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Davis Junction educator to join Senior Illinoisan Hall of Fame

Bratta is retired SVHS biology teacher

STILLMAN VALLEY – Following the review of a record-setting number of nominations for the Senior Illinoisan Hall of Fame, the Illinois Department on Aging (IDoA) announced today that Phil Bratta, 79, of Davis Junction is the 2022 honoree in the education category.

Bratta is a retired high school biology teacher, chess coach and master gardener with the University of Illinois Extension serving Ogle County. Long after his retirement from Stillman Valley High School, Bratta has remained committed to the lives of the school's students and staff, serving as a much-needed substitute teacher most weeks and attending many extracurricular and athletic events. He continues to coach IHSA chess, having guided his chess program to three 1A state championships over a more than 40-year coaching career.

Bratta has also volunteered more than 1,500 hours to the Ogle County community through the



Illinois Department of Aging Director Paula Basta presented retired teacher Phil Bratta with a Senior Illinoisan Hall of Fame award on Tuesday, Nov. 15 at 8

University of Illinois Extension office's master gardener and master naturalist programs, which

require ongoing training to maintain certification. As a master gardener, Bratta frequently volunteers to

give presentations to scout troops and at local libraries, engaging attendees with hands-on projects that showcase his knowledge of horticulture and gardening.

"Mr. Bratta is much more than a dedicated educator; he is a beloved figure in the Ogle County community and a prime example of what it means to volunteer and give back," said IDoA Director Paula Basta. "From students, to colleagues, to community members, Mr. Bratta has touched countless lives over the years, and he is truly deserving of joining the Senior Illinoisan Hall of Fame."

The Senior Illinoisan Hall of Fame was established by the General Assembly in 1994 to honor older adults' accomplishments and contributions to their communities. Each year, IDoA presents Senior Illinoisan Hall of Fame awards to older adults who excel in the categories of community service, education, performance and/or graphic

arts, and the labor force. This year, tied scores in the community service category resulted in a total of five older adults joining the Hall of Fame, one more than the traditional four annual inductees.

IDoA Director Paula Basta presented Bratta with a Senior Illinoisan Hall of Fame award on Tuesday, Nov. 15 at 8 a.m. during an all-school assembly at Stillman Valley High School.

IDoA serves and advocates for older Illinoisans and their caregivers by administering quality and culturally appropriate programs that promote partnerships and encourage independence, dignity and quality of life. For information about the department's programs and services for older adults and persons with disabilities, visit <https://www2.illinois.gov/aging/> programs or contact the Senior HelpLine toll-free at 1-800-252-8966, Monday through Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Ogle County farmers wrapping up 2022 harvest

'We probably will have the best yields in the state in Northern Illinois'

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

OGLE COUNTY — Ogle County Farm Bureau Manager Ron Kern said Thursday, Nov. 17 that soybean harvest is wrapped up and around 10 percent of corn remains in fields for the 2022 harvest in the county.

Kern said that despite recent snow flurries, the winter weather has not yet been enough to impact farmers substantially. The promise of temperatures in the 40s and dry weather during Thanksgiving week should help farmers to end the season. The colder weather helps to firm up ground for equipment to drive on, he said.

Most Ogle County farmers circle Thanksgiving Day on their calendars as a goal to have harvest finished by, Kern said. After crops are harvested, farmers attempt to service fields before next year.

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Ogle County Farm Bureau Manager Ron Kern said Thursday, Nov. 17 that yields on corn and beans in Ogle County have been "excellent" and he believes the best yields in the state will be in Northern Illinois.

HARVEST: Input prices remain high for farmers

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"Some farmers will have a window to get anhydrous ammonia on," Kern said. "Depending on the ground freezing, you'll see fall tillage. We haven't had much of that done so far. Getting fall tillage done helps get the soil uncompacted and helps get moisture in over the winter. Anything you can get done during the fall gets you ahead for the spring."

Some farmers use gas-powered dryers to bring moisture levels of harvested crops down. Kern said a late start in the spring caused moisture levels to be higher in harvest time. Farmers started to see November and winter weather coming and dryers started running recently after many left crops in fields as long as they could to avoid using a lot of currently high-priced gas on dryers.

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"I think farmers are very happy," Kern said. "With what I know about the rest of the state, we probably will have the best yields in the state in Northern Illinois."

After a late start in the spring and prices of inputs like fertilizer and anhydrous ammonia being "through the roof" and sometimes double and triple what they were the year before, Ogle County farmers were wondering whether or not the year would be profitable. Kern said crop prices rebounded well since and good yields should make most farmers profitable this year.

Input prices still remain high for farmers as they prepare for 2023.

"With the past year and high input prices and transportation issues, farmers I think are really going to be sharpening the pencil with booking fuel, fertilizer, seed and everything," Kern said. "It will be an interesting dance this winter."

Ongoing drought issues with the Mississippi River could have a negative impact on area farmers. Grain is shipped to the river and barges are currently backed up due to the low water levels. In recent months, Kern called the river "a lifeline for agriculture" and said other farming inputs are moved up and down it.

"They're still having a hard time getting barges up and down the Mississippi River," Kern said. "Soon there will be ice on the river and that always slows down shipping. If the potential rail strike comes to pass, that could be an issue for agriculture as well. Having ethanol plants locally can help. Transportation issues getting solved will be critical. We're past the rainy season, so I don't think there will be much help filling that river."

The Ogle County Farm Bureau manager reflected on a year that saw a friendly mother nature, but unfriendly economic issues.

"What do we call normal anymore?" Kern said. "Nothing seems to be normal in the past few years. The war in Ukraine and COVID-19 have affected markets. I think it's all just been a perfect storm the past two years. It's all coming back to roost."

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LOCAL NEWS

Caposey Named 2023 Illinois Superintendent of the Year

‘I am unabashedly proud of the work we have done’

STILLMAN VALLEY — Dr. PJ Caposey, superintendent of Meridian CUSD #223, has been named the 2023 Illinois Superintendent of the Year by the Illinois Association of School Administrators.

The award was presented Nov. 19 during the Joint Annual Conference in Chicago co-sponsored by the Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB), the Illinois Association of School Business Officials (IASBO) and IASA. Nominees are judged on the following criteria: academic achievement, preparing students for the future, social-emotional support, teaching and instruction and leadership.

“After learning I would receive this honor, I immediately called my wife. When she picked up the phone, I suddenly could not speak to tell her the news as I was flooded with emotion,” Caposey, who has been superintendent of Meridian CUSD #223 for 10 years and an educator for 19 years, said. “The emotion was borne out of the immense gratitude I have for the Meridian 223 community, particularly our board of education and leadership team, and a deep recognition of the journey that we have been on together. I am unabashedly proud of the work we have done, and the turnaround we have created for the kids and community that we serve. I am acutely aware that I have the privilege of receiving this award based on the incredibly hard work of everyone in, and around, our wonderful district. Said simply, thank you to my wonderfully supportive and understanding family, the outstanding MCUSD team and to IASA for this once-in-

a-lifetime honor.”

Turnaround

An independent panel selected Caposey for Illinois Superintendent of the Year based on the significant turnaround he facilitated in Meridian CUSD #223, a district of about 1,400 students in Ogle County. When he was hired in 2013, the rural district was in a financial crisis, had extremely limited technology, a high staff turnover rate and outdated curriculum and teaching strategies.

After making significant budget cuts, Dr. Caposey led a successful referendum campaign (the first of two successful referendums) that put the district on solid financial footing and paved the way for the implementation of numerous improvements. His accomplishments include:

- Six consecutive years of being recognized by US News and World Report as a Top Achieving High School. Never recognized previously.

- Over 85 percent of graduates earned college credit in the 2021-22 school year. Over one-third of students earned over a full semester of college credits.

- Changed the district’s foundational approach at the K-5 level in both English Language Arts and math. As a result of changes, students in Meridian CUSD #223 have not experienced learning loss throughout the pandemic.

- Recognized as an EduJedi School, District Administration District of Distinction and ISTE Making IT Happen winner as a result of the district’s technology transformation. Meridian CUSD #223 is 1:1 with ubiquitous Wi-Fi, even in student homes, after not having working email before Caposey arrived.



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- Increased participation and performance in AP courses, earning the recognition as a School of Opportunity. Increased access to algebra in eighth grade and extended advanced coursework down into fifth grade.

- Implemented a mentoring program that has led to a 20 percent increase in ninth grade students on track to graduate.

- Added the position of college and career coordinator, which has helped prepare students for the future and establish partnerships with companies and organizations in the region.

- Improved social-emotional supports for students by adopting the Leader in Me program, expanding the district’s counseling department and implementing policies and procedures focused on diversity, equity and inclusion.

- Developed an instructional coaching program, invested in

- professional development and adopted internal culture metrics.

- Reduced the annual turnover rate of staff from over 10 percent to having multiple years in the last five with zero voluntary turnover among teacher staff.

“Every once and a while you get to be a part of something special,” John Smith, board president of Meridian CUSD #223, said. “What we have been able to accomplish in Meridian over the past decade, and the relationships we have been able to build, is something unlike I had ever experienced before. I am extremely thankful that Dr. Caposey was our superintendent during this time, and I am confident that we would not be where we are today without his leadership. We have grown as colleagues and friends, and I personally am very thankful that I have gotten to know him. He has made each of us better as well as our district. I could not think

of a more deserving person for this honor.”

National speaker, presenter and author

In addition to leading Meridian CUSD #223, Caposey is a nationally-known speaker, presenter and author. In the past few years, he has led over 100 workshop sessions in over 15 states reaching an estimated 10,000 educators. He has authored eight books, published more than 50 blogs/articles and has served as the keynote speaker at large conferences, including a TEDx Talk. Furthermore, Dr. Caposey teaches at two universities, leads the Illinois Principals Association Building Leaders Cohort and averages 10 coaching clients per year. Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, he emerged as a thought leader, appearing on NPR, CBS and The

Washington Post.

Dr. Brent Clark, executive director of IASA, described Caposey as a dynamic leader and passionate educator who cares deeply about improving the lives of students in Meridian CUSD #223 and elevating public education nationwide.

“The turnaround PJ has facilitated in Meridian 223 is a shining example of why strong leadership matters,” Clark said. “The changes he’s made, the programs he’s implemented and the culture he’s built has drastically improved the lives of students. Accomplishing those feats takes a uniquely talented person, and PJ is unquestionably one of the most expressive leaders and gifted communicators I have ever met.”

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Obituaries

Dennis R. Davis

STILLMAN VALLEY — Dennis R. Davis, 77, of Stillman Valley, passed away with his family surrounding him on Saturday, November 19, 2022. Born May 24, 1945, in Vallejo, CA, the son of Ancell and Aline (Pratt) Davis. Attended East High School and Nazarene Bible College, Colorado Springs, CO receiving his Associates in Biblical Studies. Dennis married the love of his life Caroline Becker on February 21, 1965 in Rockford. He owned Acme Plumbing for 29 years. Dennis built a few homes under Heartland Builders and when he retired, he worked for Todd Transit and always loved his jobs and all those he worked with.



Dennis loved the Lord with all his heart and enjoyed reading his Bible. Whenever he had the opportunity, he loved to share his testimony to whomever would listen. He lived by his motto: Holiness unto the Lord now and forever. Dennis loved his family with all of his heart. His boys Darren and Troy were his pride and joy.

Survived by his wife, Caroline; children, Darren (Sara) Davis of Byron and

Troy (Sonja) Davis of Rockford; grandchildren, Alex, Tyler, Katie, Kendra, and Shayla Davis; great-grandchildren, Maliyah and Troy Davis and his mother, Ashley Harper; sister, Barbara (Cliff) Emmons of Donavan, MO; and many nieces and nephews; special friend, Gordon Gary Eggers. He was always there for Dennis taking him many times to Madison for his treatment. Dennis loved him like a brother. Predeceased by his parents; brother, Doyle; nephews, Wayne and Bobby Emmons; and niece, Mary Ellen.

Funeral Services will be held at 1:00 pm on Monday, November 28, 2022 at Fred C. Olson Chapel, 1001 Second Ave., Rockford with Reverend Richard Warner officiating. Visitation will be from 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. prior to the service. Burial in Kishwaukee Cemetery, Stillman Valley, IL. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Rock House Kids, 1325 7th St., Rockford, IL 61104 or Rockford Rescue Mission, 715 W. State St., Rockford, IL 61102. To send a condolence or share a memory, please visit olsonfh.com.

Eldon Stukenberg

FORRESTON — Eldon Stukenberg, 83, of Forreston, passed away Sunday, Nov. 20 at Serenity Home in Oregon. He was born March 8, 1939 in Forreston to George and Elene (Kilker) Stukenberg.



On Nov. 4, 1961, he married Rosalie Frickson. For several years he farmed with his wife until she passed away Jan. 17, 2000. He also drove truck for Vet-Way Feed Company for several years. His employment also included Kutz Quarry and Stukenberg Farms.

He enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren and great-granddaughter.

He was at all their school functions and after they graduated from school he still enjoyed all the ball games.

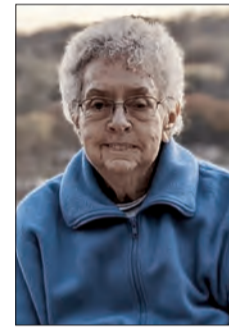
Surviving are his daughter, Pam White of Forreston. Three grandchildren Amber White of Forreston, Ben White of Forreston and Ashley White of Sterling. One great granddaughter Aubri Nares of Sterling.

Preceding him in death were his parents and wife.

There will be a private family service at a later date. In lieu of flowers a memorial has been established for the Serenity Home in Oregon.

Margaret Ann (Mueller) Sweeney

MT. MORRIS — Margaret Ann (Mueller) Sweeney, 81, of Mt. Morris, peacefully passed away at Serenity Hospice and Home in Oregon on Nov. 19 after a brief illness.



Margaret was born on Jan. 22, 1941, at home in Paynes Point, the youngest daughter of Henry and Jeanetta (Bolthouse) Mueller.

Margaret grew up in the Paynes Point area and graduated from Stillman Valley High School in 1959.

On June 19, 1965, Margaret married Richard (Dick) Sweeney in Paynes Point. They had one son, Joel. They moved to Mt. Morris, where Margaret was employed in the bindery at Kable Printing/Quebecor for 38 years.

Throughout her life, Margaret spent much of her time helping others. She enjoyed visits with her extended family and friends, watching game shows on television and attending plays and entertainment shows with her brother

and nieces.

Margaret is survived by her son: Joel (Stephanie) Sweeney, Paynes Point; two grandchildren: Mackenzie and Carson

Sweeney; two great-grandchildren: Luna and Oliver; special step-grandchildren: Travis and Candace Hanlin; brother: Raymond Mueller as well as many cousins, nieces and nephews, whom she adored.

Margaret is preceded in death by her husband Richard, parents Henry and Jeanetta, and her sister, Irma (Mueller) Deporter.

The family wishes to thank the staff at Pinecrest Manor and Serenity Hospice & Home for their kindness, compassion and outstanding care during her brief stay at their facilities.

Cremation rites have been accorded with Finch Funeral Home, 405 E. Hitt St., Mt. Morris.

A private graveside service will be held at a later date.

Charles N. 'Nevin' McPherson

OREGON — Charles N. "Nevin" McPherson, 97, made the transition on Friday, Nov. 19 after a short illness.



He was born March 23, 1925 in Polo the son of Charles and Edna Rucker McPherson. He attend Polo Schools prior to entering the U.S. Navy where he served four years during World War II in the Asiatic Pacific aboard the USS Austin. He was honorably discharged in 1945.

He married Shirley M. Spoor on May 4, 1968 in Polo. He was employed by Sun Chemical for 32 years retiring in 1987.

Charles was predeceased by his parents and his two brothers Orville and Robert.

He is survived by his wife Shirley of Mt. Morris, two stepsons, Scott (Barb) Spoor of Mendota, and Jon (Patti) Spoor of Oregon, two step grandsons James and Austin Spoor, and nephew Patrick McPherson.

A private service will be held at the Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home in Oregon. Burial will take place at the Riverview Cemetery.

Visit www.farrellholland-gale.com to leave a condolence or memory of Charles.

George 'Greely' Myers

MT. MORRIS — George "Greely" Myers, 83, passed away on Saturday, Nov. 19 in Swedish American Hospital surrounded by his family. Greely was born on May 25, 1939 in Freeport; the son of Frank C. & Blanche O. (Wacaster) Myers. He lived in Leaf River until age nine and then moved to Mt. Morris. He graduated from Mt. Morris High School class of 1957. Greely married Susan L. Corrigan on July 23, 1977. Together they spent 20 years living in Vernon Hills, Illinois and the last 24 years here in Mt. Morris.



In Greely's younger years he worked as an off-set pressman for Kable Printing. He worked as a meat cutter and bartender. Greely was proud to say he was an Eagle Scout and was a member of Order of the Arrow honor society for scouts. Greely loved golf, fishing, bowling, playing cards, trivia and had a knack for telling jokes and making people smile, but most of all he loved watch-

ing Casey and Kyle play sports. Golfing, he had three hole-in-one's, one in Vernon Hills and two at Sunset; and in bowling threw three perfect 300 games. He enjoyed the "over 50" men's travel golf outings on Mondays at various courses. He loved to sing karaoke and gamble with "scratch off" tickets!

He is survived by his wife: Sue and four children: Jeff, Danny, Kim and Nicki. Grandchildren: Corey, Julianne, Casey and Kyle. He is predeceased by his parents and a sister Doris Jean.

Visitation/celebration of life services for Greely were held on Wednesday, Nov. 23 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Finch Funeral Home, 405 East Hitt, Mt. Morris. At 1 p.m., Greely's longtime friend Frank spoke to honor the life of "Greely."

Following the visitation, there was a luncheon at the Mt. Morris Moose Lodge.

In lieu of flowers, memorials to the family and Sunset Golf Club.

Stillman's Cardinal Community Christmas to take place Dec. 4

STILLMAN VALLEY — Cardinal Christmas will be on Sunday, Dec. 4 from 4-7 p.m. in downtown Stillman Valley. Santa will arrive by fire truck to Ladders of Learning at 4 p.m. You can get your picture taken with Santa inside or leave him a letter. Many activities will be going on throughout town. Royal Blue and Fritz's Wooden Nickel will have food and drink specials. Shear Madness will have treats and photo cutouts. Walter's Accounting will be open with goodies.

An informational booth will be located outside the Royal Blue with a map to let you know what is happening around town. Committee members will have special red and black stocking caps if you have questions. Horse drawn carriage and wagon rides will be available.

A craft show will be going on from 2-7 p.m. at the junior high. Stop by and shop while your child meets their favorite princess or super hero. Food trucks will also be parked nearby.

There will be carolers along with hot cider, coffee and cider donuts at the Brick Center. Drop in and warm up, while you listen to Christmas music. Outside, across from the junior high will be a live nativity scene. Donations will be



accepted for Bread of Life at White Tail Properties trailer located downtown in the vacant lot between Ladders of Learning and Tease. Items needed by Bread of Life are Progresso soups, canned fruit, paper products like Kleenex, toilet paper and paper towels; also, personal hygiene products. Gently-used or new coats, hats, gloves, mittens and scarves will also be collected. All sizes are welcome, with children's items being given to Meridian Schools and adults sizes donated to a local shelter or Rockford Rescue Mission. There will be s'mores and a bon fire at the lot. Meridian PTO will be selling spirit wear.

There will be a drawing for Ice Hog tickets and a four pack of Disney on Ice tickets. Obtain a card and visit area establishments to get your

sticker. Once your card is full it will be entered into the drawing. Cards can be picked up at the informational booth or participating businesses. Winners will be drawn at 7 p.m. The Coyote 102.3 will be broadcasting from downtown on Sunday and will draw the prize-winning tickets.

A tree decorating contest will take place at the Stillman Bank. There will be a bonfire along with cookies and hot cocoa in the garage near the bank. Donation jars will be inside garage to vote for your favorite tree. Proceeds will go to Bread of Life. The tree lighting ceremony will take place once again this year.

Residents can get sand and bags starting Thursday, Nov. 30 at parking lot by park for their luminaries. Let's light up the Valley on Dec. 4!

Report policy

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

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LOCAL NEWS

Ogle County Sheriff

Rockford man arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol

OREGON — On Nov. 11 at approximately 10:49 p.m. deputies were dispatched to the 8,000 block of North Perryville Road for the report of a suspicious vehicle. After further investigation, deputies arrested James Charles, 59, of Rockford, for driving under the influence of alcohol. Charles was also issued citations for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident, failure to report an accident, improper lane usage and expired registration. Charles was transported to the Ogle County Jail, where he was held in lieu of bond.

On Nov. 11 at approximately 2:34 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop at the intersection of Illinois Route 64 and Meridian Road. After investigation deputies placed Malik Tiger, 26, of Chicago, under arrest for driving while license suspended and an active Rockford PD warrant for a criminal damage to property charge. Tiger was additionally issued citations for improper lane usage, speeding, failure to signal and operating an uninsured vehicle. Tiger was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

On Nov. 12 at approximately 8:34 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 20,000 block of East Illinois Route 38. After investigation, deputies arrested Juan Alvarado Jr., 33, of Rochelle, for possession of a controlled substance (crack/cocaine) and no valid driver's license. Alvarado was also issued citations for operating an uninsured motor vehicle and illegal window tint. Alvarado was transported to the Ogle County Jail, where he was held in lieu of bond.

On Nov. 13 at approximately 1:07 a.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 2,000 block of North Illinois Route 251. After investigation, deputies arrested Jeremy Brack, 32, of Rochelle, for driving while license revoked and an active Boone County warrant. Brack was also issued citations for suspended registration and an equipment violation. Brack was transported to the Ogle County Jail, where he was held in lieu of bond.

On Nov. 13 at 5:37 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 100 block of West Washington Street in Oregon. As a result, Charles V. Alba, 36, of Forreton was arrested for driving while license suspended.

Alba was additionally issued a citation for operate vehicle with suspended registration. Alba was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

On Nov. 13 at 10:31 p.m. deputies conduct-

ed a traffic stop in the 12,000 block of East Illinois Route 64. As a result, Adam J. Stephen, 43, of Elk Grove Village, Illinois was arrested for driving while license suspended and an Ogle County warrant. Additionally, Stephen was issued citations for operate vehicle with suspended registration and operate an uninsured motor vehicle. Stephen was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

On Nov. 14 at 7:43 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop near the intersection of Ranger Road and South Dement Road. After a brief investigation, Douglas Lawson of Harriman, Tennessee, was arrested for driving while license suspended. Lawson was also issued citations for failure to use turn signal and use of electronic communication device. Lawson was released on a \$2,500 individual bond with a return court date.

On Nov. 18 at approximately 7:19 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop at Illinois Route 26 and Lanark Road. After a brief investigation, Denzel Stokes, 24, of Freeport, was arrested for unlawful possession of cannabis. Stokes was also cited for illegal window tint, expired registration and illegal transportation of alcohol. Stokes was released on scene with a return court date.

On Nov. 19 at 5:49 p.m. deputies, the Rochelle Police Department, and Rochelle Fire Department responded to a multi-vehicle accident at South Illinois Route 251 and Twombly Road. After a brief investigation, deputies cited Kylie Hall of Davis Junction for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident. Hall struck a Chevrolet Yukon driven by Priscilla Hernandez of Rockford. Hernandez's Yukon then struck Jeff Dilling's Chevrolet Traverse. Hernandez was transported to Rochelle Community Hospital with suspected injuries.

On Nov. 19 at 12:15 a.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop at the intersection of Illinois Route 251 and Illinois Route 64. After a brief investigation, Juan Mendez-Martinez of Rockford, was arrested for driving without a valid license. Mendez-Martinez was also issued citations for speeding and failure to stop at a stop sign. Mendez-Martinez was released on a \$2,500 individual bond with a return court date.

On Nov. 19 at approximately 7:45 p.m. deputies initiated a traffic stop on Interstate 39 southbound at mile marker 106 for window tint. Upon further investigation, deputies arrested Vincent Sanders, 44, of Rockford, for driving while his license was

revoked. Sanders was transported to the Ogle County Jail in lieu of bond.

On Nov. 20 at approximately 12:17 a.m. deputies responded to a single-vehicle accident in the 900 block of North River Road. Upon arrival, deputies located a blue Chevrolet Cruze in the east ditch facing northwest with minor damage. After investigation, deputies determined the Chevrolet, being operated by 26-year-old Aaron T. Woods of Rockford, was traveling southbound on River Road. Woods left the roadway on the southbound shoulder before over-correcting and entering back into the roadway. Woods crossed over the center-dashed yellow line and into the northbound lane before losing control and entering the east ditch. The Chevrolet struck a ditch/embankment causing minor damage to the vehicle.

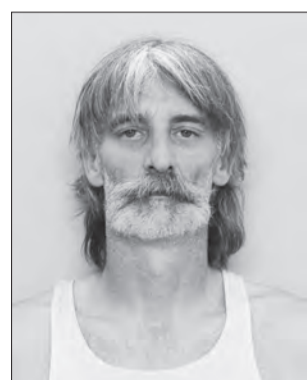
After further investigation, Woods was taken into custody for driving under the influence of alcohol and unlawful possession of cannabis/improper container-driver. Woods was taken into custody without incident and transported to the Ogle County Jail, where he was held in lieu of bond. Woods was additionally cited for improper traffic lane usage, operating uninsured motor vehicle and failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident.

All individuals are considered innocent until proven guilty.

Man being charged with attempted murder following police chase

OREGON — On Tuesday 11/22/2022 at 1206 the Ogle County Sheriff's Office was advised of a vehicle pursuit southbound on IL Rt. 26 from Freeport.

The pursuit involved the Stephenson County Sheriff's Office and a white Mazda MX5. The pursuit continued south on IL Rt. 26 and then continued south on Freeport Rd. In the area of Freeport Rd. and Milledgeville Rd. an Ogle County Deputy deployed stops stick in an effort to flatten the fleeing vehicle's tires and end the pursuit. As the driver of the fleeing



Brian Taylor

vehicle approached the Deputy he veered left in an attempt to strike the Deputy, who was on the shoulder of the opposite lane of traffic. The Deputy was able to move out of the way of the fleeing vehicle.

A collision between the fleeing vehicle and a Stephenson County Sheriff's Office occurred after the fleeing vehicle entered the roadway.

The driver of the fleeing vehicle, Brian Taylor, 49, of Massillon, Ohio, was taken into custody by the Ogle County Sheriff's Office. Taylor was charged with Attempted First Degree Murder and is currently being held at the Ogle County Jail.

The Ogle County Sheriff's Office completed the crash investigation and additional charges are pending in both Ogle and Stephenson County.

Health department reports increase in GI illness outbreaks

OREGON — The Ogle County Department of Health (OCDH) reports an increase in gastrointestinal (GI) illness outbreaks and encourages people to take action to prevent the spread of the virus, a Nov. 21 press release said.

GI illnesses can be highly contagious, spreads quickly from person to person and cannot be treated with antibiotics. Symptoms of GI illnesses include diarrhea, vomiting, nausea and stomach pain that usually last between 24 hours and 48 hours. Anyone with GI illness should stay home when sick and for 24 hours after experiencing vomiting or diarrhea.

Good hygiene practices are important for everyone to prevent the spread of illness. OCDH recommends people take the following steps recommended by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) to assist in the prevention and spread of GI viruses:

Frequently wash your hands, especially after using the toilet or changing diapers, before eating and preparing food or before taking or giving someone medicine.

Using hand sanitizers in addition to handwashing can be beneficial but using hand sanitizers should not replace hand washing. Handwashing with soap and wa-

ter is always preferred over hand sanitizers.

To help make sure that food is safe from viruses, routinely clean and sanitize kitchen utensils, counters and surfaces before preparing food. Additional steps to reduce the spread include:

Rinse fruits and vegetables before eating.

Cook oysters and other shellfish thoroughly before eating them.

Avoid preparing food for others when sick and for at least two days after symptoms stop.

If you are caring for someone with a GI illness, always thoroughly clean and disinfect an area immediately after an episode of vomiting or diarrhea. Wear rubber or disposable gloves and wipe the entire area with paper towels. Use a bleach-based household cleaner to disinfect the area. If using liquid household bleach to disinfect, use a chlorine bleach and water solution. Leave the bleach disinfectant on the affected area for at least five minutes, then clean the entire area again with soap and hot water. Finish by cleaning any soiled laundry, taking out the trash and washing your hands.

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LOCAL NEWS

Oregon Police Department

Oregon officers arrest man for violating sex offender registration conditions

November 9
At 11:20 p.m., Oregon Police issued Kaden A. Wendt, age 19, Oregon, a citation for speeding, 55mph in a 40mph zone. This violation occurred in the 200 block of E. Washington Street.

November 10
At 9:30 a.m., Oregon Police arrested Jason A. Skinner, age 44, Oregon, for being a registered sex offender in a prohibited zone. Skinner was transported to the Ogle County jail. This violation occurred in the 1100 block of Jefferson Street.

At 3:30 p.m., Oregon Police took one 12-year-old female, Oregon, into limited custody for the offense of theft less than \$500. The juvenile was released into a guardian's custody with referral to juvenile probation for juvenile delinquency. This violation occurred in the 500 block of S. 3rd Street.

November 11
At 2:30 p.m., Oregon Police issued one 15-year-old male juvenile, Mt. Morris, a city citation for violating the tobacco products and alternative nicotine products as a juvenile ordinance. This violation occurred at Oregon High School, 210 S. 10th Street.

At 6:47 p.m., Oregon Police issued Chad A. Veitch, age 31, Oregon, a city citation for violating the city ordinance for allowing grass to be

more than six inches. This violation occurred in the 200 block of Jefferson Street.

At 11:41 p.m., Oregon Police issued Alejandro DeLaCruz, age 44, of Pearl City, IL, a citation for operating an uninsured motor vehicle. This violation occurred in the 100 block of E. Washington Street.

November 12
At 12:53 a.m., Oregon Police issued Brittany D. Meiter, age 30, Byron, a citation for operating an uninsured motor vehicle. This violation occurred in the 100 block of N. River Road.

November 13
At 7:26 p.m., Oregon Police issued Broderick M. Kothe, age 29, of Colorado Springs, CO, a citation for speeding, 42mph in a 30mph zone. This violation occurred in the 300 block of N. 4th Street.

At 7:57 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Steven D. Murphy, age 47, Dixon, for driving while license revoked. Murphy also had a Winnebago County warrant for failure to appear and a Rockford Police Department warrant for failure to appear; Murphy was issued citations for operation of a vehicle with a suspended registration and operating an uninsured motor vehicle; Murphy was also charged with improper container as a driver. Murphy was transported to the Ogle County jail. These violations occurred

in the 100 block of S. 4th Street. Officers issued one parking citation and eight verbal warnings issued during the week of Nov. 7 through Nov. 13.

November 14
At 4:19 a.m., Oregon Police issued James T. McKenzie, age 55, Oregon, a citation for disobeying a traffic control device. This violation occurred at the intersection of 3rd and Jefferson Streets.

At 6:36 a.m., Oregon Police issued Jaime C. Frye, age 45, Dixon, a citation for speeding, 43mph in a 30mph zone. This violation occurred in the 200 block of N. Daysville Road.

7:45 p.m., Oregon Police issued Robert Thompson, age 54, Mt. Morris, a citation for operating an uninsured motor vehicle. This violation occurred in the 100 block of W. Washington Street.

November 15
At 1:33 p.m., Oregon Police took one 14-year-old female juvenile, Mt. Morris, into limited custody for the offense of battery. The juvenile was released into her parent's custody with a referral to the State's Attorney's Office/Juvenile Probation for diversion or informal services requested, if found to be appropriate. This violation occurred at Oregon High School, 210 S. 10th Street.

At 2:59 a.m., Oregon Police arrested Jovannie Elizondo, age 23, of Indianapolis, IN, for a driving while license suspended and an outstanding Marion County, IN, warrant for failure to remain at the scene of an accident with injury. Elizondo was also issued citations for speeding, 40mph in a 30mph zone and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. Elizondo was transported to the Ogle County jail. These violations occurred in the 600 block of Gale Street.

November 16
At 12:59 p.m., Oregon Police issued Stephanie A. Lopez, age 35, Oregon, a citation for operating a vehicle with an expired registration. This violation occurred near the intersection of 4th Street and

Pines Road.
November 17
At 11:56 a.m., Oregon Police investigated a two-vehicle traffic crash at the intersection of N. 6th and Monroe Streets involving a 2011 Mazda driven by Monique N. Lindell, 42, Oregon, and a 2011 Jeep driven by Grace Reimer, age 75, Oregon. Lindell was issued a citation for failure to yield at a yield intersection.

At 3:20 p.m., the Oregon Police took one 13-year-old female juvenile, Mt. Morris, into limited custody for the offense of battery and one 13-year-old male juvenile, Mt. Morris, into limited custody for the offense of battery. Both juveniles were referred to the State's Attorney's Office/Juvenile Probation for diversion or informal services requested, if found to be appropriate. These violations occurred at Oregon High School, 210 S. 10th Street.

November 19
At 9:49 p.m., Oregon Police issued Dominique I. Perez, age 35, Rockford, a citation for operating a vehicle with an expired registration. This violation occurred in the 100 block of S. 4th Street.

November 20
At 2:08 a.m., Oregon Police issued Jimmy L. Ollie, Jr., age 36, Chicago, a citation for disobeying a stop sign. This violation occurred at the intersection of S. 7th and Gale Streets.

At 3:43 a.m., Oregon Police issued Wilmer G. Vasquez-Ramos, age 33, Rockford, citations for speeding, 47mph in a 30mph zone, and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. These violations occurred in the 500 block of N. 4th Street.

At 9:37 p.m., Oregon Police issued Skylar P. Carlson, age 23, Oregon, a citation for disobeying a stop sign. This violation occurred at the N. Jones Terrace and E. Washington Street intersection.

Officers issued 14 parking citations and 13 verbal warnings issued during the week of Nov. 14 through Nov. 20.

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LOCAL NEWS



'Tis the season for holiday crafts at The Serenity Shed

OREGON — The Serenity Shed at 113 N. 3rd St., Oregon, is offering a holiday décor wood cutout painting class. Join us Friday, Dec. 2 between 4-8 p.m. or Saturday, Dec. 3 between 9 a.m. and noon. Options to choose from include Christmas trees, adorable snowmen and more. Prices vary depending on the cutout selected ranging from \$30-55. People can call Cathy or Denise at 815-732-2499 to register.

As always, all proceeds benefit the impactful mission of Serenity Hospice and Home, an organization that provides high quality, compassionate end-of-life care as well as free, ongoing bereavement services that are open to the public.

First Fridays Open Mic is Dec. 2

OREGON — The First Fridays Open Mic presents its monthly show at the Oregon VFW this Dec. 2. The event attracts many talented performers, but musicians and singers of all skill levels find acceptance from its supportive audience. Each performer is allowed 15 minutes, and everyone can also join in on a jam session at the end of the show.



Jim Heing (center) is a new performer at First Fridays. He's accompanied in this photo by Perry Paliga on guitar and Eddie Paneque on the box drum.

The VFW is located at 1310 W. Washington St. in Oregon. It provides ample parking, along with the availability of a restaurant and bar within the building. A fish fry runs from 4-8 p.m.

The show starts at 7 p.m. Admission is free, although a jar is

available for donations. Sign-up for performers is at 6:45 p.m. Interested

parties who have questions can contact Jerry Tice, at 815-449-2660.

Oregon VFW making and delivering food baskets

OREGON — Once again at Christmas time, Oregon VFW Post 8739 will be making and delivering Christmas food baskets to families and individuals who are in need in the Oregon area.

We are still going through tough times. Everyone is experiencing setbacks from COVID-19 which led to lost jobs and sick families. We are asking those who can donate for this purpose please be generous again this year. Donations can be sent to Oregon VFW Post 8739 at 1310 W. Washington St., Oregon IL, 61061. We normally do 120+ baskets. We feel the number will be much larger this year. We want to send a heartfelt thanks to those who donate. It truly makes people happy.

Any family or individual who is in need must call the VFW Monday or Wednesday from 4 p.m. until 7

p.m. (815-732-6851). Please do not call on Fridays as our phone and people are busy with other work. The post is closed Tuesday and Thursday. We will start taking calls Nov. 14. In order to order food we will stop taking calls Dec. 1. Each individual or family must call for themselves. Even if you have called in the past you need to call this year to update your information and make sure you are on the list. We will only ask for address, phone number and number living in your household. Baskets may be a little different due to shortages in food supplies.

An adult must be home Dec. 17 to receive the basket. Deliveries will start around 8:30 a.m. and should be finished by noon.

We will start taking phone calls Nov. 14. We ask you to please be patient we know this is important.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Friday, Dec. 2

The First Fridays Open Mic will be held at the Oregon VFW. The show starts at 7 pm and admission is free. Along with the open mic music, a fish fry is available from 4 to 8 pm. Musicians and singers of all skill levels are invited to perform - each given 15 minutes on stage.

Friday, Dec. 2 and Saturday, Dec. 3

The Serenity Shed will host a holiday decor wood cutout painting class. The Friday event will be held from 4-8 pm and Saturday will be from 9 am to noon. Options include Christmas trees, snowmen and more. Prices vary depending on the cutout selected ranging from \$30 to \$55. Call

Cathy or Denise at 815-732-2499 to register.

Saturday, Dec. 3

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Preparing for winter and farm bill priorities

JUST about have everything at the ranch buttoned up for winter. Seems like each year that passes there's more to do; that or I'm just getting slower in my old age. I'm betting the latter applies.

Still a week or two left for a fall campfire and some hot drinks. I know one thing the stars seem to be more plentiful and shine brighter this time of year. Sure makes for a relaxing evening.

Farm bill

A new federal farm bill will be written in 2023. Here are the priorities established by Farm Bureau in writing the Farm Bill.

- Protecting current farm bill program spending.
- Maintain a unified farm bill which keeps nutrition programs and farm programs together.
- Any changes to current farm legislation must be an amendment to the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938 or the Agricultural Act of 1949.
- Prioritize risk management tools and funding for both federal crop insurance and commodity programs.
- Ensure adequate USDA staffing capacity and technical assistance.

Title II We support:

- The continuation of a counter-cyclical program like the Price Loss Coverage (PLC) program and a revenue program like the Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) program, including using Risk Management Agency (RMA) data as the primary source to determine a more accurate county yield as long as RMA data at the farm level data is protected from FOIA. If ARCCounty is continued, we support changes to make the program more effective and fair to all farmers. If existing programs continue, the opportunity for farmers to re-elect and/or re-enroll annually.
- Basing Title I payments on historic, rather than planted, acres;
- A reference price increase for all Title I commodities.
- Unassigned, former generic base acres being redistributed to update crop base on the same farm.
- Increased commodity loan rates.
- Restoring ARC/PLC payment base on the 20 percent of seed cotton base acres that were designated as unassigned and unpaid in the 2018 farm bill; and

keeping provisions that Loan Deficiency Payments and Marketing Loan Gains do not count against per person payment limits.

Title II: We support:

- Maintaining funding for federal conservation programs which maintain environmental benefits;
- Working lands conservation programs over retirement lands programs; and streamlining the NRCS conservation practice approval process.
- Conservation Reserve Program (CRP): Capping acreage enrollment to keep land in production;
- Capping rental rates to a percentage of average county rental rates;
- Making common sense updates to emergency haying and grazing rules, especially adjustments to the turn-in dates surrounding the "primary nesting season," bale removal, etc.;
- Encouraging prime farmland to come back into production, but retain the program for marginal acres, land that is highly erodible or non-productive;
- Adjusting the 25 percent limitation. Extend the 25 percent limitation to a per farm basis, not just county wide;
- Prioritizing water quality and soil health benefits of CRP over wildlife protection and manage requirements of the program accordingly (such as mowing and maintenance, species mixes, and implementation of buffer/filter strips); and limiting the size of pollinator tracts with an emphasis on smaller parcels and capping pollinator rates.
- Maintaining the current prioritization of the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) funding being targeted to livestock producers;
- Maintaining an air quality program that assists producers with air quality compliance; and
- Allowing for flexibility in addressing local and regional resource challenges, including groundwater sustainability and drought relief, resilience, and preparedness. Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) We support funding for the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) with greater accessibility to farmers. Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP)
- Increasing Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP) funding; and increasing the ceiling on the eligible federal share for ACEP conservation easement to 80 percent of the easement value.



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Title XI: We support:

- A robust crop insurance program, with no reductions in premium cost share. We oppose means testing, income limits, or add in's, such as required production practices, that might limit the availability or adversely impact risk pools;
- Expansion of insured commodities including specialty crops. Given limitations of process in adding new commodities, examine ways in which to encourage swifter adoption of policies; and
- Develop and maintain adequate risk management tools for livestock producers including contract growers.
- We support increased funding for the Foreign Market Development (FMD) program and Market Assistance Program (MAP).
- Streamlining loan programs and ensuring loan amounts keep pace with farm-level expenses; and
- Minimizing application requirements for young and beginning farmer guarantee programs so they are more aligned with agricultural lenders.
- A consistent, long-term, market-oriented farm policy that is transparent and efficient prioritizing projects with the greatest economic potential for rural communities.

Programs should focus on the following:

- Efforts to encourage processing and marketing opportunities for direct-to-market producers. Infrastructure, workforce development and local processing capacity need to be expanded as this market demand has increased exponentially;
- Broadband programs prioritizing resources for rural communities most in need of connectivity; and increased access and incentives to provide safe and adequate childcare in rural communities. impact of producer losses due to foreign imports, resulting in an upside-down market.
- There's plenty on the line for agriculture in the next farm bill and with many long-time legislators retiring this one could be crucial to agriculture sustainability.
- "Drink and be thankful to the host! What seems insignificant when you have it, is important when you need it." -Franz Grillparzer

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

Democracy is dying

DEMOCRACY is dying in this nation and it's being killed by entrenched interests in both political parties. I can't say it any more bluntly than that.

There are some things that I found encouraging in the recent midterm election: Trump Republicans in hotly-contested congressional races took a shellacking. If I were to point to a singular character that epitomizes the rot within our political system it would be The Donald.

He's made unsubstantiated allegations of election fraud, shown contempt for the peaceful transition of power and inspired an insurrection.

And he has fellow Republicans quivering in their wingtips, fearful that he can torpedo their political careers.

Regular readers of this column know that I'm conservative on economic issues and moderate to liberal on most other matters. And when I vote I almost always split my ticket between both parties.

When I first entered journalism, the conventional wisdom was for reporters to hide their political leanings. Readers aren't so naïve as to believe journalists don't have their own political convictions. I've embraced transparency. That said, I strive to be fair in all my news stories.

Sometimes, I'm delighted by a particular race.

For example, I really enjoyed

covering the contest for the 13th Congressional District between Nikki Budzinski and Regan Deering. Both women are bright, articulate and have entered the realm of public affairs for the right reasons. After interviewing each of them, I found myself genuinely liking both.

They had distinct philosophies, giving voters a clear choice. That's the way democracy is supposed to work. Unfortunately, in this nation it seldom does.

In fact, in any given election less than 10 percent of races for the U.S. House are in play. In the other 90 percent, the candidate is either uncontested or facing only nominal opposition.

For example, I live in the 15th Congressional District. MAGA-loving Mary Miller will be my representative in Washington. She had only nominal opposition from a Quincy Democrat, who no one believed could win.

For state senator, I'll be represented by Steve McClure. He's a good guy but he ran unopposed. In the old Soviet Union, they had elections where all of the candidates were unopposed. That wasn't and isn't democracy.

My current state Rep. Tim Butler, R-Springfield, also is a good guy who ran unopposed. But within a week of being reelected he announced that he was resign-

ing to become a lobbyist for the Illinois Railroad Association.

So why run for a job that you're going to quit?

Well, being a popular incumbent, his presence on the ballot dissuaded any Democrat from seeking the office. And now that he is leaving office, the Republican Party bosses – rather than the voters – get to pick his replacement.

It's business as usual in Springfield. Both parties do it, but democracy is about having voters decide, not political insiders.

The reason so few congressional and legislative districts are competitive is because instead of voters choosing their politicians, politicians are choosing their voters.

Almost every state – Illinois included – is so effectively gerrymandered that for the vast majority of races the outcome is preordained.

But it gets worse; we now have a situation where politicians are not only picking their voters – but their opponents.

We saw that this year in the governor's race. Gov. J.B. Pritzker spent \$30 million in the Republican primary to ensure that their nominee – his opponent – was the weakest in the field.

Republican Darren Bailey represents the far right of the party. He's a Trump acolyte far out-of-

step with most Illinois voters. Once the GOP nominated Bailey, Pritzker spent \$110 million of his personal fortune to defeat him.

It is worth noting that despite Pritzker essentially picking his opponent, having the advantage of incumbency and outspending him 11 to 1, he captured only 54 percent of the vote.

A win is a win. But with those advantages, one would expect a better performance.

Upon winning the election, our governor had this to say:

"To the fake patriots and their enablers: You don't love the United States if you're not willing to defend it against a man who would destroy it. Donald Trump is the modern embodiment of tyranny that our founders feared the most. So don't lecture us about norms or typical political practices. Against a party that nominates and endorses antisemites and racists and anti-immigrant zealots, appeasement and complacency do not work."

While I don't entirely disagree with the statement, it wasn't one for Pritzker to make.

After all, he spent \$30 million to ensure a MAGA-loving, "fake patriot" was the Republican nominee.

It doesn't get any more cynical than that.



Scott Reeder

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LOCAL NEWS



Patel helps with Polo Lions grocery delivery
On Wednesday, Nov. 16 Tushar Patel (the owner of Polo Fresh Food Market) helped Randy and Nancy Ocken put groceries into the car to be delivered. The grocery delivery is done by the Polo Lions Club on Wednesdays. (Photo by Randy Ocken).

PPSOC begins Christmas tree sales

OREGON—It's time for your family to go on the big hunt. The hunt for the perfect Christmas tree! On the Friday after Thanksgiving (Nov. 25), the Prairie Preservation Society of Ogle County (PPSOC), a nonprofit organization, will begin sales of trees at 10 a.m. Sales will continue through Dec. 3 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays at the Cut-It-Yourself Sand Ridge Tree Farm on 2879 S. Daysville Rpad. Tree prices are: Fir: \$65; 12 feet and over: \$80; White pine and spruce: \$50.

Families come with the expectation of hunting something less dangerous than big game, but just as satisfying. Find the perfect tree for your family's holiday celebrations and leave Sand Ridge with the sense of satisfaction that only a successful hunt can create.

Trees, left by the former Sinissippi Tree Farm purchased by the PPSOC, trimmed to beautiful shapes, will be sold

to pay for restoration and maintenance of the site which contains the highest quality prairie remnants in this part of Illinois.

PPSOC has donated trees to the Oregon Chamber of Commerce for the courthouse and to the Oregon Park District for years.

Sand Ridge is a great place to visit even without the bonus of the Christmas trees. With hills of waving prairie grasses and forbs (wild flowers), stands of spruce, fir and pine, it provides a quiet beauty and sense of peace to those fortunate enough to stop there. The sound of the breezes in the evergreens and their invigorating scent provide a moment transported to the north woods.

Surrounded by towering white pines which block the sight of cornfields and houses, it is a place set apart—a peaceful sanctuary from the everyday.

Visit, enjoy, and take the feeling with you.

St. Mary Church Christmas Bazaar is Dec. 3

OREGON—St. Mary Church is having its annual Christmas Bazaar this year on Saturday, Dec. 3 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the St. Mary Parish Center in Oregon. We will be hosting a lunch, vendor fair, craft and bake sale and a rummage sale.

Lunch will be available to purchase for \$10 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. This consists of a jumbo loaded baked potato bar, a cup of homemade chili or soup, a dessert of your choice and beverage.

drum and flute donated by Mary Ley, and a 50/50 raffle. There will be many basket raffles as well. These tickets go for \$1 a piece or six for \$5. Tickets can be purchased the day of the Bazaar or ahead of time at the Parish office.

We have several vendors attending the Bazaar this year including repre-

sentatives from Norwex, Mary Kay, Paparazzi, Color Street, Pampered Chef and Tupperware. We will also have several craft booths, including Bear Moon, The Crafty Lady, Mary's Paper Crafts, Make Joy Felt, and This N That by Joyce. The whole community is welcome. We hope to see you there!

What the flip event is Dec. 3

FREEPORT—Take part in an event fashioned off the flea market TV show Dec. 3 at the Stephenson County Farm Bureau from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Enjoy a dinner of pulled pork or sloppy joe sandwich, chips, drinks and cole slaw for \$6. Watch the judging of the flip items with the winners being announced at noon. Items will be auctioned off at 1 p.m. Book-

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Lighting Contest in the Valley is Dec. 16

STILLMAN VALLEY—The Stillman Valley Lions Club is sponsoring a Christmas tree lights and home decorating contest. The judging date is Dec. 16.

Residences in the Village of Stillman will automatically be recognized and judged.

If interested and live outside the village of Stillman Valley please call Carol Dotzel at 815-645-2571 or Nina Mueller at 815-275-6384 with your address for judges to be able to look at your Christmas lights.

Prizes will be \$75 for first place, \$50 for second place and \$25 for third place.

Lions Club is a service organization and recycling is a part of the clubs activities.

Below are a list of items that are recyclable.

Keys, key fobs, wire, brass, desk top ink cartridges, eyeglasses but no eye glass cases, sunglasses, pop tabs, cell phones, smart phones, iPhones and hearing aids.

Collection boxes are located in the post offices of Stillman Valley, Davis Junction and Monroe Center.

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Forreton falls to Lena-Winslow 38-16 in state semifinals

'We were in good spots, but couldn't finish plays'

BY ANDY COLBERT
CORRESPONDENT

FREEPORT — In the words of Forreton coach Keynon Janicke, "The game couldn't have started better for us."

On Lena-Winslow's third play of the game, Kaleb Sanders tackled Gunar Lobdell for a loss of three yards and the Panthers had to punt.

Taking over on its own 9-yard line, Forreton racked up big chunks of yardage, prompting L-W Coach Ric Arand to take a timeout.

"I called them out," Arand said.

The tongue lashing seemed to have an effect, as the Panther defense stiffened up and Forreton was forced to punt after lineman Henry Engel tackled hard-running fullback Johnny Kobler for a loss. Besides the disappointment of a promising drive stalling out, the ensuing punt attempt by Sanders was blocked, as Maisen Smith pushed the upback into the ball.

"It was a spark. It lit a fire under our kids," Arand said.

Did it ever, as L-W (13-0) scored 38 unanswered points on its way to a 38-16 semifinal win to advance to the 1A state title game against Camp Point Central.

Taking over at the 19-yard line after the blocked punt, Gage Dunker scored two plays later to give L-W an 8-0 lead. Dunker then made his presence felt on defense with a sack of Forreton quarterback Brock Smith to force another punt.

With the wind swirling about, Sanders could only manage a boot of 12 yards and the Panthers had good field position again. On the first play of the second quarter, Lobdell rode a huge hole on the right side into the end zone for an 11-yard touchdown.

"We controlled the line of scrimmage," said Jake Tippet, a two-way lineman.

It was a different situation than in week nine, when Arand said Forreton beat his team up front, though L-W won 28-14.

"It was not a convincing win," Arand said. "Forreton is a different animal. They are tough on both sides."

Behind Kobler carrying the load, the Cardinals drove 50 yards before stalling out at the 21-yard line on a pass break-up by Jake Zeal.

"Once they started throwing, we knew we had it," Tippet said.

On the very next play, it was Dunker going 49 yards through another gaping hole. Two plays later, he tackled another 21 of his game-high 178 yards for a score and 22-0 advantage.

"Le-Win is definitely physical," Janicke said. "They bring it and don't stop bringing it."

They showed that on Forreton's next possession, with another third-and-out.

"Our offensive line is where everything starts," Janicke said. "When they start pushing us backwards, we've got problems."

With three minutes left in the first half, the Panthers had a touchdown called back for holding. The real killer on the drive, though, was the officials losing track of the downs and Forreton inexplicably given the ball after a L-W third down play.

Understandably, Arand vehemently protested the mistake, but the officials stuck to the call and the Panthers were cheated out of two downs. Later, they admitted it was a mistake.

L-W continued to do it on offense and defense in the second half. A three-and-out gave them the ball back near midfield.

Lobdell, the transfer from Orangeville, gained 28

yards after three would-be tacklers had a shot at him at the line of scrimmage and then capped the drive off with a 23-yard touchdown for a 30-0 lead.

Forreton was able to put a 14-play drive into gear but Sanders was thrown for a three-yard loss on fourth down at the 26-yard line.

"We were in good spots, but couldn't finish plays," Janicke said.

Dunker took a quick hitter up the middle for a 30-yard score and the 38-0 lead prompted Arand to finish the game with substitutes.

A Sanders 27-yard run set up a 20-yard touchdown for Kobler. Just as importantly, it was Kobler's 24th score of the year, breaking Jeremy DeForge's school record.

"Being on the line the last three years, I hadn't thought about records," Kobler said. "That was one of our golden lights today."

Kobler recovered the ensuing kickoff and Smith ran 39 yards for the final score.

Forreton finishes with an 8-5 record after being in danger of missing the playoffs earlier in the year with a 4-3 record.

"We had turned our backs on each other momentarily and had a team meeting after (losing to) Dakota," Janicke said. "We weren't supposed to be in this spot (semifinalist). It was a tall task to get here after being 4-3."

Forreton, which finished the season with 4,393 yards rushing, had 214 yards against Le-Win, with Kobler at 99 and Sanders with 55. The pair were also team leaders in rushing for the year with 1,488 for Kobler and 938 for Sanders. L-W had 321 yards rushing and neither team completed a pass.

The game was moved from Lena to Freeport due to L-W's field being unsafe to play on because of frozen conditions.



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6067 W. West Grove Rd., Mt. Morris \$189,000 Call Lori

Solid home with great floor plan and large front porch with countryside views. This house has so many charming features to make living in this home a dream. Picture windows and pocket doors between the living room and dining room. Pellet burning stove in dining room. Wood floors in the living room and dining room. The first floor has an enormous full bathroom with laundry hook ups and plenty of space for storage. The kitchen has an island, modern cabinets and appealing, functional wall of original cabinetry. The second floor has 3 bedrooms with exceptional closet space and wood floors. Full bathroom with jetted tub upstairs. Walk in storage closet. Pull down stairs to very usable attic storage. The basement has a den with a closet, a large recreation room and 2 utility rooms. On demand water heater in place on the wall waiting for you to hook it up. Regular water heater as well. Detached garage has electric opener. The yard is a great size, not too much to mow but plenty of individual gardens for whatever you would like to grow. Oregon school district.



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(Ogle County Life file photo)

Event set for Dec. 2

BYRON — This year's Miracle on 2nd Street will be held Friday, Dec. 2 from 6 pm to 8:30 p.m. in downtown Byron.

The free family event includes a variety of activities throughout the evening.

- Tess, Crull & Arnquist is doing Letters to Santa in the Community Room at City Hall

- Stillman Bank will be hosting visits with Santa in the Community Room at City Hall

- Enjoy ornament Decorating at McDonalds

- Frosty Land & Face Painting will be at Uptown Lanes

- Coloring Contest with UW Health at Uptown Lanes

- There will be crafts throughout the night and Story Time at 6:30 & 7:15 p.m. at Eats + Speaks

- Take family pictures at the Christmas Selfie Stations at Chelsea Marie Photography

- Enjoy a hay ride
- Play Bingo with local businesses for cash prizes

- The Christmas Minion passing out glow sticks

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- Stillman Bank hosting visits with Santa in the Community Room at City Hall
- Ornament Decorating at McDonalds
- Frosty Land & Face Painting at Uptown Lanes
- Coloring Contest with UW Health at Uptown Lanes
- Crafts throughout the night and story time at 6:30 & 7:15 at Eats + Speaks
- Christmas Selfie Stations at Chelsea Marie Photography
- Hay Rides
- Play Bingo with Local Businesses for Cash Prizes
- Christmas Minion Passing out Glow Sticks
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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.

OHS Madrigals Christmas Program

The Oregon High School Madrigals will perform at Rock River Center on Monday, December 5, 2022 from 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Advance registration requested to accommodate seating. Christmas cookies will be served.

Contact Rock River Center at 815-732-3252 to sign up.

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Monday, December 12, 2022. Program Begins at 1:00 p.m. Denny Svehla, aka: Denny Diamond, is a vocalist who for the past 20+ years has traveled the country performing the music of Neil Diamond.

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Cost: \$5 suggested donation. Reservation Information: Requested reservation deadline: Thursday, Dec. 8, 2022, so we can be prepared. For reservations or information contact Rock River Center, 810 S 10th St, Oregon, 815-732-3252. Refreshments will be served.

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Support groups

Cancer support group meets the fourth Wednesday of March, June, Sept. and November from 2-3 p.m.,

Caregiver support group meets the first and third Tuesday of each month from 10-11:30 a.m.

Diabetic support group is the first Wednesday of each month from 11 a.m. to noon.

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

Barkalow awarded degree from Palmer College of Chiropractic

DAVENPORT, Iowa — Maxwell Barkalow of Forrester graduated with a Doctor of Chiropractic degree from Palmer College of Chiropractic’s Main Campus in Davenport, Iowa on Oct. 21.

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Mt. Morris PAG rehearses for Christmas show

Hannah Sheely (filling in for Zander VandeSand), Karen Urish, Connie Augsburger and Morgan McConnell rehearse for the Mt. Morris Performing Arts Guild production of *Every Christmas Story Ever Told (And Then Some)* which will be held Dec. 9-11 at the Pinecrest Grove Theatre. For ticket information, please call (815) 734-2103 or order tickets online at performingartsguild.com and click on tickets.

City of Oregon planning underway, future land use to be addressed

OREGON — The City of Oregon has kicked off a planning effort to guide land use decisions over the next several years by updating the existing comprehensive plan.

“Much has changed since the 2016 plan was prepared,” said Darin DeHaan, city administrator. “The city has been investigating housing needs, riverfront development, walkability and other potential projects. Updating the comprehensive land use plan now makes sense. With the changes in the area and our local economy, this is a great time to look ahead in a big picture way.”

Northern Illinois University’s Center for Governmental Studies will assist the city in preparing

the plan, but much of the input will come from the community.

“We need your help, our community will have several ways to get involved in the process,” explained Mayor Ken Williams. “We have a project website with updates, links to surveys and a place for comments to be left on a map. We are asking both residents and businesses to participate in surveys over the next several months. This is your opportunity to help chart the future of your community.”

For more information about the project contact DeHaan at 815-732-6321 or via email at ddehaan@cityoforegon.org. The project website can be found at: <https://egretandox.mysocialpinpoint.com/oregon>

PAG’s Every Christmas Story Ever Told (and Then Some) is Dec. 9-11

MT. MORRIS — This winter the Performing Arts Guild of Mt. Morris will present, *Every Christmas Story Ever Told (And Then Some)*. This hilarious comedy will be held on Friday through Sunday, Dec. 9-11 at the Pinecrest Grove Theater, 500 Evergreen Lane, Mt. Morris. Friday and Saturday shows are at 7 p.m. and the Sunday matinee is at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$16 with students receiving a \$2 discount. Included in the price are refreshments which will be served

at intermission. Reservations are encouraged. For information or to order tickets call 815-734-2103 or order online at www.performingartsguild.com and click on tickets. Tickets will go on sale Nov. 11.

Instead of performing Charles Dickens’ beloved holiday classic for the umpteenth time, three actors decide to perform every Christmas story ever told — plus Christmas traditions from around the world, seasonal icons from ancient times to topical pop-cul-

ture, and every carol ever sung. A madcap romp through the holiday season!

Cast members chosen to entertain you are Connie Augsburger, Morgan McConnell and Zander VandeSand. Mary Mead Cantrell will be playing your favorite Christmas carols during Intermission.

The play will be directed by David Sheely with Mary Cheatwood as assistant director. Producers are Jennifer Bakener and Pam Ballard.

SVCC Hosts Section 2 FFA LTS

DIXON — Sauk Valley Community College hosted Leadership Training School (LTS) for Section 2 FFA Chapters on Nov. 16.

FFA students from across the Sauk Valley gathered to hone their leadership skills through LTS. FFA Section 2 schools include the following: Oregon, Byron, Morrison, Amboy, Rochelle, La Moille, Challand Middle School, Chadwick-Milledgeville, Prophetstown, Stillman Valley, Sterling, Ashton-Franklin Center and Polo.

“We are honored to be the host site for this outstanding training and educational opportunity for the Section 2 FFA Chapters. The local lead-



ership has been great to work with and we hope this is the beginning of many more partnerships,”

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SPORTS NEWS

A Tale of Two Seasons

BY GEORGE HOWE
CORRESPONDENT

NOT all stories have a happy ending. In sports there is a winner and loser. For the Forreton High School varsity football team, it was a tale of two seasons. Head Coach Keynon Janicke who took over the team last June after years of being an assistant would be the first to tell you that the up and down season was a result of careless mistakes like balls on the ground and false starts early on. "In our losses it was more about ways we found to lose as opposed to our opponent beating us," he said. "We hit a rough spot where not everyone was on the same page and as a result our record reflected that."

Going into the homecoming game in week five, the Cardinals were 2-2 and many pre-season predictions had them closer to an unblemished record. According to senior quarterback Brock Smith the 'switch' went on against Galena enroute to a 46-14 victory. "At homecoming, that's when we finally realized as a group that we actually believed in our ability and what the coaches have taught us," he shared. Janicke saw the change. "We had a total buy in of what we were trying to do and the team ran with it."

That momentum was evident against their first round playoff opponent St. Bede, as they cruised to a 46-22 win. The Cardinals handled Chicago Hope



Quarterback Brock Smith hands off to Runningback Johnny Kobler in the state semi-final game at Freeport H.S.

in round two, coming out on top 44-16 behind the physical nature of their defense and the strong running of senior Johnny Kobler. "Johnny has carried the load for us and we

know that we can rely on him to make plays," said Janicke. Round three gave Forreton an opportunity to avenge an earlier loss to Dakota. This time, they had little trouble cruising

to a 20-8 victory that propelled them to the semi-final round against number one seed and defending state champ Lena Winslow. Back in week nine, the Cardinals used a 22 play, 89

yard drive and scored with no time left on the clock to knock off the Panthers 22-20. The two NUIC rivals have met in the 1A playoffs five times, and each time the winner has gone on to win a state championship.

On a very cold and blustery Saturday November 19 at Freeport High School field, Winslow got their revenge with a 38-16 triumph ending an impressive post-season run for the Cardinals who finished up 8-5 overall. "No team with a 5-4 record has ever advanced this far in our school's football history," said Janicke. "To come in as a number 10 seed and beat some good football teams and to see how far we came, it was a tremendous year and I couldn't be more proud of my guys."

Football comes to a close in Ogle County

REAMS of state titles for Ogle County are over with losses by Byron and Forreton in the IHSA football semifinals. Before we talk about those games, let's revisit eight-man ball. I finally had a chance to see a replay of the final few minutes and post-game footage of the Polo-West Central game from the previous week.



Andy Colbert

Droste and his teammates went on to beat Amboy in a close championship game on a very cold Friday evening at Monmouth and it looked like a big crowd for both sides.

I see no reason why eight-man would want to be included in the IHSA playoffs. They have intimate atmosphere at Monmouth College and are usually the only game football game going that night.

John Lalor, the father of eight-man in Illinois, said things have solidified, with 30-35 teams expected in 2023. It was more competitive this season and will continue to get better, as more kids from these schools choose to participate.

The community pride in places like Polo, Amboy and Biggs-vile (West Central) wouldn't be possible without the eight-man alternative.

Unlike the IHSA that requires a paid membership to watch their games online, the eight-man organization puts their product on for free. Watching the eight-man championship with 3,000 other viewers from at least 20 states made me feel like I was in Monmouth.

A live chat that was going on during the videocast, with alumni from both schools connecting with old friends and the announcers also joining in the conversation, along with Polo folk rooting for WC. Yes, call me old-fashioned, but the internet still amazes me.

Saturday was a road trip to Freeport, site of the Forreton-Lena-Winslow game. The first order of business was investigate a rumor that Le-Win, perhaps smarting a bit from losing on its home

field to Forreton after a 2018 snowfall, moved the game to Freeport's artificial turf because it favored their style of play better.

After asking questions of several sources, I could not find any evidence to substantiate this claim. Case closed.

Ice-cruised grass field or Astro-turf – it wouldn't have made any difference. Le-Win's offensive line was creating huge, gaping holes for their three 1,000-yard running backs to run at will over Forreton's defense.

It wouldn't have made any difference in the final outcome if Forreton was 100 percent healthy.

Le-Win is too physical for anyone in 1A. They would also be considered the favorite in 2A against either Downs Tri Valley or Decatur St. Teresa. Remember when AJ Christensen and the Cardinals took it to St. Teresa in the 1A finals.

How deep is Elmhurst Immaculate Conception, a 35-0 winner over Byron? Joey Gliatta ran for 192 yards and four touchdowns. The kid was a third-string running back until week 12.

Credit to Byron for a 16-minute, 22-play drive to nearly tie things up at 7-7. But, a fourth down pass was intercepted and three other fourth down attempts were denied against the overwhelming 3A favorite against Williamsville.

It also gives credence to how good Princeton was by taking Elmhurst into overtime the week before. Byron, Reed Custer and Stillman Valley were all worthy of being 3A championship timber.

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

Oregon bowling defeats Rockford Christian

The Oregon Boys bowling team raised its season record to 3-1 with a 3,294-3,020 victory over Rockford Christian Nov. 17 at Town & Country Lanes in Mt. Morris. In their initial match of the Northern Illinois Bowling Conference season, Oregon won all five standings points by winning each game of the match. It was once again a balanced team effort with Oregon being led by Brandon Rowe with a 604 series (200, 205, 199). He was followed by Gavvin Surmo's 585 series, Styler Klapp's 580 series, Cody Dunbar's 533 series, Brady Davis's 532 series, Roberto Hernandez's 332 series (two games) and Matthew Stahl with a 128 game. The JV moved to 4-0 with a forfeit win and was led by Sebastian Alford with a 493 series.

Oregon girls basketball falls to Pecatonica

On Thursday, Nov. 17 in the Oregon Girls Tipoff Tournament, the Oregon Hawks varsity girls basketball team fell to Pecatonica 50-39. Hadley Lutz led the Hawks in scoring with 18 points including two 3-pointers. Ella Dannhorn scored 10 points for Oregon.

Oregon girls basketball defeats Mendota

On Saturday, Nov. 19 in the Oregon Girls Tipoff Tournament, the Oregon Hawks varsity girls basketball team defeated Mendota 42-21. Hadley Lutz led the Hawks in scoring with 22 points including three 3-pointers.

Oregon girls basketball finishes sixth at tournament

On Saturday, Nov. 19 in the Oregon Girls Tipoff Tournament, the Oregon Hawks varsity girls basketball team fell to Amboy 39-23 in the fifth place game. Hadley Lutz led the Hawks in scoring with 10 points.

Byron football falls 35-0 in state semifinals

On Saturday, Nov. 19, Byron varsity football fell 35-0 to IC Catholic in the IHSA 3A state football playoff semifinals. The Tigers gained 218 yards on the ground in the loss and were led by Caden Conside's 120 yards. Byron finished the season with an 11-2 record.

Scores

- Girls varsity basketball**
Nov. 17: Stillman Valley 65, Forreton 27, Forreton Thanksgiving tournament
- Girls varsity basketball**
Nov. 18: Stillman Valley 44, Stockton 12, Forreton Thanksgiving tournament
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WINTER SURVIVAL

How to prepare your car for winter

SUMMER and fall can stake their claim as road trip season, and even devoted drivers may admit that winter is generally a less desirable time to take to the open road. The elements factor heavily into that reputation, as fewer hours of daylight, snow and ice are just some of the variables that can make it less enjoyable, and potentially more dangerous, to drive in winter.

In anticipation of adverse driving conditions, vehicle owners can take various steps to prepare their cars and trucks for winter.

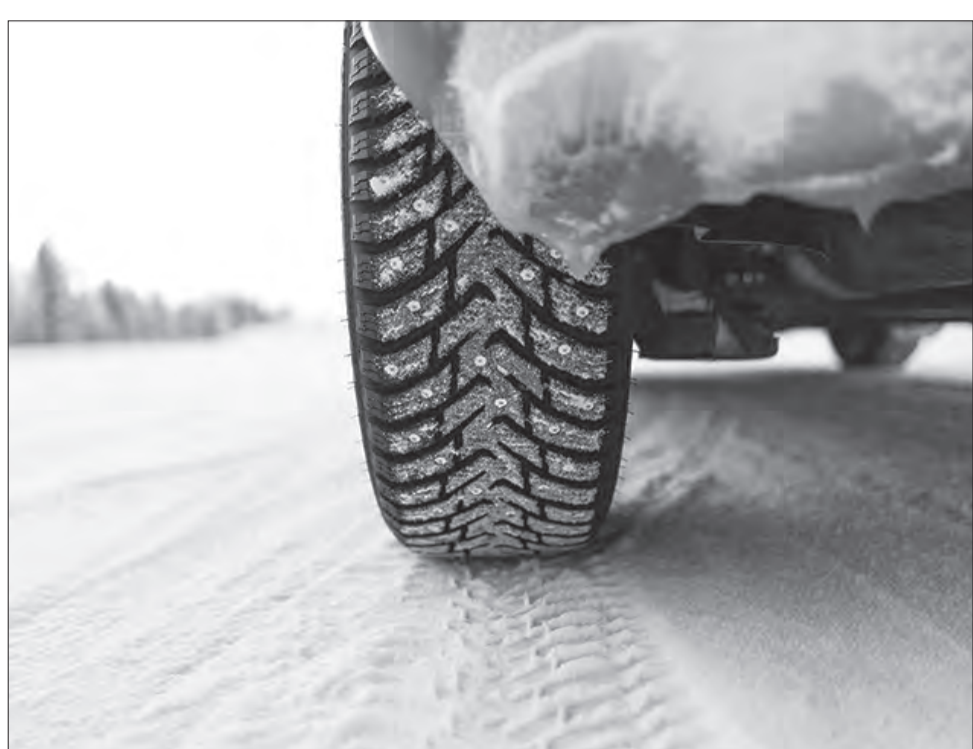
- Upgrade your wiper blades. Perhaps nothing is compromised more than visibility when driving in winter compared to other times of year. Snow makes it hard to see when driving, but fewer hours of daylight also can affect visibility.

In fact, the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety reports that approximately half of all fatal crashes occur between 6 p.m. and 6 a.m., even though the number of drivers on the road during those hours is considerably lower than it is during the daytime. The difficulty of driving at night is even more significant when wiper blades are not up to the task of keeping rain and snow off drivers' windshields. Prior to winter, inspect wiper blades and upgrade them, if necessary. Streaks left on a windshield are a telltale sign that blades need to be replaced.

- Purchase winter tires. Winter tires may not be necessary in regions with relatively mild winters. However, drivers accustomed to winters marked by heavy snowfall and/or icy roads should consider replacing their

existing tires with winter tires. Many newer vehicles are now equipped with all-season tires, which the tire experts at Bridgestone note provide great performance but are not designed to handle extreme winter conditions like snow and ice. Winter tires are specially designed to handle such conditions, making them a worthy investment for drivers who live in regions where it's not unusual to encounter snow and ice throughout the winter.

- Study up on your engine oil. Some vehicle manufacturers recommend different grades of oil depending on the range of temperatures a car or truck will be driven in. The owner's manual will likely indicate if the manufacturer recommends using a different type of engine oil in especially cold temperatures. Even if the manual does not include



such a suggestion, drivers can seek the advice of a local mechanic.

- Schedule a pre-winter tuneup. Even if a vehicle is not due for a tuneup, it can be wise to have it looked over by a local mechanic before the arrival of

harsh winter weather. A mechanic can check the radiator, hoses and other components that could be affected by especially cold weather in the months to come. If any issues are found, address them immediately. After all, it's better to

be proactive than leave yourself vulnerable to breakdowns or other issues once the mercury drops.

As fall gives way to winter, drivers can take steps to keep their cars running strong and safe in the months ahead.



A homeowners' guide to ice dams

COLD weather contributes to many different conditions that can affect homes. When winds are blowing fiercely, homeowners may soon discover deficits in insulation or in caulking around windows and doors. Icy conditions can cause walkways and stairs to become slick.

One winter condition can cause extensive headaches and damage and could be a mystery to many homeowners. Ice dams occur when warm air in the attic heats up the roof and melts accumulated snow. Water from this melt runs down the roof and refreezes when it reaches the colder roof edge. A mound of ice forms at the lower edge of the roofline as a result.

Ice dams may help create a picturesque winter vista, with icicles hanging and glinting in the sunlight, but they can cause significant damage. According to experts, ice dams can weigh hundreds of pounds if they get large enough, potentially affecting the structural integrity of roof eaves. In addition, ice dams can cause melted runoff to back up under roof shingles. This water can eventually make its way inside, ruining ceilings and walls. The roof, gutters, insulation, interior drywall, and other home surfaces can be damaged if ice dams are left unchecked.

The following are some conditions that make a home vulnerable to ice dam formation:

1. The presence of

snow on the roof.

2. An average outdoor temperature that is 32 F or lower.

3. A roof surface temperature above 32 F at its higher points and below 32 F at the lower end.

4. Indoor heat making its way to the underside of the roof.

Homeowners should take a few steps to address ice dams. The first is preventing future ice dams from forming. According to First American Roofing and Siding, LLC, improving insulation in the ceiling below the attic and addressing any inefficiencies in the home is necessary. A professional can do a blower door test, which works by depressurizing the home and using a thermal camera to find areas where insulation is poor. In addition, adequate ventilation under the roof deck is necessary so cold air can circulate and prevent the attic from getting so

warm that it will melt the snow on the roof.

The next step is to remove excess snow from the roof with a roof rake and keeping gutters clear. If ice dams have already formed, hire a professional to remove them, as it can be dangerous to do it oneself.

Snow-covered roofs and landscapes can be beautiful, but also dangerous if conditions that cause ice dams to form are not addressed.

Tips for winter safety

Winter has its share of safety hazards, and extra effort may be required to protect one's health and well-being when the chill creeps in. In recognition of that, the National Safety Council and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention offer these winter safety tips.

1. Winterize your home to keep interior temperatures comfortable and prevent weather-related damage. Winterizing includes insulating water lines that run along exterior walls, cleaning out gutters, installing weather stripping, and replenishing insulation.

2. Exercise in cold temperatures can put many people at risk of heart attack - especially those who are typically inactive. If you must exercise in cold weather, remember to stretch beforehand. Take breaks when shoveling or ask for help.

3. Check carbon monoxide alarms to see if they are working properly. Every year in the United States, more than 400 people die from

and 50,000 are treated for carbon monoxide poisoning. Exhaust from improperly vented heating appliances can contribute to carbon monoxide sickness.

4. Prepare a winter emergency kit and keep it in your car in case you are stranded in inclement weather. The kit can include food, water, blankets, first-aid supplies, flares, and booster cables, among other items.

5. Wear appropriate clothing for the temperature and

precipitation. Layers can be added or removed as needed.

6. Sprinkle sand or cat litter on icy patches of walkways to improve traction. Sand or cat litter is easier on the environment than some chemical ice melt products.

7. Consider a whole-house generator as an emergency backup if the power goes out in winter. Generators can keep the heat running and the refrigerator humming along until power is restored.

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LOCAL NEWS

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Flannels, Flapjacks and Santa!

Who doesn't love flannels and flapjacks?!? Join us in your flannel pj's or your holiday best to dine with Santa at Lorado Taft Dining Hall. Enjoy visiting Santa and taking photos in front of the historic stone fireplace, make a holiday ornament and enjoy an all you can eat buffet including flapjacks, fruit salad, sausage, bacon, biscuits, gravy, scrambled eggs, oatmeal, assorted cereal, milk, orange juice and coffee! After breakfast feel free to explore the beautiful Taft campus and enjoy a hike or photos in front of the trees. Saturday December 17th and deadline is December 8th. Fee 10 and under \$11/ NR \$13 and 11 years and up \$16/NR\$19

Letters to Santa

Do you have a wish list or story to tell Santa Claus? Write a letter to Jolly Old St. Nicholas and tell him about yourself and if you have been naughty or nice. Santa's elves will be installing a mailbox at Nash for

your letter to be mailed. Be sure to enclose a postage stamp and your return address! Letters can be mailed beginning November 15 through December 14.

Kids Yoga

Yoga is back at Nash! Join Kara Schabacker, owner of Happy Body, Healthy Mind for our new classes. Kids Yoga - Ages 5-9 and 10-14 - Kids yoga encompasses the many different aspects of a conscious and healthy lifestyle, within a framework that makes sense for a child's developmental stage. With a foundation in movement, mindfulness and an emphasis on fun, kids can expect to exercise their body, express their creativity, learn how to master big emotions and manage stress.

Ages 5-9 \$27 per 3 week session 3:30-4:20 p.m. December 1, 8, 15.
 Ages 10-14 \$27 per 3 week session 4:30-5:20 p.m. December 1, 8, 15
 December classes deadline is November 28

Adult Yin/Restorative Yoga- Ages 18+

Kara Schabacker, owner of Happy Body, Healthy Mind is This class combines the slow, deep stretch poses of yin yoga with the relaxing, meditative poses of restorative yoga. We will use props such as bolsters and blocks etc. to aid and support us as we calm our nervous systems, relax our minds and refresh our bodies. All levels welcome.

6:30-7:45 p.m. \$30 per 3 week session December 1, 8, 15. December classes deadline is November 28

Cookies and Cocktails Holiday Pairing

Cork & Tap is pairing holiday cookies with signature cocktails on Friday December 9th from 6:30-8pm. Join us for a fun event to sample four delicious cookies from local bakers paired with four selected hand-crafted cocktails. Cork & Tap is located at 305 W. Washington Street in Oregon. Grab your friends or family and enjoy an evening out at Cork & Tap. Spots are limited so register early! Cost \$25/NR\$30 and deadline is December 2nd.

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Holiday Pickleball Tournament

Come and play in our Holiday Pickleball Tournament! This tournament will be a round robin style. Teams will be made up of male, female, or co-ed and you will have a new partner each round. Players need not sign up as a team, and this round robin style is designed to even the playing field for all! Nash does have a limited number of paddles that are available to play with.

Registration Deadline: 12/18/22
 Fee: \$10/person \$12/NR/person

Rock River Blood Center Blood Drive

Give back this year by joining us in donating blood on with the Rock River Blood Center in the River Room at Nash on December 19th from 11:30am-5:30pm. Your donation can save up to 3 lives and you're sure to get that amazing feeling of accomplishment and satisfaction for helping. Guidelines for donating blood change frequently, so if you have questions about whether you qualify to donate, please talk to a donor care specialist by calling (815)-965-8751 or check out www.rrvbc.org. To schedule an appointment please contact Tina at (815)732-3101 or tina@oregonpark.org.

Weekly Brain Busters

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 W R Q P O M D R I B W O C L K

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
 Unlisted clue hint: RUSSIAN CAPITAL

- Coward
- Cowboy
- Cowhand
- Cowpeas
- Cowbell
- Cowcatcher
- Cowhide
- Cowpoke
- Cowberry
- Cowfish
- Cowlick
- Scows
- Cowbird
- Cowgirl
- Cowling

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

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

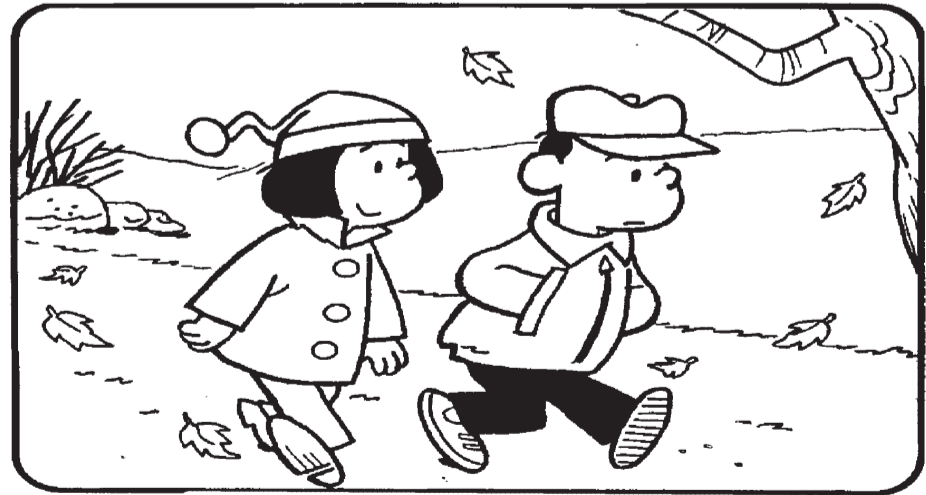
DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

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

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Rocks are missing. 2. Tassel is shorter. 3. Hair is different. 4. Pocket is missing. 5. Zipper is missing. 6. Leg is moved.

King Crossword
 Answers
 Solution time: 26 mins.

COW WORDS

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

Answer
 Weekly SUDOKU

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101 LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on November 7, 2022, a certificate was filed in the Ogle County Clerk's Office setting forth the names and post office address of all of the persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as: Happily Handmade
312 W Washington St., Suite A
Oregon, IL 61061
Dated Nov. 7, 2022, Laura J. Cook, Ogle County Clerk
No. 1114
(Nov. 14, 21 and 28 2022)

**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; PURUSANT 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 10-01-304-006 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 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 1 16.75 feet South of the Northerly line of Block Three (3), thence Easterly 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 1 16.75 feet to the place of beginning, all situated into 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 10-01-304-06 ("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
Village of Still-

man Valley, Illinois
ATTEST: YVONNE DEWEY,
Village Clerk
Village of Stillman Valley, Illinois
No. 1116
(Nov. 14, 21 and 28, 2022)

PUBLIC NOTICE
Sealed bids will be received by the Ogle County Highway Department, Oregon, Illinois until 2:00 P.M., December 9, 2022, for the purchase of the following new equipment with trade-in:
1) Motor Grader
Specifications for the new equipment are available at the Ogle County Highway Department, 1989 South IL Rt. 2, Oregon, IL between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 3:30 P.M. Monday - Friday. The Road and Bridge Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.
No. 1119
(Nov. 21 & 28, 2022)

PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on Nov. 15, 2022 a certificate was filed in the Ogle County Clerk's Office setting forth the names and post office address of all of the persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as: S&S Antiques & Collectibles
201 N 3rd St, Suite 236
Oregon, IL 61061
Dated Nov. 15, 2022
Laura J. Cook, Ogle County Clerk
No. 1122
(Nov. 21, 28 and Dec. 5, 2022)

PUBLIC NOTICE
The Village of Stillman Valley will hold a Public Hearing before the Planning and Zoning Commission on Thursday, December 22, 2022 at 6:00 pm at the Stillman Valley Village Hall located at 120 N Walnut Street, Stillman Valley, IL. The purpose of the public hearing is to hear the proposed revisions to Title 5B, "Zoning Regulations", Chapter 1, "General Zoning Provisions, Sections 5B-1-3, "Definitions"; 5B-1-7, "Accessory uses"; 5B-6-2(b), "Special uses in Agricultural Districts; and 5B-8-6, "Off Street Parking and Loading in Agricultural Districts". That the said requests are as follows:

A proposed revision to Ordinance 1001 adopted on September 12, 2022 has been proposed by the Board of Trustees. The proposed amendment to Ordinance 1001 deletes certain definitions of Section 5B-1-3; an accessory use for solar farms in districts zoned for Agriculture in Section 5B-1-7; various special uses in districts zoned Agriculture in Section 5B-6-2(d); and various off-street parking and loading for various special uses in districts zoned Agriculture in Section 5B-8-6. Dated this 23rd day of November, 2022
Submitted by Yvonne Dewey, Village Clerk
Village of Stillman Valley
No 1130
(Nov. 28, 2022)

BINA Notice
The Mayor and the City Council of the City of Byron, Ogle County, Illinois will hold a public hearing on December 7, 2022 at 6:25 p.m. The hearing will be held in Byron City Hall, 232 West Second Street, Byron, Illinois. The purpose of the hearing will be to receive public comments on the proposal to sell general obligation bonds in the amount of not to exceed \$395,000 for the purpose of financing certain capital expenditures in and for the City (the "Project") and paying certain costs of issuance of the bonds, all for the benefit of the inhabitants of the City.
By: /s/ Caryn Huber
Title: City Clerk
No. 1131
(Nov. 28, 2022)



LEGAL NOTICE FOR FORECLOSURE SALE PUBLIC AUCTION OF REAL ESTATE December 16, 2022 – 10:00 A.M. Ogle County Sheriff's Department 202 S. 1st Street, Oregon, Illinois 61061



(commonly known as 204 W. 2nd St., Leaf River, IL 61047)

On December 16, 2022, at 10:00 a.m., at the Ogle County Sheriff's Department, 202 S. 1st Street, Oregon, Illinois, the Ogle County Sheriff, or his authorized deputy, having been designated by the Circuit Court of the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit, Ogle County, Illinois as Sale Officer in the case entitled Sterling Federal Bank, F.S.B. f/k/a Mt. Morris Savings & Loan Association, Plaintiff, v. Justin Shane Akins and Village of Leaf River, an Illinois Municipal Corporation, Case No. 2015 CH 59, will sell the following described property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder. **LEGAL DESCRIPTION:** Lot 9 in Block 5 in the Village of Leaf River, according to the Plat thereof recorded in Book B of Plats, page 2, in the Recorder's Office in Ogle County, Illinois; situated in the County of Ogle and State of Illinois. Commonly known as 204 W. 2nd St., Leaf River, IL 61047 **DESCRIPTION:** (Based on Appraisal) 1 story ranch with partial basement, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1392 sq. ft., deck, porch and fence **INSPECTION:** Contact Brad Kolb at Sterling Federal Bank, F.S.B., 110 E. 4th Street, Sterling, IL 61081, 815.622.3361 to determine if property is available for inspection. **TERMS OF SALE:** 20% down day of sale, balance due the Monday following the sale. All funds shall be **CERTIFIED CHECK** payable to and delivered to the Ogle County Sheriff. Sale is subject to taxes for 2022 and all subsequent years. **TAXES WILL NOT BE PRORATED. SALE IS "AS IS"** If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no rights against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Any sale is subject to court approval. Any specific restrictions on property or title will be announced day of sale. Announcements day of sale take precedence over any printed material.

ATTORNEYS: WARD, MURRAY, PACE & JOHNSON, P.C.
226 W. River Street, P.O. Box 404, Dixon, Illinois 61021

No. 1121
(Nov. 21, 28 and Dec. 5, 2022)

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF AFFAIRS SUMMARY For The Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2022 OGLE COUNTY EDUCATIONAL COOPERATIVE 417 N. COLFAX STREET PO BOX 582 BYRON, IL 61010

Copies of the detailed Annual Statement of Affairs for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2022 will be available for public inspection in the school district/joint agreement administrative office by December 1, 2022. Individuals wanting to review this Annual Statement of Affairs should contact: Ogle County Educational Cooperative

	Educational	Oper. & Maint.	Transp.
Statement of Operations as of June 30, 2022			
Local Sources	8,321,124	127,643	31,606
Flow-Through Sources	0	0	0
State Sources	747,284	0	0
Federal Sources	709,991	0	0
Total Direct Receipts/Revenues	9,778,399	127,643	31,606
Total Direct Disb./Expenditures	9,735,581	126,592	29,021
Other Financing Sources & (Uses)	0	0	0
FUND BALANCES - JULY 1, 2021	686,820	382,254	53,438
Other Changes in Fund Balances			
FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30, 2022	729,638	383,305	56,023

Gross Payments for Certificated Personnel

Salary Range: Less than \$25,000
A. Breckenfelder, C. Bridges-Groves, J. Briggs, B. Denton, M. DeVlieger, J. Dickson, M. Dougherty, L. Edwards, C. Emmert, A. Forsberg, B. Fullmer, C. Harvey, A. Hayes, S. Holmquest, J. Howard, G. Ihde-Nelson, C. Johnson, J. Kiesling, J. McFalls, M. Messer, E. Overby, M. Overby, T. Siebrasse, E. Soyars, A. Sprayberry, W. Stevens, A. Watson, A. Wilkinson, M. Willard

Salary Range: \$25,000 - \$39,999
A. Baker, A. Brown, J. Shelton, K. Stern, C. Tomabene, L. Zarembski
Salary Range: \$40,000 - \$59,999
R. Becker, A. Cardot, M. Carr, B. Drozd, P. Escatel, M. Gardner, R. Gruber, C. Jennings, B. Krantz, S. Lavieri, J. Marney, S. Milan, K. Miller, M. Miller, K. Rager, B. Santopalo, L. Smith, A. Stasiewicz, T. Thomas

Salary Range: \$60,000 - \$89,999
J. Blaisdell, A. Blumeyer, A. Brass, S. Buss, A. Chapman, N. Connell, M. Dettman, L. Keilman, J. Kitzmiller, T. Koch, A. Lamb, T. Luxton, V. Manning, F. McNamee, D. Omotek, J. Preston-Mondello, C. Roberts, M. Robinson, K. Russell, C. Stern, J. Tartaglia, A. Waddle, S. White, K. Williams, B. Wyatt

Salary Range: \$90,000 and over
T. Camplain, A. Henkel, J. Juric, L. Kahms, C. Southwick, M. Zilm

Gross Payments for Non-Certificated Personnel

Salary Range: Less than \$25,000
A. Abrahamson, S. Antoine, C. Barcai, N. Baron, N. Bialek, S. Bowers, J. Brauns, M. Brauns, J. Brazee, A. Breckenfelder, C. Bridges-Groves, J. Briggs, T. Brooks, T. Brunnett, N. Bunger, R. Call, D. Campbell, A. Cardot, K. Carlson, M. Collins, J. Cox,

B. Denton, J. Dickson, H. Donaldson, M. Dougherty, S. Eichstaedt, S. Estock, E. Fleming, A. Forsberg, D. Fuller, I. Garcia, A. Gerry, C. Gray, K. Gunderson, C. Harvey, A. Hayes, S. Herzog, S. Holmquest, J. Howard, K. Howard, L. Ingersoll, M. Irving, M. Jones, E. Karper, M. Kidder, J. Kiesling, A. Kipping, A. Kitzmiller, B. Krense, A. Krueger, K. Ley, D. Mahoney, S. Martin, M. Messer, L. Miller, M. Mois, P. Moreno, H. Newman, K. Pepper, M. Ptasnik, C. Ramos-Naber, K. Reid, L. Rios, J. Sankar, J. Scheck, J. Shafer, T. Slade, B. Snapp, S. Snapp, A. Spengler, A. Sprayberry, W. Stevens, K. Tanner, A. Tenorio, S. Thompson, V. Tsusaki, S. Valdez, A. Vincer, B. Walker, A. Watson, C. Wells, J. Whetsel, A. Wilkinson, M. Willard, S. Wolf, M. Wolter, E. Youngquist, R. Zilm

Salary Range: \$25,000 - \$39,999
E. Batson, J. Beach, D. Durmas, C. Esterday, N. Hauge, P. Leonard, T. McCormick, C. Murray, E. Overby

Salary Range: \$40,000 - \$59,999
K. Janssen, D. Joslin

Salary Range: \$60,000 and over
C. Arnquist, L. Davids, P. Land, S. McNamee, T. Moser, K. Speltz

Payments over \$2,500, excluding wages and salaries.
Alexander Graham Bell, 72,797, Allendale Association 62,951, Amazon Capital Serv 7,628, American Century Invest 10,800, Amita Glen Oaks School 31,121, Anderson Plumbing 3,746, Benning Group 9,300, Blue Cross Blue Shield 258,235, Blueink 7,440, BMO Harris Commercial 50,174, Brenau Univ 7,800, Camelot Therapeutic 509,151, Constellation 14,339, Crisis Prevention 12,145, Decker Equip 3,203, DeKalb CUSD #428 21,458, Delta Dental of Illinois 30,859, Diversified Benefits 28,455, DORS-Work Study 5,678, EasterSeals Metro 585,139, Embrace Education 38,117, Emote Educ Inc 3,450, E-Rate Online LLC 3,781, Firm Systems 2,634, Flex Spend Account 59,725, Frontier 10,128, General Medical Device 7,950, Harvard State Bank 3,250, Hillmann Pediatric 78,532, HodgesLoizziEisenhammer 13,569, Home Depot 3,944, Ifiber 27,064, IDES 16,057, Illinois Counties Risk 59,833, Illinois Educational 20,860, Illinois Scholastic Coop 816,398, IMRF 182,133, IMPREST Fund Account 9,321, IXL Learning 3,213, Johnson Controls 5,870, Laminex Inc 4,050, Little Friends, Inc 41,695, Marco Tech, LLC 16,590, Midland National Life 5,040, MNJ Technologies 71,148, Muller Pinehurst Dairy 3,505, N2Y, LLC 6,603, NCS Pearson 2,613, Nexus-Onarga Family 21,029, Nicor Gas 4,218, NIU Net 4,400, Northern Partners Coop 9,330, NIA 125,308, Ombudsman Educational 17,194, Oregon Community 68,299, Polytek Midwest 18,689, PowerSchool Group LLC 22,226, Presence Learning 132,675, Prescott Brothers 17,640, Rochelle Elementary 11,169, Rockford Public School 9,371, Rockford University 11,775, S&J Services and Repair 5,995, Soliant 4,480, Special Education Svcs 75,631, Staples Business Credit 3,309, STAR Autism Support 4,860, Stephanie Kaskavage 68,421, Stepping Stones 88,781, Sysco Food Services 12,310, TCSES 28,859, Thrivent Financial 4,800, Trafera, LLC 20,965, Teachers Health Insurance 64,709, Teachers Retirement 394,840, UCP Seguin Infinitec 4,890, Union Savings Bank 5,715, Univ West Florida 5,600, Vanguard Group 5,160, Verizon Wireless 5,647, VSP of Illinois 8,033, Walter Lawson Children 47,254, Western Illinois Univ 16,525, Western Michigan Univ 11,767, WEXBank 3,292.
No. 1129 (Nov. 28, 2022)

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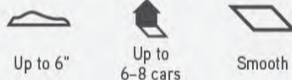
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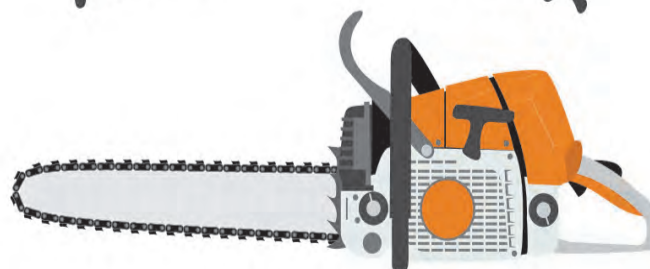
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LOCAL NEWS

MT. MORRIS PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Giving Pump

Throughout the last 3 months our local Shell station has generously provided 'The Giving Pump'. This program gives a portion of the proceeds from pumps 1 and 2 toward children's programming at the Mount Morris Public Library. This week our library director, Mary Cheatwood, was gifted a check for \$442.92 from the Shell Station manager, Dawn Stevens. We would like to express our appreciation to Shell, Dawn, and the community for supporting children programming at the local library! THANK YOU!

Story Time!

Oh Christmas Tree, Oh Christmas Tree... Bring your little ones by for a wonderful story time all about CHRISTMAS TREES! There will be books and crafts this Wednesday, 11/30. Story time is every Wednesday @11:15, bring your little ones to enjoy stories and a craft at the Mount Morris Library!

Cookbook Club!

Join us as we explore The Cookbook Club! This delicious club will be using two books this month! Choose a recipe from Taste of Home 30-Minute Meals or The Christmas Cookie Book by Judy Knipe and Barbara Marks. Wonderful recipes combined with a friendship creates something both beautiful and delicious! Stop by to choose your recipe, then bring the dish to pass at our next meeting! Join us on Tuesday, December 6th @6pm at The Senior Center for another exciting meal!

Christmas Decoration Exchange

It's beginning to look a lot like the holidays! Mt. Morris Library will be opening our doors and tables to the annual exchange of Christmas decorations! Donations of trinkets, baubles, ornaments, tchotchkes,

knickknacks, etc. will be accepted or exchanged for new homes. Donations should be in good shape and working order. The exchange will start on Thursday, November 14 through Monday, December 5th.

Card Making at the Library

Join us in December to make some lovely home-made cards to send to family and friends. We will be offering a card-making class from local crafter, Liz Gullett. Liz has already been working with the Oregon Public Library and her classes are quite the success! We want to offer her lovely workshops to the Mount Morris patrons also. She will be here on Thursday, December 8th from 5-7! You will get all the materials to make two beautiful cards to take home. Stop by to see the samples, fees are by donation. Registration is limited so call the library or stop by to save your spot.

Lego Club!

Our next Lego night is this Thursday, December 15th, from 6:00 - 6:45pm. Bring a friend and build some fun with Lego bricks! All children and parents are invited. Children under 8 need to bring a parent with them.

Adult Book Club

The November book is "Beautiful Ruins, a Novel" by Jess Walter. Everyone is welcome to join this book club group! Copies of the book are available at the library. This group will meet in-person on Monday, November 28th at the library.

Display Case Showings

Stop in to see our new display for November! Kim Francis Rose has graciously filled our display cases with a beautiful and diverse doll collection. The dolls are sure to make you smile and bring joy into your heart. Stop by to admire this treasured collection! We are always looking



The Mount Morris Public Library held an open house on Sunday, Nov. 20.

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

Newspaper Available!

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

Explore More Illinois Welcomes The Bistro Verde

Explore More Illinois, RAILS' online cultural and recreational pass program for Illinois libraries, welcomes its newest attraction, Bistro Verde in Springfield! Bistro Verde is the dining room and kitchen lab space that serves as an active classroom for a student-run restaurant, which is open to the public on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. during the fall

and spring semesters. Please visit our website or on Facebook for up to date menus and specials.

Bistro Verde is offering Free Dessert. Explore More Illinois users can access and reserve passes from any of our attractions on their participating library's website.

Explore More Illinois is easy to use with your library card. Visit the library's website to browse attractions. You can find the information on our website, www.mtmorris-il.org under the resources page.

Rock River Center

***Update: There will be no representative at the library for the months of October and November. Please call the Rock River center at 815-732-3252 to make an appointment during this time. Thank You. ***

The Rock River Center has a representative in our library the second Thursday of every

month. Services provided by Rock River Center are designed to enable older and disabled persons to remain independent, thereby avoiding costly long-term care. No appointment necessary but, if you want to make an appointment with the Rock River Center you may call 815-732-3252.

Adult Programming

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

Curbside Service is available!

We want to remind everyone that you still have the option of having your materials delivered

to your vehicle. If you have holds waiting for you, call us to tell us you are on your way, and we will bring them out to your vehicle when you arrive. Call us if you need more information.

Additional Services Offered

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

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

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