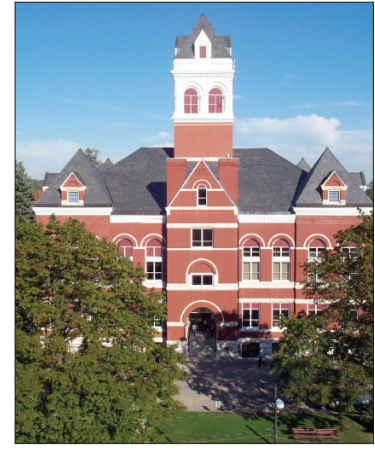


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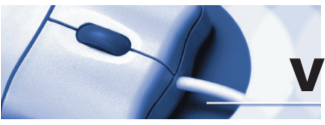


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## Implementing California's Prop 12 comes with challenges, expenses for Illinois hog farmers

Ogle County's Duncan: 'We're just not sure what happens now'

BY TIMOTHY EGGERT  
FARMWEEK

ILLINOIS pork farmers say a litany of uncertainties remain about how California's Proposition 12 will be implemented or enforced after the U.S. Supreme Court found the law constitutional.

Led by Justice Neil Gorsuch, the court recently upheld the state's animal welfare law, ruling 5-4 that "while the Constitution addresses many weighty issues, the type of pork chops California merchants may sell is not on that list."

But according to Illinois livestock producers, preserving the law could spell major costs for farmers, leading to higher pork prices for consumers, and might cause more negative health outcomes for hogs raised under its standards.



California's Proposition 12 prohibits sales in the state of pork, veal and eggs from livestock whose confinement do not meet certain minimum space rules. (Photo by Catrina Rawson)

"There's some big macro, even global, consequences to this, and then there's consequences that impact day-to-day pork production and pig farmers like myself," said Illinois Farm Bureau Vice President Brian Duncan, who

raises hogs in Ogle County. "We're just not sure what happens now."

Adopted by 63% of California voters as a 2018 ballot initiative and set to take effect July 1, Prop 12 prohibits sales in the state of pork, veal and eggs from

livestock whose confinement do not meet certain minimum space rules.

Those rules mandate hog spaces be large enough for an animal to turn around, lie down, stand up and extend its limbs. They specifically set sow

confinement dimensions at 24 square feet, which is 7 square feet larger than the industry standard.

The National Pork Producers Council and American Farm Bureau Federation contend the requirements violate the Commerce Clause because California represents less than one-sixth of domestic demand and sources most of its pork from other state producers.

The organizations also argued the law would compel farmers to adopt group housing and open pen gestation, which in turn would result in worse health outcomes for sows.

"There's a higher cull rate due to injury," said Duncan, who, with certified veterinarians, manages a sow farm that uses pen gestation.

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## Blackhawk Waterways CVB announces new executive director

Bausman retires after nearly 20 years

POLO — The Blackhawk Waterways Convention and Visitors Bureau is pleased to announce the appointment of Matthew Lenox as its new executive director.

Known for his innovative and community-focused strategies, Lenox brings an energy to the role that pairs beautifully with his deeply-rooted connection to the region. Having successfully driven the Discover Dixon brand and cultivated significant community engagement, Matthew's unique approach to marketing has resonated with both residents and visitors alike. His innovative efforts, including an award-winning national commercial, have consistently raised the bar in regional promotion.

"Matthew's regional



The Blackhawk Waterways Convention and Visitors Bureau announced the appointment of Matthew Lenox as its new executive director. He steps into the shoes of Executive Director Diane Bausman, who is retiring after nearly 20 years of dedicated service to the bureau. (Courtesy photo)

familiarity and commitment to our community will be instrumental in representing Northwest Illinois," Board President Sherry Vidinich said. "We

are eager to see how his perspective and fresh ideas will inspire our tourism narrative."

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## KIND PT & Wellness celebrates 1-year anniversary in Rockford region

### Monroe Center native looks to increase physical therapy access

ROCKFORD—KINDPT & Wellness, a concierge mobile physical therapy and wellness company in Rockford, is thrilled to announce it is celebrating its one-year anniversary. Based in Rockford, KIND PT & Wellness serves patients all throughout the region from Rockford to Loves Park, Janesville to Byron, Pecatonica to Belvidere and beyond. Additionally, KIND PT & Wellness provides PT services near Naples, Florida.

Owner and Founder Dr. Cassie Alderks, PT, DPT, CIDN, opened KIND PT & Wellness on June 1, 2022 as an outlet to escape the current healthcare model on how people access PT. Cassie brings the clinic to the client, offering herself as an "on-call" therapist. She travels to her patients and has a space where patients can come to her. KINDPT & Wellness is also cash based which is a growing concept within the healthcare community. Instead of waiting for physician's orders, being limited to a set amount of PT visits by insurance, KIND can provide next-day service, bypassing lengthy wait times and eliminating the hassle of a referral system.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## NEW: In-coming director to take over position Aug. 1

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In his new role, Matthew will collaborate with local tourism partners and the Illinois Office of Tourism, working collectively to boost the region's tourism appeal. He steps into the shoes of Executive Director Diane Bausman, who retires after nearly 20 years of dedicated service to the Bureau. Lenox will officially assume his new role Aug. 1, promising a fresh outlook for the BWCVB.

During her 19 plus years as the head of the CVB, Bausman became well-known as an advocate for tourism as an economic development tool and worked hard to promote the Blackhawk Waterways region as a destination. She was a featured speaker at many

area civic organizations and also had regular segments on area radio stations where she promoted events and festivals.

Diane brought awareness to the area by serving in leadership roles on the Great Rivers Country Tourism Office Board of Directors and the Illinois Lincoln Highway Coalition Board of Directors. She also served on the boards of Rock River Trail Initiative, Blackhawk Hills Regional Council, Ronald Reagan Trail Association, Tri State Tourism Council and was a member of the Illinois Council of Convention & Visitors Bureaus. Bausman navigated state funding challenges, instituted a local tourism partner grant and was on the forefront of on-line advertising and the use of social media to promote

the region via Facebook and worked with her staff to utilize other platforms like Twitter, Instagram and TikTok. Her leadership helped make Northwest Illinois a popular tourist destination and the regional economic impact of tourism statistics reflect an 85 percent increase during her tenure. Located in Polo, the BW-CVB is the state-certified destination management organization representing Carroll, Lee, Ogle and Whiteside Counties for the Illinois Office of Tourism. The CVB provides marketing and public relations support for tourism businesses, attractions & events in the four-county region and is governed by a 16-member board of directors comprised of representatives from each county.

## POLO POLICE DEPARTMENT

**POLO**—On May 27 at 9:50 p.m. Trevor Adam Michael Dennison, 18, Tampico, was arrested for operating a motor vehicle on a revoked license. Dennison was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

On June 2 at 8:55 a.m. Alex Jael Victorio Velazques, 20, Polo, was arrested for no driver's license and tinted windshield off front side window over the legal limit. Velazques was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

On June 2 at 12:35 p.m. Corrie K. Weidel, 44, Polo, was cited for operating an uninsured

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On June 4 at 8:15 p.m. Jashanti L.A. Nichols, 23, Freeport, was cited for operating a motor vehicle with an expired registration and a written warning for no driver's license on person. Nichols was released on an I-Bond.

On June 5 at 7:43 p.m. Seth L. Bothe, 25, Polo, was cited for operation of an uninsured motor vehicle. Bothe was released on an I-Bond.

## HOG: Mandates estimated to increase production costs at farm level

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"There's more abrasions, there's more fighting, there's more biting," Duncan said of open pen gestation systems. "All the things you would expect when you have animals that are aggressive let loose with each other."

To meet the law's space requirements, hog farmers will likely need to cull as many as 30% of their sows, according to Chad Leman, president of the Illinois Pork Producers Association. He owns Leman Farms Inc. in Woodford County.

"This alone will come at a significant cost," Leman told FarmWeek, adding he has no immediate plans to change any of his hog barns or production systems until there's more direction within the industry.

The law's mandates are estimated to increase production costs at the farm level by 9.2%, with producers expected to spend between \$290 million and \$348 million to update sow housing to comply with the law, according to NPPC and AFBF.

"Currently with building and construction costs and the dynamic of our farm, it'd be very cost prohibitive and hard to justify making those changes for an unpromised premium," said Thomas Titus, a former IPPA president who manages Tri Pork Inc., a farrow-to-finish farm in Logan County.

There are also questions around how California regulators will enforce the rules in other states. Do packers certify the pork product came from an animal housed according to the law? Will there be third-party audits and inspections?

While farmers might be tasked with tracking Prop 12-compliant hogs on their farms, Titus said packers might also have to keep pigs segregated when they come in, separated in freezers and coolers and affixed with specific labels.

"(The law) definitely adds not just another layer of compliance challenges for the producer, but also for the processor, too," Titus said. "Labor around that is also a concern."

And there's uncertainty whether the market will even offer more for pork raised in the environment the law mandates.

Duncan, Leman and Titus said the farmers who implement changes to comply should be compensated more for their meat products, such as a per-head premium.

"We have no problem if there's some sort of voluntary program where producers who choose to raise pigs this way would be paid a premium for their products and could make a business decision to try to capture that market," Leman said. "What we've got a real problem with is this involuntary regulation being forced on all of us who raise pigs."

Illinois hog farmers are further concerned the ruling on the law will empower "states with high people populations and low pig populations" to craft similar regulations, Leman added.

Duncan agreed, forecasting consequences that a patchwork of U.S. laws could have on international trade.

"What good is an agreement that I may negotiate ... if I can't assure (a trade partner) the access to my markets is going to be uniform across the country?" Duncan said. "It raises all sorts of questions about what trade agreements look like going forward if a state can slap extra burdens on an importer."

FarmWeek's Daniel Grant and RFD Radio contributed to this story.

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## PT: Native offering wellness in Rockford community

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"I always knew I wanted to open my own practice and provide a different type of PT service to the Rockford community," Alderks said. "When I worked as a PT in a clinic, I disliked the traditional process of having to wait for a doctor's visit after getting injured, then

insurance, schedule an appointment, wait some more, and then insurance restricts follow-up visits. I wanted to create a practice where we have a proactive mindset, where we can focus one-on-one with the patient and where we can meet with that patient week after week if need be. KIND PT & Wellness is a new way of doing PT in the Rockford region."

Born and raised in Monroe Center, Alderks is no stranger to the Rockford region. She graduated from Stillman Valley High School and received her undergrad and PT degree from Carroll University in

Waukesha, Wisconsin. Alderks played volleyball and basketball and played for the Rockford Wildcats. While playing sports, Cassie suffered from back pain. She went to PT where she saw the value of people getting their life back without experiencing pain during it.

Alderks is proud to be celebrating one year and in the near future will be growing KIND PT & Wellness to bring on more providers and services with an expanded brick and mortar space. To learn more about KIND PT & Wellness, visit [www.kindptandwellness.com](http://www.kindptandwellness.com).

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Oregon Police Department

### Woman arrested on an outstanding Lee County warrant

**May 22**  
At 1:14 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Chelsea E. Steele, 34, Dixon, on an outstanding Lee County warrant for failure to appear. Steele was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

At 7:34 p.m., Oregon Police issued Nataliya K. Creegan, 33, Oregon, a citation for operating a vehicle with an expired registration. This violation occurred in the 100 block of South 3rd Street.

**May 24**  
At 12:08 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Amber Y. Lockrem, 48, Dixon, for driving while license suspended. Lockrem was also issued citations for operating an uninsured motor vehicle and operating a vehicle when registration suspended for non-insurance. Lockrem was transported to the Ogle County Jail. These violations occurred in the 500 block of Gale Street.

At 5:31 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Jason L. Lipe, 48, Oregon, on an outstanding Lee County warrant for aggravated criminal sexual abuse. Lipe was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

**May 25**  
At 11:43 a.m., Oregon Police arrested Isaiah J. Youngquist, 21, DeKalb, for driving while license suspended. Youngquist was transported to the Ogle County Jail. This violation occurred in the 900 block of Pines Road.

At 2:25 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Randi M. Suter, 35, Oregon, on an outstanding Ogle County warrant for failure to appear. Suter was also charged with possession of methamphetamine. Suter was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

At 7:43 p.m., Oregon Police issued Peter D. Levine, 39, Freeport, a citation for operation of a vehicle when registration is suspended for non-insurance. This violation occurred in the 500 block of Gale Street.

At 8:45 p.m., Oregon Police issued a 17-year-old male juvenile of Rochelle a citation for failure to wear a seat belt as a driver. This violation occurred in the 400 block of West Wash-

ington Street.

**May 26**  
At 8:48 p.m., Oregon Police issued Kurt A. Schaible, Oregon, a citation for operating a vehicle with an expired registration. This violation occurred in the 100 block of South 3rd Street.

**May 27**  
At 1:08 a.m., Oregon Police arrested Dillon E. Dixon, 24, Oregon, for domestic battery. Dixon was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

At 8:14 a.m., Oregon Police arrested Keegan A. Rodden, 29, Loves Park, for driving while license suspended. Rodden was transported to the Ogle County Jail. This violation occurred in the 100 block of South 4th Street.

At 1:16 p.m., Oregon Police issued Anthony J. Folise, 26, of Woodridge, Illinois, a citation for speeding 45 miles per hour in a 30-miles per hour zone. This violation occurred in the 50 block of North 4th Street.

**May 28**  
At 12:04 p.m., Oregon Police issued Laura E. Rasmussen, 39, Dixon, a citation for improper display of registration. This violation occurred in the 100 block of South 4th Street.

At 4:48 p.m., Oregon Police issued Ray S. Sheffield, 81, Oregon, a complaint and notice to appear for violating the ordinance of discharging a firearm. Sheffield is scheduled to appear in court.

Nine parking citations and 13 verbal warnings were issued during the week of May 22-28.

**May 28**  
At 11:24 p.m., Oregon Police responded to a two-vehicle traffic crash at the intersection of East Washington Street and Daysville Road involving a 2017 Honda driven by Brittany F. Semple, 33, Byron, and a 2017 Ford driven by Amanda I. Smith, 30, Oregon. A passenger in Semple's vehicle was transported to KSB Hospital in Dixon. Semple was issued a citation for failure to yield at an intersection. Smith was issued citations for operating an uninsured vehicle, no valid driver's license and no valid reg-

istration.

**May 29**  
At 5:39 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Alexander M. Cervantez, 27, Sterling, for driving while license revoked. Cervantez was transported to the Ogle County Jail. This violation occurred in the 600 block of South 4th Street.

**May 30**  
At 6:43 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Richard L. Gallagher, 39, Oregon, for an Ogle County warrant for failure to appear. Gallagher was also issued a citation for operating a vehicle with suspended registration for non-insurance. Gallagher was transported to the Ogle County Jail. This violation occurred near the Illinois and North 5th Street intersection.

**May 31**  
At 6:52 a.m., Oregon Police arrested Luis A. Gonzalez, 42, Rockford, for driving while license revoked. Gonzalez was also issued a citation for operating a vehicle when registration is suspended. Gonzalez was transported to the Ogle County Jail. These violations occurred in the 300 block of West Washington Street.

At 12:53 p.m., Oregon Police issued Brandon T. Morris, 31, of Richmond, Illinois, a citation for operating a vehicle with an expired registration. This violation occurred in the 300 block of West Washington Street.

At 5:50 p.m., Oregon Police issued Tailor E.

Seydel, 30, Dixon, a citation for failure to wear a seat belt as a driver. This violation occurred in the 100 block of South 4th Street.

At 10:02 p.m., Oregon Police issued a 16-year-old male juvenile of Oregon, a citation for violating the graduated driver restrictions of having more than one passenger under the age of 20 years. This violation occurred in the 100 block of East Washington Street.

At 11:31 p.m., Oregon Police issued Jeremy L. Lewis, 34, Oregon, citations for improper use of registration and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. These violations occurred in the 1,000 block of Monroe Street.

**June 1**  
At 1:12 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Yerlin M. Ramirez-Erazo, 20, Rockford, for no valid driver's license. Ramirez-Erazo was also issued citations for operating an uninsured motor vehicle and operating a vehicle with a suspended registration. Ramirez-Erazo was transported to the Ogle County Jail. These violations occurred in the 100 block of South 4th Street.

At 2:13 p.m., Oregon Police issued a complaint and notice to appear to Dominick C. Gunn, 38, Oregon, for violating the ordinance of parking generally in the non-payment of 40 outstanding parking citations. Gunn is scheduled to appear in court.

At 5:30 p.m., Oregon

Police issued a complaint and notice to appear to Brigitte F. Peterson, 40, Oregon, for violating the ordinance of parking generally in the non-payment of 45 outstanding parking citations. Peterson is scheduled to appear in court.

At 6:42 p.m., Oregon Police issued a complaint and notice to appear to Kimberly K. Mattison, 61, Oregon, for violating the ordinance of parking generally in the non-payment of 89 outstanding parking citations. Mattison is scheduled to appear in court.

**June 2**  
At 12:57 p.m., Oregon Police arrested James D. Wright, 40, Mt. Morris, on an outstanding Ogle County warrant. Wright was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

At 6:45 p.m., Oregon Police issued Mark D. Trussoni, 64, Belvidere, a citation for improper display of license plate. This violation occurred in the 100 block of South 4th Street.

At 10:14 p.m., Oregon Police issued Ezekiel R. Newton, 21, Rockford, citations for operating a vehicle with a suspended registration and operating a vehicle with no insurance. These violations occurred in the 600 block of South

4th Street.

**June 3**  
At 3:35 a.m., Oregon Police responded to the 1,200 block of Illinois Street for a disturbance resulting in the arrest of Brian A. Rosenbalm, 41, Oregon, for domestic battery. Rosenbalm was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

At 10:14 a.m., Oregon Police investigated a car vs. building traffic crash in the 100 block of North 4th Street involving a 2013 Ford driven by Joyce E. Smith, 82, Oregon, whose vehicle went onto the sidewalk, struck a parked 2016 Jeep belonging to Shannon R. Ludewig, 58, Oregon, and the corner of the building located at 119 N. 4th St.; a cement garbage container was also struck, causing the container to strike and damage the building located at 121 N. 4th Street. Smith was transported to KSB Hospital and upon her return later in the day, was issued a citation for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident.

At 5:40 p.m., Oregon Police investigated a two-vehicle traffic crash in the 100 block of North 3rd Street involving a 2005 Saturn driven by Tyler D. Runkle, 23, Oregon and a parked 2004 Honda belonging to Lou VanderWyst, 63, Byron. No citations were issued.



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# LOCAL NEWS

## Obituaries

### John C. Tompkins

**TUCSON, Ariz.** — John C. Tompkins, 69, of Tucson, Arizona, passed on June 2, 2023. Born August 2, 1953 in Greensboro, North Carolina. John attended Culver Military Academy, Illiana Christian High School, and Calvin College.



John grew up in a newspaper family and at the young age of twenty-one purchased The Rochelle News-Leader in 1975. For the next forty-eight years John grew News Media Corporation to over seventy-five publications spanning across nine states. John was not only a newspaperman, he was a visionary entrepreneur and gifted strategist who was not afraid to take risks. John loved his "business family" and the unique communities that NMC serves. Anyone who knew John would concur that he was larger than life and an extremely generous man. John was also a man of great faith and spent many years teaching Sunday school at City First Church and mentoring young men.

He was a voracious reader with a wealth of knowledge on copious topics. If you ever met with John you likely left with a book in hand. John had many

hobbies; he loved rodeo, Kung Fu, sailing, and his beloved dog, Roscoe.

John spent his final years "Out West"—where he felt most at home. John taught his children God's Word, to walk in faith, and to trust in the finished work of the cross—this is his greatest legacy.

John is survived by his children Trina (Stephen) McNeilly, J.J. (Lindsay) Tompkins, and Amy Tompkins; former wife and life-long friend Cindy Tompkins; grandchildren Ella, Luke, Liam, and Rocco McNeilly, Grace Wolfe, Hope and Lily Tompkins; sister Patricia (Bob) VanTil; brother Michael (Mary) Tompkins; cousins, nieces, and nephews. He is pre-deceased by his parents John Edward Tompkins and Hilda Tompkins and nephew David Tompkins.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 15th, 2023 in the City First Church Chapel, 5950 Spring Creek Road, with Pastor Dan Qualls officiating. Visitation will be from 9:30 a.m. until the start of the service on Thursday at the church.

To express condolences online, please visit: [www.fitzgeraldfh.com](http://www.fitzgeraldfh.com).

### Hilo Haven Hanson

**PLANO**—Hilo Haven Hanson, 72, of Plano, IL passed away on Friday, June 2, 2023. He was born on October 19, 1949 in Rochelle, IL, the son of Trygve and Louis (Melvin) Hanson.



Hilo was united in marriage on December 21, 1974 to Ms. Susan (Sue) Sieberns (deceased August 16, 2020) and they spent the next 45 years happily together. He was a 1967 graduate of Ashton High School in Ashton, IL and a 1973 graduate of Illinois State University in Normal, IL. Mr. Hanson worked at Caterpillar for many years until his retirement. He enjoyed collecting license plates and working on antique cars as his hobbies. He and Sue also enjoyed going and exhibiting at the Sandwich Fair.

Hilo is survived by his mother-in-law, Ila Mae Sieberns of Franklin Grove,

IL; His sister-in-law, Sharon (Brent) Stanford of Homewood, IL; His niece, Madelaine (Jonah) Buckels of Chicago, IL and his nephew, Sean (Justin) Stanford of Lakewood, CO; He is also survived by many cousins and an uncle, Yngve Johnson of Malta, IL.

A funeral service will be held at 12:00 P.M. on Thursday, June 8, 2023 at the Beverage-Lyons Family Funeral Home, 601 Richardson Ave, Ashton, IL with pastor Stevan Saunders officiating. Interment will follow in the Ashton Cemetery in Ashton, IL.

Friends may visit from 11:00 A.M. until the hour of service on Thursday, June 8 at the funeral home in Ashton, IL. Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Beverage-Lyons Family Funeral Home. Online condolences may be made at [www.beveragefamilyfh.com](http://www.beveragefamilyfh.com)

### 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 Clint (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.

A Celebration of Life will be held at the Faith Discovery Church, West Milledgeville Road, Polo. Visitation will be 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 unbroken again!

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

### Mary Jane Magnuson

**ST. GEOEGE, Utah** — Mary Jane Magnuson, passed away peacefully at St. George Rehab in St. George, Utah on Monday, June 5, 2023. She was born in Augusta, WI, the daughter of Henry Zearth and Charlotte (Brick) Zearth. Mary married David Magnuson on October 10, 1959 in Augusta, WI. During her life, Mary enjoyed simple things like taking walks and collecting salt and pepper shakers.

Mary is preceded in death by her parents Henry and Charlotte; husband David; and son Boyd Magnuson.

She is survived by her son Myron (Patty) Magnuson of IN; brother Daniel (Kay) Zearth of CO; sisters Helen Sieg of WI and Barbara Kane of CA; grandchildren, Alyssa Turner, Trenton (Shelby) Magnuson, Jennifer (Nick) Peterson, and AnaMarie Smith; and 7 great-grandchildren.

Mary will be laid to rest at Stillman Valley Cemetery in Stillman Valley, Illinois next to her husband and son. A private burial will take place and a Memorial Service will be scheduled at a later date.

### Arnita (Arnee) Elliott Somerville

**OREGON** – Arnita (Arnee) Elliott Somerville was born September 18, 1940 at DeSoto, WI. She was one of ten children born to George and Violet Crosby Elliott. In 1956 she married Marvin Somerville. They had three children, ten special grandchildren, and fourteen special great grandchildren.



Surviving children are Terry Somerville of Creston, IL, Pamela Somerville of Oregon, IL, and Tammy (Merle) Miller of Wauseon, OH.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her brother Dean Elliott, sisters, Nancy Case, Bernita Toye, and Marvin Somerville.

Surviving family are James Elliott of Necedah, WI, Terry Elliott from Lublin, WI, Dennis (Betty) Elliott from Cortland, IL, Robert (Bonnie) Elliott from Chetek, WI, Priscilla (Randy) Weinke from Rib Lake, WI and Patti (Ramon) Niemeier from La Crosse, WI.

In recent months Arnee expressed interest in expressing some of her own thoughts in her obituary. She wanted to thank the people who loved her, cared for her, laughed with her, and were with her as she experienced some of life's interesting lessons.

These were her words... Being one in a family of ten already I

experienced many lessons in life. Some brought many laughs and fun memories. I would like to thank my four sisters, for being my rock and sounding board all through my life. My five brothers who taught me to be strong and fight for what I believed was right... my son Terry for his strength and stubbornness to never give up and my two daughters Pamela and Tammy who loved and cared for me and brought so much happiness into my life. I would like to thank Steve

Benesh for giving me a wonderful 26 years, his son Tony and wife Carla for helping me out so much these past years and grandson Blake and great grandson Graham for always making sure I was sage and made sure I had anything I needed. I had some dear friends who have provided me with many fun memories and last but not least my two dogs Spike and Sadie who have provided me years of faithful companionship. You all had a very special place in my heart in many different ways....

No services are scheduled at this time but a celebration of life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers memorials may be directed to the family.

To leave an online condolence please visit [www.farrellhollandgale.com](http://www.farrellhollandgale.com)

### Mary Catherine Wilson

**BYRON** — Mary Catherine Wilson, age 84, of Rockford, IL went home to her Lord and Savior on June 5, 2023. She died at home surrounded by family. Mary was born on April 29, 1939 in Chicago, IL, the daughter of Harry and Dorothy (Livingston) Kelly. She resided in Rockford until moving to Byron in 1972. She moved back to Rockford in 2020, living her last three years with her son and daughter-in-law.



Mary graduated from Rockford West High School, class of 1957. She married Ron Bartscher on January 10, 1959. He died October 13, 1976. She married Jim Wilson in 1979.

The most important thing in Mary's life was her family. She was a loving, caring mother and grandmother, welcoming all the "bonus" children and grandchildren with open arms. Mary loved to serve her family, preparing wonderful dinners, and planning special gatherings for the large clan.

She never missed attending her grandchildren's sports, music, and theater events throughout the years. She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and a former member of the Byron Women's Club. Mary was an avid reader and frequent patron of the Byron Public Library.

She enjoyed doing word puzzles and collecting porcelain dolls and angels. She had a passion for decorating her home for every holiday, especially St. Patrick's Day, being the true Irish lady that she was.

Mary is survived by daughter Christine (Jim) Fortune of Aurora, CO, son Steve (Anita) Bartscher of Rockford,

IL; four step-children, Cheryl Gobble of Mauldin, SC, Don (Diane) Hughes of Leaf River, Pam Wilson of Byron and

Nanette (John) Gibson of Byron; grandchildren Ron Demus (Jessica), Nathan Demus (Stephanie), Jennifer Demus (Lance), Michael Heller, Ryan Bartscher, Isabelle Bartscher, Megan (Kevin) Sandall, Sarah Smiley, Chase Gobble, Cal Gobble, Keith (Kaylee) Gibson, Casey Gibson, Emily Gibson, Brandon Wilson, Devyn Wilson Melissa (Dan) Pepper, and Matt Flowers; great-grandchildren Rylee Navickis, Madelynn and Kenzley Sandall, Paisley Cordonnier, Avery Wilson, Grayson and Brooks Pepper, Olivia and Kya Demus, and Lydia, Lacy, and Levi Gibson. Also survived by her sister Dorothy Weaver and her special caregiver, Amy Banks. Predeceased by her parents, sisters Fran, Connie, and Shirley, first husband Ron Bartscher, husband Jim Wilson, daughter Lori Bartscher, granddaughter Kori Lyn Gibson, and great-grandson Abraham Gibson.

A special thank you to her hospice nurse, Dawn, with Mercy Hospice. Funeral service will be held 11:00 AM, Tuesday, June 13, 2023 at the Kishwaukee Community Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 8195 N. Kishwaukee Road, Stillman Valley, IL 61084 with the Pastor Nick Garner officiating. Visitation will be held prior to the service from 9:00 – 11:00 AM at the church. Burial will be at the Calvary Cemetery near Winnebago. A memorial fund is established in Mary's name and may be directed to her family. Visit [www.farrellhollandgale.com](http://www.farrellhollandgale.com) to leave a condolence or memory of Mary.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## OGLE COUNTY SHERIFF

### Traffic stop leads to arrest

**OREGON** — On May 30 at approximately 5:50 p.m. deputies initiated a traffic stop near the intersection of Blackhawk Drive and Second Street in Byron. After further investigation, Kaitlyn Coleman, 28, of Oregon, was placed under arrest for driving while license suspended. Coleman was also cited for expired registration and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. Coleman was released on an individual bond. All subjects are presumed innocent.

On May 31 at approximately 6:42 a.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop at Kilbuck and Illinois Route 72. After a short investigation, deputies arrested Karissa Sweet, 20, of Davis Junction, for driving while her license was suspended; she was also cited for no insurance. Sweet was given an I-bond and released.

On May 31 at 9:31 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 7,000 block of North Illinois Route 251. As a result, Savannah A. Brown, 26, of Rockford was arrested for driving while license revoked. Brown was additionally issued citations for no rear registration light and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. Brown was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

On May 31 at approximately 9:45 p.m. deputies with the assistance of Byron Fire/EMS responded to the 12,100 block of North Kennedy Hill Road for the report of a single-vehicle accident. After a brief investigation, it was determined that a white Volkswagen, operated by 20-year-old Chase Beitel of Byron, was traveling southbound exited the roadway multiple times entering the ditch before coming to a rest in a field causing heavy damage to the vehicle. Beitel was transported to a local hospital for multiple injuries.

Beitel was cited for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident, improper lane usage and use of an electronic device.

On June 1 at approximately 2:19 p.m. deputies were dispatched to Illinois Route 72 and Interstate 39 in reference to a two-vehicle accident. After an investigation, deputies cited Alex Sanchez Garcia, 41, of Elgin, for failure to reduce speed to cause an accident. Sanchez Garcia rear-ended Alex Dodson, 50, of Rochelle, who was driving a motorcycle. Stillman Fire transported Dodson to St. Anthony's Hospital for minor injuries.

On June 1 at approximately 3:17 p.m. deputies initiated a traffic stop on Interstate 39 at mile marker 107 south bound. Upon further investigation, deputies arrested Jaleel Lake, 27, of Rockford for driving while license suspended. Lake was additionally issued a citation for expired registration. Lake was released on an individual bond with a future court date given.

On June 2 at approximately 5:53 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 7,000 block of North Illinois Route 2. After investigation, deputies arrested Jeanette Larson, 39, of Byron, for possession of drug paraphernalia (cocaine) and improper container of cannabis as the passenger. Larson was transported to the Ogle County Jail where she was held in lieu of bond.

On June 2 at approximately 6:43 p.m. deputies, with the assistance of Monroe Center Fire Department and Lynn Scott Rock Fire Department, responded to a car-versus-motorcycle crash at Illinois Route 72 and Limestone Road in Monroe Center. After an investigation, deputies cited Kenneth Wills Jr., 71, of Stillman Valley, for an improper left turn. Wills was operating a motorcycle and turned north onto Limestone Road. Wills was struck by a vehicle driven by Jayson Wood, 20, of Stillman Valley, who was traveling west on Illinois Route 72. Wills was transported by helicopter to Mercy Hospital with serious injuries.

On June 4 at approximately 11:42 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 5,000 block of North Leaf River Road for a traffic violation. After an investigation Kristy Smith, 44, of Leaf River, was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol. Smith was also issued citations for speeding and improper lane usage. Smith was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

On June 5 at approximately 12:05 a.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop on Interstate 39 southbound at mile marker 104. After a brief investigation, deputies arrested Osvaldo Manuel Rosales Blandon, 30, of Aurora, for driving without a valid license. Blandon was released on a \$2,500 individual bond. Blandon was also issued a citation for an inoperable taillight.

On June 5 at approximately 6:53 a.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop at Illinois Route 251 and Illinois Route 72. After an investigation, deputies arrested Fidel Torrez-Perez, 27, of Rockford, for driving with no valid license and speeding 26-34 miles per hour over the speed limit. Torrez Perez was given an I-bond and released on scene.

On June 5 at approximately 10:28 p.m. deputies initiated a traffic stop in the 14,000 block of West Coffman Road. Upon further investigation, deputies arrested Brian Edwards, 39, of Lanark, for driving while license revoked. Edwards was transported to the Ogle County Jail in lieu of bond.

*All individuals are considered innocent until proven guilty.*



**OCISO's Sgt. Diehl graduates from Northwestern School of Police Staff and Command**

The Ogle County Sheriff's Office recently announced the graduation of Sgt. Justin Diehl from the Northwestern School of Police Staff and Command, Class 543. The sheriff's office congratulated Sgt. Diehl on his graduation.

### ISP announces results of recent distracted driving enforcement

**STERLING** — Illinois State Police (ISP) Troop 1 Commander Captain Joseph Blanchette recently announced the results of distracted driving enforcement program patrols held in Lee, Ogle and Winnebago Counties during May. This program provided extra patrol coverage for ISP officers to focus on saving lives and reducing serious crashes by enforcing distracted driving laws.

Texting while driving citations: four. Other types of distracted driving citations: zero. Total distracted driving citations: 37. Total distracted driving written warnings: zero. Total of all citations: 73. Total of all written warnings: 10.

The extra enforcement patrols were made possible by federal traffic safety funds administered by the Illinois Department of Transportation.

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### SVHS FFA horticulture team takes 1st place in section 2

The Stillman Valley High School FFA horticulture team took first place in section 2 with the following students placing as top-10 individuals: Nick Youman (second), Ada Haner (fifth), Bailee-Jo Nelson (sixth), Madison Simms (seventh), LeAnn Brinkmeyer (eighth) and Gwen Hall (10th). Students had to make a floral arrangement, identify plants, identify landscape tools and take a written exam. From left to right: Hall, Haner, Brinkmeyer, Simms and Youman.

# LOCAL NEWS

## Horror manuscript set in Oregon named semifinalist for award

'THE DESCENT' in 2023 Soon to be Famous Illinois Author Manuscript Project Contest

**CARY** — Donna Kathryn Kelly of Cary is pleased to announce that her manuscript, *THE DESCENT*, has been selected as a semi-finalist in the 2023 Soon to be Famous Illinois Author Manuscript Project Contest. The contest is held annually, and the submissions are judged by volunteer library professionals. Kelly's manuscript now moves on to the second-round of judging. *THE DESCENT*, a horror novel, centers on a group of young woman attorneys who are terrorized by a paranormal experience over a Halloween weekend girls' trip in Oregon, Illinois. Kelly, an attorney, set out to write *THE DESCENT* because she wanted

to create a unique horror novel that takes place in her home state of Illinois and that features six individualistic women attorneys. The protagonist of the novel, Galena Kane, hails from her namesake and is a Jo Daviess County assistant public defender. The other main characters in the novel include a city of Rockford police officer, three Chicago litigators, and a Stephenson County assistant public defender. Kelly chose the setting of Oregon because she had visited the area as a child and had been moved by the beauty of the river bluffs. Kelly returned to Oregon several times in 2021 while penning the novel,

and the setting of her opening chapter is Lowden State Park. While *THE DESCENT* is an unpublished manuscript, it is not Kelly's first novel. Kelly is the author of *THE CHENEY MANNING SERIES*, a collection of crime thrillers that feature a public defender turned amateur sleuth who investigates mysteries in northern Illinois. The first two novels—*COP EYES* and *IN HEELS, SHE GOES* — are available for purchase on Amazon.com. The third novel in the series, *THE HOMECOMING QUEEN'S SON*, will be released this summer. You can find out more about Kelly and her writings @donnakathrynkelly.com.

## Habitat for Humanity of Ogle County to host house dedication & open house

**ROCHELLE**—On Sunday, June 25, Habitat for Humanity of Ogle County will help a well-deserving family celebrate the dream of homeownership. Habitat for Humanity will host a home dedication and open house for its latest home build in Ogle County. This home marks the 14th home build for the Ogle County affiliate. The Habitat partner family, along with Habitat volunteers, broke ground on the home in November 2022. Many community organizations and individuals have donated time and materials to complete the dream for the partner family. Ashlie, Habitat partner for this home build, has shared her excitement and stated, "This house is the beginning of a new generational cycle, enabling me to do better for my children. This house very much represents the beginning of a new chapter in our lives. This house will truly be our home." The public is invited to celebrate with the family and following the program take a tour of the home. The home dedication and blessing will take place on Sunday, June 25 at 2 p.m. at 110 S. 9th St., Rochelle. An open house will follow the dedication until 4 p.m. For more information regarding Habitat for Humanity of Ogle County, please call 815-222-8869, or visit the website at [www.habitatoglecounty.org](http://www.habitatoglecounty.org).

### MT. MORRIS POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Woman taken into custody for failure to appear

**MT. MORRIS** — On May 14 at approximately 5:10 p.m. Mt. Morris Police responded to the 10 block of East Front for a wellbeing check. Located in the area was Heather L. Heathcott, 42, Mt. Morris, and she was taken into custody on an Ogle County warrant for failure to appear. Heathcott was transported to the Ogle County Jail where she was held in lieu of bond. On May 15 at approximately 12:40 p.m. Mt. Morris Police responded to a two-vehicle crash in the 10 block of South Mulberry Avenue. Surita C. Martinez, 33, Mt. Morris, was issued a citation for permitting an unauthorized person to drive and uninsured motor vehicle. There were no reported injuries.

On May 22 at approximately 10 p.m. Mt. Morris Police responded to Dollar General. While at the location, Johnny A. Elrod, 62, Oregon, was located and charged with criminal trespass to property. Elrod was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond. On May 23 at approximately 9:30 p.m. Mt. Morris Police responded to the 400 block of South Ogle Avenue for the report of a domestic disturbance. After an investigation, Cheyanne J. Terry, 23, Polo, was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct an interfering with the reporting of domestic violence. Terry was transported to the Ogle County Jail where she was held in lieu of bond.

On May 29 at approximately 2:05 p.m. Mt. Morris Police were sent to the 100 block of West Lincoln Street for the report of a domestic disturbance. After an investigation, it was learned that a juvenile, 17, Mt. Morris, committed a domestic battery. The juvenile was released to parents and referred to the Ogle County Juvenile/Probation Office. On May 30 at approximately 9:45 p.m. Mt. Morris Police were sent to the area of the 100 block of South Wesley for the report of a disturbance. After an investigation, Alexandra Fuentes, 18, Mt. Morris, was arrested and charged with battery. Fuentes was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

On June 1 at approximately 5:15 a.m. Mt. Morris Police were sent to the area of the 100 block of South Wesley Avenue for the report of a disturbance. After an investigation, Erik V. Smitherman, 28, Mt. Morris, was arrested and charged with battery. Smitherman was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond. These charges are merely an accusation, and that the defendant is presumed innocent unless proven guilty. Other police activity in May: Alarms – two. Citizen assists – 28. Other agency assists/medical – 33. Other public complaints – 112. Accident reports – two. Traffic stops – six. Ordinance violations – 22.



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# LOCAL NEWS



## Illinois Route 72 in Stillman Valley dedicated for veterans

The Village of Stillman Valley recently dedicated Illinois Route 72 within the village limits as Veterans Memorial Highway. Each street sign along Illinois Route 72 now has an additional sign to honor local veterans. This section of road was selected because it passes in front of the popular General Stillman Memorial Monument.

## 2023 Ogle County Fair queen baskets for sale

OREGON — The Ogle County Fair Queen Pageant committee is pleased to announce its seventh commemorative basket, handcrafted by Judy Hodgins of Apple River, Illinois. Many of you may have visited her booth at Autumn on Parade.

This year she has crafted for the Ogle County Fair queen a rectangular basket 11 inches long, 10 inches wide and 3.5 inches deep. It has a woven base, stained a medium brown with blue accents. Each basket comes with a plastic liner making it

very useful for taking treats, a bowl or gathering goodies from the garden. Each basket will be numbered and have a commemorative tag. We are selling the basket for \$35 and all profits go to help our 2023 Miss Ogle County Fair queen to help defray costs for the state pageant in January 2024.

Please contact Sharon Alderks to purchase a basket by July 8. You may order your basket by mailing a check for \$35, made out to the Ogle County Fair, to Sharon Alderks, 907 N. Skare Road, Chana, IL 61015



## SVCC and Mt. Morris church team up to offer ESL classes

MT. MORRIS—A successful collaboration between Sauk Valley Community College and the Evangelical Free Church of Mt. Morris means local residents can continue to attend English as a Second Language (ESL) classes close to home.

The church was the host site for twice weekly ESL classes last fall and again this spring, the first held in Mt. Morris.

Representatives from adult education at SVCC and the church voiced enthusiasm for the arrangement. Plans have already been made for the upcoming fall and spring sessions.

“We are very happy with the student interest and participation we have seen this year in the Mt. Morris ESL class,” Sarah McFarlane, SVCC program director of adult education, said. “During the last year, 17 adult learners in the Mt. Morris community were served. These are 17 adults who would not have had the benefit of attending an English class if it were not for the generosity of the church opening its doors to our program. We are so grateful to the church leaders and members for their hospitality and support throughout the past year.”

Adult Education Instructor Rosanna Cordero, who taught the Mt. Morris classes, agreed.

“The students achieved English speaking level gains across the board. Some of my students achieved multiple

level gains over the course of the class,” she said. “It is important to mention the sense of camaraderie that developed between the class and the church and how important that was in creating a conducive learning space.”

Joyce Long, EFCMM program coordinator for ESL, said the church family was pleased to participate.

“As a church, EFCMM looks for ways to connect with new people in our community,” she said. “Being a host site for ESL has given us a great opportunity to do that. The students have developed connections with each other, as well as with us as a church family. It has been our pleasure to serve the students and watch them grow in their self-confidence as their speaking skills have improved.”

McFarlane said the ESL class will start up again in late August in the Fellowship Hall at the church at 102 S. Seminary Ave., Mt. Morris.

The class will continue to meet two days a week. The fall session will run from Aug. 21 through Dec. 14 and the spring session will run from Jan. 16 through May 9. The days and times for the class have yet to be determined.

For more information about the class, including registration information, contact the adult education program at Sauk Valley Community College. The phone number is 815-835-6310. Para hablar con alguien en español, llame al 815-835-6241.



Pictured are Sarah McFarlane, SVCC program director of adult education, left, and Rosanna Cordero, adult education instructor.

## McCammond, Bogner win SV Lions Club scholarships

Madison McCammond and Jeremiah Bogner are the recipients of the Stillman Valley Lions Club scholarships for 2023. Madison is going to the University of Illinois and Jeremiah is planning on attending the University of Minnesota. Long time Lions member Al Unger presented the awards of \$750 each.



# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### June 14

Summer in Mt. Morris means Kable Band Concerts. Concerts begin June 14 on the Reckmeyer Band shell. Concerts are Wednesday nights at 7:30 p.m. and will continue through Aug. 2. The band brings an exciting variety of music selections for all to enjoy. Included in many concerts are special soloists.

Come early and enjoy ice cream socials provided by local organizations. Benches are provided, or bring a lawn chair. And listen to the band...“Say it with Music”

### June 17

Come and join us at Byron’s Hairy Cow Farmers Market on Saturday, June 17 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 craftlab23@gmail.com or at the Byron’s Hairy Cow Farmers Facebook page.

### June 19

For its monthly meeting on June 19, 2023, 7 pm, Country Crossroads Quilt Guild will welcome local fabric and quilt designer Jill Shaulis, from Yellow Creek Quilt Designs in Pearl City. Jill will present “Stephenson County and Beyond!” introducing us to her latest fabric line entitled Stephenson County (by Robert Kaufman – released October 2022). Her trunk show will include new patterns based on Stephenson County

landmarks as well as designs from her latest book and other popular “new” things. Members will have the opportunity to participate in an all-day workshop lead by Jill, teaching us how to make a paper-pieced Barn Swallow table runner. Member signup is required before June 12. Coming up on July 17, our program presenter Phyllis Fay from Tucker University will present a humorous lecture titled “Motivate Me to Use My Stash!”

Guild meetings are held at the Forrester Grove Church, 7246 Freepport Road; Forrester, IL on the third Monday of each month at 7 p.m., with ample time to meet and greet members before the meeting. Visitors are welcome; for Visitors there is a fee of \$5 at the door. For more information call Program Committee Chairs Dawn Vehmeier 815-291-4592 or Ann Tully 815-238-2218, or Guild President Shelly Holverson 815-297-2381.

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# VIEWPOINT

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

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## MOMENTS IN TIME

- \* On June 19, 1968, 50,000 people participated in The Poor People's March, organized by Martin Luther King Jr. and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, to address economic justice. The campaign culminated in Washington, D.C., to demand aid for America's most impoverished communities and focused not just on Blacks, but all minorities.
- \* On June 20, 1947, gangster Benjamin "Bugsy" Siegel was murdered at the Beverly Hills, California, mansion of his girlfriend, Virginia Hill, while reading the evening newspaper. Though the case has never officially been solved, one theory holds that Siegel died by order of mob associates disgruntled about the soaring costs of his pet project, the Flamingo resort in Las Vegas.
- \* On June 21, 2006, two recently discovered moons orbiting Pluto were named Nix, after the Greek goddess of darkness and night, and Hydra, after a mythological, multiheaded serpent defeated by Hercules. The moons had initially been spotted by the Hubble Space Telescope a year earlier.
- \* On June 22, 1940, the first Dairy Queen restaurant opened on historic Route 66 in Joliet, Illinois. While frozen sweet treats are, sadly, no longer served at the site (especially at their original prices of 5 cents for a cone and 8 cents for a sundae), it remains a local landmark.
- \* On June 23, 1951, a hailstorm in El Dorado, Kansas, dropped over 12 inches of ice and caused \$1.5 million in crop damage, with another stunning \$14 million in property damage.
- \* On June 24, 1916, Mary Pickford (born Gladys Marie Smith), affectionately known as "America's Sweetheart" during the silent-film era, became the first female actress to be offered a million-dollar contract, which also allowed her the freedom to choose the movies she would star in.
- \* On June 25, 1978, the rainbow flag was flown for the first time at the San Francisco Gay Freedom Day Parade. Previously, gay pride had been represented by a pink triangle, but as that symbol was used during the Holocaust to identify homosexuals, people wanted a more positive image.

## The weed expressway

Dear editor,

My wife and I stopped at Jarret Prairie Center a while back to see a particular wild flower that she likes. When we pulled into the parking lot, the large red word "CAUTION" on a sign caught my attention. The sign told us these "PLANTS CAN CAUSE SERIOUS RASHES, BLISTERS AND/OR ITCHING & BURNING SENSATION." So, I looked closer.



The sign showed Poison Ivy, Wood Nettles, Wild Parsnip, Cow Parsnip and, the new kid on the block, Poison Hemlock. Google says, "Eating even a small amount of any part of this plant can kill people, livestock and wildlife." I have not suffered from these weeds much, but from what I have heard about them, I try hard to avoid them.

here? They came on the weed expressway. Several years ago, the highway departments quit spraying weeds. As a result, the roadside ditches have turned into expressways that bring us a constant supply of noxious weeds. Since little is done to control them, they spread very quickly. Some are a nuisance; others are downright dangerous.

As landowners we are supposed to control the weeds on our land, but the highway departments just ignore them as they spread around the townships, across the counties and states. They mow parts of the ditches. Often, it seems, they wait until the seeds are ripe, so they spread better. But remember, your government is here to help you.

Dick Gambrel  
Chana

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# Taxation and agriculture

WITH Tax Day in the rear-view mirror, I thought it might be worthy to look at taxation and agriculture. One thing about farmers, they don't like paying taxes.

Running a farm or ranch business is challenging under the best of circumstances. Agriculture operates in a world of uncertainty — from unpredictable markets to fluctuating farm business costs, to weather disasters and disease outbreaks. Farmers and ranchers need a tax code that provides certainty and recognizes their unique financial challenges as they work to provide a secure food supply for our nation.



Ron Kern

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Estate taxes should be permanently eliminated. At the very least, farm bureau believes that the \$11 million per person/\$22 million per couple indexed estate tax exemption that was passed as part of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act should be made permanent and that unlimited stepped-up basis should continue.

The limitation on the amount that property values can be reduced under Special Use Valuation Section 2032A should be removed. Timber harvesting or the sale of a conservation easement should not trigger a recapture of estate taxes.

The capital gains tax rate should be reduced and assets should be indexed for inflation.

Capital gains should not be collected at death and there should be an exclusion for agricultural land that remains in production, for transfers of farm business assets between family members, for farmland preservation easements and development rights, and for land taken by eminent domain.

Passage of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act in 2017 benefits most farm and ranch businesses and has allowed them to build their operations and stimulate the agricultural economy. Important provisions include reduced tax rates, the new business income deduction, provisions to allow the matching of income and expenses, immediate cost recovery and an increase in the estate tax exemption. USDA Economic Research Service documented the expected benefits of the tax reform in its June 2018 publication "Estimated Effects of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act on Farms and Farm Households."

### Permanent Provisions

The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act contains many new, permanent provisions that help agriculture.

Sect. 179 Small Business Expensing Increased to \$1 million. Indefinite Carry Forward of Deductions Indexed for Inflation. Depreciation for Farm Equipment Shortened from seven to five years. New Flat 21 percent Corporate Tax Rate. Repeal of the Corporate Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT)

### Temporary Provisions

Many of the pass-through business provisions in the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act are temporary and should be made permanent.

More the 98 percent of farm and ranches operate as "pass-through businesses:" sole proprietorships, partnerships and Sub S corporations. Failure to extend these important provisions will result in a tax increase for farmers and ranchers and leave them without ways to deal with the cyclical and unpredictable nature of their businesses.

Reduced Pass-Through Tax Rates and Expanded Brackets: If not extended, higher tax rates will increase taxes on the majority of farm and ranch businesses.

New 20 percent Business Income Deduction (phase-out starts when taxable income exceeds \$315,000/joint): Allowing the business income deduction to expire would expand the tax base of pass-through businesses, erasing much of the benefit of tax reform legislation.

Unlimited Bonus Depreciation (Expensing): If not continued, farmers and ranchers will be unable to offset income with deductions for their business expenses. This is especially critical because like-kind exchanges for equipment and livestock are repealed.

Doubled Estate Tax Exemption to \$11 million person/\$22 million couple: If the exemption is allowed to revert back more farms and ranches will be subject to estate taxes. And, as long as the exemption level is temporary money must be spent on estate tax planning rather than on growing farm and ranch businesses.

Increased Alternative Minimum Tax Threshold for Individuals: Rollback of the higher AMT threshold will cancel out important deductions and credits put in place by tax reform.

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

# Farmers invest in sustainable agriculture throughout the year

EACH spring people around the world celebrate our planet, recognizing the need to find innovative solutions to protect our soil and water for generations to come.

Farmers, often called the "original conservationists," continue the fight for cleaner, more sustainable agricultural practices throughout the year. We care deeply for our land and collaborate with our agricultural research partners to implement the best solutions to preserve our natural resources.

We invest time, money, and energy in protecting our land. We are investing in our future.

Our farmers utilize a variety of sustainable practices. One strategy that has gained momentum in recent years is the use of cover crops, or plants such as wheat, rye, and radishes which are planted after primary cash crops like corn and soybeans are harvested. These special crops work hard to enrich the soil, maintain moisture, and prevent erosion among other benefits.

In February, University of Illinois researchers released a new study showing that Midwestern farmers are seeding more cover crops than ever. The study showed that cover crop adoption reached 7.2% in 2021, up from 1.8% a decade earlier. Researchers stated that the rapid increase in cover crop adoption between 2017 and 2021 coincided with increased state and federal incentive programs.

The U of I study, "Recent rapid increase of cover crop adoption across the U.S. Midwest detected by fusing multi-source satellite data," was published in Geophysical Research Letters.

Farmers also work hard to voluntarily implement the Illinois

Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy (NLRS) to reduce nutrient loss to the Mississippi River and the Gulf of Mexico. Last year, Illinois Farm Bureau's (IFB) environmental team joined forces with farmers and agricultural researchers to film a new documentary highlighting sustainability efforts in Illinois.

The hour-long film "Sustaining Our Future: A Farm Family Story," celebrates farmers' dedication to the environment while sharing with a broader consumer audience the trials, and in some cases, the financial risks farmers take to conserve our natural resources.

Viewers are invited to join the Ganschow family of Bureau County to learn how three generations of farmers have approached sustainability to create a brighter future for generations to come. People can now watch the documentary for free on IFB's YouTube channel.

This April, Illinois farmers and the agricultural research community collaborated to showcase current and past conservation practices, including ongoing cover crop projects. These Spring Nutrient Stewardship Field days are an opportunity for those inside and outside of agriculture to learn more about farmers' role in protecting the environment.

Now in its eighth year, IFB's Nutrient Stewardship Grant Program supports research conservation projects across the state. Our organization has committed more than \$2.8 million to nutrient stewardship initiatives since 2015. For the fiscal year 2023, IFB distributed \$175,000 in grants for local projects, including \$25,000 to support pollinator conservation across the state.

It is fitting that this year Illinois farmers will host two field day opportunities ahead of Earth Day. In Washington County, farmers will evaluate nutrient loss reduction

practices in addition to evaluating cover crop projects. Young farmers in Knox County will also invite researchers and farmers to learn more about their goal to implement one cover crop plot in each township within the county.

Farmers are at the forefront of climate-smart farming, putting scientific solutions, technology, and innovation to work to protect our land, air, and water. Every year is a learning curve, however.

We are constantly building upon previous research to develop better, more sustainable practices and strategies to protect our land. It is important to also keep in mind this is a long-haul effort. Each year, our farmers find new ways to approach conservation and sustainability, moving the needle ever closer to a brighter, greener future.

I am proud of the work Illinois farmers are doing and will continue to do to preserve our natural resources. While the world celebrated our planet on April 22, I challenge everyone to learn more about how their local farmers are committing themselves to finding innovative solutions to protect our land.

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



Richard Guebert Jr.



# Celebrating **FATHER'S DAY**

## Father's Day gift ideas for all types of dads

**T**HIS Father's Day, families will gather to thank dads for all they do. Gifts often are part of Father's Day celebrations, and here's a list of gift ideas for dads with various interests.

**Gaming Dad**  
The draw of popular video games doesn't abate for some men as they get older. If your dad is at home with game controller in hand, then gifts that feed his hobby can be ideal. Virtual reality has made great strides. Devices that enable VR game play and other entertainment may appeal to Dad. There are a few options on the market, like the Oculus, Pico Neo, HTC Vive, and Valve Index.

Another option is to gift the Nintendo Switch Console, which enables your dad to play at home connected to the television or on the go with the handheld controller and screen combination so he never misses a chance to engage in game play.

### Sports Dad

Tap into your father's love of sports with gifts tailored to his passion. Baseball and soccer are played during warm months, so tickets to a game is something dads and their children can do together. You also can cheer his team on in front of a new big-screen television he gets for being such a great dad.

### Outdoorsman Dad

If your dad is most at home with a fishing pole and tackle box, kayaking a nearby body of water, or hiding in a tree stand during hunting season, then gifts that cater to his love of the great outdoors are perfect. Insulated thermoses, waterproof bags for storing phones or wallets, multitools, backpacks, and hiking boots make great gifts.

### Techy Dad

Does the idea of the latest "smart" offering get your father all revved up? Then



purchase gifts that cater to his love of gadgets. Maybe he can use a new tablet or laptop that bridges the gap between home and office. Could it be time to upgrade his smartphone? A doorbell camera or home security kit can help Dad keep an eye on the comings and goings around the house when he's away. Or help him create surround lighting effects that can react to content on the screen or music being played with LED smart lighting strips.

### Practical Dad

Some fathers don't want flashy gifts, instead preferring ones that can be used everyday. Think about a new paper shredder or identity block roller stamp to keep sensitive information safe. If Dad takes long road trips, then he might be able to use a car visor extender or a smartphone holder. Shelving, racks or storage straps for the garage also may put a smile on Dad's face.

This year, make Father's Day a smash hit with gifts that cater to Dad's interests.

## Memorable ways to celebrate Dad this Father's Day

**D**ADS do a lot for their families, and Father's Day is the perfect time to acknowledge those efforts. The days when dads would receive a colorful necktie for Father's Day are largely (and, for fathers, thankfully) a relic of the past. Modern Father's Day celebrations tend to involve more careful planning, and the following are some ways to make this year's day for dads one to remember.

- Take Dad on a tour through his own history. The popularity of genealogy has skyrocketed over the last decade-plus, as various firms have made it easier than ever for individuals to trace their family histories. If Dad counts himself among the millions across the globe interested in their family histories, moms and kids can work together to create a virtual tour through that history. Present the history as a printed book or as a video, sharing interesting things you learned about Dad's ancestors but also highlighting key moments in his life. This presentation can be accompanied by a subscription to a genealogy service and a tour of some of Dad's childhood haunts before the family enjoys brunch or dinner in the neighborhood where Dad grew up.

- Take to the great outdoors. Father's Day is celebrated in mid-June, making the day a perfect time to enjoy the great outdoors (weather permitting). Plan a day around Dad's favorite outdoor activity. If Dad is an avid fisherman, book a family outing on a charter boat so Dad can focus on catching fish and not navigating. If Dad loves being in natural settings, camp out the night before Father's Day so he can wake up to the sound of birds chirping in the crisp morning air. If Dad has a favorite baseball team, take him out to the ballpark so he can soak up some Father's Day sun.

- Book a private chef. If Dad has a fascination with food, perhaps nothing can make Father's Day more memorable than a delicious meal served by a private chef. Private chefs will do all the work, giving moms and kids more time to spend with Dad throughout the day, and then the whole family can enjoy a special meal made by someone whose specialty is crafting delicious dinners. Offerings vary, but many private chefs handle all the cooking and cleaning. Identify Dad's favorite dish and then look for a chef who specializes in that type of cuisine.

- Appeal to Dad's inner adventurer. Some Dads may just want to relax on Father's Day, while others may prefer a more adventurous celebration. If Dad falls into the latter group, book a fun and adventurous activity the whole family can enjoy together. A kayaking trip, a skydiving session, a round of paintball, or even tickets to a rock concert on Father's Day weekend can connect Dad with his inner adventurer.

There's no shortage of ways for families to make this Father's Day one Dad won't soon forget.



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# LOCAL NEWS

## Forreston High School names honors night scholarships winners

*\$620,000 awarded to students who earned scholarships*

**FORRESTON** — On Wednesday, May 10, Forreston High School held its annual honors night. At the honors night, the class of 2023 (56 seniors) were recognized for their academics, athletics, and/or leadership achievements. During the event, \$620,000 was awarded to students who earned scholarships from prospective colleges and local scholarships. Scholarships came from local groups, families and businesses. Below is a listing of award winners:

American Legion Honorable Mention Award – Brooke Boettner, Johnathen Kobler

American Legion Award – Madyson Schoonhoven, Owen Greenfield

United States Tumbling Association Scholarship – McKenna Dorthy

DCFS Scholarships – Dixie Johnson, Lily Johnson

Blackhawk Area Credit Union Scholarship – Emma Manus

Hagan Scholarship – Hailey Schultz

Compeer Financial Scholarship – Hailey Schultz

FFA Alumni Scholarships – Katelyn Bismark, Daemyn Heslop, Alexis Koehl

Keith Reemtsma Scholarship – Logan Miller

Bocker Ruff Grain Scholarship – Daemyn Heslop

Masonic Scholarships – Katelyn Bismark, Logan Miller

Bernie Empen Memorial Scholarship – Hailey Schultz

Mary Louise Floski Memorial Scholarship for Education – Alaina Miller

Cornerstone Credit Union Scholarships – Kristina Bondele, Owen Greenfield

My Friend’s Closet Scholarships – Kristina Bondele, Emma Manus

Disciples Methodist Church in Mt. Morris Baker Scholarship – Alexander Milnes

Whiteside Area Career Center Scholarships – Kristina Bondele, Cole DeWall, McKenna Dorthy, Daemyn Heslop

HCC James A. Davis Memorial Scholarship – Alexander Milnes

Lucille Bruning Memorial Trust Scholarships – Payton Encheff, Sydney Regez

The “Ole” Hiteman Scholarship – Jace Engbert

Solutions Bank Scholarships – Brooke Boettner, Hailey Greenfield, Owen Greenfield

Link Family Scholarships – Kristina Bondele, Owen Greenfield, Johnathen Kobler, Alexander Milnes, Sydney Regez, Madyson Schoonhoven

Lloyd Folkerts Scholarship – Brock Smith

German Valley Lions Scholarship – Kristina Bondele, Hailey Schultz

Leaf River Lions Scholarship – Brooke Boettner

Forreston Lions Scholarship – Brooke Boettner, Alexander Milnes

Darrell Windle Scholarship – Logan Miller

The Drew Crase Memorial Scholarship – Payton Encheff

Forrestville Valley Education Association Scholarship – Alexis Koehl

German American State Bank Scholarships – Brooke Boettner, Owen Greenfield

Lola Borchers Scholarships – McKenna Dorthy, Owen Greenfield, Johnathen Kobler, Alexis Koehl, Brock Smith, Kobe Southerland

James Schneiderman Memorial Scholarships – Payton Encheff, Emma Manus

Harm Smith Scholarship – Emalee VanDeWarker

Forrestville Valley Foundation Scholarships – Brooke Boettner, Kristina Bondele, Owen Greenfield, Johnathen Kobler, Alaina Miller, Brock Smith

Beth Amsrud Scholarship – Alexis Koehl

Gallagher Engineering Scholarships – Johnathen Kobler, Alexander Milnes, Brock Smith

Rock River Chapter of Illinois Society of Professional Engineers Scholarship – Owen Greenfield

Rock River Blood Center Scholarship – Kyler Ganz

Adkins Energy Scholarship – Brock Smith

Forreston Music Patrons Scholarship – Alexis Koehl

Golden Apple Scholar – Sydney Regez

Forrestville Valley Administrative Scholarships – Madyson Schoonhoven, Brock Smith

Wood Trust Scholarships – Rylee Broshous, Owen Greenfield, Johnathen Kobler, Alex Milnes

College Scholarships – Elizabeth Bishop (Northern Illinois University), Kristina Bondele (Marquette University), Rylee Broshous (UW-Platteville), Kyler Ganz (University of Iowa), Hailey Greenfield (Illinois State University), Owen Greenfield (UW-Platteville), Johnathen Kobler (Iowa State University), Alexis Koehl (Northern Illinois University), Alaina Miller (Northern Illinois University), Sydney Regez (Northern Illinois University), Hailey Schultz (UW-Stevens Point), Kobe Southerland (Augustana University), Kaia Stralow (Illinois State University), Emalee VanDeWarker (Western Illinois University)

HCC Servant Leaders – Quinten Frederick, Owen Greenfield, Johnathen Kobler, Madyson Schoonhoven, Brock Smith, Emalee VanDeWarker

Recognition of Enlistment – McKeon Crase (United States Marine Corps), Jacob Swartz (United States Army)

Education Pathway Endorsement – Mikayla Brown, Payton Encheff, Alexis Koehl, Alaina Miller, Sydney Regez

Forreston Sports Boosters Scholarships – Hailey Greenfield, Johnathen Kobler

Academic All-Conference Awards – Brooke Boettner, Rylee Broshous, McKenna Dorthy, Jace Engbert, Kyler Ganz, Hailey Greenfield, Owen Greenfield, Dixie Johnson, Lily Johnson, Johnathen Kobler, Alexis Koehl, Emma Manus, Alaina Miller, Cortney Miller, Alexander Milnes, Sydney Regez, Chloe Reubin, Hailey Schultz, Brock Smith, Kobe

Southerland, Kaia Stralow, Emalee VanDeWarker, Lacie Williams

Senior Athletic Letter Awards – Katelynn Alexander, Brooke Boettner, Rylee Broshous, McKeon Crase, Casey DeVries, Drew Dieterman, McKenna Dorthy, Payton Encheff, Jace Engbert, Quinten Frederick, Kyler Ganz, Devin Garcia, Hailey Greenfield, Owen Greenfield, Sydney Greenfield, Dixie Johnson, Lily Johnson, Johnathen Kobler, Alexis Koehl, Colin Kuhn, Emma Manus, Alaina Miller, Cortney Miller, Alexander Milnes, Sydney Regez, Chloe Reubin, Madyson Schoonhoven, Hailey Schultz, Brock Smith, Kaia Stralow, Michael Taylor, Emalee VanDeWarker, Lacie Williams

Steve Denekas Most Varsity Letters Earned Award – Brooke Boettner, Rylee Broshous, Payton Encheff, Johnathen Kobler

3-Sport athletes – Brooke Boettner, Rylee Broshous, McKeon Crase, Payton Encheff, Johnathen Kobler, Alexander Milnes

4 Year 3-sport athletes – Brooke Boettner, Rylee Broshous, Payton Encheff, Johnathen Kobler, Alexander Milnes

Top Female Athlete of the Class of 2023 – Brooke Boettner, Rylee Broshous

Top Male Athlete of the Class of 2023 – Johnathen Kobler

Marketing Award – Payton Encheff

Ever-Fi Awards (sponsored by Forreston Solutions Bank) – Pypar Akins, Katelynn Alexander, Andrew Baumann, Elizabeth Bishop, Katelynn Bismark, Brooke Boettner, Kristina Bondele, Rylee Broshous, Mikayla Brown, McKeon Crase, McKenna Crase, John DeHaven, Casey DeVries, Cole DeWall, Drew Dieterman, McKenna Dorthy, Payton Encheff, Jace Engbert, Quinten Frederick, Kyler Ganz, Devin Garcia, Hailey Greenfield, Owen Greenfield, Sydney Greenfield, Bryonna Harson, Daemyn Heslop, Carli Hollis, Dixie Johnson, Lily Johnson, Johnathen Kobler, Alexis Koehl, Colin Kuhn, Jayden Stacy Lewis, Logan Lower, Emma Manus, Audrey Merriman, Jack Metzger, Alaina Miller, Cortney Miller, Logan Miller, Alexander Milnes, Ian Pannkuk, Sydney Regez, Chloe Reubin, Maia Sanders, Madyson Schoonhoven, Dyllan Schreiber, Hailey Schultz, Brock Smith, Kobe Southerland, Kaia Stralow, Jacob Swartz, Michael Taylor, Emalee VanDeWarker, Lacie Williams, Jayden Zink

Blood Drive Participants – Andrew Baumann, Katelyn Bismark, Casey DeVries, Payton Encheff, Kyler Ganz, Devin Garcia, Bryonna Harson, Colin Kuhn, Logan Lower, Cortney Miller, Alexander Milnes, Dyllan Schreiber, Brock Smith, Kaia Stralow

Honor Roll Award – Andrew Baumann, Kristina Bondele, McKenna Crase, John DeHaven, Cole De-

Wall, Jace Engbert, Kyler Ganz, Sydney Greenfield, Carli Hollis, Dixie Johnson, Colin Kuhn, Maia Sanders, Lacie Williams

Excellent Honor Roll – Elizabeth Bishop, Brooke Boettner, Rylee Broshous, McKenna Dorthy, Hailey Greenfield, Owen Greenfield, Bryonna Harson, Daemyn Heslop, Lily Johnson, Johnathen Kobler, Alexis Koehl, Emma Manus, Alaina Miller, Alexander Milnes, Sydney Regez, Chloe Reubin, Madyson Schoonhoven, Hailey Schultz, Brock Smith, Kobe Southerland, Emalee VanDeWarker

4 Year “A” Honor Roll – Brooke Boettner, Rylee Broshous, Owen Greenfield, Lily Johnson, Johnathen Kobler, Alaina Miller, Alexander Milnes, Brock Smith

One Year Perfect Attendance – Owen Greenfield, Emma Manus

4 Year Attendance Award – Andrew Baumann, Elizabeth Bishop, Payton Encheff, Sydney Greenfield, Emma Manus, Lacie Williams

4 Year Perfect Attendance Award – Owen Greenfield

STEP Program – Pypar Akins, Jayden Stacy Lewis, Audrey Merriman, Jack Metzger, Logan Miller, Maia Sanders, Lacie Williams, Jayden Zink.

Thank you to Danlee Wood Products, First and Main, Mimmo’s, and Koeller Forreston Hardware who have provided training positions for our STEP program students this year and in the past years.

WACC Students of the Month – Elizabeth Bishop, John DeHaven, Casey DeVries, Cole DeWall, Logan Lower, Cortney Miller, Emalee VanDeWarker

Daughters of the American Revolution – Madyson Schoonhoven

Sons of the American Revolution – Johnathen Kobler

Illinois State Scholars – Brooke Boettner, Owen Greenfield, Johnathen Kobler, Alexander Milnes, Brock Smith

Illinois Principal’s Association Award – Madyson Schoonhoven, Brock Smith

National Honor Society – Brooke Boettner, Rylee Broshous, McKenna Crase, Jace Engbert, Kyler Ganz, Hailey Greenfield, Owen Greenfield, Bryonna Harson, Dixie Johnson, Lily Johnson, Johnathen Kobler, Alexis Koehl, Emma Manus, Alaina Miller, Alexander Milnes, Sydney Regez, Madyson Schoonhoven, Hailey Schultz, Brock Smith, Emalee VanDeWarker

Forreston Honor’s Program – Brooke Boettner, Rylee Broshous, Jace Engbert, Kyler Ganz, Owen Greenfield, Dixie Johnson, Lily Johnson, Johnathen Kobler, Alexander Milnes, Sydney Regez, Madyson Schoonhoven, Brock Smith

Top Ten Percent – Brock Smith, Brooke Boettner, Owen Greenfield, Johnathen Kobler, Rylee Broshous, Lily Johnson

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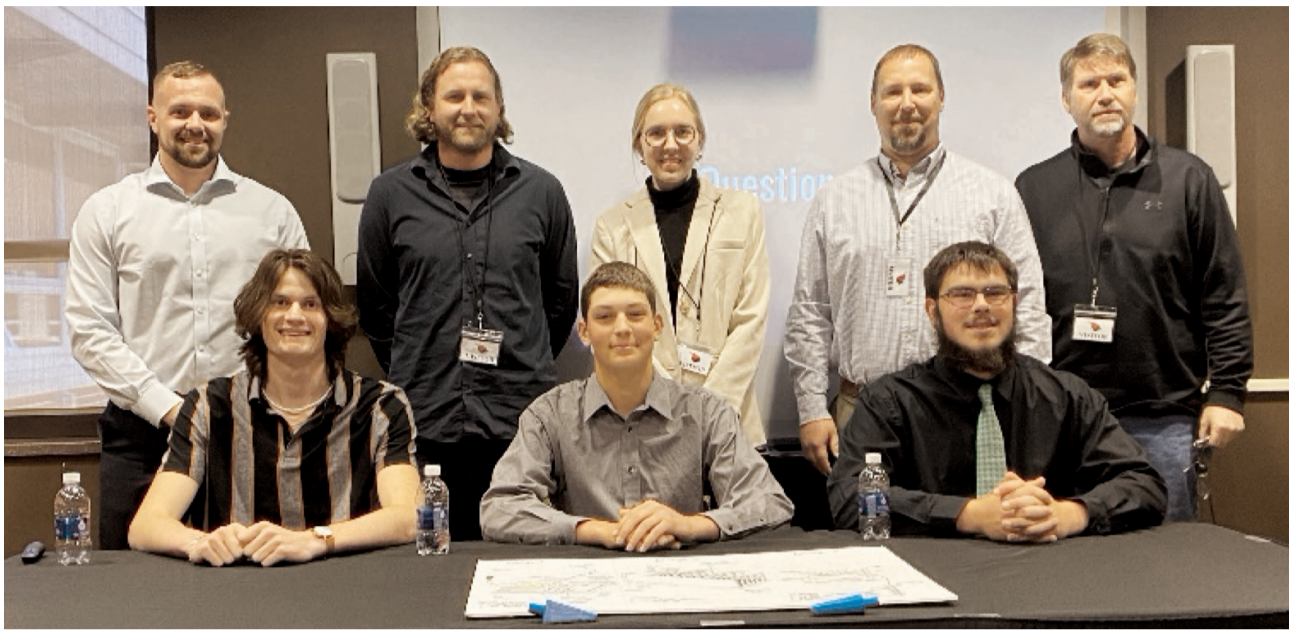
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## FHS completes first year of senior engineering capstone course

**FORRESTON** — The first year of Forreton High School's Senior Engineering Capstone course was completed on Thursday, May 4. A team of three seniors presented a year-long project they worked on through the Project Lead the Way curriculum. Team members included Johnathan Kobler, Alexander Milnes and Brock Smith. The project started last fall with the students generating a list of situations that frustrated them. Once the list was determined, the students worked from that list towards defining a problem with the guidance of their instructor, Mr. Jonathan Stauffer. The student team then conducted research on several of these problems to see which would become a feasible project. Their final project choice led to an improved football cleat cleaner for better performance and reducing the risk of injury.

The team received help on the project from five expert members of the community. Community members listened to the initial presentation and provided recommendations that focused their project design towards a working prototype. The experts were Dean Fox (E.D. Etnyre & Co.), Shaun Gallagher (Gallagher Engineering), Guy Gronewold (independent business owner), Scott Schoonhoven (Mid-America Plastic) and Seth Gronewold (Fehr-Graham). At the May 4 event, Dr. Naeva Batina filled in for her father, Guy, as a judge along with the four other experts mentioned above. The Forrestville Valley School District appreciates the time each community expert gave to support the students over the year.

See *COURSE* page 2



### Stillman Bank donates \$10,000 for new OHS scoreboards

Stillman Bank recently donated \$10,000 to Oregon High School for the purchase of two new scoreboards for their gymnasium. Pictured from left: Stillman Bank Executive Vice President & COO David Mecklenburg, OHS Athletic Director Mike Lawton and Stillman Bank Senior Vice President Pat Donahue.

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NEW LISTING

**2009 Canal Street, Rock Falls**  
**\$84,000 Call Jenny**

You won't believe the updates on this tastefully decorated 3 bedroom, 1 bath ranch. Fresh paint and new flooring throughout. New roof, fascia, and gutters in 2023. Water heater is new, as well as, interior doors and front door. AC is only two years old. The kitchen is super cute- with new counters and back splash. You will love the bathroom/laundry combo with washer, dryer and extra cabinets. Concrete drive and nice sized yard with garden shed all help make this a fantastic home.



NEW PRICE

**2201 Maddens Drive, Sterling**  
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NEW LISTING

**420 N Meadows Drive, Freeport**  
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NEW LISTING

**2012 Southfield Lane, Byron**  
**\$254,900 Call Becky**

Enjoy the open floor plan in this beautiful 4 BR, 2BA Trilevel. Step into the foyer (which was added in 2019) to put shoes & coats away then into the open concept living room, dinette, kitchen area with newer LVP flooring. This area has cathedral ceilings & updated lighting. The kitchen was upgraded in 2018 with new two tone cabinets, large island with breakfast bar, black fiberglass sink, tile backsplash, pantry, crown molding & all appliances stay. French doors to 3 season room with screens, stone look paneled walls, cathedral wood panel ceiling and cement board siding on the outside. Upstairs has 3 BR and 1 large BA with a skylight. Lower level has a family room with partial exposure windows, 4th BR, and full BA with a corner shower. Basement has a workout area and laundry/utility area with the water softener, sump pump (21), and 2 electrical panels with 100 amp each. Relax on the oversized deck around the 27.5 ft round pool with fence. Firepit in backyard along with lots of privacy behind you with undeveloped prairie/wooded land and wildlife as your back neighbor. 3 car garage insulated, heater (as-is)



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# LOCAL NEWS



## COURSE: Seniors complete first year

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Starting in the spring semester, the students built and tested their prototype through nine different trials with three different types of cleated shoes. All three

seniors said they learned a lot about the design process from the experience of trial and error. Each student plans to attend a college of engineering this fall. We are proud of the accomplishments these students made

through the first engineering capstone class.

You may contact Stauffer (jstauffer@fvdistrict221.org) for further information about the engineering program at Forrester Junior Senior High School.

### FORRESTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

#### Summer Reading Program

Our summer program, Oceans of Possibilities, for toddlers through 5th grade begins June 13th and 14th. Toddlers and preschoolers will meet on Tuesdays and Kindergarten through 5th grade will meet on Wednesdays. Both programs begin at 10:00 am. Please call the library to register or for more information.

#### Book Club

The Book Club title for June is "The Engineer's Wife" by Tracy Enerson Wood. This historical fiction book recounts the building of the Brooklyn Bridge and the woman who directed the project following her husband's injury. Pick up a copy at the library and

join the discussion on Tuesday, June 27th at 7:00 pm.

#### Community Room

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

#### Soft Plastic Recycling

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



## SVHS's Gensler qualifies for 2023 National Merit Scholarship Program

Stillman Valley High School student Parker Gensler has qualified to enter the 2023 National Merit Scholarship Program. Students are chosen based of their test scores from the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT). These students have shown outstanding academic potential and are among the 50,000 highest-scoring participants in the nation, who will be recognized as either semifinalists or commended students in the fall.

SVHS Principal Mrs. Leslie Showers stated, "Gensler is an outstanding student who is committed to excellence in his academic pursuit. He demonstrates strong leadership skills and is admired by his peers, faculty, and staff at SVHS."

In August, Parker will learn if he will move forward in the competition as a semifinalist.

### BERTOLET MEMORIAL LIBRARY

#### YOUTH PROGRAMS

##### Have Book, Will Travel:

Thursdays, June 15th - July 13th, 10:00 AM

Have Book, Will Travel with Bertolet Memorial Library this summer. Kids, pre-k through 5th grade, are invited to join Miss Jana on an adventure around the world. You will visit far off places such as Japan, Peru, and Madagascar through books, crafts, and games.

#### ADULT PROGRAMS

##### JuneTake & Make Craft

Welcome in summer with this sea crab craft. Kits are available at the circulation desk while supplies last.

##### June Book of the Month

Meet Ove. He is a grumpy old man set in his ways. There is a schedule for everything and a specific way to do things. That is until the new neighbors move in and disrupt Ove's plan. Behind the grumpy exterior is a tale that is a reminder that everyone has a story that creates who we are. Stop by the circulation desk and pick up a copy of A Man Called Ove by Fredrik Backman today.

##### Create-a-Card:

Saturday, June 17th, 9:00AM

We welcome Jessie back to lead our monthly card making. Save money and make your own greeting cards for those special occasions. All supplies included.

##### Plastic Recycling

We ask that you make sure plastic is clean with no debris in the donation. Also please remove any ziploc-type seals and paper/sticker labels. Thank you for your cooperation.

#### NEW RELEASES

##### Adult Books

Where Coyotes Howl by Sandra Dallas  
The Last Chance Cowboy by Jody Hedlund  
The Rescue by T. Jefferson Parker

##### Picture Books

All Except Winston by Rochelle Brunton  
I Know Shapes! by Hermione Redshaw  
How To Hug a Cactus by Emily Smith


## Registration for Oregon Junior Tackle Football is July 16

**OREGON**—Registration for Oregon Junior Tackle Football 2023 will be conducted at the Blackhawk Center on Sunday, July 16. Eighth grade players and seventh grade players will register from 5-5:30 p.m., sixth grade players and fifth grade players will register from 5:30-6 p.m.

All equipment will be handed out immediately after registration. The cost to participate in junior tackle football is \$150 for fifth, sixth and seventh graders. The cost for eighth graders, which includes a game jersey, is \$175.

A player's registration must be completed, and the participation fee paid prior to participating in practice, no exceptions. The first day of practice is Monday, July 24 starting at 6 p.m. at the Oregon Park West south soccer area.

Please contact Roy Snyder at 673-9201 or Kevin Barringer at 405-8697 if you have any questions. We have a few coaching positions open and if you are interested in coaching, please contact Snyder. Keep up to date by connecting with our Facebook page: Oregon Hawks Junior Tackle.




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# LOCAL NEWS

## MT. MORRIS 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 12th-17th!!!

Registration May 30-June 17th. Feel the Vibe Program Monday, June 12th, 12pm. Drop-In Homemade Instruments Monday, June 12th, 2-7pm. Take-N-Make, Homemade Kazoo Tue-Sat, June 13th-17th. Story Time Wednesday, June 14th, 11:15am. Drop-In Lego Challenge Friday, June 16th, 11am-5pm.

### 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 home-made cards to send to family and friends. We will be offering a card-making class from local crafter, Liz Gullett. She will be here on Thursday, July 13th from 5-7! You will get all the materials to make two beautiful cards to take home. Stop by to see the samples, fees are by donation. Registration is limited so call the library or stop by to save your spot before July 6th!

### Lego Club!

Our next Lego night is Thursday, June 15th, 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

Stop by to see our display for the month from Denise Cheek! Showcasing her Lewis & Clark collection of piec-

es. Come explore how these amazing adventurers documented the western United States! 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 Lincoln Park Zoo

Lincoln Park Zoo is a 49-acre zoo and arboretum in Lincoln Park, Chicago, Illinois. The zoo offers free admission and welcomes more than 3 million visitors every year. As an accredited member of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums, Lincoln Park Zoo has some of the highest animal care and welfare standards in the nation.

Explore More Illinois Offer: 10% off food or retail purchase with a child in the party.

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

## BYRON PUBLIC LIBRARY

### No longer taking donations

The Byron Public Library would like to thank everyone that donated crafting supplies and tools to help stock our new makerspace. We had such a large response that the library is no longer taking donations of crafting materials. We are still accepting book donations.

### Special Hours

The Byron Public Library will be closed on Tuesday, July 4th, in observance 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!

### The Writer's Voice

Friday, June 9 & 23, 10 - 11:00 am, and Tuesday, June 13 & 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.

### Say Cheese!

Monday, June 12. 6 - 7:00 pm. You are invited to a cheese tasting party. During the event, guests will be invited to taste different cheeses and share their

opinions on each one. A rating sheet will be provided to keep track of favorites and to take notes on different flavors and textures. Celebrate the joy of cheese! Please visit Byron.evanced.info/signup or call 815-234-5107 to register.

### Patriotic Door Hanger

Monday, June 19. 6 - 7:30 pm. Join Cathy as we create your very own Patriotic Door Hanger for your front door. We will have multiple supplies for this craft so make sure to come with a few creative ideas in mind. All supplies will be provided. Call 815-234-5107 or visit Byron.evanced.info/signup to register.

### DIY Foam Lighthouse

Thursday, June 22. 6 - 7:00 pm. Join an evening with Christine as we get set for all the summer vibes. These Foam Lighthouses are a perfect addition to any home decor. All supplies will be provided. Please call 815-234-5107 or visit Byron.evanced.info/signup to register.

### Beginner Hand Sewing

Monday, June 26. 6 - 7:00 pm. This is a beginner hand sewing class were attendees will learn how to thread a needle, tie a knot, sew a running stitch, sew a backstitch and sew on a button. All materials will be provided. Everyone will go home with a needle book to hold sewing needles for future projects. Visit Byron.evanced.info/signup or call 815-234-5107 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.



Members of the Oregon Woman's Club present a check and a basket of toys to Jessica Cash, executive director of Shining Star Children's Advocacy Center. Pictured left to right: front row: Nancy Bartels, Jan Larson, Sharon Lung, Fran Strouse, Barb Semsel, Cash, and Jan Steward, OWC president; Second row: Rosemary Underwood and Linda Arnold; Back row: Audrey Taylor, Sandie Chasm, Johanna Hahne and Joyce Dixon.

## Oregon Woman's Club donates cash, toys to Shining Star

OWC tours facility, brings check and stuffed animals to advocacy group for abused children

**OREGON** — On May 27, members of the Oregon Woman's club paid a visit to Shining Star Children's Advocacy Center in Dixon, bringing a check and a basket of Beanie Babies with them. The tour, led by Jessica Cash, the center's executive director, showed the facility and covered the various services offered by the group. Shining Star offers services to help overcome the trauma of child abuse, including working with law enforcement to identify abusers,

advocacy for the victims, counseling and education to encourage growth and healing, to the victims and their families.

Shining Star is only one of the many local organizations that Oregon Woman's Club supports throughout the year. The check for \$300 goes to help finance the services Shining Star offers its clients. The Beanie Babies join the ranks of the stuffed animals that are given to victims to provide some comfort when they first visit the facility.

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## OREGON PARK DISTRICT WEEKLY HAPPENINGS

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### 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 Lynnies Kitchen while preparing two tasty summer sides.

### 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.

### Youth Tennis Camp

Tennis Camp is back at Oregon Park West! Join Coach Kristy Eckardt for a fun filled week learning basic skills and improving on your current skills, June 20th-June 23rd. Kristy is an experienced certified Tennis Coach and is the current Rochelle High School Tennis Coach. Please bring a Tennis racket and a water bottle. All camp participants will receive a T-shirt. There

will be a limited number of Park district tennis rackets that you can borrow. Two sessions, one for players entering 3rd-6th grade in the fall, and one for players entering 7th-12th grade.

Registration Deadline is June 7th. Fee \$35/\$40NR

### 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 STEM series continues with a high flying event in Park East. We will meet at the shelter on the river side of the park and talk about all things birds. We will use tools to simulate bird beaks, do some bird watching and make feeders to take home. This event is on June 22 with two sessions: ages 6-9 from 1-2 pm and ages 10-12 from 2:30-3:30 pm. Cost is \$3 for residents and \$5 for nonresidents and deadline to register is June 12.

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 15- Backyard Games at Sand Volleyball Net

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.

## ROCK RIVER CENTER ACTIVITIES

Rock River Center is a resource center located at 810 S. 10th Street, Oregon. Do you need help with Benefit Access Application for a license plate discount, Medicare, housing, homemaker service, heating assistance or other things? Our Information & Assistance Specialists are available at various locations throughout Ogle County. Our activities and trips are open to all ages. Call our office at 815-732-3252 with any questions. Visit us on the web at [www.rockrivercenter.org](http://www.rockrivercenter.org) and like us on Facebook.

### Croquet

June 14 at 10:00 a.m. Sign up by 6/13.

### Chair Yoga & Drumming with Mary

June 20 at 1:00 pm – Chair Yoga. June 20 at 1:45 pm – Drumming. Sign up by 6/16

### Barry Manilow Tribute

June 22 at 1:00 pm. Sign up by 6/15

### Activity/Program Information & Registration

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

### RRC Closed on June 19, 2023

Rock River Center will close on Monday, June 19, 2023 in recognition of Juneteenth.

No transportation or activities will take place on that day. Please plan accordingly. Have safe and happy holiday.

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### Rock River Center

June 2023. Do you need help with Benefit Access Application, Medicare, housing, personal care, homemaking, heating assistance or other things? Rock River Center's Information & Assistance Specialists are available at various locations throughout Ogle County. If you are unable to come into a site, please call Rock River Center toll free 1-800-541-5479 to schedule an appointment.

Byron - Jarrett Prairie Center June 12 from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Forreton – Library June 21 from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Mt. Morris Senior Center on June 8 from 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Polo Senior Center on June 22 from 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Rochelle – Hub City Senior Center on June 7, 14, 28 from 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

### 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.

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## OREGON PUBLIC LIBRARY

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### 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 13, Speak for the Trees! 1:30 pm (ages 8 & up)  
Join Taft educators to learn how to speak for the trees! We will learn about what animals make trees their home, how trees help us every day & how we can do our part to care for the trees-from cleaning up litter to feeding the woodpeckers! This will be outside at Lorado Taft Campus, so please, dress for the weather & wear close-toed shoes. Registration required.

Thursday, June 15, Activity Time  
Magnetic Word Kits, 1:30 pm (grades 1st & up) Registration required.  
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.

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.

The Latest in Alzheimer’s Research – June 13th at 12pm  
Join this virtual watch party to learn more about landscape of Alzheimer’s and Dementia Science, risk factors for Alzheimer’s and all other dementia, highlights in Early Detection and Diagnosis and latest advances in clinical trials, treatments and lifestyle

intervention. This program can be viewed at the Oregon Public Library or in the comfort of your own home. Call (815) 732-2724 for more information or visit [www.oregonpubliclibrary.com](http://www.oregonpubliclibrary.com) to register.

Try It Tuesday – Tuesday, June 13th at 1:00pm or 5:30pm (Choose your time slot)  
Everyone Welcome Door Hanger. All supplies are provided. This is an adult class. Registration required, please call (815) 732-2724 or visit [www.oregonpubliclibrary.com](http://www.oregonpubliclibrary.com).

Braiding Sweetgrass & The Honorable Harvest – 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](http://www.oregonpubliclibrary.com).

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

The 2WBC Book Club meets June 14, at 12:30 pm to discuss Triangle: The Fire That Changed America by David Von Drehle. The Afternoon Book Club meets Wednesday, June 21 at 1 pm to discuss The Rumor by Elin Hilderbrand. Cocktails & Crimes will meet Sunday, June 11 -stop by the Library to find out what you’re reading & where you’re meeting! 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 27 at the Library to discuss Red Sister by Mark Lawrence.

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

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

### LINDENWOOD

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

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

### KINGS

**ELIM REFORMED CHURCH**  
140 S. Church Road, Kings, IL 61068 • Pastor Marv Jacobs  
Phone 815-562-6811 E-mail: [goelimchurch@gmail.com](mailto:goelimchurch@gmail.com)  
Website: [www.goelimchurch.org](http://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](http://www.disciplesumc.org)  
(815) 734-4853  
102 N Maple Ave., Mt. Morris, IL 61054  
Rev. Julie Bunt, Pastor

### EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH OF MT. MORRIS

102 S. Seminary Ave., Mt. Morris, IL 61054 815-734-4942 [www.efcmm.org](http://www.efcmm.org)  
Senior Pastor: Bruce 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 years) & Youth (during the school year) meet weekly beginning at 6:30 p.m.  
In the event that Oregon Schools are not in session the Youth group does not meet on Wednesdays.  
Thursday morning Women’s Bible study meets at 10:30 a.m.  
We look forward to meeting you!

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

**LIGHTHOUSE UNITED METHODIST**  
Pastor 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 live up your life!

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

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

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

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

**ST. BRIDE’S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
1000 Highway 64, West ( Hwy 64 W & Mangan Drive on Liberty Hill), Oregon • 732-7211 – Office Rev. Eldred George  
Website: [saintbrides.org](mailto:saintbrides.org) • E-mail: [saintbride.church@gmail.com](mailto: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: [stpaulnalc.org](http://stpaulnalc.org)  
10:15 a.m. Fellowship/Education hours  
11:30 a.m. Worship

### POLO

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

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

**CROSSROADS COMMUNITY CHURCH ~ POLO CAMPUS**  
Meeting Sundays @ 10AM Service  
205 N. Jefferson Avenue, Polo ~ 815.837.5255  
[polo@crossroadscn.com](mailto:polo@crossroadscn.com)  
We offer contemporary worship and relevant bible teaching through engaging messages and powerful video. Join us after services for coffee, snacks & fellowship. 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.crossroadscn.com](http://www.crossroadscn.com)

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

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

### STILLMAN VALLEY

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

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

**VALLEY EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH**  
Interim Pastor Barry Norris  
103 S Maple St, Stillman Valley, IL  
815-645-8872 | [www.valleycov.org](http://www.valleycov.org)  
Sunday Morning 9am “Gather” for learning & conversation, 10:15am Worship both onsite and online at [facebook.com/VCECCSV](http://facebook.com/VCECCSV)  
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](http://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](mailto:middlecreekchurch@gmail.com)



# LOCAL NEWS

## Ruter wins Oregon Woman's Club scholarship

\$1,000 award goes to Oregon High School senior

OREGON — Elizabeth Ruter of Mt. Morris has been awarded a scholarship from the Oregon Woman's Club. It goes annually to a Oregon High School senior to be used for enrollment in a college, university or vocational/technical school. The award is based on the student's academic performance, extracurricular activities, community service, job and a written essay.

Ms. Ruter has played football and soccer and has been a wrestler during her high school career. She is also a member of FFA and 4-H. She has volunteered at Autumn on Parade and done student coaching at the Blue Group Wrestling Camp. She is also employed at the Casey's in Oregon.



She plans to study for license at Rockford Community College. her veterinary technician



## Forreton students take NIU Engineering Expo field trip

DEKALB — A group of 22 high school engineering students went on a field trip to the Convocation Center at Northern Illinois University on the afternoon of Friday, May 5. Every student that went was enrolled in one of the PLTW Engineering courses offered at Forreton High School. The goal of the field trip was to promote awareness of careers in engineering

and technology. Forreton students surveyed nearly 50 projects that college students at NIU's College of Engineering and Engineering Technology had on display. They noted the broad range of projects that applied concepts between mechanical, civil and electrical engineering disciplines. Test vehicles and robotic arms were among the

favorite projects seen by the high school students. Forreton students have the option of continuing through other engineering class up to an engineering capstone project by their senior year. You may contact Mr. Jonathan Stauffer (jstauffer@fvdistrict221.org) for further information about the engineering program at Forreton Junior Senior High School.

## Weekly Brain Busters

### King Crossword

**ACROSS**

1 Cave flier  
4 Beans  
8 Experts  
12 Punk rock offshoot  
13 Classic theaters  
14 Global septet  
15 Ages and ages  
16 When bar drinks are discounted  
18 First-rate, in slang  
20 Perched  
21 Apothecary measure  
24 Of the Arctic  
28 Annual celebration for a saint  
32 Forbidden act  
33 Freedom, for short  
34 First half of an LP  
36 Pol. party org.  
37 Raw materials  
39 Magazine founded in 1933  
41 Costume  
43 Admin. aide  
44 Composer  
46 Grammarian's concern  
50 Freshman  
55 Pen name

**DOWN**

1 Gridlock  
2 Latin love  
3 Singer  
4 Companions  
5 Oklahoma city  
6 Zing  
7 Easy targets

8 Actor Kutcher  
9 Corp. boss  
10 Vichy water  
11 Old map letters  
17 Chatter  
19 Rx writers  
22 Tennis score  
23 Tyler Perry persona  
25 Mine find  
26 Diarist Frank  
27 Boulder  
28 Promote aggressively  
29 Hibernia  
30 Help a hood  
31 Evergreen trees

35 Promised  
38 Twilight time  
40 Scale amts.  
42 Favorite  
45 Turned blue?  
47 Border on  
48 Leslie Caron role  
49 Repeat  
50 Supporting  
51 Lupino of film  
52 Wardrobe malfunction  
53 Peyton's brother  
54 Actor Vigoda

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### MAGIC MAZE • BOBBY

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

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally  
Unlisted clue hint: GARMENTS FOR THE FEET

Allison  
Bowden  
Darin  
Fischer  
Goldsboro  
Hull  
Jindal  
Jones  
McFerrin  
Orr  
Pin  
Riggs  
Unser  
Valentine  
Vinton

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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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	8		1			3		4
5					7		2	
		2		8				9

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

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging  
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Sign is missing. 2. Window opening differs. 3. Container is missing. 4. Sleeve is shorter. 5. Buttons are missing. 6. Title differs.

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**King Crossword**

Solution time: 24 mins.

Answers

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Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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2	6	3	2	7	4	5	8	1
9	4	8	5	6	1	9	3	7
7	1	5	8	3	9	6	4	2
1	9	7	4	5	8	2	6	3
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# Classified Marketplace

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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 TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.  
**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, 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 Chana, 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, 15th Judicial Circuit, 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)

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
Notice is hereby given to a Public Hearing to be held July 11, 2023 at 7:15 PM before the Village Board, Village of Mt. Morris, for the purpose of considering the

Appropriation Ordinance for the Village of Mt. Morris for the fiscal year 2023-2024.  
A copy of the proposed Appropriation Ordinance is on file at the Village Clerk's Office, 105 W. Lincoln St., for public viewing.  
Brooke Duffy  
Village Clerk  
No. 0618  
(June 12, 2023)

**NOTICE 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

**ANNUAL STATEMENT STATE OF ILLINOIS, OFFICE OF VILLAGE OF LEAF RIVER, COUNTY OF OGLE, LEAF RIVER, ILLINOIS**  
The following is a statement by JANICE L. MYERS, treasurer of the Village of Leaf River in the County and State aforesaid, of public funds received and disbursed by her during the fiscal year ending on the 30th day of April A. D. 2023 showing the amount of public funds on hand at commencement of said fiscal year; the amount of public funds received, and from what sources received; and the amount of public funds expended, and for what purpose expended, during said fiscal year ending as aforesaid.  
The said JANICE L. MYERS, being duly sworn, doth depose and say, that the following statement by her subscribed is a correct statement of the amount of public funds on hand at the commencement of the fiscal year above stated, the amount of public funds received and the sources from which received, and amount expended, and purposed for which expended, as set forth in said statement.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 23rd day of May, 2023.  
Tena L. Krueger, Village Clerk  
Janice L. Myers, Village Treasurer  
Amount of public funds on hand at the commencement of the Fiscal year commencing the 1st day of May 2022

**GENERAL CORPORATE ACCOUNT**  
Balance on Hand May 1, 2022 - \$162,902.93  
RECEIPTS  
Property Tax \$11,432.88  
State Income Tax \$69,801.75  
Local Use Tax \$17,591.06  
State Sales Tax \$31,739.44  
Utility Tax \$25,084.61  
Telecommunications Tax \$5,593.89  
Video Gaming Tax \$2,767.87  
Cannabis Use Tax \$1680.16  
Replacement Tax \$9,343.17  
Gaming License \$625.00  
Business License \$25.00  
Liquor Licenses \$2,800  
Off Road Vehicle Stickers \$500.00  
Building Permits \$35.00  
Water & Sewer Rents, Sewer Sur Charge RVC Rental \$190,706.01  
Tower Rental \$6000.00  
Misc. Detail:  
Museum Gas Bill \$2,169.23  
Sidewalk Reimbursement Refunds \$200.00  
Clean-Up Day Grant \$1,259.50  
American Rescue Plan Relief \$52,625.19  
Hydrant Adapter Reimbursement \$1,785.00  
Transfer \$51,978.89  
RVC - Reimbursements \$1,391.25  
TOTAL RECEIPTS \$504,111.78  
DISBURSEMENTS  
C. McGill - Wages \$32,185.12  
T. Krueger - Clerk \$8,164.36  
J. Myers - Treasurer \$6,015.00  
P. Bral - Wages \$6,406.95  
Janes Environmental \$12,000.00  
Ainley Heating & Air \$5,500.00  
Area Tree Service \$5,375.00  
BOK Financial \$71,409.00  
Byron Bank - Interest \$3,285.06  
ComEd \$18,554.38  
Farm & Fleet \$4,011.33  
Frink's Sewer & Drain \$3,055.00  
Helm Service \$9,015.99  
IEPA \$3,476.73  
Illinois Dept. of Revenue \$3,580.58  
Jefferson Fire & Safety \$3,570.00  
Moring Disposal \$4,057.60  
Newkirk & Associates \$9,800.00  
NICOR Gas \$24,457.65  
Polo Coop. \$4,646.79  
RMA \$14,288.19  
Rogers Ready-Mix \$2,213.50  
Sewer Sur Charge Account \$17,930.23  
Staples \$2,486.08  
U.S. Treasury \$16,383.79

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)

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
**PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN,** pursuant to Sections A11-303 B and A7-206 D of the Davis Junction Village Code, that the Village of Davis Junction Planning and Zoning Commission will be conducting a public hearing at 7:00 PM on June 28, 2023 at Davis Junction Village Hall, 106 North Elm Street, Davis Junction, IL, to consider the application of Sedum Solar, LLC (the "Applicant") for (i) a special permit authorizing the development of a five megawatt com-

munity solar garden on an approximately 39 acre area within a 174 acre parcel of property commonly known as 13296 IL - 72, Davis Junction, IL 61020, PIN 11-23-126-004, 11-23-200-010, and 11-23-126-003 and zoned AG - Agricultural District with an access through C-3. The project is more particularly described in the application materials currently on file and available for inspection at Village Hall during normal business hours (Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.). All interested parties are invited to attend the hearing and be heard. All inquiries regarding this public hearing can be directed to Village Clerk Sandie Maahs at (815) 645-8000.  
No. 0620  
(June 12, 2023)

Utily, LLC \$2,999.00  
VISA \$6,006.44  
Ward, Murray, Pace, & Johnson \$2,625.00  
Willett, Hofmann & Assoc. \$37,400.00  
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS PAID TO VENDORS, OVER \$2,000.00 \$340,898.77  
DISBURSEMENTS PAID TO VENDORS RECEIVING LESS THAN \$2000.00  
J. Green  
N. Shelton  
M. Musso  
Ashton Computer  
Bonnell Industries Inc. Core & Main  
Freeport Press  
Holman, Dahms Insurance IDES  
Koeller Forrester Hardware C. McGill  
Mr. Outhouse  
Ogle County G IS  
T. Morris  
D. Groen Airgas  
Auto Tech & Niles Byron Bank  
Deluxe  
Helm Truck & Equip P. Hubbard  
D. Janes  
Leaf River Postmaster Meyers' Repair  
J. Myers  
Ogle County Life  
B. Plock  
L. Noworul  
American Flags Express  
Bobcat of Dixon  
City of Dekalb Ehman Industries Inc. Herrill Electric Svc, IRWA  
JULIE  
LR Communications Mowery Auto Parts NAPA  
Ogle Co. Clerk  
Pace Analytical  
R & S Builders  
Stan's Performance ULINE  
A-Fire Extinguisher Sales  
Personnel Concepts Rock Cut Quarries Sensus  
USA BlueBook  
Scott's RV, Truck & Auto Repair Grainger  
P V Business Solutions Rock River Outdoor Equip. SES  
US Cellular  
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS UNDER \$2000.00 PER VENDOR \$29,181.28  
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS \$370,080.05  
GENERAL CORPORATE ACCOUNT - BALANCE ON HAND APRIL 30, 2023 \$296,934.66

**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)

**MOTOR FUEL TAX ACCOUNT**  
Balance on Hand May 1, 2022 \$23,790.13  
RECEIPTS AMOUNT  
MFT Allotments \$9,940.00  
MFT Renewal Allotments \$7,794.35  
MFT Rebuild Illinois \$4,865.91  
Interest \$87.08  
TOTAL RECEIPTS \$22,687.34  
DISBURSEMENTS  
Belrock Asphalt Paving \$5,800.00  
Beesing Welding \$3,070.00  
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS \$8,870.00  
MOTOR FUEL TAX ACCOUNT - BALANCE ON HAND APRIL 30, 2023 \$37,607.47  
**CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT**  
Balance on Hand May 1, 2022 \$40,166.97  
RECEIPTS AMOUNT  
Interest \$160.92  
TOTAL RECEIPTS \$160.92  
DISBURSEMENTS NONE  
CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT - BALANCE ON HAND APRIL 30, 2023 \$40,327.98  
**WATER - CD**  
Balance on Hand May 1, 2022 \$20,143.69  
RECEIPTS AMOUNT  
Interest \$23.75  
TOTAL RECEIPTS \$23.75  
DISBURSEMENTS NONE  
WATER - CD - BALANCE ON HAND APRIL 30, 2023 \$20,167.44  
**SEWER - CD**  
Balance on Hand May 1, 2022 \$6,714.59  
RECEIPTS AMOUNT  
Interest \$7.28  
TOTAL RECEIPTS \$7.28  
DISBURSEMENTS NONE  
SEWER - CD - BALANCE ON HAND APRIL 30, 2023 \$6,721.87  
**LEAF RIVER WATER FUND**  
Balance on Hand May 1, 2022 \$14,578.89  
RECEIPTS NONE  
DISBURSEMENTS  
Transfer \$14,589.89  
LEAF RIVER WATER FUND - BALANCE ON HAND June 15, 2022 \$0  
**Leaf River Water Fund - MM**  
Balance on Hand May 1, 2022 \$38,306.56  
RECEIPTS  
Interest \$119.54  
Leaf River Water Fund - MM - Balance on Hand April 30, 2023 \$38,426.10  
**SEWER SUR CHARGE ACCOUNT**  
Balance on Hand May 1, 2022 \$16,081.12  
RECEIPTS AMOUNT  
Transfers \$17,930.23  
Interest \$11.30  
TOTAL RECEIPTS \$17,941.53  
DISBURSEMENTS  
Transfers \$24,008.00  
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS \$24,008.00  
SEWER SUR CHARGE ACCOUNT - BALANCE ON HAND APRIL 30, 2022 \$10,014.65  
LE 0611  
(June 12, 2023)

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## ROCHELLE News-Leader

### Part-time local delivery driver

The Rochelle News-Leader has an opening for a part-time newspaper bundle delivery driver who would load and deliver bundles to the post office, store racks and machines.

The daytime deliveries would be two or three days per week (including weekends) and consist of approximately 4-5 hours per shift depending on the route usually 10-15 hours per week.

Applicants must be at least 18 years old, possess a valid driver's license, proof of insurance and a safe driving record. Drivers will use company vehicles when delivering, and will be trained on the respective routes.

Candidates must be able to load, unload and carry multiple bundles of 5 to 10 pounds each. Driver applicants must be reliable, personable and have a general knowledge of area streets and roads.

This position is perfect for someone looking to supplement their income or retirement.

Interested individuals must fill out an application in person at the Rochelle News-Leader office at 211 Hwy. 38 E., Rochelle.  
No phone calls please.



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

1011.2021

### Byron CUSD #226 Coaching Opportunities

HS Girls Assistant Basketball  
8th Grade Volleyball

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Under the 'About Us' Tab  
Employment Opportunities Section

### Upcoming June Online Auctions:

\*Antiques, Collectibles, Tools & Household  
Bidding Open June 12 - June 21, 2023

\*Firearms, Hunting & Fishing Gear,  
Antique Toys, Coins, Jewelry,  
Antiques & Collectibles  
Bidding Open June 14 - June 28, 2023

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[www.rudyontheweb.com](http://www.rudyontheweb.com)  
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815.297.4846

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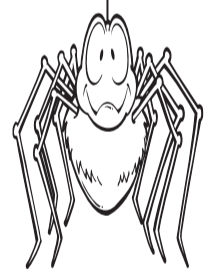
SAT., JUNE 17th - 10 A.M.

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Organizing, light-cleaning, laundry, transportation, healthcare needs and more!  
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Certified Nursing Assistant  
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"Taking care of your loved one as I would take care of my own."  
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\$500 Sign on bonus  
Earn up to \$33/per hour  
Local Trucking Company seeking full time, year-round driver to haul grain.  
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*Rochelle News-Leader*

Attn: Mike Feltes, PO Box 46  
Rochelle, IL 61068  
or email:

[mfeltes@oglecountylife.com](mailto:mfeltes@oglecountylife.com) EOE

### IMMEDIATE JOB OPENINGS!

- High School Custodial
- High School Secretary
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- 5 hour Kitchen Worker
- 3 hour Kitchen Worker

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### 125 PERSONALS

**PUZZLE EXCHANGE**  
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### 127 SERVICES AND REPAIRS

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### 203 HELP WANTED

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### 301 ANTIQUES

**WANTED TO BUY:** Vintage Metal and Wood Signs, Milk Bottles & Local Advertising, Oak Icebox, Iron Door Stop and Antique Lighting... Call Dick Harms at

815-562-2928 or email [dickharms@hotmail.com](mailto:dickharms@hotmail.com)

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### 307 MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE

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**GARAGE SALE**

202 S. Hannah, Mt. Morris  
Friday, June 16 8am-4pm  
Saturday, June 17 8am-2pm  
Many Vintage Items, part of a bell collection, Items from Pfaltzgraff Village collection, vintage sewing patterns, some boys clothing and much more

**501 APARTMENTS FOR RENT**

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

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**GARAGE SALE**  
LEAF RIVER  
6497 N MOUNT MORRIS RD  
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Saturday Jun 17 8:00-?

GMAX Motorcycle Helmet large, barely used (like new!); oak bar stools; CDs and DVDs; Fireplace tools; Pig Bristle Dart Board; Knife Sharpening tools + electric kitchen knife sharpener; yoga mats; bookcase and books plus Time-Life book series: WWII, Vietnam Experience, Voyage through the Universe; mens & womens clothing; household items.

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Throughout the ages, there have been many important advances in mobility. Canes, walkers, rollators, and scooters were created to help people with mobility issues get around and retain their independence. Lately, however, there haven't been any new improvements to these existing products or developments in this field. Until now. Recently, an innovative design engineer who's developed one of the world's most popular products created a completely new breakthrough... a personal electric vehicle. It's called the **Zinger**, and there is nothing out there quite like it.

Available in Green, Black and Blue (shown)

The Zinger folds to a mere 10 inches.

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Why take our word for it? Call now, and find out how you can get a **Zinger** of your very own.

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**BUY!**  
**Sell! Sell! Sell!**  
**Sell!**

**511 STORAGE UNITS**

**K&P SELF STORAGE**  
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**815-247-8518**  
OUTSIDE STORAGE NOW AVAILABLE  
Storage Unit Sizes:  
5' x 10' 10' x 10'  
10' x 15' 10' x 20' 10' x 30'

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- Lot Size: 1.30 AC

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Email: [rossi@bellcornerstone.com](mailto:rossi@bellcornerstone.com)

OGLE COUNTY  
**LIFE**  
ROCK VALLEY SHOPPER

A stylized graphic of fire in shades of orange, yellow, and red, with flames rising and falling. The text 'Sizzling Summer Savings' is overlaid on the fire.

**Sizzling  
Summer Savings**

Monday, June 12, 2023 • Section C



## **Olde Timers Antique Centre**

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\* Books \* Baskets \* Industrial

Upper level is a country/primitive themed  
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## THE RINK IS OPEN ALL SUMMER

**\* OUR SUMMER HOURS WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:**

**THURSDAY 6-9PM**

**FRIDAY 7-10PM**

**SATURDAY 1-4PM & 7-11PM**

**SUNDAY 1-4PM ( THROUGH JUNE )**

LOCATED ACROSS FROM WHITE PINES STATE PARK - 6929 W. PINES RD MT. MORRIS, IL



## **SKATE CAMP AT THE RINK**

**THE RINK AT PINE CREEK WILL BE HOLDING SKATE CAMP!**

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**LUNCH PROVIDED BOTH DAYS!**

### 2 DAY PACKAGE INCLUDES:

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# SAVE \$200 OR MORE ON SELECT ULTIMA SERIES™ ZERO-TURN MOWERS†

Offer Valid 5/18/23 - 6/17/23

## ZT1™ 42

Experience the strength, comfort and precise cut of the Ultima Series ZT™. The ZT1 42 features a continuous 2- x 2-inch tubular steel frame, 42-inch stamped twin-blade deck, 22 hp\* Kohler® KT 7000 V-twin OHV engine, automotive-inspired 20-inch high-back seat and comfortable handgrips.



SAVE  
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ESTIMATED RETAIL PRICE

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## ZT2™ 50

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ESTIMATED RETAIL PRICE

**\$4,399\*\***

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\$300†

## ZTS1™ 42

The ZTS™ brings Synchro-Steer™ technology to the proven Ultima Series for confident control on challenging hills. The ZTS1 42 has a 42-inch AeroForce™ fabricated twin-blade deck, a 22 hp\* Kohler KT 7000 V-twin OHV engine and soft-touch steering wheel.

ESTIMATED RETAIL PRICE

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\$300†

## ZTS2™ 54

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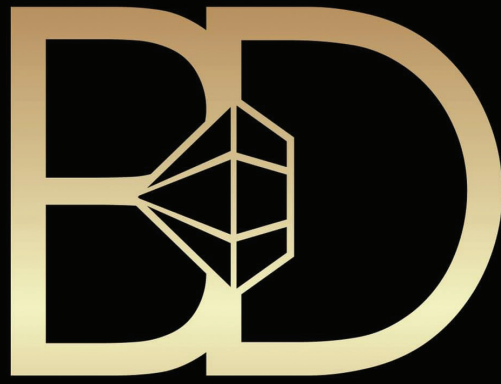
Oregon, IL native, Val Stanley, has been honoring his skills in nature photography for several years. Not limited by this medium, Val has also received recognition in his poetry, and is an accomplished interdisciplinary artist in his works with pencil, oil pastels, and watercolor. His eye for the natural environment is seen through all methods of his artistic talents.

Val received recognition in his works in photography in both 2015 and 2017 when he was the recipient of the “Rich History of the 90th District” photography award given by Representative Tom Demmer. Val’s photography was selected by his capturing of the eye-catching beauty of

the Rock River Valley. Upon selection, his 3 photographs were on display in the Illinois Capital Building. Val also worked as a free-lance photographer, traveling the country roads and back ways of days gone by to capture the heart and splendor of rural farms. With his eye for detail and passion for the allure of nature’s bounty, Val’s photography was selected for the Sauk Valley Media publication of the “Vintage Barns of Northwestern Illinois”, which was published in 2012. In 2015, Val received the Phidian Art Club’s 27th Annual Literary Competition Poetry Award for the poem, “Seven Horses” and has since had multiple works published in The Works, Sauk Valley Community College’s literary and arts publication in the years 2013 and 2014.



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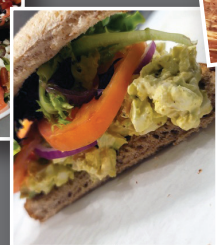
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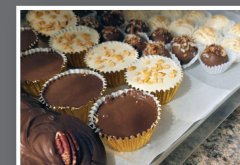
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