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### KNOW IT TODAY

# 2022 Harvest underway in Ogle County

## 'Farmers have been pleasantly surprised yield-wise'

BY JEFF HELFRICH  
MANAGING EDITOR

**OGLE COUNTY** — On Thursday, Oct. 27, Ogle County Farm Bureau Manager Ron Kern said he estimates that 90 percent of the county's soybeans and 20-25 percent of its corn have been harvested so far.

Kern said mostly dry weather since a rainy period in August made for a good soybean harvest and said they "came out dry and in good shape." He's heard that people in the county are pleased with the yield they're getting from soybeans. Ogle County was "right on time" for its bean harvest.

As far as the corn harvest, Ogle County farmers have been behind due to the planting season being pushed back 2-3 weeks due to weather earlier this year, Kern said. The corn is still retaining higher moisture levels and farmers have been "less aggressive" getting it out

of the field.

"It's taken forever to dry down," Kern said. "It's still holding moisture pretty well. The guys that can pick with routine moisture levels in the low 20s are getting it and drying it down and putting it away."

Kern said this fall has been "good weather" for harvest and that recent heavy rains appear to have all soaked into the ground and made for minimal delays after a number of weeks of sunny and dry days and even a stretch of warm days.

Back in the spring, high input prices that were double or triple the previous year's were the talk of the agriculture industry. And then the weather brought the planting delay. Kern said the growing season turned out well and commodity prices have "bounced back a bit."

Input issues still remain, and Kern said the prices of natural gas and propane are "insane" at the moment. Those inputs



A farmer works in a field near the intersection of Flagg and Chana Roads west of Rochelle. 2022 harvest has been in full swing in Ogle County in recent weeks.

are used by farmers to dry down crops when moisture levels are too high. Higher prices could cause Ogle County farmers to take a chance and attempt to let crops dry in the fields so they don't have to pay for the gas to dry them.

"But we're getting into November, and

in that month the weather can change in a heartbeat," Kern said. "The drying costs are high, but commodity prices are up."

Ogle County farmers are currently looking at a good harvest, Kern said.

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# RCH still combating staffing shortage

## 'I don't ever remember a day where we've seen anything like this'

BY JEFF HELFRICH  
MANAGING EDITOR

**ROCHELLE** — Rochelle Community Hospital Chief Executive Officer Gregg Olson said Oct. 14 that the hospital is still combating staffing shortage issues and currently has 34 open positions organization-wide.

Twelve of those openings are full-time, 11 of those positions are part-time and 11 are PRN, which is minimal, on-occasion work. Olson said RCH has been seeing staffing shortages for roughly 22 months.

"Between your full-time and your part-time, you're looking at 23 open positions, which is a lot for us," Olson said. "That is significantly better than it has been. I think at the worst time that we had through this process, I think we had upwards of 62 openings.

We've got that down to 34 now, so that's the good news."

Hard-to-find positions right now for RCH include nursing, specifically in the emergency

department, along with medical/surgical, lab positions and environmental services such as the housekeeping crew. RCH has tried to combat the staffing

shortage by offering referral bonuses, sign-on bonuses and using staffing agencies.

RCH saw a surge in its need to fill positions after the first year of COVID-19 and Olson said the health industry has called that time "the great resignation."

"I think after that initial year, people either wanted to retire early or they changed positions or careers," Olson said. "And we had people that went to work for staffing agencies to make significantly more money. Every hospital I can think of in this state is struggling with the same things. We have a lot of openings. It's a daily priority for us. We've put a lot of time and energy into it because it's so important. In the almost 40 years I've been in this business, I've never seen it quite like this."

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"With the area hospitals that surround us, we're all vying for the same small pool of people. That's the problem. There's just not enough. And we're all trying to get our share of that base."

Gregg Olson



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## CROP: Residents advised to be aware of equipment on roadways

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“Farmers have been pleasantly surprised yield-wise,” Kern said. “Overall, I think we’ll have better crops here in the northern part of the state than anywhere else in Illinois. We got started late, but we got rain when we needed it and we didn’t have excessive heat.”

Kern said current drought issues with the Mississippi River could have a negative impact on area farmers. Grain is shipped to the river and barges are currently backed up due to the low water levels.

and aren’t getting unloaded and reloaded again,” Kern said. “It could be a game changer for getting grain moved like we should. Other things like propane come up and down the river. We could see some shortages. It will impact local farmers here. We have a close eye on it. If those terminals can’t get barges to ship out, it will impact prices farmers here get paid and potentially decrease the export market. And a lot of inputs go up and down the river. Farmers are currently making purchases for next spring and that could be impacted. That river is a lifeline for



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agriculture.”  
With harvest in full swing and equipment

utilizing roads to get from field to field, Kern advised residents of the county to slow down when they see equipment on the roads.

“Those guys are trying to stay out of the way and get from point A to

point B as efficiently as possible,” Kern said. “Give them some room and time. And for the farmers, we’re into that part of the year where it’s long days into working nights. Give yourself

a break and some rest. Accidents can happen when you’re tired. Take your time when you’re working. A few seconds to think about what you’re doing can make all the difference.”

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Rochelle Community Hospital saw a surge in its need to fill positions after the first year of COVID-19 and CEO Gregg Olson said the health industry has called that time “the great resignation.”

## NURSES: Shortage causing some hospitals to shut down departments

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Olson said in the case of lab technicians, schools

aren’t graduating enough to back fill the personnel that are leaving the industry through retirement or career changes. The case is the same for the nursing profession. Other, more lucrative opportunities have come up for nurses such as traveling with a staffing agency for higher pay.

“That’s been very difficult for us,” Olson said. “With the area hospitals that surround us, we’re all vying for the same small pool of people. That’s the problem. There’s just not enough. And we’re all trying to get our share of that base. That makes it very difficult.”

There are staff members at RCH that are working more overtime hours due to the shortage, which can cause burnout and the hospital has had to be careful with scheduling, Olson said.

For the positions and shifts that RCH can’t fill, it brings in agency personnel. “And they’re incredibly expensive,” Olson said. “So, that model in my opinion is not sustainable. We can’t be going on for years and years paying at the level we’re paying now. And most hospitals can’t. I can’t tell you the number of stories I’ve read recently where because of the staffing crisis, hospitals are shutting departments down. We have found even with the Rockford hospitals where they’ll say they can’t take

any more patients because they can’t staff the beds all the time. I would say the people that you have, you want to keep them. But you worry about the burn out that occurs with these folks working all these additional hours. And then there’s the cost to the organization.”

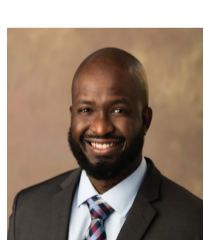
Olson said he hoped the staffing shortage would be resolved by now as months have come and gone since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. He’s unsure of how the situation will play out, but open positions being down from a year ago have him feeling more positive.

The RCH CEO remarked that there are more nursing schools in the market now, but it takes time to get a nurse trained and graduated, just like with a lab technician or an ultrasound technician.

“People have to have the right credentials,” Olson said. “I don’t think this is going to go away right away. But we are seeing some light at the end of the tunnel. And that’s good for us. Because we’ve never dealt with this many openings. I don’t ever remember a day where we’ve seen anything like this. We were up to 62 openings. It was overwhelming. I think we’ve hopefully gotten past that now and we’re on the downward trend. It could be another year. It could be more than that. Hopefully it’s less than that. I just don’t know.”



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## Adeline petitions available

**ADELINE** — Petitions are available for three trustee positions in Adeline for the April 4, 2023 consolidated election. Terms are four years.

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Candidate packets are available from Clerk Karen Dickinson, 9069 N. Main St.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## County electronics recycling and food drive event is Nov. 18

**OREGON** — The final residential electronics recycling event of the year will take place on Friday Nov. 18 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department located at 909 Pines Road in Oregon. This event is for Ogle County residents only and a free permit is required in advance of the event. Permits may be obtained by calling 815-732-4020 or via email at [solidwaste@oglecountyil.gov](mailto:solidwaste@oglecountyil.gov). Please provide your name, address, and phone number in your email. Permits are limited to one per household per month. Permits come with a full list of accepted items and other event information and instructions. Limit seven large or bulky items per permit.

equipment (no wooden speakers), shredders (no tubs), landline phone systems, car radios, GPS units, fish finders, calculators, adding machines, iPods, MP3 players, back-up power supply units, rechargeable batteries, holiday lights and extension cords, CFL bulbs and printer ink cartridges. Microwave ovens are accepted for \$5 per unit.

There will be a food drive conducted in association with the electronics recycling event. All items collected will be distributed to local food pantries in Ogle County. Items accepted include all canned and boxed in-date food items as well as home cleaning supplies and items such as toothpaste, soap, and other basic essentials. Be sure all items are sealed and not expired.

Items accepted at the electronic recycling event include all residential computers, computer hardware and cables, printers, FAX machines, copiers, scanners, DVD/VCR's, cable and satellite receivers, cell phones, tablets, laptops, video gaming equipment, all televisions and computer monitors, radios, digital clocks, stereo

If you have additional questions about this residential electronics recycling event, the food drive, or other questions about recycling call the Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department at 815-732-4020, visit [www.oglecounty.org](http://www.oglecounty.org), or go to Facebook at Ogle County Solid Waste Management Dept.

## Byron Fire Protection District board announces 2023 meeting dates

**BYRON** — The Byron Fire Protection District Board of Trustees announces their 2023 meeting dates and times. The board meetings will be held at 123 N. Franklin St., in the board room – lower level, on the fourth Tuesday of every month at 6 p.m. In addition, the fire commission announces their 2023 meeting dates and times. The fire commission will meet quarterly at 7 p.m. as follows: Jan. 19, 2023; April 17, 2023; July 17, 2023, and Oct. 16, 2023 in the district's multi-purpose room – main level, located at 123 N. Franklin St. If you have any questions, please call 815-234-4911. Visit our website for special meetings and agenda items: [www.byronfire.com](http://www.byronfire.com)



**Ogle Jolly 4H Group hosts SVFD**  
Ogle Jolly 4H Group hosted the Stillman Valley Fire Department at its monthly meeting for Fire Prevention Week. Whitney from the SVFD demonstrated to the 4Hers the tools that the fire truck carries to save lives. During Fire Prevention Week, children, adults, and teachers learn how to stay safe in case of a fire. Firefighters provide lifesaving public education in an effort to drastically decrease casualties caused by fires.

## United Church of Byron to host Medicare program Nov. 21

**BYRON**—An educational and informational presentation only on the Medicare insurance program will be presented for the community at 6-7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 21 at the United Church of Byron located at 701 W. Second St., Byron.

The emphasis will be on the eligibility and enrollment periods, benefits and options concerning all parts of Medicare. All are welcome.

Presenter will be Greg Willis for the program. This program is sponsored by the Legacy and

Endowment Committee of The United Church of Byron as a community service.

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## Leaf River UMC hosting blood drive Nov. 14

**LEAF RIVER** — The Leaf River United Methodist Church is hosting a community blood drive on Monday, Nov. 14. Staff from the Rock River Valley Blood Center will draw blood between noon and 5 p.m.

One in three people will need blood and you never know when you or someone you love might be the one. The Rock River Valley Blood Center needs to collect 1,000 units each week to meet area patient needs.

By hosting a blood drive, we are helping to save lives in our community. Join us in sharing the gift of life.

For more informa-

tion or to schedule an appointment, check our Facebook Page (Leaf River United Methodist Church) or contact Cheryl at 815/738-2406

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For other locations where you can donate, go to [www.rrvbc.org/drives-calendar](http://www.rrvbc.org/drives-calendar).

### The 2023 From The Heart Cash Calendars are NOW AVAILABLE!!

The proceeds of the sale of the calendars benefit our From The Heart recipients: Pegasus Special Riders, Rochelle Christian Food Pantry, HOPE, Focus House, Shining Star Children's Advocacy Center, CASA, Rochelle Area Community Foundation, Hub City Senior Center & Rochelle Rotary.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Obituaries

### Marlin 'Mick' A. Jones, Jr.

OREGON — On Wednesday, Oct. 26, Marlin "Mick" A. Jones, Jr., loving husband, father and Papa, passed away at the age of 65 after his courageous battle with cancer.

He was born June 14, 1957 in Dixon, proud son of Marlin and Ella (Hoffman) Jones. He was a lifelong Oregon resident and attended Oregon Schools. On Sept. 19, 1980 he married the love of his life, Penny Last, at the First Christian Church in Oregon.

As a young man he earned a living trimming trees. For the past 20 years he drove truck for Steve Benesh & Sons, he had great love for what he did and for the people he worked with. Mick had a mean roar but a soft heart. He also had the patience of a saint; he would spend hours in the garage working on projects that others had given up on.

There wasn't anything he couldn't fix. Mick also enjoyed turkey shoots, auto repair, camping, Ford trucks and fishing. Most of all, he loved spending time with his family and friends and having good conversation with a Busch Light in hand.

His grandchildren were his pride and joy, being a papa came natural to him. His grandchildren loved his big hugs and squeezes, tagging along with him in the garage, and their weekly donut day-filled with love and sweets. They



kept him fighting until the end.

He was preceded in death by his parents and grandparents, his sister Debbie Jones, grandson Ryan Niedziela and nephew Derek Jones, what a reunion that must have been.

He is survived by his loving wife Penny of Oregon, five children; Christine Bohms of Oregon, Timothy Miller of Sheffield, Illinois, Matthew (Belinda) Miller of Sheffield, Illinois, Carrie Carpenter of Rockford and Thomas (Chelsy) Jones of Oregon; sister Marlene (Randy) Donaldson of Oregon, brother Randy (Mary) Jones

of Oregon, close nephew Kendall Jones of Freeport; grandchildren; Nick (Nubia) Bohms, Beth (Jordan) Gorzny, Dustin Miller, Emma Miller, Conner Miller, Lucas (Kali) Miller, Chloe (Jeremy) Turner, Anthony Miller, Nathaniel Miller, Peyton (Hannah), Jayla Waller, Ella Jones, Nora Jones; great grandchildren Jaxson, Lilah, Piper, Gabe, Abi, Eva, Autumn, Joseph, and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial visitation was held at Farrell Holland Gale Funeral Home in Oregon on Saturday Nov. 5 from 10 a.m. to noon. A memorial fund is established in his name and may be directed to his family.

Visit [www.farrellhollandgale.com](http://www.farrellhollandgale.com) to leave a condolence or memory of Mick.

### Joyce Kathleen (Knodle) Morrison

BYRON — Joyce Kathleen (Knodle) Morrison, of Byron, 93, passed away with her husband by her side on Wednesday, Oct. 26. She was born in Rockford on May 16, 1929 to Arnold and Stena (Jansen) Knodle. She attended a one-room schoolhouse on Tower Road until the eighth grade. She then went to Byron High School and graduated in 1945. She attended Rockford College and graduated from Northern Illinois University with a teaching degree.

Joyce married Leland "Sam" E. Morrison at the Middle Creek Presbyterian Church on Nov. 30, 1957. She taught school in Winnebago and worked in the office of W.F. and John Barnes Company in Rockford until she and Sam built the Dog n Suds Drive In in Byron in 1966. In 1975, they changed the name to Sam's Drive In, which they ran until 1990 when their son David and his wife took over. Joyce attended Middle Creek Presbyterian Church and was a 75-year member. She enjoyed being a member of two car clubs, antiquing, playing cards with family and friends, wintering in Haines City, Florida for 12 years, and spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Joyce is survived by her loving husband of 65 years Sam Morrison of Byron, and four Morrison grandchildren - Tim (Jen) of Plainfield, Illinois, Chris (Megan)



of Vienna, Maryland, Nick (Mikayla) of Winnebago, and Ellen (Andrew) Touchette of Fairfax, Virginia as well as four great-grandchildren - Parker, Preston, Grace, and Dakota Morrison and daughter-in-law, Karin (Morrison) Winquist of Winnebago. She is also survived by sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law - Joan Hackett of Rockford, Shirley Morrison Houle of Thompson, Connecticut, Shawn (Jan) Morrison of Rockford, Carla (Joe) Fiorello of Sebring, Florida, Becky Morrison Little, and Phil Morrison Jr. both of Byron. She is also loved by many

nephews and nieces. She is preceded in death by her son David Morrison, sister-in-law and brother-in-law - Nellene (Charles) Jeter, Fred Hackett.

Her family would especially like to thank her loving caregivers for taking such wonderful care of her.

Her visitation and service were held on Friday, Nov. 4 at the Middle Creek Presbyterian Church, 12473 Montague Road, Winnebago, with interment in the church cemetery. Memorials may be made to Serenity Hospice and Home.

Arrangements by Genandt Funeral Home, 602 N. Elida St., Winnebago.

For an online obituary and tributes go to [www.genandtfuneralhome.com](http://www.genandtfuneralhome.com).

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### Richard L. Jones

POLO — Richard L. Jones, 86, of Polo, passed away Friday, Oct. 28 at KSB Hospital surrounded by family.

Richard was born May 8, 1936, in Dixon, the son of Russell and Ethyl (Miller) Jones. On Aug. 16, 1958 in Liberty, he married his college sweetheart Marilyn Whitmore.

Richard was a second-generation farmer in the Polo area. He enjoyed collecting antique farm equipment, was a lifelong model railroad hobbyist and got himself in trouble when he started collecting motorcycles and encouraged others to follow suit.

Richard was a member and was very active with the Polo Church of the Brethren as an organist, a Deacon, the Brethren Volunteer Service and served with his newly wedded wife in Nappanee, Indiana.

He and Marilyn met at Manchester College music program and together went on to make beautiful music for the

rest of their days.

Survivors include daughter Patricia Crumley of Polo; son Darrel (Janette) of Kenosha, Wisconsin; grandchildren Mathew (Emma) Jones, JoAnne Dusenbury, Johnny Crumley, Jennifer (Dan) Fu, Justin Messer, Josh (Brandie) Messer; seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by wife Marilyn and son-in-law John B. Crumley.

A memorial visitation was held Thursday, Nov. 3 from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the Polo Church of the Brethren, 401 S. Congress Ave., Polo. A memorial service was held immediately following at 10:30 a.m. at the church followed by a luncheon. A graveside service at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens in Dixon concluded the services at 1:30 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established in his name.

To send condolences please visit [www.polofamilyfuneralhome.com](http://www.polofamilyfuneralhome.com).



### Amanda Sue Van Oosten

OREGON — Amanda Sue Van Oosten of Freeport passed away unexpectedly on Oct. 29, 2022. She was only 42 years old.

She is survived by her beloved son Kylar Early, mother Melody (Bob) Mott, father Randy Van Oosten, sister Ashley Van Oosten, brother Matthew Hinkle, grandparents Bob and Rita Shipman and many more family members and treasured friends.

Amanda was predeceased by her step-father James Hinkle. Amanda found great purpose in her work as a waitress/hostess. Her quick wit and infectious laugh will be missed.

When you think of Amanda, celebrate the good memories you have of her. Remember that life is fragile and short and should be lived to the



fullest.

Visitation will take place at Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home, 110 S. 7th St., Oregon on Tuesday, Nov. 8 from 4-6 p.m. followed by a memorial service at 6 p.m. with the Pastor Robert Dunbar officiating.

There will also be a celebration of life event at the Pretzel City Pub, 1350 W. Galena Ave. in Freeport on Saturday, Nov. 12 from noon to 3 p.m.

Private burial will take place at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens in Dixon.

A memorial fund is established for her son Kylar's college and care and may be directed to the family.

Visit [www.farrellhollandgale.com](http://www.farrellhollandgale.com) to leave a condolence or memory of Amanda.

### Charles L. "Chuck" Young

OREGON — Charles L. "Chuck" Young, 81, passed away at home on Wednesday, Oct. 26. He was born on Dec. 5, 1940 in Clinton, Indiana the son of Robert and Ella Jean (Farner) Young.

Chuck worked for many years as a truck driver in the Chicago area. He married Christa Burkhardt on Feb. 2, 1961 and they spent 61 wonderful years together.

He took great pride in keeping his lawn mowed well and taking care of his garden. In his spare time; he enjoyed tinkering with cars, fishing, and riding his Harley. But, the most important thing in Chuck's life was his family and he was a loving and devoted father, grandfather, and great grandfather.

He is preceded in death by his parents and siblings Donnie and Caroline.

He is survived and missed by his

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Oregon Lions Club News



From left to right: Oregon Lions President Joe Kryszak, Don Atkinson, Oregon Lions Vice President Lori Peterson and Austin Rowland.



### Oregon Lions help at VFW breakfast

Two members of the Oregon Lions Club helped serve and do clean up during the breakfast served at the VFW in Oregon on Oct. 22. Above, from left to right, are Lion Sharon Kryszak, Lion Joe Kryszak and John Winterton from the VFW. Below, from left to right, are Lion Sharon Kryszak and Mary Coulter from the VFW in Oregon.

# Flamingo Palace comes to Oregon Lions

OREGON — Don Atkinson, the owner of the Oregon resale shop Flamingo Palace, and his assistant, Austin Rowland, spoke to the Oregon Lions Club at their meeting on Oct. 13 at the VFW in Oregon.

Don's resale store is located one block off Washington Street at 109 S. Third St. in Oregon. It is packed with a variety of merchandise. If you are willing to take the

time to examine every nook and cranny of his store, you will find some hidden gems. If you wish to browse from home, they also have a large collection of their merchandise available for purchase on EBay. His work partner, Austin Rowland, administrates this end of the business and can be seen on any given day mailing multiple packages to customers from the Oregon Post Office!

For many years Don has partnered with Angel Treasures Resale in Mt. Morris with a portion of his profits going to Serenity Hospice, which is located in Ogle County on Illinois Route 2 south of Oregon. Don feels that local people should primarily benefit from the funds collected from local donations and this partnership with Angel Treasures makes that happen.



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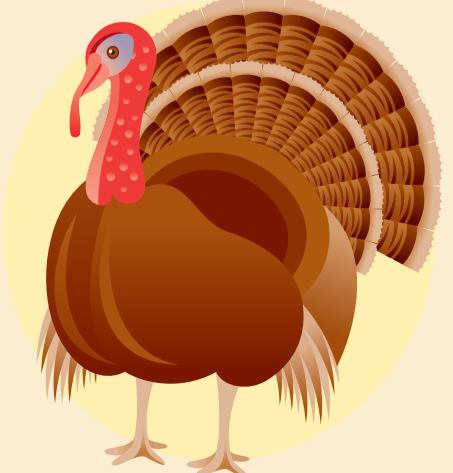
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**Mission Statement:** In response to our communities, Easterseals provides comprehensive services for individuals with disabilities or other special needs and their families to improve the quality of life and maximize independence.

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**Program Purpose:** To provide safety, counselling and support for victims and survivors of domestic abuse and their children.

**Services Provided:** HOPE provides a 24-hour hotline, support groups, individual and family counseling, temporary shelter, resources and referrals, advocacy, court advocacy, medical advocacy, and Latinx and rural outreach services. All services are free and available in Spanish. Counseling and outreach services are available in Rochelle, Oregon, and Polo. HOPE provides prevention education to students, and community presentations about domestic abuse, strangulation prevention, and HOPE services.

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**Program Purpose:** The LSSI Programs strive to preserve, unify and stabilize individuals and families through foster care and youth service programs. LSSI also provides treatment services to those experiencing mental health and substance abuse. Other programs are focused on prevention of substance abuse and violence.

**Services Provided:** LSSI provides a wide range of services through multiple programs and sites. Services available locally include foster care, mental health services, alcohol and drug treatment, substance abuse and violence prevention, affordable senior housing, and residential programs for people with developmental disabilities.

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advocacy, and education, and promotes awareness and understanding of sexual assault. The focus of RSAC is to provide services to survivors of sexual assault/abuse and to educate the community to reduce the risk of sexual violence.

**Target Population:** Survivors of sexual assault and abuse, age 3-adult, and their significant others. Prevention education programming for all community members.

**Program Purpose:** The goal of Rockford Sexual Assault Counseling is to make comprehensive services available to all survivors of sexual violence so that they may heal from the trauma. In addition, we provide educational programs to increase awareness, knowledge and skills.

**Services Provided:** Rockford Sexual Assault Counseling provides 24-hour crisis intervention, medical and legal advocacy, counseling, prevention education and professional training. All services are confidential, free and available in Spanish.

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**Target Population:** Individual residents of Ogle County who need care and support through a terminal illness and those grieving the loss of a loved one.

**Program Purpose:** To provide support and assistance throughout all stages of loss and grief; to alleviate needless suffering; and to help people find the new path for their life. Good interventions will afford clients healthy lifestyle choices, good outcomes and tools to lead productive, healthy lives.

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**Target Population:** Children who have been affected by child maltreatment and their non-offending caregivers.

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**Mission Statement:** It is the mission of Sinnissippi Centers, Inc. to provide Quality, Coordinated, and Responsive behavioral healthcare services to individuals, families and communities.

**Target Population:** Children, adolescents, adults, and families of Ogle County who have a behavioral healthcare need, including:

- Alcohol or drug problem
- Mental health, emotional, or family concerns

**Program Purpose:** The professional staff of Sinnissippi Centers is dedicated to strengthening and enhancing lives through a commitment to building healthy individuals, families and communities. The goal of Sinnissippi Centers is to provide the highest quality of care through individualized treatment and support services, which are available at two convenient locations in Ogle County - Oregon and Rochelle.

**Services Provided:** Individual and group treatment for abuse of alcohol and other drugs, (Intensive Outpatient, Outpatient, Aftercare); day treatment for individuals with a mental illness; screening and assessment (including after hour evaluations); family and youth services; divorcing parents program; domestic violence intervention program; specialized groups (including Anger Management); prevention and therapy services in schools; psychiatric services; intensive

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Oregon Police Department

### Officers arrest woman on outstanding warrant

**Oct. 24**  
At 10:39 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Trina S. Goodwin, 44, of Dakota, for an outstanding Ogle County warrant for a traffic offense. Goodwin was also issued a citation for operating a vehicle with an expired registration. Goodwin was transported to the Ogle County Jail. These violations occurred in the 100 block of North 4th Street.

**Oct. 26**  
At 7:01 a.m., Oregon Police issued Eduardo Guzman, 22, Oregon, a citation for operating a vehicle with an expired registration. This violation occurred in the 100 block of South 4th Street.

At 7:27 a.m., Oregon Police issued Lane N. Halverson, 17, Chana, a citation for disobeying a stop sign. This violation occurred at the intersection of Jefferson and South 5th Streets.

**Oct. 28**  
At 8:55 a.m., Oregon Police issued a civil citation to one 15-year-old male juvenile of Oregon for possession of cannabis not more than 10 grams. This violation occurred at 210 S. 10th St., the Oregon High School.

At 7:14 p.m., Oregon Police issued Shari A. White, 42, Oregon, a citation for operating a vehicle with a suspended registration. This violation occurred in the 400 block of West Washington Street.

**Oct. 29**  
At 2:43 p.m., Oregon Police responded to a one-vehicle traffic crash in the 400 block of North 4th Street involving a 2008 Chevrolet driven by Matthew S. Harper, 17, Machesney Park. No citations were issued.

At 7:27 p.m., Oregon Police issued Zaida I. Marrufo-Vargas, 27, of Maywood, Illinois, a citation for speeding, 41 m.p.h. in a 30-m.p.h. zone. This violation occurred in the 700 block of North 4th Street.

At 9:33 p.m., Oregon Police issued James P. Seith, 58, of Westmont, Illinois, a citation for speeding, 53 m.p.h. in a 30-m.p.h. zone. This violation occurred in the 700 block of North 4th Street.

**Oct. 30**  
At 10:12 p.m., Oregon Police responded to a disturbance call at the Franklin Street Pub, 306 Franklin St., resulting in the arrest of Brittany A. Highbarger, 32, Pearl City for disorderly conduct. Highbarger was transported to the Ogle County Jail. Fifteen parking citations and eight verbal warnings issued during the week of Oct. 24 through Oct. 30.



## Oregon Police donate bikes, host impairment class

**OREGON**—The Oregon Police Department recently donated two, three-wheeled bicycles to the Oregon School District for health class at the Oregon Junior Senior High School. The bicycles will be used in conjunction with the Oregon Police Department's impairment goggles to show students the effects of drug & alcohol impairment as they attempt

to complete the driving course on the bicycles. The money for the bicycles came from funds the city receives from cannabis taxes. The city set aside a portion of these tax dollars to educate the public on the effects of drugs. The Oregon Police Department would like to thank the agricultural & welding department at OJSHS for assembling the bicycles for this project



and Dan Gale, the health teacher, for putting this experiment together. "This is a great collaborative project between the police department and the school district to help educate students and to provide a positive environment to learn about the dangerous impacts of driving under the influence," Tim Brechon, school resource officer, said.



# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**Thursday, Nov. 10:**  
Serenity's Lunch group will meet at 11:30 a.m. at Sunrise II Family Restaurant, 101 W. 2nd St., Byron. This group is open to all adult

bereaved in the community. Please call 815-732-4111 by 10 a.m. to register.

**Friday, Nov. 11:**  
Serenity's C.A.F.E.

will meet from 9-10 a.m. at The Serenity Home, 1658 S. Illinois Route 2, Oregon. This group is for all adult bereaved in the community. Please call 815-732-4111 on Nov. 10

by 4 p.m. to register. Serenity's Diamond Art will meet from 9-11 a.m. at The Serenity Shed, 131 N. 3rd St., Oregon. This group is for all adults in the community.

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# VIEWPOINT

"Congress shall make no law. . ."

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## Unpopular governments, unpopular wars and the Constitution

**C**ONSTITUTIONS, like fortress walls, crumble unless they're repaired and modified as time takes its toll. Strengthening



Lowell Harp

and correcting its imperfections is not only vital to civil liberties. It's also a matter of national defense. Historian Linda Colley, in her book, "The Gun, the Ship, and the Pen," traces the origins of written constitutions to the wars of mid-1700s Europe. The kings and emperors of the time met resistance from their subjects to their ever more expensive and deadly conflicts. Some of them came up with written constitutions, "bargains on paper," as Ms. Colley calls them, that offered some rights to the people in hopes of gaining support for their military campaigns.

The American Revolution arose from Great Britain's failure to secure that bargain with its American colonies, and to gain their support for taxes to pay for its huge defense bills. The new constitutions that the rebellious colonies wrote were, in spite of their origins and like those that came before in Europe, designed to attract popular support for a deadly and costly war. The writers of the later federal Constitution, many of them veterans of that war, also had national security in mind as a basic purpose.

Under our Constitution, we the people support the government's wars with our taxes, offer up the lives of our fighting men and women, and endure all the other hardships that accompany war and national defense. The government, for its part, ensures that we have certain rights, the most important being the right to vote. Whatever weakens that bargain, and the sense on the part of the people that they have the final say with their votes over questions of war and peace, also weakens our national security.

Two subversive forces now threaten that Constitutional pact. One, a loss of faith in democratic institutions, is evident in the events surrounding the 2020 election and its aftermath. The other is embedded in the Constitution itself. It can be seen in the fact that the 579,000 citizens of Wyoming elect as many Senators as the 39,000,000 who live in California. That 670 per-

cent discrepancy results from the way the Constitution allots two Senators to each state, regardless of size. The Constitution also grants extra power to small states in presidential elections through the electoral college. These imbalances in their turn show up in the make-up of today's Supreme Court, whose members are appointed by the president and senate.

Favoritism for small states can only worsen in the years ahead. Political scientist David Birdsall has estimated that in 20 years, as people continue to move from rural areas to urban ones, 70 percent of Americans will live in five states, but their senators will occupy only 30 percent of the seats in the U.S. Senate. Two presidents have already taken office after failing to win the popular vote so far in this century, and more are likely to follow.

Meanwhile, public confidence in government is tanking. Approval percentages for Presidents Trump and Biden have hovered around the low 40s and upper 30s. 76 percent of the American people disapprove of Congress, according to an August survey by Statista Research. Even the Supreme Court, which used to enjoy the support of large majorities, has lost the confidence of the public, as shown by approval ratings running from 48 percent (Pew Research Center on June 22, 2022) to 38 percent (Yahoo News on Sept. 10, 2022) and 35 percent (nbcnews.com, Aug. 28, 2022).

Unpopular governments can end up fighting unpopular wars. The Constitution's built-in inequalities aren't the only causes of the current low state of public support for its government. But in times like these it's all the more important for national security as well as civil liberties to repair and strengthen the bond between people and government.

As that connection continues to weaken, these trends will someday reach a crisis point, and we'll be forced to come to grips with the need for changes in the Constitution.

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

## Anticipated increase in net farm income

**U**SDA's most recent Farm Sector Income Forecast, released Sept. 1, anticipates an increase in net farm income for 2022. U.S. net farm income, a broad measure of farm profitability, is currently forecast at \$147.7 billion, up 5.2%, or \$7.3 billion, from 2021's \$140.4 billion.



Ron Kern

This increase contrasts with USDA's original February estimates that forecasted a \$5.4 billion (-4.5 percent) decline in net farm income and if realized, would represent the fourth consecutive year of improved net farm income. When adjusted for inflation, however, 2022 net farm income is expected to decline \$0.9 billion (0.6 percent) from 2021 but remain 42 percent above the 20-year average of \$104 billion in inflation-adjusted dollars. The report also finds the largest increase in production expenses on record in both numerical and percentage terms, up \$66 billion across the farm economy (18 percent).

### Net farm income breakdown

Direct government payments are forecast to decrease by \$12.8 billion, or 49.7% percent, between 2021 and 2022. The decrease corresponds to reductions in both USDA pandemic assistance, which included payments from the Coronavirus Food Assistance Programs and other pandemic assistance to producers, and non-USDA pandemic assistance programs, such as funds from the Small Business Administration's Paycheck Protection Program.

From 2021 to 2022, federal payments through USDA's pandemic assistance initiatives are expected to drop \$6.7 billion, from \$7.5 billion to \$0.78 billion, or 89 percent, and non-USDA pandemic assistance is expected to disappear completely, a difference of \$8.47 billion from 2021. In addition to the reduced pandemic-related payments, the Market Facilitation Program, which provided a series of direct payments to farmers and ranchers impacted by trade retaliation, ended in 2021 and will not be part of net farm income going forward.

Commodity insurance indemnities are expected to increase in 2022 by 50 percent, or \$5.6 billion, moving from \$11.2 billion to \$16.8 billion.

A significant portion of the increase in net farm income is linked to a projected jump in cash receipts from crops and livestock production expected up 21 percent or \$91.7 billion in 2022 in nominal dollars. Higher projected commodity prices across the board, project out to higher cash receipts. Receipts for corn are expected to increase 16.7 percent (\$11.9 billion), soybeans are expected up 30.6 percent (\$14.9 billion), and wheat is expected up 33.7 percent (\$4 billion).

These three crops account for the bulk of cash receipt increase projections. A whopping 80.4 percent of the increase in cash receipts is expected to be linked to higher prices versus only 9.3 percent linked to volume changes. Some of these commodity price increases may be attributed to the Ukraine-Russia conflict. Ukraine is the seventh-largest producer and fourth-largest exporter of corn in the 2020/21 crop year. Importantly, each USDA forecast is based on a point in time calculation based on certain commodity reference prices.

The magnitude of the projected cash receipts increase is likely linked to a period of record reference prices and may not reflect the price received for crops at harvest. On the livestock side, total animal/animal product receipts are expected up \$55.3 billion (28.3 percent) for a total of \$251 billion based on strong prices across species. Some of this increase is temporary, due to more cattle marketed because of drought and increased input costs.

On the cost side, production expenses, including operator dwellings, are forecast to increase by \$66.2 billion, or 17.8 percent, reaching \$437.3 billion in 2022, a record high total and record high dollar and percentage increases in one year. This includes increases in costs like cumulative feed, which is expected to increase nearly \$9.7 billion, or 15 percent, to \$75.9 billion. Fertilizer, lime and soil

conditioner costs are expected to increase \$15.4 billion, or 52 percent, from \$29.5 billion to \$45 billion. Typically, fertilizers represent about 15 percent of a crop farmer's costs and an increase of this magnitude can be crushing for some producers, even with the increases in revenue.

Other increased production costs in the manufactured inputs category include pesticides, which are expected up \$3.6 billion, or 20 percent, from \$17.8 billion to \$21.5 billion and fuels and oils, expected up 42 percent, or \$5.86 billion, from \$13.9 billion to \$19.8 billion. Farmers and ranchers are facing the same challenges as other Americans when it comes to the cost of electricity, which is expected to increase \$469 million (7.3 percent) for producers, from nearly \$6.4 billion to nearly \$6.9 billion.

Other farm-related income, which includes things like income from custom work, machine hire, commodity insurance indemnities and rent received by operator landlords, is estimated to increase by \$6.4 billion, or 19.7 percent, from \$32.3 billion to \$38.6 billion in 2022.

USDA released the most recent estimates for 2022 net farm income, providing an early estimate of the farm financial picture. For 2022, USDA anticipates an increase in net farm income, moving from \$140.4 billion in 2021 to \$147.7 billion, an increase of 5.2 percent.

Much of the 2022 net farm income is expected to be produced by crop and livestock cash receipts, a record increase in production costs and a decrease in ad hoc government support, resulting in an overall increase of forecasted net farm income.

Farmers and ranchers face an uphill battle despite the increases in net farm income.

One of the greatest concerns is the increase in operating costs, particularly in fertilizer and other inputs. Other concerns come from the effects of inflation and harvest uncertainty. These issues will challenge the ability of farmers and ranchers to reach above break-even levels in 2022.

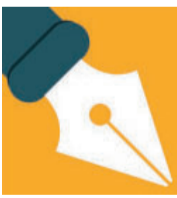
*Ron Kern is the manager of the Ogle County Farm Bureau.*

## What the Republican Party is

Dear Editor,

I wanted to take a moment to correct some misinformation that was posted in this publication recently relative to the Republican Party, former President Trump and groups aligned with the conservative right.

I find it very interesting that the liberal left consistently tries to associate the right with groups like "The 1%ers," "The KKK," "The Proud Boys," "The Oath Keepers" and even "The Nazis." I confess I do not know much about two of these five groups so I will address the three I do know something about.



One of these groups I consider myself an unofficial member of since I was elected to office three times in Illinois, so I am an oath keeper, meaning I took an oath to defend and uphold both the Constitutions of the United States and State of Illinois.

As for the KKK, it has never been associated with the Republican party and conservative right. It has always been a byproduct of the Civil War where a Republican president won the war to free the slaves

and the Democrats of the Confederate south who were not happy continued to discriminate against people of color after the conclusion of the Civil War.

As far as calling a conservative Republican a "Nazi", well, perhaps you had better know what the term means before you use it. The term is a German acronym that translated into English stands for "National Socialist German Workers' party" so, again, it is more aligned with the Democrats of America who call Republicans by this name as history does not support Republicans ever being aligned or in favor of socialism. Indeed, President Trump recently said in a State of the Union Address. "We will never be a socialist country!" Democrats sat on their hands stone faced while Republican rose and applauded wildly.

I am not a fan of attacking somebody when you have nothing good to say about yourself but I am also not a fan of people telling lies about other people.

**Mark Steven**  
Byron

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## Chana UMC announces winter holiday hours for family closet

**CHANA** — The Chana United Methodist Church is announcing its winter holiday hours for the family closet. This season, we are offering week-day hours by appointment and adding every Saturday morning walk-ins.

The Family Closet is open Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9 a.m. to noon through appointments only. To make an appointment, please call the church at 815-732-7683 and speak with

an employee. Saturday Hours will be every Saturday morning from 9 a.m. through noon. These seasonal hours will be from Nov. 1 through Dec. 17.

Many new and warm clothes are stocked for fall and winter, including coats, boots and accessories. We have brand new shipments of infant through young adult with tags still on them. All clothes are free and everyone is welcome without limitations.

## Bread of Life Food pantry distributing Nov. 8

**STILLMAN VALLEY** — The Bread of Life Food Pantry will have distribution on Nov. 8 from 3-5 p.m. We will be giving groceries as well as Thanksgiving baskets and turkeys for the clients that have signed up for them.

The food pantry is located at The Valley Covenant Church at 103 S. Maple St. in Stillman Valley. We serve Stillman Valley, Byron, Monroe Center, Davis Junction, Leaf River, Holcomb and all of Meridian School District #223.

Please call Bonni if you have questions at 815-298-5035. Please bring your own bags and boxes.

## Polo Police Department

**POLO** — On Oct. 28 at 6:05 p.m. Jordann L. Langer, 27, Sterling, was arrested for an outstanding Lee County warrant. Langer was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

On Oct. 28 at 8 p.m. Aleena Hammelman, 29, Milledgeville, was cited for operating an uninsured motor vehicle. Hammelman was released on an I-Bond.

General calls for service, Oct. 17-30: 16 citizen complaints/assists, one animal complaint, three disturbances/domestics, two fires/medical assists, one lock out, one 911 hang up, 17 traffic stops and one county assist.



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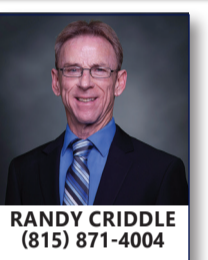
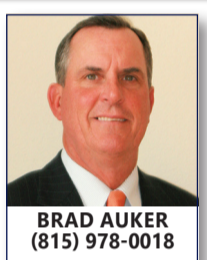
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Ogle County Sheriff's Report

Man arrested for driving while license suspended

OREGON — On Oct. 26 at approximately 6:35 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 15,700 block of East Creston Road. After a brief investigation, deputies arrested Matthew E. White, 33, of Rochelle, for driving while license suspended. White was taken into custody without incident and released on a \$2,500 individual bond with a return court date set. White was additionally cited for no lights when required.

On Oct. 27 at approximately 10:30 p.m. deputies initiated a traffic stop on Interstate 39 at mile marker 101 for illegal window tint. Upon further investigation, deputies arrested Arabany Valle, 36, of Rockford, for driving while her license was suspended. Valle was released on an individual bond with a future court date given.

On Oct. 28, at approximately 11:47 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 4,000 block of North Illinois Route 251. Upon further investigation, deputies placed Ruben A. Romero-Carreno, 39, of Rockford, under arrest for driving under the influence of alcohol. Romero-Carreno was transported to the Ogle County Jail without incident and held in lieu of bond. Romero-Carreno was additionally cited for Improper lane usage and operating an uninsured motor vehicle.

On Oct. 28 at 7:32 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop at U.S. Highway 52 and South Freeport Road. As a result, Jamie W. Howard, 38, of Durand was ar-

rested for driving while license revoked. Howard was additionally issued citations for operating an uninsured motor vehicle and no rear registration light. Howard was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

On Oct. 28 at approximately 10:29 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 15,000 block of West Brick Church Road. After investigation, deputies placed Nathaniel Davis, 19, of Sterling under arrest for no valid driver's license and a valid Lee County contempt of court failure to appear warrant. Davis was additionally issued a citation for operating an uninsured vehicle. Davis was released on an I-Bond for the no valid driver's license and held in lieu of bond for the Lee County warrant.

On Oct. 29 at approximately 2:39 a.m. deputies responded to the intersection of East High Road and Junction Road, for a reported vehicle accident. Upon arrival, deputies located a disabled and unoccupied Ford Fusion. During the investigation, deputies discovered that Alex J. Anderson, 19, of Davis, Illinois, was traveling east on High Road when he failed to reduce speeds to avoid an accident. Anderson was located and placed under arrest for aggravated driving under the influence, driving under the influence and driving while license suspended. Anderson was additionally cited for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident operating an uninsured motor vehicle. Anderson was

transported to the Ogle County Jail without incident, where he was held without bail, pending an appearance before a judge.

On Oct. 29 at approximately 12:49 a.m. deputies responded to a check welfare of a male passed out in a vehicle in the middle of the roadway near the intersection of Pines Road and Lowell Park Road. The vehicle then fled the scene and came to a stop approximately one mile west of the intersection. After investigation, deputies placed David Bergeson, 40, of Polo under arrest for aggravated driving under the influence, possession of a controlled substance (cocaine), driving under the influence and driving while license suspended. Bergeson was additionally issued citations for improper parking on the roadway, fleeing to elude a police officer, improper lane usage and operating an uninsured vehicle. Bergeson was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held pending a court appearance in front of a judge.

On Oct. 29 at approximately 9:03 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop at the intersection of Mount Morris Road and Midtown Road. After investigation, deputies placed David Zeller, 61, of Leaf River under arrest for driving while under the influence of alcohol. Zeller was also issued citations for speeding 35 m.p.h. over the posted speed limit and improper container driver. Zeller was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.



Card shower planned for Dietrich's 95th

MT. MORRIS — A card shower is being held for Donna Dietrich's 95th birthday on Nov. 10.

Those that wish to send her cards can mail them to 414 S. Wesley Ave., Room 341, Mt. Morris, IL. 61054.

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## Oregon native retires from U.S. Navy after 29 years of honorable service

‘NAVFAC Far East was an incredible command to wrap up my Navy career’



**Capt. Lance Flood relieved Capt. Tim DeWitt as naval facilities engineering systems command (NAVFAC) Far East commanding officer in a change of command and retirement ceremony on board Fleet Activities Yokosuka, Japan, Oct. 28.**

YOKOSUKA, Japan—Capt. Lance Flood relieved Capt. Tim DeWitt as naval facilities engineering systems command (NAVFAC) Far East commanding officer in a change of command and retirement ceremony on board Fleet Activities Yokosuka, Japan, Oct. 28. Flood takes the helm from DeWitt, who worked previously at NAVFAC Far East, as a public works officer from 2007 until 2010. Yokosuka was also DeWitt’s first duty assignment from 1994 to 1996 when he served aboard the forward-deployed frigate USS Rodney M. Davis (FFG 60) as a surface warfare officer. DeWitt’s naval service began in 1993 after graduating from the University of Illinois with a bachelor of science in civil engineering and received his commission through the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps program. He is a registered professional engineer in the state of Illinois. During the ceremony, DeWitt was presented with the Legion of Merit, gold star in lieu of a third award. He also

received a letter of appreciation from Shunko Gakuen, a home for Japanese children separated from their parents which Seabees and NAVFAC members have been sponsoring and providing support to since 1945. While DeWitt led NAVFAC Far East he led 2,142 personnel at 11 public works departments across

two navy regions to execute an annual investment program of \$1 billion that directly enhanced U.S. 7th Fleet, III Marine Expeditionary Force, Navy and Department of Defense activities throughout the Indo-Pacific Area of Responsibility, according to the award citation. He also enabled 7th Fleet’s

operational capabilities through the construction of three navigation, seamanship and ship-handling trainers; and the U.S. 7th Fleet shore continuity of operations facility. He enhanced operational capabilities by seeing through the completion of the \$174 million Pier 5 replacement project.

“NAVFAC Far East was an incredible command to wrap up my Navy career,” said DeWitt, an Oregon native. “It’s the diversity of people and cultures who made it a truly special place. Working together, we were able to make advancements on game-changing fleet priority projects including state-of-the-art ship simulator facilities and a new fixed concrete pier to support 7th Fleet ships in Yokosuka. These were rare opportunities that allowed the drive and focus of our people to highlight what NAVFAC brings to the fight as a systems command. Starting my Navy career and finishing it in Japan was an opportunity the Navy afforded me that I’m extremely grateful for.” NAVFAC Far East has a workforce of more than 2,000 military, U.S. civilian and host nation employees who provide a full range of facilities and engineering services to Navy, Marine Corps and other federal agencies in Japan, Korea, Singapore and the British Indian Ocean Territory (Diego Garcia). NAVFAC is the Systems Command that delivers and maintains quality, sustainable facilities, acquires and manages capabilities for the Navy’s expeditionary combat forces, provides contingency engineering response, and enables energy security and environmental stewardship.



**NEW LISTING!**



**907 S. 5th Street, Oregon \$119,900 Call Carla**

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**NEW LISTING**



**1402 8th Avenue \$124,900 Call JD**

Well-maintained 2 bedroom 2 bath ranch home just moments from Sterling schools and downtown! Located in a quiet neighborhood and on a corner lot, this property offers a 2 car garage, updated main floor bathroom, full basement, & living space featuring plenty of natural sunlight and fireplace. There is also an additional sunroom for work and/or leisure that could potentially serve as a third bedroom... move-in ready, this home is surely for you! Make it yours today.

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**317 E. Center St., Mt Morris \$169,900 Call Mark**

MOVE IN READY 3 bedroom, 2 full bath ranch home in Mt. Morris is now available! Possibility for 4th bedroom on the lower level. Kitchen has nice oak cabinets, updated countertops, double stainless sink, electric stove & Amana dishwasher. Main level bath is handicap accessible with 36" door & special tub access. Lower level is very spacious with 2nd full bath, dedicated laundry room, big rec/family room & other large spaces for storage or workshop. Brand new Carrier gas furnace in Oct. 2022! Vinyl siding & central air. New flooring & painting throughout. 2 car garage has beautiful 1 year old garage door. Whole house generator with auto start is included! Newer washer/dryer. Appliances will stay. New water heater 2021 & roof is less than 10 years old. Leaf guards have been installed. There's little left to do but move in and enjoy!

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**6999 E. Brick Road, Chana Call Carla \$159,900**

New Listing in Stillman School district! Zoned AG1 for the best of country living! Tons of opportunity with this 1.3 acre site. New furnace in November 2022. Steel roof on the house and 3 car garage! Huge country kitchen with large center island with cooktop and separate stove and refrigerator. Main floor laundry with washer and dryer staying. 3 bedrooms up with one having access to the upper wraparound deck! Tons of opportunity to make this your home your way! Conveniently located just off Rt 64. Priced 25K below appraisal for you to make your own improvements to call it your HOME! Explore the possibilities!

**NEW LISTING**



**602 N. Franklin Ave., Polo \$25,000 Call Rebecca**

HANDYMAN'S SPECIAL! Over 1800 square feet of living space waiting to be remodeled for your residence or a flip! Located in downtown Polo, this home has 3bedrooms, 2 bathrooms and plenty of square footage. One full bathroom on the lower level and a full bathroom on the upper as well. Corner lot with detached 1 car garage. Original wood burning fireplace on the main floor. This is a great opportunity to turn your sweat into equity!

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**105 W. Main St., Freeport NOW \$349,000 Call Rebecca**

HISTORIC BUILDING WITH ENDLESS OPPORTUNITIES! Dating back to 1892 and once home to Freeport Hardware, this property offers 2 floors of finished commercial space plus an apartment and 3rd floor waiting to be finished. In the year 2000 this property underwent a major renovation: new aluminum storefront, windows, HVAC, electrical, plumbing, lighting & restoration of many original features including woodwork. The first floor currently serves as a retail space and yoga studio with several private massage/practitioner rooms. The second floor is home to a longstanding architecture firm with office space, conference room, kitchenette area and 2 bathrooms. There is additional income from the lovely and modern 900 sq ft apartment, remodeled in 2003, with separate entrance, utilities & terrace with downtown views. The 3rd floor is currently a blank canvas waiting for your income generating ideas. Owners will provide architectural plans for the third-floor apartment suites. This property also has a full basement, a single-stall garage space and shipping/receiving area. Completely modernized with loft-style exposed brick and exposed duct-work, yet full of historic charm. This property is in the downtown Historic District, allowing for developer/owner financial incentives and benefits. There is a hand operated elevator that can service all 4+ floors of the building. For a complete list of amenities, please contact the listing agent.


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**621 Cranbook Ln., Mt. Morris NOW \$189,000 Call Rebecca**

ROOMY RANCH, READY FOR AN OFFER! With over 2,200 finished square feet, this 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom ranch home has a fully finished basement and is located in a wonderful neighborhood! Main floor has open concept living space with updated tile backsplash. Off of the eat in area there is a large deck overlooking the fully fenced backyard. Master bedroom has an en suite bathroom and his and hers closets. Master bedroom carpet is being updated. Additional full bathroom and 2 bedrooms on the

**NEW LISTING**



**102 N. Main Street, Leaf River \$60,000 Call Rebecca**

DUPLEX YOUR INCOME! 2 unit building for sale downtown Leaf River. Both units have long term, excellent tenants that are on month-to-month leases. The property currently brings in \$800/month in rent with the landlord paying the monthly water bill. Main floor unit is spacious with an attached garage and in unit laundry. Upstairs unit has an updated bathroom and updated flooring. New Gutters in 2022. This is a true turnkey investment opportunity!

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**128 Brown St., Franklin Grove \$99,000 Call Rebecca**

HISTORIC FIXER UPPER! Here is your chance to own a historic home on the edge of town in Franklin Grove. This property sits on just under 3 acres with panoramic country views. There are several outbuildings that are also included with the sale of this property that is Zoned AG. The house features over 2,400 square feet, 4 + bedrooms and 1.5 bathrooms ready to be totally remodeled and restored to it's historic charm. This all brick home has a partially exposed basement and attached 1 car garage. While the home is not habitable now, bring your plans and ideas to this unique property to make your HOME!

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## SPORTS

## My favorite time of the year

WITH sectional cross country and the start of the football playoffs, the last weekend in October is always my favorite of the year for high school sports.

It also helped that our county football teams went 5-0 in the first round, the weather was ideal and the Park West 1A cross country course borders my back yard.

The first stop was in Rochelle for what turned out to be one of the most exciting games in the state, as the Hubs pulled out an overtime thriller over Dixon. After covering Dixon in the first week of the regular season against Oregon, I figured Rochelle would win by 20 points.

Wrong, and my apologies to the Dukes for underestimating them. They have improved greatly since then and credit to their coaching staff for that.

Their quarterback, junior Tyler Shaner, baffled Rochelle with his feet and arm. With his dad as the head coach, he will only get better. There is a sophomore brother that had a good game.

As a whole, look for the Big Northern conference to be even better next year. For a program like an upstart Oregon that has been struggling to attain respectability, that may not be the news they were hoping to hear.

Another drawback to Oregon is not

being able to get extra practice in like the playoff-bound teams do.

Byron, Forreton and Stillman Valley traditionally make long runs in the playoffs and that can equate to an extra month of practice for varsity and selected underclassmen.

It's a case of the rich getting richer, but they earned it.

Picking to cover the Rochelle game over Byron, Stillman and Polo on Friday night was easy for me. It was my mom's 87th birthday that day and gave me a chance to visit her before kickoff.

At that age, she still goes to cheer on the Hubs, as she's been doing since coming to town in 1967 as the wife of a new head coach. There wasn't much to cheer that first year, as Rochelle was 1-8 and lost to Oregon in the final game.

Not a great way to start at a school with a 30-plus winning streak a couple years earlier. In small towns like ours, the football or basketball coach can be the most popular person around or someone under attack at school board meetings.

As I watched Dixon and Rochelle go at it, I understand that mentality. There was so much at stake, as both teams matched touchdowns, with the glory of advancing to the second round hanging in the balance.

The longer the game progressed, the

higher the emotional stakes. When Rochelle scored the winning touchdown, there was a sense of relief mixed in with utter jubilation.

On the Dixon side, it was dejection and tears. After months of preparing for this moment, the fun was over.

As Rochelle coach Kyle Kissack aptly said afterwards, "We get to play one more week."

It's not just the team that gets one more week. It's the cheer squads, band, townspeople, school body, local media, family, etc.

On Saturday, my attention turned to the pageantry of 1A cross country. Those coaches aren't under the same scrutiny of the football coach, but they can be just as intense.

Coming into the meet, some of them weren't happy that the meet was scheduled for the afternoon instead of the morning because the timing company was doing another sectional earlier in the day. That displeasure became irritation when word came out the timing company was running late and the start time would have to be adjusted further.

Because of this, Oregon Athletic Director Mike Lawton took some verbal abuse from a couple coaches in the pre-race meeting. Both of these coaches are good friends of mine and I respect them for looking out for their athletes' best interests.

However, this wasn't unfair. Everyone

was adversely affected. Why dwell on it? Just go out and run.

Things started a half hour late and a couple other glitches popped up, delaying the girls final results until nearly three hours later.

One runner could not be found on either of the two meet cameras. It was like she didn't exist. It took some forensic sleuthing by her coach and meet officials to finally identify the side of her torso, thus validating her finish.

This was important because she ended up qualifying for state. Another potential state qualifier had her case go the IHSA office after it was determined she had the wrong bib on. Technically, that should be a disqualification, but the question arose as to whose job it was to ensure the right bib was on before the starting gun went on.

After much deliberation, the IHSA deemed the final responsibility to be on the meet officials and not on the girl or her coach. Thus, she qualified, but the fact-finding process made a long day even longer.

Maybe the real heroes that day were the fans that came out to support their teams and stayed until 4:45 p.m. when the final awards were given out.

Andy Colbert is a longtime Ogle County resident and has years of experience covering sports and more for multiple area publications.



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# LOCAL NEWS

## Cardinal Community Christmas planned for Dec. 4

**STILLMAN VALLEY** — Plans for Cardinal Community Christmas are underway. The event will be held the first Sunday in December from 4-7 p.m. Save the date and join us on Dec. 4. The evening will include a tree decorating contest beside the bank. Back this year is the community tree lighting. Lions Club will be serving hot cocoa and cookies in the garage by the bank. Santa will arrive by fire truck at 4 p.m. and will be at Ladders of Leaning until 7 p.m. Children can give Santa their list and have their picture taken with him.

There will be a Craft Show from 2-7 p.m. at the junior high. Elsa, Anna, Spider-man and Captain America will be in the auxiliary gym for a meet and greet. Horse-drawn carriage rides and hayrides will be offered. A bonfire and s'mores will be available. A live nativity scene will be at the brick center, along with carolers and cider donuts. There will be food trucks if you are hungry.

Donations of coats, hats and mittens for Bread of Life will be accepted.

The committee would like village residents to put out luminaries to light up the valley. Sand will be provided at the parking lot by the park prior to that day. Start saving your milk jugs now.

Area businesses will be open and there will be a punch card that will be entered into a drawing if you visit all the establishments. More details will follow.

Like us on Facebook at Cardinal Community Christmas to get details as we get closer to Dec. 4.



## AREA SPORTS SCORES

### Byron football wins in first round of playoffs

On Oct. 28, the Byron Tigers varsity football team defeated Lisle (Sr.) 52-7 at home in the first round of the IHSAClass 3A football playoffs.

The Tigers shut out Lisle in the first three quarters and led 42-0 at the end of the first half. Byron rushed

for 366 yards on the ground and threw for 62 yards. Caden Considine scored two touchdowns on 76 yards rushing. Kye Aken ran for 91 yards and two touchdowns.

### Scores

Varsity football (Oct. 28)  
IHSAClass 3A Playoffs: Stillman Valley 48, Monmouth-Roseville 33

### October 2022 From The Heart Cash Calendar winners

Oct. 1 - Tonja Greenfield, Rochelle, \$25	Oct. 19 - Rochelle Rescue Mission, \$25
Oct. 2 - Maria Erickson, Steward, \$50	Oct. 20 - Mikaela Comstock, Milton, \$25
Oct. 3 - Rochelle Rotary Club, \$25	Oct. 21 - Larry Truckenbrod, Sublette, \$25
Oct. 4 - Katlyn Brady, Rochelle, \$25	Oct. 22 - Edna M. Miller, Rochelle, \$25
Oct. 5 - Rochelle Rotary Club, \$25	Oct. 23 - Lance Charnock, Rochelle, \$50
Oct. 6 - Daniel L. Miller, Ashton, \$25	Oct. 24 - Rochelle Area Community Foundation, \$25
Oct. 7 - Paul Erickson, Rochelle, \$25	Oct. 25 - Juan Martinez, Rochelle, \$25
Oct. 8 - Erin M. Bergeson, Rochelle, \$25	Oct. 26 - Janelle Stein, Rochelle, \$25
Oct. 9 - From the Heart, Rochelle, \$250	Oct. 27 - From the Heart, Rochelle, \$25
Oct. 10 - From the Heart, Rochelle, \$250	Oct. 28 - Laurie Haub, Rochelle, \$25
Oct. 11 - John Swanson, Davis Junction, \$25	Oct. 29 - Nancy Adams, Rochelle, \$25
Oct. 12 - Kalynn Norris, Rochelle, \$25	Oct. 30 - Village of Progress, \$50
Oct. 13 - HOPE of Ogle County, \$2	Oct. 31 - Rochelle Rescue Mission, \$250
Oct. 14 - Rochelle Area Community Foundation, \$25	Checks to winners will be mailed out at the end of each month.
Oct. 15 - Jason Plumb, Oregon, \$25	
Oct. 16 - BeKah Lewis, Amboy, \$50	
Oct. 17 - Kersta Baker, Rochelle, \$25	
Oct. 18 - Kalynn Norris, Rochelle, \$25	

## Oregon School District scores above average on state report card

OCUSD #220 surpassed state average in both English language arts and math

**OREGON** — The Illinois State Board of Education released its Illinois Report Card on performance of state school districts, and the Oregon School District #220 scored above the state's average on the Illinois Assessment for Readiness (IAR) for the first time in both English language arts (ELA) and math, a press release said.

With students returning to the classroom, the National Assessment of Educational Progress revealed that there has been a historical drop in math and reading scores for U.S. public schools as a result of learning loss from remote learning due to lack of available resources and an insufficient academic support network. OCUSD strives to provide all students the structure, guidance, and resources needed to help them succeed. The district made the transition from remote to in-person learning as smooth as possible to prevent disruption to student academics. This was reflected in the districts 2022 IAR scores.

When comparing IAR 2021 scores to 2022 scores, the ELA state average of meets and exceeds decreased by 0.33 percent while OCUSD's average increased by 59 percent and the math state average

of meets and exceeds increased by 0.8 percent while OCUSD's average increased by 30 percent.

ISBE established academic expectations for what all students should know and be able to do in each subject at each grade. The standards emphasize depth over breadth, building upon key concepts as students advance. A school's score determines if an individual school is meeting the needs of all its students and reflects academic progress.

The state average for students who met or exceeded the state standard in the IAR Assessment in English language arts was 30.1 percent and OCUSD had 35.1 percent, an increase from the 22.1 percent scored in 2021.

The district also had more students above the IAR state average of 25.4 percent for mathematics, with 25.6 percent of students having met or exceeded the state standard.

"I'm proud of the collective effort of our staff, students and family that resulted in the growth in our scores," said Dr. Tom Mahoney, OCUSD superintendent. "OCUSD continues to strive to ensure all our students meet or exceed the state requirements."

**"I'm proud of the collective effort of our staff, students and family that resulted in the growth in our scores."**

**Dr. Tom Mahoney**



### Mt. Morris Class of 1957 donates to fire station

The Mt. Morris High School Class of 1957 recently made a \$1,000 donation to the projected new fire station in the village. From left to right: Fire Chief Rob Hough, Lynne Wilburn, Sylvia Saunders, Marion Thompson, Bonnie Soresie and Nancy Falzone.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Forreston Library News

### Tuesdays at 10 a.m.

Bring your favorite toddler or preschooler for a time of stories, songs, crafts, and fun! This relaxed program is a great way for little ones to meet new friends and discover the joy of reading. Please call the library to register or if you have any questions.

### New materials

New adult fiction includes: "No Plan B" by Lee Child, "Livid" by Patricia Cornwell, and "The Christmas Spirit" by Debbie Macomber.

### Community room

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

### Plastic recycling

We are collecting film-type plastic for recycling. This includes plastic bags, zipper type baggies (with the zip portion removed), cereal/snack bags, bubble wrap, and other soft plastic. Please make sure bags are free from debris and remove all paper/sticker labels. We cannot accept hard plastic, such as water bottles, milk cartons, etc., for this program. Thank you!

### Library hours

The library is open: Monday 10am-1pm, 2-7pm, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 10am-1pm, 2-6pm, and Saturday 9am-12pm. We may be reached by phone at (815)938-2624, email at forrestonpubliclibrary@gmail.com, or through Facebook messaging. Of course, we always love to see you in person, too!

## Polo Library News

### Children's Programs

#### Tweens Time

Thursday, November 10th - 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Gnome Paint Project - Ages 8 to 14 or Grades 4th thru 8th - Registration is required, limited materials available.

#### Storytime Saturday

Saturday, November 12th at 10:30 a.m. - "Friendsgiving" making a special something for a special someone.

#### "Tot Time" Tuesdays

Tuesdays at 10 a.m. Ages 0 to 5 yrs, come join Ms. Melanie for a story read, various hands-on play, with a mix of music and art fun for the little ones.

For more information or to register for any of these programs, call 815-946-2713, call or text 815-677-3586, email melanie@polo.library.org, go to the Polo Library website or Facebook page to look for the Google form link.

### Adult Programs

#### Community Conversations

Wednesday, November 9th at 10:30 a.m. with Beth Sundman, City of Polo Alderwoman. Coffee will be provided. No registration required.

#### Book Clubs

What we're reading and discussing in November - Friday Discussion Group, November 11th at 1:00 p.m. Meeting at Polo Senior Center to discuss "The Leopard is Loose" by Stephen Harrigan.

## Bertolet Library News

### Holiday hours

Wednesday, November 23rd: 10:00am-5:00pm; Thursday & Friday, November 24th & 25th: Closed; Saturday, November 26th: Return to regular hours.

### YOUTH PROGRAMS

#### Story Time

Thursdays @ 10:00 AM. Stop in with your Toddlers and Pre-K littles for Story Time each Thursday with Miss Jana. She will have a couple stories and an activity for the kids.

#### Big Kids, Big Art

Tuesday, November 15th, 4:30 PM. Calling all 1st through 5th Graders! Miss Jana has a great beginner art program just for you. Each month will focus on a different element of art. Join her on the 3rd Tuesday of each month!

#### LEGO® Club

1st Monday of the month, 5:00

## Mt. Morris Library News

### Story Time!

Story time will be fun this week! We will have a wonderful time this week as we read books and make crafts this Wednesday, 11/9. Story time is every Wednesday @11:15, bring your little ones to enjoy stories and a craft at the Mount Morris Library!

### Cookbook Club!

Join us as we explore The Cookbook Club! This delicious club will be using a different cookbook each month. Wonderful recipes combined with friendship creates something both beautiful and delicious! Stop by to choose your recipe, then bring the dish to pass at our next meeting! Join us on Tuesday, December 6th @6pm at The Senior Center for an exciting meal!

### Christmas Decoration Exchange

It's beginning to look a lot like the holidays! Mt. Morris Library will be opening our doors and tables to the annual exchange of Christmas decorations! Donations of trinkets, baubles, ornaments, tchotchkes, knickknacks, etc. will be accepted or exchanged for new homes. Donations should be in good shape and working order. The exchange will start on Monday, November 14 through Monday, December 5th.

### Lego Club!

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

### Mount Morris Library Open House

It is the 20th Anniversary of our renovation and expansion! We want to celebrate with YOU! Stop by on Sunday, November 20th from 2-4 to enjoy refreshments and see how much the library has grown!

### Adult Book Club

The November book is "Beautiful Ruins, a Novel" by Jess Walter. Everyone is welcome to join this book club

PM. Create with us on the 1st Monday of each month. We will have the LEGO® bricks waiting for you!

### ADULT PROGRAMS

#### Adult Book of the Month:

Look for the next title in January!

#### Craft Kits for Adults

Stop by the circulation desk to pick up November's make and take craft. Celebrate Thanksgiving by making an ear of corn.

#### Create-a-Card

Saturday, November 19th, 9:30 AM. Design an encouraging note for your bestie, your child's teacher, or your secret sister. You can even create a work of art to lift your own spirits! All materials are provided.

#### Drop Box

Our drop box is closed until further notice due to water leaks. Please return library materials

during business hours. You may also return materials to other local libraries, and they will send them to us via our interlibrary loan system. We apologize for the inconvenience.

### 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: No Plan B by Lee Child, Going Rogue by Jane Evanovich, The Magic of Lemon Drop Pie by Rachel Linden (LP), The Christmas Spirit by Debbie Macomber, Triple Cross by James Patterson and The Answer Is... by Alex Trebek. Chapter books: Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Diper Overlode by Jeff Kinney. Picture books: Hello, Moon by Evan Turk

group! Copies of the book are available at the library. This group will meet in-person on Monday, November 28th at the library.

### Display Case Showings

Stop in to see our new display for November! Local collector, Jo Ward, will showcase her personal collection of Veteran Memorabilia in honor of Veteran's Day! They are interesting pieces that will help you admire and acknowledge the sacrifices our military personnel have endured. Stop by to admire this treasured collection! 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 Soulside Healing Arts Explore More Illinois, RAILS' online cultural and recreational pass program for Illinois libraries, welcomes its newest attraction, Soulside Healing Arts in Peoria! Soulside Healing Arts is a non-profit yoga studio in downtown Peoria. Soulside's Community Yoga Corps brings yoga and mindfulness to social service agencies, community settings, and schools with a focus on trauma-informed wellness. The studio offers 15+ pay-as-you-can classes a week open to all!

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## FJSHS to host Veterans Day breakfast

**FORRESTON** — Forreston Junior Senior High School would like to invite all local veterans to a breakfast in their honor on Friday, Nov. 11.  
 Breakfast will be served in the FJSHS cafeteria from 6:30 a.m. through 7:15 a.m. At 7:20

a.m. FHS Redbird Regiment under the direction of Travis Cunningham will be performing a short concert followed by a short presentation by FJSHS Social Studies Department.  
 Please allow us to honor and thank you for your service on Friday, Nov. 11.

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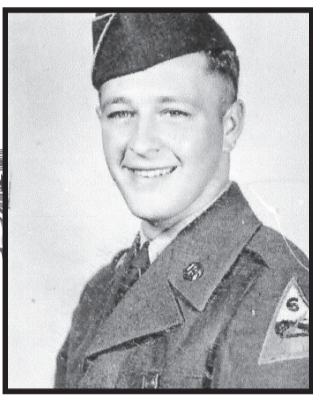
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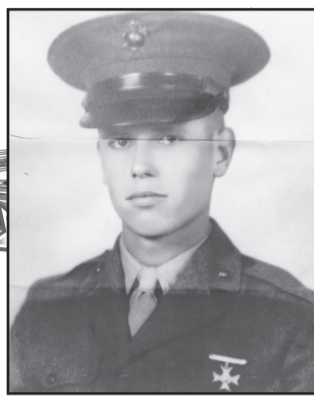
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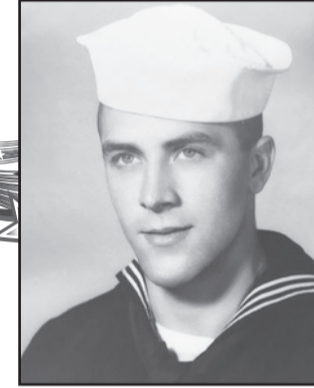
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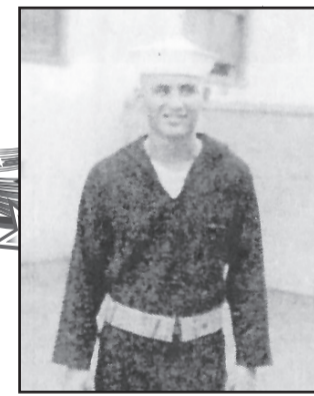
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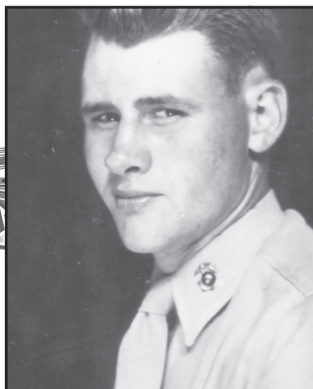
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# LOCAL NEWS

## Julia Hull District Library News

### Storytime at the library!

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

### Teen Fall Tote Bag

It's fall: you've got your flannel, distressed jeans and killer boots, now all you need is the perfect bag to go with it. Learn how to craft your own unique tote bag that's perfect for books, apple picking or pumpkin spice runs. Thursday, November 10 at 3 p.m. Ages 13-18. Registration required. 815-645-8611

### Rockin' Reptiles and Awesome Amphibians

Become a herpetologist and explore the world of reptiles and amphibians! Learn about some of their amazing adaptations and the important roles they play in nature. The National Mississippi River Museum will join us along with their live animals to help us learn! Friday,

November 11 at 1:00 p.m. Grades K-6. Registration required. 815-645-8611.

### Adult Craft Night: 3D Winter Village

Join us Monday, November 14 at 6 p.m. and build a quaint winter village for your mantel or bookshelf. Adults only. Registration required. 815-645-8611.

### YCBC

Join us for a book discussion and hands-on craft/activity all about "Nacho's Nachos: The Story Behind the World's Favorite Snack," by Sandra Nickel and Oliver Dominguez. Stop by the library to register for the in-person program and pick-up your copy of the reading. Ages 7-9. Tuesday, November 15 at 6 p.m.

### Cricut Lab: Labels

Looking to organize your kitchen pantry, office or craft room? Learn to make vinyl labels with your Cricut and make labels using a Cricut pen! Participants will practice uploading and creating a design; using Design

Space functions; altering a design; and creating layers. BYO Cricut machine (Explore Air or Maker) and cords; device with the Cricut app already installed; cutting mat; and blade. Cricut pens will be supplied. Thursday, November 17 at 6 p.m. Adults only. Registration required. 815-645-8611

### Holiday Caroling with the Festive Singers

"Tis the season to be jolly!" Join us for an evening of Holiday caroling with the Festive Singers: an a cappella quartet, donned in their best "gay apparel," while performing traditional and contemporary holiday favorites. Monday, November 28 at 6:30 p.m. Call to register: 815-645-8611.

### Holiday Festival: Yeti for the Holidays!

We're Yeti for the Holidays! Are you? Join us at the library Saturday, December 3, for our annual Holiday Festival. We'll have games



Teens gathered at Julia Hull District Library (Stillman Valley) for a few rounds of spooky Halloween trivia and sweet treats.

and prizes, DIY arts and crafts for the kids and a Mr. Yeti-Head Family Decorating Challenge! Before you go, grab an

Edible Snowball kit to continue the festivities at home. Recommended ages: 2-10. One day only! Registration required.

Must PRE-REGISTER by Monday, November 28 to ensure your family's spot. Space is limited. 815-645-8611.

## AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

### BYRON

#### ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

#### CORNERSTONE FAMILY CHURCH

205 N. Peru St., Byron 815-234-8737 [cornerstonefamilychurch.org](http://cornerstonefamilychurch.org)  
Sr. Pastor: Erik Ness, MexGen/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

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

#### BEACON HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD

"Building Faith for Life"  
6467 N. German Church Rd., Byron, IL - Ph. (815) 234-8032 - [beaconhillbyron.org](http://beaconhillbyron.org)  
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 448, Byron, IL 61010  
Pastor: Gary Cortese  
Service Times: Sundays at 10AM; Wednesday night Faith-Lift at 6:30PM  
Find us on Facebook/Beacon Hill Assembly of God

### CHANA

#### CHANA UNITED METHODIST

Pastor Josh Brown, 606 Main Street, Chana, IL 61015. Church office 815-732-7683. [E-mail address: [chanaum@gmail.com](mailto:chanaum@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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Open Minds, Open Hearts, Open Doors • "God's Heart in Our Community" Located in town on Rt. 72 • Our Pastor is Rev. Keith Kelsey-Powell Sunday Services: Worship 10:30am, Childrens time during Worship Service. Fellowship following the Worship Service each Sunday. Communion the first Sunday of the month. Potluck luncheon following Worship every 4th Sunday, except in the summer months of June, July and August. Various small groups meet throughout the month. For more information about the small groups please call 298-2310. AA meets Wednesdays at 5:30pm and Saturdays at 9am. For more information please visit our website [WWW.DJUMC.ORG](http://WWW.DJUMC.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 Tevis  
West Grove Rd. At Columbine Rd.  
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#### 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  
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#### LEAF RIVER BAPTIST CHURCH

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

### LINDENWOOD

#### IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH - LCMS

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

#### LINDENWOOD UNION CHURCH

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

### KINGS

#### ELIM REFORMED CHURCH

140 S. Church Road, Kings, IL 61068 • Pastor Marv Jacobs  
Phone 815-562-6811 E-mail: [goelimchurch@gmail.com](mailto:goelimchurch@gmail.com)  
Website: [www.goelimchurch.org](http://www.goelimchurch.org)  
Sunday morning worship 10:30 am

#### MOUNT MORRIS

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9:30 am - Sunday Worship with Communion open to all  
10:45 am - Sunday School (Sep - May)  
[www.disciplesumc.org](http://www.disciplesumc.org)  
(815) 734-4853  
102 N Maple Ave., Mt. Morris, IL 61054  
Rev. Julie Bunt, Pastor

#### EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH OF MT. MORRIS

102 S. Seminary Ave., Mt. Morris, IL 61054 815-734-4942  
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 BRETHREN

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: [mmtcob@frontier.com](mailto:mmtcob@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.  
107 N Daysville Rd. Oregon, IL Phone: 815-732-2960.  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Monday Worship 10:30 a.m.  
Breakfast is served the Fifth Sunday of the Month beginning at 9:30 a.m.  
Wednesday activities: Adults & Children meet weekly beginning at 6:30pm.  
In the event that Oregon Schools are not in session we do not meet on Wednesdays.

#### EBENEZER REFORMED CHURCH

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

#### LIGHTHOUSE UNITED METHODIST

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

#### OREGON FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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

#### OREGON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

#### RIVERSTONE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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

#### ST. BRIDE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

#### ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH, NALC

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

### POLO

#### ST. MARY CHURCH

Rectory/Office: 211 North Franklin Ave., Polo, IL 61064  
PHONE: 815-946-2535 • Rev. Joseph P. Naill

Masses: Sun 10:30am, Tuesday Mass 8 a.m.  
Sacrament of Reconciliation: First Sunday of each month after 10:30 mass  
OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
[www.stmarypolo.org](http://www.stmarypolo.org)

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#### FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Pastor Brian LeBaron  
Website: [www.faithumcpolo.com](http://www.faithumcpolo.com) • [facebook.com/Faithumcpolo](http://facebook.com/Faithumcpolo)

### STILLMAN VALLEY

#### RED BRICK CHURCH OF STILLMAN VALLEY (CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH)

Pastor Rev. Dr. Chris Brauns | Associate Pastor David Bogner  
207 W Roosevelt Road (Rte 72), Stillman Valley.  
815-645-2526 | [www.theredbrickchurch.org](http://www.theredbrickchurch.org)  
Sunday: Worship at 9:00 and 10:30 am. Sunday School at 9:00 am. Wednesday: AWANA (Sept - April) from 6:00 to 7:15 pm. Men, women, youth Bible Studies throughout the year. See website for all activities or contact the church office.

#### KISHWAUKEE COMMUNITY EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

#### VALLEY EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH

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

#### GRACE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH DAVIS JUNCTION

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

### WINNEBAGO

#### MIDDLE CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Oregon Library News

### Library Closure

Friday, November 11th the Oregon Public Library will be closed for staff training. We will be open on Thursday, November 10 from 9-8 pm and Saturday, November 12, 9-4pm.

### Preschool Story Time (18 months- 5 years)

We're back and ready for stories and crafts on Mondays at 10 am. Go online or call to register.

### Book Clubs

The 2WBC Book Club meets Wednesday, November 9 at 12:30 pm to discuss Looking for Alaska by John Green. Cocktails & Crimes will meet Sunday, November 13 at 2:00 pm (grab a book to find out where). The Afternoon Book Club meets Wednesday, November 16 at 1:00 pm to discuss Anxious People by Fredrik Backman. Books on Tape meets Thursday, November 17 at 6 pm to discuss Luckiest Girl Alive by Jessica Knoll. Teen Book Club Association meets on November 26 at 10 am to discuss Layla by Colleen Hoover.

### YOGA Has Returned!

Thursday's at 9:30 am, November 10th & 17th. Welcome, Kara Schabacker! Kara first entered the health and wellness field as a massage/myofascial therapist in 2008. After 13 years working solely in curative care, she laid down roots as a yoga instructor to shift her focus to a more preventative approach to well-being. Shortly after receiving her RYT200, she completed a 95-hour certification in Trauma Informed Kids & Teens Yoga and became registered as an RCYT in 2022. She is also in the process of completing her RYT500 through Yoga Medicine, looking at an old familiar path from a

new viewpoint. The focus of her studies is on fascia, the nervous system, mental and emotional health, and the human response to trauma. Yin-Yasa - This class is a hybrid of yang (active yoga) with yin (passive yoga). We will use fundamental yoga postures to build strength and warmth and also incorporate 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. Registration required, this class fills quickly. Please call (815) 732-2724 or visit [www.oregonpubliclibrary.com](http://www.oregonpubliclibrary.com).

### Program

Understanding and Responding to Dementia-Related Behavior & Dr Elizabeth Shulman, author of "Finding Sanctuary in the Midst of Alzheimer's - A Spiritual Guide for Families Facing Dementia"-Wednesday, November 9th at 6:00pm.

Behavior is a powerful form of communication and is one of the primary ways for people with dementia to communicate their needs and feelings as the ability to use language is lost. However, some behaviors can present real challenges for caregivers to manage. Join us to learn to decode behavioral messages, identify common behavior triggers, and learn strategies to help intervene with some of the most common behavioral challenges of Alzheimer's disease.

Join us for a conversation with Elizabeth Shulman, author of "Finding Sanctuary in the Midst of Alzheimer's - A Spiritual Guide for Families Facing Dementia". We will briefly discuss reframing solutions and seeking help from "above". Elizabeth Shulman has over 30 years of experience as a pastor, university researcher, and hospice chaplain. Dr. Shulman knows the stress and struggle of

caregiving and will help us focus on finding meaning in our challenging role. We will be giving away copies of Dr. Shulman's book to some attendees. Please register to view from home by calling 800.272.3900. If you'd like to watch in the library, please register at [www.oregonpubliclibrary.com](http://www.oregonpubliclibrary.com).

### November is National Novel Writing Month!

Tuesday, November 15th at 10:00am, All Ages. Come to the library for a great environment to craft your next bestseller in the company of fellow writers. There will be prompts, creative exercises, and of course, time to write. There will also be time for writers to share a selection of their in-progress work if they so chose.

### A Killer Among Us

(Part 2): Killers, Stalkers & Creeps of Chicago's Modern Era- Tuesday, November 15th, 6:30pm

After an apparent breather during Chicago's Beer Wars of the Roaring Twenties, the Serial Killer is back for our Modern Era...and they are more insatiable than before. Gone are poison and insurance claims - only to be replaced by bloodshed and lust. If you're not too frightened (yet) please join Clarence Goodman for "A Killer Among Us". Registration required, call (815) 732-2724 or visit [www.oregonpubliclibrary.com](http://www.oregonpubliclibrary.com).

### Stranger Things Trivia

Wednesday, November 23rd at 4:00pm. Grab your friends and come to the library for an afternoon of Stranger Things Trivia. Win Stranger Things memorabilia and doorprizes. Registration required, please call (815) 732-2724 or visit [www.oregonpubliclibrary.com](http://www.oregonpubliclibrary.com). Teams of no more than 4 people and open to all ages.

## Weekly Brain Busters

### King Crossword

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Whispered "Hey!"
  - 5 Cacophony
  - 8 Last write-up
  - 12 Jazz singer James
  - 13 Punk rock offshoot
  - 14 Indy event
  - 15 Meander
  - 16 Has a portion (of)
  - 18 Seeming contradiction
  - 20 Small earrings
  - 21 Allow
  - 22 - Paulo
  - 23 Social worker's load
  - 26 Talkative birds
  - 30 Half of bi-
  - 31 Levy
  - 32 French article
  - 33 Layered dessert
  - 36 Media barrage
  - 38 Dog tags, e.g.
  - 39 Sheep call
  - 40 Acid in proteins
  - 43 Lets off
  - 47 Sunshades
  - 49 "Phooey!"
  - 50 Earth Day subj.
  - 51 "A mouse!"
  - 52 Outside (Pref.)
  - 53 Painter
- DOWN**
- 1 Criminal, to cops
  - 2 Old portico
  - 3 Flag feature
  - 4 Mexican entree
  - 5 Station
  - 6 Big-screen format
  - 7 Neither mate
  - 8 Speaker
  - 9 Capital of Azerbaijan
  - 10 On the rocks
  - 11 Hardy heroine
  - 17 Despot
  - 19 - Moines
  - 22 Swing band instrument
  - 23 Drink holder
  - 24 Santa - winds
  - 25 Knight's address
  - 26 Bit of butter
  - 27 Gigi's "yes"
  - 28 Stick with a kick
  - 29 " - who?"
  - 31 Poetic contraction
  - 34 Closing number
  - 35 Big fusses
  - 36 Saloon
  - 37 Firetruck necessity
  - 39 Soaks up the sun
  - 40 Unoriginal one
  - 41 Spiked club
  - 42 Pressing need
  - 43 Entreaty
  - 44 Killer whale
  - 45 D.C. baseball team
  - 46 Halt
  - 48 British ref. work

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

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally  
 Unlisted clue hint: FAT-FREE MILK

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|-----------|------------|-------------|-------|
| Butter    | Dry        | Malted      | Sour  |
| Chocolate | Evaporated | Pasteurized | Soy   |
| Cold      | Fresh      | Powdered    | Whole |
| Condensed | Goat's     | Raw         |       |

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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

	4			6	2			8
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3				5		4		
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2		1			4		5	
	5			9				6
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

### DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

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

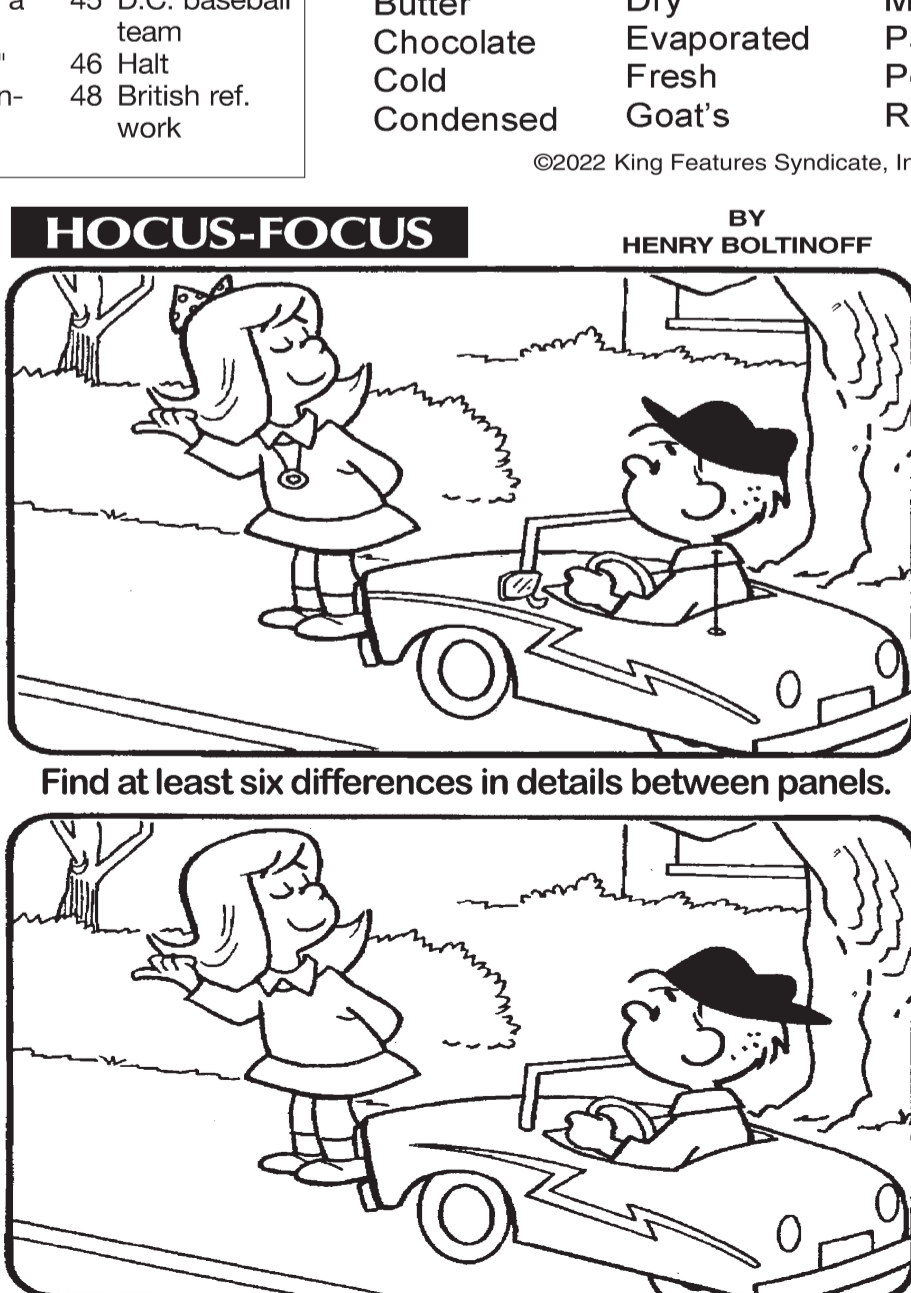
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## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Bow is missing. 2. Locket is missing. 3. Stripe is missing. 4. Mirror is missing. 5. Cap is reversed. 6. Antenna is missing.

**King Crossword**

Solution time: 23 mins.

Answers

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

**Weekly SUDOKU**

Answer

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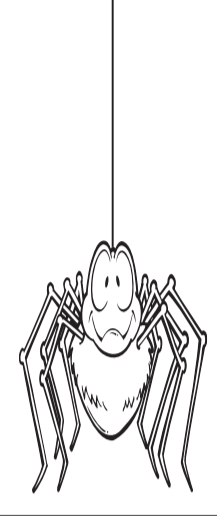


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# LOCAL NEWS

## Ogle clerk's office offers service to veterans

**OREGON** — As we observe Veteran's Day, Laura J. Cook, Ogle County clerk & recorder, would like to remind veterans and their families to consider the security of one of the most important documents they possess, their DD-214 military discharge records.

"As we honor those who served before us and serve us now, I want

to urge all veterans to safeguard their DD-214 military discharge records with the Ogle County Recorder's Office. In a time of need, wouldn't you like the peace of mind that your family can access these valuable documents in a safe and secure fashion if they are ever lost? We will record your original DD-214 and provide you a certified copy at

no charge to the veteran, with proper identification," Cook states.

For further information, contact the Ogle County Recorder's Office at 815-732-1115. The county recorder's office is located at 105 S. 5th St., Suite 212, Oregon. Office hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday thru Friday, closed Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.

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