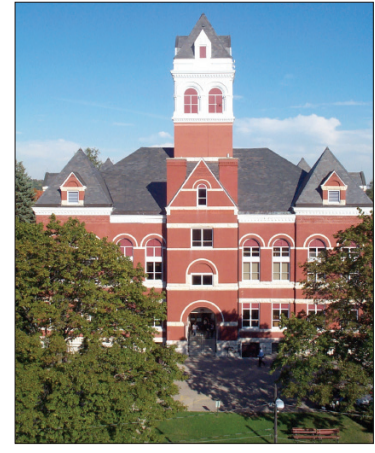




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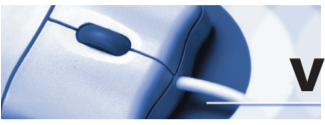


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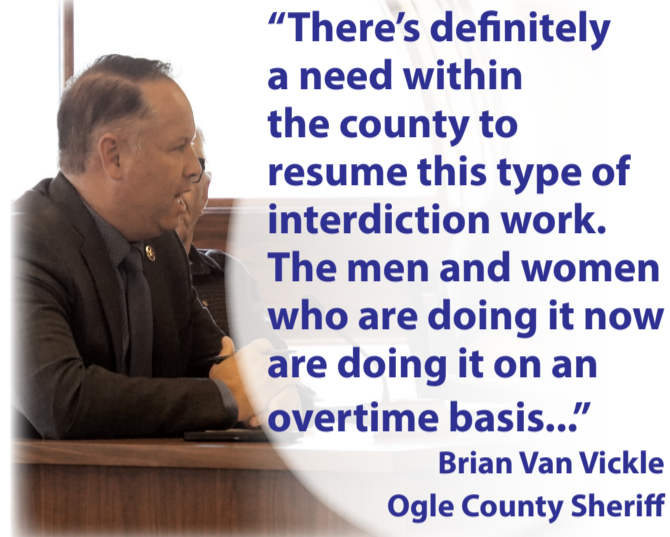
Sheriff's office deputy expansion for drug unit approved

Real property tax assessment agreement with nuclear plant approved

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

OREGON — At its monthly meeting Tuesday, the Ogle County Board unanimously approved an ordinance amending the number of authorized patrol deputies for the Ogle County Sheriff's Office from 20 to 23 to allow for a full-time drug interdiction unit.

Sixty-one percent funding of salary and benefits for the three additional deputy sheriff positions has been obtained for three years through the federal COPS grant, with county matching funds of 39 percent obtained through the salary budgeted line and a one-time payment of \$80,000



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Brian Van Vickle
Ogle County Sheriff

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

At the end of the three-year grant, the additional three patrol

deputy positions will be reevaluated by both the sheriff and the county board for permanent staffing of those positions.

The ordinance approved Tuesday said there is a "critical need" for a full-time drug interdiction unit in the

county and the work has been being done on a part-time basis. Ogle County Sheriff Brian VanVickle said the COPS grant application was submitted nearly two years ago and said it was an extremely competitive grant process. "Our Department of Justice representative was shocked that we had it and had received that grant," VanVickle said. "Now is a good time for that to be implemented. We have a number of changes coming within the office over the next few years, so if this program doesn't work out, then they could be reabsorbed. My hope is at the end of the three years, I come back to the board and say, 'Look what we've done and we

need to continue this and keep the numbers at 23 and move forward.'"

Off-duty sheriff's deputies attended Tuesday's meeting to support the change.

"There's definitely a need within the county to resume this type of interdiction work," VanVickle said. "The men and women who are doing it now are doing it on an overtime basis. They work full-time and most of them are working nights. They show up to court in the morning and do drug work in the afternoon. It's something that has been needed and something that was very successful in the past and I fully expect for this to continue."

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Legislation protecting local enterprise zone area signed into law

Bill will prevent solar and wind siting in 2,000-acre area

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE — On Friday, June 9, Senate Bill 1127 was signed into law by Gov. JB Pritzker after passing both the state House and Senate without any opposition. The new law will protect the Lee-Ogle Enterprise Zone in and south east of Rochelle from future solar and wind developments. Senate Bill 1127 was filed by Rochelle's State Senator,

Win Stoller (R-Germantown Hills), in response to House Bill 4412, which was passed and signed earlier this year and sets statewide standards for wind and solar farm siting and takes away previous local controls such as at the county level. The state would effectively be able to greenlight large solar or wind developments without the say of local governing bodies.

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SNAP thefts impact county residents

NIFB offers protection tips, food for those affected

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

OGLE COUNTY — Northern Illinois Food Bank serves the residents of 13 counties in the region, which it refers to as neighbors.

NIFB SNAP Outreach Manager Melanie Craigs-Ingram said neighbors in each of those 13 counties, including Ogle County, have been victims of SNAP theft. SNAP stands for supplemental nutrition assistance program. It's funded by the federal government and administered by organizations like NIFB. SNAP benefits are given to neighbors that are eligible and provided on a card each month. It can be for individuals or families.

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COUNTY: Board reaches agreement with nuclear plant

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Ogle County State's Attorney Mike Rock agreed with Van Vickle on the program's importance and said drug cases can't be worked on a part-time basis. He said the way the program will be set up will make for "much more effective" investigations and prosecutions.

"The drug trade truly is an epidemic," Rock said. "What people, particularly in Springfield, don't get is that drug crimes are violent crimes. Because the money from the sale of narcotics is then used to purchase weapons and it just feeds into all these other crimes. The addicts themselves may not be committing the violent crimes as much, but for example, the Walmart in Rochelle might be the most responded-to place in the county for retail thefts. The source of that is drugs."

with was doing away with the liability of \$17.3 million for 2012 on.

"And that was just the county's liability, not any of the other taxing bodies," Finfrock said. "We took only a 2.9 percent reduction in taxes from ComEd, and that's basically next to nothing because we were going to have the same amount of tax from them coming in, which makes it easier to budget for six years. That will not go up."

Finfrock said after the sixth year, it's expected that Exelon will possibly add more to its current station, at which point the county and taxing bodies could then renegotiate and possibly increase the taxing dollars after that.

"I think it's a good deal, and otherwise we wouldn't have come back to the board with it," Finfrock said.

Nuclear plant

The board unanimously approved an agreement with Exelon/Constellation and the Byron Nuclear Plant regarding real property tax assessment. The agreement makes the plant's equalized assessed valuation \$500 million for the years of 2022-2027. Board Chairman John Finfrock called the agreement "good for all of the taxing bodies in the county."

"This took place over several meetings with Exelon and they were as accommodating as we were in trying to get to a good point for all concerned," Finfrock said.

Finfrock said one advantage the county came away

Parking lot

The board unanimously approved a resolution accepting a bid from Martin & Company Excavating for \$56,461 for its Ogle County parking lot expansion project that will take place at the former site of the recently-demolished Ogle County Jail. The project will be funded by federal American Rescue Plan Act funds.

Ogle County Engineer Jeremy Ciesiel said the work will include added parking lot space and sidewalk that will now surround the entire courthouse to help service pedestrians. The work is expected to be finished by or before this fall. Martin & Company's

Natural gas

The board unanimously approved a natural gas contract for county facilities with Santanna Energy Services for three years for a total of \$18,559 per year. Board Member Don Griffin said the basis for the choice of the three-year contract was locking in prices due to potential increases in the coming years.

Solar

Griffin said the new solar panel installation on the roof of the Ogle County Judicial Center Annex is up and operational and working.

"That's moving along nicely," Griffin said. "Next month, our contractor will be here to give a presentation as we wrap up that whole project."

50 years

During the public comment portion of the meeting, the board heard from Ogle County Historical Society President Arlene Sangmeister, who requested that the county authorize a commission to create a book on the last 50 years of Ogle County history.

In 2.5 years, the United States will celebrate its 250th anniversary. 50 years ago, the Ogle County Board created the Ogle County American Revolution Bicentennial Commission, which produced a history of Ogle County in book form. Sangmeister said the commission would also sponsor festival events and commemorative souvenirs to raise funds for a local history book.



Rochelle Mayor John Bearrows is shown during a ground-breaking within the now-protected Lee-Ogle Enterprise Zone. (Photo by Jeff Helfrich)

ZONE: Area has seen investment by city, county and state

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City of Rochelle officials and Stoller took issue with HB 4412's potential impact on the Lee-Ogle Enterprise Zone earlier this year. The Lee-Ogle Enterprise Zone is a 2,000-acre designated area along Interstate 39 and Interstate 88 stretching from Rochelle's industrial district area into Lee County.

Since its inception, that area has seen major investment by the city, county and state in an effort to attract industrial development. Local officials did not want to see a large solar or wind development greenlit in the area without local say and make that investment for naught. SB 1127 exempts the Lee-Ogle Enterprise Zone from the state's new siting rules within a four-mile radius of the intersection of Interstates 39 and 88.

"Since its inception, the Lee-Ogle Enterprise Zone has been a catalyst for industrial development, increased equalized assessed value (EAV), jobs and \$100 million of utility, road and rail infrastructure," Mayor John Bearrows said in response to the new bill in recent months. "SB 1127 will protect the

major investments made by the City of Rochelle and the State of Illinois over the past decade. As the city works to attract new industrial and manufacturing opportunities, we remain committed to business retention and expanding our utility portfolio in renewable/green energy. We appreciate Sen. Stoller, who introduced SB 1127, and others in Springfield who supported it and worked diligently to preserve the spirit and incentives provided by the Lee-Ogle Enterprise Zone."

City officials such as Bearrows and Economic Development Director Jason Anderson worked with former State Rep. and now Lee County Industrial Development Association Executive Director Tom Demmer and Stoller on the legislation.

"After the passage of the state's new and controversial renewable siting rules, the Enterprise Zone in the Lee-Ogle area faced the real and potential threat of having years of planning and millions of dollars' worth of investment uprooted and undone," Stoller said in a statement. "I filed Senate Bill 1127 in order to protect and preserve this Enterprise Zone and

to ensure that local officials' years of hard work weren't in vain."

An enterprise zone is a specifically-defined area where incentives are available to businesses that locate there, most notably a tax abatement on real estate taxes. That same area on the south east side of Rochelle recently attracted Wheatland Tube-Western Tube (Zekelman Industries), which made a capital investment of over \$100 million in the former Nippon Sharyo facility and brought at least 125 jobs paying an average pay rate of \$50,000 or more per year before benefits.

The enterprise zone area would have been attractive to solar and wind power developers due to its proximity to Rochelle Municipal Utilities' and ComEd's new Ritchie Road substation, where they could potentially tie into a transmission line to send power onto the grid. Anderson said earlier this year that he knew of solar developers that were talking to landowners in the enterprise zone to get them to sign onto a project.

SB 1127 passed the House with a vote of 101-0. State Rep. Bradley Fritts (R-Dixon) also released a statement when SB 1127 passed the house and thanked city officials, Stoller and Demmer for their work on the legislation.

"Thanks to many years and millions of dollars of investment from federal, state and local government, the dual-rail megasite in northeast Lee County is a prime spot for industrial development and job creation," Demmer said of the enterprise zone in a release. "This bill helps ensure we can make the most of those infrastructure investments and attract projects that will add jobs to our local economy."

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A mobile market will be held locally on Thursday, June 29 from 10-11:30 a.m. at Mt. Morris Church of the Brethren, 409 W. Brayton Road, Mt. Morris, IL 61054. (Courtesy photo)

SNAP: Scammers stealing benefits

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“There are some scammers who are putting point of service-like devices at checkouts and when neighbors swipe their SNAP cards and put their PINs in, information is being stolen along with their benefit funds,” Craigs-Ingram said. “It’s very sophisticated. Dummy LINK cards are being made with that information. It started happening last year and is still happening now.”

NIFB is offering information to help neighbors protect themselves. They can download apps to monitor SNAP deposits and their spending habits. NIFB asks that SNAP users change their PIN numbers frequently, at least monthly, and never share their PIN numbers with anyone. Neighbors should be aware of suspicious calls asking for PIN numbers, and no legitimate organization will ever call and ask for that, Craigs-Ingram said.

Neighbors should check their online accounts often. NIFB can help with all of these processes over the phone or face-to-face. Neighbors can call the SNAP Outreach Team with questions at 844-600-7627. The line is manned 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Craigs-Ingram said the SNAP thefts have occurred nationwide. NIFB has not seen a total theft amount due to scams, but said the number of people impacted is in the thousands. She asked those that have been impacted to report the thefts to be reimbursed for their lost funds.

NIFB is experiencing historically-high numbers of neighbors coming to it and its network due to inflation, increased expenses for food, fuel, utilities and the recent ending of SNAP emergency benefits. For those in need,

local food pantries are available. NIFB works with a network of more than 900 food pantries, soup kitchens and feeding programs to provide 80 million meals a year to neighbors across its 13 counties. Last year, 6,400 neighbors in Ogle County experienced food insecurity.

NIFB also offers mobile markets for those in need, where a mobile food truck arrives on location to distribute free food in communities. Everyone who needs groceries is welcome – no ID, proof of income or referral is needed. Food is distributed in a drive-thru model while supplies last. Mobile markets typically provide individuals with common grocery items such as breads, cereals, meat and dairy.

Mobile Market

A mobile market will be held locally on Thursday, June 29 from 10-11:30 a.m. at Mt. Morris Church of the Brethren, 409 W. Brayton Road, Mt. Morris, IL 61054.

Mobile market and food resource information is updated on a regular basis and located at [https://solvehungertoday.org/get-groceries-resources/#goog-trans\(en/en\)](https://solvehungertoday.org/get-groceries-resources/#goog-trans(en/en))

Craigs-Ingram called seeing those in need preyed on with SNAP theft “disheartening.”

“It makes you feel as if people are using their skills to be deceptive and malicious,” Craigs-Ingram said. “We’ve come a long way through COVID-19 and people lost a lot and suffered. And then benefits have decreased since COVID-19 and people have struggled more and now people are stealing their benefits. It is disheartening, but it makes us want to advocate and help even more. We want to make sure everyone knows what is happening and that there is help out there.”

Martins to celebrate 60th anniversary

OREGON—Chris and Ann (Dave) Martin will be celebrating 60 years of marriage on July 3. The couple were married at the Oregon United Methodist Church. To celebrate their 60 years of marriage, their sons, Christopher (Tara) Byron, Curtis (Ceci) Reno, Nevada and Zack (Daphne) Encino, California are sponsoring an open house, Sunday, July 2 from 2-4 p.m. at the Oregon Church of God located at 860 W. Oregon Trail Road. The family asks that there be no gifts beyond your presence. Anyone wanting to send the couple a card may mail it to their home address: 1823 N Sauk Trail, Oregon, Illinois 61061.

The picture of Chris and Ann was taken at Oregon Park West in front of the Solar Reef, a 2009 sculpture by Andrew Langoussis. It is located at the



top of the hill. It represents the sun, the source of all energy, and through it can be seen the Ogle County Courthouse and the city of Oregon.



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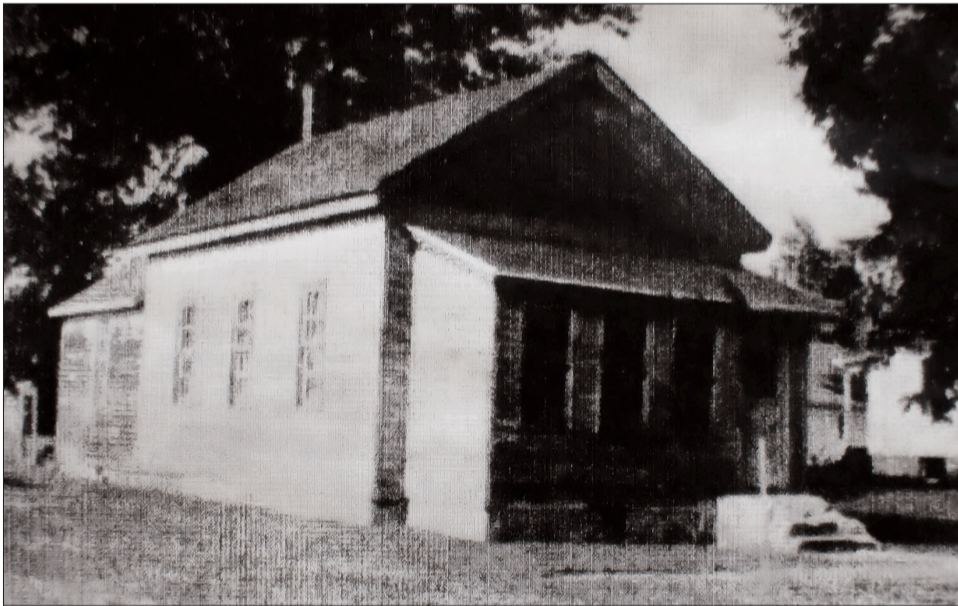
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Obituaries

Ralph Wayne Hoekstra

STILLMAN VALLEY — Ralph Wayne Hoekstra, age 80, passed away at home surrounded by his loving family on June 14, 2023. He was born in Chicago on January 5, 1943 the son of Ralph and Julia (Killoughy) Hoekstra. He graduated from Chicago Vocational High School Class of 1961. He then went to University of Illinois where he graduated with a degree in mechanical engineering in 1967.

Later, Ralph took classes for industrial engineering at Rock Valley College where he eventually taught. He married the love of his life, Carol Stuit on September 9, 1967 in Berwyn, IL. They moved from the city to settle into small town living in Stillman Valley in 1976 and built a beautiful life together.

Ralph had an adventurous spirit and loved to travel all over the world and take road trips in his RV affectionately named Big Bertha. He believed in staying active and was passionate about bike riding and skiing. He took bike trips all over the United States and Europe. He was on the Chestnut Mountain Ski Patrol for many years. He also loved to fly.

When he wasn't busy spending time being active, he enjoyed being involved in politics. He served on the village and county board for many years. He was an active member of the Lion's club

serving as treasurer and president. But more than anything, Ralph was a family man who loved being a husband, parent, and grandparent. He loved doing weekly facetime visits with his grandkids and staying involved in their lives. Ralph had a fun and caring personality who will be remembered for his witty one liners.

He is preceded in death by his parents and beloved in-laws.

He is survived and greatly missed by his wife, Carol of Stillman Valley; children, Robert (Rhonda Renolds) of Albuquerque, NM and Mary (Michael) Pierce of Boulder, CO; sister, Noel (Mark Albian) Hoekstra of Downers Grove, IL; grandchildren, Aaron Pierce, Nicole Pierce, Michael Hoekstra, and Lucas Hoekstra; and cousins, Donna Bird of Phoenix, AZ and Linda Jensen of Arlington Heights, IL and many close friends.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00 PM on Tuesday, June 20, 2023 at Farrell Holland Gale Funeral Home in Stillman Valley. Visitation will be held from 12:00 – 1:00 PM prior to the service. Burial will be at Stillman Valley Cemetery. Memorials are established for Rock River Senior Center, The Michael J. Fox Foundation, and the Stillman Valley Lions Club.

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



Raymond A. Kump

LEAF RIVER — Raymond A. Kump age 83 died Thursday, June 15, 2023 at Swedish American Hospital. He had Parkinson Disease for the past 8 years. He was born on June 12, 1940 at the family home in East Oregon, the son of Ferdinand W. and Dorothy (Drumheller) Kump. Raymond graduated from Oregon High School in the class of 1959. He was active in football and track.

He served in the U.S. Army from 1960-1962. Raymond married Ardis Rothermel on July 28, 1962 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Oregon. He was a member of St. Wendelin's Catholic Church for the past 51 years. He served on the parish building committee when they built the new rectory. He was a member of the carpenter's union of Rockford for fifty plus years. He enjoyed doing woodworking projects and he liked to draw and paint pictures.

Raymond was predeceased by his parents, his in-laws, Melvin and Genevieve

Rothermel, brothers, Donald, Harold, Evert (Sam), David Kump, sisters, Marita Bullard, Erma Moser, and Sue Kump.

He is survived by his wife, Ardis of Leaf River, sons, Jason of Leaf River, James & Heather of Columbia, MO, and Jon & Amy of Lee's Summit, MO; five grandchildren, Dr. Allison and Claire Kump of Neoga, IL and Elliot, Nathan and Libby Kump of Lee's Summit, MO; two brothers, Darrell and Denny Kump of Oregon and a sister,

Phyllis Brown of Texas and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at 12:30 PM on July 15, 2023 at the Farrell Holland Gale Funeral Home in Oregon, IL with Father Michael Borger of St. Wendelin's Catholic Church officiating. Visitation will be held from 10:30 AM until 12:30 PM prior to the service. Memorials are established in his name.

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Lolan L. Lantz

MONROE CENTER — Lolan Lantz, 92, of Monroe Center, Illinois, was born October 26, 1930, and passed away on June 16, 2023. Lolan is survived by his beloved wife of 72 years, Wava (Smith), his son, Brian (Teresa) Lantz of Oak Park, daughter, Marcia (Trent) Barnhart of Rockford and his cherished grandchildren Harrison Barnhart and wife Minomi, Taylor Barnhart, Abigail Lantz, Charlotte Lantz, and Austin Barnhart. He was preceded in death by his oldest son, Harlan Craig Lantz, his beloved parents Omer and Agnes (Dodd) Lantz and dear brothers Darrell (Hazel) and Merle (Shirley) Lantz.

Born in Mitchell, South Dakota, Lolan moved to Illinois when he was 4, and grew up in Monroe Center. He graduated from Monroe Center High School and was accepted to the engineering program at the University of Illinois, but after high school decided to pursue an interest in radio broadcasting and completed radio technician school in Omaha, Nebraska. He worked briefly as a radio news announcer during the Korean War, but he missed his sweetheart and returned to Monroe Center to farm and was united in marriage to Wava Jean Smith on September 15, 1951.

Lolan and Wava started farming together, renting his father's land near Edson and Kilbuck Roads before moving to their permanent home on Mulford Road. In addition to crop farming, over the years Lolan and Wava raised dairy cows, angus beef cattle, sheep, hogs, chickens, and many beloved farm dogs. They retired from farming February 17, 1997.

Lolan was proud of his contributions to the community. He was a charter

member of the Monroe Center Lions Club in 1954 and was honored by the club after 60 years of active service February 28, 2015. He was a life-long member of the Farm Bureau of Illinois, a member

of the Holcomb Masonic Lodge #505, and a dedicated member of the Monroe Center Community Church, where he served as a board member and enjoyed singing in the choir for many years. When he wasn't singing, the soundtrack to his farm work was WGN Radio announcing the Cubs game.

The love and devotion he had for Wava, his family and his five grandchildren was the greatest joy of his life.

Special thanks to OSF Hospice and all of the great nurses and medical providers that have cared for him while he lived out his life the past few years, with special thanks to Amy Kroos, Lori Montana, Gina Flynn, and Erdenetseg Sharaa who comforted him so well in his final days.

Visitation and memorial service will be from 10:00am to 11:00am on Thursday, June 22, 2023 at The North Church in Monroe Center, located at 102 West Street, Monroe Center (next to the fire department and old high school), with pastor Darren Loepky of OSF Hospice officiating. Interment will immediately follow at the Monroe Center Cemetery. The family invites everyone back to the old North Church basement for coffee and fellowship after. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to Monroe Center Properties LLC (This is for care of The North Church), Box 36, Monroe Center, IL 61052 for the perpetual care and maintenance of lighted cross in their son, Harlan's honor located on the top of the old North Community Church.

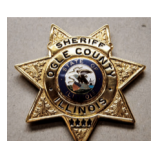


LOCAL NEWS

OGLE COUNTY SHERIFF

Man arrested for driving while license suspended, cited for no valid insurance

OREGON—On June 13 at 12:21 p.m. deputies investigated a minor two-vehicle accident in the 10,000 block of North Girl Scout Road. After a brief investigation, it was learned that a Chevy Trailblazer driven by Andrew Lane, 21, of Rockford, had run into the front of a Toyota truck driven by Alvin Winstead, 54, of Stillman Valley. No injuries were sustained as a result of this accident. Lane was arrested for driving while license suspended and also cited for no valid insurance. Lane was released on an I-Bond at the scene and provided a return court date.



On June 13 at approximately 5:29 p.m. deputies responded to the 4,500 block of East Marrill Road in reference to a single-motorcycle accident. An initial investigation revealed an eastbound motorcycle being driven by Pablo Alcaraz, 50, of Byron, lost control and came to rest in the south ditch. Alcaraz was transported to Swedish American Hospital by Byron EMS for treatment of injuries. The accident remains under investigation.

On June 15 at 12:44 a.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the area of East Illinois Route 38 and South Mulford Road. After an investigation, the driver Zana L. Bell, 28, of DeKalb, was placed under arrest for driving under the influence of drugs. Bell was taken into custody without incident and transported to the Ogle County Jail, where she was held in lieu of bond. Bell was additionally charged with reckless driving, disregarding an official traffic control device and speeding 35+ miles over the speed limit.

On June 15 at 5:13 p.m. deputies responded to the area of 8,000 East Grist Mill Road for the report of a truck in the ditch. After an investigation it was revealed that the driver, Donald Summers, 38, of Mt. Morris was traveling westbound on East Grist Mill Road when he swerved to miss a deer. Summers then crossed left of the center of the roadway, and entered into the south ditch. The vehicle travel a couple hundred feet in the ditch before coming to a rest on top of a culvert and some large rocks. Summers was cited for leaving the scene, improper lane usage and no seat belt when required. Summers was given a notice to appear.

On June 16 at 11:53 p.m. deputies, along with the assistance of the Illinois State Police, conducted a traffic stop at Illinois Route 251 and Dutch Road. After a brief investigation, Fernando Servin Guzman, 30, of Davis Junction, was arrested for driving without a valid license. Guzman was released on a \$2,500 individual bond with a return court date. Guzman was also issued citations for expired registration and inoperable registration light.

On June 17 at 2:57 p.m. deputies and Byron Fire/EMS were dispatched to the 8,000 block of North Illinois Route 2 for a single-vehicle crash. After an investigation, it was determined that a northbound passenger car being driven by Cheyenne Brooks, 23, of Byron, left the roadway and struck a light pole in the east ditch. Brooks left the roadway to avoid striking a vehicle that was stopped on Illinois Route 2 waiting to safely turn into a private drive. Brooks was transported to Swedish American Hospital by Byron EMS for minor injuries. Brooks was issued a citation for failure to reduce speed to prevent a crash.

On June 17 at approximately 7:54 p.m. deputies initiated a traffic stop on Illinois Route 2 near the intersection of Deer Path Road. After further investigation Destiny Olson, 25, of Rockford, was placed under arrest for driving while license suspended. Olson was also cited for operating an uninsured motor vehicle. Olson was released on an individual bond with a future court date.

On June 17 at approximately 11:33 a.m. deputies and Rochelle ambulance crews responded to the 3,000 block of South Mulford Road for a single-vehicle accident with injuries. Upon arrival, deputies learned a southbound motorcycle operated by Tracy G. Bertelsen, 62, of Rockford, failed to maintain lane control and exited the roadway. Bertelsen and a passenger, Dawn M. Bertelsen, 61, of Rockford, were ejected and sustained suspected serious injuries. Mercy Health's REACT helicopter responded to the scene. The accident remains under investigation.

On June 18 at approximately 8:41 a.m. deputies conducted a traffic at Freeport Road and White Oak Road. After a brief investigation, Cornelio Morales Jr., 20, of Waukegan, was placed under arrest for no valid driver's license. Morales was also cited for illegal window tint and released on an I-Bond at the scene.

On June 18 at 2:04 a.m. deputies with the assistance of Rochelle Police Department conducted a traffic stop at 10th Avenue and 20th Street in Rochelle. After a brief investigation, Pauline Mireles, 37, of Rochelle, was arrested for aggravated driving under the influence of alcohol (license revoked), driving under the influence of alcohol and driving while license revoked. Mireles was additionally cited for improper lane usage. Mireles was transported to the Ogle County Jail pending an appearance before a Judge.

On June 18 at approximately 8:30 a.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop within the 7,000 block of East Illinois Route 72. After an initial investigation, deputies placed Julio A. Villa-Martinez, 36, of DeKalb, under arrest for no valid driver's license. Villa-Martinez was additionally cited for operating an uninsured motor vehicle. Villa-Martinez was released on an individual bond and will appear in court at a later date.

On June 18 at approximately 3:34 a.m. deputies responded to the 13,000 block of West Illinois Route 72 for the report of a single-vehicle accident. Upon investigation, it was learned a Chevrolet truck being driven by Gregory Tolliver, 23, of Freeport, was driving northwest, negotiating a curve when it lost control and began to overturn. The Chevrolet continued to overturn until it came to rest in the north ditch on its tires. Tolliver was transported to Freeport Memorial Hospital by Forreston EMS for suspected non-life threatening injuries. The accident remains under investigation.

On June 19 at 7:38 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop near the intersection of East Brayton Road and West Illinois Route 64. As a result, deputies arrested Carrie A. Cowley, 31, of Mt. Morris for no valid driver's license. Cowley was released on an I-Bond with a future court date.

On June 19 at approximately 9:25 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop near the intersection of Blackhawk Drive and North Maple Avenue. After investigation, deputies placed Payton Wisman of Byron under arrest for no valid driver's license. Wisman was additionally issued a citation for a loud muffler. Wisman was released on an I-Bond at the scene and given a future court date.

On June 19 at approximately 8 p.m. deputies conducted a follow up in the 100 block of Allen Street in Holcomb. After investigation, deputies placed Tommy Marcum, 36, of Holcomb, under arrest for violation of an order of protection. Marcum was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held pending a court appearance in front of a judge.

All individuals are considered innocent until proven guilty.

Oregon Park District Color Run is Aug. 1

The Oregon Park District is excited to bring back its annual Family Fun Walk/Run on Tuesday, August 1 at 6 p.m. with a Color Run. This year's Color Run will kick off at the Oregon Park West tennis courts and take you through Park West. This one-mile color walk/run-themed course will offer multiple color stations along the route. Be prepared to get colorful and messy!

Registration is \$15 resident/\$18 non-resident per person and includes a t-shirt, sunglasses and an evening of color!

The fun isn't over after the run. The Oregon Park District's Tuesday night summer concert series begins at 6:30 p.m. with Burn 'N Bush, sponsored by Woods/Blount, will provide the musical entertainment. Food trucks will also be available at the concert.

Register today! Deadline to guarantee a shirt is Tuesday, July 20. Any registrations received after July 20 will only receive sunglasses. Register at www.oregonpark.org, in person at Nash Recreation Center or by phone, 815-732-3101.



Registrations will be taken on the day of the race with a credit card, but no t-shirts or sunglasses will be available. For more information or questions contact the Oregon Park District, 815-732-3101.

MT. MORRIS POLICE DEPARTMENT

Driver cited for operating uninsured vehicle

MT. MORRIS—On June 4 at approximately 6 p.m., Mt. Morris Police conducted a traffic stop. The driver, Anna M. Seidelman, 71, Leaf River, was issued a citation for operating an uninsured vehicle. This violation occurred in the 400 block of North McKendrie Avenue.

On June 6 at approximately 3:40 a.m. Mt. Morris Police were sent to the area of the 10 block of West Center Street.

After an investigation, Genesis Swartz, 19, Mt. Morris, was arrested on an Ogle County warrant. Swartz was transported to the Ogle County Jail where she was held in lieu of bond.

On June 9 at approximately 8:20 p.m. Mt. Morris Police were sent to the area of the 200 block of West Front Street for a burning complaint, where Kimmie R. Freese, 60, Mt. Morris, was issued a city ordinance citation for illegal burning.

On June 16 at approximately 7:40 a.m. Mt. Morris Police conducted at traffic stop in the 300 block of West Brayton Road. The driver, Catherine J. Prince, 51, Mt. Morris, was issued a citation for expired registration.

These charges are merely an accusation, and that the defendant is presumed innocent unless proven guilty.

POLO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Driver cited for operating uninsured motor vehicle

POLO—On June 16 at 2:50 p.m. Kaleb D. Sheffield, 25, Polo, was cited for operation of an uninsured motor vehicle. Sheffield was given a notice to appear.

On June 19 at 2:47 p.m. Jason R. Grenoble, 41, Polo, was arrested for driving with a revoked driver's license. Grenoble was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

No summer lunches week of July 4

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

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

The lunches are served on Tuesdays

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

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

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LOCAL NEWS



College student helping local families with their education needs

OGLE COUNTY — Matthew George, a university student from Carson-Newman College, is helping families this summer with their at-home learning. His hometown being Bury, Louisiana, he's participating in a long-standing sales and leadership program that finds him talking to thousands of families and learning the ins and outs of running a business in Ogle and Carroll County. He is living in Dixon with a local family who is hosting him for the summer.

George, a business administration major, has spent the summer with Southwestern Advantage, the nation's oldest entrepreneurial program for college students. Southwestern Advantage has conducted the program since 1868 — just after the Civil War. The company offers students the opportunity to learn how to manage their own business, gain valuable soft skills not often taught in a classroom, and help offset their educational expenses. Each summer, around 1,500 students from over 200 college and university campuses worldwide participate.

George, visiting families at their homes through referrals and cold-calls, says he has felt very welcome in each of the communities and that the products he has shared have been well received by families. In addition to meeting new people and helping with what is sometimes a pain point in the home (learning & homework), George is grateful for the opportunity to learn and grow from an experience that is not-so-common as it once was: door-to-door sales. While it can be challenging, it can be very rewarding as well.

He's excited about the skillset he is acquiring and his resume experience will now include many new things that will help him land a future job and set him apart from peers. A few of those things include goal-setting, schedule, communication, problem-solving, money management, and many other skills.

CFNIL opens Community Grants program application

ROCKFORD — The Community Foundation of Northern Illinois (CFNIL) is excited to announce the opening of the Community Grants Program application for the 2023 cycle. Non-profits providing services in Boone, Ogle, Stephenson and Winnebago Counties are invited to apply via CFNIL's online application portal until 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 15 (815 Day!).

Community Grants proposals will be accepted in the areas of arts & humanities, career pathways, complementary education, health, human services, sustainable communities and youth & families. Applications will be accepted from 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations, religious institutions, units of government and public universities/colleges. The proposals must describe charitable activities provided for the benefit of residents in Boone, Ogle, Stephenson or Winnebago Counties.

The Community Grants Program application is open until 5 p.m. on Tues-

day, Aug. 15. All applications must be submitted through CFNIL's online grants application portal. To access the portal and learn more about the Community Grants program, interested applicants should visit <https://cfnil.org/community>.

"The Community Grants Program is CFNIL's largest and broadest grantmaking program, poised to make over \$1.6 million in awards this year," Dan Ross, CFNIL president, said. "It is a privilege to support a diverse range of programs and projects that directly impact and improve the lives of thousands of northern Illinois residents every year, and to support the exceptional work of our region's nonprofits."

To provide more information about the Community Grants Program and answer questions about the application process, CFNIL staff will host two grant-seekers meetings. Each session will include identical content. Attendance is not mandatory, but encouraged

for organizations that will be completing their first CFNIL Community Grants application.

Grantseekers session one: Thursday, June 22, 3:30-5 p.m., in person, Nicholas Conservatory (1354 N 2nd St., Rockford).

Grantseekers Session two: Friday, June 23, 9-10:30 a.m., virtual via Zoom.

Learn more and register to attend one or more of the sessions at <https://cfnil.org/community>. A recording of the virtual session will be posted to CFNIL's website following the meeting.

About the Community Foundation of Northern Illinois: The mission of the Community Foundation of Northern Illinois is to inspire endowment and promote philanthropy for the current and future needs of Northern Illinois. Since its founding in 1953 CFNIL has granted more than \$80 million for charitable purposes. Learn more about CFNIL's grantmaking and commitment to endowment at cfnil.org.

Ogle County Fair pageant seeking entries

OREGON — The Ogle County Fair pageant has been an opening night tradition for many years. In the last decade, Director Michelle has brought many young ladies and boys to the stage where they have had fun with friends, and enjoyed all the fair has to offer. In Ogle County we have the rare opportunity to crown five age groups! Our Little Miss and Little Mister age ranges from 5-8 years old. Our Young Miss age ranges from 9-12 years old. Our Junior Miss

ranges from 13-15 years old.

Lastly, our Miss ranges from 16 to 21 years old! Our deadline of July 10 is quickly approaching but there is still plenty of time to sign up your child to participate in this year's Ogle County Fair Pageant! This year's pageant will be held Aug. 2 beginning at 5 p.m.

Please visit our Facebook page - Ogle County Fair Pageant, and/or our website for more information. Ogle County Fair Pageant ([wordpress.com](https://www.oglegcountyfair.com))

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

June 29
The Alzheimer's Association will be presenting "Healthy Living for your Brain and Body" at the Mt. Morris Senior Center (9 E. Front St.) on Thursday, June 29 at 6 p.m. For centuries, we've known that the health of the brain and the body are connected. But now, science is able to provide insights into how to optimize our physical and cognitive health as we age. Join us to learn About research in

the areas of diet and nutrition, exercise, cognitive activity, and social engagement, and use hands-on tools to help you incorporate these recommendations into a plan for healthy aging. All are welcome to attend! If you have any questions please call 815-734-6335.

July 1
Come and join us at Byron's Hairy Cow Farmers Market on Saturday, July 1

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 crafftlab23@gmail.com or at the Byron's Hairy Cow Farmers Facebook page.

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The renaming of military bases

WHEN I was in high school, my Grandma Wanda fought a battle with the American Legion to have a veteran's marker placed on the grave of her husband's grandfather. Eventually, the Legion post relented and put a veteran's stone over John Beckerdite's earthly remains. What gave the veteran's organization pause is that John hadn't served in any branch of the United States Armed Forces. He fought for the Confederacy.



Scott Reeder

"Although he fought for the South, he fought for his country," Grandma wrote in a family history.

When she wrote that, I was about 14 years old. I thought it was nonsense then. And I think it even more so today. My forbear didn't fight for his country, he betrayed it. And, no, he didn't battle for freedom, he fought for slavery.

When I made these points to Grandma, she wouldn't hear of it. She had bought into the myth of the Lost Cause.

I was thinking of that long ago argument this past week, as the U.S. armed forces began renaming military bases that had been named after Confederate generals.

For example, Fort Bragg will become Fort Liberty. Fort Hood will become Fort Cavazos. Fort Benning will become Fort Moore. And Fort Gordon will become Fort Eisenhower.

Some traditionalists are hopping mad about the change. They say the Biden administration is erasing history.

Baloney. The administration is eradicating the remnants of a fable.

It's the myth that the Southerners fought a noble fight for independence. They will tell you – with a straight face – the Civil War was fought not over slavery but state's rights.

It's just not true. All 11 Southern states said in their individual articles of secession that they were departing the Union over the issue of slavery.

One Southern friend concedes that the South may have left the Union over slavery. But he adds the North didn't fight the war to end slavery.

Well, I guess you can ignore the Emancipation Proclamation or Abraham Lincoln's moral opposition to slavery, but what about this line from the "Battle of the Republic" that Union soldiers sang marching into battle: "As Christ died to make men holy, let us die to make men free?"

Whose freedom do you think they were dying for?

No one wants to believe their ancestors died and sacrificed for something as reprehensible as the right to own another human being. But men like Braxton Bragg, John Bell Hood, Henry Benning and John Brown Gordon did just that.

It's shameful that our nation named its military bases after these and other traitors. And make no mistake about it, these men betrayed their country. They took up arms against

a nation that they once pledged to serve.

Worse yet, they did it in support of an issue as abhorrent as slavery.

My father spent a miserable few months at Fort Gordon, where he went through Army basic training during the Korean War.

He never spoke well of his time as a draftee. There was no nostalgia directed toward his time in the service.

But I can't help but think he would be pleased that the base where he suffered is now named after the first person he supported for president – Eisenhower.

Unlike Gordon, who is believed to have headed the Georgia Ku Klux Klan, Ike fought for individual liberty. He and his troops defeated Nazism and liberated concentration camps. While president, he sent the 101st Airborne to Little Rock, Arkansas to force the integration of public schools.

Those are actions worthy of praise.

And no, Eisenhower wasn't perfect. He made mistakes. But the thrust of his life's work was moving the nation in the right direction.

Some will say that renaming the bases is rewriting history. That's silly. What we are rewriting is who we choose to honor in our history.

The bases got their names as part of a political compromise. As the Army was expanding during World War I, it wanted to establish training bases in the South. To get local buy in, it allowed state legislatures to choose the names of the bases. Lawmakers – just 49 years after the Civil War – chose to name the bases after Confederate generals.

Please note, Southern African Americans couldn't vote during this era. They had no say over who was honored.

Illinoisans should be proud of our heritage. The two individuals most responsible for defeating secession and slavery – Abraham Lincoln and Ulysses S. Grant – both hailed from the Prairie State.

So why does the Civil War still divide us? The best answer is that we haven't come to terms with its causes. Race still divides our nation.

In 2017, we saw the deep divisions of the Civil War manifest themselves in Charlottesville, Virginia where riots ensued after a statue of Robert E. Lee was to be taken down. Those who supported the statue remaining said it wasn't about race, but their heritage, which they contended was being marginalized.

But if it wasn't about race, why would neo-Nazis, Ku Klux Klan members and other white supremacists be there rioting?

We should be proud that our military has expunged the names of secessionists from their places of honor.

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Supply and demand expectations

THE May World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates gives the first look at USDA's supply and demand expectations for the newest marketing year since the USDA Agricultural Outlook Forum in February. This is the highlight of USDA's spring reports as it incorporates farmer planting decisions from the March Prospective Plantings report and adapts supply estimates to reflect weekly planting progress reports.

Corn

This was a bearish report for corn. USDA estimates corn planted for the 2023-2024 marketing year will be 92 million acres, up four percent from 2022-2023, when 88.6 million acres of corn were planted. USDA forecasts farmers will harvest 84.1 million acres of corn in 2023 with a trendline yield of 181.5 bushels per acre. This puts corn production projections in 2023 at 15.26 billion bushels, up 1.5 billion bushels, or 11 percent, from 2022's 13.7 billion bushels. This would be seven percent above the five-year average of 14.2 billion bushels and would be a record high. Something to consider will be how growing conditions affect yield. Higher than expected yields would make an already record crop bigger, while lower yields could bring corn back below record production levels.

On the demand side, for the new 2023-2024 marketing year, USDA estimates ethanol use will be up slightly this year at 5.3 billion bushels. Corn export estimates for the newest marketing year are projected up 325 million bushels to 2.1 billion bushels, after an estimated 696-million-bushel decline this year from 2.47 billion bushels in 2021-2022.

Despite lower exports

and steady ethanol use, next year's projected production decline would lead to an 805-million-bushel increase in ending stocks in September 2024, to 1.36 billion bushels. Of course, these early 2023-2024 demand projections could change considerably over the next 15 months.

USDA estimates put the 2022-2023 (ending) stocks-to-use ratio at 15.3 percent, up from the current year's estimated 9.7 percent, and the highest since 2020. USDA projects the 2023-2024 corn price at \$4.80 per bushel, down \$1.80 from this year's estimate; this would be the lowest price since \$4.53 in 2020-2021, and USDA tends to be conservative when projecting big price changes. This would be a bad day to be a corn farmer if the futures market had not already built this news into prices. December corn futures reached session highs up about six cents at \$5.19 per bushel before closing off session lows at \$5.08 after the report.

Soybeans

Soybean farmers are expected to plant 87.5 million acres of soybeans in 2023-2024, unchanged from 2022. This was up nearly five percent from 2020. Soybean yields are projected at 52 bushels per acre for 2023-2024 (up 2.5 bushels from the latest estimate for 2022-2023) on 86.7 million acres harvested (up slightly). As a result, U.S. soybean farmers are projected to produce 4.51 billion bushels in the new marketing year, five percent above the current year's latest estimate of 4.28 billion bushels, and seven percent above the five-year average. These are bearish numbers for soybeans.

The continuing increase in soybean

production for 2022-2023 follows rising crush demand to meet a rapidly rising demand for soy-based diesel fuels. Though export demand dipped in 2021-2022 to 2.14 billion bushels, it is projected to fall again in 2023-2024 to 1.98 billion bushels, which is above the five-year average of 1.96 billion bushels. Demand for soybeans is expected to be up 56 million bushels for 2023-2024.

Production increases in 2023-2024 are expected to be partially offset by increased crushings but will still drive a projected 125-million-bushel increase in ending stocks to 335 million bushels. The stocks-to-use ratio for 2023-2024 is projected to be 7.6 percent, well above the estimated 4.8 percent ratio for 2022-2023.

This increase in supply is projected to outweigh the small increase in demand in the new marketing year. For the 2022/23 marketing year, the average farm price for soybeans is estimated at \$14.30 per bushel; and the price for 2023-2024 is projected down about 15 percent, at \$12.10.

Wheat

Wheat planted acres in 2023-2024 are estimated at 49.9 million acres, up nine percent from 2022-2023's 45.7 million acres. Yield is forecasted down 1.8 bushels per acre due to high levels of abandonment in Texas, Kansas and Oklahoma. The projected yield would generate wheat production of 1.66 billion bushels, a very slight increase on last year's wheat crop, but about seven percent below the five-year average of 1.79 billion bushels.

Estimated wheat demand in 2022-2023 is down two percent from 2021-2022, and 2023-2024 demand is expected to drop another two

percent, to 1.84 billion bushels, largely the result of reduced exports. Stocks at the end of 2023-2024 are projected at 556 million bushels, down seven percent from this year and down nearly 34 percent from the end of 2020-2021. Feed use of wheat for 2022-2023 is expected to increase by 15 million bushels in 2023-2024 to 70 million bushels, while exports are anticipated to fall 50 million bushels to 725 million bushels in 2023-2024. The resulting stocks-to-use ratio for wheat in 2023/24 is expected at 30.3.

USDA estimates the average farm price of wheat for the 2023/24 marketing year to be \$8 per bushel, a 10 percent decrease from USDA's record-high projection of \$8.90 per bushel this time last year. There is a great deal of uncertainty surrounding grain movement through the Black Sea: if Russia lets the current agreement expire, grain movement by sea from Ukraine to other countries could shut down, with the potential to have a major impact on wheat prices.

The May WASDE is the long-awaited first look at the upcoming marketing year for corn, soybeans, wheat and cotton. There is a lot of room for changes over the coming months, but this was a bearish report, especially for corn and soybeans. USDA projected record-high production for corn, and above average production for soybeans. Strong domestic demand for wheat and tight ending stocks should provide market support.

"Remember that creating a successful marriage is like farming: you have to start over again every morning." -H. Jackson Brown Jr.

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



Ron Kern

MOMENTS IN TIME

* On July 3, 1971, Jim Morrison, lead singer for the rock group The Doors, died in Paris at just 27 years old of what was officially listed as heart failure likely due to a heroin overdose, though no autopsy was performed as it was not required under French law.

* On July 4, 1845, American author and philosopher Henry David Thoreau began a two-year experiment in simple living at Walden Pond near Concord, Massachusetts, famously writing that he "went to the wood because I wished to live deliberately." The resulting book about his experience has been called, among other things, part social experiment and part voyage of spiritual discovery.

* On July 5, 1975, Arthur Ashe became the first Black man to win a Wimbledon singles title after de-

feating the overwhelming favorite Jimmy Connors, who was then the No. 1 tennis player in the world. Ashe would later say that prior to the match, "I had the strangest feeling that I couldn't lose."

* On July 6, 2004, Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry chose Sen. John Edwards of North Carolina to be his running mate. Edwards was considered by some to provide balance to Kerry's campaign. Others found Edwards to be essentially reliant on smooth speeches and personal charisma. Years later, in his autobiography, Kerry admitted he'd made an unfortunate choice that botched his chance at the White House.

* On July 7, 1865, Maryland tavern owner Mary Surratt became the first woman to be executed by the U.S. federal government, for

her alleged complicity in the plot to assassinate Abraham Lincoln. Historians remain divided on the question of her guilt.

* On July 8, 1997, the Mayo Clinic and the U.S. government warned that the diet-drug combination popularly known as fen-phen, originally touted as a "miracle medicine" for weight loss, could cause serious heart and lung damage.

* On July 9, 2011, the northeast African country known as Republic of South Sudan seceded from Sudan, becoming the youngest country in the world. Since that time, however, it has been plagued with widespread ethnic violence and human rights violations.

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LET FREEDOM RING

Mt. Morris Let Freedom Ring's patriotic program honors village anniversaries

MT. MORRIS — The 2023 LFR Patriotic Program starts at noon, July 4, on Wesley Avenue's Mt. Morris Campus. This year's celebration includes not only that of our nation's independence, but the 175th anniversary of the incorporation of the Village of Mt. Morris; the 125th anniversary of the founding of Kable Brothers Company; the 100th anniversary of the Kable Band's becoming the official band of the 129th Infantry of the Illinois National Guard, and the 60th anniversary of LFR.

American Legion Post #143 member and Vietnam veteran Doug Wean welcomes our guests, followed by an opening prayer by Pastor Rodney Caldwell of the Mt. Morris Church of the Brethren and Allure Pinecrest. The Daisy, Brownie and Junior Scouts of the Mt. Morris and Oregon Girl Scout Troop #257 will recite the Pledge of Allegiance. The LFR 2023 queen will be introduced by Meg Miller, LFR queen chair.

Mt. Morris Village President Philip Labash will welcome visitors on behalf of the Village of Mt. Morris and lead the celebration of its 175th anniversary. A musical interlude will be provided by last year's very

popular barbershop quartet. It is composed of Kable Band and Oregon Senior High School Band Director Andy Eckardt, Kable Band Member and Oregon Junior High Band Director Miles Beske, Kable Band Member and Oregon Junior Senior High Choir Director Zach Hall, and PAG Member Mark Tremble. In LFR's 2022 patriotic program, Mark outstandingly portrayed Ronald Reagan and delivered his speech for the 1963 dedication of LFR's first freedom bell.

We celebrate our 175th anniversary in part by pausing to more clearly recognize and appreciate the heritage and high standards our predecessors bequeathed to our village. We are honored to again welcome U.S. Congressman Robert R. Hitt, portrayed by Encore! chairman and PAG Member Jeff Bold, back to our bandshell. Hitt, a member of congress, represented this area from 1881 to 1906.

Hitt, who attended the Rock River Seminary founded in Mt. Morris in 1839, will bring with him former Rock River Seminary graduate Maj. General John A. Rawlins, who became a Galena attorney and neighbor of Ulysses S. Grant. Rawlins helped convince soon-to-be Lt. General U.S. Grant to

join the Union Army. Also in Attendance will be Helen Judson Beveridge, a Rock River Seminary alumna, advocate for the education of women, and a former First Lady of Illinois. Helen helped establish institutions of higher education for women, and married Brig. General and Rock River Seminary alumnus John L. Beveridge, who was a Gettysburg veteran and later became an Illinois governor.

Harvey and Harry Kable moved to Mt. Morris at the age of two. They founded the Kable Brothers Company when they turned 18 and are welcomed back to Mt. Morris by Hitt to help us celebrate the anniversary of the founding of the Kable's printing company, and to once again recognize and honor our Kable Concert Band, now entering their 127th consecutive season.

The patriotic program ends with the benediction, followed by a beautiful barbershop quartet rendition of the Star-Spangled Banner. The annual ringing of the Official State of Illinois Freedom Bell, located on the campus adjacent to the Reckmeyer Bandshell, will begin at 1 p.m. All are invited to enjoy and participate in this annual event.



Variety of activities planned

MT. MORRIS — Let Freedom Ring, a big, small town festival with family fun and entertainment for everyone, recently released its 2023 schedule of events, which can also be found online at www.LFRMT-Morris.com.

Wednesday, June 28 will see Beat Feet Dance Studio perform from 5-5:30 p.m. on the bandshell stage. They will be followed by Little Miss & Mister Firecracker, the Queen Coronation, the UMC Ice Cream Social, and finally, the Kable Band at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, July 2 will see the Commitment Church Service on the bandshell stage from 10-11 a.m.

Monday, July 3 will see registration for the LFR Classic Car

Show starting at 4 p.m. on Wesley Avenue and the event will follow at the same location from 5-8 p.m. Vendors will be on the campus lawn from 4-8 p.m. There will be a silent auction and bake sale from 4-8 p.m. at the senior center.

A petting zoo will take place on the campus lawn from 4-8 p.m. Pork Producers will be on the bandshell lawn from 4-8 p.m. Grandpa's Ice Cream will be on Wesley Avenue from 4-8 p.m. Bounce houses will be on the campus lawn from 4-8 p.m. There will be an art show at the Old Sandstone Gallery from 4-8 p.m. Root beer floats will be served on the campus lawn from 5-8 p.m. The Rockin' Fendershirts will play the bandshell stage from

5-8 p.m. Registration for the kids parade will go from 5:30-6 p.m. on Main Street. The kids parade will follow at 6 p.m. Registration for the 6:45 p.m. water fights with firemen will take place on Main Street at 6:45 p.m.

Tuesday, July 4 will see the firemen's breakfast at the fire station from 7-11 a.m. There will be a fly-in drive-in breakfast from 7-11 a.m. at the Mt. Morris Airport. There will be a silent auction and bake sale from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the senior center. There will be vendors on the campus lawn from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bounce houses will be on the campus lawn from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Old Sandstone Gallery will host an art show from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Blazing Magic BBQ will serve food on Wesley Avenue from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be a patriotic program on the bandshell stage from noon to 1 p.m. The Liberty Bell will be rung at 1 p.m. The parade will start at 2 p.m. Blazing Magic BBQ will serve food at David L. Rahn Junior High School from 6-9 p.m. Just For Fun Ice Cream will serve at the same location from 5-9 p.m. Hector's Cocina will serve at the same location from 6-9 p.m. Joker's Rival will be at DLR from 6-8 p.m. There will be a Queen of Hearts drawing at Mullarkeys at 6:30 p.m. The Kable Band will play at DLR from 8-9 p.m. There will be a 50/50 drawing at DLR at 8:30 p.m. The light fireworks winner will be announced at 8:30 p.m. Fireworks will begin at dusk. All events are subject to change due to any unforeseen circumstances.



Area residents enjoyed the Mt. Morris Let Freedom Ring Festival in 2022. A full slate of events is scheduled for this year. (File photos)



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LET FREEDOM RING

Let Freedom Ring craft show is July 3-4

MT. MORRIS — The Let Freedom Ring Annual Festival Craft Show is a two-day, outdoor event July 3-4 on the beautiful, historic Mr. Morris campus in the center of the village.

Monday, July 3 will see the show run from 4-8 p.m. during the car show and concert. Tuesday, July 4's show will run 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. with the parade beginning at 2 p.m.



The Kable Bandshell will play host to a variety of presentations and activities, including the Queen Coronation at 6:15 pm Wednesday, June 28 and the Kable Band at 7:30 pm. (Ogle County Life file photo)

Celebrate Independence Day in Mt. Morris

MT. MORRIS — Celebrate our independence “as a great anniversary festival”. So urged John Adams, the second president of the United States and a member of the committee which helped Thomas Jefferson draft the Declaration of Independence. Commemorate it with acts of devotion to God. Solemnize it with pomp and parade, games, bells, bonfires and “Illuminations from One End of this Continent to the other from this Time forward forever more.” (John Adams’ letter to Abigail Adams, July 3, 1776)

Come to Mt. Morris July 4. Attend many Let Freedom Ring Festival events from June 28 through July 4. www.LFRMTMorris.com. Bring family and friends to our traditional July 4 breakfast of pancakes, eggs, sausage and pastries from 7-11:00 a.m. at the firehouse on the corner of McKendrie and Center, or out at the airport on Illinois Route 64 during the same hours.

Visit the silent auction and bake sale at the senior center from 8 am to 4 p.m., or the craft and vendor fair on campus from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Encore’s Old Sandstone Art Gallery is open from 11 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Browse through the Fine Art Show and explore its Regional Showcase of Area Artists. A bouncy house is available for the children on campus from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and food service is provided by Blazing Magic BBQ from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Let Freedom Ring’s Patriotic Program is at noon at the Reckmeyer Bandshell on campus. It celebrates Independence Day and the 175th anniversary of the incorporation of Mt. Morris, the 125th anniversary of Kable Brothers Company, the 100th anniversary of the Kable Concert Band’s becoming the 129th Infantry Band of the Illinois National Guard, and the 60th anniversary of the Let Freedom Ring Festival. Guests are welcomed by American Legion member and Vietnam veteran Doug Wean.

The program includes an opening

prayer by Pastor Rodney Caldwell, an annual greeting and comments by Village President Phil Labash, a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance by Girl Scout Troop 257, and special patriotic music performed by Three Batons and a Shovel. The area barbershop quartet is composed of Kable and school band directors and members, the school choir director, and a member of the Performing Arts Guild.

Jeff Bold of the Performing Arts Guild and Encore! will portray U. S. Congressional Representative Robert R. Hitt, a former Mt. Morris resident. Hitt will be accompanied by Civil War Major General John A. Rawlins and Illinois First Lady Helen Judson Beveridge. All three attended Rock River Seminary in Mt. Morris, the first school of higher education in Illinois. Harvey and Harry Kable will also stop by. The twins founded Kable Brothers Company in Mt. Morris in 1898 at the age of 18. Harvey attended Mt. Morris College while Harry learned the printing trade.

The program closes with the benediction and singing of the National Anthem by the barbershop quartet. It is followed by the ringing of the Official State of Illinois Freedom Bell, adjacent to the bandshell. Audience participation is encouraged. The Grand Parade steps off at 2 p.m. from Brayton Road.

Proceed later in the day to the DLR school’s old football field on Brayton Road for an evening of fun. Food is served by Blazing Magic BBQ and Hector’s Cantina, ice cream by Just For Fun Ice Cream, and music is from 6-8 p.m. by Joker’s Wild. Our own Kable Concert Band performs their annual patriotic concert at 8 p.m. The LFR 50-50 raffle follows, just before the fireworks. Come join us and celebrate Independence Day with music, food, patriotic programs, bells, the parade, family, friends, and loud, exploding, and gorgeous fireworks.



June 28 - July 4

Schedule of Events

Wednesday, June 28

- 5 pm — 5:30 pm **Beat Feet Dance Studio @ Bandshell**
- 5:45 pm — 6:15 pm **Little Miss & Mister Firecracker @ Bandshell**
- 6:15 pm — 7 pm **Queen Coronation @ Bandshell**
- 6:30 pm — 8:30 pm **Ice Cream Social @ Bandshell yard**
- 7:30 pm — 8:30 pm **Kable Band @ Bandshell**

Sunday, July 2

- 10 am — 11 am **Commitment Church Service @ Bandshell**

Monday, July 3

- 4 pm **Registration for LFR Classic Car Show @ Wesley Ave.**
- 5 pm — 8 pm **LFR Classic Car Show @ Wesley Ave.**
- 4 pm — 8 pm **Vendors @ Campus Lawn**
- 4 pm — 8 pm **Silent Auction & Bake Sale @ Senior Center**
- 4 pm — 8 pm **Petting Zoo @ Campus Lawn**
- 4 pm — 8 pm **Pork Producers @ Bandshell Lawn**
- 4 pm — 8 pm **Grandpa’s Ice Cream @ Bandshell Lawn**
- 4 pm — 8 pm **Bounce Houses @ Bandshell Lawn**
- 4 pm — 8 pm **Art Show @ Old Sandstone Gallery**
- 5 pm — 8 pm **Root Beer Floats @ Campus Lawn**
- 5 pm — 8 pm **The Rockin’ Fendershirts @ Bandshell**
- 5:30 pm — 6 pm **Registration for Kids’ Parade @ Main Street**
- 6 pm — 6:30 pm **Kids’ Parade @ Main Street**
- 6:30 pm — 6:45 pm **Registration for Water Fights w/Firemen @ Main Street**
- 6:45 pm **Water Fights with Firemen @ Main Street**

Tuesday, July 4

- 7 am — 11 am **Firemen’s Breakfast @ Fire Station**
- 7 am — 11 am **Fly-In Drive-In Breakfast @ Mt. Morris Airport**
- 8 am — 4 pm **Silent Auction & Bake Sale**
- 10 am — 2 pm **Vendors @ Campus Lawn**
- 10 am — 4 pm **Bounce Houses @ Campus Lawn**
- 11 am — 1:30 pm **Art Show @ Old Sandstone Gallery**
- 11 am — 4 pm **Food: Blazing Magic BBQ @ Wesley Avenue**
- Noon — 1 pm **Patriotic Program @ Bandshell**
- 1 pm SHARP **Bell Ringing @ Liberty Bell**
- 2 pm SHARP **Parade Starts**
- 6 pm — 9 pm **Food: Blazing Magic BBQ @ DLR**
- 5 pm — 9 pm **Just For Fun Ice Cream @ DLR**
- 6 pm — 9 pm **Food: Hector’s Cocina @ DLR**
- 6 pm — 8 pm **Joker’s Rival @ DLR**
- 6:30 pm **Queen of Hearts Drawing @ Mullarkeys**
- 8 pm — 9 pm **Kable Band @ DLR**
- 8:30 pm — **50/50 Drawing @ DLR**
- 8:30 pm **Light the Fireworks @ DLR**
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LOCAL NEWS

Buskohl named March 2023 Student of the Month at Polo High School

Senior participates in drama club, student council and golf

POLO — Cody Buskohl was recently named the March Student of the Month at Polo Community High School and received a scholarship from the Polo Schools Foundation for his efforts.

Buskohl is the son of Justin and Cristie Buskohl. He participates in drama club, student council, FCCLA, Spanish club, the golf team and the academic team. After high school, he plans on attending Illinois Wesleyan University and majoring in business.



Upon winning the award, Buskohl filled out a list of questions about his school experience.

What does it take to be a successful high school student?

-In most cases, simply trying your best is enough to help drive success in high school. Avoid having your phone or other distractions in class and study before every test, and you will turn out fine.

What do you do in your free time?

-I play a lot of video games, but I also enjoy watching Marco Sports and hanging out with friends.

What is your life's philosophy?

-"Whatever you do in this life, it's not legendary, unless your friends are there to see it."

What would you do if you received \$1 billion all of a sudden?

-I would hire a financial advisor to help me properly invest the funds. Contact the IRS so I don't land myself behind bars for life. After all the legal issues were sorted out, I would buy myself some nice property to build a ranch (probably here in Polo) before taking my money to revitalize Polo. I would help refurbish Mason Street and reopen the bowling alley.

What class do you find really engaging and why?

-Mr. Don Reece's US History classes provided me with some of my best experiences at PCHS and a class to look forward to every morning during my junior year. One memorable project was our Roaring

'20s unit project, where we made mock newspapers about historical events, media, sports and more from the 1920s. Mr. Reece reinforced my love for US History and was also a phenomenal golf coach.

What are your career and post-graduation plans? What school(s) or other instruction, travel endeavors do you have planned?

-Currently, I am undecided on my major. I am attending Illinois Wesleyan University. I anticipate starting freshman year with no declared major, but plan on working in the business and entrepreneurial programs. Alternatively, I may look into pre-law or film making!

What are your two favorite extracurricular, volunteer or community activities you participate in? Explain why for each and what you've learned or gained from being involved.

-One of my favorite extracurricular activities I participated in during my time at PCHS was the drama club. I made a handful of appearances on stage, with my favorites being my roles during Aladdin Jr. and State Fair. This year, I was elected drama club president. Theatre and the performing arts have been a favorite of mine for many years and I anticipate bringing this love into my post-secondary education.

One of my favorite volunteer organizations I participate in is the Teen Advisory Board at our local library. The Teen Advisory

Board works to bring in more readers — the board is run primarily by teens, not only for teens — to the library. Last summer, we helped with the Summer Reading Program, a reading program to celebrate books and encourage kids to read during the summer. The reading program involved themed days like Reading With Dogs and craft days where we would work with clay, paper, and other supplies to create unique hands-on work for the kids. We also worked to organize community events. We also organize community service events. These include working as tutors for elementary and middle school students and doing yard work for the elderly. These experiences over the last year have helped shape my perception of how we can help people with just an hour of our time. As I continue into post-secondary school and beyond, I hope to find an avenue as expansive as the library has been for me to continue my volunteer work and make a difference in people's lives.

Please share a moment, group event or activity at school that was meaningful or memorable.

-One memorable school activity was the Spanish Club field trip last fall. We went to Chicago for the whole day and got to experience some Hispanic culture in Chicago and explore the city. Carson Jones, Brady Wolber, Cayden Webster and I somehow secured a table at Timothy O'Toole's for lunch (after being told 20 minutes prior a table wouldn't be available for hours) during primetime NFL Football. It was a phenomenal time and one of my favorite memories of senior year.

What is your hope for the future?

-I hope America can start the process of becoming less politically divided for the next generation. I hope we start working together to make America environmentally sustainable and easier to live in while still celebrating hard work and innovation.



Autumn on Parade welcomes E.D. Etnyre as presenting sponsor

Autumn on Parade is excited to welcome E.D. Etnyre as our 2023 presenting sponsor! The generous sponsorships we receive from many local businesses help us create this annual community-minded festival. Thank you, E.D. Etnyre, for providing the ability to deliver another fun-filled family event and congratulations on 125 years in business! Pictured above: AOP President Debbie Dickson, AOP Board Parade Chair Destini Benesh, Co-Administrator of The Etnyre Foundation Nicholas Davis, Board Secretary & Co-Administrator of The Etnyre Foundation Melissa Masters, VP of Information Technology & Strategy Justin Nelson, HR Talent Acquisition Specialist Erika Davis, & supporting members of the Etnyre team.

Mlakar promoted to wealth advisor of FSB Wealth Group

SHANNON — Robin Wilhelms Saar announced on May 31 that Jason Mlakar has been promoted to wealth advisor of FSB Wealth Group. Jason has been a member of FSB Wealth Group, focusing on investment and wealth management, for over four years. Jason continues to bring a wealth of knowledge, and provides a full range of financial services, including retirement and financial planning, individual money management, individual stocks and bonds, mutual funds, annuities and more.

In addition to his recent experience, Jason came to FSB Wealth



Group with 15 years of business to business sales of human capital management technology, where he developed

a customer base of enterprise level organizations across the midwest.

"I congratulate Jason on reaching yet another milestone in his professional career," Wilhelms Saar, president and chairman of the board, said. "We wish him continued success as he and the FSB Wealth Group team continues to add value for their clients and in their business for many years to come."

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BEST OF OGLE COUNTY 2023

Forrestville Valley School District holds end-of-year awards Three win awards, retirees recognized

FORRESTON — On Tuesday, June 6, Forrestville Valley CUSD #221 held its annual end-of-year awards and recognition ceremony. Mrs. Kelley Parks was announced as Teacher of the Year. Parks teaches agriculture at Forreston High School and began teaching in the district in 2018. Mrs. Parks is also the FFA Advisor for FHS. Parks is dedicated to the students and has developed positive relationships with the staff, students and community. Mrs. Parks spends many hours inside and outside of the classroom teaching and supporting the FHS students in different activities and competitions.

Forreston Junior Senior High School Principal Travis Heinz said, “Mrs. Parks works with our students and staff in many different ways in and out of her classroom. Her dedication to our agriculture students and our FFA program is exemplary and is very much appreciated. I love the way she continues to give her students opportunities to lead and teach others, especially our elementary students, about agriculture and how it affects our everyday lives.”

Mrs. Brandi Brown was announced as Outstanding Support Staff of the Year. Mrs. Brown is a paraprofessional at Forreston Grade School. Mrs. Brown plays a vital role at FGS and her sense of humor and dedication are greatly appreciated. Mrs. Brown was recognized for her positive influence on students and staff and her willingness to help in any way she can. Forrestville Valley Elementary Schools Principal Ryan Schrader said, “Mrs. Brown is very calm, patient, positive, determined, with a never give up attitude. She not only has been



The district recognized and honored five retirees from the district: Jamie Daub, Forreston Junior High School science teacher, 16 years of service; Jim Hillman, district bus driver, 25 years of service; Janese Michael, FGS second grade teacher, 33 years of service; Mary Toms, FGS cook, 31 years of service; and Noelle Yeager, FGS fifth grade teacher, six years of service.

a positive influence on many of our students here at FGS, but she is also a positive influence on staff as well. We are all very fortunate to have someone like Mrs. Brown in our building and her willingness to jump in and help in any situation, good or bad. She wants all students

she works with to be successful on a daily basis. Her dedication, character, and work ethic are unmatched, and we are so lucky to have her working in our district.”

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307 8th Avenue, Sterling
\$94,900 Call JD
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2452 Ill Route 64, Polo
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3747 W. Route 64 Lot 82, Mt. Morris
\$39,900 Call Mark
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908 S. Congress Avenue, Polo
\$108,000 Call Stephanie
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LOCAL NEWS



Oregon Lions induct one member, present service award

At their regular meeting on May 25, the Oregon Lions inducted one new member and presented an award to another member for her exemplary service to Lions. Mitchell Logan was sponsored by Oregon Lion Carol Ohrn and inducted into the Oregon Lions Club by Past District Governor Ron Fruit. Oregon Lion Joanna Cermak was presented a Lions of Illinois Foundation Fellow Award by Fruit for her ongoing dedication and support for those in need. Congratulations to both Oregon Lions. From left to right: Fruit, Oregon Lion Mitchell Logan and Ohrn. And from left to right: Oregon Lions' President Joe Kryszak, Cermak and Fruit.



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Mrs. Kristen Prieve (above center) was named Newcomer of the Year. Mrs. Prieve is a Title I reading teacher at FGS

AWARDS: District holds end-of-the-year recognition ceremony

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The district also recognized and honored five retirees from the district: Jamie Daub, Forreston Junior High School science teacher, 16 years of service; Jim Hillman, district bus driver, 25 years of service; Janese Michael, FGS second grade teacher, 33 years of service; Mary Toms, FGS cook, 31 years of service; and Noelle Yeager, FGS fifth grade teacher, six years of service.



Mrs. Kelley Parks (above center) was announced as Teacher of the Year. Parks teaches agriculture at Forreston High School and began teaching in the district in 2018. Mrs. Parks is also the FFA Advisor for FHS.



Mrs. Brandi Brown (above center) was announced as Outstanding Support Staff of the Year. Mrs. Brown is a paraprofessional at Forreston Grade School.

LOCAL NEWS

ROCK RIVER CENTER ACTIVITIES

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

Byron Dance Academy Performs
June 29 at 1:00 pm. Sign up by 6/27.

Crafting Group
Project: Denim Pocket Purse. Dates: Monday June 5 & June 12. Time: 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. Cost: No charge / All material provided. Advance registration is required so we can be prepared. Call 815-732-3252 to sign up.

July 13 Outing / Space Available
Jarrett Prairie Center. 9:30 Hike / Museum Tour and History. Lunch afterward (on your own). Free outing / \$5 Local activity fee applies. Registration required by June 29, 2023.

Yoga with Jen
July 7, 14, & 21. 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. \$5 per class.

Registration and Payment required prior to class. Call 815-732-3252 to sign up.

NEW Chair Yoga with Jen
July 7 & 21. 11:15 – Noon. \$5 per class. Registration and Payment required prior to class. Call 815-732-3252 to sign up.

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- Byron Jarrett Prairie Center July 10 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- Forreston Library July 19 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- Mt. Morris Senior Center July 13 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
- Polo Senior Center July 27 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
- Rochelle Hub City Senior Center July 5, 12, & 26 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.



Polo Lions Club presents Duncan with Leader Dogs letter

On Wednesday June 14, Polo Lions Club President Winton Bocker is handing Brian Duncan a letter from Leader Dogs For The Blind. Brian had talked to the Lions club back in March. He discussed how he and the Farm Bureau have developed relationships with both political parties in Springfield. After he was done, he asked the Lions Club to make a donation to Leader Dogs For The Blind in his father's (Bob Duncan's) name. Bob once brought home a Leader Dog puppy to raise much to his mom's dismay. The German Shepard pup named Sarge soon won her over and they had a great summer together. Sarge went to training and eventually graduated as a Leader Dog. They got a picture of him and a good report from his eventual master. What a great memory for the Duncan family.

OREGON PUBLIC LIBRARY

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

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

Brochures are available and registration ongoing! Free to residents, 3 – 17 years old of the Oregon Public Library District. Activities and programs are available. Registration is required. Come in, call or check our website to find out how you can be a part of this summer event!

Trivia Quest

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Tuesday, July 4, Library Closed for Fourth of July

Thursday, July 6, Teen Crafternoon: DIY with Alcohol Ink

1:30 pm (13 yrs. & up) Registration required

Join us to learn about the art of alcohol ink & create your very own design on a tin box. All supplies will be provided. Due to the sealer drying time, participants will need to leave their tins overnight to dry.

Thursday, July 6, River's Edge Farmers Market

5:00 – 7:30 pm
The most magical evening at the market! Bring the whole family down and make bubbles of all sizes with Jason, the Bubble Guy!

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.

Ink with A Friend Monthly Card Club-Monday

June 26th at 6:00pm
Sending personal cards to your friends and family is a way to let them know you care and are thinking about them. All designs include beautiful colored cardstock, gorgeous designer series paper, detailed stamped images, die cut pieces, matching ink, ribbon,

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

Athens to Istanbul – A Journey in Time

Monday, July 10th at 1:00pm (virtual presenter)

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

Book Clubs

The 2WBC Book Club meets July 12, at 12:30 pm to discuss Ready Player One by Ernest Cline. Cocktails & Crimes will meet Sunday, July 16 at 2 pm at Trippy's (formerly Messie's). The Afternoon Book Club meets Wednesday, July 19 at 1 pm to discuss Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens. Is This Just Fantasy? Book Club will meet July 25 at 6 pm at the Library to discuss Thistlefoot by Gennaro Nethercott. Books on Tap Book Club meets Thursday, July 27 at 6 pm at Cork & Tap to discuss A Gentleman In Moscow by Amor Towles.

Calling all local authors!!!

Local Author Open Mic Night – Wednesday, August 2nd at 6:30pm
Local authors are invited to an open mic

night to share poetry, short stories, excerpts of their novels and more. Come and support our local authors. Authors and participants can register at www.oregonpubliclibrary.com or call (815) 732-2724 for more information. Registration required.

Yoga

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

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

Oregon Writers Group

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

Passport

Services

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

OPLD Dial-A-Story & Oregon Public Library Story-Walk @Oregon Park West

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LOCAL NEWS



Polo Lions elect 2023-2024 officers

At Tuesday night's Polo Lions Club meeting that was held at the White Pines Lodge, the new 2023-2024 Lions officers were inducted. They will take over on July 1. The officers are: President Greg Cross, First Vice President Nate White, Second VP Keith Chesnut, Third VP Larry Loomis (not pictured), Secretary Margaret Tyne, Treasurer Jeff Short, Second-Year Directors Ryan Shetler and Jon Mandrell (not pictured), First-Year Directors Cynthia and James Reynolds, Tail Twisters Mark Bocker, Mark Ebert and Tom Suits, Lion Tamers Winton Bocker and Aaron Miller (not pictured), LCIF Ron Chamberlain (not pictured), Lions Information Club Members, Bulletin Editor Randy Ocken and Web/Media Jeff Short. Past District Governor Steve Boettger was a guest of the club and did the induction of the new officers.

MT. MORRIS PUBLIC LIBRARY

Holiday Closing

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

Summer Reading Program Schedule

June 26th-July 1st!!!
Drop-In Military Magnets: Monday, June 26th, 11-7pm.

Take-N-Make, Military Thank You: Tue-Sat, June 26th-July 1st.

Story Time: Wednesday, June 28th, 11:15am.

Speaking Through Service: Wednesday, June 28th, 1pm with Chief Cicchetti.

Lego Challenge-USA Flag: Friday, July 1st, Drop-In 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, July 21st, from 6:00 - 6:45pm. Bring a friend and build some fun with Lego bricks! All children and parents are invited every third Thursday of the month. Children under 8 need to bring a parent with them.

Memorial Gifts

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

Display Case Showings

Happy Independence Day!!! Come see the gorgeous display provided by Kit Reynolds! It will truly put you in the red, white, and blue spirit! We are always looking for collectors or artists who are willing to share their treasures in our display cases. If you are interested, please call, 815-734-4927.

Newspaper Available!

We will now be receiving

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

Explore More Illinois Welcomes Normal Theater

Explore More Illinois, RAILS' online cultural and recreational pass program for Illinois libraries, welcomes its newest attraction, Normal Theater in Normal, IL! The historic Normal Theater gives residents and visitors to Bloomington-Normal the classic cinema-going experience. Through a diverse line-up of classic titles as well as modern independent, foreign, and documentary films, the theater showcases stories that resonate with all members of the community. Additionally, the theater hosts live events such as concerts, comedy shows, and lectures to serve as a multi-faceted cultural destination in Uptown Normal. Normal Theater is offering Buy One Admission Get One Free. Explore More Illinois users can access and reserve passes from any of our attractions on their participating library's website. Explore More Illinois is easy to use with your library card. Visit the library's website to browse attractions. You can find the information on our website, www.mtmorris-il.org under the resources page.

Adult Programming

We are trying to get back into the swing of offering

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

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

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



Polo Lions deliver groceries

On Wednesday, June 14, Polo Lions member Don Vock is shown loading his car to make grocery deliveries to three different people. This service is provided by the Polo Lions Club free of charge. Every Wednesday morning about 10:30 a.m. a member of the Polo Lions Club shows up to make deliveries.

BERTOLET MEMORIAL LIBRARY

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

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Have Book, Will Travel

Thursdays through July 13th, 10:00 AM 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.

The Girl Who Thought In Pictures

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

ADULT PROGRAMS

Adult Summer Reading Program

Adult Summer Reading Program runs June 5th through July 31st. The more books you read, the better your chances at winning prizes at the end. Goodie bags handed out for signing up while supplies last. Stop by the circulation desk for more information and sign up today.

Create-a-Card

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

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

The Secret Book of Flora Lea by Patti Callahan Henry
A House With Good Bones by T. Kingfisher
The Happiness Plan by Susan Mallery
Private Moscow by James Patterson

Picture Books

Stomach Growl by Rachel Rose
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LOCAL NEWS

BYRON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Special Hours

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

Summer Reading Challenge

May 30 – July 28. Sign up to participate in our summer challenge! Read books to earn a free book and entries in our prize drawings! Youth can also complete activities to participate! Register at Byron.beanstack.org, on the Beanstack Tracker app, or at the library circulation desk. Staff can assist with logging books too. Simply bring completed books to the desk and staff will log for you.

The Writer's Voice

Friday, June 23, 10 – 11:00 am, and Tuesday, June 27, 6 – 7:00 pm. Calling all writers! A new group is forming and you are welcome to join us for any or all of this month's meeting times as we gather ideas and input on what you might be looking for in a writer's group. The goal of this group is to build confidence and encourage each other's voice; celebrate every little accomplishment and be each other's support through the biggest struggles that come with being a writer in today's world; strengthen our weaknesses and nourish our strengths; develop structure, routine, and build on self-motivating techniques and educate, evaluate and ultimately have fun with our own unique voices. Please call 815-234-5107 or visit Byron.evanced.info/signup to register.

Armchair Travel: Switzerland

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

DIY Dish Towel Painting

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

Meet the Author – Juan Carlos Marcos

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

Curbside Delivery

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

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

JULIA HULL DISTRICT LIBRARY STILLMAN VALLEY

Storytime at the Library

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

Summer Reading Program: Reading Road Trip

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

Travels to the National Parks

Into the mountains we go, to lose our mind and find our soul! Join historian RJ Lindsey as Stephen Mather, Conservationist and first Director of the National Parks, on an informative and engaging historical tour of America's National Parks. We'll learn about the individuals who were essential to the development of the National Parks, and embark on a Mather Mountain Party: a ten-day camping trip with writers, congressmen and other influential individuals who were persuaded to develop and preserve a park system for the enjoyment of future generations. Monday, June 26 at 6:30 p.m. Email Joanna at jkluever@mail.meridian223.org to register for this Zoom program.

Teens: Cupcake Wars

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

Tween Scene: Road Trip: San Francisco

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

Barbie: The History of America's Most Famous Doll

She might be the most famous doll in the world. For more than sixty years, Barbie has been played with, analyzed, collected, criticized and loved. In this illustrated lecture, historian Leslie Goddard delves into the history of Barbie and her inventor, the passionately creative—and intensely competitive—Ruth Handler. Learn what inspired Handler to develop Barbie in 1959, how Barbie helped make Mattel one of the world's most successful toy companies and what Barbie's impact has been on American culture. Monday, August 28 at 6:30 p.m. Call to register; 815-645-8611.

Board of Trustees Meetings

Unless otherwise noted, regular meetings for the Board of Trustees for the fiscal year 2023-2024 will be held at the Julia Hull District Library, 100 Library Lane, Stillman Valley, Illinois beginning at 6:30 p.m. on the following dates: July 17, August 21, September 18, October 16, November 20, December 18, January 15, February 19, March 18, April 15, May 20 and June 17.

AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

BYRON

ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

CORNERSTONE FAMILY CHURCH

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

BYRON ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

SHEPHERD EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

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

UNITED CHURCH OF BYRON

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

BEACON HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD

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

CHANA

CHANA UNITED METHODIST

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

DAVIS JUNCTION

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Fellowship following the Worship Service each Sunday. Communion the first Sunday of the month. Potluck luncheon following Worship every 4th Sunday, except in the summer months of June, July and August. Various small groups meet throughout the month. For more information about the small groups please call 298-2310. AA meets Wednesdays at 5:30pm and Saturdays at 9am. For more information please visit our website WWW.DJUMC.ORG

DIXON

LOST LAKE COMMUNITY CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

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

FORRESTON

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

ST. JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pastor Karen Tewes
West Grove Rd. At Columbine Rd.
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LEAF RIVER

ADELINE ZION EVANGELICAL CHURCH

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

LEAF RIVER BAPTIST CHURCH

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

LINDENWOOD

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH – LCMS

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

LINDENWOOD UNION CHURCH

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

KINGS

ELIM REFORMED CHURCH

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

MOUNT MORRIS

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9:30 am - Sunday Worship with Communion open to all
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www.disciplesumc.org
(815) 734-4853
102 N Maple Ave., Mt. Morris, IL 61054
Rev. Julie Bunt, Pastor

EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH OF MT. MORRIS

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

MT. MORRIS CHURCH OF THE BROTHERN

409 W. Brayton Road, Mt. Morris, IL 61045 Phone 734-4573
Pastor: Rodney Caldwell. Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m. Worship service available online, call for details. Other activities currently suspended due to pandemic.
Email: mtmcb@frontier.com

MT. MORRIS TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

LITTLE PRAIRIE MENNONITE CHURCH

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

OREGON

EAST OREGON CHAPEL CHURCH OF GOD

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

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LIGHTHOUSE UNITED METHODIST

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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 • Pastor Rev. Megan Smick
9:00am Fellowship/Sunday School; 10:00am Worship with music, meditation & Fellowship; 10:15am Announcements begin.

RIVERSTONE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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

ST. BRIDE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH, NALC

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

POLO

ST. MARY CHURCH

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

CHURCH OF THE OPEN BIBLE

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

CROSSROADS COMMUNITY CHURCH ~ POLO CAMPUS

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

FAITH DISCOVERY CHURCH

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

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

STILLMAN VALLEY

RED BRICK CHURCH OF STILLMAN VALLEY

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

KISHWAUKEE COMMUNITY EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

VALLEY EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH

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

GRACE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

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

WINNEBAGO

MIDDLE CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

LOCAL NEWS

CMAAA to hold grand opening on July 14

OREGON – The Coliseum Museum of Art, Antiques & Americana located in historic downtown Oregon is pleased to announce our grand

opening on Friday, July 14, from 5-8 p.m. The opening will feature a ribbon cutting ceremony, music by "NewShoes", food by Jen's Artisan

Breads, and beverages by Ogle County Brewery. Speakers will include Oregon Mayor Ken Williams and CMAAA Board President & School District

#220 Superintendent Dr. Tom Mahoney.

Opened in 1923, the art deco Coliseum was once a center of activity for the community. After years of planning and construction over the past 18 months, renovation is complete to re-open the Coliseum for even more events and activities in the years to come.

The CMAAA mission is to present art, antiques,

Americana and history through permanent and rotating exhibits, workshops, music, theater and more.

The concept and formation of the CMAAA involved the vision and work of representatives from the City of Oregon, Oregon Community School District #220, Oregon Park District, Serenity Hospice & Home, Village of Progress, Oregon Public Library, Oregon Depot

Museum, Ogle County Historical Society Museum, Chana School Museum, and other community leaders.

On July 19, CMAAA will begin regular operating hours of Wednesday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Additional information can be found on the website, www.cmaaa.org and Facebook page, www.facebook.com/ColiseumMuseum/



Weekly Brain Busters

King Crossword

ACROSS

1 America's uncle
 4 "Dracula" author Stoker
 8 Leftovers recipe
 12 Chinese chairman
 13 Roof overhang
 14 Arizona tribe
 15 Samovar
 16 On the rocks
 17 Hurler
 Hershiser
 18 "Syriana" Oscar winner
 21 British ref. work
 22 Caribou kin
 23 Gold-loving king
 26 "See ya!"
 27 Scale abbr.
 30 Privy to
 31 "Of course"
 32 Cheer (for)
 33 Joke
 34 Chic, to
 Austin Powers
 35 Five dozen
 36 Droop
 37 Iota
 38 1997 film starring Nicole Kidman and 18-Across
 45 Only
 46 Algeria's neighbor

DOWN

1 Overconfident
 2 Bern's river
 3 Stereo alternative
 4 Linen shades
 5 Sped
 6 Opposite of "sans"

7 Musical mixes
 8 Trembled
 9 Undecided
 10 Duel tool
 11 Sly
 19 Reddish horse
 20 Flamenco cheer
 23 "Top Gun" target
 24 — jiffy
 25 Pooch
 26 Nap site
 27 Bagel topper
 28 Automaton, for short
 29 Hog haven
 31 Pad you bring

32 Ms. Moreno
 34 West of Hollywood
 35 Ape
 36 Asparagus unit
 37 Prove untrue
 38 Despot
 39 Vagrant
 40 Exile isle
 41 Give a darn
 42 Hawaiian coffee
 43 Historic periods
 44 Filches

47 Granada gold
 48 "Mamma Mia" group
 49 La Scala solo
 50 Apprehend
 51 Katy Perry hit song
 52 Adolescent
 53 Ninny

to exercise class
 32 Ms. Moreno
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 Unlisted clue hint: SANTA —

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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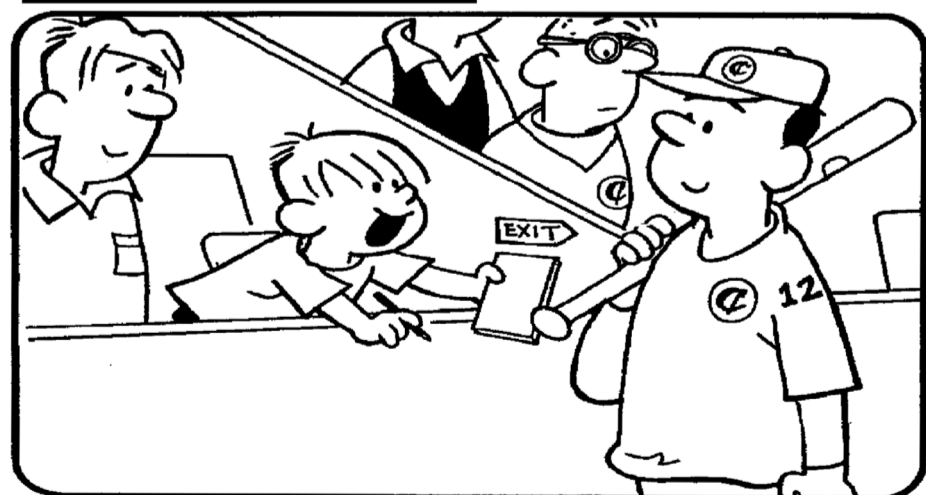
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◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
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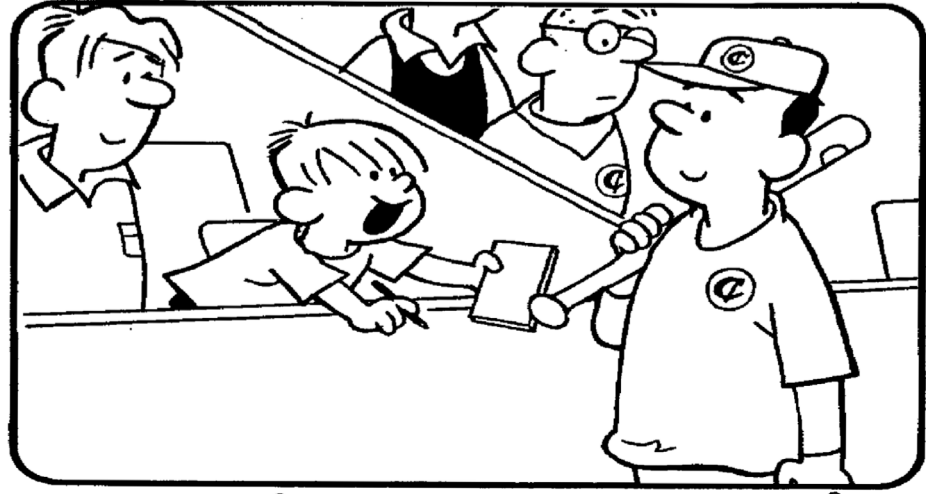
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Pocket is smaller. 2. Neckline is different. 3. Sign is missing. 4. Glasses are different. 5. Number is missing. 6. Bat is shorter.

Solution time: 21 mins.

Answers

King Crossword

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9	5	7	1	8	2	3	4	6
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Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

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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, by the said Plaintiff, against you and other Defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage concerning the premises described as follows, to-wit:

The South Half (1/2) of Lot Four (4) and all of Lot Five (5) in Block Three (3) in the Village of Ghana, according to the Plat thereof recorded in Book A of Plats page 101 as Document No. 56977; all in Ogle County, Illinois; situated in the Township of Pine Rock, the County of Ogle and State of Illinois

COMMON ADDRESS: 108 School St. Chana, Illinois 61015-9725
PINS: 17-15-302-007

And for other relief; that Summons was duly issued out of the said Court against you as provided by law, and that the suit is now pending.

NOW, THEREFORE, unless you, the said above-named Defendants, file your Answer to the Complaint of said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Ogle County, Ogle County Courthouse in the City of Oregon, Illinois, on or before the 12th day of July 2023, default may be entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint.

ALLEN GALLUZZO HEVRIN LEAK, LLC
839 N. Perryville Road, Suite 200
Rockford, Illinois 61107
P: 815-265-6464
No. 0610
(June 12, 19 and 26, 2023)

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

CASE NO. 2023TX15
To: Kent Dearborn, Jr.; Spouse of Kent Dearborn, Jr.; 1095 Investments, LLC; Ogle County, as Trustee; Laura Cook, Ogle County Clerk; Persons in occupancy or actual possession of said property, unknown owners or parties claiming any right, interest or title in the described real estate:
Property located at: 17955 W Taylor St, Polo, IL
Property Index No. 06-27-151-002
Tax Sale Certificate No. 2019-00001
This property was sold on November 4, 2020 for delinquent general taxes for the year of 2019. A Petition for Tax Deed for this property was filed on May 4, 2023.

Your right to redeem the property from the sale will expire on October 24, 2023. If you fail to redeem by that date, the court may enter a judgment granting petitioner a tax deed.

This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Oregon, Illinois on November 1, 2023 at 9 AM before Judge Roe via Zoom (https://www.oglecountyil.gov/departments/circuit_clerk/zoom_links_for_court.php, "Judge Roe - Courtroom 302"), or whomever may be sitting in his or her stead. JICTB, Inc., Petitioner Angela L. Tucker, Esq. JICTB, Inc. 1701 Broadmoor Dr. Ste 100 Champaign, IL 61821 No. 0612 (June 26, July 3 and 10, 2023)

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

CASE NO. 2023TX16
To: Bryan Austin; Spouse of Bryan Austin; Lannette Austin; Spouse of Lannette Austin; First Gateway Credit Union; Cavalry SPV I, LLC; Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC; LVNV Funding LLC; Bischoff Dentistry, Ltd.; Monica Weiskopf; Collin Austin; Laura Cook, Ogle County Clerk; Persons in occupancy or actual possession of said property, unknown owners or parties claiming any right, interest or title in the described real estate:
Property located at: 9757 N Baileyville Rd, Forreston, IL
Property Index No. 02-20-200-026
Tax Sale Certificate No. 2019-00106
This property was sold on November 4, 2020 for delinquent general taxes for the year of 2019. A Petition for Tax Deed for this property was filed on May 4, 2023.

Your right to redeem the property from the sale will expire on October 24, 2023. If you fail to redeem by that date, the court may enter a judgment granting petitioner a tax deed.
This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Oregon, Illinois on November 1, 2023 at 9 AM before Judge Roe via Zoom (https://www.oglecountyil.gov/departments/circuit_clerk/zoom_links_for_court.php, "Judge Roe - Courtroom 302"), or

whomever may be sitting in his or her stead. JICTB, Inc., Petitioner Angela L. Tucker, Esq. JICTB, Inc. 1701 Broadmoor Dr. Ste 100 Champaign, IL 61821 No. 0613 (June 26, July 3 and 10, 2023)

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

CASE NO. 2023TX17
To: Richard Kretsinger; Spouse of Richard Kretsinger; Sterling Federal Bank, FSB; Laura Cook, Ogle County Clerk; Persons in occupancy or actual possession of said property, unknown owners or parties claiming any right, interest or title in the described real estate:
Property located at: 403 S Main St, Leaf River, IL
Property Index No. 03-36-255-002
Tax Sale Certificate No. 2019-00131
This property was sold on November 4, 2020 for delinquent general taxes for the year of 2019. A Petition for Tax Deed for this property was filed on May 4, 2023.

Your right to redeem the property from the sale will expire on October 24, 2023. If you fail to redeem by that date, the court may enter a judgment granting petitioner a tax deed.

This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Oregon, Illinois on November 1, 2023 at 9 AM before Judge Roe via Zoom (https://www.oglecountyil.gov/departments/circuit_clerk/zoom_links_for_court.php, "Judge Roe - Courtroom 302"), or whomever may be sitting in his or her stead. JICTB, Inc., Petitioner Angela L. Tucker, Esq. JICTB, Inc. 1701 Broadmoor Dr. Ste 100 Champaign, IL 61821 No. 0614 (June 26, July 3 and 10, 2023)

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

CASE NO. 2023TX18
To: Rebecca Morris; Spouse of Rebecca Morris; Jennifer Williams; Skyler Kelly; Laura Cook, Ogle County Clerk; Persons in occupancy or actual possession of said property, unknown owners or parties claiming any right, interest or title in the described real estate:
Property located at: 2174 N Leaf River Rd, Mt Morris, IL
Property Index No. 08-26-478-008
Tax Sale Certificate No. 2019-00167
This property was sold on November 4, 2020 for delinquent general taxes for the year of 2019. A Petition for Tax Deed for this property was filed on May 4, 2023.

Your right to redeem the property from the sale will expire on October 24, 2023. If you fail to redeem by that date, the court may enter a judgment granting petitioner a tax deed.
This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Oregon, Illinois on November 1, 2023 at 9 AM before Judge Roe via Zoom (https://www.oglecountyil.gov/departments/circuit_clerk/zoom_links_for_court.php, "Judge Roe - Courtroom 302"), or

whomever may be sitting in his or her stead. JICTB, Inc., Petitioner Angela L. Tucker, Esq. JICTB, Inc. 1701 Broadmoor Dr. Ste 100 Champaign, IL 61821 No. 0615 (June 26, July 3 and 10, 2023)

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

CASE NO. 2023TX19
To: Palm Avenue Hialeah Trust, a Delaware Statutory Trust; Palm Avenue Hialeah, LLC; Revolve Capital Group LLC; City of Byron; Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB; Kevin Hall; Sarah Brickey; Laura Cook, Ogle County Clerk; Persons in occupancy or actual possession of said property, unknown owners or parties claiming any right, interest or title in the described real estate:
Property located at: 5481 N River Rd, Byron, IL
Property Index No. 09-11-152-007
Tax Sale Certificate No. 2019-00217
This property was sold on November 4, 2020 for delinquent general taxes for the year of 2019. A Petition for Tax Deed for this property was filed on May 4, 2023.

Your right to redeem the property from the sale will expire on October 24, 2023. If you fail to redeem by that date, the court may enter a judgment granting petitioner a tax deed.

This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Oregon, Illinois on November 1, 2023 at 9 AM before Judge Roe via Zoom (https://www.oglecountyil.gov/departments/circuit_clerk/zoom_links_for_court.php, "Judge Roe - Courtroom 302"), or whomever may be sitting in his or her stead. JICTB, Inc., Petitioner Angela L. Tucker, Esq. JICTB, Inc. 1701 Broadmoor Dr. Ste 100 Champaign, IL 61821 No. 0616 (June 26, July 3 and 10, 2023)

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

CASE NO. 2023TX20
To: Richard Buccu; Spouse of Richard Buccu; Tax Lien Investments; Ogle County, as Trustee; Laura Cook, Ogle County Clerk; Persons in occupancy or actual possession of said property, unknown owners or parties claiming any right, interest or title in the described real estate:
Property located at: 305 E Oakwood Dr, Byron, IL
Property Index No. 09-11-326-002
Tax Sale Certificate No. 2019-00223
This property was sold on November 4, 2020 for delinquent general taxes for the year of 2019. A Petition for Tax Deed for this property was filed on May 4, 2023.

Your right to redeem the property from the sale will expire on October 24, 2023. If you fail to redeem by that date, the court may enter a judgment granting petitioner a tax deed.
This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Oregon, Illinois on November 1, 2023 at 9 AM before Judge Roe via Zoom (https://www.oglecountyil.gov/departments/circuit_clerk/zoom_links_for_court.php, "Judge Roe - Courtroom 302"), or

clerk/zoom_links_for_court.php, "Judge Roe - Courtroom 302"), or whomever may be sitting in his or her stead. JICTB, Inc., Petitioner Angela L. Tucker, Esq. JICTB, Inc. 1701 Broadmoor Dr. Ste 100 Champaign, IL 61821 No. 0617 (June 26, July 3 and 10, 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 date as stated above shall be barred.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Ogle County Circuit Clerk/Probate Division at the Ogle County Courthouse, Rockford, Illinois, or with the estate legal representative, or both. Copies of claims filed with the Circuit Clerk's Office-Probate Division, must be mailed or delivered to the estate legal representative and to his/her attorney within ten days after it has been filed.
Dennis Steeves
Attorney for Executor
Crosby Law Firm, P.C.
Dennis Steeves
475 Executive Parkway
Rockford, Illinois 61107
815/397-2007
815/394-1955 Fax
No. 0619
(June 12, 19 and 26, 2023)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on June 8, 2023 a certificate was filed in the Ogle County Clerk's Office setting forth the names and post office address of all of the persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as: Kara's Byron Barber Shop
238 E. Blackhawk Dr.
Byron, IL 61010
Dated June 8, 2023
Laura J. Cook, Ogle County Clerk
No. 0622
(June 12, 19 and 23, 2023)

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

NOTICE RESOLUTION 03-2023 ESTABLISHING PREVAILING WAGES

WHEREAS, the Prevailing Wage Act (Section 130/1 et seq. of 820 Illinois Compiled Statutes) provides, among other things, that any public body awarding any contract for public work shall annually ascertain the general prevailing rate of hourly wages in the locality in which the work is to be performed, for each draft or type of workman or mechanic needed to execute the contract; AND WHEREAS, the Act further provides that said rates of pay be publicly posted and/or kept available for inspection by any interested party and certified copy thereof promptly filed in the office of the Secretary of State; AND WHEREAS, the Act statute further provides procedure for the publication and notice of the determination, the hearing of objections to the determination and the making of the final determination; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the LOST NATION / NEW LANDING RIVER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS, Ogle County, Illinois, that the Board of Trustees shall during the month of June of each calendar year, investigate and ascertain the prevailing rate of wages as defined in the Act and publicly post to keep available for inspection by any interested party in the main office of such public body its determination of such prevailing rate of wage.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby adopts the prevailing rate of wages as determined by the State of Illinois, Department of Labor, for the period of June 1, 2023 to May 31, 2024.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees is hereby authorized to file and shall file a certified copy of this Resolution with the State of Illinois, Secretary of State, Index Division, and the Department of Labor of the State of Illinois.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees shall mail a copy of this determination to any employer, and to any association of employers and to any person or association of employees who have filed their names and addresses, requesting copies of any determination stating the particular rates and the particular class of workers whose wages will be affected by such rates.

locality for employment other than public works construction as defined by the Act.
Passed June 15, 2023
Approved June 15, 2023
Bill Winebaugh, President of the LNNLRCD Board of Trustees
Jeff VanQuathem, Secretary of the LNNLRCD Board of Trustees
No. 0631
(June 26, 2023)

NOTICE INVITATION TO BID:

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

NOTICE AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING THE AMENDMENT OF TITLE 1 - ADMINISTRATION, CHAPTER 7, DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES, SECTION 1-7-2 OF THE DISTRICT'S ADMINISTRATIVE ORDINANCE TO DEFINE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETINGS IN THE LOST LAKE UTILITY DISTRICT OF OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS ORDINANCE NO. 03-2023

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Trustees of the Lost Lake Utility District of Ogle County, Illinois as follows:
1. That TITLE 1, CHAPTER 7, DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES: SECTION 1-7-2 be amended by striking paragraph (A) and inserting in its place the following:
(A) Regular Meetings: the regular meetings of the Board of Trustees shall be held at the DISTRICT hall on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at the hour of six o'clock (6:00) p.m. in the chambers provided for the DISTRICT Board of Trustees situated at 404 Lake Court, Dixon, Illinois 61021. Provided

that, if the regular meeting falls on a legal holiday, the meeting shall take place on the succeeding Tuesday at the same hour, unless otherwise ordered by the Board of Trustees. Adjourned meetings may be held at such times as the Board of Trustees may determine.
2. This Ordinance shall be in full force from and after its passage and approval as provided by law.

Passed by the Board of Trustees of the Lost Lake Utility District of Ogle County, Illinois and approved by the by the Chairman of said District this 20th day of June, 2023.
Ayes - 6
Nays - 0
Abstain - 0
APPROVED this 20th day of June, 2023
Cheri Kemp, Chairman
Beth Caudill, District Secretary
No. 0635
(June 26, 2023)

NOTICE

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

The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to you: UNKNOWN OWNERS-TENANTS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, defendants in the above-entitled suit has been commenced in the IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OGLE COUNTY OREGON, ILLINOIS, by the said plaintiff against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit: THE WEST SIXTY-SIX FEET (66) OF LOT THREE (3) IN BLOCK EIGHT (8), OF THE IN J.C.T. PHELPS ADDITIONS TO THE TOWN, NOW CITY, OF OREGON, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN BOOK A OF PLATS, PAGE 174, SITUATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF OREGON-NASHUA, COUNTY OF OGLE AND STATE OF ILLINOIS. PIN: 16-04-285-003. Commonly known as: 907 Jefferson St., Oregon, IL 61061, and which said Mortgage was made by DEVON J. CANADA and ASHLEY M. CANADA, as Mortgagors to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Platinum Home Mortgage Corporation, as Mortgagee, and recorded as document number 201803174, and the present owners of the property being DEVON J. CANADA and ASHLEY M. CANADA, and for other relief: that summons was duly issued out of said Court against you as provided by law, and that the said suit is now pending.

Now, therefore, unless you, the said above named defendant, file your answer to the Complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE

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15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OGLE COUNTY OREGON, ILLINOIS, 106 South Fifth Street, Oregon, IL 61061 on or before July 26, 2023, default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a Judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint. Dated, Oregon, Illinois, June 26, 2023. Clerk of the Ogle County Circuit Court. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. No. 0636 (June 26, July 3 and 10, 2023)

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PUBLIC NOTICE

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A COMBINED ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATING SUCH SUMS OF MONEY AS MAY BE DEEMED NECESSARY TO DEFRAY ALL NECESSARY EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES OF THE LOST NATION-NEW LANDING RIVER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING MAY 1, 2023 AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2024, AND SPECIFYING THE OBJECTS AND PURPOSES FOR WHICH SUCH APPROPRIATIONS ARE MADE, AND THE AMOUNT APPROPRIATED FOR EACH OBJECT OR PURPOSE

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Trustees of the Lost Nation-New Landing River Conservancy District of Illinois.

SECTION 1. That the following sums of money in the total amount of \$913,065.69 as much thereof as may be authorized by law, be and the same are hereby appropriated for the corporate purposes of the Lost Nation-New Landing River Conservancy District of Illinois as hereinafter specified for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2023, and ending April 30, 2024:

GENERAL, ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATING EXPENSE

Administration		
Bank Fees	700.00	
Licenses, Membership, Permits	1,000.00	
Miscellaneous	500.00	
Per Diem	1,500.00	3,700.00
Depreciation Expense		1,710.49
Education		100.00
Insurance, Fire, Extended		2,000.00
Lake and Beach Maintenance		
Beach	7,000.00	
Dam	2,000.00	
Dock, Boat, Lake Equip. & Lake Plants	3,000.00	
Dredging & Build Silt Basin	669,373.29	
Dredging, Mechanical, Lake/Clear Creek	15,000.00	
Dredge Bond Repayment	62,677.22	
Fish	5,000.00	
Watershed Partnership	1,000.00	765,050.51
Land and Building		
Lake Court Center		
LCC Garbage Removal	1,000.00	
LCC Gas & Electric	5,500.00	
LCC Maintenance	5,000.00	
LCC Insurance	1,500.00	
LCC Mowing/Grounds Maintenance	3,000.00	
LCC Parking Lot Maint. (Under \$500)	20,000.00	
LCC Playground	2,000.00	
LCC Snow Removal	1,500.00	
LCC Supplies	1,500.00	
LCC Water & Sewer	1,300.00	
Mowing/Grounds Maintenance	20,000.00	
Pop machine supplies	600.00	
Repairs and updates (Grounds)	4,500.00	
Supplies (Grounds)	500.00	67,900.00
Office Supply and Postage		
Computer Software	1,500.00	
Equipment and supplies	2,500.00	
Postage and delivery	500.00	4,500.00
Printing and Communication		3,000.00
Professional Fees		
Lake/Aquatic management	5,000.00	
Legal	1,000.00	
Other (engineer, wildlife cont., clerical)	10,000.00	
Website / IT	500.00	16,500.00
Reserve Accounts		3,954.69
Travel		100.00
Utilities		
Garbage	1,500.00	
Porta Potty	1,500.00	
Telephone	1,500.00	4,500.00
Volunteer Outreach		50.00
Wages		35,000.00

TOTAL GENERAL CORPORATE EXPENDITURE
The foregoing appropriations are hereby appropriated from the general property tax for corporation purposes. 908,065.69

TORT IMMUNITY INSURANCE FUND
Tort immunity - Liability 4,500.00
The foregoing appropriation is hereby appropriated from the proceeds of special liability insurance tax, in addition to all other district taxes as provided by law.

ANNUAL REPORT AND AUDIT FUND
Annual report and audit 500.00
The foregoing appropriation is hereby appropriated from the proceeds of a special annual report and audit tax, in addition to all other district taxes as provided by law.

SUMMARY
General Corporate Expenditure 908,065.69
Tort Immunity Insurance Fund 4,500.00
Annual Report and Audit Fund 500.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURES 913,065.69
That the foregoing shall constitute the annual budget for the Lost Nation-New Landing River Conservancy District of Illinois for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2023, and ending April 30, 2024.

As a part of the annual budget, it is stated:

A. Statement of cash on hand at the beginning of the fiscal year:	\$ 978,900.91
B. Estimate of the cash expected to be received during the fiscal year from all sources:	\$ 243,692.40
C. Estimate of the expenditures contemplated for the fiscal year:	\$ 913,065.69
D. Statement of estimated cash expected to be on hand at the end of the fiscal year:	\$ 309,572.62
E. Estimate of the amount of taxes to be received by the District:	\$ 229,692.40

SECTION 2. That all unexpended balances of any item or items or any general appropriation made in this ordinance be expended in making up any insufficiency in any item or items in the same general appropriation and for the same general purpose of any like appropriation made for this ordinance.

SECTION 3. That all unexpended balances from annual appropriations of previous years are hereby re-appropriated.

SECTION 4. That the validity of an item or section of this ordinance shall not affect the validity of the whole or any part thereof.

SECTION 5. That all ordinances or parts of ordinances conflicting with any of the provisions of this ordinance be and the same are hereby repealed.

SECTION 6. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

PASSED: 06/15/2023 APPROVED: 06/15/2023

/s/ Jeff VanQuathem Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Lost Nation-New Landing River Conservancy District of Illinois
/s/ Bill Winebaugh President of the Board of Trustees of the Lost Nation-New Landing River Conservancy District of Illinois

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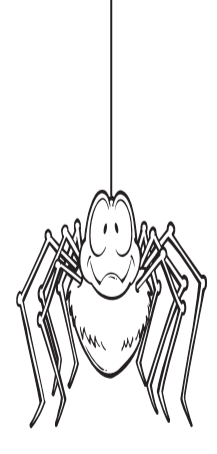
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BHS honor roll for spring 2023 named

BYRON — Byron High School recently named its honor students for the second semester of the 2022-2023 school year.

Seniors: All As: Baker, Brayden A.; Bielskis, Brittyn M.; Haas, Alaina M.; Henert, Kennedy R.; Kesler, Nicholas P.; Kilmer, Audrey G.; Kultgen, Ava J.; Mc Hale, Shannon P.; Politsch, Tyson J.; Poulsen, Jeremiah D.; Reed, Tyler J.; Rehberg, Emmalyn N.; Reiche, Joseph L.; Shank, Lauryn R.; Sholes, Cooper A.; Smith, Braden J.; Smith, Sydney R.; Sober, John S.; Swartz, Hayden J. and Whitmer, Brooke M. High honors: Bargren, Hunter F.; Bell, Nathan L.; Carlson, Lauren M.; Carlson, Maia K.; Cone, James F.; Davis, Jennasnyn G.; Denler, Kayla J.; Denton, Mara R.; Ebens, Neil G.; Eisele, Payley A.; Fleegeer, Ella K.; Freedlund, Mikalah J.; Grundstrom, Ella G.; Hardy, Isabel G.; Hawthorne, Keslee R.; Janovsky, Zachary M.; Johnson, Lita M.; Kann, Jacob M.; Krall, Ava M.; Lindquist, Madison R.; Mc Lester, Zadok A.; Mershon, Charles S.; Moser, Madison E.; Palmgren, Ashton J.; Pruett, Reece C.; Ramos, Kyle A.; Rock, Michael T.; Rosavelasquez, Bella C.; Rothermel, Colin D.; Salisbury, Cole J.; Saltzgiver, Samuel R.; Scullion, Chloe E.; Shultz, Hadlea N.; Smith, Corinna M.; Strohecker, Kennedy M.; Swan, Dylan P.; Swiech, Lily S.; Walker, Kaelyn F.; Wicklein, Jonathan M.; Wieck, Colton L. and Winkhart, Xiomara A. Honors: Burke, Connor W.; Duke, Dominik G.; Duncan, Jasmine R.; Pifer, Ian M. and Stormont, Hayden A.

Juniors: All As: Baker, Abigail L.; Dolan, Taryn M.; Druen, Allison V.; Fish, Brianna L.; Freedlund, Andrew R.; Groharing, Madison L.; Kann, Paityn C.; Lee, Conner A.; Little, Madese E.; Remhof, Fynn T.; Swanson, Wyatt A. and Tucker, Ryan V. High honors: Adams, Traiden T.; Adler, Elise M.; Allen, Brooke L.; Aranda, Raegan K.; Bousum, Aiden J.; Brandt, Maison J.; Buser, Carson P.; Carby, Aiden D.; Carson, Rachel K.; Christian, Baylee I.; Connell, Abigail J.; Cornett, Naomi J.; Cross, Bailey M.; Dahlstrom, Em-

ily K.; Drake, Nicholas A.; Duncan, Cullen P.; Dyck, Elizabeth A.; Galster, Maverick L.; Gautier, Ophelia C.; Groharing, Carter S.; Gruber, Alexa G.; Hammes, Jasmine J.; Hegberg, Rosalie P.; Henkel, Ashton M.; Hildreth, Clair L.; Ingram, Nickolas M.; Jackson, Jenna M.; Jones, Kiley I.; Keefe, Madison S.; Kilduff, Braylon E.; Lenz, Taylor A.; Maldonado-Iniguez, Kevin G.; Newton, Remi L.; Perkins, Joshua K. JR; Perkins, Matthew J.; Pruitt, Melina S.; Rakowski, Faith L.; Ross, Jacob R.; Scheck, Hailey K.; Shouer, Sarah J.; Smallwood, Reily G.; Smith, Ashlyn R.; Spencer, Leila N.; Sterling, Bailey E.; Stoddard, Macey S.; Tillett, Sarah L.; West, Hailey L. and Wilde, Jericho L. Honors: Aken, Kye D.; Baier, Mary A.; Barber, Jacob S.; Christian, Benjamin D.; Conderman, Carson M.; Field, Jaxson D.; Fulrath, Alexander F.; Hatcher, Hannah J.; Imel, Hope M.; Mrozek, Jazmine J.; Paulino, Armani J.; Scheidecker, Mya M.; Shank, Ayden G.; Tesoro, Ayden M.; Tidwell, Jacob A.; Turner, Haley E.; Watt, Emily M. and Wichman, Everett A.

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Nyamwange, Sarah N.; Palzkill, Jaden M.; Poulsen, Miami T.; Schilling, Neve O.; Squires, Brittany L.; Torres, Jahaira; Vincer, Bailey E.; Wagner, Brock A.; Wilde, Raven T. and Williams, Evajane. Honors: Barton, Brock M.; Bielskis, Karsyn R.; Claunch, Jared B.; Dale, Talon J.; Davis, Carson D.; Degand, Dakota K.; Denton, Benjamin R.; Gentz, Samuel A.; Horwedel, Austin M.; Kesler, Riley T.; Nelson, Morgan E.; Palmgren, Skylar G.; Pauley, Benjamin R.; Penrod, Jessica R.; Peterson, Lena-Tari K.; Potter, Jack S.; Rothermel, Chase J.; Shank, Dillon S.; Strohecker, Brooklyn L. and Zum Dahl, Brooklyn G.

Freshmen: AllAs: Barker, Annabella M.; Chapman, Adhoring N.; Gamlin, Kendall L.; Green, Brynn P.; Groharing, Macy K.; Hammes, Braiden C.; Hilliker, Micah J.; Lane, Madison M.; Rohde, Gavin J.; Salo, Ava G.; Silva, Avril B.; Starwalt, Timothy S.; Wheeler, Molly C. and Zum Dahl, Parker D. High honors: Baxter, Payton O.; Booker, Alex R.; Burnes, Mason R.; Chen, Zi Han; Considine, Caden J.; Crampton, Avalynn F.; Dale, Kaleah J.; Daskalov, Jordan T.; Khouangsavanh, Katanyah; Linhart, Courtney J.; Madden, Laila B.; Marchini, Layni E.; Martz, August L.; Mendoza, Andrew W.; Newton, Cason P.; Oltmanns, Amethyst H.; Palacios, Dillila K.; Panttila, Brinkli A.; Payne, Andrew M.; Pleimann, Emma J.; Prose, Tatum A.; Roberts, Gwendolyn K.; Rosavelasquez, Amelie Z.; Roschi, Alya M.; Shenberger, Evan D.; Smith, Madelaine E.; Smith, Seth M. JR; Spedding, Avelynn A.; Tunink, James E. and Whitaker, Charles J. Honors: Abate, Gavin M.; Anderson, Blake S.; Auker, Weston J.; Basler-Heather, Adyson M.; Boehm, Gabriel A.; Bonte, Annabell R.; Bonvallet, Olivia K.; Carter, Natalie M.; Clark, Eva K.; Criddle, Dawson C.; Ebens, Wyatt E.; Fulrath, Ella R.; Gautier, Zion P.; Hill, Evelyn J.; Irvin, Arianna M.; Kerchner, Joel T.; Kilduff, Brooklyn A.; Krane, Zachary T.; Lewis, Elisabeth G.; Moore, LeAnn M.; Politsch, Kade R.; Scheck, Brady D.; Smith, Mason D.; Vajgrt, Xander T.; White, Jacob S. and Wiltfang, Myriah R.

Local student to participate in ACLU Summer Institute in Washington D.C.

2023 class includes Young Leaders from Byron and across the United States

WASHINGTON — This month the American Civil Liberties Union is hosting its annual Summer Advocacy Institute in Washington, D.C. for rising junior and senior high school students that will give students the tools they need to engage in their communities on issues around civil liberties and civil rights.

Fynn Remhof of Byron High School is joining nearly 200 high school students from across the country for the opportunity to receive first-hand experience from lawyers, lobbyists, community activists and other experts dedicated to defending these constitutional rights.

From June 30-July 6, participating students will engage with lawyers and political activists to build expertise and knowledge in advocacy – including issues such as criminal justice reform, voting rights, and religious freedom; participate in debates; and develop successful media and social networking strategies, all while observing policy development on Capitol Hill. The students will also take part in a day of action during the Institute. They will take to the steps of the Capitol on July 5 to fight for trans justice and gender-affirming care.

This year’s Summer Institute speakers include: Anthony Romero, ACLU executive director, Amber Hikes, ACLU deputy executive director for strategy and culture, David Cole, ACLU national legal director, Louise Melling, ACLU deputy legal director, Cecillia Wang, ACLU deputy legal director, Yasmin Cader, ACLU deputy legal director and Jeffery Robinson, executive director of the Who We Are Project.

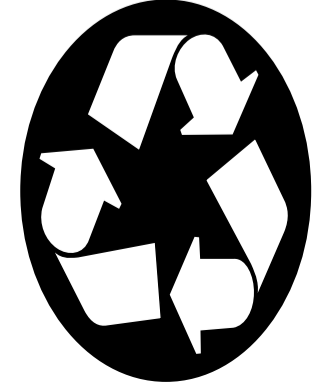
Students will also attend a young influencer panel entitled “Social Media Change-Makers: The Power of Online Activism.” The panel will be moderated by Schuyler Bailar, the first transgender athlete to compete on an NCAA Division I men’s team at Harvard, and feature:

Jameelah Jones, interim audience editor at Scalawag Magazine with a focus on social media, DE and inclusive content creation and Annie Wu Henry, creative director at AAPI Victory Fund and digital consultant for the Working Families Party.



Polo Lions participate in parade

On Sunday, June 18 during Polo’s Town & Country Days Festival, the Polo Lions Club rode and walked in the parade. A good time was had by all members that were there and some of their families as well.



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Oregon Park District Flamingo Bingo runs on Mondays

The Oregon Park District enjoys Flamingo Bingo every Monday at The Reading Nook complete with pink lemonade. Lemonade in the Shade and Flamingo Bingo are held Mondays in June, July and part of August at The Reading Nook (across from Nash Recreation Center). This fun and affordable activity is held from 10-11 a.m. and no registration is required. Cost is only \$3 for unlimited lemonade and five bingo games. Daubers are provided. Winners can choose a gift from the prize table! Income from this activity benefits the Oregon Park District Youth Scholarship Fund. For more information visit www.oregonpark.org.

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FLAG ETIQUETTE | DISPLAYING THE FLAG

Flying the Flag At Night

According to the United States Flag Code, American flags should be flown from sunrise to sunset. Lowering the banner at night is considered another way to show our utmost respect to the symbol and those who served. However, with enough illumination, it is perfectly acceptable to represent your patriotism.

THE flag may be displayed 24 hours a day if well lit during the hours of darkness. The Congressional Research Service reports that the dignity accorded to the banner is preserved by lighting that prevents its being enveloped in darkness.

If you feel your flag should wave during nighttime hours, it's important to have a sufficient light source to display its recognizable stars and stripes. Here are some ideas to consider when creating a patriotic display.

If your flagpole is not around an electrical source, you have a few different options to provide light. Remember your budget when you decide which avenue is the best for your yard.

Extension cord: One way to achieve a beam of light is investing in a light bulb rated for outdoor use. Check your local hardware store for a spike-mounted beam so you can easily transport it out of your way during daytime hours. You also could choose a heavy-duty extension cord designed to handle the electricity required for extended periods of time.

Outdoor outlet: If you would rather have a permanent light fixture in your yard to display Old Glory, assistance from a licensed electrician is a must. They can tap into your home's current electrical source and install an approved outdoor outlet.

Solar lights: Modern solar power is incredibly efficient as a light source;

just be sure it has the power and durability to maintain its shine overnight.

If you intend to wave your flag 24 hours, it's crucial to have a banner that can withstand the extended use and inclement-outdoor elements. According to the U.S. Flag Code, "The flag should not be displayed on days when the weather is inclement, except when an all-weather flag is displayed." An all-weather flag provides you with a banner that is made of high-quality materials while being able to flow in the breeze.

During your search, look for flags made from a nylon material for extra-long use or heavyweight cotton to maintain a traditional appearance while boosting durability.



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Showing Respect For the Flag

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LEARN the basics from Chapter 4 U.S.C 8, to understand how to honor the flag, per the Government Publishing Office.

The flag should never be displayed with the union down, except as a signal of dire distress in instances of extreme danger to life or property.

The flag should never touch anything beneath it, such as the ground, the floor, water or merchandise.

The flag should never be carried flat or horizontally, but always aloft and free.

The flag should never

be used as wearing apparel, bedding or drapery.

The flag should never be fastened, displayed, used or stored in such a manner as to permit it to be easily torn, soiled or damaged in any way.

The flag should never be used as a covering for a ceiling.

The flag should never have placed upon it, nor on any part of it, nor attached to it any mark, insignia, word, figure, design, picture or any drawing of any nature.

The flag should never be used as a receptacle for receiving, holding, carrying or delivering anything.

The flag should never be used for advertising purposes in any manner whatsoever. It should not be embroidered on such articles as cushions or handkerchiefs and the like.

No part of the flag should ever be used as a costume or athletic uniform. However, a patch may be affixed to the uniform of military personnel, firemen, policemen and members of patriotic organizations.

The flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning.



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Restore and Repair Your Flag

LIGHT damage or a dirty appearance doesn't always mean a flag should be retired. In fact, the Flag Code encourages banners to be cleaned or mended when necessary. Before committing to a retirement ceremony, try to prolong a flag's duty with maintenance or repairs. While it is disrespectful for a flag to touch the ground, it can happen during regular raising and lowering. It's important to eliminate the dirt or grime immediately to avoid a lasting stain.

If you are unsure on how to properly wash your American flag, don't hesitate to visit a local-dry cleaner. Most experts can analyze the current condition and decide a best course of action. It's important to follow their cleaning instructions, as improper techniques may cause irreversible damage to your banner. Here are a couple of ways to prolong the life of your symbol of American tradition and heritage.

At-Home Washing

For those who can clean a flag without the help of a professional service, special care should be administered. If possible, reach out to the manufacturer for specific cleaning instructions. For most materials, it's easy to get great results by hand-washing your banner in cold water, with a mild detergent. Make sure to lay the flag flat while it dries and avoid hanging or folding it while wet. This will help its recognizable colors stay in place without bleeding into one another.

Once you have completed the cleaning, inspect it to ensure the filth has been removed and there are not issues like holes or frays. Routine cleaning is important to maintain and examine the integrity of a flag as elements like dirt, salt and air pollutants can have a negative impact.

Repair

If you notice small tears in the fabric of your banner, immediate repair it to limit the amount of damage. A small imperfection can be exposed during rippling winds or poor weather conditions. This correction is usually best left to the experts as frequent modifications can alter the appearance and size, leading it to a state where retirement is necessary.

Search for a flag-repair facility in your area or seek assistance from patriotic organizations to find a professional.



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FLAG ETIQUETTE | HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS

Celebrating Flag Day

The flag of the United States be 13 alternate stripes red and white, that the Union be 13 stars, white in a blue field, representing a new Constellation.” This resolution by John Adams was adopted by the Continental Congress on June 14, 1777, placing our nation’s banner in the spotlight as a respected symbol.

As new states gained independence and entered the United States, the number of stars and stripes increased. However, in 1818, Congress enacted a law to restore the original 13 stripes and only include additional stars to symbolize incoming states. A century after enacting the Flag Resolution, the first Flag Day was observed on June 14, 1877.

While Woodrow Wilson proclaimed a day of recognition for the banner in 1916, it wasn’t until 1949 when regulators officially designated June 14 as Flag Day, a national day of observance. Do you know how you are going to celebrate this year? Consider sharing the occasion with your peers

and loved ones.

June 14 is a day to celebrate the historic symbolism of our nation’s banner. You can do your part by donating your time or resources to benefit the occasion.

Reach out to local leaders to inquire about volunteering to help raise flags throughout your community. Many businesses and public parks in your area may need help acquiring and displaying the banner. You also can offer to donate flags to ensure there are enough throughout the area. Consider hosting a community event inviting peers and neighbors to celebrate the day. Make it an event where others reflect on what the flag means to them and praise the active or retired service people in their lives.

If you are an educator, Flag Day is an awesome opportunity to teach your students about their responsibility to respect the symbol. Take the following ideas from the National Education Association when developing a positive lesson plan.

History of Flag Day: Discuss the origins and importance of the holiday.

Changes to the flag: The banner hasn’t always appeared the same, its history is an interesting and entertaining story to show students how the country has evolved; and

Overview of the War of 1812: Explain how the significance of this conflict had in shaping the Star-Spangled Banner and its connection to the flag.



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FLAG ETIQUETTE | MORE THAN WORDS

The Pledge of Allegiance

THE Pledge of Allegiance gained its first major publicity through an official program called the National Public Schools Celebration of Columbus Day. It was September 8, 1892 when the prose was printed in the Youth's Companion leaflet and distributed to schools throughout the country.

should be considered an act of unity for students to stand together and pay their respect to America's banner. Children should be encouraged to learn more about the meaning of the Pledge, rather than only recite the words. It is intended to inspire curiosity about the country's history and help build a stronger sense of patriotism.

While it has seen a few revisions since its original form was penned by Francis Bellamy, it became a staple in classrooms while remaining unrecognized by Congress. According to the American Legion, it wasn't until 1942, when the Pledge was officially included in the United States Flag Code and 1945 when the official name of the Pledge of Allegiance was adopted.

Much like the National Anthem, there is a proper way to show your respect to the flag during the Pledge. Here are the steps, from the U.S. Flag Code. The pledge is to be recited by standing at attention; Face the flag and place the right hand over the heart; People in uniform must face the flag, remain silent and take the military salute; and Those not in uniform must remove any non-religious headwear with their right hand, place it on their left shoulder, in such a way that their right hand is over the heart.

When discussing the Pledge of Allegiance with younger children, explain that it is an opportunity to display their loyalty as a citizen to our country. It



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FLAG ETIQUETTE | INTERESTING FACTS

Facts About the American Flag

Whether you're an educator yourself or a parent who loves their country (and its flag), impress the kiddos in your life with these fun facts about the history of Old Glory.

The colors of the United States flag are no accident. Red stands for bravery, valor and zeal; white symbolizes purity and innocence; blue for loyalty, devotion, vigilance, perseverance and justice of our ancestors. Here are some fun facts about the American flag.

Nicknames for the American flag include: the Stars and Stripes, Old Glory and the Star-Spangled Banner.

The blue union holds 50 stars to represent the states that make up the United States, the stripes symbolize the 13 original states.

The flag was created to celebrate the independence of the 13 American colonies from Britain.

On June 14, (now Flag Day) 1777, the Continental Congress passed the first Flag Act which ultimately established the new flag for America.

The first official flag featured its signature red and white stripes but had a bare blue union. Stars were added later to signify the different states as they entered the union.

The United States banner has similarities in color and design of other countries, such as Liberia, Malaysia, Puerto Rico and Chile.

The current design of the flag has been the same since 1960, when Hawaii joined the union.

The United States flag should always be on top of a staff if multiple flags are flown.



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FLAG ETIQUETTE | SHOWING THE FLAG

Where the Flag Is Always Displayed

While proper etiquette discourages flying the flag 24 hours a day, presidential proclamations and laws do authorize it in certain places. Consider taking a vacation to see the locations deemed historic enough to constantly showcase Old Glory.


FORT McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine: Visit the historic location where Francis Scott Key penned the standing verse of "The Star-Spangled Banner" after witnessing the American flag raised in victory during the Battle of Baltimore in the War of 1812. The staff still stands in the exact spot it did in 1814.

States Marine Corps who have given their lives for their country since 1775. The memorial is a historic statue which captures the moment an American flag was raised after an intense battle for Mount Suribachi in Iwo Jima during World War II.

On the Green of the Town of Lexington: This site was host to the opening shots of the Battles of Lexington and Concord, on April 19, 1775 -- the beginning of the Revolutionary War. The former battle grounds are now a public park where several

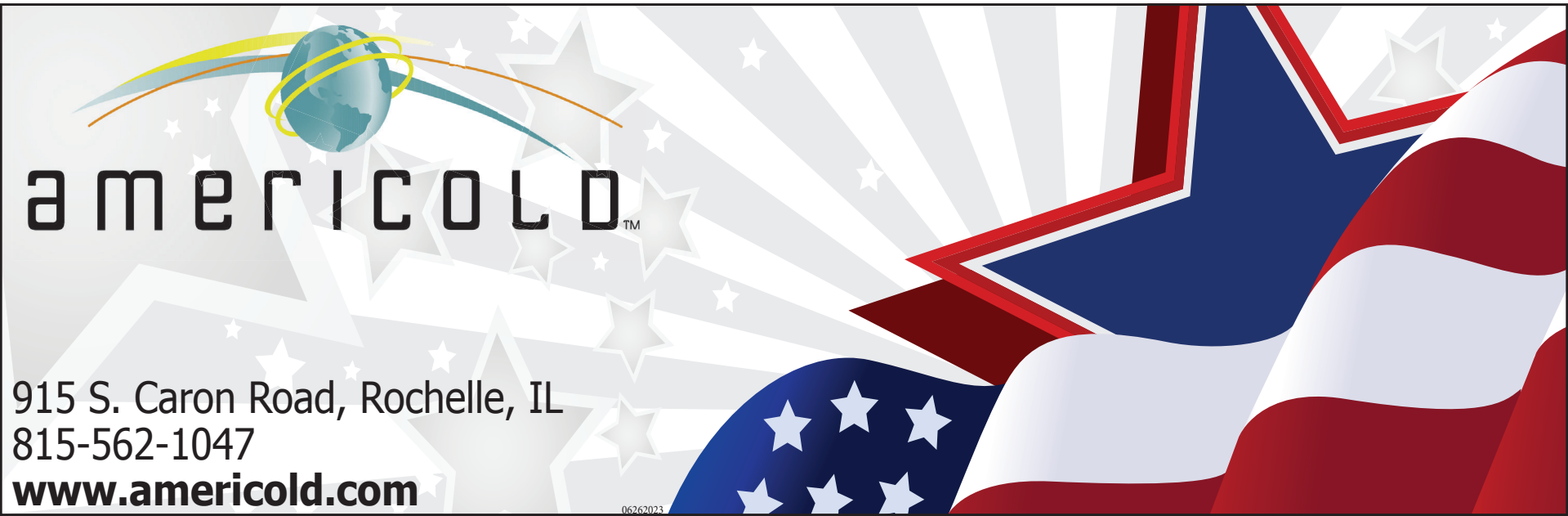
memorials are featured. **The White House:** In some countries, a flag will only fly over a president or monarch's residence to signify they are inside. In America, the banner flies 24 hours a day.

The Moon: In 2012, NASA excitedly reported that all but one of the six American flags on the moon are still standing. Their stars and stripes have reportedly faded, but it marks the achievements of our country's astronauts who have ventured into space.

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FLAG ETIQUETTE | NATIONAL AND FOREIGN TRADITIONS

American and Canadian flag etiquette

THE two largest nations in North America celebrate their countries' respective birthdays during the month of July. Canada Day (formerly Dominion Day) and American Independence Day occur on July 1 and July 4 each year, respectively. These national holidays are marked by fireworks, barbecues, parades, and other boisterous festivities. They're also notable times of the year to proudly display the national flag.

Whenever each country's flag is handled, it should be done with respect and reverence. Both Canada and the United States have strict etiquette and display guidelines for their flags.

The following are some rules for flying each country's national flag, courtesy of the Government of Canada and USA.gov.

The National Flag of the

United States is displayed in public only from sunrise to sunset. However, the flag may be displayed at all times if it's illuminated during darkness.

When the flag is displayed horizontally, the canton/union is in the upper left hand side of the flag. When the flag is hung vertically, again the canton should be on the observer's left.

While it's preferential that the flag be flown on its own pole, if it is on a staff with other flags, it should be at the peak above any other flag.

The United States flag flies at half-mast when the nation or a state is in mourning. The president, a state governor or the mayor of the District of Columbia can order flags to fly at half-staff.

The flag should never be worn as apparel or used as bedding or drapery. It also should not be used for



advertising purposes, or embroidered on cushions, handkerchiefs, napkins, or boxes.

The National Flag of the United States should never touch anything beneath it, which includes water, merchandise or the floor.

Canada

The National Flag of Canada may be flown day

and night and does not need to be illuminated when it is flown after sundown.

When flown horizontally, the flag is flown with the maple leaf pointing upwards. When hung vertically, the flag should be placed so that the upper part of the leaf points to the left, from the point of view of the observer facing the flag.

The flag should always be flown on its own flagpole, with the sleeve nearest to the pole. It is improper to fly the national flag with another flag of any type on the same flagpole.

Half-masting is a symbol of loss that is shared by all citizens. The Government of Canada adopted the Rules for Half-masting

the National Flag of Canada to ensure a consistent approach for all federal buildings and installations.

The flag should never be used as a tablecloth or seat cover, nor should it be worn as apparel. The National Flag of Canada should never be dipped or lowered to the ground in salute or to compliment any person or thing.



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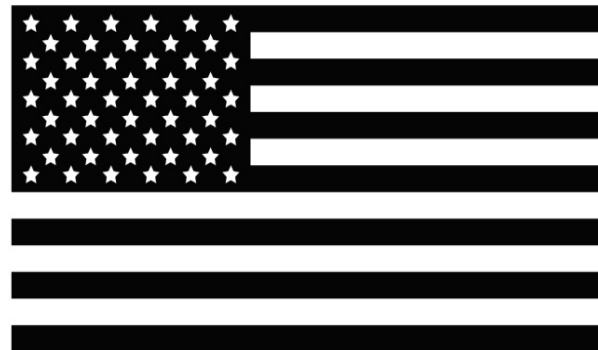
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FLAG ETIQUETTE | ALL ABOUT FLAG DAY

The history of Flag Day in the United States

THE American flag is a symbol of the country's history, pride and success in overcoming political oppression. Through its many incarnations and variations, the Stars and Stripes has waved over government buildings, schools and private residences.

According to History.com, in 1775, the Second Continental Army led to the creation of the first "American" flag. However, that flag was too similar to the British Union Jack flag, George Washington requested a revision. In 1777, the Second Continental Congress passed a resolution stating that the "flag of the United States be 13 stripes, alternate red and white." Furthermore, the "union" was represented by 13 stars of white in a blue field, "representing a new constellation."

More than a century later, a small-town Wisconsin teacher named Bernard Cigrand came up with the idea for an annual flag day in 1885. Even though the Fourth of July, a holiday in which the flag is prominently and proudly displayed, had long been celebrated as the birthday of the United States, Cigrand wanted a holiday that would focus specifically on the flag in all its glory.

June 14 was selected because it marked the anniversary of the official adoption of the first flag. Cigrand led his



school in the first formal observance of the holiday, and throughout his life continued to advocate for respect of the flag.

Various other organizations liked the idea of a day to honor the flag, including the State Board of Education of New York, the Betsy Ross House and the New York Society of

the Sons of the Revolution. Yet, it wasn't until May 30, 1916, that Flag Day was officially established by presidential proclamation by President Woodrow Wilson. Still, it would take another 33 years for President Truman to sign an Act of Congress designating June 14 as the official

National Flag Day, which he did on August 3, 1949.

Americans can honor the flag by displaying it on Flag Day. Here's how to display the flag properly, courtesy of Military.com.

The flag should be free of any obstructions, such as power lines or tree limbs.

If displayed with other

flags, Old Glory should be at the top-most point or in the center of a horizontal array of flags.

If the flag is displayed on its side, the blue field should be to the left.

The flag should be raised in the morning at a residence or business and taken down at night. The only exception to the flag

being out at night is if it's illuminated.

Flags can be repaired. However, if a flag is tattered, it can be removed and brought to a local VFW hall to be properly disposed of.

Flag Day honors the Stars and Stripes, a symbol of the great American nation.

FLAG ETIQUETTE | CARING FOR THE FLAG

United States flag facts and handling etiquette

THE United States flag was first imagined after the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 1776. The Continental Congress authorized creation of the first national flag on June 14, 1777. It was decided that the flag should have 13 stripes, alternating red and white, to represent the original 13 colonies, and that the new union be represented by 13 white stars in a blue field to signify a "new constellation." Francis Hopkinson, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, is most often credited with the original design.

Today there are 50 stars on the flag to represent the 50 states, while the 13 stripes still represent the 13 British colonies that became the first states. While this may be common knowledge, Public Law 94-344, known as the Federal Flag Code, may

not be as widely known. The code dictates that the flag is to be treated with respect and proper etiquette. The code is extensive, but the following guidelines can help private individuals interested in displaying their flags do so in accordance with the law.

Flags should only be displayed in public from sunrise to sunset, unless the flag can be properly illuminated during darkness. In this instance, it may be displayed at all times.

When displayed with other flags, such as on a single staff or lanyard, the U.S. flag should be above all other flags. If flags are displayed in a row, the U.S. flag goes to the observer's left.

State and local flags are traditionally flown lower than the American flag.

During marching ceremonies or parades with other flags, the U.S. flag

should be to the observer's left.

The flag should be displayed at every public institution and at schools during school days.

When displayed vertically and not on a staff, the union should be on the left when observed. It should be suspended so its folds fall freely as though the flag were staffed.

The flag should be hoisted briskly and lowered ceremoniously.

The flag is often displayed at half-staff on days of mourning, including Memorial Day. The flag should first be hoisted to the peak for an instant, then lowered to half-staff position, which is half the distance between the top and bottom of the staff.

On a vehicle, the U.S. flag should be displayed from a staff firmly fixed to the chassis. It should not be draped over the hood, top, sides, or back of a vehicle.



The flag should never touch anything beneath it, such as the ground, the floor, water, or merchandise. It also should never have anything placed

on it. A flag in poor condition should be destroyed with dignity, preferably by burning. Most American Legion posts and local

Boy Scouts troops will have the resources to retire flags accordingly. Many will host annual flag retirement ceremonies on Flag Day.

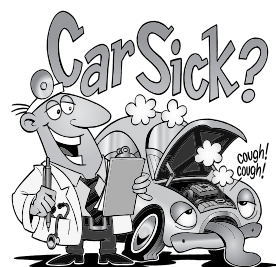
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FLAG ETIQUETTE | A DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

Honoring America on Patriot Day

SEPT. 11, 2001, was a tragic day in American history. On that day, nearly 3,000 innocent lives were lost due to the terrorist attacks in New York City and Washington, D.C. as well as in rural Pennsylvania, where another plane en route for more destruction crash-landed. The indelible images of the World Trade Center collapsing in flames with crowds running for safety, as well as the ensuing visions of heroes and citizens working together, have created a lasting impression.

While buildings have been repaired and new sites erected in the wake of the attacks, there are many ways to continue to honor the fallen. Patriot Day, which takes place each year on September 11 to honor those who lost their lives in the 9-11 attacks, is one such example. The following

are a handful of ways that people can honor 9-11 victims and their families.

Celebrate local heroes by visiting or making donations of food or supplies to local firehouses and police stations.

Commemorate the events of 9-11 by observing moments of silence at key times throughout the day: 8:46 a.m., 9:03 a.m., 9:37 a.m., 9:59 a.m., 10:03 a.m., and 10:28 a.m.

Engage in service projects that can help your community, including its underserved individuals, like veterans. National Day of Service, which is the same day as Patriot Day, asks people to do at least one good deed in honor of those who died on 9-11.

Make a trip to New York City and visit the National September 11 Memorial & Museum.

If you display a flag at your home or business, be sure to place it at half staff



from sunrise to sunset to mourn the lives lost.

Share stories of the heroism and bravery of first responders with young children who may

not have been alive in 2001.

Unite the country by promoting acceptance of and kindness to all people, regardless of religious or

political beliefs.

Attend a special service commemorating 9-11 at houses of worship.

Visit memorials honoring the fallen in vari-

ous communities in and around your home.

This Patriot Day, there are many ways individuals can honor those who lost their lives on 9-11.

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