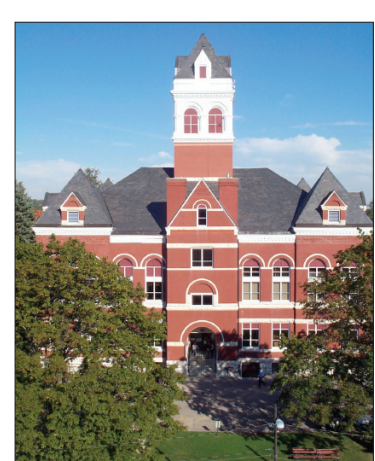




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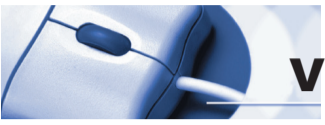


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City of Rochelle, local banks make donations to purchase Habitat for Humanity's next lot

'It shows the strength of the community and what can happen when we all work together'

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE — On June 8, four donations of \$2,000 each were presented by the City of Rochelle, Holcomb Bank, Central Bank and Stillman Bank, respectively, to Habitat for Humanity of Ogle County that will be used to purchase a lot for its next home at 208 Avenue H in Rochelle for a 2024 or 2025 build.

Mayor John Bearrows thanked the financial institutions and city staff and leadership for making the donation possible. He also thanked Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Smith for selling the lot to Habitat, and Kenzley Title of Oregon and Hewitt &

Wagner Attorneys at Law for their donated work on the transaction. Habitat Executive Director Sheri Anspaugh and Board President Gail Tuttle accepted the donations on June 8 and presented plaques of appreciation to the city and banks.

Tuttle said Habitat is currently completing its third home in Rochelle and it will be hosting a home dedication ceremony on June 25 at 2 p.m. at 110 S. 9th St. She thanked the city for its support, including June 8's donation and help with permits and fees for building. Anspaugh agreed and thanked the city as well.

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The City of Rochelle recently presented a donation of \$2,000 to Habitat for Humanity of Ogle County for its next lot. (Photo by Jeff Helfrich)

GSNI presents volunteer awards to locals

The Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois recently presented two locals with volunteer awards. 9A

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RCH Foundation awards 2023 employee scholarships

'That was a big, significant help to me during this quarter of school'

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE — The Rochelle Community Hospital Foundation recently presented three \$1,000 scholarships to employees that are pursuing education in the healthcare field.

They include Materials Assistant Brenda Aguila (pursuing sterile processing at Kishwaukee College), Emergency Department RN and House Supervisor Megan Dempsey (pursuing doctor of nursing practice in education leadership at Chamberlain University) and Cardiac Rehab RN Ellee Myers (pursuing masters of nursing at University of Phoenix).

The employee scholarship program is in its third year. RCH Foundation President Reed Harris called it a "privilege" to present RCH employees with scholarships that will help with ongoing certification, continued studies to improve in their current



Cardiac Rehab RN Ellee Myers was one of three RCH employees that received scholarships recently. (Courtesy photo)

positions and advancing in the future.

"The RCH Foundation

is all about helping our hospital in any area we can," Harris said. "Upgrading

equipment, purchasing new equipment, improving connections within our community, and helping the hospital provide basic testing for the community, are just a few of the ways we can help. Our scholarships, therefore, can help the hospital employees continue their pride and ownership of their positions which allows RCH to become the place we want it to be: a sanctuary of health and caring in our community. A little help can earn huge rewards."

Aguila said after getting her start with sterile processing, she hopes to get into the surgical tech field and one day be a surgical assistant.

"When I started working here, we took a tour up to surgery and everything was just so fascinating," Aguila said. "That's really what influenced me to go back to school and get this degree done."

Aguila has worked in the healthcare field since she was 16. In her current position, she works with

every department in the hospital and has been able to see how the emergency and surgical departments work. She has had the access to get better insight on a future career.

The RCH materials assistant called receiving the scholarship "a blessing."

"Just the hospital offering that kind of scholarship and money to help their employees, that says a lot," Aguila said. "Because not a lot of places do that. For RCH to invest in its employees to further their education, that's such a blessing and it's super cool. I'm really blessed to have that opportunity."

Dempsey also teaches nursing at Sauk Valley Community College and works with nursing students throughout the school year. Everything that she can learn and keep herself up to date with as a PRN at RCH, she can take back to students.

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LOCAL NEWS

HABITAT: Local banks make donations

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“I think the community here is amazing in Rochelle,” Anspaugh said. “They support our projects and have really backed what we’re doing. To see another family have the opportunity to have a decent, safe home to live in is going to be wonderful. We’re currently preparing for the blessing of our newest home and we’ve seen all the work that family has put in. They’re really partners in what we do. It’s, ‘A hand up, not a hand out.’ They have that gratification that they were a part of it. Our new home owner called it ‘generational change’ for her and her family. And that’s so true.”

clear that homes are not given away to families. Habitat homeowners have mortgages and are responsible for 200 hours of “sweat equity” in the home’s construction per adult. Tuttle agreed with the home owner’s assessment of people having the opportunity to own their own home as a generational change. Bearrows said that Habitat homes create a “really good base and safety net” for children in the families that own them. “And I think that’s extremely important,” Bearrows said. “When I look at this project, I see it as the right thing to do. From the city and our local lenders, it’s an expression of support. It’s huge. I’ve been

here my whole life, and Rochelle is one of the most giving, caring communities I’ve ever seen. Whenever the chips are down or there’s a project, usually everybody jumps in and does the very best that they can and the most that they can. When I made the calls for these donations for this lot, there was not a hesitation at all. I’m so thankful to them for that. Because this is a real expression of support from those institutions.” Check presentations were made June 8 at City Hall and each of the Rochelle bank branches. Holcomb Bank Assistant Vice President, Human Resources & Marketing Kate Shaw-Dickey praised Habitat for its work in the past and said anything that

promotes home development in town is “wonderful.” “We were excited to get to be part of the next project that’s coming to help another family,” Shaw-Dickey said. “As a community bank, nothing is more important to us than the communities where we work and live and have our branches. Any kind of community partnership that we can be involved in. This one was perfect with the involvement of the city and other area banks and

shows the strength of the community and what can happen when we all work together.” Central Bank Community Bank President Jeff Glen said Central Bank is involved with many different projects throughout the community and that it’s important to the organization to support local charities like Habitat. June 8’s check presentation was near and dear to Stillman Bank President & CEO Thomas Hughes’ heart, as Stillman Bank has

supported Habitat for all of his 28 years there and he’s served on the Habitat board himself for 10 years. “We’ve probably been involved in 10 or so of the builds in Ogle County and we support it in Winnebago County as well,” Hughes said. “Any time you can give a hand up to a deserving family, we want to be part of that. It makes communities a better place. Thanks to the mayor, Sheri and Gail for all the work that they do. We’re just happy to be a part of it.”

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Stillman Bank recently presented a donation of \$2,000 to Habitat for Humanity of Ogle County for its next lot. (Photo by Jeff Helfrich)



Central Bank recently presented a donation of \$2,000 to Habitat for Humanity of Ogle County for its next lot. The donation was one of four made locally in Rochelle to the nonprofit organization for a future family in need. (Photo by Jeff Helfrich)



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OREGON — Lifeline Food and Self-Help Project is located at 201 N. 3rd St. in Conover Square Mall. Pantry hours are Tuesday 1:30-4 p.m. and Friday 1:30-4:30 p.m. Store hours are Tuesday 1:30-4 p.m., Thursday 1-4 p.m., Friday 1:30-4:30 p.m. and Saturday 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. We serve Oregon-Chana and Northern Grand Detour areas. We served 184 people in May. We are in need to Hamburger Helper, Pork n Beans, baked beans, rice, pancake mix and syrup, jelly and soups. We wish to thank everyone that helps us, we really appreciate your support.

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LOCAL NEWS

Oregon Park Board: Aquatic services management agreement approved

Property tax settlement agreement with Constellation approved

OREGON — Oregon Park District Board of Commissioners held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, June 13 at Nash Recreation Center. The district meets the second Tuesday of each month.

The district addressed several new business items, but two items of note included the approval of a property tax settlement agreement with Constellation and an aquatic services management agreement with Catch the Wave Aquatics.

Erin Folk, executive director, recommended the board approve a tax settlement agreement with Constellation for property taxes to be collected from the two Byron Nuclear Plant parcels.

The tax settlement agreement includes tax years 2022-2027 and outlines Constellation agreeing to provide the Oregon Park District with an annual tax payment of \$2,196,742 in each tax year of the agreement. Total taxes payable to all 12 taxing bodies will be

\$33,666,667.

Folk said, "The district is extremely excited to have this opportunity to enter a five-year tax agreement with Constellation. The last agreement expired in 2011 and Constellation and the 12 taxing bodies have worked diligently to arrive at a number that is fair for all parties."

Additionally, the Board of Commissioners approved an aquatic management agreement with Catch the Wave Aquatics. The agreement allows the district to contract aquatic services with Catch the Wave through June 2025. Pool hours and activities are identified by the district and Catch the Wave is responsible for the hiring, training, staffing and supervision of aquatic staff necessary to operate the Nash pool.

Total aquatic employment costs, including management, lifeguards, swim instructors, and training, in 2022 was \$129,724. Total aquatic employment costs in 2014-

2018 eclipsed \$140,000 each year when minimum wage remained at \$8.25/hour. Minimum wage is now \$13/hour.

Catch the Wave also serves as the provider for Oregon Park District swim lessons. Under their management, swim lesson registration soared to 1,729 participants in 2022. This represented a 255 percent increase from swim lessons offered annually prior to Catch the Wave.

The district entered its first contractual agreement with Catch the Wave in 2020 and has maintained a positive working relationship. Folk added, "Catch the Wave has served the district in a capacity which has allowed us to offer quality programming to meet the needs of the community and remain fiscally responsible with our employment costs. Catch the Wave has done a tremendous job providing high quality staff who continue to meet the necessary training standards."

RCH: Scholarships awarded

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Part of being a DNP educational leader involves taking current evidence-based practice and implementing it into the patient care setting to improve patient outcomes.

"Receiving the scholarship was very meaningful," Dempsey said. "As a nursing faculty, we are obviously not paid a whole lot to educate our future nurses. It meant a lot to me to be able to continue the two classes I'm in right now, because without getting the federal funding I was receiving before, I would have to pay for all of that out of pocket. So that was a big, significant help to me during this quarter

of school."

Myers plans to specialize in nurse education with her masters program. She enjoys the education realm and informing patients. She wants to help other nurses find that enjoyment. Working in RCH's cardiac rehab unit sees Myers work with patients with a variety of cardiac conditions.

"We spend time on exercise and therapy," Myers said. "But 90 percent of the workload is mental. It's about how they got here. I spent a lot of my time educating patients, which is my favorite part. I talk with them one-on-one when they're exercising so we can incorporate the education into the exercise."

Myers said she has enjoyed working at RCH and how it makes employees' futures a priority.

"They sought me out to apply for the scholarship," Myers said. "I've only been here six months. That's been so nice. Getting the scholarship was awesome. It just means that I can keep going in my class. It's fun working here. I'm working part time so I could go back to school and have kids and manage a life. The scholarship helps me to keep going to school without having to take breaks. The faster I get through the program, the faster I can get back into the workforce for more time."



Brenda Aguila



Megan Dempsey

Disciples UMC Mt. Morris will serve pie and ice cream

MT. MORRIS — Disciples United Methodist Church will be serving pie and ice cream at the Wednesday night Kable Concert Band performance at the band shell in Mt. Morris on June 28. All proceeds from this event will help support an upcoming mission project.

In conjunction with Midwest Mission Distribution Center (www.midwestmission.org), church members and friends will have the experience of an "in-house" mission trip. Donations will provide the funds to purchase 200 school kits at a

cost of \$7 each. In September, volunteers will assemble the kits, which will then be distributed to school children living in areas affected by war, hurricanes, tornadoes, crisis and other disasters whenever, and wherever, they occur — both in the U.S. and beyond.

A free-will donation will be asked for the pie and ice cream. All monies collected will be designated for the mission project. We hope you will support this effort to provide assistance to children around the world when they need it most.

Davis Junction Museum World War II program is June 25

DAVIS JUNCTION — There will be a program at the Davis Junction Museum on World War II liberators of the Holocaust through the eyes of those who were there on June 25. The speaker will be Dr. John Ulferts.

The doors will open at 1 p.m. and the program begins at 1:30 p.m. There will be cookies and refreshments. There is no cover charge. Come see artifacts and history from Davis Junction. The building is a registered historical site. We are pleased to announce a successful

bake sale during the 610 Days.

The Postal Wagon has been taken to be sandblasted for the beginning of restoration. On Wednesday, June 21, our monthly meeting will be at 6 p.m. We will be open that day at 2:30 p.m. If you would like an engraved brick for our next area to be completed please have your information to us by June 30.

Hope to see you at the program. We look forward to Dr. Ulferts coming and sharing his knowledge on WWII.



BYRON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Driver issued citation for no muffler

BYRON — On May 25, a 17-year-old minor of Mt. Morris was issued a citation for operating a vehicle with no muffler.

On May 25, Kaitlyn L. Schwartz, 31, of Mt. Morris was issued citations for possession of adult cannabis in a motor vehicle and operating a vehicle while registration is suspended.

On May 26, a 17-year-old minor of Byron was issued citations for reckless driving, operating a vehicle with no valid license plate due to GDL restriction and no lights when required.

On May 29, Teresa Vancko, 75, of Oregon was issued a citation for speeding.

On May 29, Michelle L. Lorenz, 46, of Byron was issued a citation for operating a vehicle with expired registration.

On May 30, Bryan J. Smith, 22, of Roscoe was issued a citation for operating a vehicle with expired

registration.

On June 2, Martin W. Keegan, 19, of Winnebago was issued a citation for operating a vehicle with expired registration.

On June 2, Samantha M. Reed, 45, of Lindenwood was issued a citation for speeding.

On June 2, Jeffrey L. Heiser, 66, of Byron was issued a citation for speeding.

On June 3, William R. Roman, 39, of Rockford was issued a citation for speeding.

On June 3, Nicole M. Mannering, 32, of Byron was issued a citation for operating a vehicle with expired registration.

On June 3, Eduardo L. Castro Escobac, 32, of Wheeling was issued a citation for disregard of official traffic control device.

On June 3, Maryann Mahan, 57, of Oregon was issued a citation for passenger in a seat not wearing seatbelt.

On June 4, Michael J. Alder, 40, of Poplar Grove was issued a citation for speeding.

On June 6, Melissa L. Maurer, 46, of Leaf River was issued a citation for operating a vehicle with expired registration.

On June 8, Erica L. Thomas, 33, of Rockford was issued citations for speeding and operating a vehicle with expired registration.

On June 10, Riley J. Birnbaum, 21, of Oregon was issued a citation for suspended registration.

On June 12, Annie E. Burke, 25, of Byron was issued a citation for speeding.

On June 12, Timothy J. Adams, 21, of Byron was issued a citation for speeding.

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

When Others Make Your Life Difficult

We share this earth with fellow humans. Together we drive the streets, walk the trails, and breathe the air. Sometimes this co-existence is peaceful and pleasant. Other times it is not. Selfish people fight with other selfish people. Unhappy people seem determined to spread their gloom. In ways both large and small, people make life difficult for one another. Indeed, all of us have experienced troubled relationships. Maybe it's a broken trust with our marriage partner or maybe we were abused as a child, or someone we thought was a friend turns out to be against us. In fact, it may seem like everyone is against us and trying to make our life as difficult as possible.

How should we respond when it seems our life is nothing but difficulty? Will we become bitter and blame everyone else, including God, for our problems? Will we try to get revenge against those who have mistreated us? Will we resort to drugs and alcohol to help us forget our problems? Maybe we think suicide would be the easiest way out!

But what does God want for us? The Bible shows God to be Love and Mercy, and He wants to share His love and mercy with each of us through His plan of salvation by Jesus Christ. Just because we've been mistreated or feel like our life is only difficulty doesn't mean that God doesn't care about us. He may have allowed our circumstances to give us an opportunity to reach out to Him for help. As we experience God's love to us, we will understand His love for each person in the world, even those who mistreat others. He wants us to share His love with everyone, even those who make our life difficult. This will bring peace to our hearts, even though our circumstances are not ideal.

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LOCAL NEWS

Obituaries

Lloyd V. DeVries

SHANNON — Lloyd V. DeVries, 102, of Shannon, Illinois completed his long earthly journey, Tuesday June 6, 2023 at FHN in Freeport, IL. He was born September 23, 1920, near Harper, IL to Lewis and Carrie (DeWall) DeVries. He attended country school and Shannon High School.

On December 18, 1945, he married Gladys Swalve at Forreton Grove Presbyterian Church. In March of 1946, they moved to the home farm near Shannon where he lived the remainder of his life, and earned a living as a dairy, hog, and crop farmer. Until her passing, they celebrated 65 years together. They improved and expanded the farming operation as they witnessed remarkable inventions and innovations.

He enjoyed working with his family and neighbors, first threshing and later baling, and chopping silage, picking ear corn and later combining shelled corn. He finally retired from harvesting in 2020, doubting he could climb the ladder to get into the cab. He returned in 2021, to harvest his neighbor's corn, planted with a 6-row planter with his 6-row corn head, resulting in a satisfying 258 bushels per acre. He did continue to mow lawn, and renewed his license each year so he could continue to drive to church each week and patrol the neighborhood to determine a crop status. He was a member of Forreton Grove Presbyterian Church where he was

ordained a ruling elder in 1956, a member of Carroll County Farm Bureau, serving on the FS board, as well as a member of Holstein Association.



He is survived by: daughter, Lois Graff of Casper, WY, son, Larry DeVries of Shannon, four grandchildren: Mark (Cheryl) Graff, and Greg (Heidi) Graff of Casper, WY, Jill Graff of Douglas, WY, Eric (Josie Heath) Graff of Boise, ID, and great grandson Jason. Sister-in-law: Betty Swalve of Mt. Morris, Nieces: Carol Browning of Sherrard, IL, Joyce DeVries of Forreton, and Ann Horner Weafer of Olathe, KS, and nephews: Robert (Anita) DeVries of Forreton, and Mark (Michele) Horner of Shannon.

Preceding him in death were: his parents, his wife, Gladys (2011), brother Raymond DeVries at 2 years of age in 1917, brother Leo DeVries (2009), sister-in-law Florence DeVries of Forreton (1991), brother-in-law Ivan Swalve (1999), brother-in-law Reynold Horner (2000) sister-in-law Doris Horner (2020) of Shannon, and son-in-law Paul Graff (2023) of Casper, WY.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, June 17, 2023, at Forreton Grove Presbyterian Church at 11:00, with visitation at the church from 9 to 11. Burial will be in Forreton Grove Church Cemetery. A memorial is being established.

Ruth Gibson

STILLMAN VALLEY — Ruth Gibson, age 83, passed away peacefully on June 8th, 2023 at Fairhaven Christian Retirement Center. Ruth was born on January 28th, 1940 in Rockford, Illinois the daughter of Arvid and Genevieve (Johnson) Anderson. She married Lester "Gibby" Gibson on September 1, 1962 and they built a beautiful life together.



She pursued a career in health-care and worked as a nurse for Swedish American Health Systems as well as Neighbors Nursing Home. She also worked as the bookkeeper for the flooring installation business owned and operated by her husband and herself.

Ruth was a member of the Valley Evangelical Covenant Church in Stillman Valley until she relocated to Rockford where she attended Northeast Christian Church.

The biggest joy in Ruth's life was her family. Her love for them knew no bounds. Ruth adored being a grandmother and mother. She had a heart full of compassion that she shared generously with those she loved. Ruth was friendly and always made time to catch up with people, both new acquaintances and old friends alike. She loved attending reunions with both family members and high school friends.

In addition to being dedicated to nursing and family life, Ruth had a wealth of hobbies that brought her joy throughout the years. She was crafty and enjoyed painting, coloring, sewing and making beautiful quilts for her family to cherish. Alongside these talents, she was known for her singing and piano playing. In her spare time she enjoyed reading books and

cooking. The Rockford Ice Hogs Hockey games were one of Ruth's favorite pastimes as well.

Ruth left behind wonderful memories that will be cherished forever by those who had the privilege of knowing her. She was a treasure whose caring, warm, and loving spirit will be remembered by all who had the joy of encountering her.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Arvid and Genevieve Anderson, husband, Lester "Gibby" Gibson, son, David Gibson and brother John Robert Anderson.

She is survived and missed by her children, Robert (Angela) Gibson of Beloit, WI, Carol (Michael) Leitz of Loves Park, IL, Matthew (Theresa) Gibson of Joliet, IL, and Donald (Sarah) Gibson of Stoughton, WI; sister, Miriam (Robert) Nelson of Rockford; grandchildren; Arabel Gibson, Jady Gibson, David Leitz, Jonathan (Theia) Leitz, Abigail Leitz, Katherine Gibson, James Gibson, Grace Gibson, and Kyle Gibson; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral service will be 11:00 am, Thursday, June 29, 2023 at the Valley Evangelical Covenant Church in Stillman Valley. Burial will be at the Stillman Valley Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4-7 pm, Wednesday evening at the Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home, 136 W. Roosevelt Rd. in Stillman Valley, IL. A memorial fund is established for the Valley Evangelical Covenant Church, Northeast Christian Church, or the Rockford Rescue Mission. To leave an online condolence please visit www.farrellhollandgale.com

Steven 'Steve' Eugene Grobe

POLO — Steven "Steve" Eugene Grobe, 67, of Polo, passed away on Sunday, June 11, 2023, at his home surrounded by those he loved.

Dawn (Randy) Mitchell, of Polo, Debbie (Jim) Busser, of Polo; and his partner, Christy Bowlin.



He worked as a Brick Layer for Union Local #6 for 45 years. Steve was born on March 11, 1956, in Dixon, the son of Lyle and Barb (Lohman) Grobe. He married Debra (Witmer) Grobe. She preceded him in death on February 5, 2005.

Steve was an avid sports fan, enjoyed hunting, golfing, and most of all, spending time with his family.

Steve is survived by his children, Ronald (Colleen) Grobe, of Polo, Stephanie (Nate) Grobe, of Byron; five grandchildren, Adisyn, Byron, Logan, Olivia, Kya; one great-granddaughter, Lucy Gene; his parents, Lyle and Barb Grobe; one brother, Rick (Deb) Grobe, of Polo; two sisters,

Steve was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Henry and Edna Grobe; and maternal grandparents, Leslie and Anna Lohman.

Visitation will be from 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm on Wednesday, June 21, 2023, at Preston-Schilling Funeral Home, in Dixon. Funeral

Service will be 10:00 am, Thursday, June 22, 2023, at Preston-Schilling Funeral Home, in Dixon, with Pastor Jack Briggs, officiating. Burial will follow at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens, in Dixon.

A memorial has been established. Arrangements were completed by Preston-Schilling Funeral Home, in Dixon. Condolences may be sent to www.prestonschilling.com.

Keith L. Hall

DAVIS JUNCTION — Keith L. Hall, age 69, passed away on June 13, 2023 at Serenity Hospice and Home in Oregon. He was born on January 20, 1954 in Rochelle the son of Delbert and Joan (Upstone) Hall.

enlist and even though that was difficult he trusted in God to help him create a new plan for his life.

Keith was a man of faith and he and Rose were active members of Monroe Center Community Church.



Keith graduated from Stillman Valley High School the Class of 1972. While there he met his high school sweetheart and the love of his life, Rose Rainwater and they married on November 6, 1976. They remained committed to each other and were best friends who enjoyed doing everything together.

The most important thing in his life was his family and he was a proud father and grandfather. He will be remembered for his compassion and kindness that made him friends everywhere he went.

He is preceded in death by his parents, brother, in-laws, Oren and Elizabeth Rainwater, and brother-in-law, Al Klapp.

He loved sports especially baseball and was scouted by professional teams while in high school. Some of his favorite athletes include Bobby Knight and Pete Rose who he even received a personalized message from that meant a lot to him.

Keith played football for Rock Valley College in 1973 and his team was inducted into the Rock Valley Hall of Fame on January 26, 2019. He continued playing sports for as long as he could; never losing his competitive attitude through the years.

If he wasn't playing, he was coaching even if it meant coaching from the sidelines. He was a coach with compassion for his players and believed that every kid deserved to have playing time.

He worked as an industrial truck driver for Ferguson Thrall until his retirement. In his spare time, he enjoyed working in his yard and playing drums. He was an animal lover, especially their dog, Annie Oakley.

Keith lost his brother, Delbert Hall in the Vietnam War. This had a huge impact on his life and inspired him to enlist to honor both his fallen brother and his country. But because his mother had already lost one son; he was not able to

He is survived and greatly missed by his wife, Rose Hall of Davis Junction; children, Brent (Jennifer) Hall of Oregon, Shannon (Kory) Lindquist of Stillman Valley, and Brock (Nicole) Hall of West Chicago; siblings, Diana Klapp of Stillman Valley, Theresa (Larry) Anderson of Ashton, Cathy (Greg) Stoddard of Byron, and Chris Hall of Stillman Valley; grandchildren, Griffin, Hayden, Tate, Tripp, Dane, Carter, and Madden, and special friends, Marty Larson, Eugene Setterstrom, Ken Pearson and the Ainley Family.

A funeral service will be held at 10:00 AM on Saturday, June 24, 2023 at the Farrell Holland Gale Funeral Home in Stillman Valley with Pastor Bob Mellon and Pastor Aaron Ainley officiating. Visitation will be held from 4:00 - 7:00 PM on Friday, June 23, 2023 at the funeral home. Burial will be at Monroe Center Cemetery. Memorials are established for Serenity Hospice and Home.

The family would like to thank the staff at Serenity and OSF Cancer Center for their dedicated and exceptional care of Keith. To leave an

online condolence please visit www.farrellhollandgale.com.

James Otto Kloepping

CHANA — James Otto Kloepping, age 72, of Chana, Illinois, passed on to be with his Lord on Thursday, June 8, 2023. He was born July 29, 1950, in Freeport, Illinois, the son of Samuel and Luella (Dreibelbis) Kloepping. He graduated from Pearl City High School and Illinois State University. He married Patricia Wieck on July 27, 1973.

Chana. They have four grandchildren: Emma, Elijah, Payton and Aubrey.

Jim was a carpenter. He was very active in the Ashton Lions Club and served as District Governor from 2014-2015. He was a member of Chana United Methodist Church.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents, Samuel and Luella. He is survived by three sisters: Elizabeth, Patricia and

Annette, and brother, William, as well as several nieces and nephews.



Visitation will be held 4:00 - 6:00 P.M., Monday, June 12, 2023 at the Unger-Horner Funeral Home, 400 N. 6th St. in Rochelle.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at Chana United Methodist Church, 606 N. Main St., on Saturday, July 8, 2023. Memorials made be made in Jim's memory to the Chana United Methodist Church or the Ashton Lions Club.

Visit www.ungerhorner.com to sign the online guest book.

Report policy

Any arrests listed in this paper are merely charges and the defendants are presumed innocent unless proven guilty in a court of law. Please note that all police reports received from the Oregon Police, Byron Police, Polo Police, Mt. Morris

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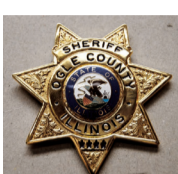
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LOCAL NEWS

OGLE COUNTY SHERIFF

DeKalb man arrested for no valid license, DeKalb County warrant

OREGON — On June 6 at approximately 6:40 p.m. deputies initiated a traffic stop at the intersection of East Illinois Route 38 and Mulford Road. Upon further investigation, deputies arrested Miguel Loza Espinoza, 28, of DeKalb, for no valid license and a DeKalb County warrant. Espinoza was released on an Ogle County individual bond and was later taken into custody by DeKalb County Sheriff's Office.



imately 8:33 p.m. deputies responded to the 100 block of Main Street in Leaf River regarding a reported battery. After an investigation, deputies placed Stasha D. Helms, 38, of Leaf River, under arrest for aggravated battery of a senior citizen (class two felony) and aggravated battery (class three felony). Helms was transported to the Ogle County Jail pending an appearance before a judge.

On June 8 at approximately 5:21 p.m. deputies responded to a car-versus-pedestrian crash in the 100 block of South 1st Avenue in Forreton. Upon investigation, it was learned a pedestrian, Nickole M Butler, 39, of Forreton, was in the roadway when she was struck by a vehicle in traffic. Butler was transported to Freeport Memorial Hospital by Forreton EMS. Butler suffered no injuries due to the crash. Butler was issued a citation for pedestrians under influence of alcohol or drugs in the roadway.

On June 8 at approximately 8:05 p.m. deputies arrived in the 11,000 block of West Illinois Route 72 in response to a single-vehicle rollover. Upon investigation, it was discovered the vehicle, driven by Jacob D. Boudrie, 40, of Hampshire, Illinois, lost control and rolled over in the north ditch. Boudrie was examined by Forreton EMS and released on a refusal. Boudrie was placed under arrest for driving under the influence of drugs. Boudrie was also issued citations for improper lane usage, failure to reduce speed to prevent an accident, and operating a motor vehicle with no insurance. Boudrie was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

On June 9 at approximately 1:52 a.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 6,000 block of West Illinois Route 64. After an investigation, Keanre Euell, 28, of Rock Falls, was placed under arrest for driving while license revoked. Euell was also cited for illegal window tint. Euell was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

On June 10 at 8:26 p.m. deputies responded to the 4,400 block of South Chana Road for the report of a single-vehicle rollover. After an investigation, it was learned a vehicle operated by Orlando Cruz, 28, of Chana, was traveling northbound when the vehicle left the roadway and overturned. Cruz was transported to a KSB hospital for minor injuries. After receiving medical treatment, Cruz was arrested for aggravated driving under the influence of alcohol (license suspended), driving under the influence of alcohol,

driving while license suspended and an Ogle County warrant. Cruz was additionally issued citations for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident, improper lane usage and a seat belt violation. Cruz was transported to the Ogle County Jail pending an appearance before a Judge.

On June 10 at approximately 1:34 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 13,000 block of East Illinois Route 72. After an investigation, deputies cited Adam Hill, 32, of Davis Junction for driving while license suspended. Hill was additionally issued citations for no insurance and suspended registration.

On June 11 at approximately 2:21 a.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 7,000 block of South Illinois Route 52. After investigation, deputies placed Joshua Cramer, 34, of Sterling under arrest for driving while license revoked. Cramer was additionally issued a citation for the Scott's Law violation. Cramer was transported to the Ogle County Jail where she was held in lieu of bond.

On June 11 at 8:56 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 6,000 block of North Illinois Route 2 for an equipment violation. After a brief investigation, it was learned that the driver of the vehicle, Payton Wisman, 20, of Byron, was operating the vehicle with no valid license. Wisman was arrested for no valid license and was released on an individual bond. Wisman was also issued a citation for an inoperable head light.

On June 12 at approximately 12:58 a.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop on Interstate 39 near mile marker 97. After investigation, deputies arrested Charles Farris, 32, of Chicago, for driving while license revoked. Farris was issued additional citations for illegal window tint and an equipment violation. Farris was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

On June 12 at 10:06 p.m. deputies were dispatched to a single-vehicle rollover accident with injuries in the 8,000 block of East Flag Road. Through the course of the investigation, it was determined a silver Chevrolet Equinox driven by Kelsey L. Swanson, 25, of Morrison, was westbound on East Flag Road when it exited the south side of the roadway and entered the ditch. The silver Chevrolet then struck a field entrance, became airborne, and overturned, coming to a rest on its driver's side. Swanson was transported to KSB Hospital in Dixon with serious injuries. Deputies were assisted on scene by Ashton Fire/EMS.

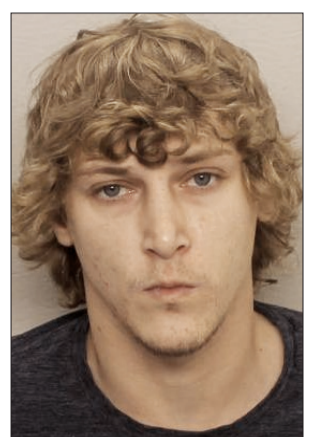
All individuals are considered innocent until proven guilty.

Rochelle man arrested stemming from February home invasion

ROCHELLE — On June 8, the Ogle County Sheriff's Office made an arrest stemming from a Feb. 19 home invasion call just outside Rochelle where a man was shot while allegedly entering a residence unlawfully.

On Feb. 19 at 1:11 a.m., deputies responded to a residence in the 9,000 block of East Fowler Road in reference to a home invasion in progress. Prior to their arrival, deputies were updated with information that a male offender had been shot by someone living at the property.

The investigation of



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the alleged home invasion revealed that Zachary T. Johnson, 28, of Rochelle, first attempted to enter a

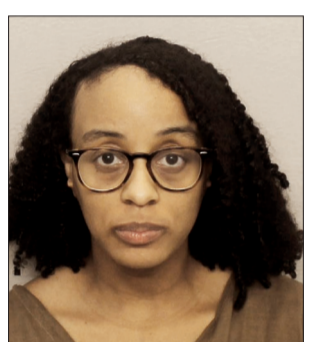
residence in the 9,000 block of East Oak Ridge Drive. Johnson then entered the residence on East Fowler Road and was subsequently shot.

On June 5, an arrest warrant was issued for Johnson for the charges of criminal trespass to residence, a class four felony and two charges of aggravated battery, class three felonies. On June 8, Johnson was arrested, posted bond and he will appear in Ogle County Court on June 30. All suspects are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Hillcrest residents arrested on battery charges

HILLCREST — The Ogle County Sheriff's Office recently arrested two Hillcrest residents on battery charges following the investigation of a child abuse incident in March, a June 14 press release said.

On March 21 at approximately 1:21 p.m. deputies investigated a child abuse incident involving a 12-year-old female and a 4-year-old female, which occurred in the Village of Hillcrest. After a lengthy investigation with the assistance of Shining Star Children's Advocacy Center, James R. Jones III, 33, of Hillcrest, was charged with two



Ayonna S. Jones

counts of domestic battery, unlawful restraint, two counts of aggravated battery of a child, and aggravated battery. Ayonna S. Jones, 32, of Hillcrest was charged with two counts of domestic battery.

Both James Jones and Ayonna Jones were



James R. Jones

lodged in the Ogle County Jail on June 13 in lieu of bond. Ayonna Jones posted bond and was released pending a future court date. James Jones appeared in court on June 14 and subsequently posted bond, and was released pending a future court date.

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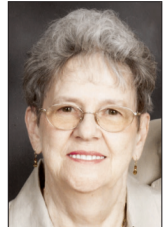
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LOCAL NEWS

Obituaries

Lois Ann Lints

OREGON — Lois Ann Lints, age 87, died Sunday, June 11, 2023 at the Serenity Hospice and Home near Oregon. She was born July 6, 1935 in London, Middlesex County, Ontario, Canada the daughter of Gordon and Mary Joan (Morrison) Bowley. She married Graham A. Lints on May 21, 1955 in New Windsor, Ontario. He preceded her in 2016.



Lois also worked for Conover Book Store and Light's Jewelry in Conover Square in Oregon.

She was predeceased by her parents, her husband Graham, sister Patricia Smith, brother Gordon Bowley.

She is survived by her 6 children: Graeme Lints of Oregon, IL; Lynne Lints-Lovstad of West Greenwich, RI; Greg Lints of Oregon, IL; Donna (Mark) Cerny of Dekalb, IL; Gerold Lints of Mt. Morris, IL; and Beth Lints of Salem, Oregon; grandchildren: Melissa, Jessica, Jordan, Alex, Aby, and Tori; and many nieces and nephews.

A funeral Mass will be held 11:00 AM, Friday, June 23, 2023 at the St. Mary Catholic Church with the Rev. Joseph Naill officiating. There will be no visitation. Burial will follow at the St. Mary Cemetery. A memorial fund is established in Lois's name and may be directed to her family.

Visit farrellhollandgale.com to leave a condolence or memory of Lois.

Lois had worked for Carron Spinning Company and as Secretary for the St. Mary Catholic Church in Oregon for over 20 years. Her primary focus was her husband and 6 children. They lived in Detroit, Michigan until 1968 when they moved to California. In 1970 they moved to Oregon, IL.

Lois was an active member of the St. Mary Catholic Church and the Catholic Daughters of America. She was also a member of the Red Hat Club.

In her later years she participated in activities through the Ogle County Senior Citizen's Center including line dancing, playing cards and acting in the plays.

Edith (Gilbert) Singley

Our beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister and aunt passed away peacefully with her baby sister holding her hand on Sunday, Dec. 25 at Serenity Hospice Home in Oregon.



Born Jan. 16, 1947 the daughter of Orville & Marcella Gilbert. Edie as she preferred to be called was a homemaker with cooking skills closest to her mother, was our original non-internet "Facebook," keeping up with what everyone was doing by landline phone, many thought she was "nosey" when she liked being first to know and pass on any news, because she cared. Edie enjoyed time with family, Gilbert gatherings and especially pushing buttons on slot machines – Casinos meant her special pleasure.

She is survived by her husband Tim, two sons Dean Gilbert and Joe Kane, two stepsons

Klint (Angel) & Brett Singley, two much-loved sisters Viola Phillips and LaVonne Taylor, grandchildren Amanda, JD, Ariel, Zak and their children, step grandchildren Anthony & Caitlyn, 44 precious Gilbert nieces and nephews plus many greats.

Edie was predeceased by two children Kenny & Carrie; her parents, three brothers and six sisters.

Celebration of life for Edith will be hosted by Faith Discovery Church at 801 W. Oregon St. (in Polo) on June 24, 2023. Visitation from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. with lunch to follow.

Our family circle is broken, but as God calls us one by one the circle will be unbroke again!

Edie wouldn't say goodbye, it was "love you see ya!"

Interstate 39 work beginning June 19

DIXON – The Illinois Department of Transportation announced June 12 that weather-permitting, construction on southbound Interstate 39 in Ogle County will begin Monday, June 19. The work zone is south of the Illinois 64 interchange (exit 104).

Work will install new weigh-in-motion sensors in the road. One lane of traffic will be open during the \$1.1

million project. In-roadway work is expected to be completed by mid-July.

Motorists can expect delays and should allow extra time for trips through this area. To avoid the work area, when feasible, use of alternate routes should be considered. Drivers are urged to pay close attention to changed conditions and signs in the work zones,

obey the posted speed limits, refrain from using mobile devices and be alert for workers and equipment.

Over the next six years, IDOT is planning to improve more than 2,500 miles of highway and nearly 10 million square feet of bridge deck as part of the Rebuild Illinois capital program, which is investing \$33.2 billion into all modes of transportation.

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LOCAL NEWS

Oregon Park District offers free community concerts

OREGON — The Oregon Park District is excited to kick off our popular Concert in the Park series for on June 20. Concerts run each Tuesday through Aug. 1 with the exception of July 4.

Concerts are held at Oregon Park West, 1402 Koontz Place, Oregon at the amphitheater. Concerts begin at 6:30 p.m. and are sponsored by local businesses and free of charge.

Bring your lawn chair, blanket, picnic basket and wear your dancing shoes! Enjoy a variety of music and family fun. We thank our local businesses that sponsor the entertainment each week.

Concerts begin at 6:30 p.m. to encourage everyone to join us in the park and enjoy one of our local food trucks. Six vendors have signed on to offer a variety of food for dinner or just a treat.

Joining us this summer are Hector's Cocina, GG's Ice Cream, Kona Ice, Jen's Artisan Breads, Ralfie's BBQ and Black Pearl Coffee. A variety of food will be offered each week with something for everyone!

Concerts in the Park schedule is:

June 20 – Three Good Men sponsored by the City of Oregon.

June 27 – Buzzed by sonSET sponsored by Central Bank.

July 11 – Blue Steel sponsored by E.D. Etnyre & Co.

July 18 – Soda sponsored by KSB Clinic, Oregon.

July 25 – HIM & HER sponsored by Stillman Bank.

July 26 – Burn N Bush sponsored by Woods/Blount.

In the event of threatening weather concerts will move to our rain location, River's Edge Experience. Updates can be found on the Oregon Park District Facebook page.

For more information visit www.oregonpark.org.

OREGON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Woman arrested on DUI charge

June 5

At 9:16 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Janet L. Broderick, 69, Oregon, for driving under the influence of alcohol and possession of a controlled substance. Broderick was transported to the Ogle County Jail. These violations occurred in the 600 block of Jefferson Street.

June 6

At 12:24 p.m., Oregon Police responded to a two-vehicle traffic crash at the intersection of Illinois Route 64 and South Daysville Road involving a 2006 Freightliner semi driven by James L. Hopkins, 78, Oregon, and a 1998 Dodge driven by Donald L. Hayes, 82, Chana. Hopkins was issued citations for failure to yield turning left and failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident. The Oregon Police Department was assisted with this traffic crash by the

Ogle County Sheriff's Office.

At 4:21 p.m., Oregon Police issued Amy M. Banister, 44, Oregon, a citation for improper parking on the roadway. This violation occurred near the intersection of 3rd and Franklin Streets.

June 9

At 11:24 a.m., Oregon Police investigated a two-vehicle traffic crash in the Super Value parking lot located at 204 N. 4th St. involving a 2022 Jeep driven by Melanie S. Simmons, 53, Dixon, and a 2022 Dodge driven by Roy R. Ennenga, 41, Oregon. No citations were issued.

At 5:13 p.m., Oregon Police issued Robert L. Sherrod, III, 52, Dixon, a citation for operation of a motor vehicle when registration is suspended. This violation occurred in the 600 block of Gale Street.

At 7:25 p.m., Oregon Police issued Jessica M. Hassard, 23, Dixon, citations for operating a motor vehicle with an expired registration and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. These violations occurred in the 100 block of South 4th Street.

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

Six verbal warnings issued during the week of June 5-11.

On June 12, a wedding ring was found at Oregon Park West and was turned in to our department. If you have any information, feel free to contact us at 815-732-2803.

Summer reminders: Grass or weeds must be under six inches tall, and do not blow the clippings out onto the street.

POLO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Driver arrested for no valid license, illegal use of cell phone

POLO — On June 9 at 2:02 p.m. Jamie L. Weilacher, 39, Polo, was arrested for no valid driver's license and cited for illegal use of a cell phone. Weilacher was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

On June 11 at 11:13 p.m. Zack D. Borgmann, 33, Forreston, was cited for operation of a motor vehicle with expired registration and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. Borgmann was released on a notice to appear.

On June 12 at 8:35 a.m. Mark A. Smith, 32, Polo, was arrested for no valid driver's license and cited for illegal use of a cell phone. Smith was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

General Calls for Service for the weeks of May 29 through June 11 - Citizen complaints/assists: 19, juvenile: two, animal complaints: four, disturbance/domestic: one, fire/medical assists: seven, alarm/open door: one, lock outs: two, 911 hang us: five, traffic stops: 78 and county assists: two.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

June 21
Kable Band Concert, Wednesday nights, 7:30 p.m. at the Reckmeyer Band Shell in Mt. Morris. Directed by Andy Eckardt. Kable Band is proud to present the first soloist of this summer. Performing an exciting solo on the drum set will be Brandon Rowe. Brandon is a 2023 graduate of Oregon High School and is a member of the Kable Band. Watch this notice for future soloists and performers. And, enjoy the concerts every week with a variety of music selections for all. Come early for ice cream socials. Benches are provided, or bring a lawn chair.

June 21
Serenity Hospice & Home's Men's Coffee Group will meet from 9-10 a.m. at Sunrise III Family Restaurant, 116 N. 4th St., Oregon. This group is for all bereaved men in the community.

June 24
Come and join us at Byron's Hairy Cow Farmers Market on Saturday, June 24 from 8 a.m. to noon.

Featuring seasonal produce, baked goods, farm fresh eggs, perennials, honey and a large variety of crafts. We have more vendors than ever before, including the Black Pearl Coffee truck, this season. We look forward to seeing everyone! For more information or to become a vendor, please contact Taryn Bradley at (815)985-6042, by email at craflab23@gmail.com or at the Byron's Hairy Cow Farmers Market Facebook page.

June 26
The Ogle County Historical Society's next monthly meeting will be Monday, June 26 at 6:30 p.m. in the carriage house annex behind the Nash House Museum at 111 N. 6th St. in Oregon. Everyone is welcome to attend, members and nonmembers alike.

Museum open hours are Wednesdays, 3:30-6 p.m., Thursdays, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and Saturdays, 1-4 p.m. May-September.

June 29
Serenity Hospice and Home is hosting a Cook-

ing for One Class. Cathy Warren will facilitate the classes once a week, starting Thursday, June 29 – Thursday, July 20 from 11-12:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Parish Center, 881 Mongan Drive, Oregon.

If you are alone and have suffered a loss, this is the class for you. Cathy will share exciting recipes and ideas on handling going to the grocery store. To sign up or if you have questions, please call Cathy or Denise at 815-732-4111.

July 8
Serenity Hospice and Home will hold its annual Butterfly Release on Saturday, July 8 at 9 a.m. The event will be at 1658 South Illinois Route 2 in Oregon on the scenic Serenity Home grounds. There will be a short service, including dedication of gazebo memorials and prayers for veterans. We will then release beautiful, live monarch butterflies in memory of loved ones who are greatly missed. Order a butterfly by June 23 on Serenity's website, www.serenityhospiceandhome.org, under "Events" on the homepage or by calling Serenity at 815-732-2499.

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MOMENTS IN TIME

- * On June 26, 1927, the Cyclone roller coaster opened at Coney Island in New York City. Notable riders are said to have included Charles Lindbergh, who reportedly described the experience as "greater than flying an airplane at top speed."
 - * On June 27, 1833, American school-teacher Prudence Crandall, a white woman, was arrested after she refused to shut down the academy she'd founded for "little misses of color" in Canterbury, Connecticut. Ultimately, the case was dismissed on a technicality, though Crandall ended up closing the school in fear for students' safety after a mob attack the following year.
 - * On June 28, 1976, Janet C. Wolfenbarger and 156 other women became the first women to enter the United States Air Force Academy. Wolfenbarger went on to further make U.S. military history in 2012 when she also became the first woman in the Air Force to receive the rank of a four-star General.
 - * On June 29, 2000, rapper Eminem's mother, Debbie Mathers-Nelson, filed a \$10 million lawsuit against her son, claiming slander and defamation of character for comments he made about her on his 1999 debut album, "The Slim Shady LP," and in interviews, including the line, "My mom smokes more dope than I do."
 - * On June 30, 1859, Charles Blondin became the first person to cross Niagara Falls by walking across a tightrope. He managed the feat in about 23 minutes, walking the complete length and back again on a line that was just 2 inches thick and 2,200 feet long.
 - * On July 1, 1972, the feminist magazine Ms., founded by activists Gloria Steinem and Dorothy Pittman Hughes, published its first regular issue, featuring Wonder Woman on the cover. Steinem's choice to showcase the Amazonian superhero was inspired partly by DC Comics' decision to have the long-running character lose her superpowers (which were soon restored).
 - * On July 2, 1505, on the verge of becoming a lawyer, Martin Luther was caught outside in a violent thunderstorm. Praying aloud for St. Anne to save him, he promised to become a monk if his life was spared. He survived the tempest and entered an Augustinian monastery several weeks later, despite the efforts of his friends to persuade him otherwise.
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A world for our kids

SEEMS each day I read about life today and how it has changed from generation. Apparently, Millennials hate Baby Boomers like me, and we can't understand them. Gen X and Gen Z can't seem to get along very well and of course, they too hate Baby Boomers. Guess I better check my ego at the door.



Ron Kern

As a parent it makes me wonder where I went wrong, where my parents went wrong, and finally, did we all go wrong or did we do it right but with bad results? I found this little gem written by the one and only Paul Harvey. I think he nailed it square on the head. Enjoy!

"We tried so hard to make things better for our kids that we made them worse. For my grandchildren, I'd like better. I'd like them to really know about hand-me-down clothes, homemade ice cream and leftover meatloaf sandwiches. I really would.

I hope they learn humility by being humiliated, and that you learn honesty by being cheated. I hope they learn how to make their own bed, mow the lawn, take out the trash and wash the car.

And I truly hope nobody gives you a brand-new car when you turn 16.

It would be good if at least one time you can see puppies born and your dog put to sleep. I hope you get a black eye fighting for something you truly believe in.

I hope you share a bedroom with your younger brother. And it's all right if you have to draw a line down the middle of the room, but when he wants to crawl under the covers with you because he's scared, I hope you let him.

When you see a movie and your little brother wants to tag along, you let him. I hope you walk uphill to school with your friends and that you live in town where you can do it safely.

On a rainy day when you catch a ride, I hope you don't ask your driver to drop you off two blocks away, so you won't be seen riding with someone as uncool as your mom.

If you want a slingshot, I hope your dad teaches you how to make one rather than buy one. I hope you learn how to dig in the dirt and read books.

When you learn how to use computers I also hope you learn how to add and subtract in your head.

I hope that you get teased by your friends when you have your first crush on a girl, and I hope you learn what ivory soap tastes like when you talk back to your mother.

May you skin your knee climbing a mountain, burn your hand on a hot stove, stick your tongue on a frozen flagpole and break your arm falling out of a tree. I don't care if you try a beer once,

but I hope you don't like it. And if a friend offers you dope I hope you realize they are not your friend.

I sure hope you make time to sit on the porch with your grandpa and go fishing with your uncle. I hope you learn how to bake a pie or color Easter eggs with your grandma.

May you feel sorrow at a funeral and joy during the holidays. I hope your mother punishes you when you throw a baseball through your neighbor's window and that she hugs and kisses you at Christmas when you give her a plaster mold of your hand.

These things I wish for you – tough times, hard work, disappointment and happiness. To me, it's the only way to appreciate life.

In closing:
Written with a pen. Sealed with a kiss. If you are my friend, please answer this. Are we friends or not? You told me once, but I forgot. So, tell me now, and tell me true. So I can say I'm here for you. Of all the friends I've met, You're the one I won't forget. And if I die before you do I'll go to heaven and wait for you. We secure our friends not by accepting favors but by doing them."

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

Farmers prepare for another busy summer

ILLINOIS farmers have wrapped up planting the number-one and two crops Illinois is known for, soybean and corn. While farmers' markets and u-pick operations pick up their production, corn and soybean farmers wait for timely rains to grow the crops.

For Illinois Farm Bureau (IFB), summer is an extremely busy time for farmers, university researchers and members of the community who engage one another through our many educational events.

Americans are more curious than ever about where and how their food is grown. They want to know whether the meat, fruits, vegetables and other food products are sustainably grown, and about farmers' efforts to preserve and care for the land.

We are proud to work with those family farmers, and the fact that 96 percent of farms in Illinois are family owned.

That's why IFB and its partners continue to invite our friends and neighbors to events, such as our upcoming summer Nutrient Stewardship Field Days. These state events, funded through IFB's Nutri-

ent Stewardship Grant Program, demonstrate ongoing research and agricultural conservation practices. They are opportunities for farmers to network with agribusinesses and university researchers, and for consumers to learn more about agriculture's role in the environment.

As weather heats up, you might notice more insects buzzing around. Butterflies, honeybees and even wasps play an important role in our environment, pollinating the many fruits and vegetables farmers grow. June 19 marks the start of National Pollinator Week when we celebrate pollinators and find new ways to protect them.

This year, Cook County Farm Bureau (CFB) and IFB are partnering with Lincoln Park Zoo on June 23 for a fun-filled day of pollinator education. Zoo attendees will have the chance to interact and meet with Cook County farmers, master gardeners and other agricultural representatives while learning more about farmers' efforts to protect pollinators.

In addition to

putting a focus on sustainability and pollinators, IFB partners with many organizations to find solutions to address hunger and nutrition.



Richard Guebert Jr.

Illinois dairy farmers and Illinois Milk Producers Association recently donated 9,936 pounds of milk, including lactose-free, to two local food banks to help communities experiencing food insecurity. The donation is in partnership with Prairie Farms, Illinois Corn Growers Association and Illinois Soybean Association.

We know that more families are struggling with higher sticker prices at the grocery store. While farmers are price takers and not price makers, we can and should help our communities struggling during these challenging times.

Creative solutions such as the Farm to Food Bank Initiative seek to connect farmers, food banks, and our most vulnerable communities with fresh fruit, vegetables, cheese, milk, eggs and other food products while cutting food waste.

IFB partnered with Feeding Illinois, Illi-

nois Farmers Market Association, Illinois Specialty Growers Association, University of Illinois Extension and the Prairie Research Institute's Illinois Sustainable Technology Center on the Farm to Food Bank pilot program, which officially launched in 2021.

We are pleased to see that program has paved a path to trim food waste and build food bank inventories with fresh, healthy food directly from farmers, and a new bill establishing the official program within the Department of Human Services awaits Gov. JB Pritzker's signature.

Summer is an exciting and busy time of year for many people, not just for farmers. I encourage and invite you all to join us during one of our many educational events and learn more about Illinois agriculture.

Richard Guebert Jr. is the president of the Illinois Farm Bureau. This story was distributed through a cooperative project between Illinois Farm Bureau and the Illinois Press Association. For more food and farming news, visit FarmWeekNow.com.

LOCAL NEWS



RCH re-designated acute stroke ready hospital

ROCHELLE — Per the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), effective May 30, 2023, Rochelle Community Hospital will continue to be recognized as an Acute Stroke Ready Hospital (ASRH) within the State of Illinois. This designation assures that all stroke patients have access to rapid care.

To obtain this certification, RCH completed and sent the IDPH application along with supporting documentation to the Department. The designation remains valid for three years with yearly submission of required attestation documentation.

“Remaining a Certified Stroke Ready Hospital as a small rural hospital means our community can rest assured they will be in the best care during a very time-sensitive emergency,” RCH Emergency Services Manager Janis Astle said.

RCH’s participation in the Illinois Stroke program is an example of the hospital’s continued commitment to quality stroke care in our community and the State of Illinois. To learn more about RCH Stroke Care and identification and instructions regarding a stroke, visit our website: www.RochelleHospital.com.



William and Beverly Burkhardt

Burkardts to mark 65th anniversary

POLO — William and Beverly Burkhardt, Polo, will celebrate their 65th anniversary on June 28 with a family dinner.

Bill Burkhardt and Beverly Bonnell were married on June 28, 1958 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Sublette. They owned and operated Burkhardt’s LP Gas in Polo beginning in 1982 until they sold their business in 2017. They also owned and

operated Edgewood Golf Club from 2008 until it closed in 2016.

They are the parents of Pamela (Ronald) Ballard, Forreston, Patricia (Tim Witmer) Brewer, and Paula (Michael) Faivre, both of Polo and Penny Burkhardt, Dixon.

They have 10 grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Cards may be sent to 10569 W. Eagle Court, Polo, IL 61064.

Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois present 2023 annual volunteer awards to locals

DEKALB — Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois (GSNI) presented annual recognition awards to dedicated volunteers at its 2023 Annual Meeting on Saturday, April 29, at the Northern Illinois University Barsema Alumni Visitors Center in DeKalb. The following awards were presented:

The Appreciation Pin recognizes an individual’s exemplary service in support of delivering the Girl Scout Leadership Experience. This service which has had measurable impact on one geographic area of service, helps reach and



Vicki Farbo (left) received the Appreciation Pin from Dr. Kari Rockwell, CEO of Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois (right). Vicki is part of the Northern Ogle Service Unit and resides in Byron. (Courtesy photo)

surpass the mission-delivery goals of the area.

Among those awarded was Vicki Farbo (By-

ron).

The Volunteer of Excellence Award recognizes volunteers who have contributed outstanding service while partnering directly with Girl Scouts in any pathway to implement the Girl Scout Leadership Experience through use of the national program portfolio or who have contributed outstanding service in support of the council’s mission delivery to youth and adult members.

Among those awarded was Amanda Ludwig (Forreston). Ludwig is part of the Green Horizons Service Unit.

Chicago-based rock & roll band Bagshot Row returns to Mt. Morris June 23

MT. MORRIS — Retro pop/rock band Bagshot Row return to the Mt. Morris Band Shell on June 23 at 7 p.m. Performing the fun sounds from the 50s through the 70s, Bagshot Row adds its own identities to the best music of all time, including favorites from The Beatles, The Monkeys and The Rolling Stones all the way up to Cheap Trick. If you enjoy catchy, bouncy melodies with power pop chords and three part harmony, all driven by a powerful backbeat, you’ll love Bagshot Row!

Always a crowd favorite and family-run business in Oregon’s Historic Conover Square, Hector’s Cocina has a food trailer and will be serving tacos, nachos (on their home made chips), taco salads, burritos and more, starting at 6 p.m.. A local Ice cream vendor will be there, too!

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, please check for an alternate location on one of our websites: [Facebook.com/mtmorrisjamboree](https://www.facebook.com/mtmorrisjamboree), mtmorrisil.net, moundertown.com



Oregon’s Stender, Rowe awarded PAG scholarships

Sophia Stender and Brandon Rowe (pictured) were awarded the Performing Arts Guild Scholarships at the Oregon High School Awards Ceremony which was held on May 10 at the Rock River Center. PAG President Mary Cheatwood made the presentation.

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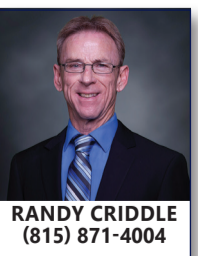
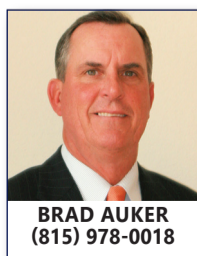
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LOCAL NEWS



Stillman Bank donates Casual Day funds to Rosecrance

Stillman Bank recently hosted an employee Casual Day where employees were encouraged to make a monetary donation in exchange for casual dress. All the money raised went directly to support Rosecrance, an organization chosen by Stillman Bank's Rockford office. Pictured is Stillman Bank Mortgage Lender and Retail Manager Wendy Scharer (left) presenting Rosecrance Director of Development Zach Satterlee (right) the donation check totaling \$362.

United Church of Byron movie night is June 23

BYRON — The United Church of Byron will be having their next Outdoor Family Movie Night on Friday, June 23! As always, movies are free and open to the community! The movie will be "Daddy Day Care". Two men named Charlie Hinton and Phil Ryerson get laid off and have to become stay-at-home fathers when they can't find jobs. This inspires them to open their own day care center. Daddy Day Care is a 2003 American family comedy film starring Eddie Murphy in the lead role, Jeff Garlin, Steve Zahn, Regina King,

and Anjelica Huston.

We'll also be having a Beat the Heat Ice Cream Party, along with popcorn and other snacks that will be available for a freewill donation. You are also welcome to bring your own snacks.

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

Byron Museum Quilt Show is July 7-9

BYRON—The Byron Museum's 36th Annual Quilt Show will be held during ByronFest July 7, 8, and 9. The museum is seeking area quilters and collectors to display their fabric works of art. Quilt Show hours: Friday, July 7 5-8 p.m., Saturday, July 8 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday, July 9 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

First-place winners in 10 categories will win cash prizes. Quilt registration opens June 21 and ends on July 5 at 3 p.m. Entries will be accepted at the museum during normal museum hours Wednesday-Saturday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The cost to enter the Quilt Show is \$5 for each item to be judged, there is no fee to enter

Just For Show items that will not compete for awards.

Items will be selected for awards by a judge and viewers will also have an opportunity to vote on their favorite quilt or wall hanging to win a "People's Choice" award at the end of ByronFest. The main categories include; Antique Quilts, Wearable Art, Wall Hangings, Just For Show, and quilts identified by technique, such as Hand, Machine, and Commercially Quilted. Cash Prizes and Blue Ribbons will be awarded for first place in each of categories and ribbons awarded to second and third place winners.

Volunteers are needed to help

over that weekend by greeting visitors. If you are able to volunteer or have any questions, call the museum from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday 815-234-5031 or send 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.

The mission of the Byron Museum District is to create an awareness of and appreciation for the historical development of the Byron area through a commitment to preservation of our past for the education of our future. "Preserving Our Past for Our Future!"

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Updates can be found on the Oregon Park District Facebook page.

JUNE 20

Three Good Men

Three Good Men is a well-established band based out of Rockford, IL, specializing in great dance music popular with all ages and audiences. At every performance you're likely to hear classic songs spanning several decades of music. The Men will mix it up, get the party going and keep it going!



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JUNE 27

Buzzed by sonSET

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JULY 11

Blue Steel

Blue Steel was forged in the fire of two music styles: country & rock. The result is a flawless blend of music with an undeniable edge, a truly entertaining show that you will not want to miss! Formed in the fall of 2017, the award-winning Blue Steel are some of the finest musicians that will keep you coming back for more!



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JULY 18

Soda

In SODA you'll find exactly what you need to get the party started. Formed in 2008, this all-star lineup has quickly become one of Chicago's most booked and beloved bands. If you like variety in your musical experience, you'll find that Soda captures the heart and soul of one of the most diverse playlists you'll find anywhere.



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JULY 25

HIM & HER

Brewed in the Midwest, the Chicago-based HIM & HER, featuring Mike Charbonneau (drums/percussion) & Dina Bach (keys/vocals), began collaborating in 2019. Fusing together their unique talents, HIM & HER brings an upbeat performance of originals and covers spanning the 1990s to now, with a full band sound.



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AUGUST 1

Burn N Bush

Back by popular demand! Burn N' Bush is a two-piece acoustic band featuring Rod Burnette (Vocals, Cajon & Percussions) and Dave Bushman (Guitar & Vocals). They have been playing a variety of Rock, Country and Oldies, and their brand of fun/sing-a-long/standards throughout the area since 2009.



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Theft and fraud prevention seminar is July 26 in Rochelle

ROCHELLE — A theft and fraud prevention seminar will take place July 26 from 5-6:30 p.m. at the Hub City Senior Center at 401 Cherry Ave. in Rochelle. The event will be hosted by the HCSC and Habitat for Humanity of Ogle County.

Join the event to learn from local experts on how to prevent fraud attempts.

This will be a brief presentation followed by a Q&A period. Presenters include Ogle County State's Attorney Mike Rock, Stillman Bank Compliance & BSA Officer Brad Hertzner and Rochelle Police Department Sgt. John Kaltenbach.

Losing money or possessions to scams, fraud, and exploitation can be

especially devastating to older adults, who may not be able to earn back what they've lost. Experts say that in most cases, fraud can be prevented before it starts.

This event is open to individuals of all ages, as everyone is a potential victim to scams and fraudulent attempts. Light refreshments will be served.



Oregon's Windham wrestles at 2023 16U National Duals

Rochelle's Xavier Villalobos (left) and Oregon's Landyn Windham (right) represented the Forge Wrestling Club and Team Illinois at the 16U National Duals in Loves Park recently. Team Illinois finished second in both the freestyle and greco-roman competitions. The wrestlers are pictured with coach Nelson Baker (middle). Windham went 1-0 in the greco-roman tournament with a fall over Nate Poss at 170 pounds during the dual victory over Kansas Blue. Team Illinois ended the weeklong event with a combined 14-2 record in dual matches. (Courtesy photo)

Oregon Woman's Club honors longtime member Fran Strouse

The Sunrise III restaurant in Oregon was the scene for a surprise luncheon for Oregon Woman's Club member Fran Strouse to celebrate her 25 years of service to the GFWC Oregon Woman's Club. Strouse received her 25-year pin, which is awarded by the Illinois General Federation of Women's Clubs. During 25 years of service, Strouse served as the Oregon Woman's Club president for 10 years and also was active in the GFWC District 13 organization.

"Fran has been a shining example of leadership and service to our organization for many years and has been a great friend to her fellow members. It is a privilege to work with her," Nancy Bartels, club vice-president, said.



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NEW LISTING

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DRIVE TIME

What to do after an auto accident

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

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

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

emergency services to request assistance from the police and an ambulance, if necessary.

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

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



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

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

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

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

Maintenance intervals drivers should know

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

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

The 3,000-mile marker used to be the benchmark for changing oil, but modern vehicles can now go longer between oil changes. However, it's still a good idea to

check other fluid levels every 3,000 miles. Windshield washer fluid, coolant, brake fluid, transmission fluid, and power steering fluid should all be checked every 3,000 miles and topped off if levels are low.

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

Many vehicle manufacturers now recommend oil changes every 5,000 miles. Tire rotations also can be part of service visits at this interval, and drivers can ask their mechanic to check their fuel filters and batteries every 5,000 miles as well. Many may already do this as part of their comprehensive maintenance packages, but it's still good to confirm if they do and request they do so if it's not part of the plan. Drivers also can request that cabin air filters are inspected at this point, though



they can generally last a year before they need to be replaced.

Around the 5,000-mile mark, wiper blades also may begin to show signs of wear and tear, including streaking on the windshield or scratching noises when in use. Each of those signs indicates the wipers need

to be replaced. However, drivers should take note of these signs regardless of when they appear. Some may not make it 5,000 miles before they begin to wear down. In such instances, they should be replaced immediately regardless of how many miles it's been since they were installed.

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

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

Drivers can ask their mechanics to check the alignment of their vehicles around this interval as well.

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

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

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OREGON PARK DISTRICT WEEKLY HAPPENINGS

Supper With Sculptures

Art has been an important part of the Oregon Community for generations. Join us at the Lorado Taft Field Campus, site of the historic Eagles Nest Art Colony, for a fried chicken dinner featuring presentations about the Eagles Nest Art Colony and about the Oregon Community Art Legacy Project. After dinner, we will take a tour of the Taft Campus to see original Eagles Nest Art Colony Structures. Supper with sculptures takes place on Wednesday June 28 from 5:00-7:30 PM. Program participants will receive a flyer for a self-guided tour of Oregon's sculptures. Registration is \$18R/\$22NR, children under 10 are \$10 and 2 and under are free. Deadline to register is June 21

Under the Stars Family Campout

Oregon Park District is hosting its first ever family campout in Park West July 14th-15th. Families can bring their own tent and sleeping bags and enjoy an evening of games and fun activities, including stargazing if weather permits. Oregon Park District will provide dinner, evening smores, and a light breakfast. Registration is priced per family, not per individual and is \$30R/\$36NR. Deadline to register is June 30th.

Home Chef 101: Knife Skills

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

Introduction to Ceramics: Make a Mug

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

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.

Nerf Night for Kids

Battle it out with Nerf in July 19 from 6-7:30 pm. Compete in games like Capture the Flag and Free-for-All Combat as well as do some target practice. Bring your own Nerf guns (no rival series guns please), and safety glasses. We will provide the bullets. Label all your equipment with your

name. Oregon Park District is not responsible for lost or damaged guns, bullets or eye protection. Cost is \$5 for residents and \$6 for nonresidents and deadline to sign up is July 12.

Summer STEM series

Our summer of STEM continues with marble runs. We will use various materials to make and test runs for marbles. This day promises to be runaway fun! This event will take place at the upper shelter in Park West on June 27. There are two sessions: ages 6-9 from 1-2 and ages 10-12 from 2:30-3:30. Cost is \$3 for residents and \$5 for nonresidents and deadline to register is June 20.

Volleyball Camp

Join Oregon Hawks Volleyball Coach Farrell Cain, her coaching staff and the OHS Lady Hawks for a week of basic techniques, skill building and intra-team scrimmages. This week-long camp will either introduce your child to the sport of volleyball or build on their skills. Each player will receive an OHS Lady Hawks team shirt. Players will be divided by age levels. Younger players will learn the basics of volleyball at their level with an age appropriate net. Camp will be held at the Blackhawk Center. Camp is from Monday July 24th through Friday July 28th. Grades PreK through 3rd from 9-10am, \$30/\$36NR. Grades 4-8 from 10-11:30am, \$50/\$60NR.

100% of the proceeds from camp benefit the OHS Volleyball Team. Please register your child for the grade they are entering in fall 2023. Deadline to register is July 10th.

TORO Tuesdays

Join OPD staff every Tuesday afternoon for free, fun, organized games of TORO. Drop by between 1-3pm and improve your soccer ball skills while playing fun games. This is a free event, and we will form age appropriate teams/games every week with the players that arrive. No registration needed. No games on July 4th. Open to ages 7-14years.

Mini Pitch Games

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

No games on July 5th. No soccer cleats on Mini Pitch court.

Operation Move

Join the Oregon Park District and KSB Wellness as we get kids moving! Operation Move is a free program to promote families getting active in the summer. Free events will be held throughout the Oregon Parks in June and July. Sign up for giveaways at the events. Events will be held on Thursday mornings from 11am- 12pm. June 22 - Mini Pitch Game at Park West. June 29 - Dodgeball at Soccer Fields. July 13 - Kickball Game at Park East Ball Diamond. July 20 - Basketball at outdoor courts Park West. July 27 - All Ages Tball Game at Park East.

Batting Cages

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

email Lesley@oregonpark.org to check availability. Registration deadline is the prior Thursday.

Inclusive Recreation with VOP

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

Come have fun at our different parks where we may play t-ball, kickball or soccer. You never know what fun we will come up with!

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

Youth Pickleball Camp

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

Color Run

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

After completing the course, stay at the Park West Amphitheater for our Concert in the Park series and enjoy Burn N' Bush. Food trucks will be onsite to enjoy dinner if you choose.

2 and under can be free with no shirt. Over 2 must be registered!

Fall Soccer

Soccer returns to Park West in the Fall of 2023! Practices will be held during the week and games are scheduled for Saturdays beginning August 19th in Oregon and surrounding towns. Are you unsure of which age level to sign up for? Reference our age chart below. A new practice ball is included with your registration. If you are interested in coaching please contact Lesley at lesley@oregonpark.org

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PreK- 3rd grade 9-10am \$30/\$36NR
4-8th grade 10-11:30am \$50/\$60 NR

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OREGON PUBLIC LIBRARY

2023 Summer Reading Program - Find Your Voice! June 1- July 28
 Brochures are available and registration ongoing! Free to residents, 3 – 17 years old of the Oregon Public Library District. Activities and programs are available. Registration is required. Come in, call or check our website to find out how you can be a part of this summer event!

Trivia Quest

Each week a trivia question will be posted at the library. (Clues will be hidden around the Library). Solve the question and submit your answer at the Library. You have one week to submit your answers. Two individuals with correct answers will receive a prize.

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

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

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

Stories, crafts & fun!

Tuesday, June 20, Activity Time
 DIY Snow Globes, 1:30 pm (grades 1st & up) Registration required.

Thursday, June 22, Yoga Talk, 10am (8-12 yrs. old) & 11am (13 yrs. & up) Registration required

Wonder what yoga is like? Come enjoy an intro class! Improved balance, strength, endurance & flexibility are all skills that can be gained from yoga. Exercise your body, express creativity, & enjoy time with friends while learning poses, practicing breathwork & playing games.

Thursday, June 22, Lego Club, 2 pm (2nd grade & up) Registration required.

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

Monday, June 26, Animal Quest, 3:30 pm, All ages Registration required.

Adventure starts here... come see, touch and learn from the founders of Animal Quest, a Chicagoland area 5-acre farm which is home to over 130 animals. This is an interactive presentation at the library with a variety of live animals.

Tuesday, June 27, Teen Tech Afternoon, 1:30 pm (13 yrs. & up) Registration required.

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

Thursday, June 29, Activity Time, 1:30 pm (grades 1st & up) Registration required.

Adult Summer Reading Program- June 1st through August 11th

Join others who are “too old” for the Children’s Summer Reading Program (yes, that includes 18 and up!) for a low-key stress-free Adult Summer Reading program. Oregon Public Library has two ways to record your reading progress. Give the library a call or stop by for more information. We have brain game packets available again this year. Brain game packets completed will be entered into the drawing for the Adult Summer Reading prizes at the end of the program. Follow us on Facebook, join our e-newsletter and visit our website for more information about programs. All brain game packets and book logs must be turned in by the end of the business day on August 11, 2023.

Braiding Sweetgrass & The Honorable Har-

vest – June 21st at 7:00pm

A conversation with Robin Wall Kimmerer – Robin is the award-winning author of “Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teaching of Plants.” She will share her unique perspective on the interconnectedness of humans and nature and the importance of recognizing and respecting the gifts of the earth. This event is made possible by Illinois Libraries Present, a statewide collaboration among public libraries offering high -quality events. Registration required, visit www.oregonpubliclibrary.com.

Ink with A Friend Monthly Card Club-Monday, June 26th at 6:00pm

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Book Clubs

The Afternoon Book Club meets Wednesday, June 21 at 1 pm to discuss The Rumor by Elin Hilderbrand. Books on Tap meets Thursday, June 22 at 6 pm to discuss The Good Son by Jacquelyn Mitchard. Is This Just Fantasy? Book Club will meet June 20 at 6 pm at the Library to discuss Red Sister by Mark Lawrence. The 2WBC Book Club meets July 12, at 12:30 pm to discuss Ready Player One by Ernest Cline. Cocktails & Crimes will meet Sunday, July 16 at 2 pm at Trippy’s (formerly Messie’s).

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

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The Girl Who Thought In Pictures

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

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.

June Take & Make Craft

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June Book of the Month

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LOCAL NEWS

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.

Parkinson's Overview

June 26 at 12:00 Noon. Advance Registration



Financial Incentives for New Conservation Ag Practices

- No-till/reduced tillage
- Cover crops
- Extended crop rotations

Illinois Enrollment Open
Enroll your acres now at www.theoutcomesfund.com/il-news.

requested

Croquet

June 28 at 10:00 a.m.. Sign up by 6/26

Byron Dance Academy Performs

June 29 at 1:00 pm. Sign up by 6/27

Activity/Program Information & Registration

Please call 815-732-3252 to sign up or for more details. Advance registration requested so we can be prepared

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

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

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

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

DIABETIC SUPPORT GROUP

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

LOW VISION GROUP

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

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

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BYRON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Special Hours

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

Summer Reading Challenge

May 30 – July 28. Sign up to participate in our summer challenge! Read books to earn a free book and entries in our prize drawings! Youth can also complete activities to participate! Register at Byron.beanstack.org, 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.

The Writer's Voice

Friday, June 23, 10 – 11:00 am, and Tuesday, June 27, 6 – 7:00 pm. Calling all writers! A new group is forming and you are welcome to join us for

any or all of this month's meeting times as we gather ideas and input on what you might be looking for in a writer's group. The goal of this group is to build confidence and encourage each other's voice; celebrate every little accomplishment and be each other's support through the biggest struggles that come with being a writer in today's world; strengthen our weaknesses and nourish our strengths; develop structure, routine, and build on self-motivating techniques and educate, evaluate and ultimately have fun with our own unique voices. Please call 815-234-5107 or visit Byron.evanced.info/signup to register.

Armchair Travel: Switzerland

Friday, June 30, 1:30 – 2:30 pm. Join us as we travel to Switzerland. Trivia, snack, travel video and more. Please call 815-234-5107 or visit Byron.evanced.info/signup to register.

Beginner Sewing Machine Class

Monday, July 10, 5:30 – 7:30 pm or Friday, July 28, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm. Have you ever wanted to learn how to sew on a sewing machine? Join Beth as she teaches you how to use a sewing machine. Machines and materials will be supplied and you will go home with a finished product. Visit Byron.evanced.info/signup or call 815-234-5107 to register.

Curbside Delivery

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

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

DIRECTORY OF AREA HUMAN SERVICES

Alcohol Abuse Counseling & Recovery

A.A. Hotline **800-452-7990**
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**

Habitat for Humanity of Ogle County

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

Mental Health

Family Counseling Services **962-5585**
Sinnissippi Centers, Inc.
Oregon **732-3157**
Rochelle **562-3801**
The Serenity Shed Grief Services **732-2499**

Senior Citizens Services

Hub City Senior Center **562-5050**
Mt Morris Senior Center **734-6335**
Polo Senior Center **946-3818**
Rock River Center **732-3252**
Oregon, IL **800-541-5479**

Sexual Assault/Abuse

Rockford Sexual Assault Counseling
24-hour hotline **636-9811**
412 W Washington, Oregon **732-0000**

Therapeutic

Pegasus Special Riders **973-3177**

Veterans' Services

Rock River Center **732-3252**
Serenity Hospice and Home **732-2499**
Medical Transportation **677-6515**

Wellness Services

Ogle County Health Dept
907 Pines Rd, Oregon **562-6976**
510 Lincoln Hwy, Rochelle **562-6976**
Serenity Hospice and Home **732-2499**

FARM ESTATE AUCTION

LIVE AND ONLINE AUCTION

Saturday, June 24, 2023

Starting @ 9:00 am (rain or shine)

Online items will start at 10:30 am

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VEHICLES, UTV'S & BOAT

1999 Ford F250 Super Duty 7.3 POWERSTROKE DIESEL, 4 Wheel Drive, 5 Speed Man. Trans, 315/75 R16 On Aluminum Rims, 238390 miles, Hypermax Turbo, Fass Fuel System, Adrenaline High Pressure Oil Pump, Newer Paint, All Paperwork and Service notes included. 2003 Ford F150 Pickup, Heritage Edition, 350K miles, Sport 4x4, Ext. Cab, Power Win and Locks Mirrors, 4.6 L. Triton, Hard top on Bed, 1993 Ford F350 Dual Wheel w/10' Dump Bed, 5.8L V-8, Manual 5 speed Trans., some elec. Issue. 1982 Chevy C700 Grain Truck, w/Knapheide box, Mazda Miata Convertible 154568 miles, Soft Top, Manual transmission, 2021 Polaris Ranger XP 1000 NorthStar Crew Edition UTV, Full Cab, 1180 miles, Heat/Air, Front/Rear Cameras, Power Front window, Power Front Winch, Power lift Bed, Power Steering, Loaded, 2014 Polaris Ranger XP 900 UTV, EFI, 6802 miles, Front and Rear Glass, Turn Signals, Power Steering, Maxxis Bighorn Tires, Rear Reece Hitch, 2018 Polaris Sportsman XP 1000 4-Wheeler, On Demand AWD, Electronic Power Steering, 2103 miles, Front and Rear Racks, Under Rack Storage, 2016 StarCraft 176, 17' Fish & Ski Boat, Yamaha Precision Blend 70 & Yamaha 9.9 hp. Four Stroke, Hummingbird Fish finder on StarCraft Trailer

COMBINE AND FARM EQUIP

JD 9500 Combine sn.HO9500X667636, 3576 sep./5077 eng. hrs, Firestone 24.5x32F/14.9x24R, Chopper, Vittetoe spreader, used last year, JD 920 Grain Platform Hyd. reel speed and height w/ poly skid, sprocket hook up, JD 643 Corn Head 6 row used last year, sprocket hook up, AG Chem Big A 2600 Floater, Turbo, 1600 gal. S.S. Tank, 60' Boom, Trimble EZ Guide 250 System; JD 7000 Front Fold Planter, 12 row, Finger units and Kinze bean plates, JD monitor, Row cleaners, Box extensions, Updated firming wheels, Yetter markers, JD 960 Field Cultivator 26' Hyd. fold, Walking tandems on mainframe, Single-Point depth, 5 bar flex harrow, JD 512 Disk Ripper 5 shank, 12' 6", walking Tandems, EZ Depth Control, front and rear disks, 5 bar harrow, JD 2700 Vari-Width 5 Bottom Plow steerable tail wheel, JD 400 Rotary Hoe 30' end transport W/rock guard, JD RM 1230 Row Crop Cultivator Hyd. flat fold, Rolling shields, Krause 21' Hyd. Fold Disc 9" spacing, rear hitch and hyd. needs a couple bearings and blades, (2) DMI Big Little Model 400 Gravity Wagons side dump w/chutes, Hardi 500 Gal. Sprayer, triple nozzles, Poly Ind. Tank, Foamer, 20" spacing, PTO pump, Hyd. Height adjust, J&M Gravity Wagon, Side dump, Large tires, M&W 936 Gravity Wagon, Large float tires, Land Pride 1272 72" Rotary Mower w/ laminate tire, Land Pride R1584 Rear Blade Multi position 84", Land Pride BB1272 Box Scraper, 72", weights and spiked teeth, Mayrath 10" x 30' truck auger, 540 pto. Mayrath swing away auger w/hyd lift, 540 pto. IH 3 Bottom Plow Missing Coupler, Hyd lift, 2015 Liberty 2 Axle Trailer, GVWR 7000lbs., Quick Tach pallet Forks

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An Advertising Proverb

When Mark Twain was editing a newspaper in Missouri, one of his subscribers wrote in, saying that he had found a spider in his newspaper and wondered whether it was a sign of good or bad luck. Twain's response: "Finding a spider is neither good luck nor bad. The spider was merely looking over our newspaper to see which merchant was not advertising, so that he could go to that store, spin his web across the door, and lead a life of undisturbed peace ever afterward."

LOCAL NEWS

MT. MORRIS PUBLIC LIBRARY

Holiday Closing

We will be closed on Monday, June 19th in observance of Juneteenth.

We will be closed on Tuesday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day.

Summer Reading Program

Schedule June 19th-24th!!!

Comics & Arts Workshop -Tuesday, June 20th, 5:30p.

Drop-In Journal Creating - Tuesday, June 20th, 11-7pm.

Take-N-Make, Finger Puppets - Tue-Sat, June 20th-24th.

Story Time - Wednesday, June 21th, 11:15am.

Story Time!

Mrs. Donna will be reading books and children will create a craft this Wednesday, 6/7. Story time is every Wednesday @11:15, bring your little ones to enjoy stories and a craft at the Mount Morris Library!

Adult Book Club

The June book is "The Dressmakers of Auschwitz" by Lucy Adlington. 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, June 26th at the library.

Cookbook Club!

Join us as we explore The Cookbook Club! Wonderful recipes combined with friendship creates something both beautiful and delicious! Stop by to choose your recipe from this month's book and bring your dish to pass at our next meeting! Join us on Tuesday, July 11th @6pm at The Senior Center for another exciting meal!

Ink with a Friend: Card Making at the Library

Join us in July to make some lovely 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, July 13th from 5-7! You will get all the materials to make two beautiful cards to

take home. Stop by to see the samples, fees are by donation. Registration is limited so call the library or stop by to save your spot before July 6th!

Lego Club!

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

Memorial Gifts

Give a gift that lasts, brings joy to many, and doubles in value. Your memorial gift to the library is matched by the Mt. Morris Library Foundation, doubling your generosity! Many thanks to all who gave memorial gifts in 2022.

Display Case Showings

We are always looking for collectors or artists who are willing to share their treasures in our display cases. If you are interested, please call, 815-734-4927.

Newspaper Available!

We will now be receiving the Dixon Telegraph daily! We receive the Ogle County Life, Sauk Valley, and Mt. Morris Times. If you want to keep up with the local news-stop on by!

Explore More Illinois Welcomes Galesburg Parks and Recreation

Explore More Illinois, RAILS' online cultural and recreational pass program for Illinois libraries, spotlights attraction Galesburg Parks and Recreation in Galesburg, IL! Galesburg Parks and Recreation are back this year offering a discount on their beach and their waterpark. Lake Storey Beach is open to the public for swimming and boat rentals. John boats, paddle boats, canoes, and kayaks are available for the public to rent on an hourly basis. Lakeside Water Park is a family-friendly local gem, nestled on the south side of Lake Storey Park. Open Memorial Day through mid-August from 12-6 pm daily. It features a waterslide, a zero-depth pool with a play feature, a 5-foot competitive

lap pool, and a concession stand. Guests are able to relax under various shade structures or soak up some sun on our lounge chairs.

Galesburg Parks and Recreation has two offers; Buy One Get One Free Boat Rental and One Free Admission to the Water Park. Explore More Illinois users can access and reserve passes from any of our attractions on their participating library's website. Explore More Illinois is easy to use with your library card. Visit the library's website to browse attractions. You can find the information on our website, www.mtmorris-il.org under the resources page.

Adult Programming

We are trying to get back into the swing of offering monthly programs for adults. We would love to hear from you. Do evenings or weekends work better? Do you have any program ideas? Do you have a program you would like to share? Contact Mary Cheatwood at the library through email at mmlib@mtmorris-il.org or call 815-734-4927.

Curbside Service is available!

We want to remind everyone that you still have the option of having your materials delivered to your vehicle. If you have holds waiting for you, call us to tell us you are on your way, and we will bring them out to your vehicle when you arrive. Call us if you need more information.

Additional Services Offered

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

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

The Mount Morris Public Library is located at 105 S. McKendrie Ave. Mt. Morris IL 61054 – 815-734-4927 Fax-815-734-6035 www.mtmorris-il.org

AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

BYRON

ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

CORNERSTONE FAMILY CHURCH

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

BYRON ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

SHEPHERD EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

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

UNITED CHURCH OF BYRON

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

BEACON HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD

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

CHANA

CHANA UNITED METHODIST

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

DAVIS JUNCTION

DAVIS JUNCTION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

DIXON

LOST LAKE COMMUNITY CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

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

FORRESTON

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

ST. JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pastor Karen Tews
 West Grove Rd. At Columbine Rd.
 Worship Service 10:30 am. Communion is served every Sunday.
 "Singing the Song of Christian Faith in Worship, Service, Learning, Outreach and Welcome" in a beautiful rural setting.
 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 Rosebrack
 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: mtmcb@frontier.com

MT. MORRIS TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

LITTLE PRAIRIE MENNONITE CHURCH

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

OREGON

EAST OREGON CHAPEL CHURCH OF GOD

East Oregon Chapel Church of God
 The Sharing is Caring Church
 Pastor Jesse Allen EOCCGministries@gmail.com 107 N Daysville Rd. Oregon, IL Phone: 815-732-2960
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m. with Sunday Worship following at 10:30 a.m.
 Breakfast is served every fifth Sunday beginning at 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 Matthew J. Smith 4962 S. Daysville Rd., Oregon, IL 61061 815-732-7683
 Worship at 9:00 a.m. Holy Communion celebrated the first Sunday of each month. Lighthouse will lite up your life!

OREGON CHURCH OF GOD

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

OREGON FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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

OREGON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

RIVERSTONE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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

ST. BRIDE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

1000 Highway 64, West (Hwy 64 & Mongon 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@crossroadsn.com
 We offer contemporary worship and relevant Bible teaching through engaging messages and powerful video. Join us after services for coffee, snacks & fellowship. Kidzink Children's Ministry (nursery-5th grade) ~ during 10AM service.
 Crave Youth Group (6th-12th grade) ~ Wed. 6:30PM - June 1st.
 Visit our website: www.crossroadsn.com

FAITH DISCOVERY CHURCH

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

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

STILLMAN VALLEY

RED BRICK CHURCH OF STILLMAN VALLEY

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

KISHWAUKEE COMMUNITY EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

VALLEY EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH

Interim Pastor Barry Norris
 103 S Maple St, Stillman Valley, IL
 815-645-8872 | www.valleycov.org
 Sunday Morning 9am "Gather" for learning & conversation, 10:15am Worship both onsite and online at facebook.com/VECCFSV
 Home of Valley Covenant Preschool 815-645-8882 Director Jill Huber
 Bible Studies, Youth Group, Bread of Life Food Pantry
 Please visit website for more information or contact the church office M-F 9am-2pm

GRACE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH DAVIS JUNCTION

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

WINNEBAGO

MIDDLE CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

LOCAL NEWS



Ogle County 4-H represented at Leaf River Summer Daze parade

LEAF RIVER — Ogle County 4-H clubs and Ambassadors participated in the parade at Leaf River Summer Daze on Sunday, June 4. The Leaf River Soaring Eagles club pulled a hay wagon with members of the club, a dairy calf, milk cans, and faux cheese blocks on it. The

club theme for the float was: June is Dairy Month. The club won first place. Placing third was the Leaf River Busy Beavers 4-H club. Since they are celebrating their 80th anniversary this year, club members decorated an 80s theme float.

Ogle County 4-H Ambassadors were also in the parade line-up. This is a group of teenagers who travel within the county promoting the 4-H program to other youth. The Ogle County 4-H Drill team placed first place in the equine division.

Free summer lunches offered in Oregon

OREGON — The Oregon United Methodist Church, St. Mary's Catholic Church and St. Bride's Episcopal Church and The Oregon Park District have partnered with the Northern Illinois Food Bank to bring free boxed lunches to youth ages 18 and under throughout the summer.

Boxed lunches are available on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at Mix Park, Oregon from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Lunches must be consumed onsite.

Lunch menu is posted on the Oregon Park District Facebook page. For more information contact the Oregon Park District, 815-732-3101.

No summer lunches week of July 4 in Mt. Morris

MT. MORRIS — Summer Lunch Program free lunches will not be served the week of July 4 at the Mt. Morris location. Meal service will resume Tuesday, July 11.

The Northern Illinois Food Bank is offering its Free Summer Lunch Program at the Evangelical Free Church Christian Education Center on the southwest corner of Kable Square.

The lunches are served on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 11:30 a.m. to noon. The program started June 6 and will run through Wednesday, Aug. 9.

Pre-registration is welcomed. Call the Evangelical Free Church at 815-734-4942.

Weekly Brain Busters

King Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Potential syrup
 - 4 Ship's front
 - 8 Dutch cheese
 - 12 Family card game
 - 13 One with will power?
 - 14 Cover with blacktop
 - 15 Kind of stove
 - 17 Mid-month date
 - 18 Solo of "Star Wars"
 - 19 Pie chart divisions
 - 21 Exact
 - 24 Fan's cry
 - 25 "East of Eden" brother
 - 26 Blend
 - 28 Interior design
 - 32 Curved molding
 - 34 Signing need
 - 36 Chicago paper, briefly
 - 37 Irritable
 - 39 "Mayday!"
 - 41 Blackbird
 - 42 Summer mo.
 - 44 Orders of pancakes
 - 46 Snarls
 - 50 Annoy
 - 51 Pulitzer winner James
 - 52 Soup cooker

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- DOWN**
- 1 Dine
 - 2 Year in Cancun
 - 3 Driving hazards
 - 4 Wunderkind
 - 5 Seminary
 - 6 Monet's supply
 - 7 More ironic
 - 8 Disparaging term
 - 9 Pedestal part
 - 10 Declare
 - 11 GI dining hall
 - 16 Slugger's need
 - 20 Scoundrel
 - 21 Highlander
 - 22 Senate staffer
 - 23 Chill in the air
 - 27 Ballot marks
 - 29 Eccentric
 - 30 Sty cry
 - 31 Baseball stats
 - 33 Curio cabinet
 - 35 Refusals
 - 38 Actor Brynner
 - 40 Viscid
 - 43 Bas-relief medium
 - 45 Noah's boat
 - 46 Poi base
 - 47 Awestruck
 - 48 Patricia of "Hud"
 - 49 Dance move
 - 53 " — the ramparts ..."
 - 54 Gigi's "yes"
 - 55 Three, in Rome

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MAGIC MAZE

"UNI" WORDS

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

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Unlisted clue hint: A ONE-HORNED HORSE

- Unicameral
- Unicycle
- Unified
- Unilateral
- Unilever
- Uniocular
- Union
- Unipod
- Unique
- Unisex
- Unitard
- United
- Univalve
- Universe
- University

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

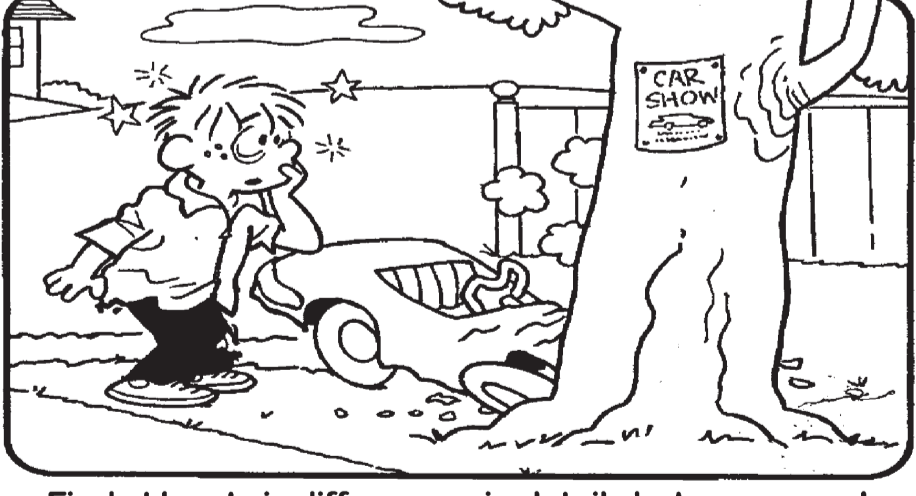
DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

- ♦ Moderate
- ♦♦ Challenging
- ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

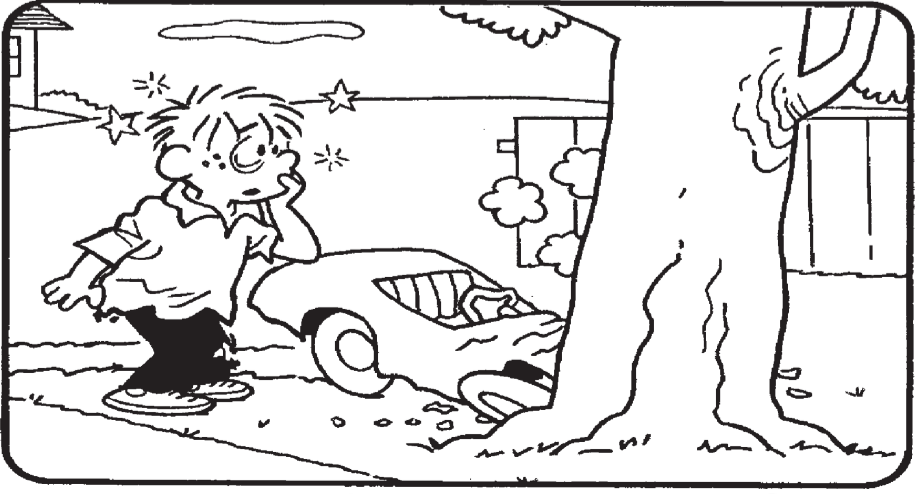
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Cloud is smaller. 2. Zipper is missing. 3. Bumper is missing. 4. Steering wheel is different. 5. Post is missing. 6. Poster is missing.

King Crossword
 Answers

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Solution time: 25 mins.

"UNI" WORDS

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Weekly SUDOKU
 Answer

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

LOCAL NEWS

JULIA HULL DISTRICT LIBRARY STILLMAN VALLEY

Storytime at the Library

Join us at the library, every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m., for songs, stories and crafts! Ages 2-5. Space is limited: call to register: 815-645-8611.

Summer Reading Program: Reading Road Trip

Hop in, friends! We're going on a reading road trip! This summer, we'll hit the road with an important stop at your local library in the Valley. During your stay, you'll explore all the fun reading has to offer—while earning badges on a virtual BINGO card! You'll collect badges for logging your reading, completing activities and earning BINGO. It's fun. It's easy. It's free! May 29-July 31, 2023. Download the Beanstack app to get started! All ages.

Travels to the National Parks

Into the mountains we go, to lose our mind and find our soul! Join historian RJ Lindsey as Stephen Mather, Conservationist and first Director of the National Parks, on an informative and engaging historical tour of America's National Parks. We'll learn about the individuals who were

essential to the development of the National Parks, and embark on a Mather Mountain Party: a ten-day camping trip with writers, congressmen and other influentials who were persuaded to develop and preserve a park system for the enjoyment of future generations. Monday, June 26 at 6:30 p.m. Email Joanna at jkluever@mail.meridian223.org to register for this Zoom program.

Teens: Cupcake Wars

Put your creativity, imagination and sweet tooth to the test! Tie on your aprons and complete fun decorating challenges judged by your friends. Tuesday, June 27 at 6:00 p.m. Ages 13-18. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

Tween Scene: Road Trip: San Francisco

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

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

dives 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 com-

panies and what Barbie's impact has been on American culture. Monday, August 28 at 6:30 p.m. Call to register: 815-645-8611.



Last week, Smarty Pants brought his interactive balloon show to Julia Hull District Library (Stillman Valley), for their reading road trip...by way of motorcycle, airplane and rocket ship.



Oregon Elementary School names 2023 May Students of the Month

Oregon Elementary School recently named its 2023 May Students of the Month. They include Will Messenger, Ava Jacobs, Breeleigh Dettman, Jettson Moser, Nicholas Canfield, Oscar Gonzalez, Evalynn Chapman, Oliver Groh, Gracelynn Wicker, Charles Key, Luna Vogel-Giron, Ari Geeves, Tessalynn Harriet, Bryan Coyne, Isla Rogers, Grady Grover, Jovie Barker, Huck Hatheway, Jayden Guentert, Declan Cantwell, Luke Mason, Lily Anderson, Cristina Alfano, Monroe Wicklund, Sawyer Jones, Gabe Hammer, Elise Christensen, Tristan Turner, Bailey Johnson, Brielle Martin, Emalyn Sandell, Kylie Morrow, Christian Schwartz and Addison Tucker.

Davis booth at Byron Hairy Cow Farmer's Market

Pat & Rick Davis, Byron, make and sell beautiful handmade birthday and occasion cards. Stop by Byron Hairy Cow Farmer's Market on Saturday mornings from 8 a.m. to noon next to the Hairy Cow Brewery. For more information or to become a vendor, please contact Taryn Bradley at (815)985-6042, by email at craftlab23@gmail.com or through the Byron Hairy Cow Farmer's Market Facebook page.



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101 LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on May 26, 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:
Good Cheer Soap Co
2537 S. Snyder Rd.
Oregon, IL 61061
Dated May 26, 2023
Laura J. Cook, Ogle County Clerk
No. 0603
(June 5, 12 and 19, 2023)

NOTICE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:)
)
) MELVIN D. GOBIN, DECEASED)
)
) NO. 2023 PR 27 CLAIM NOTICE
NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of Melvin D. Gobin of Leaf River, Illinois, Letters of Office were issued on May 24, 2023 to Thomas V. Gobin and Terry D. Gobin of Byron, Illinois, whose attorney is Douglas P. 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.
THOMAS V. GOBIN and TERRY D. GOBIN Co-Personal Representatives
No. 0604
(June 5, 12 and 19, 2023)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on May 30, 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:
Sweet Bee Ceramics
316 1st St.
Stillman Valley, IL 61084
Dated May 30, 2023
Laura J. Cook, Ogle County Clerk
No. 0605
(June 5, 12 and 19, 2023)

NOTICE

NOTE: PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, YOU ARE ADVISED THAT THE LAW FIRM OF ALLEN GALLUZZO HEVRIN LEAK, LLC IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY NOTE: PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, YOU ARE ADVISED THAT THE LAW FIRM OF ALLEN GALLUZZO HEVRIN LEAK, LLC IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING

STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF OGLE

BYRON BANK, an Illinois State Bank, Plaintiff v. TRAVIS D. COOK, UNKNOWN OWNERS, UNKNOWN TENANTS, UNKNOWN SPOUSES, UNKNOWN HEIRS, and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants
Case No. 2023FC34
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN OWNERS; UNKNOWN TENANTS; UNKNOWN SPOUSES; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS FOR PUBLICATION
The requisite Affidavit having been duly filed in my office, NOTICE is hereby given you, UNKNOWN OWNERS; UNKNOWN TENANTS; UNKNOWN SPOUSES; UNKNOWN HEIRS and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants in the above-entitled suit, that the said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of Winnebago County, by the said Plaintiff, against you and other Defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage concerning the premises described as follows, to-wit:
The South Half (1/2) of Lot Four (4) and all of Lot Five (5) in Block Three (3) in the Village of Ghana, according to the Plat thereof recorded in Book A of Plats page 101 as Document No. 56977; all in Ogle County, Illinois; situated in the Township of Pine Rock, the County of Ogle and State of Illinois
COMMON ADDRESS: 108 School St. Chana, Illinois 61015-9725
PINS: 17-15-302-007
And for other relief; that Summons was duly issued out of the said Court against you as provided by law, and that the suit is now pending.
NOW, THEREFORE, unless you, the said above-named Defendants, file your Answer to the Complaint of said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Ogle County, Ogle County Courthouse in the City of Oregon, Illinois, on or before the 12th day of July 2023, default may be entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint.
Kimberly A. Stahl, Clerk of the Circuit Court, Ogle County, Illinois
PREPARED BY: Matthew M. Hevrin (ARDC #6256083) mhevrin@aghlaw.com
Cassandra M. Crandall (ARDC #6335736) ccrandall@aghlaw.com
ALLEN GALLUZZO HEVRIN LEAKE, LLC
839 N. Perryville Road, Suite 200
Rockford, Illinois 61107
P: 815-265-6464
No. 0610
(June 12, 19 and 26, 2023)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the MONROE TOWNSHIP FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT of Ogle County, Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning June 1, 2023 and ending May 31, 2024, is on file and conveniently available to public inspection at the offices of the Fire District located at 104 West Street, Monroe Center, Illinois, 61052 until the 3rd day of August, 2023. NOTICE IS FURTHER HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing on said Budget and Appropriation Ordinance will be held at 7 P.M. on August 3, 2023, at the Monroe Township Fire Station, Monroe Center, Illinois, and that final action on this Ordinance will be taken hereafter at the regularly scheduled meeting which will convene at 7:00 P.M. on said date. Dated this 1st day of June, A.D. 2023.
MONROE TOWNSHIP FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
No. 0626
(June 19, 2023)

STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF OGLE PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE RE THE ESTATE OF RICHARD ROBBINS, Deceased
CASE NO. 2023 PR 19
CLAIM NOTICE
NOTICE is given of the death of RICHARD ROBBINS. Meridith Robbins is the legal representative of the

estate. The attorney for the estate is Dennis Steeves, Crosby Law Firm, P.C., 475 Executive Parkway, Rockford, Illinois 61107. Claims against the estate may be filed on or before November 1, 2023 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 755 ILCS 5/18-3 of the Illinois Probate Act, 1975 as amended, whichever date is later. Any claim not filed by the requisite date as stated above shall be barred. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Ogle County Circuit Clerk/Probate Division at the Ogle County Courthouse, Rockford, Illinois, 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 his/her attorney within ten days after it has been filed.
Dennis Steeves
Attorney for Executor
Crosby Law Firm, P.C.
Dennis Steeves
475 Executive Parkway
Rockford, Illinois 61107
815/397-2007
815/394-1955 Fax
No. 0619
(June 12, 19 and 26, 2023)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on June 8, 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:
Kara's Byron Barber Shop
238 E. Blackhawk Dr.
Byron, IL 61010
Dated June 8, 2023
Laura J. Cook, Ogle County Clerk
No. 0622
(June 12, 19 and 23, 2023)

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MONROE TOWNSHIP FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
No. 0626
(June 19, 2023)



HILLTOP GARAGE SALE
1002 Illinois St. - Oregon
(Straight up the hill from Merlin's)
Thursday, Friday and Saturday,
June 22nd, 23rd and 24th
8am - 5pm
Lots of household items and linens, dishes, mixing bowls, glasses, towels, tablecloths, sheets, pillows, lamps, mahogany dining table, curio cabinet, namebrand clothing Adult and Children sizes. Also will have some tools and much more!
PIA#48

GARAGE SALE
6615 N. Deer Path Rd.
Oregon, IL 3 miles South of Byron off of Rt. June 22 - 24th. 9 - 5. Antiques, furniture, snow blower, Men's bicycle, old sled, cookie jars too much to mention.
PIA #50 06192023

HUGE Garage Sales
502 N. Locust St., Forreston
Thurs./Fri/Sat from 8AM to 5PM
(various cabinets, shelves, framed pictures, storage tubs, quilts, bedding, collectibles, various sized rugs, yard items, some tools, adult clothing, and MUCH MORE to check out!)
PIA #51 06192023

GARAGE SALE
Early Christmas in June
2887 E. Brick Rd., Oregon
June 23rd & 24th from
8AM to 3PM
(Longaberger baskets, flower pots, clothes (women size 8-14), Tractor Seat (LIKE NEW) \$100, Norwex, Misc. Items)
PIA #52 06192023

Call 815-732-2156 to get your Garage Sale in the Life! Deadline is 11am on Wednesdays

203 HELP WANTED



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NEW, USED SCRATCH & DENT
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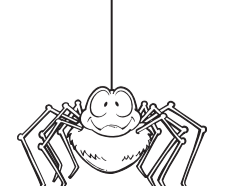
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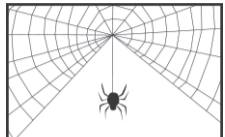
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OHS band performs at Alfano's

On April 26, the Oregon High School band and Alfano's had a fun evening of spaghetti and music. Student musicians performed all night in the restaurant to provide the dinner music. OHS choir students even joined in the fun to provide a wide variety of music (including a couple Italian arias). Alfano's had a spaghetti dinner special for the night, and then donated \$800 to the band program.

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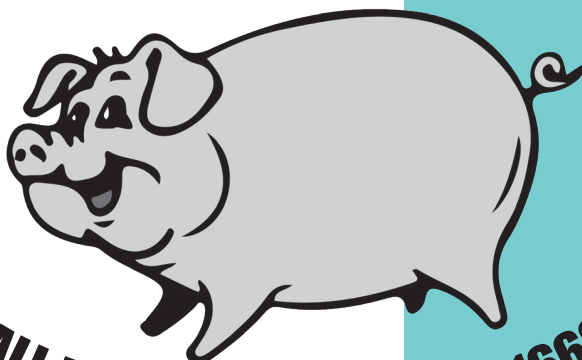


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The importance of music during wedding celebrations

FEW things set the mood of a wedding more effectively than music. Beautiful songs often are incorporated into wedding ceremonies, and romantic or upbeat songs intermingle to create a festive mix at receptions. Playlists curated specifically for weddings can be found online to help couples narrow down their options. According to Wedding Forward, a wedding planning guide, wedding planning experts and modern couples agree that wedding playlists should be have a 60/40 split of classics and new wedding songs.

Music is a personal choice, but couples may benefit by considering

who will be in attendance at their weddings. In so doing, couples can ensure the music played at their weddings reaches as many people as possible there:

- **Wedding processional song:** The wedding processional is the moment the wedding party walks down the aisle. Music may be a traditional hymn, classical music or a favorite contemporary song.

- **Bridal processional song:** In many traditional wedding ceremonies, the bride walks down the aisle separately, with her father or both parents. She customarily will have a different song from the rest of the wedding party. While "Bridal Chorus/Wedding March" is a traditional

choice, some brides may prefer a different tune.

- **Wedding recessional song:** Again, depending on the ceremony location and choices, the recessional may be a classical piece or a hymn. Some couples choose an upbeat song for their first official promenade as a married couple.

- **Wedding party entrance song:** Couples can ask their music vendor to put together the majority of the songs for their reception, but they may want to choose their own wedding party entrance. This song typically is a fast-paced, upbeat song that gets the crowd pumping and ready for a fun night.

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BRIDAL GUIDE



A guide to wedding day floral arrangements

VARIOUS elements come together to complete a wedding day visual. Floral arrangements are one such component that can create a special and awe-inspiring ambiance. Flowers appeal to at least three of the senses. Their delicate aroma can help a venue smell fresh and inviting. And it's hard to deny the visual appeal of a stunning floral arrangement.

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Think "Dynamite" by Taio Cruz or "Can't Stop the Feeling!" by Justin Timberlake.

• **First dance:** The first dance song is another personal choice for the couple. Slow songs traditionally are chosen, but couples

who want something a little different have increasingly selected faster songs and paired them with rehearsed choreography. "Thinking Out Loud" by Ed Sheeran has become a popular first dance song.

• **Other songs:** Couples also will select songs to complement dances with

their parents, cake cutting, garter toss, and any other special traditions or moments. They also can make requests to include songs of different eras to appeal to guests of all ages.

Music is an important component of wedding celebrations and deserves some extra consideration.

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There are colors, sizes, textures, and much more that can cater to any theme. In addition, flowers can add a tactile element, even if guests do not go around touching the blooms.

Flowers convey so much during weddings that it's important to make finding a florist a priority, according to the wedding resource The Knot. The following is a guide to understanding floral arrangements that may be included in a wedding.

The wedding party, bride, groom, and parents of the couple are set apart from others at the wedding ceremony by the special flowers on their attire and in their hands, among other indicators. Boutonnieres are a single bud pinned to the left side of a gentleman's jacket. Corsages can be attached to a dress, but are now often worn on the wrist. Bouquets are held in hand. They can be a few flowers gathered together, or more extensive

displays. Bouquets may feature bare stems, or stems may be bound and hidden beneath ribbon and fabric.

Some couples also have a small tossing bouquet to use later in the day. Flower petals for a flower girl to drop down the aisle also may be part of the floral plan.

Guests often are first introduced to floral arrangements at the wedding ceremony. Potted or vase-encased flowers may bookend the couple at the altar. Seats or pews may be adorned with flower sprays to draw attention to the aisle, known as aisle markers. These are subtle choices that enhance the ceremony space.

Flowers may truly shine during the reception. They're one of the most important components when decorating the space. Flowers serve as centerpieces, so the guest list and the number of tables will dictate how many centerpieces are required. These centerpieces can be elaborate or

simply a few loose flowers in vases. Florists can customize the look depending on couples' budgets. Some additional reception flowers can include installations on arches or on anything hanging like a floral backdrop for photo opportunities.

Couples should create a list of everywhere they would like to use flowers and present it, along with magazine clippings or planning boards, to show florists what they have in mind when shopping services, according to Hummingbird Wedding Advice. A 2021 survey from The Knot reported that the average cost for wedding flowers was \$2,300. It's important to set a strict budget so florists can present ideas that are in line with what couples can spend. Many expensive looks can be replicated with in-season flowers or less costly alternatives.

Flowers are an important part of the wedding day and should be incorporated into couples' budgets.



BRIDAL GUIDE

Did you know?

BRIDES- and grooms-to-be rely on trusted friends and family to be part of their wedding parties. It is an honor to be asked to participate in the ceremony and share in the magic of the day

Many couples wrestle with the question of how many people to include in the wedding party. The trusted wedding resource The Knot says old school wedding etiquette experts advise there should be one groomsman and one corresponding bridesmaid for every 50 guests, but this isn't mandatory.

Brides magazine reports that American weddings tend to feature five bridesmaids and five groomsmen. According to YoungHipandMarried.com, at weddings in Canada, the wedding party can expect to spend roughly \$366 to be in the wedding celebration.

A 2018 Bankrate study indicates members of an American bridal party can expect to pay an average of \$728 to attend a wedding and other related events. However, in recent years this price may have increased due to inflation and the rising cost of travel.

A 2015 study from the Pew Research Center found that interfaith marriages are on the rise. Prior to 1960, only 19 percent of individuals married outside of their faiths. By 2010, that number had risen to 39 percent. According to data from the PRC, people who are Jewish, mainline Protestant and religiously unaffiliated are somewhat more likely to be in relationships outside of their faiths compared to Hindus, Mormons and Muslims. Also, among unmarried people living together, nearly half were in interfaith relationships.

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How to choose the right official for your wedding

RECEPTIONS may get their fair share of attention, but the ceremony is the true centerpiece of a wedding. This is the part of the day when the couple will exchange vows and pledge their love and devotion to one another. It's also the time when the wedding license is signed and the union becomes official.

An officiant is an essential part of any wedding. This person is responsible for leading the ceremony and ensuring that all requirements are met so

that the marriage is legal. He or she will guide the exchange of vows and helps set the tone of the wedding.

Officiants vary depending on the ceremony, including religious, non-denominational or even family or friend. Since the officiant's role is so significant, it is important to give careful consideration to potential officiants before making a final decision.

If you will be having a religious ceremony in a house of worship, there may be some restrictions regarding who can officiate

the wedding. Traditionally, a priest/minister, rabbi or imam must preside over a ceremony in a house of worship. Even though there are some limitations, you may be able to choose the religious leader with whom you are friendly or whose sermons speak to you.

Some officiants may not have formal training or lots of experience officiating weddings, particularly if couples ask a friend or family member to do the honor.

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Seven ways to incorporate some personality into your wedding

WEDDING- Present an opportunity to embrace time-honored traditions. However, couples can be as tradition-minded or as unique in their wedding details as they desire. There's cer-

tainly room to let personalities shine through during both the ceremony and the reception.

Increasingly couples are seeking ways to set their celebrations apart from the scores that came before them. While one

may not want to banish all customs, there are several ways for couples to inject their own personalities into the proceedings. Here are seven ways to inject some personality into a wedding.

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Leaving it entirely up to the person may not be the wisest choice, as you may be surprised by what the officiant says. It's best to give the officiant a list of guidelines to see if the person will meld with your vision. When interviewing officiants, note what's most important to you. It also can help if couples try to determine if an officiant's sense of humor aligns with their own.

Professional officiants treat this as a business

and have amassed skills throughout the years. They likely will have websites and reviews that you can read through. Consider attending an upcoming wedding to see how a particular officiant performs on the big day.

When selecting an amateur, know that an officiant should have public speaking skills and be able to relate to the audience. Someone who is shy or stumbles over words might not be the right person to put in front of guests.

Of course all the details

cannot fall into place if the officiant is booked or doesn't have the time to tackle such a big component of the wedding. The officiant needs to meet with you several times, write the ceremony, attend rehearsals, and actually officiate. It's important the person you ask has the flexibility to meet all of these responsibilities.

Officiants feature prominently in a wedding. Choosing the right person to perform this important function is a big decision that requires careful consideration.

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1. Have custom-designed rings made. Couples can work with jewelers to have rings made to their specifications rather than buying only what is available in the cases. Furthermore, the rings do not have to be matching sets. A couple can select differing styles that complement one another but may be slightly different in design.

2. Cut out the cake. Many couples just aren't fans of traditional sponge cake with buttercream or fondant overlay, so why have that expensive, multi-tiered confectionary creation at the wedding? Instead, serve a more

popular dessert. Dessert artists can whip up many impressive options and present them in dramatic (or cake-like) fashion. What about a tower of decadent brownies or a stack of fruit-and-cream-filled crêpes?

3. Write the vows. Vows present an excellent way for couples to let their personalities shine through. Couples can showcase humor, compassion, quirks, and more with the messages they share with one another.

4. Customize table numbering. Seating cards traditionally guide guests to numbered tables around the reception hall. There is no rule that the tables have to be organized by

numbers, however. Those who like movies can name the tables by movie titles. A couple that loves to travel can make the tables destinations around the world. Keep in mind the catering staff may ask that numbers also accompany the alternative system for ease of serving dinners and keeping orders straight.

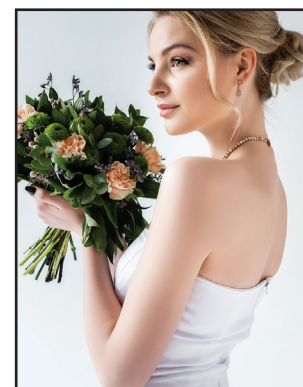
5. Make a grand entrance. Couples need not feel beholden to taking a limousine to and from their weddings. Fans of the movie "Batman" can rent a Batmobile replica. Those who couldn't get enough of "Breaking Bad" may want to roll up in an RV. There's also the option of a horse-drawn carriage or a sports car.

6. Serve custom cocktails. Traditional drinks can be given custom names that pertain to details of the couple's lives or how they met. If someone is a microbrewer or makes his or her own wine, these boutique beverages also can be served.

7. Create a monogram. Use the monogram on

save-the-dates, invitations, the home page of a wedding website, the ceremony program, and even on cocktail napkins at the reception. The continuity will help set the tone for the wedding.

Couples can allow their creativity and personality to shine through on their wedding day.



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