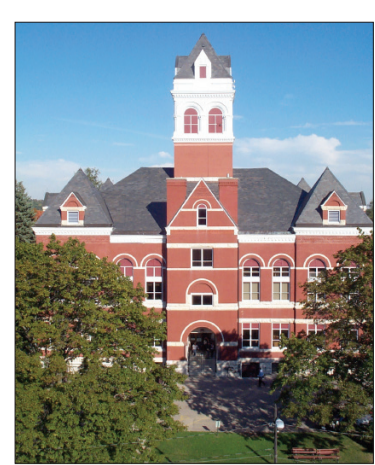


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# Election Day: Oregon votes to adopt city manager government form

## 60.4 percent of Ogle County voters turnout for midterms

By Jeff Helfrich  
MANAGING EDITOR

**OGLER COUNTY** — During Tuesday's midterm elections, City of Oregon residents voted to adopt the city manager form of government 675-522 (56.3 percent) in a referendum. 1,197 votes were cast with a 57.5 voter turnout within city limits.

The city proposed the switch from its "outdated" commission form of government, which exists in less than one percent of United States cities. City council members will no longer have administrative duties on top of their legislative duties. Current City Administrator Darin DeHaan, who moved to the role from the position of

police chief in recent years, will now serve as Oregon's city manager.

As city manager, DeHaan will now be responsible for about 15 percent more management functions that were previously held by council members. The council will remain and continue to do things like set budgets and review and change ordinances. The city manager will report to the council.

The actual change to the new form of government will take place when Oregon's next mayor and council take office after the April 4, 2023 consolidated general election.

Two years ago, the Oregon city council members were unanimously in favor of adding a city admin-



The Rock River Center in Oregon served as a polling place during Tuesday's midterm election day.

istrator and the lateral transfer of DeHaan made for a central contact for all staff without adding staff or payroll costs.

Voters in Buffalo Township rejected an increase to its equipment and building

fund Tuesday by a vote of 542-416.

One Ogle County Board race (third district) was contested and the three winners were Daniel C. Miller, Austin J. Gillis and Joseph C. Simms

over Guillermo Martinez, Lloyd Droegge and Robert Snow.

Elected in the first district of the Ogle County Board were Ricky Fritz, Zachary S. Oltmanns and Benjamin P. Youman. Elected in the second district were Patricia Nordman, Wayne Reising and Tom Smith.

In the fourth district of the Ogle County Board, David Williams, Skip Kenney and Jackie Ramsey were elected to seats.

Elected in the fifth district of the county board were Bruce Larson, Don Griffin and Dan Janes. Ryan Reeverts, Steven Huber and Jeff Billeter were elected in the sixth district.

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# Habitat for Humanity of Ogle County hosts groundbreaking for new Rochelle home

## 'We have a dedicated team and we're going to get this started'

By Jeff Helfrich  
MANAGING EDITOR

**ROCHELLE** — On Sunday, Oct. 30, a groundbreaking event was held by Habitat for Humanity of Ogle County for its latest home in Rochelle.

The new home at 110 S. 9th Street will be the county organization's 13th overall and third build in Rochelle. Ashlie Minton, a mother of four, has been chosen as the homeowner. Work on the site began in early October and Habitat is hoping to make significant progress before winter comes into full swing. The home is slated for completion by early summer of 2022.

"We're excited," Hab-



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itat Board President Gail Tuttle said. "We have a dedicated team and we're going to get this started."

Habitat is seeking

donations of money and materials and volunteers for the project. Those that are interested in helping can contact Habitat Exec-

utive Director Vanessa White-Broome via email at [vanessawhite82@yahoo.com](mailto:vanessawhite82@yahoo.com) or Tuttle at [ysp867@aol.com](mailto:ysp867@aol.com).

"We'll need build-

ing materials and the cost of those is high," White-Broome said. "We always need donations. It's been hard for us to have fundraisers in the past few years. Donations are always appreciated and go directly to the build. Everything goes towards our mission. If people want to donate building materials, they can contact us and ask what we need. That helps greatly. We need volunteers. The more bodies we have on this, the quicker we can get this build put together. They don't have to have a special skill level. We have skilled people that will help and supervise."

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# LOCAL NEWS



In Ogle County as a whole, 19,327 ballots were cast out of 32,022 total voters for a 60.4 percent turnout.

## ELECT: Ogle County voter turnout hits 60 percent

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Stan Asp, John Finrock and Dean Fox were elected to seats in the seventh district. Lyle Hopkins, Susie Corbitt and Marcia Heuer were elected to eighth district seats.

Brian VanVickle ran unopposed for reelection as sheriff and received 16,277 votes Tuesday. County Clerk & Recorder Laura J. Cook ran unopposed for reelection as well, earning 16,506 votes Tuesday. Tiffany O'Brien ran unopposed as treasurer and was elected with 16,174 votes.

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### State races

Voters statewide re-elected Gov. JB Pritzker by a 54.2 percent margin. Ogle County voters were in favor of challenger Darren Bailey by a 63.94 percent margin in local polls.

Tammy Duckworth was re-elected as United States Senator with 56.1 percent of state votes. Her challenger, Kathy Salvi was favored by Ogle County with 62.85 percent of votes locally.

Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul was re-elected with 54 percent of the vote. Ogle County voters were in favor of Tom DeVore for that position with 66.84 percent.

Former local representative Tom Demmer fell short in his bid for state treasurer against Michael Frerichs, receiving 44 percent of votes statewide. Demmer received 69.28 percent of the Ogle County vote.

U.S. Rep. Darin LaHood was the winner in the Illinois 16th Congressional District over Democratic challenger Elizabeth Haderlein. 68.4 percent of Ogle County residents voted for LaHood.

Illinois voters approved an amendment to the state constitution that would guarantee the right to bargain collectively. 54.7 percent of Ogle County voters were against that measure.



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## HOME: Volunteers needed for house-build

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Habitat Board Member and Construction Lead Don Roberts said the foundation of the home is complete and the next steps are back filling, decking and framing. Volunteers will be needed starting the first weekend in November.

Minton and her family will be a part of the home's construction as part of Habitat's "sweat equity" process. Habitat prides itself on its policy of "hands up, not a hand-out." Those that receive homes make mortgage payments to Habitat. The organization stays engaged throughout the mortgage and provides counseling on how to pay for and maintain a home. Those that apply for Habitat homes are usually unable to receive a loan due to credit issues.

Minton and her family attended Sunday's groundbreaking event and carried out the ceremony with Tuttle and Rochelle Mayor John Bearrows.

"I think I speak for us all when I say we're very excited to be doing this,"



Rochelle Mayor John Bearrows (right) and Habitat for Humanity of Ogle County Board President Gail Tuttle spoke at the Oct. 30 groundbreaking.

Minton said. "Thank you everybody. This is a really big deal for us."

Habitat's last new home was built in Rochelle on the same block. Bearrows said that during that process, he was "amazed" at the volunteerism, organization and willingness of everyone involved to step up.

"What's unique about this is that it impacts a very specific group," Bearrows said. "A family. That makes this very special. From the city's standpoint, we want to welcome you to our community. If you have problems, I want to know about it so we

can get them fixed. I'm just very excited about it. Thank you to Habitat for Humanity. They change peoples' lives one house at a time. And that's an amazing, amazing feat. The city is thankful to be a small part of it."

White-Broome said Habitat's projects in Rochelle have seen success and have been supported by the city, local businesses and individuals in town. Along with new home builds, Habitat takes part in Brush with Kindness projects that include adding ramps and making other improvements to homes of those

in need. "We're blessed to continue to have a lot of the local merchants help us like ALM Cabinetry, CNS Flooring, Anderson Plumbing and more," Broome said of Habitat's work in Rochelle. "All those businesses will come together and help us. We're lucky that we have people that come forward and help us as volunteers. The donation of materials is always helpful. We try to keep the cost of the house down. We're excited to work with this family. Her kids are going to be able to play outside."

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# LOCAL NEWS



From left to right: Gadini O. Delisca, MD, XCEL Orthopedics; Janet Stewart, RCH marketing coordinator and Michelle LaPage, RCH marketing, foundation & organizational development manager

## RCH recognized with Pinnacle Award

ROCHELLE — Rochelle Community Hospital was recognized with a Pinnacle Award at the Illinois Society for Healthcare Marketing and Public Relations (ISHMPR) Fall Conference held at Par-A-Dice Hotel & Casino in East Peoria, Illinois on Oct. 13-14.

In conjunction with the Annual Conference, ISHMPR sponsors the Pinnacle Awards to recognize excellence and achievement in healthcare marketing and public relations.

RCH was recognized with an award of excellence in the video production category for the video, "The Story of Rylan and Sonic the Hedgehog" with Dr. Gadini Delisca and patient, Rylan Svela. Project team members included Michelle LaPage and Janet Stewart of RCH marketing and Pam Maher and Devin Manville of KMK Media Group in Rockford. You can search for Rochelle Community Hospital on YouTube to view the video.

There were a total of 63 entries submitted from 25 healthcare networks, hospitals and vendors. The entries, which spanned a total of 19 different categories, were judged based on their own merit in

accordance with established criteria for project planning, implementation and overall results. Marketing professionals from the New England Society of Healthcare Communications and the Carolinas Healthcare Public Relations & Marketing Society were judges for this year's awards.

ISHMPR membership is open to marketing, communications, and public relations professionals from hospitals statewide. The Annual Conference offers the opportunity for professional networking and educational presentations by nationally-recognized healthcare marketing professionals.

For more information about ISHMPR, visit [www.ishmpr.org](http://www.ishmpr.org).

## Ogle County Sheriff

# Deputies arrest Rockford man for driving while license suspended

OREGON — On Nov. 2 at approximately 11:43 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop on East Illinois Route 38 near the intersection of Interstate 39. After investigation, deputies arrested Anton Baker, 36, of Rockford, for driving while license suspended. Baker was also issued citations for suspended registration, operating an uninsured motor vehicle and speeding 21-25 over the speed limit. Baker was given an I-Bond with a return court date later next month and released on scene.

On Nov. 2 at approximately 11:40 a.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 3,000 block of South Daysville Road. After investigation, deputies placed Geoffrey Connell, 70, of Byron, under arrest for aggravated driving while license revoked (class four felony) and driving while

license revoked. Connell was additionally issued a citation for improper lane usage. Connell was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held pending a court appearance in the presence of a judge.

On Nov. 2 at approximately 8:15 a.m. deputies and Oregon Fire/EMS were dispatched to the intersection of Illinois Route 64 and Meridian Road in reference to a personal injury accident involving a semi and a truck. Upon arrival deputies learned a black Chevrolet S10 pickup, driven by a 16-year-old female juvenile, was traveling eastbound on Illinois Route 64 when it began to turn northbound at the intersection directly in front of a white Mack semi truck driven by Heenan Thier, 47, of Amboy, which was traveling westbound on Illinois Route

64. The semi truck then struck the Chevrolet on the front passenger side, causing the Chevrolet to travel into the south side ditch before coming to rest. The semi truck also sustained disabling front end damage in the crash. The juvenile was transported to Javon Bea Hospital in Rockford and was later transported to Lurie Children's Hospital in Chicago for serious injuries. The accident remains under investigation.

On Nov. 2 at approximately 7:53 p.m. deputies responded to a motorcycle accident in the 3,000 block of North River Road. An investigation revealed that a northbound motorcycle, being driven by Jacob Violet, 40, of Byron, traveled off the west edge of the roadway. The motorcycle then struck several mailboxes and a garbage can before coming to

a rest. Violet received serious injuries in the accident and was transported to Mercy Riverside Hospital. Violet was cited for driving under the influence of alcohol, improper lane usage and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. Deputies were assisted at the scene by Oregon Fire/EMS. The accident remains under investigation.

On Nov. 3 at approximately 11:52 a.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop at Illinois Route 38 and Dement Road. After an investigation, deputies placed Timothy Jefferson, 20, of Chicago, under arrest for driving while license suspended and suspended registration. Jefferson was released on I-bond for his citations and given a future court date.

*All individuals are considered innocent until proven guilty.*

## Eagle's Nest Art Group Candlelight Walk Show at Conover Square is Nov. 26

OREGON — Eagle's Nest Art Group will host its annual Candlelight Walk art show, on Saturday, Nov. 26, from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m.

Many different forms of art will be on display, including oil, watercolor and acrylic paintings; photography; alcohol ink; pen and ink; calligraphy; ceramics; prints and cards. All work is original and created by artists from Ogle, Winnebago and Lee Counties.

Also on exhibit will be the art created by the annual October/November painting class. The

class is taught by Laurie Friemuth and assistant Karen Tucker.

The ENAG gallery is located on the second floor of Conover Square Mall, 201 N. 3rd St. in Oregon. A lift is available. There is no cost for the show. Parking is plentiful.

Information about ENAG classes, programs and membership will be available during the show for those who are interested.

Artists will be on hand to greet you. Christmas treats will be served. Have some



cookies and enjoy the art!

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I. A public hearing to approve a proposed property tax levy increase for Illinois Community College District No. 519, Counties of Stephenson, Ogle, Jo Daviess, and Carroll for 2022 will be held on November 22, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. at Highland Community College, Freeport, Illinois.

Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may contact Ms. Jill Janssen, Vice President of Administrative Services, 2998 West Pearl City Road, Freeport, IL 61032, 235-6121, Extension 3412.

II. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended for 2021 were \$9,270,618.

The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 2022 are \$10,173,000. This represents a 9.7% increase over the previous year.

III. The property taxes extended for debt service and public building commission leases for 2021 were \$1,829,704.

The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for 2022 are \$1,846,050. This represents an .89% increase over the previous year.

IV. The total property taxes extended for 2021 were \$11,100,322.

The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 2022 are \$12,019,050. This represents an 8.3% increase over the previous year.

Terri Grims  
Secretary to the Board

# LOCAL NEWS

## Obituaries

### Eduard Benes

**OREGON** — Eduard Benes, 78, passed away on Nov. 7 at Swedish American Hospital in Rockford. He was born in Brno, Czechoslovakia, on May 9, 1944 the son of Stanislav and Leontyna (Spalkova) Benes.

He was an amazing athlete in his younger years playing tennis, soccer and hockey. He was a goalie and helped lead his team to win gold in a junior national championship.

He married the love of his life, Jarmila Walterova, on Oct. 24, 1970 in Milwaukee after coming to the United States earlier that year.

He was passionate about cars and landscaping, always making sure that his yard looked well kept. He loved to walk and hike with his wife, taking

yearly trips to hike the mountains in Colorado and walk the beaches in Florida. He also enjoyed visiting and walking in Lake Geneva.

Eduard will be remembered as a caring and friendly person who loved meeting new people and spending time with his wife, who was his best friend. He is preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived and missed by his wife, Jarmila; siblings, Alexander (Vera) Benes and Hana Benes; nephew, Martin Benes; niece, Marketa Benes; and several cousins.

Per Eduard's request no services are being held at this time and a celebration of his well lived life will be held at a later date.



### Gary H. Bolthouse

**OREGON** — Gary H. Bolthouse, (aka BOLDER) was the son of Hank and Hattie (Walker, deceased) and step-mom Jean Kapperman. He went to school in Oregon and graduated from Oregon High School in 1965. He worked for Wood Brothers, until he was drafted in 1966. He served two years in the U.S. Army, stationed in Erlangen, Germany.

Upon returning to Oregon, he went back to Wood Brothers until 1978. Then he went to work for Larry Wright Construction.

He truly enjoyed and loved this type of work, but made the decision to work at Crest Foods in Ashton doing machinist work, designing, building and installing food product machines and conveyors. He worked there until 1995, when he took a job as grounds & building manager for St Mary Catholic Church - he had been doing this part-time since 1969. He retired in 2014, but still had a part-time job as Oregon/Nashua Township assessor until his death.

He married Becky Reimer on April 12, 1969. They have two daughters - Darcie (James) Bettner, children: Trenten, Danyelle and Molley; Maggie (Tom) Stalzer; children: Luke and Ella. He dearly loved his daughters and the grandchildren; he was so proud of all of them.

Gary belonged to the Oregon/Mt Morris Knights of Columbus, the Father Boland 4th Degree Council, and was a district deputy. He enjoyed the men he met through the Knights and he tried to live by their belief: God, family and country. He was proud to be a Knight, a dad, grandpa and an American veteran.

He enjoyed getting together with friends for, as he put it, "cocktails" and

enjoying the moment. He so enjoyed doing this, that one of his purchases was a beer tapper and once a year he would forgo the keg of Busch for a keg of Killiean (for Becky!). In fact, his neighbors were having a gathering at their newly constructed garage and Gary said, "I'll bring the beer." With the help of another neighbor, they pushed the tapper (with a keg) up a hill to the gathering! The last five years he bought a camper and loved going to the Timber Lake Campgrounds for the weekends. He couldn't wait for the season to open. Nothing like a beer or cocktail looking at a campfire! He was an avid Cubs fan. He loved to root for them, especially when they played the Cardinals (Becky's favorite team!).

He is survived by his wife Becky, daughters, grandchildren, sister Ruth Ann Hufford, brother-in-law and good friend Danny (Grace) Reimer

He was predeceased by: infant daughter Katie, his parents, brothers: Eugene, Dennis and Irvin, in-laws: Dan (Sr.) and Marge Reimer, brother-in-law Andy and his close friend Father William (Bill) Budden (who introduced Gary to gin!). Funeral mass was held at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 7 at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Oregon, with the Rev. Tim Siegel officiating. Burial and military honors followed the service at the St. Mary's Cemetery near Oregon. Visitation was held on Sunday, Nov. 6 from 3-5 p.m. at the Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home, 110 S. 7th St., Oregon. A memorial fund is established for the Wounded Warrior Project.

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



### Mary M. Davis

**OREGON** — Mary M. Davis, 86, died Thursday, Nov. 3 at the Oregon Living and Rehabilitation Center after a short battle with dementia.

She was born Feb. 8, 1936 in Freeport the daughter of Jess and Katherine (Wiltfang) Messer. She formerly worked as a bookkeeper and telephone operator.

She graduated from Oregon High School in 1954. She married Ervin J. "Jack" Davis on April 22, 1964 in Rochelle.

Mary was a loving mother and grandmother. She liked to cross stitch, do word search puzzles, and collect cardinal, chicken and rooster figurines. She also enjoyed camping with her family at Lowden State Park.

Mary was predeceased by her parents, her husband Jack, and twin sister Margaret Lloyd.

She is survived by her four children; Seward Lewis of Dixon, Jeffrey Lewis of Oregon, Jesse Davis of Forreton and Margaret "Sissy" Roos of Oregon, grandchildren Ryan Roos, Daniel Roos, Johnny Roos and Ash Davis, and one great-grandson Matthew Roos.

Private funeral services will be at the Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home in Oregon with the Pastor Dave Rogula officiating. Burial will be at the Ebenezer Cemetery.

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



### Marvin Eugene Miller

**MT. MORRIS** — Marvin Eugene Miller, 89, passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on Saturday, Nov. 5. He was born on July 22, 1933 in Freeport the son of Oliver Kenneth & Myrtle June (Folk) Miller. Marv was a Mt. Morris High School graduate, class of 1951; and he was a lifetime Mt. Morris resident. He served in the US Army from 1951 to 1953, and was stationed in Germany building bridges. Marv married Janette Knodle on June 12, 1955 and she preceded him in death on May 8, 1999. On March 4, 2000 Marv married Juanita (Neat) H. Glotfelty in Mt. Morris, who was his high school classmate.

Marv worked at Kable Printing Company until his love of construction led him to being a carpenter where he worked as a foreman building buildings and schools in Northern Illinois. In 1964 he started his own business, Marv Miller General Contractor, where he and his crew built and remodeled many of the homes and buildings in the Mt. Morris area. He owned and operated Village Lumber Service in Mt. Morris for many years.

When Marv wasn't working hard, he was playing hard. One of his favorite sayings was if you're too busy to hunt and fish, then you're too busy and he lived by it. Marv enjoyed snowmobiling, boating, water skiing, shooting sports, hunting and fishing, he enjoyed all things with his family and friends. Marv

has hunted and fished from Argentina to Northern Canada. He was a member and proud supporter of the NRA, Ducks Unlimited and Pheasants Forever, and many trap clubs, and fishing clubs. He was a lifetime member of many outdoor conservation organizations.

Marv along with Neat spent time fishing and traveling, but most was spent in Canada at Cats on the Red and Put-in-Bay, Ohio on Lake Erie, where it was their home away from home. They

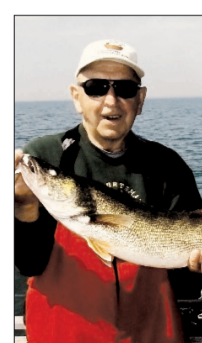
also loved spending time with grandchildren and in most recent years with great grandchildren which he thoroughly enjoyed.

Marv is survived by his wife: Neat Miller; five children: Mindy (Duke) Thomas, Marilyn Miller, Mike (Rita) Mearns, Matt Miller, Mary Kay (Kevin) Marshall; 18 grandchildren; 23 great grandchildren; sisters: Mary Ann (Keith) Glazier, Kay (Ken) Sorn; and many nieces and nephews.

Marv is preceded in death by his parents, wife: Janette; sons: Mark Miller, Mat Mearns; and two brothers: Richard and Gary.

Memorial services for Marv were held on Thursday, Nov. 10 at 1 p.m. in Finch Funeral Home, 405 East Hitt, Mt. Morris. Visitation was held on Thursday, Nov. 10 in Finch Funeral Home from 11 a.m. until service time.

In lieu of flowers, memorials to Mt. Morris Fire Foundation, Serenity Hospice & Home, and/or Pinecrest Manor Nursing Home.



### Thomas Raymond "Ray" Reed

**GRAND DETOUR** — Thomas Raymond "Ray" Reed, 95, of Grand Detour, passed away on Tuesday, Nov. 1 at Pine Crest Manor in Mount Morris.

Ray was born May 9, 1927, in Oregon the son of Thomas and Dorothy (Long) Reed. He married Mary Lillian Davis of Chana on Jan. 15, 1954, in Oregon.

Ray served in the United States Army during World War II as a private for Company D 3rd Battalion. He retired from Henry Pratt in Dixon then worked at J & L gas station in Dixon for many years.

Ray enjoyed playing his bass guitar and harmonicas at home, in the band, and at the open mic nights in the area.

He is survived by his wonderful wife of 68 years, Mary Reed of Mt. Morris;

daughter, Melody Reed; two grandsons, Robert Cover, Tom Cover; and one great grandson, Gavin Cover.

Thomas was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Leonard Reed; and two sisters, Evelyn and Dora.

Visitation was held from 10 a.m. until time of the funeral service at 11 a.m., on Tuesday, Nov. 8 at Preston-Schilling Funeral Home in Dixon with Rev. Rodney R. Caldwell, officiating. Burial followed at Grand Detour Cemetery in Dixon with military honors.

A memorial has been established to Pinecrest Manor, Mount Morris. Arrangements were completed by Preston-Schilling Funeral Home in Dixon.

Condolences may be sent to [www.prestonschilling.com](http://www.prestonschilling.com).



### JoAnne M. Shearer

**DAVIS JUNCTION** — JoAnne M. Shearer, 77, died Wednesday, Nov. 2 at home. She was born Feb. 12, 1945 in Rockford the daughter of Robert and Esther (Schumacher) Swanson.

She graduated from Stillman Valley High School Class of 1963. She married Dennis "Denny" Shearer on March 7, 1964 at the Monroe Center Community Church. She was a member of the SMSF Club Women's Auxiliary and the Davis Junction Bells.

She loved going to the casino and yearly trips to Vegas with her husband. In her spare time; she could be found humming and tending to her garden and flower beds, baking pies, visiting the neighbors or watching Wheel of Fortune. She had quite the sweet tooth and couldn't go without her Milky Way, Milk Duds or ice cream.

But, the most important thing in her life was her family. She adored being a grandmother and great grandmother and would always make sure they felt loved

and spoiled.

She was predeceased by her husband, parents, daughter Tammy Wetzel, sisters-in-law, Diana Spray and Shirley Shearer, and brothers-in-law, John (Marge) Shearer and Larry (Marlene) Shearer.

She is survived by her daughter Kim (Jeff) Kubly; five grandchildren; Autumn (Owen Morse) Kubly, Tamra Kubly, Jacob Kubly, Brandon (Kayla) Wetzel and Blake (Alina Llanas) Wetzel; great grandson, Oakley Morse; sister, Janice (Bill) Olson; sister-in-law, LuAnna (John) Jennings; brothers-in-law, Ken Shearer, Forest (Bev) Shearer, and Ray Spray; and several nieces and nephews.

A celebration of life open house will be from 1-4 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 10 at the Monroe Center Fire Department. A memorial fund is established in JoAnne's name and can be directed to her family.

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



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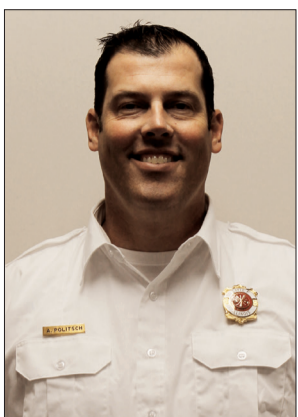
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Any arrests listed in this paper are merely charges and the defendants are presumed innocent unless proven guilty in a court of law. Please note that all police reports received from the Oregon Police, Byron Police, Polo Police, Mt. Morris

Police, the Ogle County Sheriff's Department and the Illinois State Police, will be printed without exception.

Requests to omit particular reports will not be considered or honored at any time.

# LOCAL NEWS



## Politsch named interim Byron fire chief

**BYRON** — The Byron Fire Protection District Board of Trustees is pleased to announce the promotion of Deputy Chief Andy Politsch to Interim Fire Chief effective Oct. 31, 2022.

Interim Chief Politsch began his career with the Byron Fire Protection District as a fulltime firefighter on April 9, 2007; he was promoted lieutenant on Aug. 28, 2016 and deputy chief on April 1, 2019.

Interim Chief Politsch resides in Byron with his wife and three children.

The board of trustees are excited to see where his vision takes the district!

## Mt. Morris first responders kick off Toys for Kids campaign

**MT. MORRIS** — The Mt. Morris Police and Fire Departments wish to announce that it is once again time to start off the 2022 “Toys for Kids” campaign. This program, with your help, provides Christmas gifts for the less fortunate children in the Mt. Morris Fire Protection District.

Last year over 100 children had a happier holiday because of this program. Help put a smile on a child’s face at Christmas.

Cash donations & checks payable to Mt. Morris Fireman’s Association will gladly be accepted at the Mt. Morris Police Department or Village Hall, located at 105 W. Lincoln, Mt. Morris, IL 61054.

Names, ages, and addresses of needy children, within the Mt. Morris Fire District, can be left by calling (815) 734-4106.



## Students of the month recognized at OES for October

**Oregon Elementary School recognized their October students of the Month with a leader lunch. Winners included: Kairi Comins, Alessandra Venezia, Leo Coster, Mia Canfield, Meredith Wissmach, Brielynn Grote, Mason Toth, Amelia Dreesman, Sophia Quintana, Gabe Dial, Wallace Meiners, Bostyn Millard, Wesley Hiemstra, Connor Estes, Maddie Cain, Michael Keaty, Emma Gilbert, Hattie Johnson, Keaton Drew, Kinsley Vaultonburg, Emma Burchardt, Enya Stachurski, Jayce Pumfrey, Isabella Hernandez, Trinie Tran, Briggz Scheck, Cassidy Hoversten, Sylim Brewer, Warren Meiners, Nolan Terlikowski, Vivian Kingery, Makayla Danielson, Bryleigh Reeverts, Emma Flanagan, Braden Leary, Abigail Kalnins, Isabella Burke, Elyse Thomas, Hailey Call and Logan Milburn.**

## Donations needed for Ashton’s Washington Grove Cemetery

**ASHTON** — Do you have a loved one buried at Washington Grove Cemetery on East Flagg Road in rural Ashton? Perpetual cemetery care of mowing, weed control and tree maintenance is constant and costly.

The cemetery relies heavily on funds

received from burials and donations. With approximately three burials a year, the cemetery’s funds are extremely low. Please consider donating to keep your loved one’s burial site looking nice. Send donations to the cemetery treasurer at 4317 E. Hogan Road, Chana, 61015.

# Serenity celebrates National Hospice and Palliative Care Month

**OREGON** – Throughout the month of November, Serenity Hospice and Home will be joining organizations across the nation in hosting community activities which recognize National Hospice and Palliative Care Month (NHPCM). This year’s NHPCM theme is “meeting you where you are.”

For more than 40 years, hospice has helped provide interdisciplinary, supportive care to millions of people, allowing them to spend their final months wherever they call home and surrounded by their loved ones. Hospice teams craft plans of care that ensure pain management, therapies and treatments all

center on the patients’ and their loved ones’ goals and wishes. Hospice care also provides emotional support and advice to help family members become confident caregivers and adjust to the future with ongoing grief support. “At the heart of hospice is meeting patients and their loved ones where they are during difficult times when support is needed most,” said Ben Marcantonio, COO and interim CEO of the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization (NHPCO). “National Hospice and Palliative Care month recognizes the crucial role hospice and palliative care providers play in caring for their communities year-round.”

Each year, over one million Medicare beneficiaries receive care from hospices across the United States. When a patient is not eligible for hospice care, they may benefit from community-based palliative care, often offered by hospice providers. Palliative care is patient and family-centered care that optimizes quality of life by anticipating, preventing, and treating suffering. Palliative care throughout the continuum of illness also involves addressing physical, intellectual, emotional, social, and spiritual needs and facilitates patient autonomy through access to information and choice.

More information about hospice, palliative care, and advance care planning is available at [www.serenityhospiceandhome.org](http://www.serenityhospiceandhome.org) or on NHPCO’s CaringInfo.org.



## Oregon Police respond to car vs. pedestrian incident

**OREGON** — On Oct. 27 at approximately 3:14 p.m., Oregon Police responded to car vs. pedestrian traffic crash in the 300 block of South 5th Street.

Upon arrival, it was discovered the victim, a 10-year-old male of Oregon, was riding his bicycle when he was struck by a 2008 Chevrolet driven by Kathleen M. Garcia, 56, Oregon.

The juvenile was transported to KSB Hospital by Oregon Am-

balance and was released later in the day.

Garcia was arrested for driving under the influence of drugs and issued citations for leaving the scene of a personal injury accident, failure to yield to a pedestrian and failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident. Garcia was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

All individuals are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

## Obituaries

### Melvin T. Kielas

**ARLINGTON HEIGHTS** — Melvin T. Kielas, 80, of Arlington Heights, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, Nov. 8.

Melvin was born Jan. 28, 1942, in Chicago the son of Edwin and Estelle (Kaminski) Kielas.

Mel graduated from Taft High School in 1949 and attended Wright Junior College. He entered the U.S. Air Force in January of 1961 where he served at Kessler AFB Mississippi, Suffrage AFB in Michigan and Miyoko Jimi Okinawa Japan. He was discharged on Jan. 26, 1965.

During his career, worked as a Phillips Tech Rep in Alaska in 1965, then with RCA/Burroughs/Unisys from 1966, until he retired in June of 2000.

He married Paula E. Scott, daughter of Myron and Eileen Scott of Brookville, Illinois on Dec. 6, 1970 in Chicago.

He enjoyed many days out in Brookville over the years helping Myron with field work.

After retirement, he enjoyed countless hours researching genealogy and the research it provided him.

He is preceded in death by his mother, father and sister (Marilyn). Survivors include wife Paula of 50+ years.

A graveside service will be 11 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 17 at Fairmount Cemetery, 1533 S. Illinois Route 26 in Polo.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be directed in his name.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Schrader joins Stillman Bank as trust operations officer

ROCKFORD – Stillman Bank is pleased to welcome Jessica Schrader as trust operations officer, according to Martin C. Larson, chairman and CEO. In her position, Schrader will oversee the operations of the bank's trust and wealth management department and will be located in the bank's Rockford office at 8492 E. State St.

Schrader has 20 years of banking experience in managing various departments. Her experience includes 11 years serving in a vice president role managing financial, administrative and operational functions. She earned her bachelor of science-business management and minor in economics from Illinois State University. She holds a professional in human resources (PHR) and society for human



Jessica Schrader

resource management (SHRM-CP) certification.

"We are thrilled to have Jessica as part of our team," stated Keith Akre, CFA, CFP, Stillman Bank vice president & trust officer. "Her industry knowledge, operational skill-set, and enthusiasm for the mission of Still-

man Bank's trust and wealth department will allow us to serve more families, businesses and mission-driven organizations in the stateline region as their trusted partner in holistic wealth management services."

Schrader has lived in the stateline community for over 25 years. She served as a vice president and secretary board of director for the Roscoe Chamber of Commerce and has been involved with the chamber ambassadors along with several other local community groups. She currently serves as a marketing and communications board member for the Rockford Area SHRM.

For more information on Schrader or to find out more about Stillman Bank's products and services, please contact (815) 332-8100.

## Illinois State Police

### ISP District 1 announces monthly activity for October

STERLING – Illinois State Police District 1 Commander Dyan Talbot has announced enforcement figures and activity for October.

Illinois State Police District 1 troopers issued 303 citations, 436 written warnings, and made 11 criminal arrests during the month of October. Troopers issued 109 citations for speeding, 20 citations for distracted driving violations, and 14 citations for seat belt violations. There

were 20 arrests for no valid driver's license or driving while license suspended/revoked.

Troopers investigated 26 traffic crashes, assisted 55 motorists, and conducted 104 commercial motor vehicle inspections. There were seven arrests for driving under the influence.

District 1, which encompasses Carroll, Lee, Ogle and Whiteside counties, investigated no fatal traffic crashes in October.

### ISP to conduct special traffic enforcement patrols for Click it or Ticket campaign

STERLING – Illinois State Police (ISP) District One Commander, Lt. Dyan Talbot, announces the ISP will conduct special traffic enforcement patrols (sSTEP) in Lee, Ogle and Whiteside County during November. These sSTEPs allow the ISP to focus on these fatal four violations which contribute the

greatest to traffic crashes and fatalities: driving under the influence (DUI), safety belt and child restraint use, speeding and distracted driving.

The ISP will increase our daytime and nighttime patrols to ensure the safety of vehicle travelers through enforcement of all traffic safety laws. Impaired driving is a

factor in more than 30 percent of traffic deaths in Illinois. Likewise, speeding is a factor in nearly 35 percent of fatal crashes and, nearly 50 percent of vehicle occupants killed in traffic crashes were known to not be buckled up. This project is funded through the Illinois Department of Transportation.

## Rotary Club of Byron seeking winter clothing donations

BYRON — The Rotary Club of Byron has received word from Believe in the Children that many families in Ogle County are struggling financially and could really use help in clothing their children this winter. They need coats/jackets, hats and mittens. We cannot bear to see any child suffer from winter's freezing temperatures and are reaching out to our friends and neighbors to help us bring warmth, comfort and love to all children.

If you are able to purchase a new jacket that would be wonderful. If you have a child who has outgrown last

winter's jacket, and it is only lightly worn, we would love for you to share it with us. We will have a drop box at the Byron Public Library and Country Financial (Kerry Wickler) in Byron.

Again, we are looking for sizes ranging from babies to teenagers (16 years old), both boys and girls. Thank you in advance for your help keeping kids warm this winter!

For more information, please call Byron Rotary President Amanda Jennings at 815-234-2222.

Thank you for your consideration and happy holidays from the Byron Rotary Club!

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 Mt Morris Senior Center **734-6335**  
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Ogle County Health Dept  
 907 Pines Rd, Oregon **562-6976**  
 510 Lincoln Hwy, Rochelle **562-6976**  
 Serenity Hospice and Home **732-2499**



### Oregon Theater renovations ongoing

Renovations are currently ongoing at the site of the old Oregon Theater. The building was purchased by the Ogle County Brewery's ownership group earlier this year and the project will allow for more beer brewing and distributing, jobs, tours and retail storefront space. (Photos by George Howe).



# LOCAL NEWS



## Oregon Rotary Club hosts local veterans

The Oregon Rotary Club hosted local veterans during the Nov. 2 lunch meeting at the Steak Pit in Oregon. This was organized by Rotarian (and veteran) Mike Mudge. Each vet had a chance to tell a short story about their time in the service. This is a yearly event enjoyed by all. Left to right: Mike Mudge, Darrell Kump, Dick Little, Bob Coulter, Paul Detmer, Dave Head, Bill Motter, Stan Eden, John Tuttle, Chris Blumhoff, Harry Travis, Ken Williams, Verles Sanders and Joe Brooks. Thank you for your service to all veterans.

## Ag Career Exploration Fair is Nov. 17 in Oregon

**OREGON** – Agriculture is everywhere, technology is advancing, and research says there is a high demand for graduates with a degree. Are you still wondering if this field of study is right for you? Several colleges and businesses will be on hand to help participants choose their future within this growing industry.

Ag in the Classroom in Ogle and Carroll counties will be hosting an Agriculture Career Exploration Fair from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, Nov 17 at the Rock River Center, 810 S. 10th St. in Oregon. It is free and open to the public.

College recruiters will be offering information on the many majors in agriculture, what it takes to get a degree, and answer participants questions. Colleges and universities participating in the event are: Black Hawk College-East, Highland Community College, Illinois State University, Iowa State University, Joliet Junior College, Kishwaukee College, Sauk Valley College, Southern Illinois University, University of Illinois, UW-Platteville, Western Illinois University, and WyoTech.

For people interested in employment opportunities, business representatives from a variety of ag related companies will offer career knowledge, skills needed to perform specific jobs, and promoting summer internships. Career booths will include: Advanced Crop Care, ag education, Bayer, Birkey's, Compeer, Conserv FS, Spectrum Preferred Meats, veterinary science, Vita Plus and Woods Equipment.

Join us for drone demonstrations and sprayer simulator displays at the fair.

Ag in the Classroom is offered through the University of Illinois Extension in partnership with Ogle County Farm Bureau, Carroll County Farm Bureau, Ogle County Soil & Water and Carroll County Soil & Water. For more information about the fair call Melinda Colbert at 815-732-2191 or email her at charbm@illinois.edu. If you will need an accommodation to participate, please email the contact person of the event. Early requests are strongly encouraged to allow sufficient time for meeting your needs.

## Marion Township Board to host special meeting

**MARION TOWNSHIP** — The Marion Township Board will be conducting a special meeting to discuss proposed zoning changes in the township. The meeting will take place on Nov. 21 at 7 p.m. at the township building.

## Online public meeting set for Nov. 17 to discuss Illinois Route 2 corridor study

**DIXON** – The Illinois Department of Transportation will hold an online public informational meeting at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 17, for the Illinois Route 2 corridor improvement study in Ogle and Winnebago counties. The meeting will be held via Zoom and registration is required to attend. RSVP here or at [https://us06web.zoom.us/join/register/WN\\_b-mIoWboTG-CpII4QG4I0bQ](https://us06web.zoom.us/join/register/WN_b-mIoWboTG-CpII4QG4I0bQ)

The study is examining transportation needs and solutions for the corridor, which starts at Illinois Route 72 in Byron and extends 10.5 miles to Beltline Road south of Rockford. The goals of the project are multifold, and the proposed improvements being studied aim to address the following: Improve safety for all users along the Illinois Route 2 corridor, address existing geometric deficiencies and roadside hazards, improve travel time along a corridor with a growing population and increased travel demand,

facilitate and enhance adjacent recreational facilities and protect and preserve the existing environment and scenic values along the corridor.

The purpose of this online public meeting is to share information on the status of the preferred design from the study phase and gather public input. A formal presentation will begin at 6 p.m. followed by a Q&A session where attendees will have the opportunity to provide comments, ask questions and interact with IDOT representatives and the project team.

Feedback from the public is encouraged, and all comments collected by Thursday, Dec. 8, will be part of the official meeting record. For those who are unable to attend, meeting materials and the meeting recording will be posted on the project webpage. An online comment form will be provided from Nov. 17 to Dec. 8. Project plans and handouts will also be available for in-person viewing until Dec. 8

at the Byron Public Library, 100 S. Washington St.

More information about the Illinois 2 corridor study is available on the project webpage or at <https://idot.illinois.gov/projects/il-2-byron-to-beltline-road>.

Over the next six years, IDOT is planning to improve more than 2,500 miles of highway and

nearly 10 million square feet of bridge deck as part of the Rebuild Illinois capital program, which

is investing \$33.2 billion into all modes of transportation. Accomplishments through Year Three

of Rebuild Illinois included approximately \$8.6 billion of improvements statewide on 4,422

miles of highway, 412 bridges, and 621 additional safety improvements.

For IDOT District 2 updates, follow us on Twitter at @IDOTDistrict2 or view area construction details on IDOT's traveler information map on [GettingAroundIllinois.com](http://GettingAroundIllinois.com).

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**November 17:** Evening Group will be held at The Serenity Home, 1658 S. Illinois Route 2, Oregon from 5-6 p.m. This group is open to all adult bereaved in the community. To register please call 815-732-4111 by noon.

**November 18:** Diamond Art will meet from 9-11 a.m. at the Serenity Shed, 131 N. 3rd St., Oregon. To register please call 815-732-4111 by 4:00 p.m. on Nov. 17.

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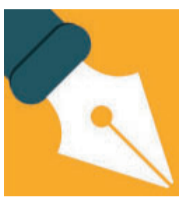
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## A response to the recent election deniers and democracy column

Dear editor,  
My intent is to address three main topics with this letter: Mr. Harp's recent column regarding election deniers and democracy, Mr. Harp's never-ending columns regarding the disproportional representation of citizens by our federal Senate and this newspaper's failure to have guest opinions that represent the politically conservative.



of interest. You reap what you sow.  
Concerning guest columns, in my experience of the last 10 years or so, the guest columnists of the Ogle County Life have not represented the political right. Ogle County is comprised of approximately 65 percent conservative voters. If you doubt this, look at historical election results to confirm. Shouldn't our county's namesake newspaper include editorial page columns that provide conservative content, in addition to liberal content (Mr. Harp's column), based on the political views of all readers? Clearly, I believe it should. If you also believe this, let them know it.

Regarding the first topic, I ask the following: What if the 2020 presidential election deniers are correct? What if there was fraud that turned the election in favor of Biden? Mr. Harp and others in his camp imply that this could never happen in our country. In fact, it has happened, and it was right here in Illinois. There is irrefutable proof that in the 1960 presidential election, dead people voted, some of them multiple times, right here in Illinois (Chicago, to be more precise - what a shocker!) Illinois was decided by less than one vote per precinct. Mathematically, it has been proven that the stuffed ballot boxes provided the "winning" margin for Kennedy. Illinois' electoral votes swung the election in Kennedy's favor - which ever way Illinois went, so went the election. Those fraudulent votes were supplied by Democrats. Hmm.

In closing, this country is on the precipice of falling into the clutches of authoritarianism, a movement presently led by Democrats. Widespread disinformation and coercion are provided by the federal government. A cooperative, collaborative "news" media heavily influenced by that same federal government - you know it's a true statement! Republicans are evil and want to take away democracy! (In reality, Democrats are arguably more evil and are the ones that want to demolish democracy in this country. They want ANYONE to be able to vote; citizenship, legal voter registration, and proof of identity be damned.) Get your COVID-19 vaccine - because we say so! Wear a mask - because we say so, because "the science" says so! (Ironic how those saying to "follow the science" regarding COVID-19 largely deny the science when it comes to the topic of when human life begins... but that is a topic for another time.) And so forth.

With respect to the disproportional representation of each state's population by two senators, get over it. This is by careful design. The House of Representatives provides proportional representation for each state. If Mr. Harp wishes to change the constitution and improve the federal government's representation of us, the citizens, he should endorse an amendment that imposes term limits on Representatives and Senators and severely limits the compensation/benefits received by them to be in line with the non-government/municipal sector. The creators of our constitution never envisioned a world in which anybody would choose "politician" as their career. I'm pretty sure they thought, "How could anyone be that crazy to do such a thing?" Civil service was expected, but not as a life-long endeavor. The fact that there are Representatives and Senators that have been in that position for decades is proof enough of their hunger for power and the associated benefits (members of Congress have benefits that more than 99 percent of us can only dream about - THEY are the 1 percent!) Even worse is that "we the people" continue to vote them into office. When the re-election rate is well above 90 percent, it is due to ignorant, lazy, and/or disinterested voters that repeatedly elect them to office. And lifelong politicians are more than happy enough to take advantage of this ignorance, laziness and lack

This is how countries are overtaken by despots that turn into dictators (Biden is the puppet despot in this case). Think it can't happen here? Think again - it can, primarily because of the ignorance, laziness and disinterest of most citizens. And don't mistake my views for being one-sided - the political right has attempted to do the same in the past, just through different means. When we force our elected officials to adhere to the constitution and represent their constituents within the structure of the constitution, things will improve. And citizens need to understand the Constitution and the legal, limited role of our federal government. Unless that all happens, we'll simply continue down the slope until we hit bottom. If you think things are bad now, wait till those that ignore the Constitution, that oppose freedom and human rights, truly take over - that's when all of us, except the less than one percent in power, will realize the error of our ways.

**Jim Durand**  
Davis Junction

## Crop marketing outlook event is Nov. 16

THE Lee, Carroll, Ogle and Whiteside County Farm Bureaus along with COUNTRY Financial will host a crop marketing outlook on the evening of Nov. 16 at the Days Inn in Rock Falls. "Managing 2023 Crop Margins" is a two hour seminar designed specifically for producers to help them manage risk associated with the current commodity markets and identify market conditions to capture profit margins through this year into next.



**Ron Kern**

Dr. Steve Johnson, Iowa State University Extension farm management specialist, will facilitate the program. Steve has served as the farm & ag business management specialist in Central Iowa for Iowa State University Extension and Outreach since 1999.

He specializes in topics related to government farm programs, crop insurance, crop marketing, grain contracts, farmland leasing and other crop risk management strategies. In the past year, he has conducted more than 120 meetings, workshops, seminars and conferences across the Corn Belt with nearly 15,000 in attendance.

Steve uses web sites such as ISU Ag Decision Maker and Polk County Extension Farm Management along with various print and electronic media. Annually he reaches more than 200,000 producers, landowners and other agribusiness professionals.

During the two hour program producers will examine the fol-

lowing topics: Supply demand and crop price outlook, estimating crop costs, using your own budgets to derive breakeven and utilizing risk management tools.

This presentation will assist producers in designing and implementing a marketing plan that is specific to their own operation. It will present producers with various options they can effectively utilize to capture market profits, manage market risks in this volatile market, minimize cost increases and make informed decisions on input pricing, storage options

and position their marketing plan for profit protection. Market, global and recent economic factors will be examined and producers will learn to identify where profit opportunities and pitfalls lie for their farm operations.

Pre-registration is required. To register for the program call 815-732-2231 or email [cfb@ogle.comcastbiz.net](mailto:cfb@ogle.comcastbiz.net)

Program begins at 7 p.m. on Nov. 16.

### IAA

Farm bureau members across Illinois now have access to a new way of promoting agriculture and ag education. The IAA Credit Union, an Illinois Farm Bureau affiliate, has introduced the new Illinois Farm Bureau Visa card.

Members can now apply for the new Illinois Farm Bureau Visa card and show their support for ag education. Programs like

the Ag In The Classroom will receive a direct support payment through the IAA Foundation each time you use your new Illinois Farm Bureau Visa card.

The card offers members no annual fee and no minimum finance charge. The new card offers competitive rates based upon credit approval and low transaction fees on cash advances.

Members should contact the Ogle County Farm Bureau for IAA Credit Union application for the new Illinois Farm Bureau Visa card or contact the IAA Credit Union at 1-800-676-2541.

### Travel

We are excited to announce a new partnership and member discount program with TravelSherlock!

TravelSherlock allows members to compare hotel options around their chosen destination. The site also offers a group travel option, so keep that in mind and utilize that service for group needs you may have. Coming soon TravelSherlock will be adding cruises to their site, so stay tuned for updates on this fun addition!

Go to [www.ILFB.TRAVELSHERLOCK.com](http://www.ILFB.TRAVELSHERLOCK.com) and enter the code MEMBER.

Then start saving on your hotel travel needs!

"My cooking is so bad my kids thought Thanksgiving was to commemorate Pearl Harbor." -Phyllis Diller

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

## Fall weather brings motorists out during harvest; extra precautions needed

THE nip in the air of a cool fall morning and crunch of leaves underfoot are hallmark characteristics of autumn weather in Illinois. For many Illinoisans, these indicators prompt a visit to a local pumpkin patch or apple orchard. For farmers, they mean it's time to head to the field down the road for harvest, with hopes that other drivers use caution while navigating around large farm equipment.

With so many people traveling on rural roads this season, it takes every motorist acting responsibly to ensure each of us gets home safely at the end of the day.

If you've never ridden in the cab of a combine or tractor, you may not know how difficult it can be for farmers to see other vehicles while maneuvering from field to field. Limited visibility means that when other drivers on the road get

in a hurry and fail to slow down or choose to quickly pass our equipment, situations can become treacherous and, in some cases, deadly.

So how can drivers stay safe around slow-moving vehicles?

Look for the bright orange triangle that indicates a vehicle is slow moving. When traveling behind large equipment, people should immediately slow down and leave the distance of several car lengths between their vehicle and the one in front of them.

Before passing, the driver should always look for a clear signal from the person in the cab of the combine or tractor, only passing when it is safe and legal to do so. Remember that slow-moving vehicles make wide turns, so if you see the driver swinging to the right, do not assume they are moving out

of your way; they may be preparing for a left turn. Be prepared to encounter slow-moving vehicles at all times of the day and night. Many farm families work well into the evenings to harvest their crops and transport them to local storage facilities.

In addition to watching for agriculture equipment on the road, drivers should also keep a lookout for semitrailers hauling goods.

Truck drivers play a critical role in the supply chain of food, fuel and fiber that each of us depends on. Transporting a large amount of goods means these drivers are often tasked with carrying heavy loads that slow their abilities to pick up speed or come to immediate stops. Giving these drivers room and being aware of their blind spots is essential.

This time of year

means long shifts in the field for many Illinois farm families, but it's also a time for agriculture to celebrate a bountiful harvest. As we prepare for upcoming holiday festivities that often include sharing a meal with friends and family, we must all work together to keep the roads safe.

This harvest season, remember to slow down, use caution and take your time traveling around slow-moving vehicles and agriculture equipment. You never know when taking these actions might mean the difference between one or both parties making it home safely.

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



**Richard Guebert Jr.**

## LIFE letters' policy

Concise letters are most likely to be chosen for publication, but the use of any material is at the discretion of management. All letters must be signed or they will not be considered for publication.

During election times, no letters written by the candidates endorsing themselves will be considered for publication.

Editing may be necessary for space, clarity or to avoid obscenity or libel, but ideas will not be altered. Writers are urged to use discretion and refrain from sarcasm or personal attacks.

Criticism of individuals or organizations that is not broached tactfully will jeopardize the publication of a letter. Letters will be published in the order that they are received, unless there is a time factor involved, space permitting.



# LOCAL NEWS



## SVHS Class of 1972 holds reunion

The Stillman Valley High School Class of 1972 held their 50-year reunion last month at Double-0 Saloon in Monroe Center.

## Mt. Morris Police Department

### Man arrested following domestic disturbance

**MT. MORRIS** — On Oct. 17 at approximately 7 p.m. Mt. Morris Police were sent to the 10 block of South Ogle Avenue for the report of a domestic disturbance. After an investigation, Minerva R. Losoya, 24, Mt. Morris, was arrested on a Dekalb County warrant. Losoya was transported to the Ogle County Jail where she was held in lieu of bond.

On Oct. 29 at approximately 7:50 a.m. Mt. Morris Police conducted a traffic stop in the 200 block of East Route 64. The driver, Jordan A. Brake, 27, Rochelle, was issued citations for speeding 45 m.p.h. in a 30-m.p.h. speed zone, suspended registration and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. Brake was given a notice to appear and was released on scene.

On Oct. 29 at approximately 2:45 p.m. Mt. Morris Police conducted a traffic stop. The driver, Larry A. Fouts, Jr., 48, Oregon, was arrested for driving while license suspended. Fouts was also issued citation for illegal transportation

of alcohol and operating an uninsured vehicle. Fouts was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond. This violation occurred in the 200 block of East Hitt Street.

On Oct. 30 at approximately 3:30 p.m. Mt. Morris Police conducted a traffic stop in the 300 block of West Hitt Street. After an investigation, the driver, Joseph F. Wunische, 40, of Mt. Morris, was arrested for driving under the influence. Wunische was also cited for speeding 45 m.p.h. in a 30-m.p.h. speed zone, operating an uninsured vehicle and illegal transportation of alcohol. Wunische was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

On Nov. 3 at approximately 10:30 a.m. Mt. Morris Police conducted a traffic stop. The driver, Nicholas E. Zimmer, 23, of Palos Park, was issued a citation for speeding 54 m.p.h. in a 30-m.p.h. speed zone. Zimmer was released on scene. This violation occurred in the 300 block of North McKendrie Avenue.

## Oregon School District Foundation searching for new board members

**OREGON** – The Oregon School Foundation board is looking for interested parents, grandparents and community members to fill six open seats the organization has on its board of directors. Directors of the board meet throughout the year to manage foundation business including fundraising, grantee selection and distribution and overseeing scholarships.

One of the foundation's most impactful focus areas involves raising money to support classroom grants that provide needed supplies and materials for students.

"Our foundation does meaningful work for the

district to supply grants, scholarships and needed equipment," said Erin Folk, foundation president. "Our volunteer board members make a difference for our students and teachers by taking action and spearheading the fundraising process to effect lasting change."

Since 2018, the foundation raised \$115,000 through fundraising events, financial donations and charitable giving, resulting in \$87,000 given out in scholarships, classroom grants and school equipment and technology.

The school foundation also manages the teacher loan forgiveness fund, raising over \$60,000 from

local businesses, families and foundations to recruit new teachers to the district and help with their student loan payments.

"We are thankful for the foundation, its continued commitment and dedication to the students and teachers of OCUSD," said Dr. Tom Mahoney, OCUSD superintendent. "The crucial work the foundation does provides so much more than what we can do alone to boost academic and student success."

The board meets six Mondays during the year. Those interested in joining the board can send an email to Folk at erin@oregonpark.org.

## 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



**MJHS names September student leaders of the month**  
Meridian Junior High School would like to congratulate the September Student Leaders of the Month. The students above were first nominated and voted on by their peers for the September trait - responsible and also leader in me habit #1 - be proactive. Congrats to the following (from left to right): Aubrey Adler (eighth grade), Ethan Waugh (eighth grade), Tyler Bell (sixth grade), Tori Aughenbaugh (sixth grade), Kaylyn Cicogna (seventh grade) and Nate Stone (seventh grade).



**Polo Lions host candy day**  
On Friday, Oct. 14 Polo Lions members John Deuth, Irene Short, Greg Cross and Dave Buchar stood at the gates of the Polo Marcos senior night football game in the cold, wind, and rain to pass out candy mints for a donation to the Lions Club.

## United Church of Byron hosting Medicare program on Nov. 16

**BYRON**—An educational and informational presentation on the Medicare insurance program will be presented for the community at 6-7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 16 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 Wills for the program. This program is sponsored by the Legacy and Endowment Committee of The United Church of Byron as a community service.

The United Church of Byron is a fun and diverse church with a heart for mission! Check us out at [www.unitedchurchofbyron.org](http://www.unitedchurchofbyron.org). Disclaimer: We do not offer every plan in your area. Any information we provide is limited to those plans we do offer in your area. Please contact Medicare.gov or 1-800-Medicare to get information on all of your options.

## Lifeline Food & Self Help Project serves those in need

**OREGON**—The Lifeline Food & Self Help Project is located at Conover Square in Oregon (the old piano factory) and its hours are Tuesdays from 1-4 p.m., Thursdays from 1-4:30 p.m., Fridays from 1:30-4:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Lifeline recently served 142 people. It wishes to thank everyone that helps with their donations of time, money and work. Lifeline's current needs include cake mixes and frosting, jelly, hamburger helper, pancake mix and syrup, canned soup and boxed potatoes.

# Country Crossroads Quilt Guild holiday dinner is Nov. 21

**FORRESTON** — On Nov. 21, at 6 p.m. (please note the earlier start time), Country Crossroads Quilt Guild will be holding its holiday dinner. Members will be bringing a dish to share, and the guild will provide the meat dish. Guests are encouraged to join

them for the event. Dinner will be followed by a brief meeting and fun games. Guild meetings are held at the Forreton Grove Church, 7246 Freepoint Road; Forreton, the third Monday of each month at 7 p.m. with ample time to meet and

greet members before the meeting. Visitors are very much welcomed; for visitors there is a fee of \$5 at the door. For more information call Program Committee Chair Shauna Heck at 815-238-1342 or Guild President at Barb Gaertner 815-297-2700.

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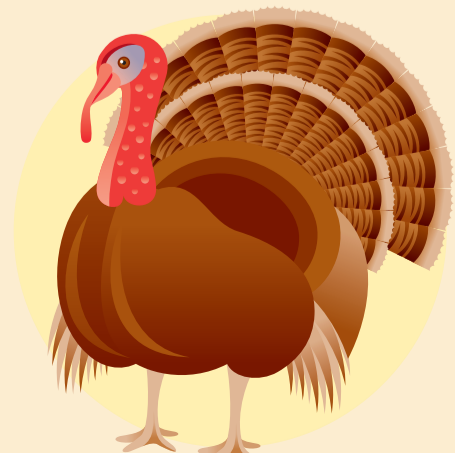
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# A run at state

Jones: 'I'm thankful to my teammates for always pushing me'

**BY GEORGE HOWE**  
CORRESPONDENT

**PEORIA** — The IHSA Boys Class 1A Cross Country State Meet was held on Saturday, Nov. 5, at Detweiller Park in Peoria. The torrential downpour of rain on Friday and off and on Saturday brought its challenges with swamp-like conditions and cool temperatures to the more than 250 runners of the 3-mile event. Carson Jones, a senior at Polo High School, qualified for the second year in a row and realized early on that the race would be a struggle.

"Like a lot of us out there the weather made it tough to get into my normal rhythm," he explained. "I was a little disappointed with my time but glad to finish."

Jones clocked in at 17:27, placing 144th. The race featured just 12 runners breaking the 16-minute mark, compared to 48 last year. Sometimes, it's not always the end result but the journey that got you there. Jones found himself going through some growing pains which made the early part of his campaign even more arduous.

"I knew that going into this season that the competition would be tougher which I feel kind of put some added pressure on me and as a result I started out slow," he said.

With the help and encouragement from his coach Tony Hardin, Jones was able to get back on track and crossed the finish line first at a meet in Oregon.

"Carson just needed to fine tune some things with his eating habits, proper rest and mental outlook. We talked about keeping it fun and not to worry about who you were running against. That seemed to strike a chord," Hardin said.

Hardin went on to say that Jones now pushes the envelope a little harder and that drive is noticeable.

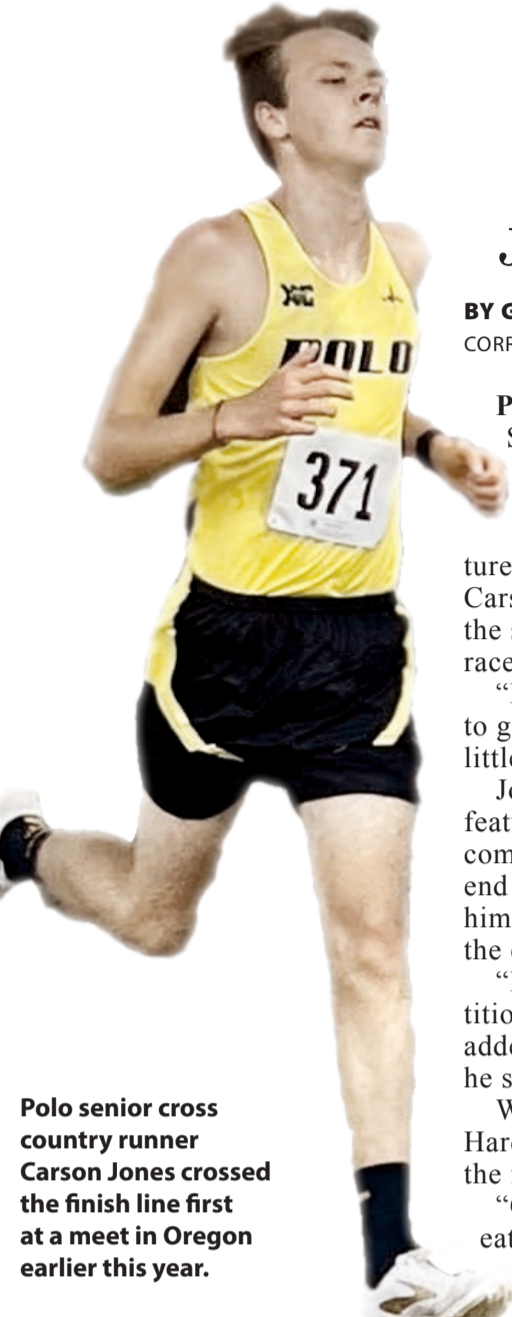
"What separates him from the rest of the members of the team is his natural ability for endurance and to tolerate a higher threshold of pain while training and competing," he added.

Jones is planning on running cross country and track at the collegiate level and is in discussions with a few colleges. As he looks back at his career, he has no regrets.

"I'm thankful to my teammates for always pushing me to be my best," he said. "To my coach who helped me to improve both as a runner and as a person. I did the best to my ability and am proud of what I accomplished."



Polo senior Carson Jones competed in the IHSA Boys Class 1A Cross Country State Meet that was held on Saturday, Nov. 5.



Polo senior cross country runner Carson Jones crossed the finish line first at a meet in Oregon earlier this year.

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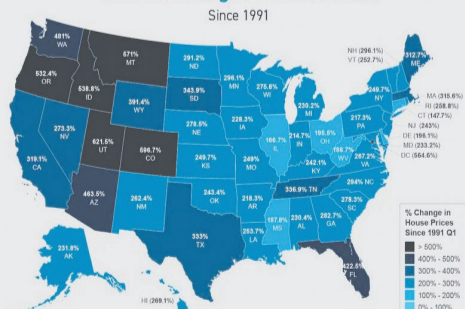
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# SPORTS

## Another strong performance for county football teams

It was another strong performance for our local football teams in round two of the playoffs. Even Stillman Valley deserves praise for hanging with powerhouse Elmhurst Immaculate Conception until the fourth quarter.

My travels took me to Forreton for their matchup with Chicago Hope Academy. Two reasons for that — it was the only Ogle County home game and it offered a bit of intrigue.

I considered driving to Seneca on Friday night to watch Byron, but figured that would be a blow-out to a team from a weaker conference. Instead, I stayed home and watched Rochelle beat Johnsborg on YouTube.

As someone whose exposure to technology was the use of key punch cards in the late 70s at college,

I'm still amazed at the Internet.

It's too bad more games aren't played on Friday night to allow us hardcore fans to see a Friday/Saturday doubleheader. By the time the third round rolls around, it seems like everyone is playing at the same time on Saturday afternoon.

With quarterfinal home games at Byron, Forreton, Polo and Rochelle, which one takes priority for us casual fans? Right now, the plan is to watch the first half at Byron (1 p.m. kickoff) and then head to the Hub City for a 2 p.m. start time.

Getting back to Forreton's decisive victory over Chicago Hope. It was a case of one program (Forreton) being more fundamentally sound and disciplined.

Hope had bigger lineman and faster skill players, but they were no match for such a well-oiled machine of Forreton. You could also say the game was won in the weight room, as the Cardinals were physically stronger.



Andy Colbert

Of the four NUIC schools that made the 1A quarterfinals, the combined record against Chicago area schools is 22-3, with no losses since 2010.

The most telling stat of the Byron-Seneca game was not the 477 yards gained rushing and 33 first downs by the Tigers. Rather, it was no penalties.

That speaks volumes about discipline, such an admirable trait for a football program. Credit to Jeff Boyer and his staff for instilling this quality.

Players need to be held accountable for mistakes and Byron does this. Professional and college teams - not so much.

The University of Alabama has all the talent in the world, but are excessively penalized because of lack of team discipline. Prima donnas don't

like being told what to do. At Byron, no matter how talented you are, if you don't do what the coaches want, you will probably be on the bench.

College athletes are courted and offered financial incentives during recruiting and will transfer if not getting enough playing time. That environment makes it difficult for coaches to be disciplinarians.

Rather than providing much-needed discipline, coaches have become appeasers and pamperers. The end result is 15 penalties a game versus zero, like what is found at Byron.

Byron's third round opponent, Reed Custer, got into it with Pec-Durand the previous week, with ejections and unsportsmanlike penalties on both sides. Covering Pec-Durand against Forreton earlier this season, it appeared to me that P-D engaged in some excessive roughhousing.

However, credit to Pec-Durand for giving Reed Custer its toughest game up until that point. In most other games, R-C had a running clock at halftime. Against P-D, it was only 8-6 and another

testament to the NUIC.

With star running back Avery Grenoble out of the line up with an injury, it was up to Brock Soltow to lead Polo to another win in the 8-man playoffs at Cambridge. Polo's game plan basically consisted of hiking the ball to him and letting him do his thing, which lately has been running for over 300 yards.

This year has been the best in 8-man for balance of power in the playoffs, which several close games instead of one-sided blowouts.

Besides Forreton and Dakota coming in at 7-4 records, five other teams still left in the quarters have four losses. Did you know there was a time that an 8-1 record did not guarantee a berth in the playoffs.

Thankfully decades ago, the IHSA expanded the number of qualifiers from 80 to 256, as a few teams that could have potentially won a state title never got a chance.

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

## Five from Ogle County named to BVC boys soccer all-conference first team

**OGLE COUNTY** — Five players from Ogle County were recently named to the Big Northern Conference boys soccer all-conference first team. They include senior Hayden Swartz of Byron and seniors Ryan Harkness (defender), Grant Stender (defender) and Jacob Vegliando (midfielder) of Oregon. Oregon sophomore Gavin Morrow was named first-team goalkeeper as well.

The full first team included Jorge Leon, Diego Espinoza, Nate Skarzynski and Julian Lara-Para of Genoa Kingston, Braylon Garrigan, Henry Snyder and Francisco Beltran of Winnebago and Walker Tilton of Dixon.

### Honorable Mention

Honorable mention team members from Ogle County included Ethan Shafer and Miley Smith of Oregon, Mike Rock and Joseph Reiche of Byron and Jose Vazquez and Johnny Avendano of Stillman Valley.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## AREA SPORTS SCORES

### Byron advances over Seneca in second round

On Nov. 4, Byron football advanced to the third round of the IHSA 3A state playoffs with a 56-21 win over Seneca. After a 7-7 score at the end of the first quarter, Byron finished the game on a 49-14 run.

The Tigers ran 56 times on the ground for 477 total yards and eight touchdowns.

### Oregon boys bowling falls to Rochelle

On Nov. 7, the Oregon High School boys bowling team kicked off its 20th season with a 3116-3111 loss to Rochelle at Town & Country Lanes in Mt Morris. The Hawks jumped out to a 45-pin lead after the first game, but a 106-pin loss in the second game created too much of deficit to overcome in the last game, falling by five pins in the match. Oregon was led in series by Brandon Rowe with a 604 (204, 203, 197) and Oregon's Gavvin Surmo rolled the match high game with a 249 in the 3rd game. The JV won their match 2,852-2,461.

### Oregon boys bowling gets win over E-P

On Nov. 8, the Oregon High School boys bowling team evened their season record at 1-1 with a 3177-2518 win over Erie-Prophetstown at Triple Play Lanes in Fulton. The Hawks jumped out to an 87-pin lead after the first game and followed it up with a young season high 1,177 second game to take a commanding lead. Oregon was led in series by Brady Davis with a 633 (179, 255, 199) including a 255 the match high game. The JV won their match 2,950-1,779 and was led by Codey Dunbar with a 543 series.

### Scores

Varsity football (Nov. 5)  
IHSA Class 3A playoffs: Immaculate Conception High School 42, Stillman Valley 14

## 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, Nov. 15, 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 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: The Sea Wolves by Clive Cussler, The Latecomer by Jean Hanff Koretz, Gilded Mountain by Kate Manning

### Picture Books

Moon by Patricia Hegarty (board-book), Unicorn and Friends Search and Find by Katrina Pallant, The Dot by Peter Reynolds, Rawr! I'm a Ferocious Lion! by JoAnna St. Clair (local author)  
DVD: Top Gun: Maverick  
Audiobook: A Bright Young Thing by Brianne Moore

## 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: "Going Rogue: Rise and Shine Twenty-Nine" by Janet Evanovich.

### 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!

# AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

## BYRON

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

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

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

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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  
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Service Times: Sundays at 10AM; Wednesday night Faith-Lift at 6:30PM  
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## CHANA

**CHANA UNITED METHODIST**  
Pastor Josh Brown, 606 Main Street, Chana, IL 61015. Church office 815-732-7683. (E-mail address: [chanauum@gmail.com](mailto:chanauum@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.

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## FORRESTON

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402 2nd Avenue, Forreston, IL 61030, Phone 815-938-3203 Pastor Scott Ralston  
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Pastor Sung-Eun Kim  
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815-738-2205 [leafriverbc@gmail.com](mailto:leafriverbc@gmail.com)

## LINDENWOOD

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16060 E. Lindenwood Road, Lindenwood, IL 61049  
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Pastor: Rev. Dr. Matthew Rosebrock  
[pastor@immanuel-lindenwood.org](mailto:pastor@immanuel-lindenwood.org)

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140 S. Church Road, Kings, IL 61068 • Pastor Mary Jacobs  
Phone 815-562-6811 E-mail: [goelimchurch@gmail.com](mailto:goelimchurch@gmail.com)  
Website: [www.goelimchurch.org](http://www.goelimchurch.org)  
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409 W. Brayton Road, Mt. Morris, IL 61045 Phone 734-4573  
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308 E. Brayton Rd. Mt. Morris, IL Phone: 734-6354 Rev. Josh Ehler  
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Encounter Youth Ministry for kids in 7th-12th grade meets on Sunday afternoons. Please see our Facebook page for scheduled dates and times.  
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# LOCAL NEWS

## Byron Public Library News

### Special Hours

In observance of the Thanksgiving holiday, the Byron Public Library will be open 9 am – 5:00 pm on Wednesday, Nov. 23, and closed Thursday, Nov. 24 through Friday, Nov. 25. We will be open for our regular hours on Saturday, Nov. 26. We wish all of our patrons a safe and happy Thanksgiving!

### Curbside Delivery

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

### Did you know

That the Byron Public Library is a fine free library? All materials checked out from the Byron Library still have due dates, but the library no longer charges fees

for items that are returned or renewed late. Materials that are overdue by 21 days or longer will be billed to your account. Read more and worry less at the Byron Library!

### Did You Know

That there's more to the Byron Library's "Library of Things" than just WiFi hot spots? Use our portable turntable to listen to albums from the library's vinyl collection, or try Netflix, Disney+ or Hulu by checking out one of our Roku streaming devices. Use our Dungeons and Dragons kit to start your own DnD group, or check out one of the many STEM kits offered in in the teen and children's departments. A full list of equipment available in the "Library of Things" can be found at <https://www.byronlibrary.org/library-of-things/>.

### DIY Clothespin Ornaments

Thursday, Dec. 8. 6 – 7:00 pm. Need a few extra handmade ornaments for the Christmas Tree? Come and join Miss Christine as she walks you through how to create a toy soldier and snowman ornament using a clothespin and a few other items! Please register by visiting [Byron.evanced.info/signup](https://www.byronlibrary.org/library-of-things/) or calling 815-

234-5107.

### Bailey's Irish Cream Fudge

Thursday, Dec. 15. 6 – 7:00 pm. We are creating fudge with a twist. Beth will demonstrate how to make this easy Bailey's Irish Cream Fudge while you enjoy samples of it. It can be eaten by itself or stirred into a favorite hot drink. Come and enjoy some "adult only" fudge! Proof of age will be required upon entering the program. Please call 815-234-5107 or visit [Byron.evanced.info/signup](https://www.byronlibrary.org/library-of-things/) to register.

### Mindfulness Monday

Havening and Holidays  
Monday, Dec. 19. 6 – 7:00 pm. Come enjoy an aah moment. Beth will walk you through the havening technique to relax. We will continue with hot chocolate or hot cider with Christmas cookies and a special Christmas story. Please call 815-234-5107 or visit [Byron.evanced.info/signup](https://www.byronlibrary.org/library-of-things/) to register.

Visit the [Byron Library Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/byronlibrary) to keep up to date on library news and virtual programs! Be sure to also check out the [Byron Library Teen Instagram pages!](https://www.instagram.com/byronlibraryteen)

## Julia Hull 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.

### 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.

### Cricut Lab: Gift Tags

Learn to make your own unique, personalized gift tags using your Cricut! 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 Cricut app already installed; cutting mat;

and blade. Thursday, December 1 at 6 p.m. Adults only. Registration required. 815-645-8611

### Holiday Festival: Yeti for the Holidays!

We're Yeti for the Holidays! Are you? Join us at the library Saturday on December 3, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., for our annual Holiday Festival. We'll have games 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

### Friends' Holiday Breakfast & Bazaar

Muffins, scones, stocking stuffers and more—oh my! Stop by, sit down to enjoy a homemade breakfast treat,

grab breakfast treats to-go and shop our mini-bazaar! All proceeds support library programs and services. Saturday, December 3, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

### Tweens: Ugly Christmas Sweaters

Come eat, drink and be tacky while crafting your very own ugly Christmas sweater. After the party, our jarring jumpers will be on display to the public so they can cast their votes on the ugliest sweater. Whoever has the most votes by the following week will win a prize! Join us Tuesday, December 6 at 6 p.m. Ages 10-12 Registration required. 815-645-8611

### Toddler Time: Playdough Party

Join us at 10 a.m. on Friday, December 9 and indulge your little one's curiosity with a hands-on event just for them. We'll roll, cut, shape and build using everyone's favorite sculpting material: playdough! Don't worry:

it's taste-safe. All materials supplied. Ages 1-4. Registration required. 815-645-8611

### Holiday Storytime: How To Catch Santa

Join us in your jammies at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 13 for a special evening full of festive good cheer. We'll read "How to Catch Santa" by Jean Reagan, play games and create a craft sure to make your season merry and bright. Ages 4-9. Registration required. 815-645-8611

### Teens: Holidays at Hogwarts

Have a very "Harry" holiday season with this magical celebration. We'll craft ornaments worthy of the Great Hall, snack on tasty treats and play games that earn the Weasley Twins seal of approval. Wear your house colors Thursday, December 15, 3 p.m. Ages 13-18. Registration required. 815-645-8611

## Oregon Library News

### Closure

The Library will be closed on Thursday, November 24, for Thanksgiving Day.

### 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 Afternoon Book Club meets Wednesday, November 16 at 1:00 pm to discuss *Anxious People* by Fredrik Backman. Books on Tap 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. Cocktails & Crimes will meet Sunday, December 11 at 2:00 pm (grab a book to find out where). The 2WBC Book Club meets Wednesday, December 14 at 12:30 pm to discuss *Skipping Christmas* by John Grisham.

### YOGA Has Returned!

Thursday's at 9:30 am, November 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).

### 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

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### Lego Club

(2nd grade & up), Wednesday, November 23, 2:30 pm (early school dismissal). The club is designed to provide an enjoyable activity (FUN) that stimulates and develops spatial intelli-

gence. Registration required. Go online to our website or call, 815-732-2724, to register.

### 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 door prizes. 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.

### Sensory Friendly

### Santa

November 26th, by appointment. Our annual Sensory Friendly environment for Santa is back! Do you have a child with sensory needs? A child that can't wait in line? We are scheduling Santa Claus in our library from 10am – 3pm, by appointment, on Saturday. This quiet environment will allow one-to-one time with the jolly man in front of our fireplace. Bring a camera for pictures! Each spot will be given plenty of time to visit with Santa. Registration required, please call (815) 732-2724.

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Registration is requested if you plan to attend a scheduled program or class. Just give us call 815-732-3252. Thank you for your support in this matter.

### Krafting with Kerri

We have collaborated with Liberty Village of Rochelle to offer crafts and other activities at Rock River Center. Monday, November 14, 2022. Time: 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. Where: Rock River Center. Activity: Thanksgiving & Christmas Craft. Registration: Advance requested.

### Activities with Mary & Becky

We have collaborated with Oregon Living & Rehab/Momentum Healthcare to provide monthly activities. Please join Mary Welty and Becky Anderson for the fol-

lowing: Tuesday, November 15, 2022. Time: 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. Where: Rock River Center. Activity: Chair Yoga. Registration: Advance Requested. Wear comfortable clothing. Mats not required.

### Rock River Center Thanksgiving Hours

Rock River Center will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 24 and Friday, Nov. 25 in recognition of Thanksgiving. No activities or transportation will be scheduled on this day. Please plan accordingly. Have safe and happy Thanksgiving Holiday.

### "Legends of LAS VEGAS"

A One Man Show - Featuring: Jerry Armstrong Wednesday, November 16, 2022. Showtime: 1:00 p.m.

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Cancer Support Group: Meets: 4th Wednesday of March, June, Sept. & November. Time: 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.; Caregiver Support Group: Meets: 1ST and 3RD Tuesday of each month. Time: 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.; Diabetic Support Group: Meets: 1st Wednesday of each month. Time: 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.; Low Vision Group: Meets: 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month. Time: 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

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

## Polo Library News

### Children's Programs

Illinois Reads "Family Reading Night" November 17th - come pick up a take home kit for the whole family to ENJOY!!!

### "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

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### Adult Programs

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.

### Wednesday Books 2 Movies

November 16th at 5:00 p.m. Meeting at Polo Library to talk about the book and movie, "Water for Elephants" by

Sara Gruen.

### Monday Afternoon Book Club

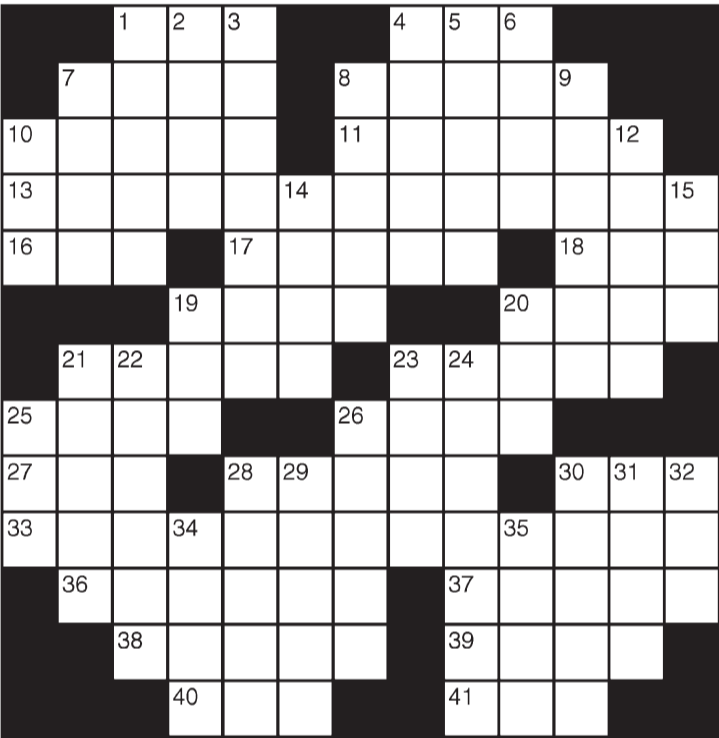
November 28th at 1:30 p.m. Meeting at Polo Library to share our opinions of "London House" by Katherine Reay. This will be "VIRTUAL LIVE AUTHOR VISIT". Copies of these titles are available to checkout. All are welcome.

## Weekly Brain Busters

### King Crossword

#### ACROSS

- 1 Church seat
- 4 Brit. record label
- 7 Singer Guthrie
- 8 Golf clubs
- 10 Vault intersection
- 11 Pig sounds
- 13 Good thing with a down-side
- 16 Utter
- 17 Wear down
- 18 Half of CIV
- 19 Vivacity
- 20 Prescriptions, for short
- 21 "— were the days!"
- 23 Expire
- 25 Channel marker
- 26 Animation frames
- 27 Carte lead-in
- 28 Blood line?
- 30 Mimic
- 33 Confusing statements
- 36 Bit of buck-shot
- 37 Makes a sweater
- 38 Prolonged attack
- 39 "Downtown



- 2 "Abbey" role
- 3 Dome home
- 4 "Shall we?"
- 5 Altar constellation
- 6 "Jason Bourne"
- 7 Nome resident
- 8 Eggy quaff
- 9 actress Julia
- 10 "Kapow!"
- 11 Largest Greek island
- 12 Grace of "Will & Grace"
- 13 Stand-in
- 14 Disparaging
- 15 Party cheese
- 16 Writer Wiesel
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### MAGIC MAZE

### INSERT A "C" TO MAKE A NEW WORD



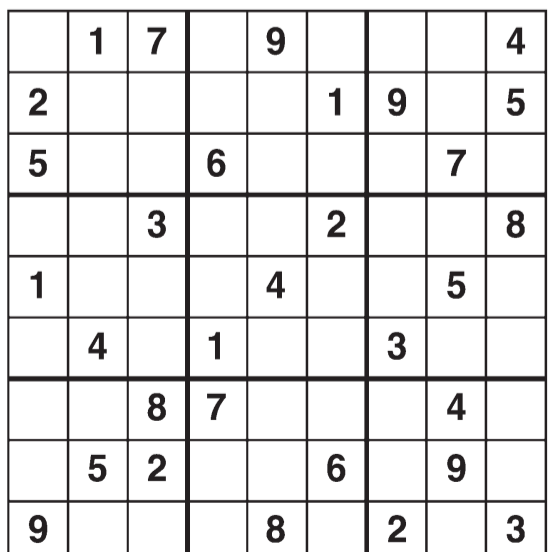
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Unlisted clue hint: NOT FALSE

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- Deals
- Fats
- Fleeing
- Mediation
- Path
- Prelude
- Radials
- Snaking
- Sold

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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



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

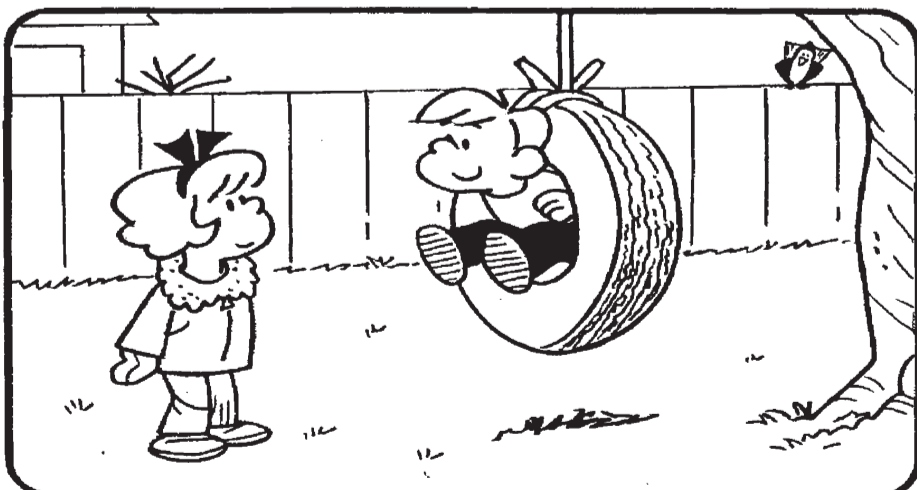
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- ◆ Moderate
- ◆◆ Challenging
- ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

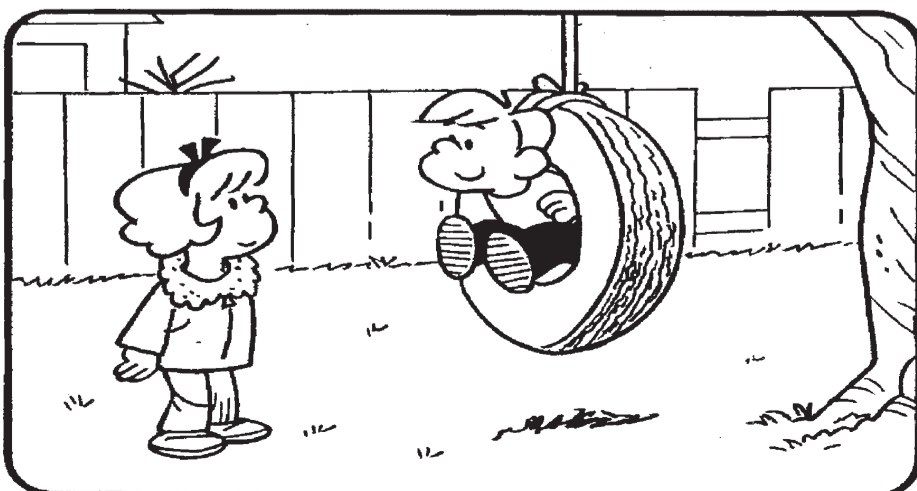
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## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



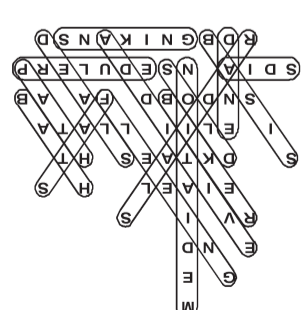
Differences: 1. Bow is smaller. 2. Mitten is missing. 3. Leg is missing. 4. Rope ends are shorter. 5. Board is missing. 6. Bird is missing.



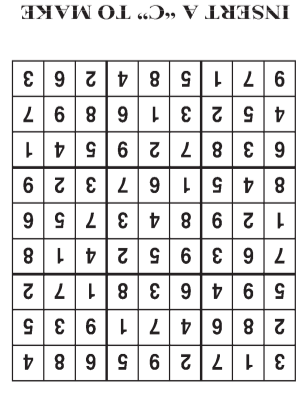
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Answers

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Answer

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Farmland

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Wednesday, November 23rd to  
Saturday, November 26th

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Viewing Hours: Items will be available for optional viewing on Tuesday, November 22nd from 4-8pm at the address listed above.  
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## LASALLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS LAND AUCTION

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2022 AT 10:00 AM<sup>CT</sup>



48 TAXABLE ACRES± • 1 TRACT

The Stremlau farm is located approximately 3 miles southwest of Mendota, IL, or 15 miles north of Peru, IL. The land is further described as being located in Section 8, T35N-R1E, Troy Grove Township, LaSalle, IL. The property contains a total of 48 taxable acres, will be sold in 1 tract, and represents highly productive Class A farmland with a 143.5 PI.

Farmers and investors, be sure to check out this  
Class A farm in LaSalle County, Illinois.

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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2022 AT 2:00 PM<sup>CT</sup>



80.25 ACRES± • 1 TRACT

The Leef farm is located approximately 10 miles southwest of Streator, IL or 28 miles northwest of Pontiac, IL or 51 miles northeast of Peoria, IL. The real estate is further described as being located in Section 13, T30N-R2E, Osage Township, LaSalle County, Illinois. The property consists of 80.25 acres± (subject to survey), will be sold in 1 tract, and represents highly productive Class A soil.

Farmers and investors, be sure to check out this  
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### LEEF FARM

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620.38 ACRES± • 8 TRACTS

OPEN HOUSE DATES: THURS., DEC. 1 • 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM  
& SAT., DEC. 3 • 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Tracts 1-6 & 8 of the Doughty farm are located approximately 3 miles southeast of Meriden, IL, or approximately 6 miles east of Mendota, IL. The farms are further described as being located in Sections 20, 21, 29, 33 & 36, T36N-R2E, Meriden Township and Section 11, T35N-R2E, Ophir Township, both in LaSalle County, Illinois. Tract 7 is located approximately 4 miles southwest of Compton, IL, or 8 miles north of Mendota, IL. The farm is further described as being located in Section 20, T37N-R1E, Brooklyn Township, Lee County, IL. Tract 1 represents highly productive tillable cropland and is improved with a well maintained RLA private runway. Tracts 2-7 represent highly productive farmland with Class A soils. Tract 8 offers 2 beautiful ranch homes, 3 airplane hangars and several buildings all situated on 4.5 acres in Mendota School District.

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HIGHLIGHTS: '14 JD 9510R 4WD tractor, 1,514 hrs.; '12 JD 9360R 4WD tractor, 1,476 hrs.; '10 JD 8225R MFWD tractor, 1748 hrs.; '14 JD 6140D MFWD tractor, 951 hrs.; '15 JD 5670 2wd combine, 1,567 eng. hrs., shows 711 sep. hrs.; '15 JD 608C StalkMaster 8 row 30" chopping corn head; '12 JD 635F 35" HydraFlex platform; Dose Headhunter Classic 38" head trailer; '10 JD 4730 self-propelled sprayer, 1,018 hrs.; '18 Case-IH 875 Ecolo-Tiger 9-shank disc ripper; Brent 1082 grain cart; (2) Brent 557Q gravity wagon; Clarks Easi-load 2 box seed tender; Woods BW180X 15' batwing mower; JD 400 30' rotary hoe; International 183 12 row 30" cultivator; Case-IH 720 5-bottom plow; Hutchinson 8" x 30" truck auger; JD GS3 2630 display; JD GS3 2630 display; JD GS2 2600 display; JD StarFire 3000 receiver; JD StarFire 3000 receiver; 2005 Sterling Acterra grain truck, 27,796 miles; '02 International 4300 grain truck, 70,139 miles; Farm Support Items  
CONSIGNED BY ENGELHART FARMS: '05 JD 9560STS 2wd combine, 2,830 eng./1,864 sep. hrs.; '08 JD 630F 30" HydraFlex platform; '07 JD 693 6 row 30 corn head; Unverferth HT30 30" head cart; '14 JD 2210 35.5' field cultivator

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

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**PUBLIC NOTICE RESOLUTION NO. 2022-10**

RESOLUTION TO SELL THREE VACANT LOTS OWNED BY THE VILLAGE OF STILLMAN VALLEY COMMONLY KNOWN AS "216 NORTH WALNUT STREET, STILLMAN VALLEY, PINS 10-01-304-014 AND 10-01-304-005", AND 212 NORTH WALNUT STREET, STILLMAN VALLEY, PIN-10-01-304-006"; PURSUANT TO 65 ILCS 5/1-76-4.2 WHEREAS, the Village of Stillman Valley ("Village") is the owner of record of three vacant parcels, currently used as "municipal green space, and commonly known as "PINS 10-01-304-014 and 10-01-304-004 (216 North Walnut Street, Stillman Valley) and PIN 10-01-304-006 (212 North Walnut Street, Stillman Valley) ("Parcels"); and WHEREAS, the legal description for "216 North Walnut Street", PINS 10-01-304-005 and 10-01-304-014 is as follows: Part of Lot One (1) in Block Three (3) of the Village of Stillman Valley, particularly described as follows: Commencing at a point 147 % feet North of the Southeast corner of said Block Three (3), running thence West 66 feet, thence North 25 feet, thence East 66 feet, thence South 25 feet to the place of beginning; situated in the Township of Marion, County of Ogle and the State of Illinois. Part of Block Three (3) of the Village of Stillman Valley, described as follows: Commencing at a point 101.75 feet North of the Southeast corner of said Block Three (3), which point would be the Southeast corner of the North 22 feet of Lot Twelve (12) in Block Three (3), thence Westerly parallel with the North line of said Block Three (3), a distance of 182.5 feet to a point, thence Northerly, parallel with the East line of Block Three (3) a distance of 70.75 feet to a point, thence Easterly parallel with the North line of said Block Three (3) a distance of 50.5 feet, to a point, which point shall be the place of beginning, thence easterly parallel with the North line of Block Three (3), a distance of 66 feet to a point, thence Southerly parallel with the East line of Block Three (3), 25 feet to a point, thence Westerly, parallel with the North line of Block Three (3), a distance of 66 feet to a point, thence Northerly parallel with the East line of Block Three (3), a distance of 25 feet to the [place of beginning]; situated in the Township of Marion, County of Ogle and State of Illinois. WHEREAS, the legal description for "212 North Walnut Street", PIN 10-01-304006 is as follows: Part of Block Three (3) of the Village of Stillman Valley, described as follows: Commencing at a point 101.75 feet North of the Southeast corner of said Block Three (3), which point would be the Southeast corner of the North 22 feet of Lot 12 in said Block 3, thence Northerly along the Easterly line of Block Three (3) a distance of 45.5 feet more or less to the Southeast corner of the property owned by Donald Arn and Roberta Arn, thence Westerly, parallel with the South line of Block Three (3) a distance of 132 feet to a point, thence Southerly, parallel with the Easterly line of Block Three (3) a distance of 45.5 feet to a point, thence Easterly a distance of 132 feet to the place of beginning; ALSO INCLUDING a right-of-way for ingress and egress, described as follows: Commencing at the Northwest corner of the above described tract, which point is 116.75 feet South of the Northerly line of Block Three (3), thence Easterly a distance of 20 feet to a point, thence Northerly, parallel with the East line of Block Three(3) a distance of 116.75 feet to the North line of Block Three (3), thence Westerly along the North line of Block Three (3), a distance of 20 feet to a point, which point is the Northwest corner of Lot Two (2) in said Block Three (3), thence Southerly, parallel with the East line of Block Three (3) along the West line of Lot 2, a distance of 116.75 feet to the place of beginning, all situated in the Township of Marion, County of Ogle and State of Illinois. WHEREAS, said Parcels are all zoned 8-1, "General Business District", and subject to the special and/or permitted uses for said zoning district; and WHEREAS, Parcel 10-01-304-006 ("212 North Walnut Street") is 45.5 feet x 122 feet more or less in size; WHEREAS, Parcel 10-01-304-005 is 25 feet x 66 feet more or less in size and PIN 10-01-304-014 (collectively '216 North Walnut Street') is 25 feet x 66 feet more or less in size; and WHEREAS, the Village has a population of less than 20,000 residents; and WHEREAS, the Village is wholly located in a county that has had an unemployment rate, as determined by the Illinois Department of Employment Security, that is higher than the national unemployment average, as determined by the US Department of Labor, for at least one (1) month during the last six (6) months preceding; and WHEREAS, pursuant to 65 ILCS 5/1-76-2, the Village previously adopted an ordinance (Number 970) deeming said Parcels as "surplus" and advertising said Parcels for bids, but after having advertised said Parcels for purchase by bid, the Village received no bids; and WHEREAS, the Village now wants to sell said Parcels through staff as provided for by 65 ILCS 5/1-76-4.2 BE IT RESOLVED, by the Village President and Board of Trustees that the vacant surplus parcels owned by the Village and commonly known as "216 North Walnut Street, Stillman valley PINS 10-01-304-014 and 10-01-304-005", and 11212 North Walnut Street, Stillman Valley, PIN 10-01-304-006", shall be sold by staff of the Village as authorized by Section 5/1-76-4.2(c)(1); and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said Parcels shall be sold "AS IS", subject to all covenants, restrictions, and

reservations of record; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the corporate authorities shall retain the right to accept or reject any and all offers; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk shall cause this resolution to be published in weekly or daily newspaper published in Ogle County, Illinois, once a week for three successive weeks; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that no sale of said Parcels shall take place until not less than 30 days after the first publication of this resolution. ADOPTED by the Village Board of Trustees on this 12th day of September, 2022. APPROVED by the Village President on this 12th day of September, 2022. BY: MARTIN TYPER, Village President of Stillman Valley, Illinois ATTEST: YVONNE DEWEY, Village Clerk of Stillman Valley, Illinois No. 1116 (Nov. 14, 21 and 28, 2022)

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**CITY ADMINISTRATOR CITY OF BYRON**

The City of Byron, Illinois, Ogle County, is seeking a full-time City Administrator to lead the City's day-to-day operations and guide the community into the future. As of 2020, the City's population is approximately 3,800. Candidates must reside within 15 miles of the City of Byron within 6 months of appointment. The annual salary base pay range for this position is \$90,000 to \$125,000 depending on qualifications, plus benefits. Successful candidates must possess the qualifications and certifications as follows:

- A Bachelor's Degree from an accredited college or university in the field of business administration, public administration, community planning or a related field; and
- Preference will be given for candidates with prior employment experience in the local government sector.
- Preference will be given for strong accounting and budgeting skills and for those holding a master's or related advanced degree.

A complete job description is available at [www.cityofbyron.com](http://www.cityofbyron.com).  
Application deadline: November 30, 2022  
Candidates should submit a resume, cover letter, and 5 references. Please send all applications via email to the City Clerk, Caryn Huber, at [chuber@es-il.org](mailto:chuber@es-il.org)  
*The City of Byron is an equal opportunity employer*

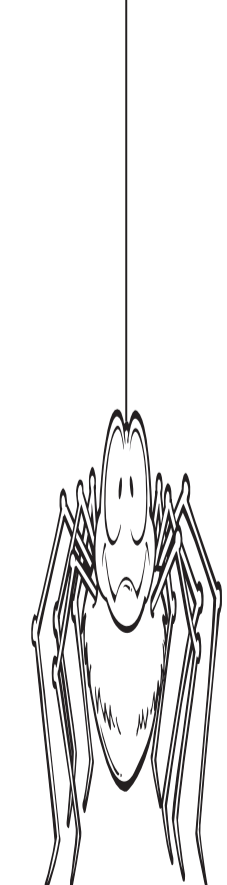
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