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The Oregon Park District has released a new bike trail map after working with VOP and the City of Oregon. **Section B**

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CMAAA holds ribbon cutting ceremony

Grand opening celebrated on July 14 in downtown Oregon

BY GEORGE HOWE
CORRESPONDENT

OREGON — The Coliseum Museum of Art, Antiques and Americana (CMAAA) Foundation held a grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony Friday, July 14 in downtown Oregon. Several hundred guests wandered in and out of the six beautifully-constructed galleries where they were treated to a variety of exhibits in both 2 and 3D which included acrylic, ceramics, charcoal, china glass, mixed media, oil, pen, pastel, photography, sculpture, water color and wood.

A two-piece band "New Shoes" serenaded the visitors with soft sounds while two tables of delectable hors d'oeuvres and desserts were available for the choosing provided by Jen's Artisan Breads. Ogle County Brewery offered libations, which most art lovers enjoyed sipping on a red or white while possibly deciding to purchase



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a creation with well over 100 to choose from.

A video presentation highlighted the rich history of the building which was built in 1922 and officially opened in January of

1923. Through the years, the structure has been used for everything from supper to basketball games, roller skating and flower shows. Oregon Mayor Ken Williams was the first

to welcome the crowd and said that this has been a long time coming.

"It's been six years since talks first began about this project," Williams said. "The private

foundation had a vision and presented it to the city and now you look around and see it come to life. It's a proud moment."

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County board hears solar project presentation

Concerns raised Tuesday over alleged animal abuse at rodeos

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

OREGON — At its monthly meeting Tuesday, the Ogle County Board heard a presentation from Stateline Solar Chief Technology Officer Kenji Grahame reflecting on its solar panel installation project atop the Ogle County Judicial Center. The project spanned 18 months and consists of about 280 solar panels. The array is now operational. Grahame said the panels are all Canadian Solar 450-watt panels and each is bifacial, to receive sun on the front side and from any reflection off the roof of the Judicial Center.

"It could potentially produce more than what we're anticipating it to, that's kind of what we're hoping for," Grahame said. "We're anticipating that it will save you on average about \$1,000 a month to



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begin with on your electric bill. It covers the judicial center annex as well as the courthouse, so it's pushing

energy to both and covering about 30 percent of your total energy consumption." Grahame said that over

the 25-year lifetime of the panels, they should save the county about \$450,000 in electric costs. He later said

the panels have a warranty of 30 years.

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LOCAL NEWS

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 169th 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.

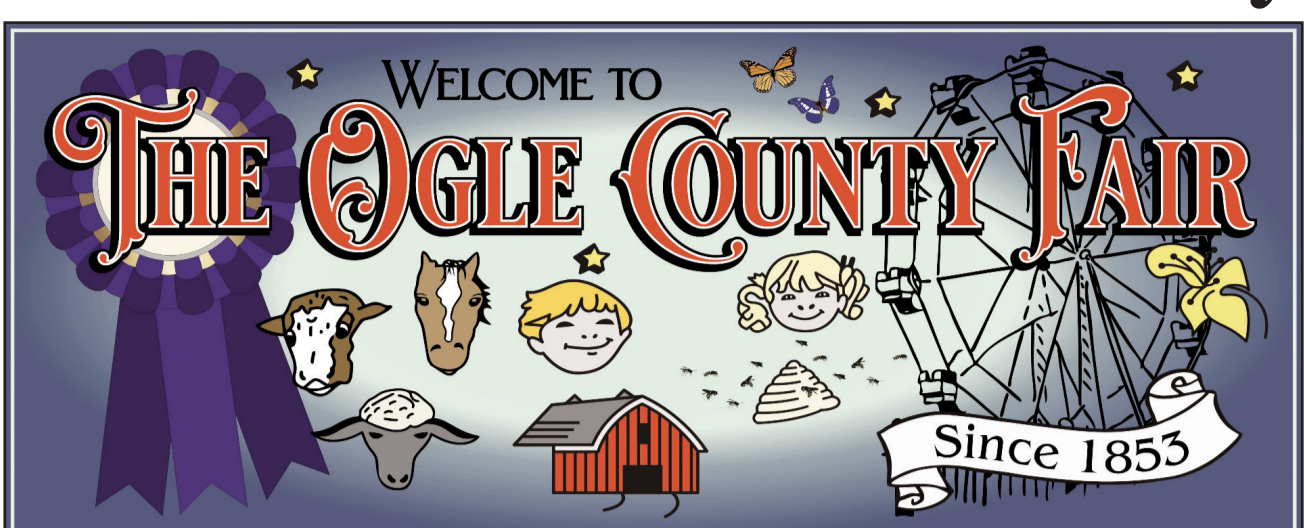
The fair's \$10 admission fee includes not only the free ground shows, entertainment and exhibits, but also unlimited carnival rides. Ages 4 and under get in free but will need to purchase a \$5 wristband to ride at the carnival. Carnival rides are open Wednesday 6-10 p.m., Thursday 5-10 p.m., Friday 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. 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 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



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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 demolition 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 entertainment, 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.

ByronFest Cacciatore Quilt Show winners named

BYRON — The ByronFest Cacciatore Quilt Show was held July 7-9 at the Byron Museum of History. The Quilt Show Committee is happy to announce the ribbon winners and to thank everyone that entered a quilt or volunteered in order to make this quilt show possible.

Every year we are amazed by the creativity and handiwork of the people that display their quilts and fabric art in Byron. Items were selected for awards by a judge and viewers voted on their favorite to win a "People's Choice" award. First place winners received a blue ribbon and cash prize.

After careful deliberation, the judge has selected the following quilters as award winners in their category:

First Place Winners by Category

Hand-Quilted Quilt: Judy Hill Stran; *Sun Bonnet Sue*. Machine-Quilted Quilt: Caryl Brix; *Lucy Boston*. Commercially-Quilted Quilt: Phyllis Campbell; *Knitted Star*. Hand-Quilted Wall Hanging: Eunice Daer; *Carpenter Star*. Machine-Quilted Wall Hanging: Caryl Brix; *Hope Journey*. Commercially-Quilted Wall Hanging: Mary Daniel; *Snowy Stars*. Wearable Art: Kathy Lonergan; *Daisies, Daisies*. Fabric Art: Miriam Bruening; *Beautiful Day in the Country*.

Second Place Winners by Category

Hand-Quilted Quilt: Judy Hill Stran; *Kaleidoscope*. Machine-Quilted Quilt: Rhonda Schroeder; *Around the World*. Commercially-Quilted Quilt: Phyllis Campbell; *Sea Glass*. Hand-Quilted Wall Hanging: Eunice

Daer; *Church Ladies*. Machine-Quilted Wall Hanging: Miriam Bruening; *Around and About*. Commercially-Quilted Wall Hanging: Phyllis Campbell; *Pineapple Delight*. Wearable: Kathy Lonergan; *Purple Flowers*. Fabric Art: Caryl Brix; *Pinwheel Spin*.

Third Place Winners by Category

Hand-Quilted Quilt: Iris O'Hare; *Boston Commons*. Machine-Quilted Quilt: Iris O'Hare; *Road to Kansas*. Commercially-Quilted Quilt: Eunice Daer; *Paths of Faith*. Hand-Quilted Wall Hanging: Eunice Daer; *Patriotic Gnomes*. Machine-Quilted Wall Hanging: Linda Egeland; *Wolf*. Commercially-Quilted Wall Hanging: Jennifer Newcomer; *Christmas Sampler*. Fabric Art: Linda Egeland; *Handkerchief*



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Pillow People's Choice Awards

Favorite Quilt: Judy Hill Stran; *Sun Bonnet Sue*. Favorite Wall Hanging: Linda Egeland; *Wolf*.

Favorite Fabric Art: Miriam Bruening; *Beautiful Day in the Country*.

The Byron Museum of History is dedicated to preserving Byron's rich history through exhibits,

programs and artifact preservation. Built in 1843 for the Read family by Pardon Kimball, the house was a focal point in early Byron.

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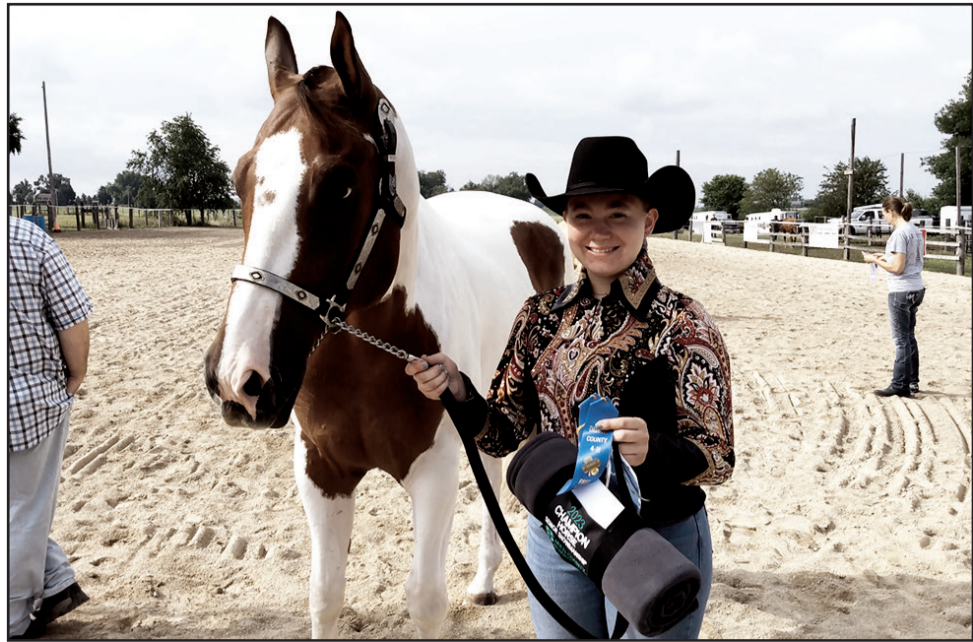
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LOCAL NEWS



(COURTESY PHOTOS)

This year's multi-county 4-H horse show was held at Amber Sun Acres in Malta on Saturday, July 8. Ogle County 4-H member, Molly Ziegler and Addison Yordy, Ogle County, with her horse and award, are seen above.

Local 4-H youth take home awards at horse show

OREGON — This year's multi-county 4-H horse show was held at Amber Sun Acres in Malta on Saturday, July 8. This is the sixth year that Ogle and DeKalb counties held a combined show. Sixteen 4-H members competed in the show. Results are listed below.

Champion Junior Showmanship- Addison

Yordy, Ogle. Reserve Champion Junior Showmanship- Addison Diehl, Ogle. **Champion Senior Showmanship-** Molly Ziegler, Ogle. **Reserve Champion Senior Showmanship-** Hannah Treme, DeKalb. **Grand Champion Horse at Halter-** Adalyn Bocker, Ogle. **Reserve Champion Horse at Halter-** Lily Hongsermeier,

Ogle. Junior Grand Champion Performance Horse- Adalyn Bocker, Ogle. **Reserve Junior Grand Champion Performance Horse-** Addison Yordy, Ogle. **Senior Grand Champion Performance Horse-** Molly Ziegler, Ogle. **Junior Grand Champion Horsemanship-** Addison Diehl, Ogle. **Reserve Junior Grand Champion**

Horsemanship- Adalyn Bocker, Ogle. **Senior Grand Champion Horsemanship-** Molly Ziegler, Ogle. **Junior Equine Sportsmanship Award-** Alyse Roger, Ogle. **Reserve Junior Equine Sportsmanship Award-** Piper Johnson, Ogle. **Senior Equine Sportsmanship Award-** Hannah Treme, DeKalb. **Reserve Senior**

Equine Sportsmanship Award- Molly Ziegler, Ogle. **Junior Performance High Point Award-** Addison Yordy, Ogle. **Reserve Junior Performance High Point Award (tie)-** Alyse Roger, Ogle and Brynjar Huss, DeKalb. **Senior Performance High Point Award-** Molly Ziegler, Ogle. **Reserve Senior Performance High Point**

Award (tie)- Hannah Treme, DeKalb and Lexi Suddeth, DeKalb. **Junior Horse Speed Award-** Addison Yordy, Ogle. **Reserve Junior Horse Speed Award-** Tessa Bruns, Ogle. **Senior Horse Speed Award-** Lexi Suddeth, DeKalb. **Reserve Senior Horse Speed Award (tie)-** Hannah Treme, DeKalb and Molly Ziegler, Ogle.

Jeanne Renee (Minervino) Scholl

POLO — Jeanne Renee (Minervino) Scholl, 83, of Polo went to be with the Lord on July 16, 2023, surrounded by her loving family. Even though our sadness is immense, we take comfort in Jesus' promise of eternal life. She is dancing with the angels and back with her best friend and partner, Tom.

Jeanne was born July 24, 1939 in Chicago. She graduated from Mt. Morris High School in 1957. She married Dennis Newcomer and following his death married Tom Scholl on Aug. 26, 1962, who preceded her in death in 2007.

She was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Polo. Through the years, Jeanne was active in Beta Sigma Phi, Jaycettes, PEO and the Ogle County Women's Republican Club. She was an Ogle County election judge and completed Tom's term on the Ogle County Board following his untimely death.

Jeanne was an amazing cook and baker. On the farm, she fueled the men, who fueled the tractors, that tilled the ground. She found joy in working in her yard and was skilled at keeping

the landscape beautiful. She was an avid reader with a particular interest in books pertaining to our nation's history. She was proud to be a Republican and was patriotic to her core. She found ironing relaxing, so needless to say, everything in the house was wrinkle free. She held a special place in her heart for her St. Mark's Lutheran Church family. Volunteering came easy to her, and she often participated in many church activities. Above all, her greatest joy was spending time with her family. Our hearts are broken but are filled with memories that will sustain and lift us as we live life on earth without her.

Our family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the staff of Morningside of Sterling-Memory Care and the care team from VITAS for the exceptional care they provided for our mother. They served her with such dignity and treated her as if she was their own. We will be forever grateful for their guidance, reassurance and hugs.

Jeanne is survived by her children: Terry Newcomer of Mt Morris, Susan (Mike) Connell of Iowa,



Paula (Kevin) Humphrey and Jeanna (Gary) Fulrath of Polo; grandchildren: Erin, Bryan, Dillon, Ashlan, Kristin, Joshua, Shawn, Ty, Scott, Amie, Erica, and Thomas; great-grandchildren: Kellan, Jaxson, Hayden, Claire, Chloe, Graham, Brody, Carson, Nola, Olive, Corbin, Hadley, Brayden, Elizabeth, Caroline, Joleen, Addison, and Jackson; two siblings: Joan (Rick) Nelson of Clare and Paul Minervino.

A memorial visitation will be held Saturday, July 29 from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, located at 201 N. Division Ave, Polo, with a memorial service to begin at 10:30 a.m. followed by a luncheon. A graveside service at Fairmount Cemetery will conclude the services at 1:30 p.m. In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established to St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Polo.



(COURTESY PHOTO)

The ByronFest Cacciatore Quilt Show was held July 7-9 at the Byron Museum of History. Linda Egeland's Wolf won Favorite Wall Hanging and third place in her category.

SHOW: Local artists awarded for quilts

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The museum also features local history exhibits and the historic Read House, including Albert G. Spalding, Underground Railroad, Byron schools, farming,

outhouse archeology, local railroad, clamming on the Rock River and more. Hours: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday. Learn more about volunteer opportunities by calling the Byron Museum at

815.234.5031, or sending an e-mail to director@byronmuseum.org.

The Byron Museum of History is located at 110 N. Union St. in Byron, Illinois, 61010. Our website address is www.byronmuseum.org.

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LOCAL NEWS

Obituaries

Kevin R. Unzicker

OREGON — Kevin R. Unzicker, age 73 died Thursday, July 13, 2023 in the early morning hours. He was born on May 1, 1950 at Deaconess Hospital in Freeport the son of Paul and Jean (Schreiner) Unzicker. During his life Kevin enjoyed working on computers, playing pool and spending time in the company of animals. He was a devoted family man which included his cat. Kevin was also a member of the Masonic Lodge. He is preceded in death by his parents Paul & Jean and his brother Harold Unzicker.

Kevin is survived by his son Marshall (Katie) Unzicker of Mt. Morris; daughter Kelly (Brian) Broederdorf of Woodstock; step-son Keith (Kari) Feggstad of Caldonia; step-daughter Mel (Al) Noon of Oregon; former wife/friend Linda Monigal of Mt. Morris; sister Sandy (Bob) Czarnowski of Rockford; nephews Matthew and Simody Czarnoski; and grandson James. Visitation services are to be held on Wednesday, July 19, 2023 from 10 to noon at Farrell Holland Gale Funeral Home of Oregon, IL.



Masonic services are scheduled for Wednesday, July 19, 2023 at Farrell Holland Gale Funeral Home of Oregon, IL starting at noon followed by a memorial service with Pastor Nathan Massie officiating.

To leave an online condolence please visit www.farrellhollandgale.com

David Duane Kruse

LEAF RIVER — In Loving Memory of David Duane Kruse also known as Dave or Davey by beloved friends.

David Duane Kruse, aged 76, passed away peacefully in the loving arms of his daughter, Shannon, on Sunday, July 16, 2023. Born on Dec. 19, 1946, David's life was a testament to courage, creativity, and selflessness.

For the past decade, David valiantly battled cancer, facing its challenges with unwavering strength and grace. He was preceded in death by his parents, Harry and Virginia Kruse, as well as his beloved wife, Shirley Kruse.

David was a man of immense talent and passion, leaving an indelible mark on the worlds of art and design. He graduated from Kendall College of Art and Design in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and later from Rock Valley College in Rockford. As a Sergeant in the U.S. Air Force, he served his country with honor and dedication for a total of seven years, stationed across the nation.

Throughout his life, David pursued his creative calling as a graphic designer, painter, and artist. His passion for creativity knew no bounds, and he delighted in expressing himself through painting, photography, and various outdoor activities like kayaking and hiking. He found joy in exploring the beauty of nature, and his zest for life was contagious to all who knew him.

Into his retirement years, David continued

to make a profound impact by dedicating himself to a life coaching ministry. Countless individuals benefited from his guidance and wisdom, and he remained an inspiration to the young and old alike.

His faith in Jesus was an integral part of his life, and he actively served at his beloved church, Venture Church in Dallas, North Carolina. With boundless compassion, David embarked on several mission trips to Peru, where he helped build churches and wells, providing vital access to clean water for those in need.

David is survived by his loving brother, Paul Kruse, who is married to Rita Kruse, along with their extended family members. David cherished the bond he shared with his brother and found comfort in the support they provided each other throughout their lives. The memories they created together will forever hold a special place in the hearts of those who knew them both.

David's greatest source of pride and joy were his children, Shannon Zittle (married to Scott Zittle) and Tamra Brinkmeier (married to Charley Brinkmeier). He adored his grandchildren, Gabrielle Zittle (Married to Kevin Stephens), Rebecca Dauterman (Married to Jordn Dauterman), Garrett Zittle (Married to Jennifer Zittle), Greyson Zittle (Married to Abigail Zittle), Destiny Dawkins-Zittle, Bryanna Soto, and Haylie Zittle. His great-grandchildren,



Charley Brinkmeier and Porter Zittle, brought him immense happiness and a sense of continuity.

David Duane Kruse's life was marked by love, service, and creativity. He leaves behind a legacy of compassion and inspiration that will be cherished by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

A celebration of David's life will be held at Venture Church in Dallas, NC on Wednesday, July 19, 2023, at 3 pm ET. Additionally, an additional memorial service will take place at Leaf River Baptist Church in Leaf River, IL on Tuesday, July 25, at 5:30 pm CT.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee. This choice reflects David's unwavering passion for helping others and directly supports Luke Stephens, the nephew of Kevin Stephens and Gabrielle Zittle, who is a survivor of Neuroblastoma. Your contribution will make a significant difference in the lives of children battling serious illnesses.

"Death is not extinguishing the light; it is only putting out the lamp because the dawn has come." - Rabindranath Tagore

Gerald (Jerry) Lehrke

FREEPORT — Gerald (Jerry) Lehrke, 82, passed away on July 15, 2023 at Swedish American Hospital after a short illness. He was born Aug. 20, 1940 in Oregon at the old Oregon Hospital on north third street to William and Stella (Morgan) Lehrke. He attended Oregon High School and enlisted in the Army in 1959 where he was a lineman. He was honorably discharged in 1961.

He married Jeri Zoeller on Jan. 11, 1964 at the Oregon Methodist church. He worked at Kable Printing from 1961 to 1975 and had various other jobs in sales and construction. He especially enjoyed fixing up houses. One of them

was an old school house on Brick road east of Oregon. He also spent many weekends attending auctions, trying to find a bargain to restore and resell.

Jerry is survived by his wife Jeri, son Jeff (Kate) Lehrke of Oregon, twin daughters Janet (Phil) Platz of Oregon and Julie (Tim) Border of Mount Morris, grandsons Stephen, Joshua, Andrew and Jarod, granddaughters Sarah and Kyla, great grandson Dexter and nephew Dana Horst of Iowa. He is predeceased by his parents William and Stella and sister Sandra.

A memorial service will be held on Wednesday July 26, 2023 at 1:00 P.M. in Finch Funeral



Home, 405 East Hitt, Mt. Morris, IL. Visitation will be held from 12:00 P.M. until service time in Finch Funeral Home.

The family would like to express gratitude to Dr. Shaikh at the FHN Cancer Center, FHN Memorial ER, and Swedish American Hospital Cardiac Care unit for the exceptional care they provided.

To share a memory or condolence, please go to www.finchfuneral.com

Eleanor T. Bonte

FREDERICKTOWN, M.O. — Eleanor T. Bonte, age 91, passed away on Friday, July 14, 2023 at the Ozark Manor in Fredericktown, Missouri. She is the widow of John F. Bonte. The couple had resided in the Byron and Oregon area for many years.

Eleanor was born on Aug. 11, 1931 in Long Branch, New Jersey. She is the last survivor of seven children of Howard and Marie (Maltby) Mount. Eleanor was employed many happy years in Rockford as Executive Secretary to the President of the Mechanics Division of Borg Warner Corporation. She was an active member of the Elim Reformed Church of Kings.

She served as a member and officer of the Ladies Aid Society; she was also a volunteer of the Oregon Serenity Hospice and Home. Some of Eleanor's favorite pastimes were reading, knitting, and writing poetry and short stories. Some of these short stories and poetry have been published.

She was predeceased by her husbands Spencer J. Blanchard and John F. Bonte, also predeceased by her daughter Teresa K. Blanchard and son S. Craig Blanchard. Survivors include her daughter-in-law Joanne Blanchard of Fredericktown, Missouri, granddaughter Carrie Edwards, great granddaughters Jessica Camling



and Rebecca Marchal, grandsons Mathew Webster and Mark Webster, special sister-in-law Leta Woolbright, and many nieces and nephews. A private graveside service will be held at the Ebenezer Church Cemetery.

Please make any memorial donation in memory of Eleanor to the charity of your choice. Visit www.farrellhollandgale.com to leave a condolence or memory of Eleanor.

Gregory 'Greg' E. Ebens

OREGON — Gregory "Greg" E. Ebens, 64, lifetime area resident, passed away Saturday, July 15, 2023 at KSB Hospital in Dixon. Born June 30, 1959 in Dixon, the son of Donald E. and Leatha A. (Huffman) Ebens. Greg graduated Oregon High school in 1977 before moving to college where he gained an Associates Degree in the Agriculture field.

After college he worked with his father, farming the family farm. He also spent some time working at HA International in Oregon. Greg was a devoted father to his son Michael. The two would always be caught fishing and

traveling together. Greg loved life with his friends and family, always making sure to spend time with his buddies and his mother.

Greg will be missed dearly, and will always hold a special place in the hearts of the lives he touched.

He is preceded in death by his father Don, son Michael, grandparents Glenn & Verda Huffman and John and Mildred Ebens, his uncle John, and one of his best friends Robert Smith (Smitty).

Greg is survived and missed by his loving mother Leatha of Oregon; brother Jeff (Starla) Ebens of Waukesha, Wisconsin; his dog Shelby of Chana;



and many Cousins, Aunts, Uncles and dear Friends.

At this time no services are scheduled, however, a Celebration of Life in his honor will be held at a later date. Memorials are established in his name and may be directed to the family.

To leave an online condolence please visit the obituary at our website at www.farrellhollandgale.com

Wendy Jean Goodwin

OREGON — Wendy Jean Goodwin, age 72, died Tuesday, July 11, 2023 at OSF St. Anthony medical Center in Rockford. She was born April 11, 1951 in Dixon, the daughter of Raymond and Marilyn (White) Morris.

She graduated from Oregon High School in 1969. Wendy had previously worked at Conover Square restaurant in Oregon and also the Oregon Health Care Center. Her hobbies included reading, shopping, gambling, scratch off cards, and her

window plants.

She was predeceased by her parents. She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law Allen (Christine) Goodwin of Dixon, grandchildren Alicia Goodwin, Zachary (Kelli) Goodwin, and Maegan (Forrest) Goodwin-Hlad, sister Marlene Walters of Albany, three step grandchildren Layla, Timmy, and Nicky Person, nephews Larry, Danny, and Jimmy Walters, two great granddaughters Gracelynn and Madison Estes, two great grandsons



Zachary Goodwin, Jr. and Jaxson Goodwin.

No services are planned at this time. A memorial fund is established in Wendy's name and may be directed to her family. Visit www.farrellhollandgale.com to leave a condolence or memory of Wendy.

Clint Dietrich

MT. MORRIS — Clint Dietrich passed away on Thursday July 13, 2023. Although he struggled with addiction he will be remembered for his casual witty humor.

He loved the outdoors spending many years

Trapping, Hunting, Fishing and just being outside. Survived by Son Brandon Dietrich, Daughter Lexis Dietrich Special Friend Sondra Hicks, Brother Jeff (Karen) Dietrich, Sister Janell (Jim) Miller. Grandchildren Mason Dietrich & Mia Dietrich.

Six nephews & Nieces 10 great nieces & Nephews.

Preceded in death by Parents Russell & Jane (Kielsmeier) Dietrich. Private (by invite only) services will be held Saturday July 22 @ 10:00 am Plainview Cemetery. Memorial to be established

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LOCAL NEWS

BOARD: Departmental ARPA funding requests approved Tuesday evening

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“With all the incentives that are available to you right now, it should return its investment for you guys in under 10 years,” Grahame said.

Board Member Don Griffin thanked Grahame and Stateline Solar for their work on the project.

“It’s been quite a project here with trying to get the supplies and inverters,” Griffin said. “We powered through it and this was the last part of the Judicial Center project. We built this building and we really appreciate that you were able to finish that for us.”

Rodeos

During the public comment portion of the meeting, the board heard concerns from Mike Kobliska, a Grundy County man, regarding “gross abuse of horses and steers” that he said is happening in Ogle County at Mexican-style rodeos.

Kobliska is a member of the organization Showing Animals Respect and Kindness. He said his organization has taken drone video of the rodeos and is seeking to stop it.

“These rodeos consist of one event, steer tailing,” Kobliska said. “Where a steer is forced to run along the wall and a contestant runs up alongside them and grabs the steer’s tail and pulls them around. Steers can’t run sideways or backwards any better than we do, so they crash to the ground. This is cruel and very dangerous



(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)

The solar project spanned 18 months and consists of about 280 solar panels. Stateline Solar Chief Technology Officer Kenji Grahame said the panels are all Canadian Solar 450-watt panels and each is bifacial, to receive sun on the front side and from any reflection off the roof of the Judicial Center.

for the steers. We’ve used drones to video document animals being abused in clear violation of state humane laws at these events, including an event last weekend in Rochelle.”

Kobliska also said steers are jabbed with electric prods that are banned in American-style rodeo and are run much more than in American-style rodeo and are left to suffer without “any veterinarian care at all.” He also claimed that horses are beaten and whipped at rodeos in Ogle County.

“I hope the board will look into this issue and take quick action,” Kobliska said. “All of these abuses violate the Illinois Humane Care for Animals Act.”

County Board Chairman John Finrock said the rodeos in question have not been granted any

permits or licenses by the county and said that he wasn’t aware they were taking place in the area.

Ogle County Sheriff Brian VanVickle said his office typically finds out about the rodeos after the fact, and deputies responded to one of them over the weekend involving a large fight and shots fired.

“It’s just outside the city limits south of Rochelle,” VanVickle said. “It’s be-

tween the City of Rochelle and Lee County. It’s a place we’re not normally at because it’s very difficult. But I wasn’t aware of this and we will definitely look into this. It’s obviously inappropriate.”

The board unanimously approved requests by county departments for use of federal American Rescue Plan Act funds

totaling \$35,641.16. The long-range planning department requested \$537.66 for the Judicial Center solar project, the zoning department requested \$2,722.50 for county training and the sheriff’s office requested \$32,381 for Motorola body cameras. The money for the body cameras will be reimbursed from future grant funds once they are received.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

July 27: Loaves & Fish Food Pantry alongside Northern Illinois Food Bank is hosting a Mobile Food Pantry on Thursday, July 27 from 10-11:30 a.m. The truck will be located at Mt. Morris Church of the Brethren, 409 W. Brayton Road, Mt. Morris. Food is distributed on a first-come, first-served basis, while supplies last. Food is free to neighbors in need; no ID, proof of address or income is required.

Loaves & Fish Food Pantry is located on the lower level of the Mt. Morris Church of the Brethren,

409 W. Brayton Road, and is open on the first and third Thursdays from 3:30-6 p.m. and second and fourth Mondays from 2-4:30 p.m. Anyone experiencing food insecurity is eligible to receive food. You do not need to have a referral, and no proof of income is required. If you have any questions, call 815-613-8776 and leave a message.

LOTS reminder: On the second Monday of each month, LOTS (Lee-Ogle Transportation System) and Loaves & Fish Food Pantry will provide

free transportation to the pantry. The next LOTS day is Monday, Aug. 14. Anyone living in Mt. Morris or Leaf River who does not have transportation can schedule a ride with LOTS to and from Loaves & Fish Food Pantry free of charge! You must call LOTS (815-288-2117) to schedule a ride at least three days business days ahead (in August call by the Aug. 9 to schedule a ride).

July 29: Come and join us at Byron’s Hairy Cow Farmers Market on Saturday, July 29 from 8

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

For more information or to become a vendor, please contact Taryn Bradley at (815) 985-6042, by email at craftlab23@gmail.com or at the Byron’s Hairy Cow Farmers Facebook page.

Aug. 2-6: An Antique Tractor and Implementation Show will take place Aug. 2-6 at the 2023 Ogle

County Fair.

The Antique Tractor and Implementation Show will be the opening event at the 2023 Ogle County Fair. The show will start with The flag-raising ceremony and a tractor drive at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 2 followed by the Ogle County Fair Queen Pageant at 5:30 p.m.

The Tractor display will be on the grounds from Wednesday, Aug. 2 through Sunday, Aug. 6. Exhibitors are asked to register and be in place by 4 p.m. on Aug. 2.

Each participant in the show who brings a tractor or Implement to display will receive a dash plaque in recognition of their participation. For more information see the Ogle County Fair website.

Aug. 6: The 20th Music in Ropp Park will be on Sunday, Aug. 6, at 6 p.m. This is a free, fun and family-friendly event. Food booth available on site. Bring a chair. Ropp Park is located at 205 E Pershing in Stillman Valley. Food stand available on site. For more information call 815-645-2492.

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MOMENTS IN TIME

ON July 31, 1703, author Daniel Defoe (Robinson Crusoe) was placed in a pillory after being found guilty of seditious libel for publishing a politically satirical pamphlet, but instead of mud or rotten food (or even worse), he was pelted with flowers, while his friends sold copies of the pamphlet nearby.

* On Aug. 1, 1971, race car legend Richard Petty won the Dixie 500 in Atlanta, Georgia, and became the first NASCAR driver to score \$1 million in career earnings.

* On Aug. 2, 1909, the centennial year of Abraham Lincoln's birth, the U.S. issued the Lincoln penny, designed by Victor David Brenner. It was the first widely circulating design of a U.S. president on a coin, an idea that had in the past been seen by George Washington as too reminiscent of monarchy.

* On Aug. 3, 2004, the pedestal of the Statue of Liberty reopened after being closed for safety and security improvements following the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on New York City's World Trade Center. The remainder of the statue stayed closed until July

4, 2009, when the observation deck in the crown was reopened to visitors chosen hourly by lottery.

* On Aug. 4, 1964, the bodies of civil rights workers Michael Schwerner, Andrew Goodman and James Chaney were discovered in a partially constructed dam near Philadelphia, Mississippi, after disappearing more than a month before. Before their bodies were found, outrage over the KKK-perpetrated murders aided passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

* On Aug. 5, 2013, the first lab-grown hamburger, made from taking cow cells and turning them into the strips of a muscle, was cooked and eaten at a news conference in London, England. Tasters remarked that while it lacked some of a conventional burger's juiciness, the flavor and texture were fairly similar.

* On Aug. 6, 1916, watermelons proved to be a major problem for Army officials in El Paso, Texas, to the point of actually being banned. Since their thick rinds couldn't be burned or properly disposed of, they drew a plague of flies, which military experts warned could breed disease.

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Kern: Fair time around the corner

FAIR time is just around the corner. The Ogle County Fair starts Aug. 2 in Oregon. There's plenty to do and enjoy for the whole family. Here's just a partial line-up of the entertainment this year.

August 2-6: Wednesday, August 2: Queen Contest, Illinois State Pullers. Thursday, Aug. 3: Illinois State Pullers. Friday, Aug. 4: Big Hat Rodeo. Saturday, Aug. 5: Demo Derby. Sunday, Aug. 6: Tri-State Pullers. Free shows daily include: Robot Show, Chainsaw Artist, Magic Show, Roping Show, Aussie Animal Show.

The Ogle County Farm Bureau Young Leaders will again host their Battle of the Barns at the Ogle County Fair. The competition will be accessible in the Exhibit Building from Wednesday through noon on Sunday. Folks are asked to donate canned goods that will be collected and distributed to local food pantries in Ogle County. There are tubs available so you can place your canned goods to support your favorite fair barn. The goods in each tub will be totaled and the barn with the most donations will receive \$1,000 from the farm bureau for barn improvements. Cash donations payable to the Ogle County Farm Bureau will also be accepted. Any donations received will also be disbursed to local food pantries.

The American Farm Bureau Federation signed a memorandum of understanding with CLAAS of America, providing even more farmers and ranchers the right to repair their own farm

equipment. The MOU follows similar agreements AFBF entered with John Deere, CNH Industrial Brands (which includes Case IH and New Holland), AGCO and Kubota. Combined, the five MOUs cover approximately three quarters of the agricultural machinery sold in the United States.

The memorandum of understanding with CLAAS demonstrates AFBF's continued commitment to ensure farmers have access to the tools they need to keep their farms running and America's families fed.

Farmers and ranchers are more dependent on technology than ever before and they asked us to find a private-sector solution to the right to repair issue. This agreement is another step toward guaranteeing timely repairs for farmers regardless of the equipment they use.

The agreement creates a framework for farmers and independent repair facilities in all 50 states and Puerto Rico to access technical manuals, tools and product guides to self-diagnose and self-repair machines, while respecting intellectual property and legislated legal requirements of the manufacturer. It also reconfirms the ability to lease diagnostic tools, purchase products and parts from CLAAS dealers.

"All the political angst and moral melodrama about getting 'the rich' to pay 'their fair share' is part of a big charade. This is not about economics, it is about politics." -Thomas Sowell

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

Memories of kids marching in the halls

I tried to make it a habit, in my days as a school psychologist, to observe children in the halls during passing times whenever I could. This was especially entertaining when the youngest students — kindergarten through second — came by, bringing with them smile-provoking scenes of cuteness and mischievousness.

Some dutifully followed like ducklings in a row close behind their teacher. Others dawdled and allowed gaps to open up between themselves and those ahead. A few engaged in horseplay and failed to maintain a straight line. A surprising number of the children, always boys, trudged or shuffled with untied shoelaces flopping on the ground, and yet somehow never fell on their faces. Often girls and boys whom I did not know would smile at me or wave and I would respond in kind.

Here, I thought, in this parade of innocence and hope, go future doctors, workers, homemakers, teachers — the stone and mortar of a strong and good society. But here among them also march another cohort of a darker tomorrow, those who will bring pain and loss to others and to themselves. We like to think that we can guide all children into the first trajectory and away from the second, but, for some of them, something like destiny may be at work.

That possibility, fraught with meaning for parents even more than for educators, comes easily to mind when I think of a boy whom I'll call Jason. I met him as a second grader, a vigorous, sturdy boy with alert brown eyes. Upon seeing me in the halls, he would greet me with delight and come to me with a big smile and an affectionate hug. Perhaps he was drawn to me because I was one of the few males in the building, a surrogate for his missing father who was doing time in an out-of-state prison. Jason and his father had little contact with each other, but I noticed that he mentioned his father's life in prison with a tone of approval, as if it were a desirable career path in Jason's eyes.

Perhaps it should be no surprise, then, that students and aides complained of Jason's bullying and mind games on the playground, and that in the classroom he drew teachers into contests for control, engagements that he often won and appeared to enjoy. Punishments and rewards had little effect on his relentless rule-breaking and intimidation.

His testing of the rules and quest for dominance

did not apply to me, however, perhaps because I was a male and yet not a disciplinary figure. I suspect that in Jason's eyes my maleness made me a symbol of power, something that he would want to be associated with. As we met in my office one day, he noticed that a teacher's car sat in my usual parking spot outside my window. Incensed at this apparent infringement of my prerogatives, Jason immediately set to making a poster that he taped to my office window. With underlining, exclamation points and blunt language, the poster proclaimed that this was Mr. Harp's parking space, and that teachers were to stay away.

I watched Jason's progress through the following years, and had direct involvement with him off and on. He became less open to influence from adults, more of a problem, more uncontrollable with each year. Even the junior high principal, a former Marine captain with impressive skills at intimidation, failed to subdue his disrespect for authority.

His mother demanded that the school send him to the county-wide behavior disorder program, and he himself repeatedly expressed a desire to go there. Finally, in junior high school, he got his wish. After that, I saw little of Jason until the end of his senior year, when the behavior disorder program conducted his final annual review meeting. He was involved with the legal system and the odds were that he would be sent to the state prison for juveniles.

When it was my turn to speak, I looked at Jason and, aiming to avoid ineffectual pleading, made a stab at understatement. I know the path you're on, and I don't agree with it," I said dryly, and then described the dead end that awaited him. Others joined in, but our words fell on barren soil. Jason smiled in a self-satisfied way and didn't bother to argue. It was clear that he was looking forward to prison, perhaps seeing it as a rite of passage, like boot camp for a Marine recruit. I often wish that I could somehow have turned our early relationship toward something better for Jason, but it is, I think, not a realistic sentiment. Even when Jason was a second grader hugging me in the halls, I sensed that the twig had been bent and would not be straightened.

Just as a twig grows in the quest for light, so it was that another student in Jason's school — let's call her Nancy — reached for a different sun. I met her when she was in the special education preschool pro-

gram, and watched as she progressed through the following years. Nancy was a little elf, short, thin and frail-looking, with pale skin, reddish hair and a thready voice. She followed the rules and worked hard in spite of her lack of aptitude. I rarely saw her smile.

Her mother could have passed for a hippie from the long-ago '60s, with her long reddish hair, often braided into pigtails, and accessories like boots and headbands — an attractive young woman with a cheerful, carefree air. Optimistic to a fault, she had no doubt made some mistakes along the way. Her mostly-absent second husband supported her in poverty until the end of their marriage, when even she could no longer overlook his infidelity and irresponsibility. Meanwhile, she was experiencing health problems that would inexorably advance through the coming years.

She faithfully attended Nancy's special education conferences, as well as those of her younger brother and older sister, and affably acknowledged their teachers' concerns. But as charming as she was, Nancy's mother had little aptitude or inclination for imposing the structure needed for academic success for her children, a structure that was indeed missing from her own life. Her small, run-down old house was a monument to clutter. I would weave through obstacles and move things in order to find a place to sit during home visits. Nancy's little corner of their home, on the other hand, was an island of orderliness amidst the surrounding chaos.

Nancy's brother and sister reflected their mother's ethos at school in that they routinely failed to complete assignments, and occasionally their impulsivity got them into trouble. Even as she admitted their shortcomings, Brenda spoke warmly about them. She sometimes complained, though, about her youngest daughter. Nancy, it seemed, was rebelling against her mother's easygoing ways, and they often clashed.

As Nancy's mother's health worsened through the years, she aged and weakened prematurely, and her complexion took on an ominous pallor. Her speech became slow and effortful, and lost its customary exuberance. Eventually, she stopped attending school conferences. She died when Nancy was in middle school.

Her mother's illness and death did not change Nancy, at least in terms of her attitudes and behavior at school. She worked her way out of the special

education program and plowed on to graduation on her own. Years later, I saw her at a restaurant, working in her characteristically serious and diligent manner, and I reflected that, although her future may not always be easy, she will meet her challenges as they come and do her best.

Nancy was one of the kids I had watched in the halls years before, trying to imagine their futures. Jason was another. Perhaps I'm wrong to think that their pathways were already marked and cut at such an early age. Perhaps I'm too pessimistic about Jason, too optimistic about Nancy — after all, children often surprise us on their way to tomorrow. But I do know that they are not blank sheets of paper for scripts written by well-meaning adults.

We make many mistakes as parents and as teachers. Anyone who has given him or herself over to nurturing the minds and bodies of children has plenty to regret, even when there is also much to rejoice about. It was part of my job as a school psychologist to listen to parents who were in despair and to watch their tears as they described their feelings of frustration and failure. I was able to tell them from my own experiences as a parent that they should hold on to hope, that if they didn't give up, things could get better for them and for their children, that children who are full of problems can grow into good, caring, responsible adults.

It seems to me that many of the mistakes and much of the pain that often surrounds parenting comes when we see our children as reflections of our worth, and believe that we can and should mold their hearts and minds. As a result, we may try too hard, often in the process causing the thing we most fear. At times I entertain the not altogether fanciful proposition that we might best treat our children as if they had been left on the doorstep, as if they were not extensions of ourselves in any way. Our job, then, would be to nurture and love these precious creatures, and to try not to hurt them. An old country song by Don Williams says, "I guess we're all gonna be what we're gonna be." The outcome, then, is up to them, to all the kids in the hall who are every day marching into the future.

Lowell Harp is a retired school psychologist who served school districts in Ogle County. His column runs monthly in *The Ogle County Life*. For previous articles, you can follow him on Facebook at <http://fb.me/lowellharp>.

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LOCAL NEWS



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The Hib Reber Car Show committee would like to thank everyone that attended our car show on July 8. Without all our participants, sponsors and the dedicated committee members that put the show on, this show couldn't happen.

Hib Reber Car Show announces award winners

BYRON — The Hib Reber Car Show committee would like to thank everyone that attended our car show on July 8. Without all our participants, sponsors and the dedicated committee members that put the show on, this show couldn't happen. Although in the morning the weather was questionable, we ended up having a beautiful day with having 217 show entries. Below is a listing of all our wonderful winners:

Specialty Award Winners

Best of Show — Paul & Sue Amman, 1969 Ford Shelby GT, Mellen WI (Once owned by Alice Cooper). Hib Reber Memorial — Chris Millard, 1977 Pontiac Trans-Am, Byron. Max Reed Memorial — Larry Wegner, 1964 Chevy Corvette, Rockford. Glenn Ricker Memorial — John Kellison, 1970 Chevy Chevelle SS, Rockford. Jim Haynes Memorial — Gary Burkhalter, 1978 Pontiac Trans-Am, Browntown WI. Everett McNames Memorial — Terry Grunder, 1970 Chevy Impala, Freeport. Special Olympics Kids Choice — Russell Crull, 1971 Ford F100, Rochelle. Pastors Choice — Leonard Cassaro, 1945 Ford Jeep, Rockford. Best Import — Pat Hayes, 1996 Austin Mini

Cooper, Rockford. Best Challenger — Terry Tyee, 1970 Dodge Challenger, Silvis. Best Mopar — Barry Huber, 1966 Dodge Dart, Winslow. Best Mustang — Bud & Kim Cruse, 1970 Ford Mustang, Dixon. Best Jeep — Mitch Blanchard, 2006 Jeep TJ Sport, Rochelle. Best Corvette — Bob Lafurge, 1960 Chevy Corvette, Byron. Best Special Interest — Monte Gray, 1923 Ford T-Bucket, Waterloo IA. Best Ford — Jerry Evans, 1934 Ford Sedan, Dekalb. Best Modified Motorcycle — Brett Parsons, 2014 Harley Street Glide, Savanna. Best Stock Motorcycle — Brittany Stein, 2016 Indian Scout 60, Leaf River. Best Modified Truck — Jim & Tammy Hood, 1978 Chevy C-10, Machesney Park. Best Stock Truck — Star Teaser, 2004 Ford Lighting, South Beloit. Best GM — Randy Pribyl, 1967 Pontiac GTO, Bettendorf IA. Best Chevelle — Rick Clayton, 1972 Chevy Chevelle, Dekalb. Best Camaro — Rick Van Cura, 1969 Chevy Camaro RS, Oregon.

Top 50 Award Winners

Robert Boyle, 1970 Ford Mach 1, Dixon. Jim Becker, 1970 Chevy Nova, Rochelle. Doug & Sandy Kunce, 1940 Ford Coupe, Stillman Valley. Nancy

Gill, 2014 Ford Mustang GT, South Beloit. Jr & Sally Dunn, 1929 Ford A Pickup, Roscoe. Monte Gray, 1923 Ford T-Bucket, Waterloo IA. Joe Cox, 1970 AMC AMX, Machesney Park. Ted Hartman, 1931 Ford Pickup, Egan. Don Hyle, 1948 Plymouth Deluxe Coupe, Byron. Terry Scamp, 1953 Henry J, Rockford. Al Smith, 1971 Chevy Nova, Rockford. Carnie Lipke, 1976 Chevy Corvette Stingray, Monticello WI. Linda Sarlo, 2019 Chevy ZR1 Corvette, Loves Park. Michelle Wilcox, 2019 Harley Street Glide, Byron. Ron Kunstman, 1954 Chevy Belair, Lindenwood. Henry Viel, 1971 Chevy Nova, Pecatonica. Tom Allen, 1965 Ford Falcon, Paw Paw. Randy Thorson, 1950 Oldsmobile 88, Beloit WI. Laurie Bass, 1960 Ford Roadster, Fulton. Doug Bass, 1960 Fordillac Coupe, Fulton. Dave & Cindy Viel, 1960 Chevy Nova, Ridott. DeWayne Adams, 1960 Chevy 4 Door Sedan, Davis Junction. Andy Mott, 1960 Ford Coupe, Dixon. Russ Shuck, 1960 Ford Bronco, Dixon. Dave & Cindy Anderson, 1965 Buick Skylark, Rockford. Tom Kohlorst, 1972 Oldsmobile 442-W-30, Rockford. Louie & Linda Barker, 1955 Chevy Belair,

Rockford. Dennis Guither, 1958 Chevy Belair, Princeton. Jenny Swanson, 19554 Chevy 2 Dr, Rockford. Don Wiese, 1966 Rambler Convertible, Rockford. Tom Loos, 1934 Ford Swindon, Sterling. Jeff Kallenbach, 1965 Mack B-61, Rockford. Brian & Char Clayton, 1968 Ford Torino, Rockford. Frank & Jessie Schlumpf, 1955 Chevy 2 Dr Wagon, Blanchardville, WI. Ted Christro,

1969 Pontiac GTO Judge, Machesney Park. Jack Scuderi, 1962 Ford F1, Davis Junction. Pat Yarolem, 1956 Ford F-100, Davis Junction. Gary Tarvestad, 1961 Chevy Impala, Rochelle. Mike Havens, 1956 Chevy 210, Byron. Marty Wolfe, 1971 Ford Torino Cobra, Oregon. Ray Dammann, 1967 Chevy Nova, Pecatonica. Lori Patterson, 1964 Ford Vanette, Ashton. Murna Lind-

sey, 1965 Chevy Impala, Rockford. Bill Krall, 1978 Chevy Blazer, Dekalb. Gary Eads, 1968 Chevy Chevelle, Stillman Valley. Jody Wolber, 1971 Pontiac GTO, Mt Carroll. Jim Todd, 1960 Triumph Pro Fuel, Prophetstown. Mike Stout, 1963 Ford Fairlane, Stillman Valley. John Varuga, 2016 Motorized Picnic Table, Pewaukee WI. Kevin Boelkins, 1968 Ford Falcon Futura, Chadwick.

DIRECTORY OF AREA HUMAN SERVICES

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Sinnissippi Centers, Inc.
Oregon 732-3157
Rochelle 562-3801

Domestic Abuse Agency and 24-Hour Shelter and Helpline

HOPE of Ogle County 562-8890 or 732-7796
Counseling Services, Court Advocacy, Latina Advocacy, and Shelter programs

Education

University of Illinois Extension-Ogle County
421 W Pines Rd, Oregon 61061 732-2191

Low Income Housing

Ogle County Housing Authority
200 W Washington, Oregon 732-1301

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P.) Box 628
Oregon, IL 61061 732-6855

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Family Counseling Services 962-5585
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Oregon 732-3157
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The Serenity Shed Grief Services 732-2499

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Hub City Senior Center 562-5050
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412 W Washington, Oregon 732-0000

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Wellness Services

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510 Lincoln Hwy, Rochelle 562-6976
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Oregon Mayor Williams speaks to Oregon Lions

Oregon Mayor Ken Williams took time out of his busy schedule on June 8 to speak to the Oregon Lions. The Oregon Lions learned about: upcoming Oregon street improvements, the ongoing construction at the Sara Phelps Plaza in downtown Oregon, the proposed construction of the footpath which will stretch from the Oregon Train Depot all the way to Lowden Park. Lions also learned how funds from the American Rescue Plan were being used and the changes that were made in the structure of city government. The Oregon Lions want to thank Mayor Williams for his outstanding leadership the club is proud to be part of a community that is growing and developing in such a positive direction. Photo: Williams and Oregon Lions President Lori Peterson.

LOCAL NEWS



(PHOTOS BY GEORGE HOWE)

Several hundred guests wandered in and out of the six beautifully-constructed galleries where they were treated to a variety of exhibits in both 2 and 3D which included acrylic, ceramics, charcoal, china glass, mixed media, oil, pen, pastel, photography, sculpture, water color and wood.

CMAAAA: Grand opening celebration held for art museum

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World-renowned American sculptor Lorado Taft founded the Eagle's Nest Art Colony in 1898 on the bluffs flanking the east bank of the Rock River, overlooking Oregon. The colony was populated by Chicago artists who gathered in Ogle County. Then in 1957, artist Harry Nurmet, known for his paintings of flowers and still life from his native

Estonia where he fled with his son in 1950 to avoid soviet occupation, along with Majorie Lippert, Mary Ellen Lytle and Rose Fleming, founded the Eagle's Nest Art Society. The colony complex has been used as a field campus for Northern Illinois University. There were informational packets and membership forms available at several tables throughout the gallery. Oregon

School Superintendent and CMAAAA Board Member Dr. Tom Mahoney asked the patrons to become members and help the fine arts facility continue to flourish. "Given the rich history of this art community, this coliseum connects back with such passion for the arts and we are just starting to scratch the surface," Mahoney said. "From my perspective I'm excited about what this will bring,

especially for our school children. The kids who are artistically inclined will now have the opportunity to be exposed to a variety of artists and works to develop an appreciation and develop their skills." Lifelong Oregon resident and highly-respected water color artist Craig Carpenter, whose work adorned one full wall at the gallery, feels that the potential is endless. "This is such a good

start and will give artists a place to showcase their talents," Carpenter said. "We now need to get the word out to the public. It's nice to have the building back in shape and being utilized." Executive Director Mike Glenn closed the festivities by stating that the future has so many possibilities making it a "Building of Dreams" and was pleased with the response.

"You don't know when you have something brand new like this and you bring it to a community what the reaction will be," Glenn said. "I liked the vibe and that's what I look for. The energy and feel was nice. People standing around the tables, in the galleries, sitting down, it was a good mix of people. I feel that the community was hungry for this and now we want everyone to stay involved and support our mission."



Chana Family Clothes Closet open for those in need

CHANA — Chana Family Clothes Closet at Chana United Methodist Church is open for anyone needing free clothing and accessories. New hours have been established. The Closet is available Tuesday from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. and Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to noon. Please call 815-732-7683 before your arrival. Custom hours are available by calling 815-732-7683. New clothes selections for school are available for the entire family (infant through

adults). There is a wide variety of styles and sizes with many current and new, never been worn clothing. All of the clothing is offered at no cost, and everyone is welcome. As an added bonus to our offerings, backpacks full of school supplies are being offered for any and all students who need supplies. Backpacks include filler paper, spiral notebook, ruler and a pencil box with pencils, eraser, pencil sharpener, glue sticks and crayons. All school districts are welcome.

Polo Women's Club elects new officers for 2023-24 year.

The GFWC Illinois - Polo Women's Club has elected new officers for the 2023-24 year. Pictured right to left: Nancy Willis, district 13 president; Sheila Dean, president, PWC; Louise Hall, president-elect, PWC; Gloria Schneider, vice president, PWC; Pat Kuhn, secretary, PWC; Ginny Snodgrass, treasurer, PWC and Diane Stern Miller, courtesy & card. The GFWC Illinois (Greater Federation of Women's Clubs) was organized in 1894 and has a 129-year history of community volunteer service supporting local, state and global needs. The Polo Chapter was organized in 1921 and supports local schools in the arts and culture fields, sponsors high school students at GFWC Leadership Conferences, supports library programs, educates and promotes awareness of prevention of child abuse and all domestic violence, and encourages civic engagement and outreach programs. Meetings are held the second Monday of each month at KSB Polo at 1 p.m. If you are interested in more details about the PWC, please contact Sheila Dean at 815-677-6877.

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Forreston High School football team travels for dual camp with Rochelle

The Forreston High School football team traveled to Rochelle Township High School on Wednesday morning for a joint padded practice with the Hubs. The Cardinals and Hubs practiced for about an hour, with offensive and defensive linemen working together while skill players competed in 7-on-7 workouts. Both coaching staffs share similar philosophies and have a strong relationship. FHS athletic director Kyle Zick and RTHS assistant coach Brett Zick are also brothers. The Cardinals are looking to build on a strong season in 2022, when the team went 8-5 and reached the semifinal round of the IHSA Playoffs.



Cornerstone Family Church VBS July 31

BYRON — Children ages 4 through sixth-graders are invited to Cornerstone Family Church at 205 N. Peru St. in Byron July 31-Aug. 4 from 6-8 p.m. Kids won't want to miss spending their week learning about how they can be part of God's kingdom through salvation in his Son. Kids will know how to be equipped with the armor of God to become Keepers of the Kingdom who stand strong in today's battle for truth.

Friday, Aug. 4, we will have a Family Fun Night from 6-8:30 p.m. The family is invited to attend VBS to see a short version of the week at 6 p.m. followed by Family Fun on the front lawn with a huge waterslide, bounce house, a toddlers inflatable playground, nine-square, bags and a Kona Ice Truck.

Register online by visiting our website at cornerstonefamilychurch.com and click on Ministries, VBS, Registration. Each child will receive a t-shirt. There is a \$15 charge which covers t-shirts, supplies and Family Fun Night. Questions? Call the church office at 815-234-8737.

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320 S. Galena Avenue, Dixon
NOW \$165,000 Call Carla

New Commercial Listing in Dixon! Location, Location, Location!! is what this spot is all about! Sitting on a corner lot just south of Dixon's famed arch! Close to Lee County Courthouse and downtown plus KSB Hospital. This commercial property has loads of opportunities with its B-2 Commercial zoning. Daily Traffic Count is over 18,000 vehicles each day. 2 Furnaces, Central Air, Office space, 2 bathrooms, Large blacktop parking lot with ample parking area. There's 2 garage doors that are 10 ft tall and a show room area with a wall of windows. This would be ideal for a variety of small businesses or a service style business. Great spot for a drive through service as well.



4456 Eastridge Drive, Rockford
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3222 N. Silver Ridge Drive, Oregon
NOW \$252,000 Call Lori

Wait till you see this one!! 3 bedroom ranch with a walkout basement. First floor of the house has a primary bedroom with a full bathroom, an open floor plan kitchen and living room. Kitchen appliances are new. Living room has a gas fireplace. Off of the kitchen is a 3 season porch 14 feet by 14 feet. There is also a deck off of the living room. Want more space on the first floor? The laundry can be moved to the lower level. The basement has sliding doors to the back yard. It is finished with a family room, 2 bedrooms and a full bath. The basement has plenty of storage space as well. The yard is roughly .71 acres and has frontage on the Silver Ridge Golf Course.



4131 Eastridge Drive, Rockford
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Huge income potential! This brick 14 unit building is composed of (10) 2 bedroom and (4) 1 bedroom units plus coin laundry. Recent updates include roof shingles (2019) and several windows & water heaters (2020). Tenant pays electric and gas, owner pays water/sewer/garbage. Immediate value add potential... ready for your own finishing touches and place tenants to capitalize on rising rental rates and see the cashflow grow! One's loss is another's gain. The heavy lifting has been done for you.



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LOCAL NEWS

Bertolet Library News

Get SSET 4 School
Now through August 3rd SSET 4 School (Supplying Students Educational Tools 4 School) is a local group that collects and distributes school supplies for our free/reduced lunch students in the FVV school district. 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 Forreston 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 Forreston. Toiletries are welcome as well. From Summer Reading Program to Create-a-Card, LEGO Club to Mississippi River Life. Bring a food donation when you stop in for a program and help support our local community!

YOUTH PROGRAMS
LEGO Club
Monday, August 7th, 5:00 PM LEGO enthusi-

asts 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.

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

July Book of the Month
France, 1939. Vianne sees her husband off to the front lines and deals with German officers occupying her home. Isabelle must deal with young love and rejection and joins the resistance movement. They both discover who they are and what they will do to survive. Stop by the circulation desk and pick up your copy of Kristin Hannah's *The Nightingale* today.

Create-a-Card
Saturday, August 19th, 9:00 AM Getting ready to send your new adult off to college? Prep some cards to help fill those care

packages! All supplies included.

Plastic Recycling
We ask that you make sure plastic is clean with no debris in the donation. *No animal feed bags are allowed* Also please remove any zip-loc-type seals and paper/sticker labels. Thank you for your cooperation.

NEW RELEASES
Adult Books
The First Ladies by Marie Benedict
The Sound of Sleighbells by Janet Dailey
Picture Books
Butterfly by William Anthony (NF)
Let's Draw Fun Stuff With Simple Shapes by Kasia Dudziuk (NF)

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 Reading Challenge
May 30 - July 28. Sign up to participate in our summer challenge! Read books to earn a free book and entries in our prize drawings! Youth can also complete activities to par-

ticipate! Register at Byron.beanstack.org, on the Beanstack Tracker app, or at the library circulation desk. Staff can assist with logging books too. Simply bring completed books to the desk and staff will log for you.

Summer Blood Drive with RRVBC
Monday, August 7. 1 - 6:00 pm. Join us as we host a community blood drive in partnership with the Rock River Valley Blood Center. Register for an appointment by calling the library at 815-234-5107 or visiting https://donor.rrvbc.org/donor-schedules/drive_sch

ule/55076. Walk-ins are also welcome! Prospective donors must be at least 17 years old (16 with parental consent) and weigh at least 110 lbs. It is recommended that donors eat a meal within 3-4 hours before donating and drink plenty of fluids.

StoryWalks at the Byron Forest Preserve
StoryWalks® are up at the Byron Forest Preserve for another season! Stroll the 1/2-mile Indigo Trail while reading «The Grizzled Grist Does Not Exist» by Juliette MacIver, or read «Look & Listen: Who's in the Garden, Meadow, Brook?» by Dianne White

while walking to the Heritage Farm Museum. The StoryWalk® is a joint project of the Byron Public Library and the Byron Forest Preserve. The 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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5107. Not sure what you want? Call us for help! We will call or email you with a confirmation when your holds are ready to be picked up. Call us when you arrive at the library, and we will bring your items out to you, already checked out. A receipt with your due dates will be included with your items.

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

Forreston Public Library News

Summer Reading Special
Monday, July 24th, 10:00 am. Join Miss Melinda from the Ogle County Extension office as she shares the story: «Try It! How Frieda Caplan Changed the Way We Eat» and presents an interactive

program on fruits and vegetables with fun crafts and a delicious fruit parfait!

Summer Reading Program
This week is your last chance to join the fun at our summer reading program, Oceans of Possibilities! Toddlers and preschool-

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

Chess Club
Thursday, August 3rd, 3:00 pm. Join other chess enthusiasts for some friendly competition. All

ages and skill levels are welcome!

School Supply Drive
We are once again a dropoff point for school supplies for the SSET 4 School program. There is particularly a need for spiral notebooks, washable markers, colored

pencils, crayons, red, blue or black pens, glue (bottles or sticks), folders, rulers, scissors, and new or gently used backpacks. We will be accepting donations through Saturday, August 5th. Thanks for helping our local students start the school year with every-

thing they need!

Community Room
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LOCAL NEWS

Julia Hull District Library News



(COURTESY PHOTOS)

Last week, at Julia Hull District Library (Stillman Valley), families worked together to build their own cool cars out of a cardboard box and other hotrod accessories.

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.

Tween Scene: Road Trip: Phoenix

Pack your bags, we're hitting the road! The last stop on our tween road trip is Phoenix. Get excited: it's sunny skies ahead! We'll enjoy games, crafts and snacks

inspired by this valley of the sun. Tuesday, August 1 at 6 p.m. Ages 10-12 Registration required: 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. 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 afternoon of friends, creativity and pizza (of course)! Friday, August 25 at 3 p.m. Ages 13-18. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

Barbie: The History of America's Most Famous Doll

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. Ren-

ovation will continue through the first 1-2 weeks of August, with limited library services offered, TBA. Please stay tuned to our library Facebook & Instagram for the most up-to-date information. Library programming will continue, as scheduled - with some changes to location, TBA. Program participants will be notified directly of any changes to program meeting locations.

Mount Morris Library News

Closings

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

Summer Reading Program 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! Those of us who achieved our reading goals this summer can stop by for their goodie bag and an invitation to the celebration!

Back to School Keychain!

We just can't let those craft days end! Monday, July 24th, we will be hosting a keychain craft just in time for school! These keychains can be personalized and put on backpacks, lunch bags, pencil pouches, etc.!!! Stop in anytime from 11am-7pm on Monday, 7/24, to make yours! All ages welcome!

Story Time!
Mrs. Donna will be reading books and children will create a craft this Wednesday, 6/19. Story time is every Wednesday @11:15, bring your little ones to enjoy stories and a craft at the Mount Morris Library!

Adult Book Club

The July book is "The Book of Lost Names" by Kristin Harmel. Everyone is welcome to join this book club group! Copies of the book are available at the library. This group will meet in-person on Monday, July 31st at the library.

Cookbook Club! Next

Meeting September 5th!

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

Ink with a Friend: Card Making at the Library

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

Lego Club!

Our next Lego night is Thursday, 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

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Newspaper Available!

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Explore More Illinois, RAILS' online cultural and recreational pass program for Illinois libraries, welcomes its newest attraction, Lincoln Park Zoo in Chicago! Lincoln Park Zoo is a 49-acre zoo and arboretum in Lincoln Park, Chicago, Illinois. The zoo offers free admission and welcomes more than 3 million visitors every year. As an accredited member of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums, Lincoln Park Zoo has some of the highest animal care and welfare standards in the nation.

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Adult Programming

We are trying to get back into the swing of of-

fering monthly programs for adults. We would love to hear from you. Do evenings or weekends work better? Do you have any program ideas? Do you have a program you would

like to share? Contact Mary Cheatwood at the library through email at mmlib@mtmorris-il.org or call 815-734-4927.

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

Camp OPD

Registration is now open for Camp OPD Summer 2023: Literary Times. Camp runs from May 30 through August 11. Tuesday through Thursdays feature activities that are themed around different book series. Familiarity with the book series is not required to enjoy the camp activities. Each week will feature a field trip on Wednesday. Mondays and Fridays may be added each week for an additional cost and will feature non-themed activities, with Fridays being spent at the Splash Pad. Don't miss out on this summer of fun for your child. Space is limited to 24 kids each week. See the website for details about costs, themes and field trips.

TORO Tuesdays

Join OPD staff every Tuesday afternoon for free,

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

Mini Pitch Games

Have you tried our new soccer Mini Pitch court? Swing by on Wednesday afternoons from 1-3 pm for some fun, free Mini Pitch soccer games, led by OPD staff at our Mini Pitch next to the tennis courts. A Futsal ball will be provided, and teams/ games will be formed from players that arrive every week. These are fast paced games that will challenge all ages and skill levels of players. Open to ages 7-14, no registration required. No soccer cleats on Mini Pitch court.

Operation Move

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

July 27- All Ages Tball Game at Park East

Batting Cages

Ready for some batting practice? We are excited to offer rentals for Batting Cages with a pitching machine at Oregon Park West on Monday afternoons from 1-3pm. A staff member will be on-site to assist with the pitching machine. You must provide your own bat and helmet. Reservation must be made by the prior Thursday. Available in 30 min intervals for \$15/\$18NR, but you can certainly book more than one! Need a different day or time? Please email Lesley@oregonpark.org to check availability. Registration deadline is the prior Thursday.

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Monthly board meetings are the third Wednesday of the month at 7pm at the library unless otherwise noted. The public is welcome to attend. The Mount Morris Public Library is located at 105 S. McKendrie Ave. Mt. Morris IL 61054-815-734-4927 Fax-815-734-6035 www.mtmorris-il.org



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The Village of Progress approached Erin Folk, executive director, with the idea of a few minor route changes in late spring. The changes allowed the community trail and the 10-Mile TOSOC bike route to align and eliminate confusion for community members, visitors and race participants.

"The district was pleased to receive feedback from the Village of Progress and bike enthusiasts within our

community," Folk said. "The original vision for the community bike trail was to provide a safe route for community members and visitors to experience the wonderful things Oregon has to offer. Aligning our community bike route with the TOSOC 10-Mile route continues to enhance this vision."

Following the request from the Village of Progress, Park District Assistant Superintendent of Parks and Facilities Brent Suter coordinated efforts with the City of Oregon to re-align the route signage to reflect the updated route. Park district staff removed the old signs and the City of Oregon staff installed the new signs.

The map includes links to points of interest along the trail, including the sculpture trail, Depot Museum, public library, parks, schools and parking for visitors. The updated map can be found at <https://oregonpark.org/parks/trail-system/> and at <https://cityoforegon.org/visitor-information/biking/>.

The Oregon Park District strives to improve biking opportunities for both community members and visitors. ITEP funding received in 2023 will help support these efforts and expand the community trail from Illinois Route 64 to Lowden State Park. Phase II engineering is underway, and construction is expected to be completed in 2025.

The 2023 TOSOC ride,

sponsored by the Village of Progress, is scheduled for Sept. 23. Participants can choose between a 10-mile route, 32-mile route and 62-mile route throughout scenic Ogle County. The online registration deadline is Sept. 11. Participants interested in registering for TOSOC can visit www.bikereg.com/tosoc-bike-ride.

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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 fam-

ily 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.
Registration Deadline: 8/3/23

Oregon Public Library News

Adult Summer Reading Program - through August 11th 2023

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

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

Last week...don't forget that youth book logs are all due by end of day on Wednesday, July 26.

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

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Mondays Story Time (18 months-6 yrs.) at 10:00 am through August 7. Stories, crafts & fun!

Tuesday, July 25, Activity Time-Let's Get Messy!

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

Wednesday, July 26- All youth book logs

due, online and on paper. **Calling all local authors!!! Local Author Open Mic Night**

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

Stateville Calling: Screening and Discussion

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

Try It Tuesday

Tuesday, August 15th 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, www.oregonpubliclibrary.com.

Ink with A Friend Monthly Card Club

Monday, August 21st at 6:00pm. Sending personal cards to your friends and family is a way to let them know you care and

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Produce Swap - August 22nd 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.

Save the Date! - Wizard of Oz themed Mystery Dinner Event

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

This event was scheduled the year of COVID and we are excited to bring it back! Mystery dinner tickets will be on sale at the library beginning July 24th. Enjoy an evening of mystery and try to solve the case of the missing Ruby Slippers!

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Kids Sunday School: (for ages 3 thru 5th grade) 9:30-10:15am
Coffee & fellowship time: 9:30am- 10:30am
Main Worship: 10:30am
Spark Youth Group (for ages 6th grade thru 12th grade) - Sundays, 5pm-7pm
For complete ministry schedule and other activities, please check our website or Facebook page or contact the church office.
Whoever you are or wherever you are on your journey, you are welcome here!

BEACON HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD

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

CHANA

CHANA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

DIXON

LOST LAKE COMMUNITY CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

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

FORRESTON

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

ST. JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pastor Karen 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/
Archived Sermons on our YouTube channel: Leaf River Baptist Church (Until further notice)
9:30 Church Service. Nursery available, 11:00 Sunday school for all ages.
Nursery available
6941 N Mt Morris Rd, Leaf River, IL 61047
815-738-2205 leafriverbc@gmail.com

LINDENWOOD

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH - LCMS

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

LINDENWOOD UNION CHURCH

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

KINGS

ELIM REFORMED CHURCH

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

MOUNT MORRIS

DISCIPLES UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH OF MT. MORRIS

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

MT. MORRIS CHURCH OF THE BRETHERN

409 W. Brayton Road, Mt. Morris, IL 61045 Phone 734-4573
Pastor: Rodney Caldwell. Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m. Worship service available online, call for details. Other activities currently suspended due to pandemic.
Email: 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 Allen EOCCOGministries@gmail.com 107 N Daysville Rd. Oregon, IL Phone: 815-732-2960
Sunday School 9:30 a.m. with Sunday Worship following at 10:30 a.m.
Breakfast is served every fifth Sunday beginning at 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday evenings: both Adults (all year) & Youth (during the school year) meet weekly beginning at 6:30 p.m.
In the event that Oregon Schools are not in session the Youth group does not meet on Wednesdays.
Thursday morning Women's Bible study meets at 10:30 a.m.
We look forward to meeting you!

EBENEZER REFORMED CHURCH

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

LIGHTHOUSE UNITED METHODIST

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

OREGON CHURCH OF GOD

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

OREGON FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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

OREGON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

RIVERSTONE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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

ST. BRIDE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

1000 Highway 64, West (Hwy 64 W & Morgan Drive on Liberty Hill), Oregon • 732-7211 - Office: Rev. Eldred George
Website: saintbrides.org • E-mail: saintbride.church@gmail.com •
Worship Services: Sunday 10 am Holy Communion with Hymns
Christian Education Available

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH, NALC

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

POLO

ST. MARY CHURCH

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

CHURCH OF THE OPEN BIBLE

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

CROSSROADS COMMUNITY CHURCH ~ POLO CAMPUS

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

FAITH DISCOVERY CHURCH

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

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

702 E. Dixon Street, Polo, IL 61064 • Tel:815-946-3212
Sunday School for all ages 9am followed by Worship at 10am
Pastor Brian LeBaron
Website: www.faithumpolo.com • [facebook.com/Faithumpolo](https://www.facebook.com/Faithumpolo)

STILLMAN VALLEY

RED BRICK CHURCH OF STILLMAN VALLEY

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

KISHWAUKEE COMMUNITY EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

VALLEY EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH

Interim Pastor Barry Norris
103 S Maple St, Stillman Valley, IL
815-645-8872 | www.valleycov.org
Sunday Morning 9am "Gather" for learning & conversation, 10:15am Worship both onsite and online at facebook.com/VECCISV
Home of Valley Covenant Preschool 815-645-8882 Director Jill Huber

LOCAL NEWS

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For more information call (815) 732-2724, visit our website or Facebook page.

Book Clubs

Books on Tap Book Club meets Thursday, July 27 at 6 pm at Cork & Tap to discuss A Gentleman In Moscow by Amor Towles. The 2WBC Book Club meets August 9, at 12:30 pm to discuss Tim LaHaye. The After-

noon Book Club meets Wednesday, August 16 at 1 pm to discuss A Tale for the Time Being by Ruth Ozeki. Cocktails & Crimes will meet Sunday, August 20 at 2 pm at Cork n Tap. Is This Just Fantasy? Book Club will meet August 22 at 6 pm at the Library to discuss Ninth House by Leigh Bardugo.

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- Maybe by Kobi Yamada. Current story at the StoryWalk is Speak Up, Molly Lou Melon by Patty Lovell.

Rock River Center Activities

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

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

Croquet

July 26 at 10:00 a.m. Sign up by 7/25

NEW Crocheting & Knitting Club

Where: Rock River Center-Activities Room. When: 1st and 3rd Thursday of the Month. Time:

9:00 - 11:00 a.m. First meeting: Thursday, August 3, 2023.

Crafting Class - August

Project: Beaded Bookmarks. Dates: Monday, August 7 & August 14. Time: 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. Cost: No charge / All material provided.

Outing of the Month

Thursday, August 10, 2023. Ellwood House, DeKalb. Guided Dec-

orated Mansion Tour. Admission: \$10pp/\$8pp Seniors (payable at Ellwood House). Activity Fee: \$8.00. LUNCH: The Junction Eating Place (on your own). Registration required by July 27, 2023. Please call 815-732-3252 to sign up or for more details. Advance registration requested so we can be prepared

Senior Information Services Provided By

Rock River Center
August 2023. Do you need help with Benefit Access Application, Medicare, housing, personal care, homemaking, heating assistance or other things? Rock River Center's Information & Assistance Specialists are available at various locations throughout Ogle County. If you are unable to come into a site, please call Rock River Center toll

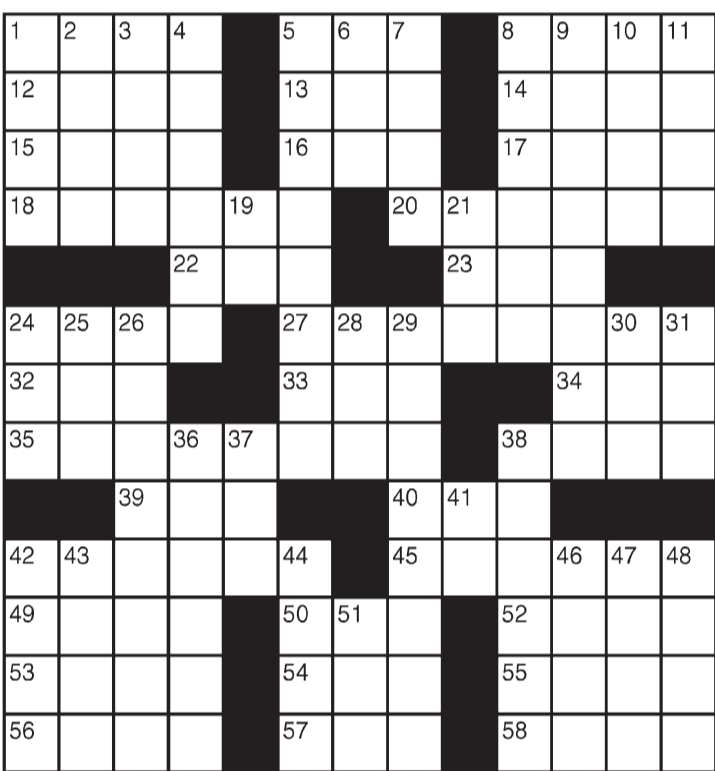
free 1-800-541-5479 to schedule an appointment. Byron - Jarrett Prairie Center Aug. 14 11 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Forreston - Library Aug. 16 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Mt. Morris Senior Center Aug 10 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Polo Senior Center Aug. 24 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Rochelle - Hub City Senior Center Aug. 2, 9, & 23 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Weekly Brain Busters

King Crossword

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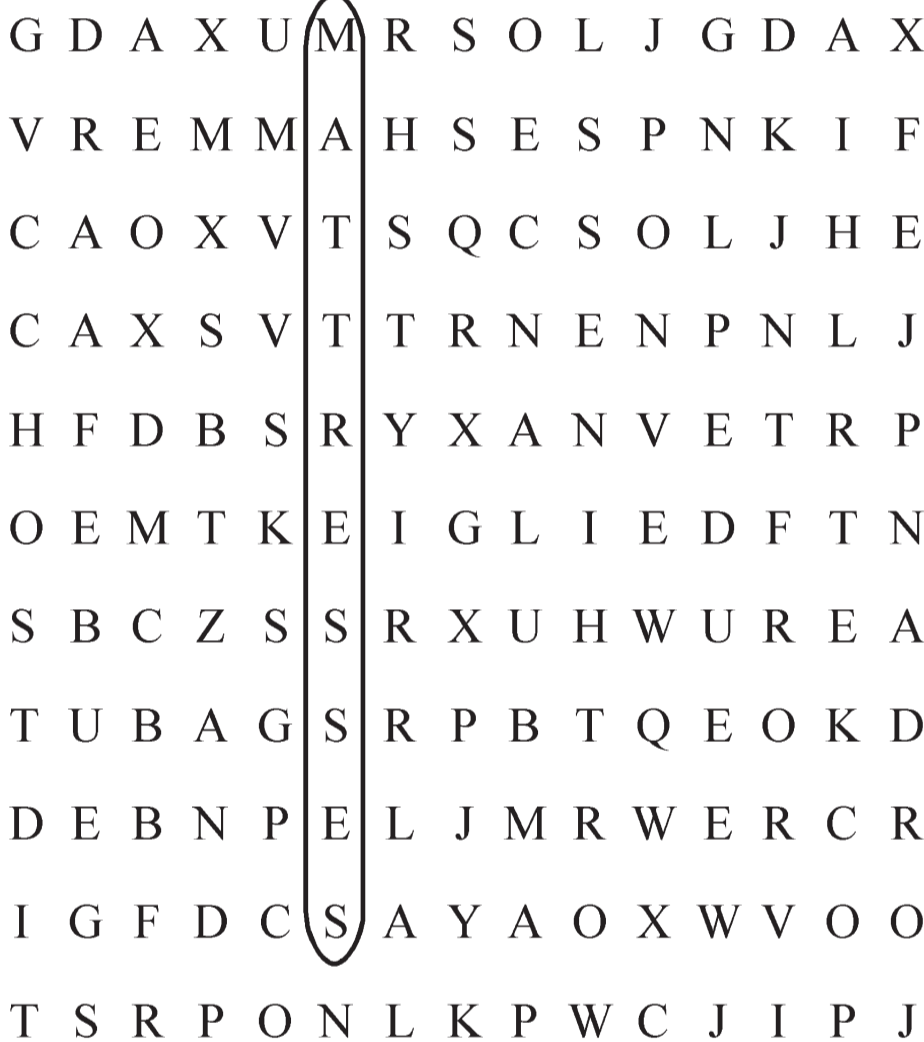
- 1 Satan's purchase
- 5 Chest protector
- 8 Ski lift type
- 12 Old U.S. gas brand
- 13 Piercing tool
- 14 Hindu royal
- 15 Pub potables
- 16 King, in Cannes
- 17 Choir voice
- 18 New
- 20 Pal of Pooh
- 22 Stephen of "Still Crazy"
- 23 Hobbyist's abbr.
- 24 Mineral-hardness scale name
- 27 Tot's train
- 32 Rock's Brian
- 33 Science room
- 34 Klutz
- 35 Folks from Indiana
- 38 Garrison
- 39 Flop
- 40 Ostrich's kin
- 42 Exhibited ennui
- 45 In a way
- 49 "Metamorphoses" poet
- 50 Hosp. hook-ups
- 52 Carry on



- 53 Ms. Rowlands
- 54 Golf prop
- 55 Like some vaccines
- 56 Gross
- 57 Last letter in London
- 58 Mr. Disney
- 6 - Jima
- 7 Radar dot
- 8 Dire
- 9 Hype
- 10 Pot starter
- 11 Laugh-a-minute
- 19 Concerning
- 21 Altar vow
- 24 "I'm not impressed"
- 25 Music's Yoko
- 26 Snooker
- 28 Guffaw syllable
- 29 Fanatical
- 30 Rowing need
- 31 Frequently
- 36 Half the weekend
- 37 Chemical suffix
- 38 Groove
- 41 Kansas City's st.
- 42 Quotable
- 43 Opposite of "sans"
- 44 Bubblehead
- 46 O'Hara estate
- 47 Cameo shape
- 48 Fedora fabric
- 51 Victory sign

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MAGIC MAZE ● AIR —



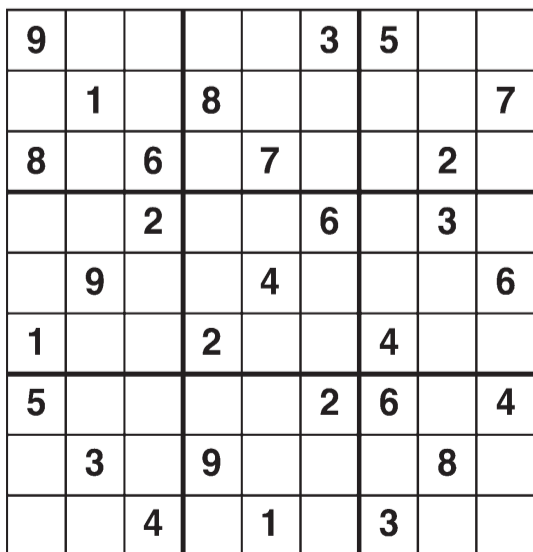
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
Unlisted clue hint: **Inflatable Car Safety Devices**

- Ambulance
- Base
- Bed
- Bus
- Compressor
- Crew
- Defenses
- Duct
- Hammer
- Jordan
- Mattresses
- Pocket
- Power
- Space
- Worthiness

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



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

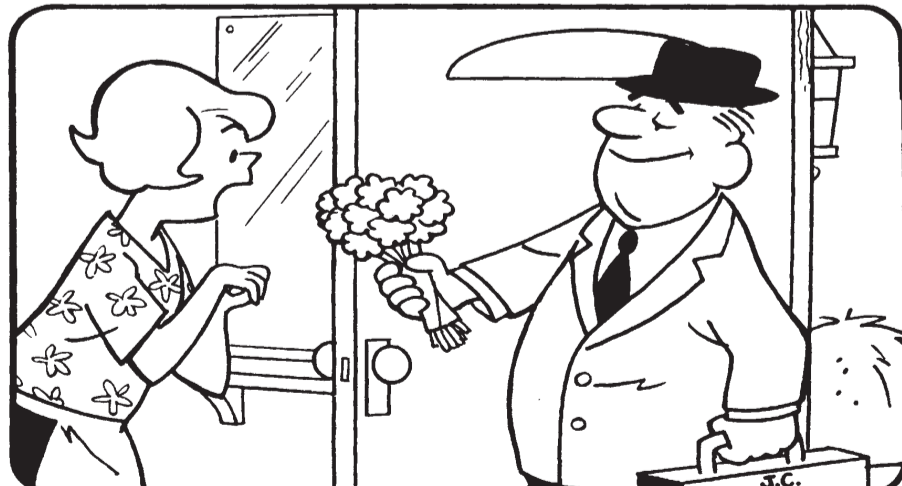
DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

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

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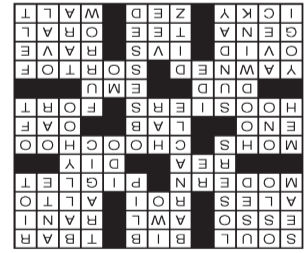
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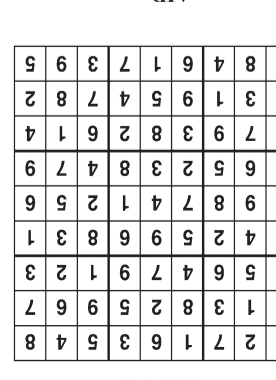
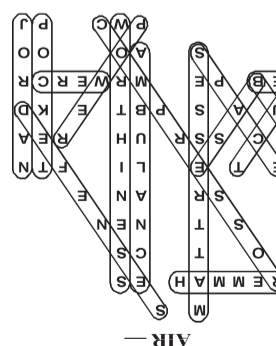
Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Hair is longer. 2. Vase is added. 3. Apron is removed. 4. Arm is raised. 5. Initials are missing. 6. Bush is taller.



Solution time: 25 mins.
Answers
King Crossword



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101 LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TAKE NOTICE CERTIFICATE NO. 2019-00061
TO:
OCCUPANTS
MARY DIANE DORSEY
MARY DIANE DOMBKOWSKI
NAVY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION
NAVY FEDERAL FIREFLY LEGAL INC %NAVY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION
MCALLA RAYMER
LEIBERT PIERCE LLC %NAVY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION
MARY DIANE DOMBKOWSKI
ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
ILLINOIS ATTORNEY GENERAL
OGLE COUNTY TREASURER
THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK & TRUST COMPANY OF ROCHELLE
ANKA CENTRAL BANK ILLINOIS

Persons in occupancy or actual possession of said property and all unknown owners, occupants, beneficiaries, heirs, devisees, or parties interested in said land or lots. A Petition for Tax Deed on property described below has been filed with the Circuit Clerk of OGLE County, Illinois as Case # 2023TX21.

The property is located at:
9020 FLAGG RD ROCHELLE IL 61068
RNG/BLK:1 TWP:40 SECT/LOT:18N 330FT OF W 264FT OF E 996FT W2 SW4 N OF FLAGG TOWNSHIP
Property Index Number: 24-18-300-003
Said Property was sold on 11/04/2020 for delinquent real estate taxes and/or special assessments for the year 2019.

The period of redemption will expire on 10/26/2023.
On 11/15/2023 at 09:00AM, the Petitioner will make application to such court in said county for an Order Directing Issuance of Tax Deed if the real estate is not redeemed from the sale.
ANDREW R. HENDRIAN, Petitioner
No. 0720
(July 10, 17 and 24, 2023)

NOTICE TAKE NOTICE CERTIFICATE NO. 2019-00094
TO:
OCCUPANTS
JAMIE SALAZAR
JAMIE SALAZAR
CENTRAL BANK ILLINOIS
ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
ILLINOIS ATTORNEY GENERAL
JAMIE SALAZAR

Persons in occupancy or actual possession of said property and all unknown owners, occupants, beneficiaries, heirs, devisees, or parties interested in said land or lots. A Petition for Tax Deed on property described below has been filed with the Circuit Clerk of OGLE County, Illinois as Case # 2023TX22.

The property is located at:
123 AVE H ROCHELLE IL 61068
RNG/BLK: TWP:0 SECT/LOT:LOT 10 BLK 6VASSAR ADD CITY OF ROCHELLE
FLAGG TOWNSHIP
Property Index Number: 24-25-278-007
Said Property was sold on 11/04/2020 for delinquent real estate taxes and/or special assessments for the year 2019.

The period of redemption will expire on 10/26/2023.
On 11/15/2023 at 09:00AM, the Petitioner will make application to such court in said county for an Order Directing

Issuance of Tax Deed if the real estate is not redeemed from the sale.
ANDREW R. HENDRIAN, Petitioner
No. 0721
(July 10, 17 and 24, 2023)

NOTICE TAKE NOTICE CERTIFICATE NO. 2019-00134
TO: OCCUPANTS
JACOB E ISKE
HANNAH J ISKE
JACOB E ISKE
HANNAH J ISKE
EXCHANGE STATE BANK

Persons in occupancy or actual possession of said property and all unknown owners, occupants, beneficiaries, heirs, devisees, or parties interested in said land or lots. A Petition for Tax Deed on property described below has been filed with the Circuit Clerk of OGLE County, Illinois as Case # 2023TX23.

The property is located at:
2095 N FREEPORT RD POLO IL 61064
RNG/BLK:8 TWP:24 SECT/LOT:30PT W2 SW4
LINCOLN TOWNSHIP
Property Index Number: 07-30-300-008
Said Property was sold on 11/04/2020 for delinquent real estate taxes and/or special assessments for the year 2019.

The period of redemption will expire on 10/26/2023.
On 11/15/2023 at 09:00AM, the Petitioner will make application to such court in said county for an Order Directing Issuance of Tax Deed if the real estate is not redeemed from the sale.
ANDREW R. HENDRIAN, Petitioner
No. 0722
(July 10, 17 and 24, 2023)

NOTICE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DONALD W. SCHELLING, Deceased
2023-PR-37
CLAIM NOTICE
NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of Donald W. Schelling of Mt. Morris, Illinois. Letters of office were issued on June 23, 2023 to Ann Michael Book of Leaf River, Illinois, whose attorney is Douglas P. Floski, of Floski Law Office, LLC, at 220 W. Third Street, P. O. Box 1007, Byron, Illinois, 61010-1007.

CLAIMS against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court at Ogle County Judicial Center, 106 South 5th Street, Oregon, Illinois, 61061, or with the representative, or both, within 6 months from the first publication of this Notice, or within three months from the date of mailing or delivery of Notice to creditors, if mailing or delivery is required by Section 18-3 of the Illinois Probate Act, 1975, as amended, whichever date is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred.

Copies of claims filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the estate legal representative and to the attorney within 10 days after the claim has been filed.
MICHAEL BOOK, Independent Executor
No. 0724
(July 19, 17 and 24, 2023)

STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF OGLE PROBATE DIVISION
In the Matter of the Estate of ALLEN L. SWEGLE, Deceased

2023PR41
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of ALLEN L. SWEGLE. Letters of Office were issued on July 6, 2023, to CAROL M. DUNN, who is the Independent Executor of the Estate. The attorneys for the Estate are Michael Jon Shalbrack, HolmstromKennedyPC, 800 North Church Street, Rockford, IL 61103.

Claims against the Estate may be filed on or before Jan. 10, 2024, that date being at least six (6) months from the date of first publication, or within three (3) months from the date of mailing or delivery of Notice to creditors, if mailing or delivery is required by Section 18-3 of the Illinois Probate Act, 1975 as amended, whichever date is later. Any claim not filed by the requisite date stated above shall be barred.

Claims against the Estate may be filed in the office of the Winnebago County Circuit Clerk - Probate Division, at 400 West Street, Rockford, Illinois 61101, or with the Estate legal representative, or both. Copies of claims filed with the Circuit Clerk's Office - Probate Division must be mailed or delivered to the Estate legal representative and to its attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

Dated: July 6, 2023
Carol M. Dunn, Independent Executor of the Estate of Allen L. Swegle, Deceased
HolmstromKennedyPC, By Michael Jon Shalbrack, one of its attorneys
Attorney Michael Jon Shalbrack - ARDC #6188198
HolmstromKennedyPC Attorneys for the Estate
800 N. Church Street Rockford, IL 61103
(815)962-7071
mshalbrack@hkrockford.com
No. 0727
(July 10, 17 and 24, 2023)

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 Bloomin' Tunes
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)

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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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)

NOTICE
Notice is hereby given by the Executive Board of the Ogle County Educational Cooperative, SEJA/801, Joint Agreement, in the County of Ogle, State of Illinois, that the tentative budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, is on file and conveniently available to public inspection at 417 N. Colfax Street, Byron, Illinois, within the boundaries of this Joint Agreement. Notice is further given that a public hearing on said budget will be held at 6:00 p.m. on August 17, 2023 at the Ogle County Educational Cooperative office building located at the above address, within the boundaries of this Joint Agreement. By the Executive Board of the Ogle County Educational Cooperative, District SEJA/801, in the County of Ogle, State of Illinois.
No. 0737
(July 23 and 24, 2023)

INVITATION FOR BIDS
The Village of Mt. Morris, Illinois, will receive sealed bids for Village owned property - Parcel # 08-26-152-001 which is approximately 3,000 square feet located at the corner of the property of 207 N. McKendrie Ave. Bids must be received by 11:00 AM on July 31, 2023 at Village Hall, located at 105 West Lincoln Street, Mt. Morris, Illinois 61054, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. For more details contact the Village Clerk at 815-734-6425 Monday through Friday 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM.
The Village of Mt. Morris, Illinois reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities in the bidding process.
Bids may be held by the Village of Mt. Morris, Illinois for a period not to exceed NINETY (90) days from the date of the opening of bids for the purpose of reviewing the bids and invest-

igating the qualifications of bidders, prior to awarding the contract.
BY ORDER OF
VILLAGE OF MT. MORRIS, ILLINOIS
By: Brooke Duffy, Village Clerk
DATE: July 18, 2023
No. 0739
(July 24, 2023)

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN this 18th DAY of JULY, 2023
The City of Byron's Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing Meeting to consider the following:
A variance request from James and Nancy Engelhardt, 6754 N. Friday Road, PIN #09-01-201-007, in the city of Byron, Ogle County Illinois to construct an accessory building 17 feet in height.
Property is located in the R-1 Single Family Residential District and the maximum height for an accessory building is 15 feet. The owner is requesting a variance to 17 feet in height.
Those requesting additional information may contact the City of Byron Building and Zoning Department.
All persons in attendance at the hearing shall have an opportunity to be heard. The proposed Zoning Code Variance request is on file and available for examination at the Byron City Hall, 232 W. Second St., Byron, Illinois.
The public hearing shall be held on the 10th day of August, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Byron City Council Chambers, 232 W. 2nd Street, Byron, IL 61010.
CITY OF BYRON, A Municipal Corporation
John Rickard, Mayor
No. 0740
(July 24, 2023)

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GARAGE SALE
Fri., July 28th 8am-5pm
Sat., July 29th 8am-?
234 S. Lowell Park Rd.
Mount Morris
Boys toddler clothes, toys, desks, portable crib, furniture, dog kennel, household items, strollers, Longaberger and lots of misc. PIA#68

"Huge Garage Sale"
702 S. 2nd. St., Oregon, IL
Thursday, Friday and Saturday
from 9AM to 5PM
(Antiques, furniture, household goods, original art, and STUFF.. STUFF..STUFF!)
PIA #67 07242023

Garage Sales!
[Multi-Family Sale] at 502 N. Locust St., Forreston, IL And Also 503 N. Locust St., Forreston, IL
Friday, July 28th & Saturday, July 29th from 8AM to 5PM
Portable kitchen island, several end tables and various other tables, outdoor table & chairs, clay pots and other various flower pots and outdoor decor, entertainment center, vintage school desks, canning jars & freezer containers, metal basketball hoop, "New" raised dog food dish, vintage Freeport advertising, lots of drapes, hand-braided oval rugs and others, vintage children's books (Ex. Lassie, Sleeping Beauty, Etc.), various scraps of lumber and paneling, and MUCH, MUCH MORE!
PIA#72

OLD FOUNDRY SALE
309 S. 1st St., Oregon, IL
Friday & Saturday 9AM to 3PM
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PIA #70 07242023

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105 BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

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113 FINANCIAL

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

119 ANNOUNCEMENTS

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127 SERVICES AND REPAIRS

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

201 DOMESTIC/CHILD CARE

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

301 ANTIQUES

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

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

305 GARAGE SALE

FRANKLIN GROVE - Presbyterian Church Basement, 106 S. Walnut Street. Fri 8/4 8AM - 4PM, Sat 8/5 8AM - 1PM. 4+ Racks of Men's and Women's Name Brand Clothing (Many are New with Tags), Sandals, Shoes, Books, Yarn, Small Furniture & Appliances. Don't miss this one! Unlike the stores, our prices haven't gone up! (07-30-23)

HOLCOMB - 210 S. 1st. Ave., Holcomb. Monday 7/24 thru Friday 7/28 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Vintage Dickens lighted villages with boxes, jewelry, antique sofa table, doilies, lawn chairs, coolers and misc. (07-26-23)

307 MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE

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

405 HOUSES FOR SALE

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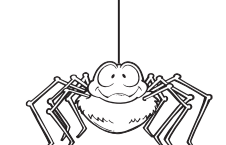
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Call 815-734-6572

Byron CUSD #226 Coaching Openings

8th Grade Volleyball Coach

HS Girls assistant basketball coach

Apply online at www.byron226.org
'About Us' Tab - Employment Opportunities Tab

Forrestville Valley CUSD #221 Staff Positions Available

Forreston Grade School:
4th Grade Teacher
Paraprofessional

Forreston Junior Senior High School:
Cook

District Bus Drivers are also needed!
• Great for Parents looking for the same schedule as their children
• Benefits based on eligibility and may include Medical, Dental, Vision, Life, and Retirement
• Children of an employee who resides out of district may attend Forrestville Valley Schools tuition free

Please send a letter of interest, resume, listing of 3 references with work & home phone numbers; Certified applicants should include a copy of transcripts and professional educator license; Documents should be sent to:
S. Smith, Superintendent
Forrestville Valley School District #221
P.O. Box 665
Forreston, IL 61030
Fax: (815) 938 - 9028
Email: achristensen@fvdistrict221.org

Byron CUSD #226 has openings for Bus Drivers
SIGN-ON BONUS Available
Contact Barb Rundle at 815-234-5491
For more information

Byron CUSD #226 Openings

3 hour per day Kitchen

5 hour per day Kitchen

2.75 hour Lunch Supervisors

2nd and 3rd Shift Custodial

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'About Us' Tab - Employment Opportunities Tab

Educational Support Staff Positions Available!

Oregon Jr/Sr High School is looking for multiple paraprofessionals for the 2023-2024 school year!

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LOCAL NEWS



(COURTESY PHOTOS)

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Northern Illinois Belt Sander Drag Races organization donates to VOP

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raised over \$11,000 for the Village of Progress and had a lot of fun in the process. “Wow is about all we can say,” a VOP press release said. “Sometimes ‘stuff’ surprises you and this one surprised us. Jane Hart called the Village and explained her grand-

son, Cameron, attends the Village of Progress via our Attendance Grant Program. Her family wanted to feature the Village of Progress at an annual event that they do and said they hoped to raise some money for The Attendance Grant Program in the process.

When she called a few weeks later to explain they had had a check for \$11,000 - we were needless to say surprised.” The Northern Illinois Belt Sander Drag Races started in the Rochelle area in 2012 when some friends got together with the idea

that anything can become a competition, including racing power tools. They started by building a wooden track that would harness all the power of belt sanders. The first year there were approximately 16 sanders that were all in the “stock” class with

around 50 attendees. The Attendance Grant Program is a unique benefit provided by the Village of Progress. The Attendance Grant Program lets individuals who are on the state’s waiting list attend the Village on a part-time basis — free of charge.

The StingRays to play in Mt. Morris on July 28

MT. MORRIS — The Mt. Morris Jamboree is pleased to announce the highly-anticipated return of Chicago’s oldies rock and roll band, The StingRays, to our band shell for a free two-hour concert on July 28 from 7-9 p.m. Everyone fortunate enough to have seen this exciting and engaging act will fondly remember the dynamic stage presence of this entertaining band. The StingRays play the greatest music ever written and they play it with the energy, passion and authenticity of the artists whose music they love. Their music, great rapport with audiences,

their look and the famous StingRay moves have made them repeated favorites at festivals, concert series, and parties throughout the Midwest. The StingRays love interacting with audiences through trivia, dance contests and joining people in the audience. The StingRays always get the crowd singing and dancing to songs from the 50s through the 70s. Concessions for the evening will be provided by the Mt. Morris Senior Center, serving burgers, brats and dogs with all the fixings, chips and drinks. Grandpa’s ice cream will

be on site, too. The Let Freedom Ring committee will also be serving root beer floats. All from 6-8 p.m. Ewe and Me Acres will have their farmer’s market stand on the campus from 4:30- 8:30 p.m., offering fresh watermelon, muskmelon and sensation melon (a cross between honeydew and musk), cucumbers, zucchini, fresh baked pies and cookies and homemade dog treats. Please bring a blanket or chair, or enjoy the new benches and join the fun on our beautiful, historic campus in the center of Mt. Morris, two blocks

south of Illinois Route 64 on Wesley Avenue and enjoy the free rock & roll concert. In the event of rain, the whole show moves to the old

Mt. Morris High School, located at 105 W. Brayton Road at the same times.



Ackerman sets up shop at Byron Hairy Cow Farmer’s Market

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