driven off the road examining your neighbor's crops.

You have buried a dog and cried like a baby.

You have used the front end loader on your tractor as scaffolding when remodeling your house.

You have used baling wire to attach a license plate.

And so....I guess I'll leave it up to the readers to decide who is correct, but my guess is they all hit the mark!

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

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# OGLE COUNTY FAIR

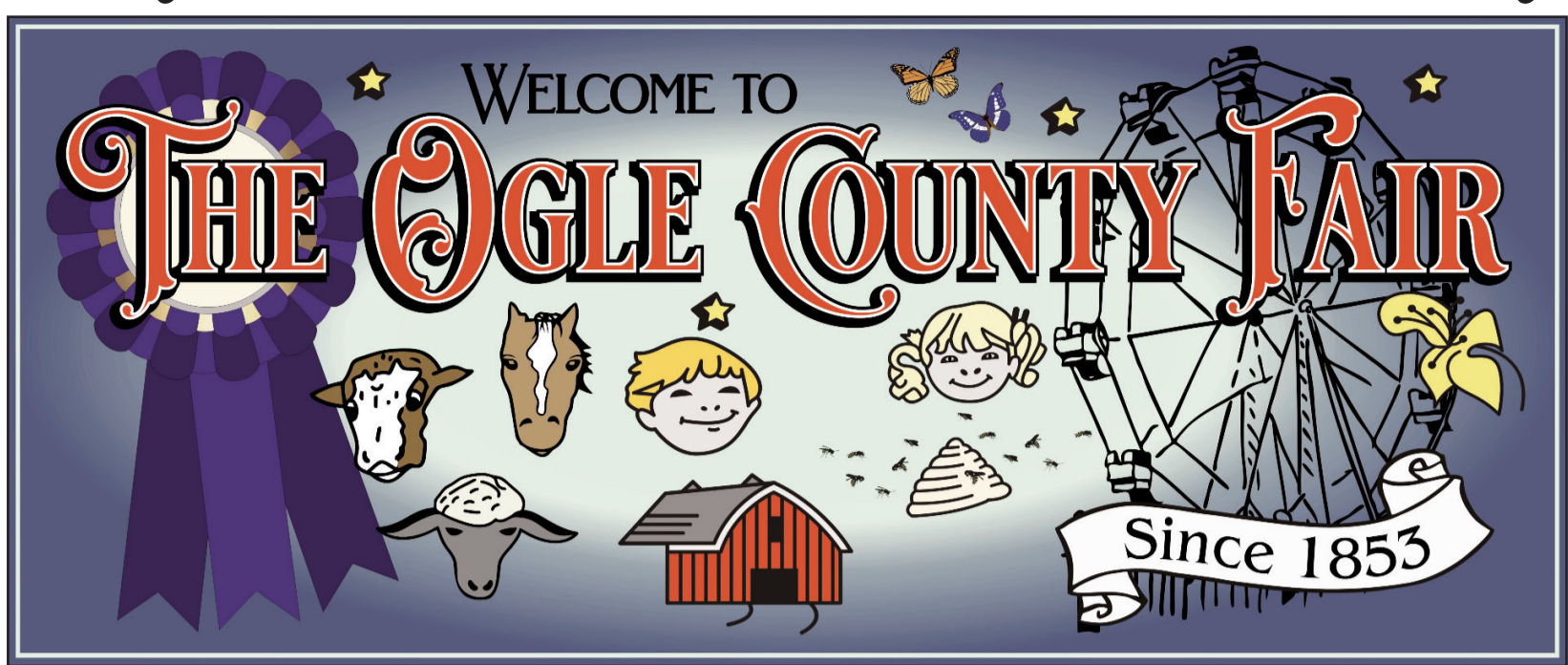
## Ogle County Fair: Fun for friends and family

**OREGON** — This year the Ogle County Fair will offer everything you expect from a county fair, including a family atmosphere at a reasonable price. The 169<sup>th</sup> Ogle County Fair will be held Aug. 2 through Sunday Aug. 6 at the fairgrounds (1440 N. Limekiln Road) just one mile west of Oregon on Illinois Route 64.

The fair's \$10 admission fee includes not only the free ground shows, entertainment and exhibits, but also unlimited carnival rides. Ages 4 and under get in free but will need to purchase a \$5 wristband to ride at the carnival. Carnival rides are open Wednesday 6-10 p.m., Thursday 5-10 p.m., Friday 3-10 p.m., Saturday noon-10 p.m., and Sunday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Grandstand tickets may be purchased separately for \$10 per show.

If you plan ahead, advanced tickets may be purchased at a reduced price of \$8 for gate admission and \$8 for grandstand tickets by going to the fair website at [www.oglecountyfair.com](http://www.oglecountyfair.com). Tickets purchased online carry an additional convenience fee. Or you may visit any Ogle County Casey's store to purchase discounted tickets with no convenience fee. All advance ticket sales are available until 11:59 p.m. Aug. 1.

Fairgoers will be



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treated to two new free ground shows this year. The Aussie Kingdom is an Australian Animal Show and display with kangaroos, wallabies, wallaroos, kookaburra, rainbow lorikeet and others. There is a 20-minute show offered three times per day and displays that are open all day. The second free show is the Rhinestone Roper Show. This death-defying interactive wild west show contains humor, knowledge of the old west, trick horses and much more. There are three 40-minute shows per day.

Other free shows include Brian Holt Magic show, chainsaw artist

Dave Ferrell, Ta-Da Robotics, and Antique Tractor Display & Parade daily at 5 p.m. Queen pageant Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. New this year, you can get you photo with Hawaiian Santa on Friday & Saturday between 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 5 at 9:45 a.m., boys and girls weighing between 25-80 pounds can register and participate in the kiddie pedal pull contest. Music is also included; each evening 7-10:30 p.m. there is local live entertainment in the Lion's shelter. Thursday is Jim Wolber & the Lariat Band, Friday is First Friday by Jerry Tice, Saturday is Little Man I Black by Doug Stivers.

Visit the animal barns to see the Jr & 4-H kids showing their livestock, including: Beef, dairy, goats, horses, poultry, rabbits, sheep and swine. You can also visit the exhibit building to see open show, junior show and 4-H displaying their talents and hard work in the areas of traditional livestock, foods, vegetables and fruits, clothing, crafts photography, floriculture, bee keeping, electricity, wood working, computer science and more.

Our grandstand show include truck & tractor pulls on Wednesday and Thursday at 6:30 p.m., the Big Hat Rodeo on Friday at 2 and 7 p.m., the demo-

lition derby on Saturday at 6 p.m. and the Tri-County Pullers will bring their mini-rod tractors on Sunday at 1 p.m.

Fair food is another great reason to visit our fair. In addition to the traditional fair food, a pork chop dinner will be served by the Ogle County Pork Producers on Saturday Aug. 6 from 5-7 p.m.

When you visit the fair be sure to thank all the volunteers that helped make this possible. The fair could never happen without the hundreds of hours donated by dedicated volunteer. They do everything from planning the fair which starts in September, booking en-

tertainment, maintaining the grounds all year, publicity, getting the ground ready including painting, flowers, bleachers, fencing, buildings, etc. Then during the fair, they make the event run smoothly, take tickets, direct parking, clean up garbage and provide information. The after the fair is the cleanup time.

More volunteers are always need and not just during the fair week, even if it is only two hours. If you are interested in helping in any way, contact the fair office at 815-732-6962 or any board member. For more information about the fair go to the website at [www.oglecountyfair.com](http://www.oglecountyfair.com).

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

**OREGON** — The Annual 4-H Blue Ribbon Livestock Auction has been set for Saturday, Aug. 5. It will be held at

the Ogle County Fair at the fairgrounds in Oregon. The 4-H Auction Committee invites the public to support 4-H project work

by bidding on a quality 4-H animal.

The auction will start at 3 p.m. in the Beef Arena. It will feature 4-H market

hogs, lambs, beef animals, goats, poultry, rabbits and dairy baskets as well as the champion and reserve champion beef, swine,

lamb and goat carcasses.

Live animals may be purchased and sent to a locker or may be bought and resold at a slaughter-

house. Transportation to processing plants will be provided.

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# OGLE COUNTY FAIR

## 2023 Ogle County 4-H Fair schedule set

**OREGON** — The 2023 Ogle County 4-H Fair will be held in conjunction with the 169th Ogle County Fair in Oregon. The fair will be open to the public from Aug. 2-6.

Visit the 4-H Fair to see local 4-H club members in action with their animals and experience the wide array of displays and presentations they have created for showcase in the exhibit building.

4-H competitions and special events are set as follows:

**Wednesday, Aug 2:** 4-9 p.m. Exhibit Building Open to Public. 5 p.m. 4-H Poultry Showmanship judging.

**Thursday, Aug. 3:** 7:30 a.m. 4-H Dairy Goat Milk Production Milk-Out. 8 a.m. 4-H Swine Show. 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Exhibit Building Open to Public. 10 a.m. 4-H Rabbit Show. 11 a.m. 4-H Dairy Show. 5 p.m. 4-H Sheep Show. 5 p.m. 4-H Beef Show. 6:30 p.m. 4-H Bucket

Calf Judging (Will judge between the Steers & Heifer Show). 7:30 p.m. 4-H Dairy Goat Milk Production Contest Milk-Out.

**Friday, Aug. 4:** 9 a.m. 4-H Goat Show (Dairy, Meat, Pygmy, Pet, Showmanship, Novelty). 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Exhibit Building Open to Public. 12:30 p.m. 4-H Poultry Show.

**Saturday, Aug. 5:** 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Exhibit Building Open. 3 p.m. Blue Ribbon Livestock Auction. 7 p.m. Master Showmanship Contest.

**Sunday, Aug. 6:** 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Exhibit Building Open to Public.

The Ogle County Fairgrounds is located two miles west of Oregon just off Illinois Route 64 on Limekiln Road. Daily admission to the fair is \$10 for individuals five years old and up and includes carnival rides. Carnival times are Wednesday: 6-10 p.m.; Thursday: 5-10 p.m.; Friday: 3-10 p.m.; Saturday: noon-10 p.m.; and Sunday: 11 a.m. to 4



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The 2023 Ogle County 4-H Fair will be held in conjunction with the 169th Ogle County Fair in Oregon. The 2023 4-H Rabbit Show is on Thursday, Aug. 3 at 10 a.m.

p.m. Discounted fair passes are available at Casey's in Ogle County or on the fair website at <https://www.oglecountyfair.com>.

4-H is the youth development program of University of Illinois Extension. If you are interested in learning more about 4-H or want to get involved, contact the Ogle County Extension office at (815) 732-2191 or visit our website at <https://extension.illinois.edu/bdo>.

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## AUCTION: Ogle County 4-H livestock event scheduled for Aug. 15

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A floor price will be set according to the current market trends the day of the Auction. A list of current market prices will be available. Champion and Reserve Champion market animals will be sold first. Pork and lamb carcasses will be sold whole. Beef carcasses will be sold in halves.

Auction order will be Sheep Carcass and Live Sheep, Poultry, Rabbits, Dairy Baskets, Dairy & Meat Goat Wethers, Swine

Carcass and Live Swine, and Beef Carcass and Live Beef. Auction flyers are available in the Ogle County Extension Office and online at <https://extension.illinois.edu/bdo>.

Bidding arrangements can be made for interested parties who are unable to attend. Call the Ogle County Extension Office at (815) 732-2191 for more information.

### Exhibits

Approximately 685 4-H project exhibits and 767 animal exhibits will

be showcased by Ogle County's 300 4-H club members in 12 clubs during the 2023 Ogle County Fair, Oregon, Aug. 2-6. 4-H fairs are held nationally to allow youth the opportunity to exhibit projects that have resulted from in-depth yearlong studies of areas that interest them.

As part of the exhibition, non-animal exhibitors meet one-on-one with project judges to receive feedback about their displays and gather ideas for future project expansion. Animal judging tests 4-H'ers abil-

ities to produce, maintain, and select healthy animals with excellent breeding and market potential. Animal showmanship classes provide 4-H'ers with the opportunities to develop and refine their animal presentation skills.

At the 4-H Fair, competition exists at two levels. 4-H'ers first compete against themselves for exhibit ratings. Every exhibit — animal or non-animal — is assigned a rating of blue, white, or red. Blue ratings are awarded to youth with entries that meet class

guidelines and represent high-quality work. White ratings are assigned when entries do not meet class guidelines or exhibits are of low quality. Red ribbons are assigned for exhibits falling somewhere in between.

Once ratings have been assigned, all the blue award winners compete against one another for the chance to become class champions or overall division winners. A number of blue awarded non-animal exhibits are also selected each year to represent

Ogle County 4-H at the Illinois State Fair. Beyond the competition and learning, the Ogle County 4-H Fair is a celebration! It marks the end of a year of youth development, club and county activities and community service, new friendships and family building.

Many thanks go to the hundreds of 4-H leaders, helpers, fair committee members, judges, auctioneers and supporters who make this annual educational extravaganza possible!



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- 1-Day Admission = \$10
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- 5-Day Admission Pass = \$40

**Regular Grandstand Prices (after gate admission):**

- 1-Day Grandstand = \$10
- Age 4 and under = Free
- 5-Day Grandstand Pass = \$40
- Pit Passes (Wed, Thur, Sat, Sun) = \$20

Discounted Pre-Season Tickets - available until 11:59 pm Tuesday August 1 at all Casey's in Ogle County, thru the website, or using the QR code.



**GRANDSTAND EVENTS**

- Wed 6:30 pm Stock Truck & Tractor Pull
- Thur 6:30 pm Illini Truck & Tractor Pull
- Fri 2:00 & 7:00 pm Big Hat Rodeo
- Sat 6:00 pm Robbo's Extreme Demolition Derby
- Sun 1:00 pm Tri-County Mini Rod Pullers Inc.

**FREE ENTERTAINMENT (With Paid Admission)**

- All Carnival Rides
- Queen Contest
- Antique Tractor Parade
- Chain Saw Artist
- Kids Pedal Pull
- Animal Barns
- Horse Show
- 4-H Children's Farm
- Aussie Kingdom Show
- Rhinestone Roper Show
- Brian Holt Magic Show
- Ta-Da Robots
- Photos with Hawaiian Santa
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## Oregon Avalanche teams compete at Illinois/Iowa State Tournament

The Oregon Avalanche 12U and 14U teams competed at the Illinois/Iowa State Tournament in July. The teams played fantastic against many of the best teams in the Illinois/Iowa region each winning games and competing at a high level. The 12U team is coached by Lynn Kalnins, Gary Young and Mykayla Page. Pictured are the coaches with their team: Bryleigh Reeverts, Avery Young, Abigail Kalnins, Hannah Dinderman, Gabby Burke, Samantha Gray, Madeline Rogers, Mac Heurman, Kimber Eye, Izzy Burke and Emma Flanagan. Younger siblings made the picture including Cara and Jonas Kalnins and Peighton Reeverts. The 14U is coached by Cari and David Berg. The team had an exciting come-from-behind victory at state right before this picture was taken. The team is made up of Alexi Czochara, Chloe Mitchell, Savana Rasner, Abbie Ludwig, Grace Carreno, Addi Truitt, Karley Jones, Lola Schwarz, Isabelle Berg, Shaylee Davis and Lizzy Messenger.

## The Jimmys to play Mt. Morris Band Shell Aug. 4

**MT. MORRIS** — The Jimmys make their triumphant return to the Mt. Morris Band Shell on Aug. 4 at 7 p.m.

One of the hottest tickets on the summer festival circuit and recent recipients of many more Madison Area Music Awards, Jimmy and his stellar group bring their high-energy show back to the Mt. Morris Jamboree for a two-hour performance

starting at 7 p.m.

The Jimmys have been ripping up stages with their unique blend of blues, soul, funk and R&B for 11 years. Award-winning keyboardist/singer/songwriter Jimmy Voegeli has put together an all-star lineup: Perry Weber, veteran blues guitarist/singer/songwriter; Chris Sandoval on drums; John Wartenweiler with his powerful bass lines

and deep groove; Amateur Horn Stars - Pete Ross, saxophone; Mike Boman, trumpet; and Joe Goltz on trombone.

With multiple awards under their belts, and a growing legion of fans, the band will give everyone a good time to remember for a good long time. Get yourself to this next performance and see what all of the fuss is about. Be

sure to arrive early to get a good spot for the night and remember to bring a chair or blanket as the new benches will fill up fast as this band always sets or matches a record attendance for our program. Concessions for the evening will be provided by the LFR Committee, who will be serving sloppy joes, hot dogs, chips and drinks and the Oregon Lion's Club will

be serving their famous, delicious grilled pork chops, brats, chips, water and soda.

Grandpa's and Just 4 Fun ice cream trucks will be there as well as Dynasty Concessions serving lemonade, all starting at 6 p.m.

Ewe and Me Acres will have a fresh produce stand with a variety of fruits, vegetables, baked goods, jams, jellies and dog treats on the campus too, from

4:30-8:30 p.m.

Please 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.

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**730 W. Water, Leaf River \$289,000 Call Rebecca**  
FARMHOUSE WITH 100X80 OUTBUILDING! Plenty of space indoors and out and this property featuring over 3,000 square feet of finished living space with 4+ bedrooms and 3 bathrooms. Main floor has large living and dining room which is open to the kitchen. Along with a mudroom leading into the attached, insulated 2 car garage. Main floor master bedroom along with main floor bathroom featuring a tile shower. Upstairs you will find 3 additional bedrooms along with a large bath and bonus room above the garage that currently serves as a family room and home office that could easily be converted into a 5th bedroom. Located in the Forestville School District, this property has 777 acres and terrific country views. There are several outbuildings on the property including a 10x40 insulated building with a wood burner, 3 phase 480 transformer, 3 power doors and 6 inch thick concrete floors in one section. The barn on the west end of the property had new tin and roof put on 5 years ago. Call today for your showing!

## Foreclosure Numbers Today Aren't Like 2008

If you've been keeping up with the news lately, you've probably come across headlines talking about the increase in foreclosures in today's housing market. This may have left you with some uncertainty, especially if you're considering buying a home. It's important to understand the context of these reports to know the truth about what's happening today.

According to a recent report from ATTOM, a property data provider, foreclosure filings are up 2% compared to the previous quarter and 8% since one year ago. While media headlines are drawing attention to this increase, reporting on just the number could actually generate worry for fear that prices could crash. The reality is, while increasing, the data shows a foreclosure crisis is not where the market is headed.

Let's look at the latest information with context so we can see how this compares to previous years.

### It Isn't the Dramatic Increase Headlines Would Have You Believe

In recent years, the number of foreclosures has been down to record lows. That's because, in 2020 and 2021, the forbearance program and other relief options for homeowners helped millions of homeowners stay in their homes, allowing them to get back on their feet during a very challenging period. And with home values rising at the same time, many homeowners who may have found themselves facing foreclosure under other circumstances were able to leverage their equity and sell their houses rather than face foreclosure. Moving forward, equity will continue to be a factor that can help keep people from going into foreclosure.

As the government's moratorium came to an end, there was an expected rise in foreclosures. But just because foreclosures are up doesn't mean the housing market is in trouble. As Clare Trapasso, Executive News Editor at Realtor.com, says:

"Many of these foreclosures would have occurred during the pandemic, but were put off due to federal, state, and local foreclosure moratoriums designed to keep people in their homes. . . . Real estate experts have stressed that this isn't a repeat of the Great Recession. It's not that scores of homeowners suddenly can't afford their mortgage payments. Rather, many lenders are now catching up. The foreclosures would have happened during the pandemic if moratoriums hadn't halted the proceedings."

In a recent article, Bankrate also explains:

"In the years after the housing crash, millions of foreclosures flooded the housing market, depressing prices. That's not the case now. Most homeowners have a comfortable equity cushion in their homes. Lenders weren't filing default notices during the height of the pandemic, pushing foreclosures to record lows in 2020. And while there has been a slight uptick in foreclosures since then, it's nothing like it was."

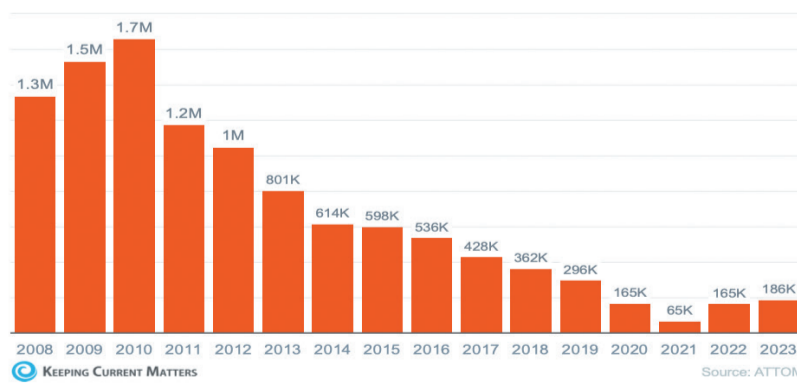
Basically, there's not a sudden flood of foreclosures coming. Instead, some of the increase is due to the delayed activity explained above while more is from economic conditions.

To further paint the picture of just how different the situation is now compared to the housing crash, take a look at the

graph below. It uses data on foreclosure filings for the first half of each year since 2008 to show foreclosure activity has been consistently lower since the crash.

### Foreclosures in the First 6 Months of the Year

Foreclosure Filings (Default Notices, Scheduled Auctions, or Bank Repossessions)



While foreclosures are climbing, it's clear foreclosure activity now is nothing like it was back then. Today, foreclosures are far below the record-high number that was reported when the housing market crashed.

In addition to all the factors mentioned above, that's also largely because buyers today are more qualified and less likely to default on their loans.

### Bottom Line

Right now, putting the data into context is more important than ever. While the housing market is experiencing an expected rise in foreclosures, it's nowhere near the crisis levels seen when the housing bubble burst, and that won't lead to a crash in home prices.



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# LOCAL NEWS

## Bertolet Library News

**Get SSET 4 School**  
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Bring new school supplies to Bertolet Memorial Library now through August 3rd. Markers, glue, calculators, lunch bags, backpacks, and more are all needed to help these students start the school year off on the right track! Distribution will be held in Forreton on August 8th.  
**Pack the Pantry**  
July 13th - August 12th Food is an immediate and tangible way to help

someone. Every donation of food helps. We are collecting donations of unexpired, non-perishable food in jars, cans, and sealed packets for New Life Community Center in Forreton.  
Toiletries are welcome as well. From Summer Reading Program to Create-a-Card, LEGO Club to Mississippi River Life. Bring a food donation when you stop in for a program and help support our local community!  
**YOUTH PROGRAMS**  
**LEGO Club**  
Monday, August 7th, 5:00 PM LEGO enthusiasts are invited to create a work of art from an assortment of provided

bricks. We've had ships, sports fields, and more set out for display from our LEGO patrons creativity. Join us!  
**Mississippi River Life**  
Saturday, August 12th, 10:00 AM The Mississippi River Museum Returns! Mussels, snakes, and beavers: each species has a niche or role in the environment. Through the use of pelts and other hands-on items, participants will explore animals that call the Mississippi River home! All ages, kids and adults, are welcome.  
**ADULT PROGRAMS**  
**Adult Summer Reading Program**  
Adult Summer Reading Program runs June 5th through July 31st. The

more books you read, the better your chances at winning prizes at the end. Goodie bags handed out for signing up while supplies last. Stop by the circulation desk for more information and sign up today.  
**August Take & Make Craft**  
If you're not looking forward to school starting back up, pick up a kit to make a wish bracelet and make a wish to see if summer sticks around. Kits are available at the circulation desk while supplies last beginning August 2nd.  
**August Book of the Month**  
Pheby Delores Brown lives on a plantation awaiting the day she turns

18 and becomes a free woman. Fate throws her a cruel twist and she ends up living as a slave with the jailor of "Devil's Half Acre."  
There she must face the atrocious deeds of the jailor and learn to survive the harshness. A novel about a little known side of slavery and how one woman sacrificed everything to survive. Stop by the circulation desk to pick up your copy today.  
**Create-a-Card**  
Saturday, August 19th, 9:00 AM Getting ready to send your new adult off to college? Prep some cards to help fill those care packages! All supplies included.  
**Plastic Recycling**

We ask that you make sure plastic is clean with no debris in the donation. \*No animal feed bags are allowed\* Also please remove any zip-loc-type seals and paper/sticker labels. Thank you for your cooperation.  
**NEW RELEASES**  
**Adult Books**  
After Death by Dean Koontz  
Must Love Flowers by Debbie Macomber  
**Chapter Book**  
Shannon in the Spotlight by Kalena Miller  
**Picture Books**  
Maggie and Pie and the Perfect Picnic by Carolyn Cory Scoppettone  
Have You Seen My Invisible Dinosaur by Helen Yoon

## Byron Public Library News

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

library? All materials checked out from the Byron Library still have due dates, but the library no longer charges fees for items that are returned or renewed late. Materials that are overdue by 21 days or longer will be billed to your account, and bills will be removed once materials are returned or renewed. Read more and worry less at the Byron Library!  
**Summer Blood Drive with RRVBC**  
Monday, August 7. 1 - 6:00 pm. Join us as we host a community blood drive

in partnership with the Rock River Valley Blood Center. Register for an appointment by calling the library at 815-234-5107 or visiting [https://donor.rrvbc.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/55076](https://donor.rrvbc.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/55076). Walk-ins are also welcome! Prospective donors must be at least 17 years old (16 with parental consent) and weigh at least 110 lbs. It is recommended that donors eat a meal within 3-4 hours before donating and drink plenty of fluids.  
**The Beatles - Their History in One Hour**  
Thursday, August 17. 6 - 7:00 pm. Thanks to a treasure chest of memorable songs and an uncanny ability to chart fresh musical direction with each new album, The Beatles

remain one of the world's most popular and iconic bands. With performance and interview clips we'll trace the arc of the Beatles career from their development in Liverpool, through Beatlemania, into their psychedelic phase and finally their dissolution. "A splendid time is guaranteed for all." Gary has lectured at over 100 libraries across the country. Gary's Beatles presentation was deemed "The Best of The Best" by the Library Administrators Conference of Northern Illinois. Please call 815-234-5107 or visit [Byron.evanced.info/signup](http://Byron.evanced.info/signup) to register.  
**StoryWalks at the Byron Forest Preserve**  
StoryWalks® are

up at the Byron Forest Preserve for another season! Stroll the 1/2-mile Indigo Trail while reading "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.  
**Curbside Delivery**  
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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.  
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**Julia Hull Library News**  
**Storytime at the Library**  
Join us at the library, every Wednesday at 10



a.m., for songs, stories and crafts! Ages 2-5. Space is limited: call to register: 815-645-8611.

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

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

**Teens: Paint & Pizza**  
Stop by the library after school for the ultimate hang out. Get your paint brushes ready for an after-

## Mount Morris Library News

### Summer Reading Program Celebration!

Thank you to everyone who joined in the fun of "Finding Their Voice" throughout our summer reading program! We found out how we can share our voice using music, art, storytelling, community service, theater, gardening, and food! It was wonderful to see you all!

**Story Time!**  
Mrs. Donna will be reading books and children will create a craft this Wednesday, 8/2. Story time is every Wednesday @11:15, bring your little ones to enjoy stories and a craft at the Mount Morris Library!

**Adult Book Club**  
The August book is "The Good Neighbor; The Life and Work of Fred Rogers" by Maxwell King. Everyone is welcome to join this book club group! Copies of the book are available at the library. This group will meet in-person on Monday, August 28th at the library.

### Cookbook Club!

### Oregon Park District

#### Summer Dayz in the Park Canvas Painting

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

#### Buffalo Chicken Cobb Salad

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

#### Camp OPD

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

noon of friends, creativity and pizza (of course)! Friday, August 25 at 3 p.m. Ages 13-18. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

#### Barbie: The History of America's Most Famous Doll

She might be the most famous doll in the world. For more than sixty years, Barbie has been played

with, analyzed, collected, criticized and loved. In this illustrated lecture, historian Leslie Goddard delves into the history of Barbie and her inventor, the passionately creative—and intensely competitive—Ruth Handler.

Learn what inspired Handler to develop Barbie in 1959, how Barbie

helped make Mattel one of the world's most successful toy companies and what Barbie's impact has been on American culture. Monday, August 28 at 6:30 p.m. Call to register; 815-645-8611.

#### Library Renovation Closure

The library's getting a facelift and we couldn't be

more excited! Starting July 20 through July 30, the library will be CLOSED FOR BROWSING to begin a short-term project that includes: new paint, new carpeting, refaced service desk, upholstery and drinking fountain. Renovation will continue through the first 1-2 weeks of August, with limited library ser-

VICES offered, TBA. Please stay tuned to our library Facebook & Instagram for the most up-to-date information. Library programming will continue, as scheduled - with some changes to location, TBA. Program participants will be notified directly of any changes to program meeting locations.

#### Next Meeting September 5th!

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

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

Join us in August to make some lovely 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, August 10th from 5-7! You will get all the materials to make two beautiful cards to take home. Stop by to see the samples, fees are by donation. Registration is limited so call the library or stop by to save your spot before August 3rd!

#### Lego Club!

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

#### Memorial Gifts

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

#### Display Case Showings

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 Avail-

able!

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 Chicago Botanic Garden!

Explore More Illinois, RAILS' online cultural and recreational pass program for Illinois libraries, welcomes its newest attraction, Chicago Botanic Garden in Glencoe!

The Chicago Botanic Garden opened 50 years ago as a beautiful place to visit, and it has matured into one of the world's great living museums and conservation science and learning centers. In caring for plants, we believe that both people and plants thrive. As green space shrinks and lives grow ever more stressful, the Chicago Botanic Garden's role in connecting people to plants is more important than ever.

The Chicago Botanic Garden is offering free

admission for four individuals (adult and children), and free parking for one car. 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](http://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](mailto:mmlib@mtmorris-il.org) or call 815-734-4927.

#### Curbside Service is available!

We want to remind everyone that you still have the option of having

your materials delivered to your vehicle. If you have holds waiting for you, call us to tell us you are on your way, and we will bring them out to your vehicle when you arrive. Call us if you need more information.

#### Additional Services Offered

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

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

The Mount Morris Public Library is located at 105 S. McKendrie Ave. Mt. Morris IL 61054 - 815-734-4927 Fax-815-734-6035 [www.mtmorris-il.org](http://www.mtmorris-il.org)

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.

#### 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!

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

#### Color Run

The Color Run is back!!! Bring your family out for our 1 mile fun walk/run through Park West on Tuesday August 1st at 6pm! This color walk/run themed course will offer multiple color stations along the route. Be prepared to get colorful and messy! All participants registered before July 20th will receive a t-shirt! Final Deadline (no shirt) is July 31st.

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!

#### 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

#### OHS Pre-Season Soccer Clinic

Join OHS Soccer coaching staff and players for a skills based soccer clinic to get you ready for fall soccer games. Coach Larson and Coach Rufer will lead these instructional clinics that will give you hands on practice to perfect your

skills this season. The OHS soccer team will also help players with their skill development. Ages 7-14

All proceeds to benefit the OHS Soccer program. Meet at the soccer fields at Park West

8/5 session- 7-10 yrs- 9-10am \$5/\$6NR- Deadline 8/3

8/12 session- 7-10 yrs- 9-10am \$5/\$6NR- Deadline 8/10

#### Youth Fall Basketball Clinic

This is an introduction to the fundamentals of basketball for both boys and girls ages 4-9 years, instructed by the Oregon High School Girls and Boys Basketball Team.

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**Registration Deadline:** 8/31. Registration fee \$30/\$36 NR

**Wisconsin Sheep and Wool Festival**

Calling all fiber artists! Join us on this bus trip to the 21st Annual Wisconsin Sheep and Wool Festival at Jefferson County Fair Park in Jefferson Wisconsin, on Saturday September 9th.

Enjoy the Country Store, which has over 120 vendors. There are also youth activities, sheep shows, dog trials, competitions, and so much more! Admissions to the festival is an additional \$10, cash only. You can also sign up for one of their classes for an additional fee to the festival, which last year included, knitting, spinning, weaving and crochet. For more information on the classes and festival, go to [www.wisconsinssheepandwoolfestival.com](http://www.wisconsinssheepandwoolfestival.com).

Registration fee includes transportation to and from the festival with a pick up/drop off at the Nash Recreation Center and additional pickup near Hwy 39 and 251. Fee \$15/\$19NR Deadline 8/30.

## Oregon Library News

**Adult Summer Reading Program**  
Through August 11<sup>th</sup> 2023. Follow us on Facebook, join our e-newsletter and visit our website for more information about programs. All brain game packets and book logs must be turned in by the end of the business day on August 11, 2023.

**2023 Summer Reading Program**  
Find Your Voice! June 1- July 28. The summer reading program is officially over, but we still have plenty of books

eager to be checked out. Participants who completed their goals will be contacted when prizes are available to be picked up. Thank you to everyone who participated in the program and especially the parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and others who assisted the kids in completing their goals.

**We will continue I Spy Hunt in the Library!**  
(3yrs. & up) through August 16<sup>th</sup>. 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 Story Time**  
(18 months-6 yrs.) at 10:00 am through August 7. Stories, crafts & fun!

**Calling all local authors!!! Local Author Open Mic Night**  
Wednesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**Stateville Calling: Screening and Discussion**  
Wednesday, August 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. Is rehabilitation a right? Stateville Calling is an Emmy-nominated documentary exploring parole reform and the struggle of aging incarcerated people in Illinois. A screening of the documentary will be followed by a panel discussion with the Illinois Prison Project's Community Navigators and Ambassadors, a team

of formerly incarcerated people working to transform Illinois' criminal legal system. Registration required (815) 732-2724 or [www.oregonpubliclibrary.com](http://www.oregonpubliclibrary.com).

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

\*\*Ink with A Friend Monthly Card Club\*\*  
Monday, August 21<sup>st</sup> 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.](http://www.oregon-</a></p>
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## AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

### BYRON

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

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

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

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

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

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

### CHANA

**CHANA UNITED METHODIST**  
Pastor Josh Brown, 606 Main Street, Chana, IL 61015. Church office 815-732-7683. (E-mail address: [chanamc@gmail.com](mailto:chanamc@gmail.com) Adult & Children's Education 9:00 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion celebrated the first Sunday of each month. At Chana Church you will find Open Hearts-Open Minds-Open Doors.

### DAVIS JUNCTION

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

### DIXON

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

### FORRESTON

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

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

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

### LEAF RIVER

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

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

### LINDENWOOD

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

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

### KINGS

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

### MOUNT MORRIS

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

### EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH OF MT. MORRIS

102 S. Seminary Ave., Mt. Morris, IL 61054 815-734-4942 [www.efcmm.org](http://www.efcmm.org)  
Senior Pastor: Bruce McKenna. Sunday Schedule: 8:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages. 9:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship. 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship with Childcare and Children's Church.

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

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

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

### OREGON

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### POLO

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

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

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

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

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

### STILLMAN VALLEY

**RED BRICK CHURCH OF STILLMAN VALLEY**  
Pastor Rev. Dr. Chris Brauns | Associate Pastor David Bogner  
207 W Roosevelt Road (Rte 72), Stillman Valley.  
815-645-2526 | [www.theredbrickchurch.org](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/VECCFSV](http://facebook.com/VECCFSV)  
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.graceforayou.com](http://www.graceforayou.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

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Whether you're a new card maker or a seasoned pro, our kits are suited to every skill level. Don't wait! Sign up today to reserve your spot. Oregon Patrons only. Registration required (815) 732-2724 or www.oregonpubliclibrary.com

**Produce Swap**  
August 22<sup>nd</sup> from 10am – 6:00pm. Food Swaps are local gatherings where people swap excess homegrown produce and gardening extras. Items may include fruit, vegetables, herbs, eggs, seeds, seedlings, gardening tips and worm juice, but may easily

extend to skill shares, stories and seasonal recipes. Take some, leave some or both! Have too much in your garden, bring to the library for others to enjoy. Food can be brought in beginning at 9:00am through 4:00pm. Any food left at 6:00pm will be donated to local pantries.

**Wizard of Oz-themed Mystery Dinner Event**  
Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. Doors open at 5:30pm, show starts promptly at 6:00pm. Held at River's Edge and catered by Hazel's. This event was scheduled the year of COVID and we are excited to bring it back! Mystery dinner tickets are on

sale at the Library. Enjoy an evening of mystery and try to solve the case of the missing Ruby Slippers! For more information call (815) 732-2724, visit our website or Facebook page.

**Book Clubs**  
The 2WBC Book Club meets August 9, at 12:30 pm to discuss Left Behind by Tim LaHaye. The Afternoon Book Club meets Wednesday, August 16 at 1 pm to discuss A Tale for the Time Being by Ruth Ozeki. Cocktails & Crimes will meet Sunday, August 20 at 2pm at Cork n Tap. Is This Just Fantasy? Book Club will meet August 22 at 6 pm at the Library to discuss Ninth

House by Leigh Bardugo. Books on Tap Book Club meets Thursday, August 24 at 6 pm at Cork & Tap to discuss Horse by Geraldine Brooks.

**Yoga- Wednesdays, 9:30 am**  
Functional Yin-Yasa - This class is a hybrid of yang (active yoga) with yin (passive yoga). We will use fundamental yoga postures combined with functional movements to build strength and warmth followed by passive, long held poses to help with flexibility and mobility of the joints and soft tissues. A yoga mat and blocks will be useful props for this class! All

levels welcome." Oregon Library Patrons only. Registration required, this class fills quickly. Please call (815) 732-2724 or visit www.oregonpubliclibrary.com.

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

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

**OPLD Dial-A-Story & Oregon Public Library StoryWalk @ Oregon Park West**  
Call 815-732-2724, follow the prompts and presto...a story! Current story- There's a Dragon in Your Book by Tom Fletcher. Current story at the StoryWalk is Time to Roar by Olivia A. Cole

## Rock River Center Activities

Rock River Center is a resource center located at 810 S. 10th Street, Oregon. Do you need help with Benefit Access Application for a license plate discount, Medicare, housing, homemaker service, heating assistance or other things? Our Information & Assistance Specialists are available at various locations throughout Ogle

County. Our activities and trips are open to all ages. Call our office at 815-732-3252 with any questions. Visit us on the web at www.rockrivercenter.org and like us on Facebook.

**Yoga with Jen**  
Aug 4, 18, and 25. 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.. \$5 per class. Registration and Payment required prior to class. Call 815-732-3252 to sign up.

**Chair Yoga with Jen**  
Aug 4, 18, and 25. 11:15 – Noon. \$5 per class. Registration and Payment required prior to class. Call 815-732-3252 to sign up.

**Stroke Awareness & Living Heart Healthy**  
Presented by RCH Cardio/Pulmonary Staff. August 14. 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Registration requested by August 10.

# DIRECTORY OF AREA HUMAN SERVICES

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



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The Klotz Barn, 16355 Keslinger Road in Maple Park, is featured on the ninth annual DeKalb County Barn Tour on Aug. 12. This farm was purchased by current owner Brad Cessna's great grandfather Edwin Klotz in 1920.

## 9th annual DeKalb County Barn Tour arrives in August

DEKALB—Every barn has a unique story to tell. It's waiting to be discovered during the annual DeKalb County Barn Tour!

The ninth annual barn tour will take place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 12, in the Pierce Township area. This unique event allows visitors to take in the history, sights and sounds of DeKalb County's historical farmland. This opportunity to tour local barns is sponsored jointly by and benefits both the DeKalb Area Agricultural Heritage Association (DAAHA) and the J.F. Glidden Homestead and Historical Center in DeKalb.

The self-driving event includes a guided tour at each of seven barns: Whiskey Acres, Faivre Barn, Klotz Barn, Pritchard Farm, Johnson Barn, Wicked Witch Pottery Barn, and the Hepler Barn. Admission is \$40 per carload. Visitors

can move at their own pacing, and photography is encouraged.

"The DeKalb County Barn Tour is a must-do of the summer," said Jessi Haish LaRue, Glidden Homestead executive director. "Come out and enjoy a beautiful day exploring the best of DeKalb County's agriculture and architecture."

The souvenir guidebook, which serves as your ticket, can be purchased on the day of the tour at the starting point, Whiskey Acres, 11504 Keslinger Road, DeKalb, or in advance online at dekalb-countybarntour.com. Tickets purchased online can be redeemed at the starting point. Illinois artist David Alan Badger has once again provided hand-drawn sketches of each of the seven barns for the guidebook, which also contains a history of each barn, a map of

locations, a list of activities at each site, and educational articles about barns.

Besides a guided tour of each barn, events include a geo-caching activity, a children's activity tent, and information on the Glidden Homestead, DAAHA and the North Grove School Association. Various vendors will sell a variety of unique wares, including local soap and honey, engraved stones, pottery and items from The Country Store Thrift Shop. Ironwork made by volunteer blacksmiths from the Glidden Homestead will also be available for purchase.

"What a wonderful day to get out and see how beautiful DeKalb County is," said Sue Breese, Barn Tour committee member. "Enjoy learning about farming in 2023 and the 'out of the box' thinking that it takes to run a successful farming operation."

**WORLD FAMOUS AMBOY DEPOT DAYS  
CAR SHOW COMMITTEE  
50/50 DRAWING**

**2022 Winner - \$99,430**

**This year we are giving away \$2,500 Cash Prizes to 4 Winners!**  
(Winners need not be present to win)

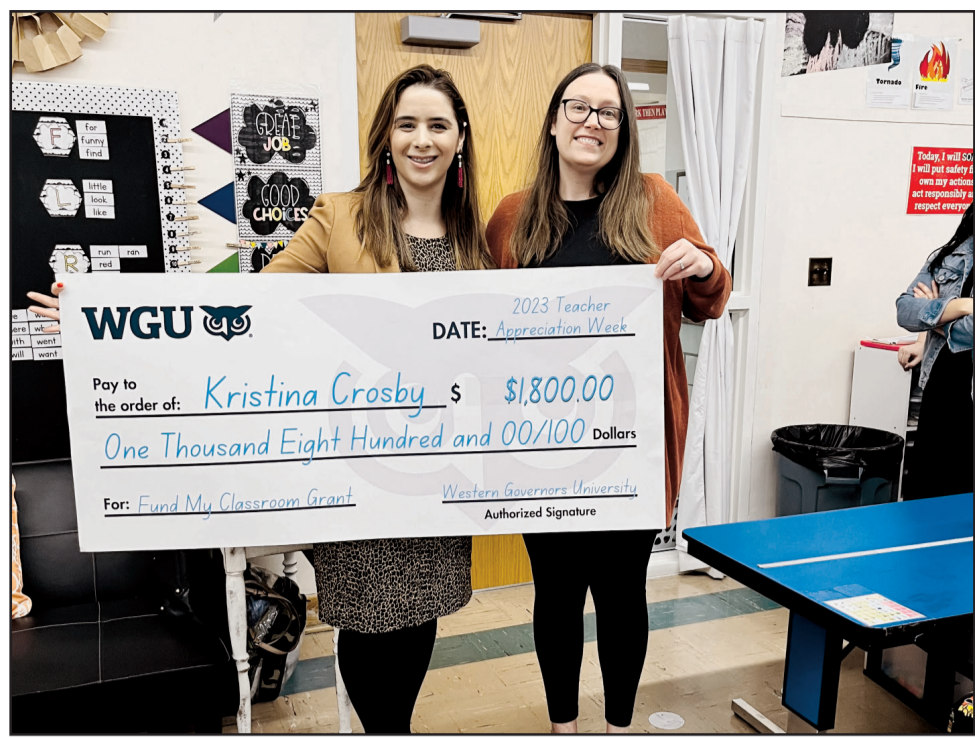
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**Get your tickets NOW from any of the following 21 locations: \$1 each or 6 for \$5**

<p>Ticket sales will end on Saturday at noon, at the Ashton, Dixon, Ohio, Franklin Grove and Sublette locations.</p> <p>Most Amboy locations will sell tickets until noon on Sunday.</p> <p>Tickets may also be purchased at two locations on Main Street during Depot Days festivities each evening &amp; all day on Sunday.</p> <p>Drawing Sunday, Aug. 27 after the Car Show Proceeds to benefit Community Projects</p> <p><b>f</b> For more information, check out Amboy Depot Days 50/50 Drawing on Facebook</p>	<p><b>AMBOY:</b> The Last Alarm Jones Berry Lumber The Long Branch Saloon Two Sisters on Main Depot Tap Shell Expresslane The Bears Den The Mower Shop Revolution Wellness Pine View Campground Mendota Hills Campground Green River Oaks Campground</p> <p><b>DIXON:</b> Shamrock Pub</p>	<p><b>SUBLETTE:</b> Sublette General Store Sublette Saloon Vaessen Bros. Chevrolet, Inc. Local Cup &amp; Cake</p> <p><b>ASHTON:</b> Ashton Auto Repair</p> <p><b>FRANKLIN GROVE:</b> Rev on 38 Rooney's</p> <p><b>OHIO:</b> Harry's Pub &amp; Grub</p>
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# LOCAL NEWS



(COURTESY PHOTOS)

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## Ogle County teachers receive grants from Western Governors University

**OREGON** — Two teachers in Ogle County were recently awarded grants through Western Governors University's (WGU) "Fund My Classroom" initiative. Kristina Crosby, a kindergarten teacher at Oregon Elementary School in Oregon, received a \$1,800 grant that will be used to purchase flexible seating options and create a calming corner in her classroom, while Gina Cole, a science teacher at Polo Community High School in Polo,

received a \$525 grant to purchase a lab kit needed to create a DNA editing lab in her classroom. Crosby and Cole learned they were selected for the grants on May 9 and 11, respectively, when they were surprised with

check presentations at their schools. With the \$1,800 grant Crosby received, she aims to create a more engaging and supportive learning environment for her young students, many of whom have diverse learning

needs. By adding flexible seating to her classroom—consisting of four wobble stools, four accordion stools, four active seating exercise balls and a set of stackable stools—her kindergarteners will be able to choose seating

options that cater to their individual learning preferences. A calming corner will create a safe space for students to regulate their emotions and practice self-reflection.

See WGU page 10

## Weekly Brain Busters

### King Crossword

**ACROSS**

1 Breath fresheners  
6 Jazzy style  
9 Monk's title  
12 Pub perch  
13 Greek H  
14 Yank's foe  
15 Very beginning  
16 Difficult  
18 Imam's place  
20 Conks out  
21 Fluffy scarf  
23 Drone  
24 Leans  
25 Has  
27 Monastery VIP  
29 Past  
31 Restitution  
35 Travel papers  
37 Nickelodeon's "Explorer"

**DOWN**

1 Flavor enhancer, for short  
2 Mineral suffix  
3 A few  
4 Takeout request  
5 Wade through mud  
6 Render senseless  
7 Oklahoma tribe  
8 Bit of butter  
9 Delicate  
10 Stopwatch button  
11 Void  
17 Redacted  
19 Campus areas  
21 Short 'do  
22 Have debts  
24 Male turkey  
26 Part of USSR  
28 No-frills  
30 Kibosh  
32 Never  
33 Hosp. work-

ers  
34 Enervate  
36 Extraterrestrials  
38 De Mille of dance  
39 Whips  
40 Japanese bedroll  
42 Advantage  
45 It gets in the whey  
46 Hindu royal  
48 Regret  
50 Belly  
51 Farm pen

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### MAGIC MAZE ● WORDS WITH A POP

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

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

- Lollipop
  - Pop-top
  - Pop-up
  - Popes
  - Popeye
  - Popgun
  - Poplar
  - Popover
  - Poppy
  - Popsicle
  - Popular
  - Populate
  - Population
  - Populism
  - Populist
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### Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

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!

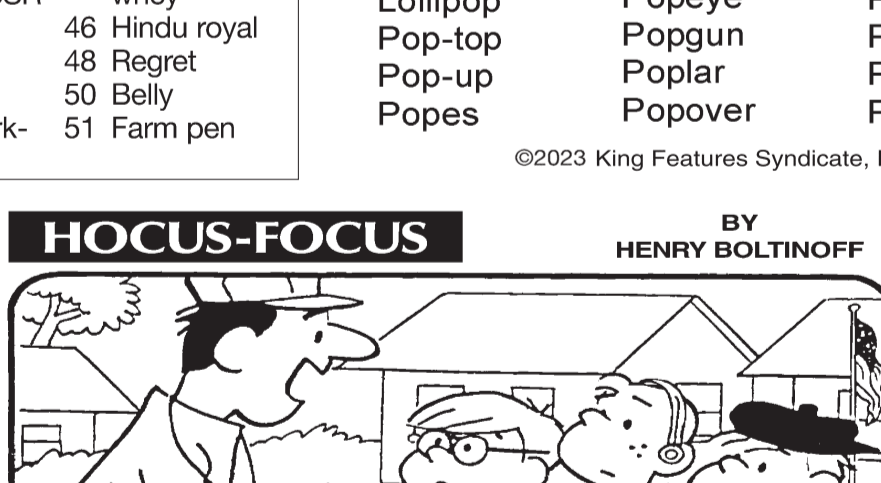
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### HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Whistle cord is shorter. 3. Stripe is different. 3. Book is missing. 4. Headset is missing. 5. Frog is missing. 6. Flagpole is missing.

Answers to King Crossword

Solution time: 26 mins.

Answers to Words with a Pop

Answers to Weekly Sudoku

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

# Classified Marketplace

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## 101 LEGAL NOTICE

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Public Notice is hereby given that on July 6, 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:  
**Music Together Bloomington**  
3959 E. Mockingbird Lane  
Byron, IL 61010  
Dated July 6, 2023  
Laura J. Cook, Ogle County Clerk  
No. 0728  
(July 17, 24 and 31, 2023)

SCI Rolling Meadows LLC  
4989 N. US RT. 251  
Davis Junction IL 61020  
1.815.200.1229  
No. 0730  
(July 17, 24 and 31, 2023)

**NOTICE**  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LOIS A. LINTS, Deceased  
No. 2023 PR 40  
CLAIM NOTICE  
NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of Lois A. Lints of Oregon, Illinois. Letters of office were issued on June 30, 2023 to Graeme A. Lints of Oregon, Illinois, whose attorney is Douglas P. Floski, of Floski Law Office, LLC, at 220 W. Third Street, P. O. Box 1007, Byron, Illinois, 61010-1007.

CLAIMS against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court at Ogle County Judicial Center, 106 South 5th Street, Oregon, Illinois, 61061, or with the representative, or both, within 6 months from the first publication of this Notice, or within three months from the date of mailing or delivery of Notice to creditors, if mailing or delivery is required by Section 18-3 of the Illinois Probate Act, 1975, as amended, whichever date is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of claims filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the estate legal representative and to the attorney within 10 days after the claim has been filed.  
GRAEME A. LINTS  
Independent Administrator  
No. 0731  
(July 17, 24 and 31, 2023)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Notice is hereby given by the Forrestville Valley School District #221, in the Counties of Ogle and Stephenson, State of Illinois, that the tentative budget for the 2023 - 2024 school year will be on file and conveniently available for public inspection by contacting the Forrestville Valley District Office at (815) 938-2036 from 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. each weekday the office is open from July 31, 2023 until September 20, 2023. Notice is further hereby given that a public hearing on said budget will be held at 6:30 p.m. on September 20, 2023 at Forreston Junior/Senior High School.  
No. 0749  
(July 31, 2023)

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

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**  
STATE OF ILLINOIS  
SS  
COUNTY OF OGLE  
Public Notice is hereby given to all persons in Pine Rock Township that a Public Hearing will be held Thursday, August 24, 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 July 10, 2023 of Rocky & Janet M. Sofolo Trustees, 4243 E. Pine Rock Rd., Oregon, IL for an Amendment to the Zoning District to rezoning from AG-1 Agricultural District to R-1 Rural Residential District on property described as follows and owned by the petitioner(s):  
Part of the Northwest Quarter (NW1/4) of the Northwest Quarter (NW1/4) of Section 8 Pine Rock Township T23N, R11E of the 4th P.M., Ogle County, IL, 5.39 acres, more or less  
Property Identification Number: 17-08-100-014  
Common Location(s): 4000 Block of E. Pine Rock Rd.  
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 10th day of July 2023  
No. 0752  
(July 31, 2023)

**NOTICE**  
TO:  
Cora N. Hartzell  
108 Azalea Ave.  
Davis Junction IL 61020  
Date of Notice: July 7th 2023  
You are notified that SCI Rolling Meadows LLC has declared that a certain mobile home 1990 Vin# 245786 located at 108 Azalea Ave Davis Junction IL 61020 is an abandoned mobile home within the meaning of the Abandoned Mobile Home Act. Unless all delinquent monies owed \$5110.00 are paid and electric and water service restored to this mobile home within 30 days of the date of this notice, SCI Rolling Meadows LLC shall remove and dispose of the mobile home, and it shall be disposed of or sold at public auction free and clear of any existing liens.  
If you have any questions regarding this notice, you should contact the following person:  
Cecilia Raza  
SCI Rolling Meadows LLC  
4989 N. US RT. 251  
Davis Junction IL 61020  
1.815.200.1229  
No. 0729  
(July 17, 24 and 31, 2023)

**NOTICE**  
TO:  
Torey Hensley  
114 Loraine Dr.  
Genoa IL 60135-1144  
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## 103 AUCTIONS

**PUBLIC AUCTION**  
To settle the Estate of Leslie Mullins Jr., we will offer the following Farm Equipment, Household and collectables at public auction live, on site & on line. Several Farm Equipment pieces will be on line as well, starting at 12 Noon. The sale is located at **6772 County Line Rd. Paw Paw, IL 61353** on  
**Saturday, August 12th 2023**  
10:00 a.m.

**Auctioneers Note:** This auction features equipment and tools from Les's farming operation along with several generations of collectibles and household items. This will be a live, onsite auction at the farm. There will also be live internet simulcast bidding on select machinery items at EquipmentFacts.com. Visit our website for full info and photos at bearrows.com. There will be something for everyone. Lunch available and comfort station.

**Farm Machinery:** (Selling at approx. 12:00 p.m.), **John Deere 6030** #033944, 1973 model, Cab, syncro, 3pt, 3 remotes, 24.5-32 rears, with clamp on duals, 9967 hours; **John Deere 6620 Combine** #456559 shows 3044 hours, hydro, chopper, spreader; **John Deere 444 Corn head 4 row 38"**; **John Deere 216 platform**, 16'; **EZ Trail 672 Head cart; Avco / New Idea 708 Uni system** w/ 838 uni-husker corn picker and 841 4 row 36" corn head - corn head has a gear box out; **John Deere 4010 diesel** #39439 nf, syncro, 2 remotes, 540 pto - not running; **International 350** utility, wf, w/ loader and manure forks- not running; **Machinery: 2- Case IH 5100** 12' soybean special grain drills with tandem hitch assembly, grass seed, and markers; Brillion SG-1 20' soil finisher w/ 5 bar drag; JD 14' disk, 9" spacing; Glencoe 30' field cultivator w/ 3 bar drag; Kewanee 20' disk, 9" spacing w/ buster bar; Krause 25' disk, 9" spacing; Glencoe Soil Saver 11 shank disk chisel plow w/ drag; JD 7000 8 row straight bar pull type planter, 36"; JD 101 30' planter trailer; JD Van Brunt model B grain drill, 12' w/ grass seed 2- 4 row wide JD front mount cultivators; 3 single mulcher sections 2- 6' and 1- 8'; JD 14' 3pt double rotary hoe; Glencoe 8r 36" cultivator; JD 5 bottom semi mount plow; JD 4-14' trailer plow; JD 145H 4 bt semi mount plow; Oliver pull type 13' field cultivator; 4 section drag on cart; M&W 200B gravity wagon; EZ Flow gravity wagon on 1065 JD gear; DMI side dump gravity wagon; Several running gears in various conditions; King Kutter 4' 3pt rotary mower; 6' rotary mower; Peerless roller mill; New Holland 469 9' Haybine; New Holland 451 sickle mower 7'; Case IH 8430 round baler, twine; NH 78 square baler; NH 256 rake; steel wheel rake; JD #15 flail chopper 5' cut; Knight live bottom barge box; South east 3pt quick hitch; Little Giant conveyor 8' flat, 8' incline, 4' rise; 1986 Ford F-700, gas, 123k, w/ 14' box, not running, box floor in poor condition; 1989 Bonanza steel, gooseneck stock trailer, 16', single slam, poor floor and tires. **Compact Tractor, Mower, Tools, and Farm Items:** John Deere 2210 compact tractor #215197, 954 hrs, diesel, MFWD, hydro, 3pt, 540 pto includes JD 62" deck and Woods 1005 loader w/ 4' bucket; Cub Cadet Z force zero turn mower w/ 50" deck; Bolens Huski walk behind tractor w/ disk, plow, and field cult attachments; Dalton Type "B" metal lathe; Sun Battery starter/tester; 7" metal band saw; flare box A frame; Contintal 4000 shop hoist; Linowelder 225 gas generator / welder - not running; Continental 30 Ton shop press; Sears 1000lb engine stand; craftsman riding mower; 10" radial arm saw; Chicken plucker; chicken feeders; assorted hand and power tools; assorted misc parts and farm items. **Household & Collectibles:** There will be a large quantity of usual household items including antiques & collectables. Vist our web site www.bearrows.com and click on the Auctionzip link.  
**Consigned by neighbors:** Farmall C Tractor, nf, w/ belly mounted blade; IH 430 baler; New Idea 2 row pull type corn picker; Case 580L Loader / Backhoe, 3890 Hours, MFWD, Extend-a-hoe, 4 speed shuttle shift, Cab w/ heat, 81" loader bucket and 22" backhoe bucket, 19.5-24 rears, 12-16 fronts.

**Estate of Leslie Mullins Jr. - Paw Paw IL**  
Leanne Dickson, Owner

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**'Anna & the Stanley Nelson Estate Auction'**  
SAT., AUG. 12th - 10 A.M.  
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**AUCTION**  
After a lifetime of farming, Bill has decided to retire. This clean line of well maintained, low hour machinery will be sold at public auction located at **2887 E. Brick Road, Oregon, IL 61061.**  
**Directions:** East of Oregon, IL on IL 64 approx 1.7 miles OR West of I 39 on IL 64 for approx. 12 miles to German Church Road, then north .9 miles to E Brick Road (turn left). Watch for Auction signs.  
**SATURDAY, AUGUST 12, 2023**  
Will start on Live Auction at 10:00 AM with online bidding for machinery at 11:00 AM.  
Online Bidding available through EquipmentFacts [www.EquipmentFacts.com](http://www.EquipmentFacts.com)  
For registration questions, please contact EquipmentFacts at 908-788-2025 or Braydan Beiswanger at 260-760-4036.  
Online Buyer Premium 4.5% charged. Live Simulcast bidding day of sale and prebidding available ahead of auction.

**TRACTORS—COMBINE**  
JD 8120 MFWD, quick hitch, 3 SCV, dual PTO's, 18.4x46 tires & duals, frt wghts, 2423 hrs, (#RW8120P011604); JD 7420 MFWD, 20 sp power quad, 3 hyd outlets, 3pt, front fenders, frt wts, 2225 hrs, (RW7420R046976); JD 9560 STS combine, 8.1 eng, Contour Master, Green Star, reverser cooler, bin ex, auto greaser, 2169 eng hrs, 1583 separator hrs, combine has been thru JD shop every season (#HO9560S715739); JD 693 corn head, Calmar knife rolls, Rollacones, header height sensor, stalk stompers (#H000693X700588); Kory head cart; JD 625F hydra flex platform, full finger (#H000625F706442); Unverferth HT25 head cart.

**MACHINERY**  
Kinze 2200 planter, 12-30", hyd fold, flex, trash wheels, coulters, Precision corn & bean meters, ins (#545774); JD 750 drill 15', dolly wheel, markers, 2 hyd cylinders, drag, no grass seed, (#N00750XO21055); C-IH 4200 soil finisher 21', 7 1/2" spacings, 8 bar drag, (#JAG0690415); IH 475 disk 21', hyd fold, 7 1/2" spacings; JD 510 disk chisel 5 shank; Lindsey 24' drag cart; JD 400 Rotary hoe 15'; JD RM 6-30" cultivator; Miller Pro sprayer, 1000 gal, 60' hyd fold boom, rinse tank, hyd pump; Raven 440 control; Farm Rite 1000 gal poly tank, water pump on running gear, JD 535 round baler, net wrap, 540 PTO; NH 489 haybine (#47487); JD 702 8 wheel rake w/kicker; J&M 250 gravity box, hyd auger on Electric 5026 gear; Killbros 1800 grain cart, scale, tarp, 30.5x32 tires, top boards, 540 or 1000 PTO, auger fighting replaced (#B19890126); 2 J&M 385 gravity boxes on HD gears, rear brakes; J&M 350 gravity box on Kory 2780 gear; EZ Flow 450 gravity box on EZ Trail 1580 gear, brakes; DMI 300 bu gravity box & gear; BFI gravity box on 335A gear; Palco 6 bale wagon w/dolly wheel; hayrack on JD 1065 gear, tongue ext; Westfield 10"x31' auger, w/10 hp 3ph motor; Hutchinson 10"x71' PTO auger w/swing hopper, hanging bearings, HD fighting; Mayrath 8"x71' PTO auger; Mayrath 8"x41' PTO auger, plastic hopper; Bush Hog 3pt rotary mower 6'; approx 3 racks of misc items including extra tires & rims, 3/4" elec drill, Stihl & Farm King chain saws, assorted mixed tools, moisture testers.

**BILL LUEPKES—OWNER**  
815-732-6439—CELL 779-200-5228  
PLEASE CALL BEFORE 7:00 PM

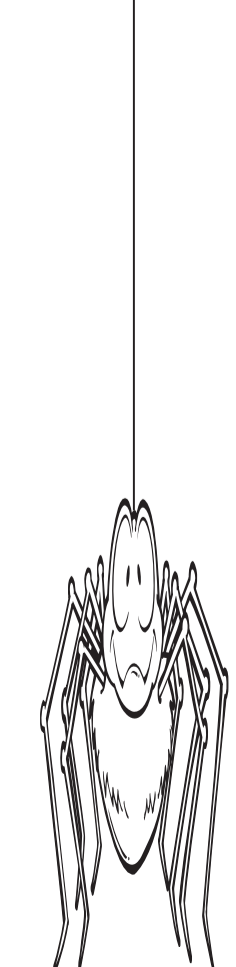
2010 JD 9770 combine, 3470/2390 hrs, (S#1H09770SJA0738149), 20.8X42 duals, 28L-26 rear tires, Estes concaves, 26' unload auger, extra bin ext, Contour Master, 4WD, Lincoln greaser, well maintained; 3pt blade w/hyd tilt & angle. Contact Dan Luepkes 815-739-7002.

**Auctioneers:** Polo, IL 61064  
Lenny Bryson (IL#0440000158) 815-946-4120  
Mark Ebert (IL#0440000341) 815-946-2809

**Clerks:** Public Auction Service  
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# LOCAL NEWS



## Oregon Park District offering Art in the Park on summer Wednesdays

The Oregon Park District is offering Art in the Park every Wednesday this summer. This program is free of charge through E.D. Etnyre & Co. Registration is required for the program. Join the Oregon Park District to get creative this summer at Art in the Park on Wednesdays anytime from 9-11 a.m. To register visit [www.oregonpark.org](http://www.oregonpark.org) or call 815-732-3101.

## WGU: Ogle County school teachers receive grant funding

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With the help of the grant received from WGU, Crosby plans on filling the calming corner with two cozy beanbag chairs, social-emotional and feelings posters, fidgets, an "I Feel" dry erase board and breathing posters. She believes adding these resources to her classroom will allow her students to thrive academically and develop essential social-emotional skills. The \$525 grant Cole received will be used to purchase a lab kit for her classroom, allowing students in her high school science classes to explore the exciting field of biotechnology by genetically modifying organisms in the lab. This hands-on experience will provide a unique opportunity for

students to learn about DNA editing and its real-world applications.

The innovative classroom projects are among 22 across Illinois chosen by WGU to receive funding. The nonprofit, fully online university issued a call in early March for K-12 teachers across the state to nominate proposed classroom projects by April 14 for the opportunity to receive full or partial funding through its "Fund My Classroom" initiative. Nearly 80 nominations were received statewide. Most grants were awarded during Teacher Appreciation Week, which ran from May 8-12.

"We received so many great nominations this year, and we are thrilled to be able to fund dozens

of innovative projects that will play a role in setting up our children for success later in life," Dr. Terrance Hopson, regional vice president of Western Governors University, said. "K-12 teachers are often limited by the costs associated with providing impactful educational learning and end up spending money out of their own pockets. The 'Fund My Classroom' initiative is an opportunity for us to help make a difference in classrooms across the state and show appreciation for our teachers, who work tirelessly to educate young minds."

To learn more about the "Fund My Classroom" initiative and the work WGU is doing to help teachers advance their careers, visit [wgu.edu](http://wgu.edu).



## Plachno graduates from Augustana College

Patricia Plachno from Polo graduated cum laude from Augustana College with a degree in communication sciences and disorders with minors in English and creative writing. Patricia is the daughter of Larry and Nancy Plachno of Polo. She attended Polo schools and graduated from Polo Community High School in 2019, ranking third in her class. While at Augustana, she was active in several areas. Patricia served as president of the multicultural dance troupe, was an officer of the Chi Omega Gamma Sorority, was an officer of the Asian student organization and was an officer of the Filipino student organization. In addition, she was a reading/writing peer tutor, a linguistics and a communication sciences and disorders tutor, the lead of the diversity task force and served as the marketing director and graphic design head for the office of student life. She plans to continue with graduate studies in her specialty.

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