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## Best of Ogle County winners will be named Oct. 10

OGLE COUNTY – Best of Ogle County 2022 voting is completed, and winners of each category are currently being contacted.

The winners section will come out in the Ogle County Life on Monday, Oct. 10.

During the voting period, 20,773 votes were cast by 2,678 people. 114 entrants were victorious.

70.9 percent of voters were female, 26.5 percent of voters were male and 2.6 percent preferred not to say.

There were 30 voters in the 13-17 age group, 329 voters in the 18-24 age group, 665 voters in the 25-34 age group, 495 voters in the 35-44 age group, 472 voters in the 45-54 age group, 416 voters in the 55-64 age group

and 271 voters at or above age 65.

"It was another successful Best of Ogle County contest," Ogle County Life and Rochelle News-Leader General Manager Mike Feltes said. "The staff of the Rochelle News-Leader and Ogle County Life would like to thank the voters and businesses for participating."



The membership of Oregon Woman's Club celebrates 100 years. Front row from left: Jan Steward, Nancy Bartels; Second row: Sharon Lung, Rosemary Underwood, Bekki Thrasher, Jan Larson, Marge Wilhelm, Valdean Fletcher, Marian DeWall, Maja Shoemaker, Sandie Brubaker; Third row, Audrey Taylor, Barb Samsel, Fran Strouse, Sandie Chasm, Christa Young, Joyce Dixon, Johanna Hahne. Below, the commemorative plaque in Mix Park honoring the Oregon Woman's Club 100th Anniversary and its involvement with the Oregon Park District.

## Reaching a milestone Oregon Woman's Club celebrates 100 years

OREGON – On Friday, Sept. 16, at the regular meeting of the Oregon Woman's Club, the group celebrated the 100th anniversary of its founding with cake, a toast, and the inauguration of a dedication plaque in Mix Park.

The club was organized in 1922 and joined the General Federation of Woman's Clubs in 1924. The club was the successor to the Oregon Woman's Council. The purpose of the organization has always been to be a service organization contributing to the good of the community.

The Oregon Woman's Council was organized in 1901 under the leadership of Mrs. Roberta Kaufman. Early projects included the raising funds for the landscaping of the Ogle County Courthouse grounds and the beginning of a 24-year lobbying campaign to have the White

Pines Forest named a state park. That project continued after the name change, and this goal was finally achieved in September of 1927. Later projects of the early years included planting shrubbery at the Coliseum and contributing to a census and history of the oldest trees in Oregon. The results of that census are on file at the Oregon Public Library. The club also bought and placed Loreda Taft's dioramas at the Oregon High School.

Since 1951, the annual antique show has been a major fundraiser for the club. The show was originally called the Oregon Antique and Hobby Show. The proceeds from the first two shows were used to purchase playground equipment for Mix Park. The site for the park had been donated to the city in 1920 by Mrs. Lydia Mix Slagle and her husband. Proceeds from subsequent shows



went to plantings at Pines Road and Route 2, flower boxes for the city, an annual banquet for high school juniors and seniors, a drinking fountain for the library, books for the library and local schools, the Lions Club Park, Project Concern in Vietnam, and scholarships to help send students to music, art, and conservation camps.

The OWC has also been a prime mover in the development of the Oregon Park District.

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## Petition packets ready

OREGON – Ogle County Clerk, Laura J. Cook, announces that Petition Packets for the upcoming Consolidated Election on April 4, 2023 are now available on the Ogle County website.

Petition Packets may be accessed on our website [www.oglecounty.org](http://www.oglecounty.org) Click on "County Clerk" under Departments, then "Elections." Next select "Consolidated Election – April 4, 2023" and "Local Election Official (Petition Packets)." The necessary forms and information is available to print.

Petition Packets for Cities, Villages, Park Districts, Forest Preserve, Fire Protection Districts and Library Districts will be available at the local district offices. Packets for School Board will be available at the County Clerk's Office. Candidates could begin circulating their petitions on Tuesday, Sept. 20.

Filing of Petitions:

School Board Candidates will file petitions with the County Clerk's Office in Oregon from Dec. 12-19, 2022; hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

All other Candidates must file their petitions from Dec. 12-19, 2022, with their local Election Official.

For further information, contact County Clerk Laura J. Cook at 815-732-1110.

## WEATHER

MONDAY	TUESDAY
HIGH LOW	HIGH LOW
65 43	64 40
WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
HIGH LOW	HIGH LOW
68 44	69 46
FRIDAY	SATURDAY
HIGH LOW	HIGH LOW
69 46	71 47

## OBITUARIES

- Martha Travis
- Christopher T. Plum
- Donald McMillan
- Ida Mae Turner
- John Bartelt
- Mary Anne Becker

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Oregon Park District sets upcoming activities

**OHS Boys Varsity Basketball Clinic**  
Get ready for basketball season! This Co-Ed basketball clinics is being run by the OHS Varsity Boys Basketball coaches and team and will focus on fundamental skill development that will help your player be prepared for their upcoming season. The first clinic is for grades 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>, and will be on Thursday October 6<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 p.m. at the Blackhawk Center. All proceeds will benefit the OHS Boys Basketball program. Cost is \$15R/\$18NR and deadline for registration is October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Fall Pickleball Tournament**  
Come and play in our Fall Pickleball Tournament on Tuesday October 11<sup>th</sup>! 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: 10/4/22  
Fee: \$10/person \$12/NR/person

**Pre K-1<sup>st</sup> Grade Basketball**  
Basketball for our players 4-7 years, Prek-1<sup>st</sup> grade will start on Saturday October 22<sup>nd</sup> and run through Saturday November 11<sup>th</sup>. Players will be given the opportunity to improve their skills in a positive environment. These co-ed programs are held on Saturdays at Nash, with each team meeting for an hour. Each Saturday will start with practicing fundamental basketball skills, followed by a game. If you are interested in coaching, please email [lesley@oregonpark.org](mailto:lesley@oregonpark.org).  
Registration fee \$45/\$54NR and deadline is September 27<sup>th</sup>

**Girls and Boys Basketball 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade**  
Players will be given the opportunity to improve their skills in a positive environment. Practices are held during the week at Nash Recreation Center or Oregon Elementary. Games are played on Saturday at Nash Recreation Center or Byron Park District. Practices start the week of November 9<sup>th</sup> and games will be in December and January. If you are interested in coaching please contact Lesley at [lesley@oregonpark.org](mailto:lesley@oregonpark.org). Head Coaches will set practice times. Fee \$60/\$72NR

**Womens Volleyball League**  
Are you ready for some volleyball this fall? This league is played on Thursday nights and is open to all women who are at least 18 years old and out of High School. This is a great opportunity for all skill levels to exercise and have fun with friends and others from surrounding communities. A tournament will be played at the end of the regular season and championship t-shirts will be awarded to the winners. Season runs from October 20<sup>th</sup> through January 12<sup>th</sup> with games at either 6 or 7pm on Thursday nights. Fee \$225 per team and the deadline is October 12<sup>th</sup>

**Halloween StoryWalk Trail**  
The Park District invites families to join us this year for an outdoor Halloween event at Park West on Wednesday October 12<sup>th</sup>. Enjoy the StoryWalk Trail, reading a Halloween story and participating in a few activities between pages. Then, families will ride through the prairie for kids to pick out a pumpkin to take home. You are welcome to wear your costume and get your family photo taken. Dress for outdoor weather. Although this is a

free event, each child ages 2-12 must be registered. The trail and playground are accessible. The ride to the prairie to pick out a pumpkin is not wheelchair accessible, however a paved trail leads to the prairie. Please register your children ages 2-12 for your timeslot at [www.oregonpark.org](http://www.oregonpark.org) or by calling 815-732-3101, and please come during your registered timeslot. Strollers, wagons and wheel chairs are permitted. No bicycles on the trail and no pets at the event. Fee-Free, Deadline for registration is October 7<sup>th</sup>

**Homemade Cinnamon Rolls with cream cheese frosting**  
Everyone loves yummy cinnamon rolls with goey frosting! Learn to work with yeast and create a pan of rolls perfect for any holiday or weekend brunch. Your rolls will be ready to take home and rise and bake...and of course ENJOY! Must be 16 to participate.  
Lynnie's Kitchen will provide all food supplies but you will be asked to bring a few utensils and cooking supplies to class. Class will be held at Cork and Tap and is on Thursday October 20<sup>th</sup> from 6-7:30 P.m. Fee \$36/\$43NR, and registration deadline is October 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Ceramic Jack-O-Lantern**  
On Friday October 7<sup>th</sup> from 5-7pm Cin's Treasures is offering participants the opportunity to paint a ceramic jack-o-lantern. The jack-o-lantern measures 6" high x 5" wide and comes with a battery operated tea light. This jack-o-lantern is just looking for someone to bring it to life. Class will be held at Cin's Treasures. Fee \$25/\$30NR and registration deadline is September 29<sup>th</sup>. Open to all ages.

**Paranormal Investigation and Dinner**  
Join the Taft staff and the Rock River Area Paranormal Society as we explore the historic Lorado-Taft Field Campus for all things spooky on Saturday October 29<sup>th</sup>! Enjoy a home cooked meal from our famous chefs then spend the evening exploring our buildings for paranormal activity.  
Two evening tier options are available: Tier 1 includes dinner and 3-4 hours of ghost hunting; tier 2 includes all from the first tier plus an overnight stay and morning brunch. Space is limited for both tiers! Tier 1 fee \$75/\$90 NR, Tier 2 fee \$125/\$140NR. Deadline for participation is October 19<sup>th</sup>

**Taft Fall Luncheon**  
This traditional Thanksgiving style luncheon on Sunday October 23<sup>rd</sup> from 2-4pm includes a visit to the historic Eagles Nest Art Colony. Enjoy an all you can eat Fall meal with all of the trimmings. Then enjoy a tour of the campus where noted artists as Lorado Taft and Nellie Walker spent many of their summers. Fee \$15/\$18NR. Registration deadline is October 12<sup>th</sup>

**No School Day at Taft Campus**  
Join us on Monday October 10<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. for a special one-day adventure camp featuring a wide-variety of activities at Taft Campus. This is open to kids in grades 2-5. All activities will be outdoor! We will play games and experience different educational activities wrapped around the fun concept of zombie survival. We will also explore unique outdoor hobbies in order to survive in the wild. Best part, Taft will provide a scrumptious homemade lunch for each participant! Fee \$22/\$26NR. Registration deadline is September 30<sup>th</sup>

## MILESTONE: Club contributes to a number of community projects, services

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Interest began in 1966 when the Oregon Parents Club expressed a desire to have a community swimming pool, but the cost of a pool was prohibitive for such a small group. They enlisted the aid of Anne Geiken, who

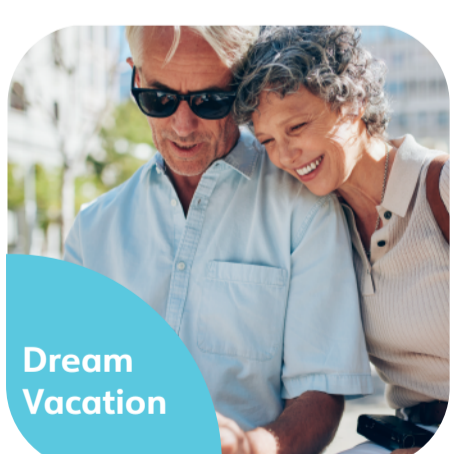
was president of the OWC, in organizing a number of interested small groups who decided that the answer was to form the Oregon Park District. The OWC agreed to bear the cost of an election to decide whether to organize the Park District. Voters approved the formation in December of

1966. Anne Geiken served on the first park district board. In 1967 the OWC donated \$4,000 to the Park District board to go toward the building of the pool.  
Because of the OWC's early involvement with the development of Mix Park and the park district, the club arranged

to have a memorial plaque placed in Mix Park. Thanks go to Andy Egedy and the staff at the park district for their help in choosing the site for the plaque and for the installation.  
This tradition of community service continues to this day. The OWC regularly contributes to numerous community

projects and services, including HOPE, Lifeline Friends of Library, the Rock River Center, Pegasus Special Riders, Village of Progress, Winning Wheels, FOCUS House in Rochelle, Shining Star, VFW Post 8739, Serenity Home and Hospice, and Nachusa Grasslands.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Electronic recycling event will be Sept. 30

**OREGON** – The Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department (OCSWMD) will be hosting a residential electronics recycling event on Friday, Sept. 30, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 909 Pines Road in Oregon.

This event is for Ogle County residents only and a free permit is required in advance of the event. To obtain a free permit call 815-732-4020 or email

solidwaste@oglecountyil.gov. Provide your name, address, and phone number in your email request.

Accepted items include all televisions and computer monitors, computers, computer hardware and cables, laptops, tablets, cell phones and chargers, printers, FAX machines, scanners, shredders (no tubs), copiers, video gaming equipment, DVD/VCR's, cable/satellite boxes, stereo

equipment, radios, digital clocks, cameras, calculators, phone systems, holiday light strands, extension cords, rechargeable batteries, printer ink cartridges, CD/DVD's, and CFL bulbs. Microwave ovens are accepted and are \$5 per unit. Limit seven (7) large or bulky items per permit and one permit per household per month. Permits come with a full list of accepted items for recycling. Business

or institutional electronic materials not accepted at these events. If you have business or institutional electronic items to recycle call the number above to set up an appointment.

For more information about this recycling event call the OCSWMD at the number above, visit [www.oglecounty.org](http://www.oglecounty.org), or on Facebook at Ogle County Solid Waste Management Dept.



## Plants run near 100 percent capacity over summer months

**WARRENVILLE** – Fierce storms, 1,000-year floods and blazing heat dominated national weather patterns this summer, but customers of Constellation nuclear plants from the East Coast to the Midwest enjoyed some of the nation's highest levels of generation reliability.

Led by 12 carbon-free nuclear plants operating 24/7 and delivering clean energy to millions of homes from the mid-Atlantic and Northeast regions westward to Illinois, the grid experienced no electricity supply constraints.

"One of the greatest challenges we face as a nation is eliminating carbon emissions and continuing to reliably and affordably power our communities in the face of extreme weather driven by climate change," said Bryan Hanson, executive vice president and chief generation officer, Constellation. "Our nuclear plants are among the most reliable sources of electricity on the planet, while also helping to address the climate crisis by providing carbon-free energy to millions of homes and businesses, when and where they need it."

In the spring thousands of highly skilled workers performed technology upgrades and power plant equipment maintenance during refueling outages and summer preparedness projects at Constellation nuclear plants. The cutting-edge work and preventive maintenance efforts ensured millions of American homes and businesses had

electricity produced from carbon-free nuclear reactors during the summer. Now, those workers will perform similar fall maintenance projects to ensure the power supply remains available to all residents during the cold winter months ahead.

"Americans are facing many challenges with extreme weather; our nuclear professionals are on site every day to ensure a reliable flow of carbon-free electricity to the state of Illinois," said Dave Rhoades, chief nuclear officer, Constellation. "Our hard-working employees have dedicated themselves to making our nuclear fleet the best in the country, and that translates to an uninterrupted power supply, regardless of the weather."

Illinois' reliable nuclear stations provided around-the-clock, carbon-free electricity to 10 million homes and businesses during the summer. The fleet's near-perfect summer capacity factor of 99 percent means the reactors ran at nearly full power every second of every day this summer. That percentage is considerably higher than any other large scale energy sources.

Constellation's Illinois nuclear fleet includes Braidwood Generating Station in Will County, Byron Generating Station in Ogle County, Clinton Power Station in DeWitt County, Dresden Generating Station in Grundy County, LaSalle County Generating Station, and Quad Cities Generating in Rock Island County.

## Eagles Nest Art Group show will be during Autumn on Parade

**OREGON** – Members of the Eagle's Nest Art Group will host a show of their work on Saturday, Oct. 1 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at their Conover Square studio, 201 North Third Street, Oregon.

More than 60 pieces of art will be on display, including paintings, pottery, photography, and glass art objects.

There is a special display of art for sale to benefit the work of Hands On Oregon, a not-for-profit that supports projects to improve Oregon.

Come and enjoy the art and meet the artists as well as browse the shops of Conover Square Mall, a wonderful old piano factory along the scenic Rock River.

## Indian Artifact show will be on Oct. 2

The 21st annual Fox Valley American Indian Artifact Show will be held from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 2, at the Yorkville American Legion Hall, 9054 Route U.S. 34, just east of Route 47 in Yorkville.

It is sponsored by the Illinois State Archaeological Society and it is free and open to the public.

Exhibits will focus on a wide variety of Native American tools, weapons and personal adornments some going back

thousands of years. Visitors are encouraged to bring in any Native American items they would like to have identified and appraised. The State Society is always looking for new members, so there will be membership applications available. An archaeologist from the University of Illinois will be on the premises.

Free sub sandwiches will be provided. For more information or directions call 847-347-1719 or 779-279-4120.

## Deadline to apply for scholarship is Oct. 1

**OREGON** – The Oregon Rotary Club Foundation offers the annual College Scholarship opportunity.

Send application résumés Scholarship Chairperson, Hollie Guist, Jr. at [hguistjr@gmail.com](mailto:hguistjr@gmail.com) or mail to the Guist Agency at P.O. Box 296, Oregon, IL 6106. The deadline is Oct. 1.

Make sure to include an email address and phone number somewhere on your application. Applicants must be residents of the Oregon Community Unit School District. Applicants must have completed at least one year at a

college or university or one semester at a trade school.

Applicant must submit a résumé application including:

- \* name and contact info. of student
- \* name of school
- \* major area of study
- \* class standing (sophomore, junior, senior)
- \* cumulative grade point average
- \* extracurricular activities while in college
- \* other information the student feels relevant

## Fire Protection District Board petitions available

**BYRON** – Persons interested in seeking a position as a Trustee for the Byron Fire Protection District should pick up a Candidate Packet at 123 N. Franklin St., during the hours of 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday through Friday, or print the required documents from the Ogle County Clerks Website: [https://www.oglecounty.org/departments/county\\_clerk/elections.php](https://www.oglecounty.org/departments/county_clerk/elections.php).

Trustee terms are six-years and two position are available; additionally, one four-year position is also available.

Completed packets are to be filed in the same location beginning Dec. 12th through Dec. 19th during the hours of 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday through Friday (office is closed Saturday and Sunday). Packets will be accepted until 5 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 19th.

For more information, please contact Michele Trzcinski-Ramos in the District Office at 815-234-4911, Ext. 4470 or contact the Ogle County Clerk's Office at 815-732-1110.

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

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



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**In Oregon at: Merlin's**  
**In Dixon at: Shining Star**

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**EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS**  
**November 8, 2022 General Election**

ALL PRECINCTS

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 Saturday, November 5, 2022 - 9:00 a.m. to Noon

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Flagg Twp Building - 303 W IL Route 38, Rochelle

Wednesday, November 2, 2022 - 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
 Thursday, November 3, 2022 - 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
 Friday, November 4, 2022 - 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
 Saturday, November 5, 2022 - 9:00 a.m. to Noon

HOURS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

# LOCAL NEWS

## Obituaries

### Ida Mae Turner

**OREGON** – Ida Mae (Friemuth) Turner, 102, died peacefully on Sept. 16, 2022, in Byron. She was surrounded by her loving family. Ida was born March 20, 1920 in Rockford township of Winnebago County, the daughter of John and Pearl (Capes) Friemuth. She grew up on the farm and learned work values at an early age. She graduated from elementary school at Mt. Morris and completed a high school course through the American Correspondence School in Chicago achieving her dream of having a high school education.

She was married to Willis Harvey Turner who came to Ogle County as a milk tester for the University of Illinois. They established their first home in Oregon. Two children were born to them, Janet (Gene) Stilson and Gary (Glenda) Turner. In 1962, they moved to Macomb where Willis served as Manager of County Companies. They relocated to Rockford in 1966, where he became a realtor, and she continued in homemaking. In 2016, Ida relocated to Oregon and resided with Janet until her necessary admission to Neighbors in Byron in 2021. A special thanks to the staff for their kind and competent care, and to Serenity Hospice, especially Sheila, this past



several weeks.

Ida and Willis came to Christ at the Oregon Church of God Abraham Faith. They also became members of the Church of God in Macomb and Rockford. They devoted their lives to Christian service. She was a Sunday School teacher, a Deaconess, and a humble janitor at the church. She served on the Social Committees and the Board. She also participated in school and community events. At school she was room mother helping with book fairs, field trips and furnishing treats.

Willis and Ida were travelers throughout the U.S. and the world including Okinawa, Israel, Bahamas and Mexico. They were part of the Church of God delegation to the Jerusalem Peace Conference hosted by Prime Minister Menachem Began in the late 1970s.

Ida was predeceased

by her parents, little sister, Kathryn, her husband, brothers Raymond (Evelyn) Friemuth and Lawrence (Doris) Friemuth and brothers-in-law, Oral Miller, Jim, Mark, Lee, Les and Don Turner, and sisters-in-law, Doris and Evelyn Friemuth, Mae (Jake) Barker, Clara (Virgil) McLane, Phyllis (Les) Turner, Clare (Lee) Turner, Janet (Don) Turner.

She is survived by her children Janet (Eugene) Stilson and Gary (Glenda) Turner, sister Thelma (Oral) Miller and sister-in-law, Ruth (Mark) Turner, grandchildren Rick Stilson, Marianne Stilson and Randy (Brenda) Stilson, Jason (Marcee) Turner, Shelly (Tim) Spickler, John (Carmen) Turner, and Tera Yanni, 14 great grandchildren, great-great granddaughters Paislee Spickler and Adelaide Hubbell, and 29 nieces and nephews.

Her family and friends were invited to the visitation at Farrell Holland Gale Funeral Home on Friday, Sept. 23, 5-7 p.m. with private graveside service on Saturday. Pastor John Railton, Granger, Indiana, a former Sunday School student of Ida officiated. Memorials may be directed to the Ida Mae Turner Estate.

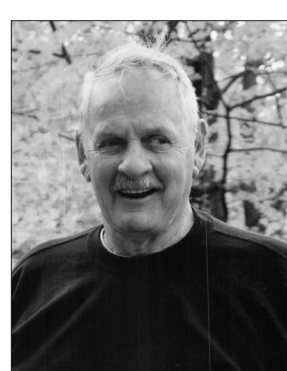
“Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints.” Psalms 116:16

### John Bartelt

**OREGON** – John “Papa John” Bartelt passed peacefully from “The Serenity House” in Oregon, into his new heavenly home on Sept. 13, surrounded by family.

John was born Feb. 9th, 1933 in Geneva, to John and Edith Bartelt. He enlisted in United States Army, and was based-out of Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., until his honorable discharge in 1955. He married Lynda McCornack (deceased) of St. Charles, in 1955. He jointly ran a farm located outside of Geneva with his father until 1966, at which time he purchased it.

In 1974, John sold the Geneva farm and



purchased a beautiful farm off of Judson Road in Polo. He continued to farm until he semi-retired in 1980. He then drove a truck for a number of years before officially retiring in 2000. Papa John loved being a good ole’ country boy and he was darn good at it!

He is survived by his loving companion

of 18 years, Adrienne Hiatt, 6 children: Ron, Steve, Susan (Cavanaugh - Kurt) and Patricia, all of Polo; Scott (Lynn) of Goshen, Ky., and Jeffrey (Holly) of Stockton; 17 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Visitation will occur on Monday, Sept. 19th from 4-6 p.m. at the Polo Family Funeral Home, 110 E. Dixon St., in Polo.

His celebration of Life will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 20th at 10:30 a.m. at the Church of the Brethren also in Polo. A graveside service followed at Fairmount Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers feel free to dedicate a Memorial gift in his name.

### Christopher T. Plum

**OREGON** – Christopher T. Plum, age 63, passed away at OSF St. Anthony Medical Center on Sept. 17, 2022. He was born on Feb. 4, 1959 in Oregon, the son of David and Lois (Holloway) Plum.

Christopher attended Mt. Morris High School where he was a popular kid who everyone loved to be around. He excelled in sports; especially track and football. He graduated in 1978. Chris was very active in the Boy Scouts and The Order of the Arrow well into his older Years. After high school, he travelled to California to learn the art of pantomime. Following his training, he worked in New York and Pennsylvania doing school



events and assemblies.

After leaving there he came back to the Midwest where he worked at various jobs including Kable Printing and doing plaster façade work. Chris worked at Nash Community Center for a number of years where he was a lifeguard and taught various activities. He also worked for the

City of Oregon doing grounds work which he loved. He loved being outside gardening, painting, and making things look beautiful. Christopher was very active in the Brethren Church and enjoyed helping with the youth group and church camps. But, at the end of the day Christopher was a performer at heart. He loved to play guitar and would play at local venues.

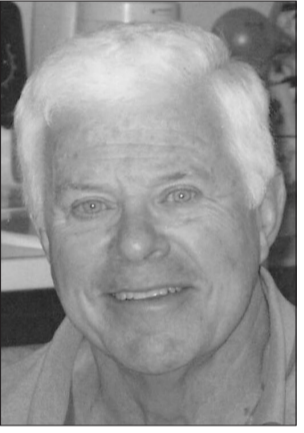
He was preceded in death by his mother Lois and step mother Karen.

He is survived by his father, David Plum of Byron; and brothers, Rob (Kathleen) Plum MS and Randy Plum WI. To leave an online condolence please visit [www.farrellhollandgale.com](http://www.farrellhollandgale.com)

### Donald McMillan

**OREGON** – Donald Bruce McMillan, age 76, went to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Monday, Sept. 19, 2022. He was born Jan. 17, 1946, in Detroit, Mich., the son of Donald and Joyce (Brown) McMillan.

Bruce obtained his B.A. degree from SIU in Edwardsville. Bruce was an Original Equipment Manufacturer Sales Rep for Detroit Diesel, Ford, Kabota Engine Div. (Gen. Mgr.), and Caterpillar. He married Janet Streit Croegaert on May 5, 2002, at St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Oregon. Bruce was an avid reader and loved to travel. He was known as a talker and loved to communicate with people, especially his grandchildren, always wanting to know what was going on in their lives. He loved to work on antique cars, especially his 1956 Oldsmobile



98, and liked attending car shows.

The most important priority in Bruce’s life was his relationship with Jesus. He was a member of St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Oregon and the Ogle County Historical Society, where he volunteered, including doing the maintenance. He would also volunteer driving Lee County veterans to their medical appointments in Madison, Wis., and Hinsdale.

He was predeceased by his parents and his first wife, Vicki McMillan.

He is survived by his wife Janet McMillan of Oregon; daughter Andrea (Jim) Mitchell of North Port, Fla.; son Patrick (Stacie) McMillan of Robinson, Ill.; step-son Paul (Lisa) Hardy of Palatine, Ill.; brother Ross McMillan of Roys City, Texas; sisters Kathy McMillan and Elizabeth Swift of Columbia, S.C.; grandchildren Zachary Mitchell, Rebecca Mitchell, and Victoria McMillan; step-grandchildren Brian, Mia, and Jason Hardy; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

A visitation was held from 1-3 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 24, 2022, at the Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home, 110 South 7th Street, Oregon, IL 61061. A memorial fund is established in Donald Bruce McMillan’s name. Visit [www.farrellhollandgale.com](http://www.farrellhollandgale.com) to leave a condolence or memory of Bruce.

### Martha Travis

**OREGON** – Martha Travis, 91, of Oregon, went to her heavenly home on Sept. 16, 2022. Martha was born on Feb. 10, 1931 in Rochelle, the daughter of Fredrick and Maxine (Hauser) Schabacker.

She was married to Harry Travis on Feb. 12, 1950 in Rochelle. Martha attended Rochelle High School and was a member of the Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Paynes Point Illinois. She was a member of the Women of the Moose and T.O.P.S. Club of Rochelle. Martha loved gardening, canning, baking, raising chickens and taking care of all the farm animals. She worked by Harry’s side farming and fencing.

Martha is survived by her husband of 72 years,



Harry, Children; Terry (Cheryl) Travis, Randy Travis (Rachel Dalton), June Danekas, Edward Travis, Grandchildren; Kori (Wade) Wolter, Jennifer (Loren) Quast, Matthew (Natalie) Travis, Joe Danekas, Kevin Danekas, Great Grandchildren; Alaina Wolter, Landry Wolter, Hadley Quast, and Sisters; Caroline Kessen, Mildred Allen, Dolores Willis, Joyce Schabacker, and

Elaine Powell.

Martha was preceded in death by her parents, brother Augie Schabacker and infant son Larry Travis.

Funeral service was at 11 a.m., Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2022, at the Farrell Holland Gale Funeral Home in Oregon with the Reverend Andrew Kayes Pastor of the Emmanuel Lutheran Church of Paynes Points officiating. Private burial in the Daysville Cemetery. Visitation was prior to the service at the Funeral home on Wednesday from 9:30-11 a.m. A memorial fund is established for Serenity Hospice Home in memory of Martha. Visit [www.farrellhollandgale.com](http://www.farrellhollandgale.com) to leave a condolence in memory of Martha.

### Mary Anne Becker

**OREGON** – Mary Anne Becker died peacefully Sept. 21, 2022 in Serenity Hospice Home. She was born April 9, 1932 in Oregon to John and Mary (Hoover) Robertson.

She was the youngest of 5 children; Bruce (Claudia) Robertson, Harriet Thibault (Robert), Margaret Neuliep (Bill), and Dorothy Martin (Bernard). She attended and graduated from Oregon schools. Mary Anne married Bill Becker on Sept. 15, 1950. They were married for 71 years until Bill died on Aug.



6, 2020.

Together Mary Anne and Bill had 4 children; Barry (Kathy) Becker, Howard (Nancy) Becker, Val (Dan) Herriot, and Randy Becker. Mary Anne had several part time jobs throughout her marriage but her

greatest work was that of being a devoted and loving wife and mother. She took up water color painting later in life, loved her flowers gardens, and was an excellent cook. Along with their 4 children Bill and Mary Anne had 7 grandchildren, 8 great grandchildren, and 2 great-great grandchildren.

A private graveside service will be held at a later date at the Byron Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Serenity Hospice and Home or the Oregon Depot Museum Restoration Fund.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Ogle County Sheriff

### Sept. 2

At approximately 1:18 a.m., Ogle County Deputies attempted to conduct a traffic stop on I-39 near mile marker 105. The offending vehicle failed to stop, at which time Deputies pursued the vehicle. The pursuit came to rest at mile marker 112, at which time the driver, identified as Patrick Larson, age 22 of Rochelle was placed under arrest for Aggravated Fleeing to Elude a Peace Officer. Larson was additionally charged with Possession of Methamphetamine with Intent to Distribute, Possession of Methamphetamine, Possession of Crack/Cocaine with Intent to Distribute, Possession of Crack/Cocaine, Possession of LSD with Intent to Distribute, Possession of LSD, Possession of a Controlled Substance (Clonazepam), Unlawful Possession of a Firearm as a Felon, Possession of a Firearm without a FOID, Possession of Stolen Plates, Driving While License Revoked and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Larson was issued citations for Reckless Driving, Speeding, Improper Lane Usage and Operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle. Larson was subsequently transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond. Ogle County was assisted by Illinois State Police District One. All subjects are presumed innocent.

### Aug. 31

At approximately 12:49 a.m., Deputies initiated a traffic stop on Illinois Rt 64 near German Church Rd. After further investigation Jared Portwood, 46 of Lindenwood, was placed under arrest for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol. Portwood was also cited for speeding. Portwood was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond. All subjects are presumed innocent.

At 4:35 p.m., Deputies conducted a traffic stop near the intersection of East Big Mound Road and North Junction Road. After a brief investigation, Deputies arrested Lorenzo Glenn of Yorkville, Illinois, for Aggravated Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol. Lorenzo was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond. Lorenzo was also issued citations for equipment and moving violations. Additionally, Anthony Glenn of Radcliff, Kentucky was arrested for an outstanding warrant. Anthony was transported to the Ogle County Jail and awaits extradition. All subjects are presumed innocent.

### Aug. 30

At approximately 3:13 p.m. Deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 8,000 block of S. IL Rte. 38. Deputies attempted to make contact with the driver of a green Pontiac Grand Prix, but the male driver refused to cooperate before leaving the scene and traveling eastbound on IL Rte. 38. Deputies pursued the vehicle before losing sight of the vehicle in Rochelle. A short time later, Deputies located the

driver, Steven Baldwin, 59 of Rochelle and vehicle in the 400 block of N. 6th Street. Baldwin was taken into custody and charged with Aggravated Fleeing to Elude, Obstructing a Police Officer, and Fleeing to Elude a Police Officer. Baldwin was additionally issued citations for operating an uninsured vehicle, improper lane usage, speeding over 26-34 mph over the speed limit, use of headset receivers, expired registration, and use of an electronic communications device. Baldwin was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he is being held pending a court appearance in front of a judge. All subjects are presumed innocent.

At approximately 12:07 a.m., Deputies responded to the 8000 block of South Illinois Rt 251 in reference to a suspicious person. Upon contact with Deputies, the offender fled southbound in his vehicle. Deputies pursued the vehicle, which eventually was stopped at 14th St and Sunset Terrace in Rochelle. The driver, identified as Joshua Cruz, 34 of Rochelle, was taken into custody for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol, with the assistance of the Ogle County K9. Deputies were also assisted by the Lee County Sheriff's Office, the Illinois State Police, and Rochelle Police and EMS. The incident remains under investigation with further charges pending. All subjects are presumed innocent.

### Aug. 29

At 2:43 p.m., Deputies conducted a traffic stop after receiving a reckless driver call at IL Route 72 and Limestone Road. After an investigation, Deputies placed Luis Romero Amaya, 32 of Rockford under arrest for No Valid Driver's License. Luis was given an I-bond at the scene with a return court date. All subjects are presumed innocent.

At 5:51 p.m., Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 18,000 block of East Illinois Rt 64 for an equipment violation. After an investigation, Estevan Munoz, 22 of Rochelle, was arrested for no valid driver's license. Munoz was also issued a citation for illegal window tint. Munoz was released on a signature I-Bond with a return court date. All subjects are presumed innocent.

At approximately 8:08 p.m., Ogle County Deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 4600 block of North Illinois Route 251. After a brief investigation, Deputies arrested Glenn G Wille, 41 of Davis Junction, for Driving While License Suspended. Wille was taken into custody without incident and released on scene on a \$2,500 individual bond with a return court date set. Wille was additionally cited for Operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle and for an inoperable registration light. All subjects are presumed innocent.

### Aug. 28

At approximately 1 p.m., the Ogle County Sheriff's Office located a vehicle that had been previously pursued by the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office and the Oregon Police Department. The vehicle was located in the 16000 block of E. IL. Rte. 64 travelling eastbound at 110 mph. A short time later the car crashed just west of Mulford Rd. on Rte. 64. The driver, and only occupant, of the vehicle fled on foot after the crash and later gave herself up to Deputies. The female was taken to Rochelle Hospital for minor injuries sustained in the crash by Lynn-Scott-Rock Ambulance. The driver was identified as Krystal Quigley, 37 from Dekalb. She was charged with DUI-drugs, possession of controlled substance, reckless driving, speeding (110 in a 55mph zone), no insurance, improper lane usage, and fail to reduce speed to avoid an accident. The Ogle County Sheriff's Office was assisted by the Dekalb County K9 unit. All subjects presumed innocent.

At approximately 7:38 p.m., Ogle County Deputies were dispatched to the 14,000 block of West Milledgeville Road for the report of damage to property. After a brief investigation, Deputies arrested a 17-year-old juvenile for Criminal Damage to Property. The juvenile was taken into limited custody without incident and released on scene. The juvenile was additionally cited for Operating an ATV/ Non-Highway Vehicle On the Roadway. All subjects presumed innocent.

### Aug. 27

At 12:51 a.m., Deputies with assistance from Byron Police Department, conducted a traffic stop at Mill Road and Tower Road. After a brief investigation, Deputies arrested William Owens of Davis Junction, for driving while license suspended. Owens was released on a \$2,500 I-Bond with a return court date. Owens was also issued a citation for expired registration. All subjects are presumed innocent.

At approximately 1 p.m., Ogle County Deputies conducted a traffic stop within the 15000 block of E Illinois Route 64. After a brief investigation, Deputies arrested Ciarra A. Morgan, 21 of Rockford, for driving on a suspended driver's License. Morgan was taken into custody without incident, and released at the scene on an individual bond with a return court date set. Morgan was additionally cited for no front registration, and provided a warning for Window tint. All subjects are presumed innocent.

At approximately 6:13 p.m., Ogle County Deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 500 block of east Mason Street in Polo. After a brief investigation, Brandon Fenton, 21 of Polo, was arrested for Unlawful Possession of Cannabis as a Passenger. Fenton was released on an individual bond and issued a return court

date. All subjects are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

### Aug. 26

At 2:43 p.m., Deputies conducted a traffic stop at East Illinois Route 72 and German Church Road. After a brief investigation, Deputies arrested Kevin McLaughlin of West Union, Iowa, for driving while license suspended, two in state warrants, and one out of state warrant. McLaughlin was transported to Ogle County Jail, where he is held in lieu of bond. All subjects are presumed innocent.

Ogle County Sheriff's deputies arrested Tavaris Hunter Bell, 20 of Milwaukee, WI. for driving while license revoked. Hunter was arrested by deputies on I-39 near Rte 64 after being stopped for speeding. Hunter Bell was held in lieu of bond at the Ogle County Jail.

### Aug. 25

At approximately 9:46 p.m., Ogle County Deputies conducted a traffic stop on Caron Road, just north of East Illinois Route 38, in Rochelle. After investigation, Deputies arrested George Ogundipe, 43 of DeKalb, for Possession of a Controlled Substance (Crack/Cocaine) and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Ogundipe was subsequently transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held pending an appearance before a judge. All subjects are presumed innocent.

At approximately 10:03 a.m., Deputies conducted a traffic stop at the intersection of S. Ogle Ave. and Front St. After investigation, Deputies placed Bridgette Falk, age 50 of Polo under arrest for a no valid driver's license. Falk was additionally issued citations for the use of an electronic communication device and operating an uninsured vehicle. Falk was released on an I-Bond at the scene and given a future court date. All subjects are presumed innocent.

At approximately 7:30 p.m. Deputies conducted a traffic stop on I-88 at MM#75. After further investigation Deputies arrested Melanie Ortega, 30 of Carpentersville, for driving while license suspended. Ortega was also cited for suspended registration and speeding. Ortega released on an Individual Bond with a future court date given.

### Sept. 24

At approximately 5:32 a.m., Ogle County deputies responded to a single vehicle accident in the 11,000 block of North Conger Road. After an investigation, it was learned that Lawrence Rodriguez, 49 of Byron was heading northbound on Conger on his Harley Davidson motorcycle, when a deer ran out in front of him and he struck it. Rodriguez was transported to Mercy Health Center by Byron EMS for minor injuries.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Church hosting drive thru dinner

Chana United Methodist Church is hosting a Chicken Noodle Drive Thru Dinner on Saturday, Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-6:30 p.m. or until food is gone. Cost of the dinner is \$10 and includes: a hearty portion of homemade (from scratch) noodles and chicken, a generous serving of homegrown squash casserole, and freshly made warm orchard apple crisp. Dinner is drive thru only and there are no pre-sales. Chana UMC is a certified kitchen and is COVID-19 compliant.



## Polo Lions serve it up

On Saturday, Sept. 3, the Polo Lions club served biscuits and gravy, pork lion sandwiches, hamburgers, cheeseburgers, brats, hot dogs, cold drinks, coffee, chips and candy. Lions member Doug Knapp, pictured, stirs the gravy for the biscuits.

## White elephant sale will be Sept. 30-Oct. 2

OREGON – Oregon United Methodist Church, 200 S 4th St., is having their annual White Elephant Sale Sept. 30 to Oct. 2.

The times are: Friday 11 a.m.-3 p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; and the Sunday Bag Sale (\$5 per bag) 9-11 a.m.

Donations of clean, gently used items will be accepted Monday, Sept. 26 from 2-6 p.m. and Tuesday, Sept. 27 from 10 a.m.-noon. No clothing, printers, computers, microwaves, typewriters, exercise equipment or carpet.

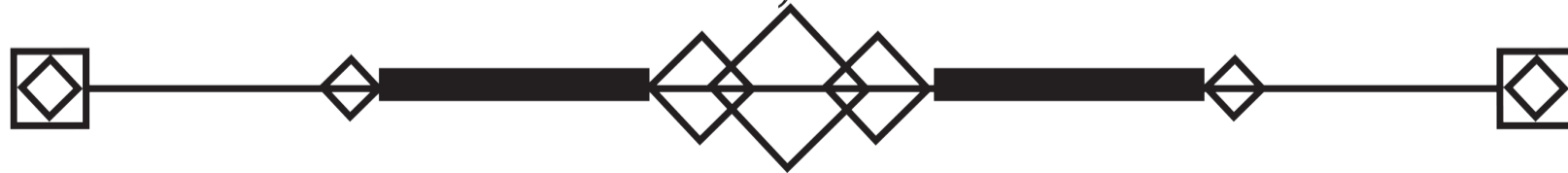
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# LOCAL NEWS

## Rock River Center has upcoming events, activities planned

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

### Blood drive

The Rock River Center, located at 810 South 10<sup>th</sup> Street in Oregon, is hosting their annual Community Blood Drive on Wednesday, Sept. 28. The staff of Rock River Valley Blood Center (RRVBC) will draw blood between 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

As the only provider of blood products and services to 13 regional hospitals in Illinois and Wisconsin, the Rock River Valley Blood Center needs to see 700 donors per week. The RRVBC service counties include Boone, McHenry, Ogle, Rock, Stephenson, Walworth, and Winnebago.

If you are at least 17 years old, (16 years old with parental consent) and are in general good health, you should be eligible to donate blood. If you're a first-time donor, please bring a photo ID. You can donate whole blood every 56 days. Donors can make appointments by calling Rock River Center at 815-732-3252; or online at [rrvbc.org](http://rrvbc.org) or by calling 815-965-8751 or 877RRVBC-99. Walk-ins are available.

For more information, contact the Rock River Center or the Rock River Valley Blood Center (RRVBC) at the numbers listed above.

### Save the date

Friday, Oct. 14, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. for a Health & Wellness Fair at RRC. Ogle County Health Department will hold a flu shot clinic.

### Property Tax Freeze

This exemption "freezes" your assessed value at a

certain level and base year, depending on what year you originally applied. Your future real estate tax bills are calculated at this "frozen" assessed value, thereby slowing the increase of your property taxes. You must re-apply for this exemption every year.

Although your assessed value is frozen under this exemption, tax bills can continue to increase if spending by any of the local units of government (like schools, cities, parks, etc) goes up. Also, please be aware that you may, later in the year, receive a "change of assessment notice" if the township assessor has re-evaluated your property. This will in *no way* affect your status under this senior assessment freeze exemption. Real estate taxes are calculated on your "frozen" assessed value.

To qualify, you must meet guidelines as follows:

You must be 65 or older, own and use the property as your principle residence

Your total income, and the income of any other individuals using the property as their principle residence, must be less than \$65,000.

### Benefit Access Program

The Benefit Access Program allows you to get a discount on your license plate sticker. The cost of your sticker could be as low as \$24.00.

To qualify, you must meet income guidelines as follows:

\* You must be 65 years of age or older by December 31 of the current year; or

\* You must be 16 years of age or older and totally disabled before January 1 of this year

Your 2021 annual income must be less than:

\* \$33,562 for a 1 person household

\* \$44,533 for a 2 person household

\* \$55,500 for a 3 person household

You must live in Illinois at the time you file your application.

### 2022 Heating Assistance

LIHEAP

Colder weather is just around the corner and we all will be experiencing higher utility bills as we need to turn on the heat in our homes. There are two programs that help those with low income pay for their heating utility bills.

The LIHEAP program continues to accept applications for assistance with paying heating bills.

Tri County Opportunities Council is the agency that processes those applications and is available in Ogle County as listed below, by appointment only.

The Oregon Tri-County Office is located inside the Rock River Center, 810 S 10<sup>th</sup> Street.

Appointments are available on Monday through Friday from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Call 815-732-2907 for an appointment in Oregon.

Please have copies made of all of your documentation before your appointment.

You can call their Rock Falls office for more details at 800-323-5434.

In order to qualify, your household must meet the following income guidelines, no more than 200% of the poverty level. For a 1-person household the 30-day income limit is \$2,265; 2-person household is \$3,052, 3-person household is \$3,838, etc.

### Support groups

#### Cancer Support Group

Meets: 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of March, June, Sept. & November

Time: 2-3 p.m.

#### Caregiver Support Group

Meets: 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month

Time: 10-11 a.m.

#### Diabetic Support Group

Meets: 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month

Time: 11 a.m.-noon

#### Low Vision Group

Meets: 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month

Time: Noon-1:30 p.m.

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

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### Weds., Sept. 28

The Rock River Center, 810 South 10<sup>th</sup> Street in Oregon, is hosting its annual Community Blood Drive between 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Donors can make appointments by calling Rock River Center at 815-732-3252, or online at [rrvbc.org](http://rrvbc.org) or by calling 815-965-8751 or 877RRVBC-99. Walk-ins are available.

Lego Club (2nd grade and up), at the Oregon Public Library, 2:30 p.m. The club is designed to provide an enjoy-

able activity (FUN) that stimulates and develops spatial intelligence. Registration required. Go online to our website or call, 815-732-2724, to register.

### Thurs., Sept. 29

Polo Farmer's Market, parking Lot South of Shell Station Hwy 26/Division Ave., 3-6 p.m. Death Meats, Earl-E Green Gardens, Ewe and Me Acres, Galen's Garden, Ivan's Farm Market and more.

DIY Book Safe at the Byron Public Library, 6-7 p.m. Come

join us as we make a secret book safe to hide all your valuables in. All supplies will be provided. Please visit [Byron.evanced.info/](http://Byron.evanced.info/) sign up or call 815-234-5107 to register.

### Fri., Sept. 30

The New Beginnings Al-Anon Family Group meets each Friday morning at 10 a.m. at the KSB Medical Clinic, 1107 S. Division (Route 52), in Polo. The meeting is also on Zoom; information for that option may be acquired by calling 815-732-7616.

### Sat., Oct. 1

Members of the Eagle's Nest Art Group will host a show of their work from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at their Conover Square studio, 201 North Third Street, Oregon. More than 60 pieces of art will be on display, including paintings, pottery, photography, and glass art objects.

*Please send your items for the weekly Community Calendar to [bjennings@oglecountylife.com](mailto:bjennings@oglecountylife.com). Deadline for all items is 3 p.m. Wednesday.*

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# VIEWPOINT

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## MOMENTS IN TIME

\* On Oct. 6, 1866, the Reno gang carries out the first robbery of a moving train, making off with \$13,000 from a train in Indiana. This new method of sticking up moving trains in remote locations that were low on law enforcement, instead of trains sitting in depots, soon became popular in the American West.

\* On Oct. 4, 1927, sculpting begins on the granite images of presidents Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln and Roosevelt at Mount Rushmore. Jefferson's image was originally fashioned to the right of Washington. Within two years, the face was badly cracked, and workers blasted the sculpture off the mountain. Sculpting began again with Jefferson on the left side of Washington.

\* On Oct. 5, 1947, President Harry Truman makes the first televised presidential address, asking Americans to cut back on food to help starving Europeans. He requested that the public voluntarily forgo meat on Tuesdays, eggs and poultry on Thursdays and to save a slice of bread each day.

\* On Oct. 8, 1956, New York Yankees right-hander Don Larsen pitches the first no-hitter in the history of the World Series. It was a perfect game that no one matched until Philadelphia Phillies pitcher Roy Halladay in 2010.

\* On Oct. 9, 1967, socialist revolutionary and guerrilla leader Che Guevara, age 39, is captured and executed by the Bolivian army. In 1997, Guevara's remains were found and sent back to Cuba, where they were reburied in a ceremony attended by President Fidel Castro and thousands of Cubans.

\* On Oct. 7, 1983, Sean Connery stars in "Never Say Never Again" as the British secret service agent James Bond, a role he last played in 1971. The film's title referenced the fact that the Scottish-born actor had previously remarked that he would never play Agent 007 again.

\* On Oct. 3, 1995, Heisman Trophy winner O.J. Simpson is acquitted of the double murder of his estranged wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and her friend, Ronald Goldman, despite a DNA match, a wound on Simpson's hand, the recent purchase of a Stiletto knife and matching shoeprints at the scene.

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## I took a motorcycle ride to nowhere

It turned out to be a long, hot, frustrating 700-mile loop.

September is a great month to ride motorcycles. The weather is still good, and it is the perfect time to get in one last long ride before the season ends.

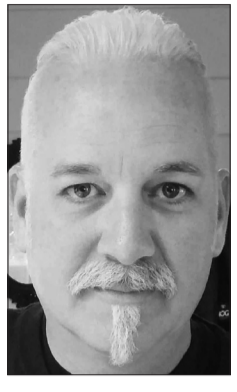
That is exactly what I had planned with a friend the weekend of Sept. 16. We both took off on Friday so we could ride down to Point Pleasant, W.V., for something called the Mothman Festival.

Ever heard of the Mothman? It is a mythical beast who appears before disaster strikes, like it did in Point Pleasant in the 1960s. The creature was allegedly spotted for months before the Silver Bride into town collapsed in 1967, killing 46 people.

Yes, it is folklore, although some believe it. Point Pleasant has made the best of it by hosting this popular festival every year. I am not big Mothman believer, but it seemed like a nice ride to a fun event.

So, we leave at 6 a.m. on Sept. 16. We ride a little more than 80 miles south on I-39 before stopping for a sugar free Red Bull. Our plan is to take I-74 East to Indianapolis and

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then head south. While we stand outside the convenience store talking about our day of riding ahead, my riding partner notices a nail in his back tire.

Big, big problem. We had no choice, so we backtracked to the nearest Harley dealership in Ottawa. As with many products these days, the tires are backordered, so my friend must head slowly home. Since there are hotel reservations already in place I decide to head on to West Virginia.

But now, since we are on I-80, I decide to stick to it and head East toward Indiana. That turns out to be a mistake of monumental proportions.

Everything starts out

fine, but the closer I get to the border with Indiana, the thicker the traffic. Eventually, we stop. I am watching the GPS on my bike, which shows the time of my arrival at my destination. It says 5:30 p.m. As traffic creeps along, and the heat from my pipes starts to burn my leg and my clutch hand starts to stiffen up, I notice I am losing a lot of time. It goes from, a 5:30 p.m. arrival to 6 p.m. Then 6:15 p.m. We slowly cross into Indiana and time continues to slip away.

My arrival time sits on 7:15 p.m. when traffic finally starts to move again. I am hot and not very happy, but at least we are moving again. I take the exit to get on I-65 in Indiana and head south. I stop for a Snickers because I am getting hungry (hungry + angry) and let my wife know I am heading on.

I get back onto I-65 and try to make up time, but traffic is fairly heavy. Eventually it thins, my mood lifts and I start to make decent time. I will still get to my destination later than I hoped, but I will make it!

Turns out I was being way too optimistic. I hit construction delay

after construction delay on I-65. Eventually, as I am sitting parked on the freeway, I notice my face is starting to burn. Yep – forgot sunblock.

Add it to the list. Once my arrival time slips past 8 p.m. while I am sitting in another construction zone, I mentally throw in the towel. The miles, delays, heat and frustration have taken their toll. I eventually reach I-74 again and head West toward Illinois.

I deal with more construction in Indiana, but eventually enter the Land of Lincoln. Smooth sailing until I get near Champaign and traffic stalls again. This costs me another 45 minutes. The culprit? Turns out they are painting new lines on the freeway . . . on a Friday at 4 p.m. How about at night when the traffic is much lighter? Anyone?

I finally make it home at 7 p.m. I have ridden 700 miles in a loop, basically. Two days later my face starts to peel.

The moral of this story? They say the worst day of riding is still a good day. Well, "they" are wrong.

*Brad Jennings is Editor of The Ogle County Life.*

## The silencing of many great newsroom voices

A former colleague of mine was stabbed to death in his yard this month, apparently for writing something someone didn't like.

His name was Jeff German and he was a crackerjack reporter who spent a career covering crime and corruption in Las Vegas. We worked together at the Las Vegas Sun some 23 years ago.

I won't lie to you and tell you we were close. Jeff was one of an assortment of newsroom characters I've worked with over the years.

He believed he deserved a private office in the shabby building where we worked. So, he erected makeshift walls around his desk, which was topped with piles of books, documents, notebooks and other journalistic debris.

I never heard him say a bad word about anyone – except for the reporter with the same beat at the other newspaper in town. To hear Jeff tell it, that fellow was Satan incarnate, the purveyor of numerous journalistic transgressions – and not to be trusted.

That just shows you how much things have changed in the news business. Newsrooms are leaner now. And the struggle isn't so much to beat the competition but to write the best story that one can with the resources at hand.

We're competing against ourselves.

German's reporting was phenomenal. When I worked with him, his adept reporting essentially solved the murder of casino boss Ted Binion. Looking back, I'm amazed at what he was able to accomplish. Law enforcement essentially followed his lead on one of the highest profile murders in the state's history.

Recently, a county official

blamed German for an election loss. He had written an exposé about the official and malfeasance in his office. An informed and angry electorate went to the polls and tossed him out of office.

The official, Robert Telles, has been charged with murder.

Authorities said his DNA matched specimens found at the scene of the crime. A GMC Denali registered to Telles's wife and parked at his home was picked up on surveillance video near German's home before and after his killing. A straw hat allegedly used by Telles to disguise himself was found during a search of his home and car.

German was 69 when he died. He was part of that vanishing breed of characters who used to populate newsrooms.

Just about every newsroom I've worked in has had such folks. To them journalism wasn't a vocation – it was a calling. No one ever entered the profession for the prestige or the money. There is little of either.

But newsrooms were a happy habitat for those who marched to a different drummer.

I think of a Texas county government reporter I worked with who drilled a hole in the floor of his van and attached a hose and funnel so he wouldn't have to stop for bathroom breaks between assignments.

Or there was the Texas photographer who, while on assignment at the mall, stood on a park bench and spoke in tongues. (He remains the most gifted shooter I've ever known.)

Or in Nevada there was the reporter who married a woman who was always threatening sui-

cide – when he was on deadline. She would have a gun to her head threatening to shoot, while he would be trying to talk her down on the phone while simultaneously pounding out a city council story on deadline.

I've never met a journalist who handled deadline pressures better.

All of these people are long gone from newspapers. And some have left this life. But each was a gifted newspaper person who I'm proud to have called a friend.

Newspaper work is hard. The hours are long and irregular. Your mistakes are public. And the criticism is constant. But the reward is making a difference.

Las Vegas is a better community for the decades Jeff German kept an eye on corrupt politicians and underworld figures.

Was he quirky? Yes. Tenacious? Certainly. Courageous? Absolutely.

Communities across this nation are the better because of people like German.

When one thinks of German or the five Annapolis, Md., journalists killed in their newsroom in 2018 the loss is obvious and profound. Their lives were sacrificed because someone didn't like what they wrote.

We mourn not just the loss of their lives but the silencing of their voices.

Other newsroom voices are silenced not with a bullet or a knife but with an accountant's pen.

Regardless, the question remains the same: When a watchdog's voice dies, who will hold those in power accountable?

*Scott Reeder, a staff writer for Illinois Times, can be reached at sreeder@illinoistimes.com*

## Sadly, Western societies have clearly gone insane

**Dear Editor,**  
Reading the Monday, Sept. 5th edition, I read Mr. Frances Schoonhoven's letter regarding climate change. I don't share Frances's Chicken Little complex regarding climate. Things far more troubling could affect Mr. Schoonhoven's life long before climate change.

For example, Jeffery Sachs, chair of the covid commission created to explore all aspects of the epidemic suggests that perhaps covid is a US creation. Suppose it is proven conclusively that the US government is in some way responsible for the

millions of covid deaths. In that case, one has to ask themselves: if our government is capable of that, what else is it capable of doing to "We The People?"

Then there's the vaccination issue. We are hearing more and more about adverse effects affecting those who have been vaccinated. Still, in my humble opinion, the most dangerous aspect we face is lying news outlets. Nothing undermines freedom more than news outlets deliberately lying or omitting news the public should be aware of. And news outlets relying on the CIA for

content are not to be trusted.

The woke and gender issues and all that goes with it show that, with the media's help, western societies have gone insane. That society accepts children being mutilated in the name of gender fluidity before they mature enough to understand the consequences is an irrefutable sign of a society's insanity.

Unfortunately, most folks don't realize that everything happening in western societies is by design.

God Help us!

**Richard Rowland, Polo**



# LOCAL NEWS



## Local legends serve as 'Principal for a Day'

**STILLMAN VALLEY** – On Sept. 16, Russ Crull joined Jen Speakes at Meridian Junior High as the principal for a day. This year the district is recognizing local legends within the community and school district and welcoming them into the building to experience our schooldays firsthand. “During my time as principal for a day, I was able to view a number of different classrooms and activities, talk to the administration and teachers, and view a normal school day at Meridian Junior High,” Crull said when asked about his experience. “It was a great time

and the first time I had stepped foot in a principal’s office since the early 2000’s. I am very thankful Mrs. Speakes invited me to be principal for a day.” What makes Meridian a great district to be a part of? “The students and staff were the highlight of my time as principal for a day,” he said. “Everyone I met was warm and welcoming, answered my questions about their classrooms or roles, and otherwise made the experience enjoyable. Aside from the school itself, the Meridian District always seems to have the full support of their commu-

nities.” “I am not a former student of Meridian, but, as a lifelong resident of Ogle County, have many friends and colleagues who either graduated from Meridian or whose kids go here currently,” Crull said. “The school district is known for their tremendous staff, high quality education, and extracurricular activities. I look forward to continuing to support Meridian district and believe the school is in great shape.” Crull is a partner and attorney at Tess, Crull & Arnquist, LLC in Rochelle where he has been a practicing attorney since 2014.

## Petitions for Library Board available

**STILLMAN VALLEY** – Nominating petitions for three open board positions at the Julia Hull District Library in Stillman Valley are now available. Current Board Members include Jason Miller, Jackie Schumacher, Jeff Mickey, Karl Hall, Kelley Roganowicz, Kathleen Bierman, and Sara Grobe. Five of these seven positions will open for election; all four positions are four-year terms. The election for

these open positions will be held April 4, 2023. To be considered for election, candidates must file a petition of 50 signatures by qualified voters residing within the Library District. Additionally, prospective candidates must complete, sign and have notarized a loyalty oath, statement of candidacy and statement of economic interest. All necessary forms will be included in the candidate’s election

packet, which will be made available at the Julia Hull District Library (Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-8 p.m. and Friday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.). Candidates may begin filing completed petitions at the library on Monday, Dec. 12. Filing will conclude Monday, Dec. 19. Packets returned after that date may not be considered for candidacy. For further information, please contact the library at 815-645-8611.

## Mount Morris Senior Center hosting November trip to House on the Rock

**MOUNT MORRIS** – The Mount Morris Senior Center is hosting a bus trip to House on the Rock on Thursday, Nov. 17. The cost of the trip is \$95, which includes transportation by Cheeseman Coaches, admission and dinner. Please sign up by October 15. A minimum of 30 participants are needed. Schedule for the day:  
 9:30 a.m. – Leave from Mt. Morris Church of the Brethren. (Top of the hill)  
 Noon – Arrive at the House on the Rock in Spring Green, Wis.  
 3:30 p.m. – Early dinner at Bob’s Riverside in Spring Green, Wis.  
 8 p.m. – Arrive Back in Mt. Morris  
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Hello! Our names are Ryder and Jett Weems and with the help of our mom’s friend Ashley, we are hosting a 5K Fun Run/Walk Fundraiser in honor of our mom Kelsey Weems, who was diagnosed with Stage 3 Triple-negative breast cancer.

Our mom has been working at Highland Elementary and is unable to return to work until after her treatments are complete. We would like to show her how much love and support not only she has but we have from our friends at Highland Elementary in Stillman Valley and Monroe Center Elementary.

Please consider attending the 5K on October 2nd at 1:00 PM at Highland Elementary!



We cannot thank you enough! For more information on the 5K please visit Kelsey’s Crew on Facebook or email Ashley at [AshleyJChamplain@gmail.com](mailto:AshleyJChamplain@gmail.com).



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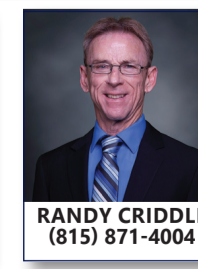
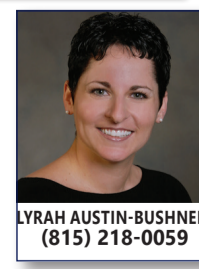
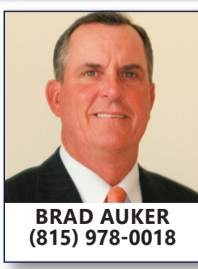
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# LOCAL NEWS

## 4-H Fair results

### Swine Department

Champion Junior Showmanship – Grady Poliska, Davis Junction

Champion Intermediate Showmanship – Gwen Hall, Monroe Center

Champion Senior Showmanship – Lexi Lichty, Monroe Center

Grand Champion Breeding Gilt – Lexi Lichty, Monroe Center

Reserve Grand Champion Breeding Gilt – Maxx Wiltfang, Leaf River

3<sup>rd</sup> Place Breeding Gilt – Gwen Hall, Monroe Center

4<sup>th</sup> Place Breeding Gilt – Cooper Alderks, Chana  
5<sup>th</sup> Place Breeding Gilt – Hannah Seaworth, Lindenwood

Grand Champion Market Swine – Lexi Lichty, Monroe Center  
Reserve Grand Champion Market Swine – Cooper Alderks, Chana

3<sup>rd</sup> Place Market Swine – Grady Poliska, Davis Junction

4<sup>th</sup> Place Market Swine – Hannah Seaworth, Lindenwood

5<sup>th</sup> Place Market Swine – Ayden Alderks, Monroe Center

Grand Champion Pair of Barrows – Hannah Seaworth, Lindenwood

Reserve Grand Champion Pair of Barrows – Ayden Alderks, Monroe Center

Grand Champion Pair of Gilts – Cooper Alderks, Chana

Reserve Grand Champion Pair of Gilts – Logan Burmeister, Polo

Grand Champion Ogle County Born & Raised Gilt – Cooper Alderks, Chana

Reserve Grand Champion Ogle County Born & Raised Gilt – Jaxon Alderks, Monroe Center

Grand Champion Ogle County Born & Raised Barrow – Grady Poliska, Davis Junction

Reserve Grand Champion Ogle County Born & Raised Barrow – Hannah Seaworth, Lindenwood

### Cat Department

Champion Junior Showmanship – Harmony Coy, Mount Morris

Champion Intermediate Showmanship – Kaden Lingbeck, Leaf River

Champion Senior Showmanship – Grant Johnson, Forreston

Champion Feline – Andrew Hickman, Byron

Champion Cage or Carrier – Andrew Hickman, Byron

**The Nash Reaction Center Pool will be closed from Sept. 26 - Oct. 1 for scheduled maintenance**

**Nash Reaction Center will be closed on Saturday, Oct. 1 for Autumn On Parade**

## HALLOWEEN STORYWALK TRAIL

Join us this year for an outdoor Halloween event at Park West on Wednesday, Oct. 12th from 1:30 to 6 pm. Enjoy the StoryWalk Trail, reading a Halloween story and participating in a few activities between pages. Then, families will ride through the prairie for kids to pick out a pumpkin to take home. You are welcome to wear your costume and get your family photo taken. Dress for outdoor weather. Although this is a free event, each child ages 2-12 must be registered. The trail and playground are accessible. The ride to the prairie to pick out a pumpkin is not wheelchair accessible, however a paved trail leads to the prairie. Strollers, wagons and wheel chairs are permitted. No bicycles on the trail and no pets at the event.

## PARANORMAL INVESTIGATION AND DINNER

Join the Taft staff and the Rock River Area Paranormal Society as we explore the historic Lorado-Taft Field Campus for all things spooky on Saturday, Oct. 29th! Enjoy a home cooked meal from our famous chefs then spend the evening exploring our buildings for paranormal activity.

**Two evening tier options are available:** Tier 1 includes dinner and 3-4 hours of ghost hunting [5:45pm-11:30pm]; tier 2 includes all from the first tier plus an overnight stay and morning brunch [5:45pm-11am]. Space is limited for both tiers! Tier 1 fee \$75/\$90 NR, Tier 2 fee \$125/\$140NR. Deadline for participation is Oct. 19th.



## Taft Fall Luncheon

This traditional Thanksgiving style luncheon on Sunday, Oct. 23 from 2-4pm includes a visit to the historic Eagles Nest Art Colony. Enjoy an all you can eat Fall meal with all of the trimmings. Then enjoy a tour of the campus where noted artists as Lorado Taft and Nellie Walker spent many of their summers. Fee \$15/\$18NR Registration deadline is Oct. 12th.



### Homemade Cinnamon Rolls with cream cheese frosting

Everyone loves yummy cinnamon rolls with goey frosting! Learn to work with yeast and create a pan of rolls perfect for any holiday or weekend brunch. Your rolls will be ready to take home and rise and bake...and of course ENJOY! Must be 16 to participate.

Lynnie's Kitchen will provide all food supplies but you will be asked to bring a few utensils and cooking supplies to class. Class will be held at Cork and Tap and is on Thursday, Oct. 20th from 6-7:30pm. Fee \$36/\$43NR, and registration deadline is Oct. 13th.



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## COUNTRY Financial Donation to Byron schools food pantry

**BYRON** – Nikki Yerly, Caryn Hoover and Susan Freyer received a donation from Kerry Wickler of Byron's COUNTRY Financial on behalf of the Byron Schools Food Pantry.

This donation puts COUNTRY Financial in the "Gold Star" category of donors. Cash donations such as this from Wickler will go toward providing perishable food vouchers which are honored at Felker Foods and other non-perishable necessities.

The Byron Schools Food Pantry is intended for Byron students and their families who are experiencing hardships and food insecurities with 100 percent of all donations go to the students and their families. Freyer, Hoover and Yerly created the pantry and donate their time to the management and organization of the pantry.

If interested in making a donation, monetary donations can be mailed to: BHS Food Pantry, 696 N. Colfax St, Byron, IL 61010. Collection bins for food and hygiene supplies are located in each of the school's offices and several other locations throughout Byron including Felker's Groceries, County Market and Byron Public Library.



## Retired teachers host guest speakers

At the September meeting of the Ogle-Lee Retired Teachers Association, the guest speaker was the 2022 Illinois State Teacher of the Year, Kimberly Radostits, a Spanish Teacher from Oregon High School. She spoke about her after-school program and early intervention efforts and the renewal of students' learning from the impact of the pandemic. Also speaking at the meeting was Brad Fritts, Republican Candidate for State Representative from District #74. He spoke on the issues facing Illinois with emphasis on education and his experiences that will help him make decisions.

## RE/MAX of Rock Valley

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**26972 Pilgrim Rd., Sterling \$529,000 Call Rebecca Hazzard**  
39 ACRE PARADISE! You better move quickly for your chance to own this highly desirable property located in Chadwick-Milledgeville School District. YOURS! This property boasts a stunning farmhouse, several outbuildings, CRP contracts and over 800 walnut trees. With a stunning wrap around porch that has features composite decking, the house has 5 bedrooms, 2.5 bathrooms and over 3,000 square feet of living space. Kitchen is open to the over sized dining room and also includes an eat in area with views of the backyard. Main floor master with en suite full bathroom. Bonus space on the main floor includes a family room with gas fireplace, office/craft area, laundry room and second kitchen. The owners of this property have maintained and planted many trees over the years making this your ideal wooded escape. A hunter's dream, they have also harvested many large deer off of this property. There are trails that meander through the entire 39 acres allowing you easy access to all that this property has to offer. The new owner will also enjoy additional income from the CRP acreage. Attached 2 car garage and the outbuildings offer endless storage and possibilities. Properties with as much to offer as this do not come for sale every day- move quickly to call this one yours!



**307 S. 5th St., Oregon \$89,500 Call Mark True**

Take a look at this 2 story, 3 bedroom, 2 full bath home right across the street from Nash Recreation Center in Oregon! Pretty kitchen with nice oak cabinets, dishwasher, refrigerator, double stainless sink, 6 month old electric stove and eat-in dining area. Appliances stay. Sliders going from eat-in area to nice cement patio for grilling and parties at back of house. Formal dining area with large bright windows off the kitchen. Main floor office space/bonus room. Gas forced air furnace and central air. Hardwood floors under carpeting. Nice 2 car garage and chain link fenced yard with garden shed. Property being sold "As Is".



**309 W. Lincoln St., Mt. Morris \$89,900 Call Mark True**

Are you looking for space for all the kids and maybe an in-law or two? This 2 story Mt. Morris property could be for you! On one side of this home you have 2 bedrooms and a full bath upstairs with a living room, dining room, kitchen, 1/2 bath and laundry room on the main floor. On the lower level you will find 3 more bedrooms that will need flooring and some work and a roughed in full bath. On the other side of this home, with a separate foyer entrance, you have a small apartment or mother-in-law suite with 1 bedroom, kitchen, bathroom, living room and small bonus room. Vinyl siding is only 10 years old. Very large deck overlooking the backyard. No garage. No central air. Nice attached shed with overhead door and cement floor. Appliances stay. Home being sold "As Is".



**2277 E. Deer Path Rd., Byron \$175,000 Call Rebecca Hazzard**

OREGON SCHOOLS! Ranch home situated on a 1 acre lot just minutes from town. 3 bedrooms, 1.5 bathrooms, this home has an open concept layout that is sure to please. Living room, kitchen and dining room are all open to one another with laminate flooring throughout. Both bathrooms were recently tastefully remodeled. The full bath features a gorgeous tile surround, new tub, new flooring and new vanity. Two bonus rooms in basement providing bonus square footage with possibilities. High Speed internet is available. There are also many updates including Pella Windows, soffits, gutters and siding. Move quick to make this house your home!



**325 E. 2nd St., Rock Falls \$209,900 Call JD Gieson**

AFFORDABLE RIVER FRONT PROPERTY! Enjoy a panoramic view of the Rock River that you'll never get tired of; complimented nicely by your fenced in yard, deck, & swimming pool, nestled on a double lot just moments from downtown. This bi-level home features 3 bedrooms- including a master suite with jacuzzi tub, a lower level family room that could easily convert into a fourth bedroom, a 3 car attached garage that is heated & insulated, a beautiful kitchen with oak cabinets, and so much more. With no neighbors on either side, this property truly gives you that rural feel/environment without the additional cost. Make it yours today!



**101 W. South St., Rochelle \$145,000 Call Boone Lockard**

Great opportunity for home ownership in the small town of Creston. Nice space in this 2 story home on a corner lot located a few blocks to downtown. This home features 3 bedrooms and 2 baths. The family room on the main level could be used for a 4th bedroom. New roof 2017. Close to schools, and Headon's, the famous local butcher shop. Enjoy peaceful living in this rural farming community close to Rochelle. Sold AS-IS



NEW PRICE

**114 N. Barry Ave., Byron \$190,000 Call Lori Peterson**

BEAUTIFUL HOME-GREAT LOCATION Main floor has all new flooring, newly painted, great floor plan. Main floor has a large, eat-in kitchen and exterior door to the deck. The living room with fireplace will provide you a comfy, warm place to spend your off time. Both bathrooms have been updated to offer a modern feel. 2 Bedrooms on the main floor plus 2 bedrooms on the lower level all with ample windows for a bright feel. Lower level also has a cozy family room. A 2 car garage with opener has an interior stairway to the lower level. The lot measures 100 feet by 183 feet. Just think of the fun to be had in this .42 acre yard. Come and see to appreciate all that this home has for you! Highly regarded schools and great entertainment await you in Byron.



NEW PRICE

**6549 Schreiner, Chadwick \$265,000 Call Carla Benesh**

Get Away From It All! Is captured in the exquisite charm of this delightful farmette in Chadwick! This adorable farmette offers so many opportunities! Beautifully updated throughout! 2 bedrooms on the main floor with 2 bedrooms up plus 2 bonus rooms in the upper level, Great room with open style kitchen and living room. Loads of counter space and cabinets! Many newer features throughout! The machine shop 100x80 offers loads of storage! Plus the 2 car garage conveniently located just steps away from the back porch. Generator and new well Sitting on nearly 5 acres, this country charm offers you privacy with it being located down a 3/4 mile road to this great find!



NEW PRICE

**2072 IL RT 26, Dixon \$329,900 Call JD Gieson**

Wanting that 'new' home feel? Tired of all those tedious home makeover projects? Look no further. This property is practically all brand new, and move-in ready. No expense was spared. Nestled on just under 1.5 acres, this rural ranch home just north of Dixon features 4 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms, including a master suite with walk-in closet; main floor laundry, full finished basement, new deck, insulated garage, and so much more. Updates include- but are not limited to- roof, siding, exterior doors and windows, furnace, A/C, water heater, electrical, plumbing, new front porch, flooring and paint throughout, interior doors, fully remodeled/reengineered bathrooms, as well as a brand new kitchen with new cabinets, stone countertops, and stainless steel appliances. There is so much to love, and you can move right in.

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# SPORTS

## Byron football continues to roll

The Byron football team came out hard Sept. 16 against Genoa-Kingston and never let up. The Tigers Scored 14 points in the first quarter and added 7 in each of the final three quarters to win 35-15. Carsen Behn Started the scoring in the first with a 4-yard TD run. Braden Smith added a 49-yard scoring run in the first. Caden Considine added two touchdown runs for Byron. Smith added a 6-yard scoring pass in the third. Considine led Byron on the ground with 145 yards rushing. Smith added 113 yards.

## Oregon football team falls to Winnebago

The Oregon High School football fell behind early to Winnebago on Sept. 16 and came up short in a 27-8 loss. Both teams had a slow start before Winnebago scored in the second quarter. Oregon's lone score was a 17-yard touchdown pass from Jack Washburn to Hunter Bartel. Gabe Eckerd led the Hawks on the ground with 56 yards on 16 carries. Washburn had 149 yards passing in the loss.

### Scores

<b>Boy Varsity Soccer</b>	Eastland 244
Sept. 19 Stillman Valley 2, Byron 1	Sept. 15 Stillman Valley 206, Rockford Christian 262
<b>Oregon 1, Genoa-Kingston 5</b>	<b>Boys Varsity Golf</b>
Sept. 17 Stillman Valley 4, Westmont 3	Sept. 20 Stillman Valley 178, Eastland 204
<b>Oregon 4, Indian Creek 1</b>	<b>Girls Varsity Volleyball</b>
<b>Varsity Football</b>	Sept. 21 Oregon 0, Genoa-Kingston 2
Sept. 16 Stillman Valley 36, Dixon 6	Stillman Valley 0, Rock Falls 2
<b>Girls Varsity Golf</b>	Sept. 20 Stillman Valley 1, Winnebago 2

## Locals graduate college

### Minnesota State University

**MANKATO, Minn.** – Minnesota State University, Mankato awarded 2,797 degrees to 2,467 students at the end of the spring 2022 semester.  
Local graduate:  
Mount Morris, Kayla Pope, BS, Dental Hygiene.  
Commencement ceremonies were held Friday, May 6 at 3 p.m. for the College of Business and at 5:30 p.m. for the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences.  
Commencement ceremonies were held Saturday, May 7 at 9 a.m. for the College of Science, Engineering and Technology, at 11:30 a.m. for the College of Education, at 2 p.m. for the College of Allied Health and Nursing and at 4:30 p.m. for the College of Arts and Humanities.  
Graduate degrees awarded included 80 master of arts degrees, 19 master of accounting degrees, eight master of arts in teaching degrees, 17 master of business administration degrees, 11 master of fine arts degrees, one master of music degree, 265 master of science degrees, two master of science in nursing degrees, 12 master of social work degrees, ten professional science master's degrees, 21 specialist in educational leadership degrees and 34 graduate certificates.

### Clarke University

**DUBUQUE, Iowa** – Clarke University in Dubuque, Iowa, extends a warm congratulations to the following Class of 2022 May graduates:  
Mount Morris – Jacob Kwak, Bachelor of Arts, Business Administration  
Founded in 1843 by the Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Clarke University is located near the Mississippi River in Dubuque, Iowa. The University believes learning is lifelong and life-changing. Our community inspires intellectual curiosity, cultural engagement, professional preparedness, spiritual exploration, and a commitment to contributing to the common good in a global society. Academic offerings include over 50 undergraduate majors and minors, 10 pre-professional programs, six graduate degree programs, and the CareerPLUS professional development micro course program.

### Iowa State

**AMES, Iowa** – Iowa State University honored more than 4,700 students who received degrees during spring commencement ceremonies May 12-14. Following are graduates from your area:  
**Byron:**  
Meghan McCarey, Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology and Health, Magna Cum Laude  
**Polo:**  
Kaitlyn Collins, Bachelor of Science, Accounting  
**Stillman Valley:**  
Noah Ledger, Bachelor of Science, Mechanical Engineering  
Rachel Warner, Bachelor of Science, Management and Art and Design (Bachelor of Arts), Summa Cum Laude

### University of Maryland Global Campus

**ADELPHI, Md.** – Jennifer J. Khan of Byron earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from University of Maryland Global Campus. Worldwide, more than 13,600 graduates from all 50 states and the District of Columbia, as well as 32 countries and U.S. territories, earned UMGC degrees during the 2021-22 academic year. Celebrating its 75th anniversary, University of Maryland Global Campus (UMGC) was established in 1947 to serve adults in the workforce. Today, UMGC enrolls some 90,000 students annually, offering bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degree programs, as well as certificates in more than 125 fully online, hybrid and face-to-face programs and specializations. UMGC has a long history of innovation in reaching students where they are, including as a pioneer of internet instruction, piloting its first online classes in 1994. The university has received numerous awards for its groundbreaking work in developing fully online degree programs, including in high-demand fields such as cybersecurity, business, data analytics, health care and education. UMGC now offers classes to military service personnel and their families at more than 180 locations in more than 20 countries. More than half of the university's students are active-duty military personnel, their families, members of the National Guard and veterans.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Oregon Library News

### September is National Library Card Sign Up Month

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### Oregon Public Library Book Sale - Friday, September 30 & Saturday, October 1, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Yes, it's time for our annual book sale! So clean off those shelves and repurpose those gently used books (NO textbooks, magazines, encyclopedias or Reader's Digest condensed books, please) that are just sitting around collecting dust! The Library will be accepting donations on Thursday, September 29 from 8 am -2 pm on the Library lawn. Any questions, call 815-732-2724.

### We Need Your Assistance!

The Library would like your help in finding summer reading program t-shirts from over the years. Some of them we have, but 1987-1993, 1995-2006, 2010, 2011 & 2020 are the years we are missing. So take a look in those overcrowded drawers, closets, or storage containers and help us fill in those missing years. We only need 1 or 2 from each year, so be the first to donate yours back to the library. Any questions, just send an email or call Debbie at the Library.

### Book Clubs

The 2WBC Book Club meets Wednesday, October 12 at 12:30 pm to discuss Dracula by Bram Stoker. Cocktails & Crimes will meet Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm (grab a book to find out where). The Afternoon Book Club meets Wednesday, October 19 at 1:00 pm to discuss Death of Mrs. Westaway by Ruth Ware. Books on Tap meets on October 27, at 6 pm to discuss A Lullaby for Witches by Hester Fox. Teen Book Club Association meets on October 29 at 10 am to discuss All These Bodies by Kendare Blake.

### YOGA Returns! Thursday's at 9:30 a.m. October 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, and 27<sup>th</sup>.

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

new viewpoint. The focus of her studies is on fascia, the nervous system, mental and emotional health, and the human response to trauma.

**Yin-Yasa** - This class is a hybrid of yang (active yoga) with yin (passive yoga). We will use fundamental yoga postures to build strength and warmth and also incorporate passive, long held poses to help with flexibility and mobility of the joints and soft tissues. A yoga mat and blocks will be useful props for this class! All levels welcome. Registration required, this class fills quickly. Please call (815) 732-2724 or visit [www.oregonpubliclibrary.com](http://www.oregonpubliclibrary.com).

### Passport Fair - Saturday, Oct. 15 at Byron Public Library from 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

The Oregon Public Library is hosting a special passport event at the Byron Public Library, 100 S. Washington St, Byron, IL, on Saturday, October 15, from 11 am to 3 pm to provide passport information to U.S. citizens and to accept passport applications.

U.S. citizens must present a valid passport book when entering or re-entering the United States by air. U.S. citizens entering the United States from Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Bermuda at land borders and sea ports of entry must present a passport book, passport card, or other travel documents approved by the U.S. government.

Information on the cost and how to apply for a U.S. passport is available at [travel.state.gov](http://travel.state.gov). U.S. citizens may also obtain passport information by phone, in English and Spanish, by calling the National Passport Information Center toll-free at 1-877-487-2778.

### Ink with A Friend Monthly Card Club Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

Sending personal cards to your friends and family is a way to let them know you care and are thinking about them. Creating these cards makes it even more special. Come join us for Ink with a Friend. You will be provided a pre-cut kit along with personal instruction on how to create the wonderful cards while learning a variety of card making techniques. All designs include beautiful colored cardstock, gorgeous designer series paper, detailed stamped images, die cut pieces, matching ink, ribbon, and embellishments. This month, Liz has designed two (2) cards for you to make. All cards come

with matching envelopes. Whether you're a new card maker or a seasoned pro, our kits are suited to every skill level. Don't wait! Sign up today to reserve your spot.

Registration required (815) 732-2724 or [www.oregonpubliclibrary.com](http://www.oregonpubliclibrary.com).

### Mysterious Legends and Ghostly Encounters - October 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

Kathi Kresol will take you on a ghostly journey through some of *Northern Illinois most haunted locations*. These stories will cover everything from mysterious legends, horrid true crimes, and eerie encounters with the dead.

Kathi has been researching the odd and unusual for over 15 years. She is a local author who has trekked the back roads of Illinois searching for these creepy tales and the history behind them. Visit her website for more information about her books, her stories, and her events. <http://www.hauntedrockford.com>. Registration required, call (815) 732-2724 or [www.oregonpubliclibrary.com](http://www.oregonpubliclibrary.com)

### Alzheimer's Association presents Effective Communication Strategies & Art Activities for the Fall Season - Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at noon.

Communication is more than just talking and listening - it's also about sending and receiving messages through attitude, tone of voice, facial expressions and body language. As people with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias progress in their journey and the ability to use words is lost, families need new ways to connect. Join us to explore how communication takes place when someone has Alzheimer's, learn to

decode the verbal and behavioral messages delivered by someone with dementia, and identify strategies to help you connect and communicate at each stage of the disease. The Effective Communication Strategies program of the Alzheimer's Association was designed to provide practical information and resources to help dementia caregivers learn to decode verbal and behavioral messages from people with dementia.

Learn how art can stimulate creativity through Art Express, an evidence-based program designed for persons experiencing memory loss or dementia. Administered by the Dale and Deborah Smith Center for Alzheimer's Research and Treatment at SIU Medicine, Art Express is free, and provides social interaction and cognitive

stimulation for those with Alzheimer's and their caregiver. The program will conclude with a live special question and answer session. Please register to view from home by calling 800.272.3900. If you'd like to watch in the library, please register at [www.oregonpubliclibrary.com](http://www.oregonpubliclibrary.com).

**TRIVIA is back at the Rock River Center!**-The First and Third Thursday of the Month at 12:30 pm at Rock River Center Test your knowledge of sports, history, movies, and much more. Come alone, bring your friends and make a team of 4, or join a team when you arrive. Registration required, <http://www.oregonpubliclibrary.com>

**Puzzle Library**  
The library has a free puzzle library. Take a puzzle, leave a puzzle. This is open to anyone in the community.

### Oregon Public Library StoryWalk® @ Oregon Park West

StoryWalk® was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT in 2007, and developed in collaboration with the Vermont Bicycle & Pedestrian Coalition and the Kellogg Hubbard Library. Current story

is *How Do Apples Grow?* by Betsy Maestro.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Mount Morris Library News

### Thank You!

We would like to thank all of our wonderful patron who donated to the Summer Reading Program jar! Through your donations we raised \$201.50 to help out with the programs we hosted throughout the summer! We LOVE our patrons!

### The Giving Pump

Stop by Shell to help support Children's Programming at the Mount Morris Library. Our local gas station has generously chosen to donate a portion of the proceeds from their Giving Pump toward our library. This pump will be wrapped and available through October, just look for the purple Giving Pump signs on pump 1 or 2! We would like to thank Shell for their support of community programming! Thank You!

### Book Sale Starting September 24<sup>th</sup>!

Our annual book sale will start on September 24<sup>th</sup>. All sales will be by donation. Nothing will be priced. We would like to thank the high school for sending students to help with the heavy lifting in preparation for the sale.

### Story Time!

Juicy, red, crunchy, sweet, green, delicious, and great! Join us as we enjoy some books about APPLES! We will read books and make a craft to take home this Wednesday, 9/28. Stop by for a bushel of fun! Stop by any Wednesday with your little ones to enjoy stories and a craft at the Mount Morris Library!

### Cookbook Club!

Join us as we reconvene The Cookbook Club! This is a delicious club where a different cookbook is chosen each month, you stop by to choose your recipe, then bring the dish to pass at our next meeting! This month we are using "Five Ingredient Recipes" by Philia Kelnhofer! Stop by to choose your recipe and join us on Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> @6pm at The Senior Center for an exciting meal!

### Lego Club!

Our next Lego night on Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, 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 October book is "The Narrowboat Summer" by Anne Youngson. Everyone is welcome to join this book club group! Copies of the book are available at the library. This group will meet in-person at the library on Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 p.m.

### 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-Elgin Symphony Orchestra Offer

Explore More Illinois, RAILS' online cultural and recreational pass program for Illinois libraries, welcomes its newest attraction, Elgin Symphony Orchestra in Elgin! Since its founding in 1950, the organization has developed a reputation for artistic excellence, innovative programming, and a deep commitment to the social advocacy and economic development of the diverse communities that it serves.

Elgin Symphony Orchestra is offering 50% Off Red Section Seating (Up to Two Tickets). Explore More Illinois users can access and reserve passes from any of our attractions on their participating library's website.

Use Explore More Illinois to find fun and educational places to go on a free afternoon or for a little getaway. 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.mt-morris-il.org](http://www.mt-morris-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](mailto: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.

## Byron Library News

### Curbside Delivery

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

### StoryWalks at the Byron Forest Preserve

A new StoryWalk® is up at the Byron Forest Preserve! Stroll the 1/2-mile Indigo Trail while reading "Pigeon Has to Go to School" by Mo Willems. The StoryWalk® is a joint project of the Byron Public Library and the Byron Forest Preserve. The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. StoryWalk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson.

### DIY Book Safe

Thursday, Sept. 29

6-7 p.m.

Come join us as we make a secret book safe to hide all your valuables in. All supplies will be provided. Please visit [Byron.evanced.info/signup](http://Byron.evanced.info/signup) or call 815-234-5107 to register.

### Apple Tasting

Monday, Oct. 3

6-7 p.m.

Sign-up for an APPLE-solutely fun evening as we taste and vote on our favorite apples. We will have several apple varieties to taste along with some dips and other apple treats. Join us...you might find a new favorite apple! Please visit [Byron.evanced.info/signup](http://Byron.evanced.info/signup) or call 815-234-5107 to register.

### DIY Reversible Pumpkin & Snowmen

Thursday, Oct. 13

6-7 p.m.

Who's ready for the holiday season? Come join us for an evening at the library as we create a fun holiday decoration. Make a reversible wood slice decoration with pumpkins on one side and a snowman on the other. This cute holiday craft can be used for both the fall and winter seasons! All

supplies will be provided. Please call 815-234-5107 or visit [Byron.evanced.info/signup](http://Byron.evanced.info/signup) to register.

### Passport Fair

Saturday, Oct. 15

11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Are you applying for your first passport or is yours about to expire? The Byron Public Library District is once again partnering with the Oregon Public Library District to help you through the application process. Applicants must bring their original birth certificate and a valid photo ID. The cost is \$130 for adults and \$100 for children under the age of 16, plus \$35 processing fee and \$13 for a picture. After the application process, please allow 8-11 weeks for delivery. Passport application forms are available at the Byron Public Library, or online at [travel.state.gov](http://travel.state.gov). Walk-ins are welcome; no registration is required.

### BONAFIED – All Breed Dog Rescue

Thursday, Oct. 20, 6-7 p.m.

October is national adopt a shelter dog month. Melodee from BONAFIED (bring out natural abilities found in every dog) will discuss the importance of adopting shelter dogs. A few dogs that are available for adoption will be present. Please call 815-234-5107 or visit [Byron.evanced.info/signup](http://Byron.evanced.info/signup) to register.

### Monday Mindfulness – Zen Garden

Monday, Oct. 24, 6-7 p.m.

What is something you can do to bring a little calm to your life? Join us for our first Mindfulness Monday where we will create a tabletop Zen garden for you to take home or to your office. Learn how a Zen garden can help with stress reduction. Please visit [Byron.evanced.info/signup](http://Byron.evanced.info/signup) or call 815-234-5107 to register.

### Friday Matinee for Adults


Friday, Oct. 28

1-2:30 p.m.

Spend a fun afternoon at the Byron Public Library. The popcorn popper will be popping and we will be featuring the movie Dog, Dog is a road-trip comedy about two hard-charging Army Rangers, paired against their will... Briggs (played by Channing Tatum) and a Belgian Malinois named Lulu race down the Pacific Coast in the hopes of making it to a fellow soldier's funeral on time.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Forreston Library News

### FVVYN Online Auction

September 19th - 29th

Forrestville Valley Youth Network is holding an online auction at [32auctions.com/FVVYN2022](https://32auctions.com/FVVYN2022) to raise funds for the district mentoring program, scholarships, and insurance. All of the 70+ items are on display at the library during the auction but bids must be submitted online. Bidding closes at 6 p.m. on Thursday, September 29th. Library computers and staff will be available to assist with creating an account and the online bidding process, if needed. Winning bidders will pick up their items in the Community Room at the library on Saturday, October 1st from 10:00 to 1:00. Please support our students and this valuable program by participating in this much needed fundraiser.

### Preschool Storytime

Tuesdays at 10 a.m.

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

### Library Card Sign-up Month

September is National Library Card Sign-up Month! A library card not only

gives you access to books, ebooks, dvds, and magazines here in Forreston, but also allows you to check out materials from area libraries and request items from anywhere in the country! Resident cards are free to anyone who lives or owns property within the village limits. Nonresident cards are \$50.00 per year. Stop in today and sign up for yours!

### Snow Removal Bids

The library is currently seeking bids for snow removal from our sidewalks, ramp, and front steps/porch. Following an overnight snowfall, snow will need to be removed by 8:00 am and some daytime removal may also be necessary. Please submit your written proposal to the library in person or by email to [forrestonpubliclibrary@gmail.com](mailto:forrestonpubliclibrary@gmail.com). Bids must be received by Monday, October 10th. For more information, contact Julie at (815)938-2624.

### Library Hours

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

## Julia Hull Library News



Young library patrons get creative with Lego Duplo during last week's toddler program at Julia Hull District Library (Stillman Valley).

### Storytime at the Library!

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

### Tween Scene: Haunted Cemeteriums

Delight in all things spooky with this perfect Halloween craft. Create your own terrifying terrarium (or, *cemeterium*) using fun and frightening craft supplies. Tuesday, Oct. 4 at 6 p.m. Ages 10-12. Registration required. 815-645-8611.

### Adult Craft

Trick or treat yourself with these mood-setting Halloween candle holders. Monday, Oct. 10 at 6 p.m. Adults only. Registration required. 815-645-8611

### Cricut Lab: Meet Your Cricut

"Help! I bought a Cricut, but haven't even taken it out of the box!" Never fear your Crafty Librarians are here. This class will introduce you to the very basics of using a Cricut: how to set it up, how to use Cricut Design Space, how to install a blade and must have vs. nice to have accessories and materials. BYO Cricut machine (Explore Air or Maker) and cords; device with the Cricut Access app already installed; cutting mat; and blade. Thursday, Oct. 13 at 6 p.m. Adults only. Registration required. 815-645-8611

### Young Critics Book Club

Join us Tuesday, Oct. 18 at 6 p.m. for a book discussion and hands-on craft/activity about the graphic novel, "Fitz and Cleo" by Jonathan Stutzman. Stop by the library to register for this in-person program and pick up your copy of the reading. Ages 7-9. Registration required.

### Cricut Lab: My First Project

Beginners will create their first Cricut project by learning how to upload and create a design; how to use Design Space functions; how to alter a design; and how to create layers. BYO Cricut machine (Explore Air or Maker) and cords; device with the Cricut Access app already installed; cutting mat and blade. Thursday, October 27 at 6 p.m. Registration required: Adults only. 815-645-8611

### Miss Jamie's Halloween Show

Join us at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 22 for a fun & festive music show with Miss Jamie's Farm. Dance and sing about the fun of dressing up for Halloween in this oh-so-fun and not-so-scary program for young kids and families. All ages. Registration required. 815-645-8611.

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Rochelle **562-3801**

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### Education

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421 W Pines Rd, Oregon 61061 **732-2191**

### Low Income Housing

Ogle County Housing Authority  
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# LOCAL NEWS

## Polo Library News

### Children's Programs -

**Teen Advisory Board meeting, Thursday September 29th, 6-7 p.m.**, this is a monthly meeting event for Polo 8th grade to senior students to attend. If you are interested, please contact Ms. Melanie for more information and/or come to the meeting to check it out and learn more.

For more information or to register for any of these programs, call 815-946-2713, email [melaniew@pololibrary.org](mailto:melaniew@pololibrary.org), go to the Polo Library website or Facebook page to look for the Google form link.

### Adult Programs

**Thank you to everyone who made the 2022 Season of Polo Library's Outdoor Concert Series a success!**

If you have a band you would like to suggest for the 2023 season, email [carlap@pololibrary.org](mailto:carlap@pololibrary.org).

The 2022 Outdoor Concert Series is funded by a grant from the Community Foundation of Northern Illinois.

### Yoga with Becka

Wednesday, September 26th at 6 p.m. - Call 815-946-2713 or email [library@pololibrary.org](mailto:library@pololibrary.org) to register. Yoga will now be every 4th Wednesday of the month.

### Online Catalog

Did you start a series and can't find the next book? Are you wanting to watch a specific movie? If we don't have what you're looking for at Polo Library, visit our online catalog to search other libraries and have it delivered right to Polo Library for pick up! Visit [pololibrary.org](http://pololibrary.org) and click on "Books/Media" and "Your Account" to access the online catalog.

### Library newsletter

Our newsletter is full of information on library services and programs. Print copies are available at the library, Lifeline Food Pantry, Polo Senior Center, Polo Fresh Food Market, and Polo Laundromat. If you prefer to receive it electronically visit our website and subscribe.

### Genealogy Assistance

Are you interested in researching your ancestors but don't know where to start? Do you have a start and need help with your research? Stop by the first Wednesday 5-7 p.m. or the third Saturday 10 a.m.-noon and let Donna help with your project. Polo Library is now a FamilySearch Affiliate Library which allows access to more digital records when you're researching at the library.

### Special Procedures

Masks are optional for staff and visitors to the library. If you require an access service to fully participate in a program or have any questions about accessibility, please contact Marie Monaco at 815-946-2713.

## AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

### BYRON

#### ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

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 Main Worship: 10:30am  
 Spark Youth Group (for ages 6th grade thru 12th grade) - Sundays, 5pm-7pm  
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### CHANA

#### CHANA UNITED METHODIST

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

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### FORRESTON

#### FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

402 2nd Avenue, Forreston, IL 61030, Phone 815-938-3203  
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#### FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

#### ST. JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pastor Karen Tews  
 West Grove Rd. At Columbine Rd.  
 Worship Service 10:30 am. Communion is served every Sunday.  
 "Singing the Song of Christian Faith in Worship, Service, Learning, Outreach and Welcome" in a beautiful rural setting.  
 Everyone is cordially invited to be with us.

### LEAF RIVER

#### ADELINE ZION EVANGELICAL CHURCH

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

#### LEAF RIVER BAPTIST CHURCH

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

### LINDENWOOD

#### IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH - LCMS

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

#### LINDENWOOD UNION CHURCH

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

### KINGS

#### ELIM REFORMED CHURCH

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

### MOUNT MORRIS

#### DISCIPLES UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

"By God's grace in Christ, we LIVE, LOVE, and SERVE"  
 All are welcome here!  
 9:30 am - Sunday Worship with Communion open to all  
 10:45 am - Sunday School (Sep - May)  
[www.disciplesumc.org](http://www.disciplesumc.org)  
 (815) 734-4853  
 102 N Maple Ave., Mt. Morris, IL 61054  
 Rev. Julie Bunt, Pastor

#### EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH OF MT. MORRIS

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

### MT. MORRIS CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

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

#### MT. MORRIS TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

### OREGON

#### EBENEZER REFORMED CHURCH

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

#### LIGHTHOUSE UNITED METHODIST

Pastor Matthew J. Smith 4962 S. Daysville Rd., Oregon, IL 61061 815-732-7683  
 Worship at 9:00 a.m. Holy Communion celebrated the first Sunday of each of month. Lighthouse will lite up your life!

#### OREGON CHURCH OF GOD

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

#### OREGON FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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

#### OREGON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

#### RIVERSTONE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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

#### ST. BRIDE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

#### ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH, NALC

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

### POLO

#### ST. MARY CHURCH

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

#### CHURCH OF THE OPEN BIBLE

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

### CROSSROADS COMMUNITY CHURCH ~ POLO CAMPUS

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

#### FAITH DISCOVERY CHURCH

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

#### FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

### STILLMAN VALLEY

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

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

#### KISHWAUKEE COMMUNITY EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

#### VALLEY EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH

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

#### GRACE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH DAVIS JUNCTION

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

### WINNEBAGO

#### MIDDLE CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

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211 Hwy. 38 E.  
 Rochelle, IL 61068  
 Ph: 815-732-2156  
 Fax: 815-562-2161

# LOCAL NEWS

## Bertolet Library News

**Story Time: Thursdays at 10 a.m.**  
 Stop in with your Toddlers and Pre-K littles for Story Time each Thursday with Miss Jana. She will have a couple stories and an activity for the kids. Fall session starts September 8th!

**Big Kids, Big Art: Tuesday, October 18th, 4-5:30 p.m.**  
 Calling all 1st through 5th Graders! Miss Jana has a great beginner art program just for you. Each month will focus on a different element of art. Join her on the 3rd Tuesday of each month!

**LEGO Club: 1st Monday of the month, 5 p.m.**  
 Create with us on the 1st Monday of each month. We will have the LEGOs waiting for you!

**Adult Book of the Month:**  
 The September book of the month is *Forty Autumns* by Nina Willner. The book is a memoir of Nina, a former American intelligence officer whose family was separated during the Cold War by the Iron Curtain and how they were reunited with each other after the war fell. The story covers three generations of five different women. Stop by the circulation desk to pick up a copy of the book.

**Craft Kits for Adults:**  
 The September craft celebrates the transition of seasons from summer to fall with this cute sunflower. Stop by the circulation desk to pick up your kit today.

**Create-a-Card: Saturday, October 15th, 9:30 a.m.**  
 Design an encouraging note for your bestie, your child's teacher, or your secret

sister. You can even create a work of art to lift your own spirits! All materials are provided.

**Drop Box:**  
 Our drop box is closed until further notice due to water leaks. Please return library materials during business hours. You may also return materials to other local libraries, and they will send them to us via our interlibrary loan system. We apologize for the inconvenience.

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

- New Releases:**
- Adult Books**  
 Hellburner by Clive Cussler  
 Oath of Loyalty by Vince Flynn  
 Captive by Iris Johansen  
 Desperation In Death by J.D. Robb  
 Dreamland by Nicholas Sparks  
 Daisy Darker by Alice Sweeny
- Juvenile Books**  
 The Do-Over by Jennifer Torres  
 Lies I Tell Myself by Beth Vrabel

## Loaves & Fish Food Pantry in Mount Morris has distributions each month

**MOUNT MORRIS** – Loaves & Fish Food Pantry (409 W. Brayton Rd., Mt. Morris) is open every first and third Thursday from 4:30-7 p.m., and second and Mondays from 2-4:30 p.m. The pantry will also be open Oct. 15 from 10:30-11:30 a.m. For weekday distributions, neighbors

can come in to the pantry and select food or receive pre-packed boxes curbside. Saturday distributions will be curbside, pre-packed boxes only. All distributions of food include shelf-stable items, milk, eggs, frozen meat products and garden produce when available. Call or text 815-613-8776 with any questions.

## Weekly Brain Busters

### King Crossword

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12				13			14			
15			16				17			
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		21			22					
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**ACROSS**

1 Dame Dench  
 5 Witty one  
 8 Leer at  
 12 Western tribe  
 13 TV pioneer  
 14 Eye part  
 15 Dressing ingredient  
 17 Sugar unit  
 18 Fill in — blank  
 19 Conclude  
 20 Monk's home  
 21 Droop  
 22 Bikini top  
 23 Wan  
 26 Germ  
 30 God, in Granada  
 31 Joke  
 32 Spoken  
 33 "You wish!"  
 35 Shepherd  
 36 Chairman of China  
 37 Greyhound vehicle  
 38 Hoopster  
 41 Dict. info  
 42 Chi follower  
 45 Sandwich cookie  
 46 Fuel-producing area  
 48 Hindu royal  
 49 Parisian pal  
 50 Advertising award  
 51 Genesis

**DOWN**

1 Equitable  
 2 Beehive State  
 3 Take out of context?  
 4 "This — recording"  
 5 Incorrect  
 6 Battery fluid  
 7 Lass  
 8 Getty and Rockefeller, e.g.  
 9 Vittles  
 10 Margarita garnish  
 11 Glimpse  
 16 Campus VIP  
 20 Lob's path  
 21 Staple in some Asian recipes  
 22 Ginormous  
 23 Do sums  
 24 Polite address  
 25 Weed whacker  
 26 Chess piece  
 27 — pro nobis  
 28 Cudgel  
 29 Overhead trains  
 31 Sticky stuff  
 34 Scratch  
 35 Nonsense  
 37 Prove untrue  
 38 Comics' Mrs. Dithers  
 39 Bedouin  
 40 Hereditary unit  
 41 Exemplar of thinness  
 42 Soccer legend  
 43 Faux pas  
 44 Nuptial vows  
 46 Klutz  
 47 Glacial

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### MAGIC MAZE ● CITIES IN VENEZUELA

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

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

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|---------|---------|------------|----------|
| Barinas | Coro    | Maricaoibo | Upata    |
| Cabimas | Guanare | Maturín    | Valencia |
| Cagua   | Maracay | San Diego  | Zaraza   |
| Carora  | Mariara | Turmero    |          |

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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

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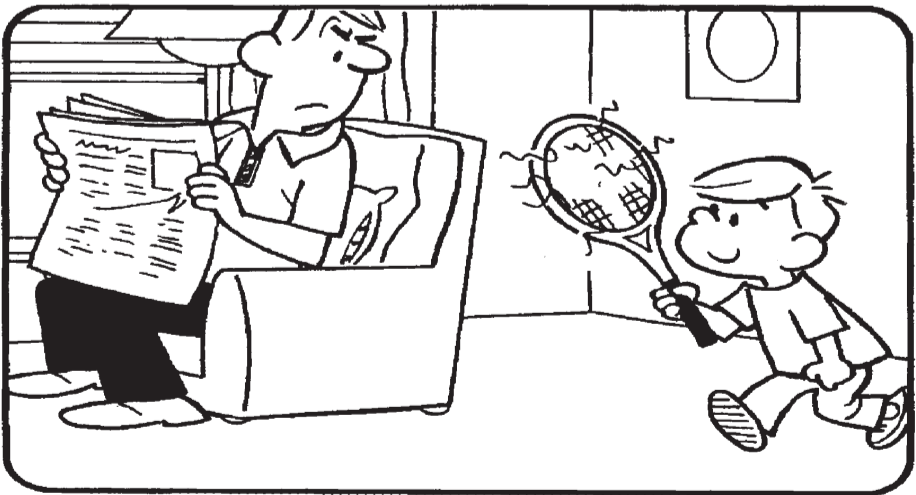
### DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

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

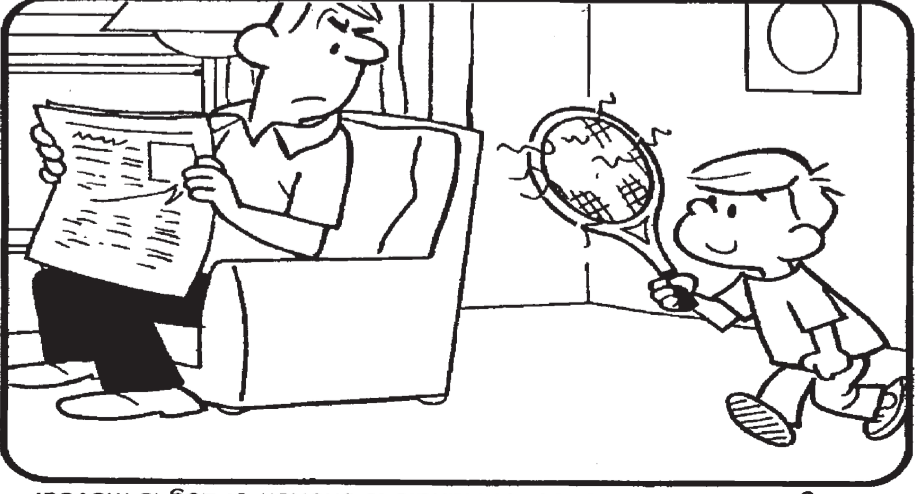
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## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Paper is different. 2. Buttons are missing. 3. Pillow is missing. 4. Picture is moved. 5. Handle is shorter. 6. Leg is moved.

**King Crossword**  
 Answers

Solution time: 23 mins.

**CITIES IN VENEZUELA**  
 Answer

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

**Weekly SUDOKU**  
 Answer

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

# Classified Marketplace

## FREE!

Sell your household items for free.  
Total value of item must be \$200 or less. (15 words  
- one week - 7 publications - price must be listed)



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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Public Notice is hereby given that on September 6, 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: Basswood Custom Sawmill, 1538 N. IL Rt. 2, Oregon, IL 61061. Dated: September 6, 2022  
Laura J. Cook, Ogle County Clerk  
No. 0907 (Sept. 12, 19, 26)

to the attorney for the representative within ten (10) days after such claim has been filed.  
Dated: September 16, 2022  
Joan Cave, Independent Representative  
By: Samuel L. Collins, Attorney  
919 West Main Street  
Salem, Illinois 62881  
(618) 548-3729  
Pub. 9/26/22, 103/22, 10/10/22  
0920 (Sept. 26, Oct. 3, 10)

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Clay O. Hill (DECEASED)**  
Case No. 2022PR56  
**INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION PUBLICATION NOTICE TO: Creditors and Claimants**  
Notice is given of the death of Clay O. Hill, who died on January 31, 2022 a resident of Kissimmee, Florida. The Representative for the estate and his/her address is: Frederick C. Hill of 3411 Gurler Road, Rochelle, IL 61068. The attorney for the estate and his/her address is: James C. Krupp, Krupp & Krupp, LLP, 3281 Commerce Drive, Suite B, DeKalb, IL 60115  
Claims against the estate may be filed on or before March 19, 2023\*\*. Claims against the estate may be filed with the Clerk of the Circuit Court, 106 S. 5th Street, Oregon, IL 61061, or with the Representative, or both. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. The estate will be administered without Court supervision unless an interested party

terminates independent supervision administration by filing a petition to terminate under Section 28-4 of the Probate Act (Ill. Rev. Stat. Ch. 110 1/2, Par. 28-4). No. 0913 (Sept. 19, 26, Oct. 3, 2022)

**NOTICE OGLE COUNTY REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NOTICE**

Ogle County is issuing a request for proposals (RFP) to demolish the Ogle County Correctional Facility at 107 South 5th Street in Oregon, IL. All RFP submissions must be in the form prescribed by Ogle County, and must be made in accordance with the RFP. The RFP is available at the Office of the County Clerk at 105 South 5th St - Suite 104, Oregon, IL 61061 Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 A.M. and 4:30 P.M. at the address above, or may be downloaded from the Ogle County website, www.ogle-county.org. Sealed submittals for this contract must be received before Wednesday, October 5, 2022 at 1:00 pm at the Office of the County Clerk, 105 South 5th St - Suite 104, Oregon, IL 61061. Cost proposals and associated paperwork must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked "Demolition Proposal". Questions regarding this RFP shall be submitted in writing to Jeremy Ciesiel via email at highway@oglecountyil.gov. No oral clarifications or amendments to this RFP shall be binding on the county. Any amendments, addenda or modifications shall be sent in writing to all firms that have registered as a plan holder. No. 0919 (Sept. 19, Sept. 26)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
The Lost Lake Utility District has announced the regular meeting dates for 2023. The meetings will be held at 404 Lake Court Center, Dixon at 7:00 pm.  
January 17, 2023  
February 21, 2023  
March 21, 2023  
April 18, 2023  
May 16, 2023  
June 20, 2023  
July 18, 2023  
August 15, 2023  
September 19, 2023  
October 17, 2023  
November 21, 2023  
December 19, 2023  
No. 0926 (Sept. 26)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Public Notice is hereby given that the proposed combined annual budget and appropriation Ordinance 01-22 of the Lost Lake Utility District of Ogle County, Illinois for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2023 will be available for public inspection at 213 Deer Paint Drive, Dixon, IL from and after September 21, 2022. Notice is further given that a Public Hearing on the adoption of said proposed combined annual budget and appropriation ordinance will be held at Lake Court Center, 404 Lake Court, Dixon, IL on November 15, 2022 at 7:00 pm, Lost Lake Utility District of Ogle County, IL, Susan Steffens, Secretary No. 0927 (Sept. 26)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Public Notice is hereby given that on September 22, 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: Organic Reiki, 1436 Southfield Rd., Byron, IL 61010  
Dated: September 22, 2022  
Laura J. Cook, Ogle County Clerk  
No. 0928 (Sept. 26)

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**103 AUCTIONS**

**Ogle County, IL FARMLAND AUCTION**  
**Wednesday, Nov. 16th, 2022 at 11:00 A.M.**  
Sale to be held at **Polo Area Senior Center 101 E Mason St., Polo, IL 61064**  
SELLING AS 2 PARCELS - OPEN TENANCY FOR 2023  
Parcel A 9.64 Acres  
Parcel B 79.012 Acres  
TOTAL 88.652 Acres of Farmland Sections 7 & 9 in Buffalo Township, Ogle County, IL  
Selling in Parcels as surveyed acres  
For complete listing of sale, bill, maps, tax info and terms & conditions, etc. visit [www.lennybrysonauctioneer.com](http://www.lennybrysonauctioneer.com)  
**OWNER - Michael L. Getzender, Mary A. Clothier & Eleanor K. Heidenreich**  
Attorney: Douglas Floski, Byron Law, 815-234-5454  
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**'Gary Schumacher Estate IH Tractor, Equipment & Farm Toy Auction'**  
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**FARM MACHINERY & TRACTORS:** IH Farmall 966 Diesel Tractor, WF, 1971; IH Farmall 806 Diesel Tractor, WF, 1965; McCormick-Farmall 706 Gas Tractor, NF, 1966; IH Farmall 560 Gas Tractor, WF, IH 50 Loader, 1963; McCormick-Farmall 560 Gas Tractor, NF, 1962; McCormick-Farmall 460 Gas Tractor, WF, 1962; McCormick-Farmall 450 Tractor, NF, 1958; McCormick-Farmall 350 Tractor, NF, 1958; IH McCormick-Farmall Super C Tractor, NF, 1953; IH McCormick-Farmall Super M-TA Tractor, NF, 1954; IH McCormick-Farmall M Tractor, NF, 1951; IH McCormick-Farmall H Tractor, NF, 1940; McCormick-Deering Farmall F-20 Tractor, 1933; IH McCormick Farmall H Tractor, NF, 1952; IH 715 Corn & Soybean Special Combine w/ 744 Corn Head & 10' Grain Head; IH McCormick No. 80 Pull-Type PTO Combine; IH 55W Wire Square Hay Baler; IH 400 Corn Planter; IH 14' Barge Box w/ Hoist; More Farm Machinery. **Farm Related:** 16' Farm Gates; 500 Gal Fuel Tank on Early Truck Frame; 500 Gal. Skid Fuel Tank: w/ new GPI 1115S explosive proof pump; Old Buzz Saw; Wind Power 12/20 PTO Alternator/Generator: on cart. IH Cub Cadet 102 Lawn Tractor: Mfg. 1965-67. **Lumber:** Large Pile of 2x12x16' Boards; More; AMT Budweiser Clydesdale 8-Horse Hitch Model Kit. **Primitives:** Blacksmith Vise & Tools; Corn Knives; Early Wooden Hardware 44-Drawer Parts Bin; Iron Spoke Implement Wheels; Old 2-Man Saws; Old License Plates; Rockford Cast Iron Well Pump; Vintage Green Porcelain Light Shades; Wood Crates & Boxes; Wooden & Metal Barn Pulleys. **Shop Equipment:** (3) 64 Bin Metal Hardware Cabinets: full of nut & bolt stock; Heavy Metal 6'x6' Welding Table; Oxy/Acetylene Torch Sets: w/ tanks; PMC HD Upright Air Compressor. Signs: Kussmaul Seed Corn Metal Signs; Oliver Sales & Service Thermometer; Advertisement. **Tools & Equipment:** Chains & Clevis; Impact Tools & Sockets; Milbar Snap Ring Plier Set; Snap On Drill Index; Wards 3-Section Roller Tool Chest. Vehicles: Chevrolet Apache 30 Truck Parts: cab, hood, frt. fenders, etc. **Large Farm Toy Collection including Case, Ertl, IH, Farmall, Oliver, Minneapolis-Moline, McCormick-Derring Tractors, Implements & Related. Please Log-On for Complete Listing & Color Photos!**

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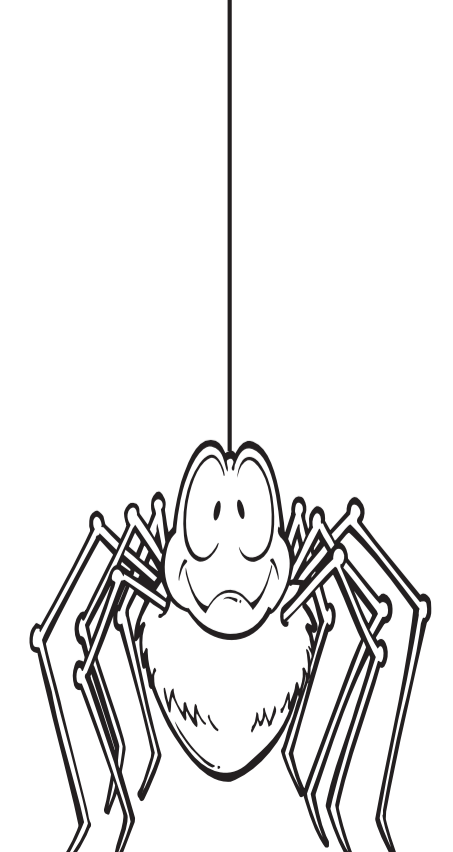
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