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## Forreston unveils school renovations

### Forreston Jr/Sr High School gets classroom, band room and choir room upgrades

**FORRESTON** – The Board of Education held a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on Tuesday, Aug. 22 at Forreston Jr/Sr High School for parents, community members, students, staff, and contractors.

This event kicked off the opening of the newly renovated spaces to include individual classrooms, chorus room, band room and office spaces.

This renovation project started in early June and in-

cludes new lighting, flooring, paint, storage, and windows to classrooms as well as the junior high offices. New exterior doors have been installed and the HVAC system was updated to include air conditioning in all classroom and office spaces.

All school buildings also received new key fob access as a measure to enhance security on all campuses. The renovation project was funded through a combination of life safety

requirements as well as federal and state dollars received through grant allocations.

“This project continues to align with the district strategic plan to provide safe and well-maintained facilities and we are excited to be at the finish line of the renovation at Forreston Jr/Sr High,” said Superintendent Sheri Smith. “This project required a great deal of collaboration among various contractors, and we are grateful to kick off a new school year with renovated spaces for our students and staff.”



A renovated classroom at Forreston Jr/Sr High School.

## Suicide prevention

### Local woman becomes advocate in memory of father

By Jeff Helfrich  
Rochelle News-Leader

**ROCHELLE** – Since May, Stephanie White of Rochelle has been working as an advocate for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.

White’s father, Steven, passed away in February due to suicide. After that, she felt it’s important that communities come together to educate everyone on mental health and end suicide. Her work as an advocate has included helping to urge public officials to prioritize suicide prevention and mental health.

“It’s really helped with my grief process,” White said. “It’s been something that’s been an outlet for me and you feel like you’re making a difference. I heard once that, ‘Grief is hard to navigate, but it’s hard to be sad when you’re helping someone else.’ Just staying active to try to help other people has helped me feel better.”

After her father’s passing, White’s family did research and chose the AFSP as the organization that friends and family could make donations to during his memorial service. Funds donated to the AFSP go directly to scientific research and helping families impacted by suicide



loss.

After signing up to be an advocate, White was tasked with reaching out to legislators. She’s written many letters and emails to representatives asking for their help and consideration and what they’re doing for suicide prevention and mental health advocacy.

The main focus of the advocacy has been getting the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline started to make mental health emergencies easier to call in and for people in crisis to be able to talk to a trained mental health professional.

The now-simplified 988 service (previously 1-800-273-8255) is an alternative to 911 and connects callers to Lifeline centers. Those centers de-escalate 98 percent of crisis calls without dispatching emergency services. Well-resourced crisis support systems can connect callers with local resources, including

someone to talk to (call centers), someone to respond (mobile crisis teams) and somewhere to go (crisis stabilization centers).

White is currently advocating for HR 7116, the 988 Implementation Act, which would provide federal funding and guidance for states for 988 crisis services in the United States.

“It was very important to have a number for mental health crises that can be called to talk to someone that’s educated and specializes in de-escalating those types of situations,” White said. “It’s a quick dial and now awareness about it has to be raised so people know to call and advocating has to be done to get the funds to get the appropriate people in place that can continue taking those calls and de-escalating mental health situations of people who are having suicidal thoughts or anxiety attacks that they can’t get under control.”

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## Byron Civic Band returns

**BYRON** – The Byron Civic Band, a community concert band established in September of 2018, had to stop meeting just a week before its March 2020 concert, due to the Covid shutdown.

Now that things have pretty much normalized, we’ve decided to gather again and will begin rehearsals for a Fall 2022 concert. Rehearsals will be on Wednesday evenings, beginning Oct. 5th, 7-9 p.m. in the Byron Middle School bandroom. We will not meet on Oct. 19, Nov. 23 and Dec. 7. The concert is scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 18th at 3 p.m.

The band includes a nice mix of adult players in their 20’s to 80’s along with a sprinkling of younger musicians. While the majority of our band members live nearby in Byron, Stillman Valley, Oregon, Mt. Morris, and Leaf River, several other towns in the area are represented. Current and former band musicians living within about 25 miles or so of Byron may want to consider joining this fine community band.

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### WEATHER

MONDAY	TUESDAY
HIGH LOW	HIGH LOW
67 53	72 51
WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
HIGH LOW	HIGH LOW
74 55	75 56
FRIDAY	SATURDAY
HIGH LOW	HIGH LOW
77 57	79 58

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# LOCAL NEWS



## Semi trailer complete loss in I-88 blaze

By Jeff Helfrich  
Rochelle News-Leader

**ROCHELLE** – A semi trailer is a complete loss after an afternoon fire on Interstate 88 on Aug. 30, Rochelle Fire Department Lt. Zach Prewett said.

Rochelle Fire was called to the east-bound lane of Interstate 88 at mile marker 74 at 2:25 p.m. for a semi-truck and trailer fire with potential issues of a grass fire and hazardous materials, Prewett said. Ogle-Lee Fire Protection District de-

partments in Steward and Flagg Center responded as well.

Prewett said the driver of the semi-truck told fire officials that she was flagged down by a passerby and alerted to the fire in the trailer and was able to disconnect the truck from the trailer. When fire crews arrived, only the trailer was on fire and it was fully-engulfed with flames.

Fire crews extinguished the fire in the trailer and left it on the tollway in the possession of the Illinois State Police,

which helped with traffic control. Local fire crews were on-scene until 4:17 p.m.

Prewett said there was a “very small amount” of hazardous materials in the trailer, including propane gas cylinders and some corrosive home-use chemicals. The trailer was a Do It Best Hardware supply trailer and it was pulled by a Ryder semi-truck.

“We weren’t able to tell what the cause of the fire may have been,” Prewett said. “The trailer was essentially burned completely and the driver didn’t know

anything about the situation until she was told. We left the estimated damage as undetermined due to the fact that we didn’t know much about what cargo there was before it burned.”

Prewett said that on Tuesday and with any incident on the interstates, traffic hazards are a concern and the ISP helped with that. No access to hydrants can be a complication as well with a fully-engulfed trailer, which was why an extra 2,500-gallon water tender truck from Flagg Center was dispatched to the scene.

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## SUICIDE: September is Suicide Prevention Awareness Month

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September is National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month. White wants to break the stigma surrounding suicide and for mental health issues to stop being seen as a weakness. She hopes being an advocate can help to encourage people to get the help they really need.

“I think with any type of mental health, people are scared to talk about it,” White said. “Talking and being more open about suicide or all types of mental health can let others know it’s OK to talk about it and it’s not just them feeling it. Everybody has some sort of struggle or knows somebody that struggles with mental health. Having people feel more comfortable talking about it, I hope that helps them to reach out if they do need help.”

Along with scientific research and advocacy, the AFSP does community walks and raises funds for suicide prevention. White plans to participate in those walks this month

and to wear shirts to raise awareness.

The AFSP acts as a support system for people who have been impacted by the suicide of a loved one. White believes her next step is to try to share her personal journey.

“I’d like to not only help get the funding and awareness raised for suicide prevention, but maybe transition to helping other families that have dealt with suicide loss,” White said. “That’s my next goal.”

White called her father “a kind and loving man.” He loved tinkering with things, was a welder and was “very artistic.” He had all sorts of hobbies, including gardening and fishing. He was an involved grandfather to Stephanie’s three children and was at every sporting event and dance recital.

For more information on the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention and the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, visit [afsp.org](http://afsp.org)/988. If you’re in a crisis, call or text 988 or text TALK to 741741.

## BAND: Intermediate level

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We play intermediate-level concert band literature, and players of all band instruments are needed. If it has been a few years (or decades) since you’ve played, you may find that our band will provide the ideal opportunity to again play that band instrument you once loved to play.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Obituary

### Douglas J. Hildebrand

**ROCKFORD**— Douglas J. Hildebrand, 94, of Rockford, passed away on Saturday, Sept. 3, 2022. Born Nov. 23, 1927, in Monroe Center, the son of Kenneth J. and Florence (Reeder) Hildebrand.

Douglas grew up and lived on his entire life. Veteran of the U.S. Army serving in the Korean War and Purple Heart Recipient. He was a lifelong farmer. Douglas married Gladys Polson on Nov. 11, 1950 at Trinity Lutheran Church, Rockford. She predeceased him on Sept. 21, 2002. He worked for Wallen Implement, Meridian Implements, Sandahl Farm Services and Rockford FS Stores. Douglas was a member of Mason 32nd Degree, and Shriner Honda Patrol



—Dekalb County. He loved to go to antique tractors and toy shows.

Survived by children, Brenda Hildebrand, John (Cindy) Hildebrand, and Anita (Bobby) Laurent-Fields; grandchildren, Corina (Simon) Woby, Justeen (Tom) Scales, Melissa Byars, and Joshua (Taylor) Byars; great-grandchildren, Taylor, Mary-Shai,

Ava, Talon and Kaleb; and sisters, Avis Hall and Pricilla "Pat" Kruger. Also predeceased by his siblings, Eleanor, Charles, Irvin, Linda and Sharon; and son-in-law, Marc Laurent. The family would like to thank Heartland Hospice.

Funeral Services were held at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 10, 2022 at Fred C. Olson Chapel, 1001 Second Ave., Rockford with Rev. Robert Melon from Monroe Center Community Church. Visitation was from 12:30-1:15 p.m. prior to the service with Masonic Service to follow. Burial in Scandinavian Cemetery. Memorials may be made to American Heart Association. To share a memory or condolence, visit [olsonfh.com](https://olsonfh.com).

## Guild offers quilt program Sept. 19

**FORRESTON** — On Sept. 19, at 7 p.m., Country Crossroads Quilt Guild will offer a program entitled "Caring for Your Quilts: Museum Methods on a Household Budget" by Donna Langford of Rockford. Donna has been quilting for over two decades and enjoys helping others preserve their family memories.

She has been a museum curator for over 15 years. She also has a Master of Arts in Textile History/ Quilt Studies from the University of Nebraska-Lin-

coln. Please join us to learn preserving your family heirlooms.

Guild meetings are held at the Forreston Grove Church, 7246 Freeport Road; Forreston, the third Monday of each month at 7 p.m. Visitors are welcomed; for Visitors there is a fee of \$5 at the door.

For more information call Program Committee Chair Shauna Heck 815-238-1342 or Guild President Barb Gaertner 815-297-2700.

## Encore! Mt. Morris to offer art classes in Oct

**MOUNT MORRIS** — As Encore! Mt. Morris is closing out its summer art shows in the Old Sandstone Gallery, a number of people have asked Encore's Arts and Art Education Committee if we are going to offer any art classes this Fall.

Yes, we are partnering with Highland Community College's Life-long Learning program to offer four individual classes on Thursday evenings Oct. 6-27. To see detailed descriptions, photos of projects, costs, dates and supply lists for all four classes; go to <https://highland.edu/lifelong/>

click on the orange Register Now

button sort by Location (choose the "Old Sandstone Gallery" to see the four classes offered in Mt. Morris.)

Classes include Mixed Media Collage (Cindy Bielefeldt), the Art of Zentangle (Mary Leitzen Stayner), Intro to Jewelry Making/Beading Basics (Lis Dunn), and Intro to Oil painting (Stuart Roddy). No experience necessary for any of the classes, but the instructors are able to flex their teaching to accommodate students who have had some prior experience and would just like coaching, as well.

Questions? [mollyb@encoremorris.com](mailto:mollyb@encoremorris.com)

To the Electors of the State of Illinois:

The Illinois Constitution establishes a structure of government and laws for the State of Illinois. There are three ways to initiate change to the Illinois Constitution: (1) a constitutional convention may propose changes to any part; (2) the General Assembly may propose changes to any part; or (3) a petition initiative may propose amendments limited to structural and procedural subjects contained in the Legislative Article. The people of Illinois must approve any changes to the Illinois Constitution before they become effective. The purpose of this document is to inform you of proposed changes to the Illinois Constitution and to provide you with a brief explanation and a summary of the arguments in favor of and in opposition to the proposed amendment.

## PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ADD SECTION 25 TO ARTICLE I OF THE ILLINOIS CONSTITUTION

### ARTICLE I — BILL OF RIGHTS

#### SECTION 25. WORKERS' RIGHTS

(a) Employees shall have the fundamental right to organize and to bargain collectively through representatives of their own choosing for the purpose of negotiating wages, hours, and working conditions, and to protect their economic welfare and safety at work. No law shall be passed that interferes with, negates, or diminishes the right of employees to organize and bargain collectively over their wages, hours, and other terms and conditions of employment and work place safety, including any law or ordinance that prohibits the execution or application of agreements between employers and labor organizations that represent employees requiring membership in an organization as a condition of employment.

(b) The provisions of this Section are controlling over those of Section 6 of Article VII.

#### EXPLANATION

The proposed amendment, which takes effect upon approval by the voters, adds Section 25 to the Bill of Rights Article of the Illinois Constitution. The new section will guarantee workers the fundamental right to organize and to bargain collectively and to negotiate safety conditions, wages, hours, working conditions, and economic welfare. The amendment prohibits the passage of any new law within the State that restricts or prohibits workers from engaging in collective bargaining with their employer over wages, hours, and other terms and conditions of employment, like safety protocols or training.

#### Arguments In Favor of the Proposed Amendment

This amendment will protect workers' and others' safety. That includes guaranteeing nurses' right to put patient care ahead of profit and making sure construction workers can speak up when there's a safety issue. It will protect workers from being silenced when they call attention to food safety threats, shoddy construction, and other problems that could harm Illinoisans. This amendment protects firefighters and EMTs who put their lives on the line to protect Illinoisans. It means they get the training and safety equipment they need to do their jobs, and can speak out when they see a problem without fear of retaliation. This amendment will help our economy by putting more money in workers' pockets who join together and get raises. That will mean more money going into our communities and small businesses as people join the middle class with good-paying jobs.

#### Arguments Against the Proposed Amendment

A fundamental right provided to all citizens under the First Amendment of the United States Constitution is the right to free speech and freedom of association. This amendment prohibits any law or ordinance that allows union workers to choose whether they wish to be a member of the union or not. Under the 2018 United States Supreme Court decision Janus v. Illinois AFSCME, non-union government workers cannot be required to pay union dues as a condition of working in the public sector. Approval of this constitutional amendment will deny that protection to private sector workers. The amendment also states that lawmakers could never "interfere with, negate, or diminish" certain rights. These terms are broad and undefined and leave lawmakers without the ability to clarify through legislation. Our Illinois Constitution provides such protection to public employees. The result of that protection has been to squash efforts by state lawmakers and voters to address Illinois' pension fund deficits.

#### FORM OF BALLOT

#### Proposed Amendment to the 1970 Illinois Constitution

#### Explanation of Amendment

The proposed amendment would add a new section to the Bill of Rights Article of the Illinois Constitution that would guarantee workers the fundamental right to organize and to bargain collectively and to negotiate wages, hours, and working conditions, and to promote their economic welfare and safety at work. The new amendment would also prohibit from being passed any new law that interferes with, negates, or diminishes the right of employees to organize and bargain collectively over their wages, hours, and other terms and conditions of employment and workplace safety. At the general election to be held on November 8, 2022, you will be called upon to decide whether the proposed amendment should become part of the Illinois Constitution.

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 YES \_\_\_\_\_ For the proposed addition of Section 25 to Article I of the Illinois Constitution.  
 NO \_\_\_\_\_  
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I, Jesse White, Secretary of the State of Illinois, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Proposed Amendment, the Explanation of the Proposed Amendment, Arguments in Favor of the Amendment and Arguments Against the Amendment and a true copy of the Form of Ballot for this call as the regularly scheduled general election on Tuesday, November 8, 2022, as set forth in compliance with the Illinois Constitutional Amendment Act.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and affix the Great Seal of the State of Illinois, Done in the City of Springfield, this sixth day of September, 2022.

*Jesse White*  
 Jesse White  
 Secretary of State

The link below has information about a proposed constitutional amendment that will be considered at the November 8, 2022 general election.

以下连结提供将在2022年11月8日大选中提出拟议的宪法修正案相关信息。

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Poniższy link zawiera informacje na temat proponowanej zmiany konstytucyjnej, która zostanie rozpatrzona w wyborach powszechnych w dniu 8 listopada 2022 r.

El siguiente enlace contiene información sobre una propuesta de enmienda constitucional que se considerará en las elecciones generales del 8 de noviembre de 2022.

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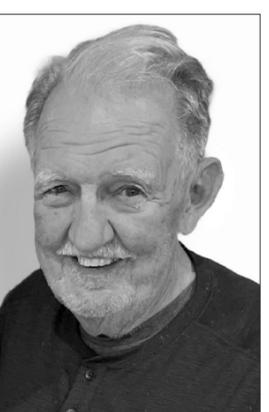
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# LOCAL NEWS

## Obituaries

### Kenneth Eubanks

**POLO** – Kenneth “Kenrod” Eugene Eubanks, age 82, of Polo, passed away Sept. 3, 2022. He was born Sept. 23, 1939 in Milledgeville, to Henry and Marjorie (Robinson) Eubanks. He graduated from Milledgeville High School in 1957. Following graduation, he enlisted in the United States Navy where he served for four years. He married Carol Piron on Oct. 8, 1966. They lived in Polo for 55 years where they raised their three children. He was a proud member of I.B.E.W. Local 364 working as an electrician. He retired from Northern Illinois University in 2005.



standing member of the Polo Snow Rangers. He was patriarch of the Rod Family a group of with a tightknit friendship which spans over 55 years.

He loved spending time at the Homeland in Milledgeville, his boyhood home. Other hobbies included throwing water balloons, playing euchre, searching for Bicentennial quarters, fixing things with duct tape and tie wraps, drinking coffee with his buddies at the Shell station, and more than anything, he loved making sure people had a good time. He especially adored his grandchildren.

He is survived by his sainted wife, Carol (“whatsername”), his children Laura Wagenknecht of Pol, Hank (Kristy)

Eubanks of Plainfield, Ill., Lisa (Bob) Ciosek of Glen Ellyn, Ill., six grandchildren, Kayla (Brian) Boyd, Dean and Alison Eubanks, Danny, Ryan, and Maddie Ciosek, great-granddaughter Carrie Boyd, his two sisters Shirley (Robert) Heath, and Barb (Jay) Boyles, and his sisters-in-law Pat Eubanks and Patricia Burson, as well as numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother Donald Eubanks.

There was a graveside service on Sept. 10, 2022 at 10 a.m. at the Dutchtown Church of the Brethren Cemetery in Milledgeville, followed by a celebration of his life, open house, at the Mill Wheel Tavern located at 337 North Avenue in Milledgeville, from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. We toasted to his remarkable legendary life at 12:30 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in his name to Rock River Hospice or the Ogle County Democrats.

Online condolences may be sent to [www.mcdonaldfuneralhomes.com](http://www.mcdonaldfuneralhomes.com).

### Abigail Floski

**REDMOND, Ore.** – Abigail “Abi” Kathryn Floski was born in San Jose, Calif., on July 25, 1989. Abi was born to Marci LeeAn (Lowe) Floski and Frank Curtis Floski. Abi was later joined by her brother Ben on March 7, 1992 and her brother Jack on Feb. 29, 2000.



located at 15425 McKenzie Highway in Sisters, Oregon. The celebration will be held outside in the sun, so we recommend casual clothes and walking shoes appropriate for the day’s weather.

Abi loved life and enjoyed music, reading, watching sports, traveling and spending time in nature. Abi especially enjoyed spending time with her life partner Levi Roberts.

On Wednesday, Aug. 24, Abi passed from this life into everlasting peace after a two-and-half-year battle with cancer. Throughout her cancer journey, Abi’s life motto was “I’ve got this.” Abi continually showed us

what true strength and courage looked like.

Abi is survived by her grandfathers, Frank Floski of Mt. Morris, and James Lowe of Redmond, Ore.; her parents, her brothers, her partner Levi as well as aunts, uncles, and cousins. Abi was a resident of Redmond, Ore., at the time of her death.

A Celebration of Life for Abi will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 25 at Pole Creek Ranch

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Shepherd’s House Ministries Women’s Center. Online donations may be made at <https://shepherdshouseministries.org/donate-women/>. After your donation, please email Yolanda at [yolandas@shministries.org](mailto:yolandas@shministries.org) to let her know that your donation is in memory of Abi. You may also donate by sending a check, payable to Shepherd’s House Ministries, P.O. Box 5484 Bend, Oregon 97708. Please indicate on the memo line that the gift is in memory

### Joan Hensley

**LEAF RIVER** – Joan (Battisti) Hensley, age 54, of Leaf River, passed away peacefully at her home in Leaf River on Sept. 5, 2022. Joan was born July 31, 1968 to James and Linda (Dunbar) Battisti, at The Panama Canal Zone.



husband Jamie Hensley, children Sarah, Michael, and Dylan Hensley, father James Battisti, mother Linda (Dunbar) Battisti, sister Susan (Battisti) Borgmann and brother in law Greg Borgmann, niece Emily Borgmann, grandchildren: Laila, Kylie, Rosalie, Trevor, Logan, Keira, Aliya, Isabella, Easton, Summer, and many other family members and friends.

Joan attended school in Polo. She married Jamie Hensley on June 25th, 1994. Joan was employed at OSF Medical Group for 15 years. In her spare time, she started a

charitable organization (The Booby Bus) starting out profiting women with breast cancer and then went on to include diverse types of cancers. Joan is survived by her

Private family services will be held.

### Phyllis Louise Purple

**BYRON** – Phyllis Louise (Schaffer) Purple passed away at her home on Sept. 1st, 2022 in Byron, surrounded by her loving family after an extended illness.



for several years before her retirement from the State of Illinois.

Phyllis shared her artistic creativity with her family and friends by painting and decorating their homes. She also enjoyed taking vacations within the United States and internationally with her husband and with her “girls.” She also enjoyed her dogs, gardening, old movies and being a grandmother and aunt. She adored her family and kept in touch with nieces and nephews as well as the family in Scotland.

Preceding her in death are her parents, brothers Donald Schaffer and Eldon Schaffer.

Early in her work life she was employed as graphic artist for an advertisement company for various newspapers in the Midwest. Her artwork was used for advertisements of various services and merchandise. Her experience and talent as an artist gained the attention of many. She was approached to illustrate two children’s books and took great pride in sharing her talents with many young readers. Later she worked for the Illinois Department of Employment Security

The funeral service was held on Saturday, Sept. 10, 2022 at 10 a.m. at Zion Community Church in Pearl City. There was a visitation on Friday, Sept. 9, 2022 also at the church from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Interment took place at Highland Cemetery in Pearl City. A memorial fund has been established. Condolences may be shared at [www.hermannfuneralhome.com](http://www.hermannfuneralhome.com).

### Pamela Aebly

Pamela “Pam” Aebly, 74, faithful wife of Donald and loving mother of four girls, was welcomed into the arms of her Savior on Sept. 5, 2022, surrounded by her loving family.



creating crafts, and was a terrific baker and cook. She attended Open Bible Church in Polo. She was a woman of faith who shared her beliefs in Jesus with her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

She was born on Jan. 21, 1948, in Dixon, the daughter of Everett and Marjorie (Davison) Radke. Pam met Don at White Pines Roller Rink and they were married on Dec. 26, 1964, at the Foursquare Church in Dixon. Together they raised four daughters; Marjorie (Jon) Wildman of Grand Detour, Tammy (Todd) Moser of Oregon, Trina (Kevin) Strock of Sterling, and Melissa (Todd) Ost of Rochelle.

She is also survived by her sister, Peg Sneek of Polo; sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Bev Kump and Leon Palmer of Mt. Morris; and several nieces and nephews.

Pam was active in church ministry by leading youth groups, teaching Sunday School, serving as the Sunday School Superintendent, and volunteering in various aspects of the church. She also enjoyed designing floral arrangements,

A visitation was held from 1-4 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 11, 2022, at Preston-Schilling Funeral Home. Funeral Service will be at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, Sept. 12, 2022, at Preston-Schilling Funeral Home with Pastor Luke Schier from Open Bible in Polo, officiating. Burial will be immediately following at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens in Dixon. Memorials may be directed to Serenity Hospice and Home in Oregon.

A mother like her is rare; one that’s generous, caring, and devoted. A mother like her is what everyone needs; full of smiles, love, and laughter. Nothing can replace her, but Heaven is blessed to have her there. We trust in the promise that we will all be together soon.

Arrangements were completed by Preston-Schilling Funeral Home in Dixon. Condolences may be sent to [www.prestonschilling.com](http://www.prestonschilling.com).

#### Report policy

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#### Polo Senior Center has September activities

- Sept. 14 – Cooking Demo 11:30 a.m., Italian Bistecca Sandwich
- Sept. 12 – Breakfast Club Meet at Parkway restaurant in Sterling 9:30 a.m.
- Sept. 16 – Lunch Theatre at White Pines, those who signed up meet at the Pines at 11:20 a.m.
- Sept. 19 – Movie Monday 11 a.m.; Troop Zero starring Jim Gaffigan, Allison Janney and Viola Davis. Heartwarming family movie, set in rural Georgia 1977, misfit girl dreams of life in outer space.
- Sept. 21 – 11 a.m. Crafts, The Petal Pushers, Autumn Craft with dried pressed flowers
- Sept. 23 – 11 a.m. PASS Luncheon - Pork Chops, Sweet potatoes with apple, Program TBA
- Sept. 26 – 2 p.m. Caregiver Support group for families caring for a loved one with Alzheimer’s/Dementia

# LOCAL NEWS

## Mount Morris church hosting free block party

**MOUNT MORRIS** – Trinity Lutheran Church in Mt. Morris is hosting a free block party for the greater Mt. Morris community on Sunday, Sept. 18, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

It will be held on their lawn at the intersection of Brayton Road and Ogle Street in Mt. Morris, weather permitting.

There will be fun and food for all ages including a bounce house, obstacle course, corn-hole tournament, and piñata. The Mt. Morris Fire Department will have a fire truck onsite for a closer look at their big equipment and to talk to fire personnel. Hope of Ogle County will

information explaining their services. Walking tacos, cookies and drinks will be served.

The Fiesta Block Party is a free event offered by Trinity Lutheran Church, 308 E. Brayton Road in Mt. Morris. Their mission, “Believing in Christ, we are called to grow and sent to serve” is lived through local and global service projects that run the gamut from creating health kits and quilts for world relief programs to providing free pajamas to area families at Christmas. Other ministries include a free Summer Lunch Program, and Strong Girls 2 Wom-

en (#SG2W), a program for preteen girls that teaches self-respect and empowerment (#iame-nough). Worship services are in-person Saturday evenings and Sunday mornings, and available online on their website, YouTube channel and Facebook page. Weekly podcasts from Pastor Josh Ehrlar are on buzzsprout.com and iTunes.

For more information about Trinity’s mission, ministries and programs call 815-734-6354, email trinitymmooffice@gmail.com, visit www.trinitymmil.net, or follow them on Facebook, YouTube and Instagram.



### Chief speaks

On Wednesday, Aug. 17, Chief Michael Knoup with Oregon Fire District spoke at the Oregon Rotary Club meeting regular meeting at the Steak Pit. The chief discussed the many services provided by the Oregon Fire District along with the many improvements in recent years. Thanks, Chief Knoup for this interesting and entertaining presentation. Pictured from left are: Chris Madden (President Elect) Chief Knoup and Kathy Groenhagen (treasurer).

## Mount Morris Police report

**Aug. 2**

Mt. Morris Police issued an ordinance violation citation to Ryan Dinkleman of the 300 block of E Center St for grass/weeds violation.

**Aug. 12**

At approximately 10:10 p.m., Mt Morris Police responded to the 300 block of W Main St for the report of a domestic disturbance involving a firearm. After an investigation, Ronald Highbarger, 79, Mt Morris, was arrested and charged with Domestic Battery and Aggravated Battery with a Firearm. Highbarger was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held without bond.

**Aug. 21**

At approximately 3:44 a.m., Mt. Morris Police responded to the 300 block of W Main St for the report of a domestic disturbance. After an investigation, Brandon R Favors, 25, Mt. Morris, was arrested and charged with Domestic Battery, Unlawful Restraint, Aggravated Assault, and Unlawful Possession of a Firearm without a FOID. Favors was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held without bond.

At approximately 9:30 p.m., Mt. Morris Police responded to fight in progress in the 10 block W Center St. After an investigation, Johnathon P Parker, 38, Mt. Morris, was arrested and charged with Aggravated Battery, Aggravated Reckless Driving, Leaving the Scene of a Personal Injury Accident, and Driving While License Revoked. Parker also had an outstanding Ogle County warrant. A passenger in the vehicle, Courtney M Kredel, 35, Sterling, was arrested on an Outstanding Whiteside County warrant. Both Parker and Kredel were transported to the Ogle County Jail where they were held in lieu of bond.

## Arts bus trip to Milwaukee is Oct. 5

**MOUNT MORRIS** – Encore! Mt. Morris is offering their fourth arts-oriented chartered bus trip on Oct. 5, traveling north to Milwaukee this year.

All seats are open to the public. Highlights include:

- \* Lynden Sculpture Gardens (including their bonsai exhibit, “Healing Coats” grass-roots art exhibit and 50+ larger contemporary sculptures; wear comfortable shoes),
- \* Milwaukee Art Museum in downtown Milwaukee;
- \* China Lights, (a lanterns light show, marketplace and demos of Chinese handicrafts, and cultural entertaining events, all held in the Boerner Botanical Garden) <https://www.chinalights.org>

Cost is \$100 that includes the bus (yes, gas prices are up) and all entry fees. Dinner will be on your own at either the Art Museum, a nearby restaurant or at any of the China Lights concessions.

Registration can be completed online at [encoremmtorris.com](http://encoremmtorris.com); click the Milwaukee Bus Trip button, or stop by the Mt. Morris Village Hall at 105 W Lincoln St. A more detailed schedule and links to the main venues appear on our website, as well. Registration deadline: Sept 21 because tickets for some of the events must be purchased in advance to secure a group rate.

Minimum registrations required: 24. Questions? [mollyb@encoremmtorris.com](mailto:mollyb@encoremmtorris.com)

Encore! Mt. Morris is composed of volunteers committed to developing Mt. Morris, IL into a unique, thriving rural and cultural arts destination in northwest Illinois. Learn more at [EncoreMtMorris.com](http://EncoreMtMorris.com).

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Ogle County Sheriff

**Aug. 22**  
At approximately 8:12 p.m. Deputies conducted a traffic stop on I39 at MM#108. After further investigation Deputies arrested Darius Benard, 42 of Rockford, for driving while license suspended. Darius was also cited for illegal window tint and was released on an Individual Bond with a future court date given.

At 5:39 a.m., Deputies responded to the block of 8000 North Hales Corner Road, Stillman Valley, regarding a suspicious vehicle. After a brief investigation, Ivan Johnson of Rockford, Illinois, was arrested for driving while this license was revoked. Johnson was also issued citations for equipment. Johnson was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond. All subjects are presumed innocent.

At approximately 10:35 p.m., Deputies initiated a traffic stop on Rte 64 near Woodlawn Road. After further investigation Kaitlyn Lerma, 19 of Genoa, was placed under arrest for Driving While License Suspended. Lerma was also cited for speeding. Lerma was released on an Individual Bond and will appear in court at a later date. All subjects are presumed innocent.

**Aug. 21**  
At 9:15 p.m., Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 4000 block of North Illinois Rt 2 for an equipment violation. After an investigation, Adrian Per-

alta, 24 of Rockford, was arrested for driving while license suspended. Peralta was also issued citations for illegal window tint, and no front registration. Peralta was released on a signature I-Bond with a return court date. All subjects are presumed innocent.

At approximately 11:30 a.m., Deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 9,000 block of E. Big Mound Road. After investigation, Deputies placed Daniel Villa-Perez, 47 of Davis Junction under arrest for No Valid Driver's License. Villa-Perez was also issued a citation for operating uninsured vehicle. Villa-Perez was released on an Individual Bond at the scene and given a future court date.

**Aug. 20**  
At approximately 11:55 p.m. Deputies initiated a traffic stop in the 7000 block of North Illinois Rt 2. After further investigation Michael T Clapper Jr, 30 of Sterling, was placed under arrest for Driving While License Suspended. Clapper was also cited for Illegal Window Tint. Clapper was released on an Individual Bond and will appear in court at a later date. All subjects are presumed innocent.

At approximately 1:57 a.m., Deputies along with Byron Fire and EMS, responded to a single vehicle accident in the 9000 block of North Illinois Route-2. Upon investigation, Deja N Patton, 24 of Mount Morris, was arrested for driving under the influence

of alcohol. Patton was also cited for operating an uninsured motor vehicle, improper lane usage, illegal transportation of alcohol and expired registration. Patton was transported to the Ogle County Jail where she was held in lieu of bond. All subjects presumed innocent.

**Aug. 19**  
At 3:53 p.m., Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 4000 block of South Illinois Rt 2 for a speeding violation. After an investigation Andrew D Stroud I, 23 of Mt Morris, was arrested for driving while license revoked. Stroud was also issued a citation for speeding. Stroud was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond. All subjects are presumed innocent.

**Aug. 17**  
At 5:51 a.m., Deputies conducted a traffic stop on I-39 southbound at mile marker 110. After a brief investigation, Deputies arrested Heidi Woods, 35, of Schiller Park, for driving while her license was suspended. Woods was released on a \$2,500 Individual Bond with a future court date. Woods was also issued a citation for suspended registration. All subjects are presumed innocent.

**Aug. 16**  
At approximately 8:09 p.m., Deputies initiated a traffic stop on Illinois Rt 64 near the intersection with Mulford Rd. After further investigation Shkeele Wiggins, 31 of Rockford, was arrested for Driving

While License Suspended. Wiggins was also cited for Expired Registration and Operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle. Wiggins was released on an Individual Bond with a court date to appear. All subjects are presumed innocent.

At approximately 9:11 p.m., Ogle County Deputies responded to the 500 block of South Valley Drive in Stillman Valley in response to a domestic problem. After an investigation, Shawn S Sumlar, 36 of Stillman Valley, was arrested for two counts of domestic battery. Sumlar was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held awaiting an appearance before a judge. Deputies were assisted at the scene by Stillman Valley Fire and EMS. All subjects presumed innocent.

**Aug. 15**  
At approximately 12:21 p.m., Deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 11,000 Block of N. IL Rte. 26. After investigation, Deputies placed Austin Lawson, 24 of Shannon, under arrest for Driving While License Suspended. Lawson was additionally issued a citation for an expired registration. Lawson was released on an I-Bond at the scene and given a future court date. All subjects are presumed innocent.

At 7:37 p.m., Deputies initiated a traffic stop in the 6000 block of North Freeport Rd. As a result, Derreck A Vince, 21 of Freeport, was arrested for Driving While License Suspended. Vince was released on an I-Bond with a court date to appear. All subjects are presumed innocent.

**Aug. 14**  
At 7:39 a.m., Deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 3000 block of South Illinois Route 251. After a brief investigation, Deputies arrested Moises Ruiz-Vega, 24, of West Palm, Florida, for Driving While his License was Suspended. Ruiz-Vega was released on an Individual Bond with a return court date. Ruiz-Vega was also issued a citation for speeding. All subjects are presumed innocent.

At 10:51 p.m., Deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 19,000 block of east Illinois Route 64. After a brief investigation, Deputies arrested Ravinder Akiti, 24, of Macomb, for Driving While his License was Suspended. Akiti was released on an Individual Bond with a return court date. Akiti was also issued a citation for speeding. All subjects are presumed innocent.

**Aug. 12**  
At approximately 1:20 a.m., Ogle County Deputies conducted a traffic stop on I-39 near mile marker 107. After investigation, Deputies arrested Oscar Gomez, 29 of Rockford, for Driving While License Revoked. Gomez was also issued citations for Operating an uninsured Motor Vehicle and Illegal Window Tint. Gomez was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond. All subjects are presumed innocent.

**Aug. 11**  
At approximately 5:48 p.m., Ogle County Deputies conducted a traffic stop on I-88 near mile marker 77. After investigation, Deputies arrested Xenobia Nunn, 32 of Davenport, IA, for Driving While License Suspended and an active Ogle County Warrant. Nunn was also issued citations for Operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle and No Valid Registration. Nunn was transported to the Ogle County Jail where she was held in lieu of bond. All subjects are presumed innocent.

At approximately 8:50 p.m., Ogle County Deputies conducted a traffic stop at East Illinois Route 64 and Mulford Road. After a brief investigation, Deputies arrested Miguel Onofre, 26 of Elgin, for Driving While License Revoked. Onofre was taken into custody without incident and transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond. Onofre was additionally cited for Speeding 105 mph in a 55mph speed zone. All subjects are presumed innocent.

**Aug. 10**  
At approximately 10:47

p.m., Ogle County Deputies conducted a traffic stop on I-39 near mile marker 110. After investigation, Deputies arrested Chadrick Sims, 34 of Prentiss, Mississippi, for No Valid Driver's License. Sims was also issued citations for Operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle and Expired Registration. Sims was given an I-Bond with a return court date later next month and was released on scene. All subjects are presumed innocent.

At approximately 12:06 p.m., Deputies conducted a traffic stop at the intersection of Dixon Street and Division Avenue. After investigation, Deputies placed Nickole Butler, 39 of Forreston under arrest for Driving While License Suspended. Butler was additionally issued a citation for an expired registration. Butler was released on an I-Bond and given a future court date. All subjects are presumed innocent.

**Aug. 8**  
At 2:40 p.m., Deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 200 block of Powers Road, Rochelle. After a brief investigation, Deputies arrested Anthony Cuchiara, 26 of Rochelle, for driving while license suspended. Cuchiara was released on a \$2,500 Individual Bond with a return court date. Cuchiara was also issued a citation for a seatbelt violation. All subjects are presumed innocent.

**Aug. 7**  
At approximately 2:47 p.m. Deputies responded to a reckless driving complaint near the intersection of IL Rte. 72 and Conger Road. While checking the area, Deputies located the vehicle and driver in the 6,000 block of N. IL Rte. 2. After investigation, Deputies placed Daniel Owens, 57 of Leaf River Under arrest for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol. Owens was transported to the Ogle county Jail where he was held in lieu of bond. All subjects are presumed innocent.

At approximately 12:53 a.m., Ogle County Deputies conducted a traffic stop near the intersection of East Illinois Route 38 and Brooklyn Road. After investigation, Deputies arrested Pablo Alvarez, 23 of Rochelle, for Aggravated Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol, No Valid Driver's License, and Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol. Alvarez was also cited for Improper Lane Usage. Alvarez was subsequently transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held pending an appearance before a judge. All subjects are presumed innocent.

**Aug. 6**  
At approximately 1:19 p.m. Deputies conducted a traffic stop at the intersection of IL Rte. 2 and Kennedy Hill Road. After investigation, Deputies placed Anastase Man, 20 of Dixon, under arrest for Driving While License Suspended. Man was also issued a citation for speeding. Man was released on a \$2,500 I-Bond at the scene and given a future court date. All subjects are presumed innocent.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## RRC has upcoming events, activities

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### Save the date

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

### Blood drive

The Rock River Center, located at 810 South 10th 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.

### 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 10th Street.

Appointments are available on Mon-

day 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: 4th Wednesday of March, June, Sept. & November  
Time: 2-3 p.m.

#### Caregiver Support Group

Meets: 1ST and 3RD Tuesday of each month  
Time: 10-11 a.m.

#### Diabetic Support Group

Meets: 1st Wednesday of each month  
Time: 11 a.m.-noon

#### Low Vision Group

Meets: 2nd and 4th 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

## Mon., Sept. 12

Byron Seniors will meet at noon at the Forest Preserve District in Byron. Call Linda Stevens at 847-529-2439 if you have any questions. All seniors are welcome.

Farm Market and more.

732-4111 by 4 p.m. on Sept. 15.

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## Thurs., Sept. 15

Polo Farmer's Market, parking lot south of Shell Station, Hwy 26/Division Ave., from 3-6 p.m. Death Meats, Earl-E Green Gardens, Ewe and Me Acres, Ivan's

Evening Support Group will meet from 5-6 p.m. at The Serenity Home, 1658 S IL RT 2, Oregon. This group is open to all adults in the community. To register please call 815-732-4111 by noon.

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.

## Fri., Sept. 16

Diamond Art will meet from 9 a.m. at The Serenity Shed. This is open to all adults in the community. To register please call 815-

## Sat., Sept. 17

Byron's Hairy Cow Farmer's Market is 8 a.m. to noon, Sunshine Park, IL Route 2 and

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# VIEWPOINT

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## MOMENTS IN TIME

\* On Sept. 22, 1776, in New York City, Nathan Hale, a captain in the Continental Army, is executed by the British for spying. Before being executed, legend holds that Hale said, "I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country." There is no historical record to prove that Hale actually made this statement.

\* On Sept. 23, 1846, German astronomer Johann Gottfried Galle discovers the planet Neptune at the Berlin Observatory. The blue gas giant has a diameter four times that of Earth and completes an orbit of the sun once every 165 years.

\* On Sept. 24, 1902, pioneering cookbook author Fannie Farmer, who changed the way Americans prepare food by advocating the use of standardized measurements in recipes, opens Miss Farmer's School of Cookery in Boston. Farmer later educated medical professionals about the importance of proper nutrition for the sick.

\* On Sept. 24, 1975, "Three Days of the Condor," a political thriller starring Robert Redford, opens. In the film, Redford played a low-level CIA employee being stalked by an assassin. The film was based on the novel "Six Days of the Condor" by James Grady.

\* On Sept. 20, 1988, at the Summer Olympics in Seoul, South Korea, American diver Greg Louganis wins the gold medal on the springboard despite nearly knocking himself unconscious during a qualifying round dive the previous day. Bloodied and dazed, he received five stitches from a doctor before returning to the board.

\* On Sept. 19, 1995, a manifesto by the Unabomber is published in the hope that someone will recognize the person who, for 17 years, killed and maimed innocent people by sending homemade bombs through the mail. David Kaczynski linked the writing style to that of his older brother Ted, who was later convicted of the attacks.

\* On Sept. 21, 2008, the last game at historic Yankee Stadium -- "The House That Ruth Built" -- is played. In the finale, the New York Yankees beat the Baltimore Orioles, 7-3, as future Hall-of-Famer Mariano Rivera closed the game with a perfect ninth inning.

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## Confederate flag is a symbol of hate

I will admit, I find it odd that in 2022 some people still fly the Confederate flag.

And I don't just mean people in Mississippi - I mean people in Illinois. I mean people in Ogle County.

I remember when I was in the Air Force stationed in Arkansas and Confederate flag stickers and shirts and banners were pretty common. As many of us remember, Southern rock bands used to display the flag as well.

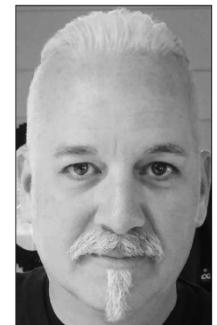
I honestly never paid that much attention to it when I was younger. But as I got older and learned more about its history, and the Confederacy in general, that flag became more and more problematic.

And in 2022, flying the Confederate flag is something that doesn't make anyone look good. While many still cling to the whole "Southern heritage" argument, that flag is about much more than that.

And much worse. The flag represents a confederation of states

### Living the Life

By Brad Jennings



that left the United States in 1860 and 1861. The reason? These states wanted to protect the inhumane institution of slavery. That is what the Civil War was about. Full stop. People might want to pretend that wasn't the reason, but it was.

I hope we can all agree that slavery was clearly a horrible, evil thing. We should be ashamed of that past.

We should also be ashamed of the flag. The flag now used to represent the Confederacy is generally the Confederate battle flag. It was carried by insurrectionists on Jan. 6, which says

some things about those law breakers that should make all of us in the country sad and angry.

It is also, strangely, something that more than one current candidate for political office are embracing.

Let's be clear about something: This flag represents the oppression of people who were enslaved. And it clearly represents white supremacy. And it represents people who were traitors to the U.S.

All of those things are shameful, and I don't believe these flags belong anywhere in public - except in a museum.

But people, of course, have the right to express their feeling and views by hanging that flag outside their home, or wearing it on their shorts. I support your right to do so.

But by doing that, you are telling the world that you are OK with the things that flag represents. So, I ask you - are you OK with slavery? Are you OK with white supremacy? If so, then you are flying the right

flag. If not, you might want to reconsider your use of it.

My parents are from the South. Almost all my cousins and aunts and uncles still live there. But that flag was something my family never flew or embraced. I am glad for that, but plenty of people haven't gotten that message. Or maybe they have gotten the message, but they just don't care.

When you fly a Confederate flag, your neighbors will likely assume some bad things about you, even if they aren't true. And any black friends or neighbors will find it outright offensive. In fact, many people would.

So if you fly one of these symbols of hate, it might be time to reconsider. It is not fun, and it's not showing what a rebel you are. It is a hurtful and divisive symbol. As a society we have to move past items like this that so many find painful.

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

## Misconceptions about polarized politics

A thing can be obviously true but, nevertheless, deceptive. So it is with the common impression that America is a polarized nation. Our divisions, which are there for all to see, hide a more complicated and hopeful reality.

Polarization flourishes in Congress. Speech patterns there have become more and more divisive since the early 1990's, according to an analysis in July's issue of the journal, *Econometrica*. And the Pew Research Center reported last March that roll-call votes in Congress since 1971 show both parties moving ever farther away from the center, especially so for Republicans.

Polarization among the rest of us, though, may not be so universal or extreme. A study reported in the June 2019 issue of *More in Common* found that there's less of it among the American public than you'd think from news accounts. A similar survey in the U.K. produced the same result.

The difference comes down to the way politicians, the internet, and news sources interact. Each in its turn stokes a feedback loop that magnifies our cultural and political differences.

Matthew Levendusky and Neil Malhotra, in the 7-27-15 issue of the journal, *Political Com-*

### Guest Opinion

By Lowell Harp



munication, demonstrated the influence that this self-sustaining news cycle can have. They found that reading newspaper articles about polarization increased the belief among participants in their study that the country was polarized. Furthermore, their personal hostility toward everyone of the opposite political persuasion grew, as they came to see the most extreme members of the other side as typical of all of them.

The misconceptions created by relentless portrayals of division show up in a 2019 report from researchers with *More in Common*. Most of the Republicans and Democrats in their study predicted that their political opponents would disagree with statements that were based on what they said they believed, while in almost every case a majority actually agreed with them. They were also way off the mark in estimating how

many people from the opposite side held "extreme" views (55% vs the true figure of 30%).

A few statistics reveal the underlying unity that survives in spite of the polarization we hear so much about. For starters, almost two-thirds of Americans in a poll released by abcnews.go.com last May supported increasing economic sanctions to help Ukraine in its war against Russia, even if it would cause higher inflation. Three-quarters backed expanded humanitarian aid, and there was broad approval for other "non-military" actions.

There's also more agreement than meets the eye about crime. 75% of respondents to a Washington Post-ABC poll from July of last year supported increased funding for economic opportunities for the poor as a remedy. 65% favored using social workers in law enforcement situations involving emotionally distressed people, and 55% backed increased funding for the police.

Americans are even able to find common ground on gun control. 63% of respondents to a Pew Research survey last July approved of the recent gun safety law and said they wanted more measures to address gun violence. And three-quarters or more of the participants in an AP-

NORC poll in August supported a surprising range of regulations. Even a nationwide ban on AR 15s and similar weapons drew support from 59%.

Two more examples: Americans have consistently upheld a woman's right to an abortion during the first three months of pregnancy by large majorities since the Supreme Court's *Roe v. Wade* decision in 1973. And a Reuters/Ipsos survey in August revealed majorities ranging from 55 to 71% in favor of six of the components of the Inflation Reduction Act recently passed by Congress and signed by the President.

These majorities wouldn't be possible if America were truly, as is so often portrayed by politicians and the press, divided straight down the middle into two irreconcilable tribes. Our divisions are real and are cause for concern. But our preoccupation with them obscures a more important and useful reality of shared beliefs and values.

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

## Dedicated customers help make annual sale a success

Dear Editor,

Thank you for making our fourth annual "Jack of all Trades... and Jill's too!" sale a great success. The dedication of repeat customers that come to support Serenity Hospice and Home is astonishing. New customers are amazed at the sight when they walk into the barn. Even though we are facing difficult times in our economy, people still supported the fundraiser. We were able to give Serenity over \$12,500 through rummage sales and some individual donations.

Thanks to everyone who supported the event. We were blessed with a wonderful space - the Barn at Maple Hill Farm - when we moved to Oregon 30 years ago. With improvements, we have held a barn sale for 25 years. We never thought our barn would turn into a fundraising venue. We will take a break for a year. Our plans are to have another barn sale in 2024. Our next fundraising event for Serenity will be Art Dash in April of 2023.

With sincere gratitude,

**Karen Virnoche and James Brown, Oregon**

# LOCAL NEWS

## 4-H Fair winners

### Clothing Department

#### Sewing Classes

Top Class STEAM Clothing 1 – Non-Sewn Exhibit – Elizabeth Kennedy, Davis Junction

Top of Class STEAM Clothing 1 – Sewn Non-Clothing Exhibit – Adelaide Zimmerman, Mount Morris

Top of Class STEAM Clothing 1 -Sewn Clothing Exhibit – Ulta Zabran, Byron

Top of Class STEAM Clothing 2 – Sewn Non-Clothing Exhibit – Cheyenne Somers, Lindenwood

Top of Class STEAM Clothing 2 – Sewn Clothing Exhibit – Jessie Hagemann, Monroe Center

Top of Class STEAM Clothing 3 – Sewn Clothing Exhibit – Lillian Kennedy, Davis Junction

Grand Champion Sewn Clothing Exhibit – Lillian Kennedy, Davis Junction

Reserve Grand Champion Sewn Clothing Exhibit – Jessie Hagemann, Monroe Center

Grand Champion Sewn Non-Clothing Exhibit – Cheyenne Somers, Lindenwood

Reserve Grand Champion Sewn Non-Clothing Exhibit – Adelaide Zimmerman, Mount Morris

Grand Champion Non-Sewn Exhibit – Elizabeth Kennedy, Davis Junction

**Shopping**  
Top of Class Shopping in Style Beginning – Elizabeth

Kennedy, Davis Junction

Grand Champion Shopping in Style – Elizabeth Kennedy, Davis Junction

Reserve Grand Champion Shopping in Style – Kaitlyn Adams, Stillman Valley

### Visual Arts

Top of Class Visual Arts Quilting – You Can Quilt – Shelby Harbaugh, Chana

Top of Class Visual Arts Quilting – Quilting the Best Better – Ulta Zabran, Byron

Grand Champion Visual Arts Quilting – Shelby Harbaugh, Chana

Reserve Grand Champion Visual Arts Quilting – Ulta Zabran, Byron

### Food Department

#### Cooking

Champion 4-H Cooking 101, Cereal Bars Exhibit – Shelby Harbaugh, Chana

Reserve Champion 4-H Cooking 101, Cereal Bars Exhibit – Immanuel Arellano, Mount Morris

Champion 4-H Cooking 101, Coffee Cake Exhibit – Harper Bruns, Oregon

Reserve Champion 4-H Cooking 101, Coffee Cake Exhibit – Jenna Heller, Dixon

Champion 4-H Cooking 101, Cookies Exhibit – Molley Bettner, Oregon

Reserve Champion 4-H Cooking 101, Cookies Exhibit – Cheyenne Somers, Lindenwood

Champion 4-H Cooking 201, Muffins Exhibit – Nicholas Cassens, Byron

Reserve Champion 4-H Cooking 201, Muffins Exhibit – Alyse Rogers, Chana

Champion 4-H Cooking 201, Nut Bread Exhibit – Elizabeth Kennedy, Davis Junction

Reserve Champion 4-H Cooking 201, Nut Bread Exhibit – Jenna Heller, Dixon

Champion 4-H Cooking 301, Dinner Rolls Exhibit – Alexandria Cassens, Byron

Reserve Champion 4-H Cooking 301, Dinner Rolls Exhibit – Trent Heller, Dixon

Champion 4-H Cooking 301, Yeast Bread Exhibit – Jenna Heller, Dixon

Reserve Champion 4-H Cooking 301, Yeast Bread Exhibit – Keira Armbruster, Polo

Champion 4-H Cooking 301, Tea Ring Exhibit – Keira Armbruster, Polo

Champion 4-H Cooking 301, Sweet Rolls Exhibit – Lauren Carlson, Byron

Reserve Champion 4-H Cooking 301, Sweet Rolls Exhibit – Trent Heller, Dixon

Champion 4-H Cooking 301, Cake Exhibit – Lydia Sherburne, Byron

Reserve Champion 4-H Cooking 301, Cake Exhibit – Alexandria Cassens, Byron

Champion 4-H Cooking 401, Focaccia Bread Exhibit – Jenna Heller, Dixon

Reserve Champion 4-H Cooking 401, Focaccia Bread Exhibit – Nicholas Cassens, Byron

Champion 4-H Cooking 401, Pie Shell Exhibit – Lauren Carlson, Byron

Reserve Champion 4-H Cooking 401, Pie Shell Exhibit – Lauren Carlson, Byron

Champion 4-H Cooking 401, Sponge Cake Exhibit – Nicholas Cassens, Byron

Reserve Champion 4-H Cooking 401, Sponge Cake Exhibit – Nicholas Cassens, Byron

Reserve Champion 4-H Cooking 301, Dinner Rolls Exhibit – Trent Heller, Dixon

Champion 4-H Cooking 301, Yeast Bread Exhibit – Jenna Heller, Dixon

Reserve Champion 4-H Cooking 301, Yeast Bread Exhibit – Keira Armbruster, Polo

Champion 4-H Cooking 301, Tea Ring Exhibit – Keira Armbruster, Polo

Champion 4-H Cooking 301, Sweet Rolls Exhibit – Lauren Carlson, Byron

Reserve Champion 4-H Cooking 301, Sweet Rolls Exhibit – Trent Heller, Dixon

Champion 4-H Cooking 301, Cake Exhibit – Lydia Sherburne, Byron

Reserve Champion 4-H Cooking 301, Cake Exhibit – Alexandria Cassens, Byron

Champion 4-H Cooking 401, Focaccia Bread Exhibit – Jenna Heller, Dixon

Reserve Champion 4-H Cooking 401, Focaccia Bread Exhibit – Nicholas Cassens, Byron

Champion 4-H Cooking 401, Pie Shell Exhibit – Lauren Carlson, Byron

Reserve Champion 4-H Cooking 401, Pie Shell Exhibit – Lauren Carlson, Byron

Champion 4-H Cooking 401, Sponge Cake Exhibit – Nicholas Cassens, Byron

Reserve Champion 4-H Cooking 401, Sponge Cake Exhibit – Nicholas Cassens, Byron

Exhibit – Kiera Armbruster, Polo

Champion 4-H Cooking 401, French Bread Exhibit – Logan Armbruster, Polo

Reserve Champion 4-H Cooking 401, French Bread Exhibit – Lydia Sherburne, Byron

Food Science

Grand Champion Food Science Exhibit – Lydia Sherburne, Byron

**Sports Nutrition**

Grand Champion Sports Nutrition Exhibit – Kathryn Snow, Oregon

**Food Preservation**

Top of Class Food Preservation Canning Exhibit – Lauren Carlson, Byron

Top of Class Food Preservation Drying Exhibit – Elizabeth Kennedy, Davis Junction

Top of Class Food Preservation Pickles & Relishes Exhibit – Phoenix Zimmerman, Mount Morris

Top of Class Food Preservation Jams, Jellies & Preserves Exhibit – Joshua Snow, Oregon

Top of Class Food Preservation Combination Exhibit – Lauren Carlson, Byron

Grand Champion Food Preservation Exhibit – Lauren Carlson, Byron

Reserve Grand Champion Food Preservation Exhibit – Joshua Snow, Oregon

### Horse Department

Champion Junior Showmanship – Alyse Rogers, Chana

Reserve Champion Junior Showmanship – Tessa Bruns, Oregon

Champion Senior Showmanship – Molly Ziegler, Oregon

Grand Champion Horse at Halter – Molly Ziegler, Oregon

Reserve Champion Horse at Halter – Addison Diehl, Leaf River

Junior Grand Champion Performance Horse – Alyse Rogers, Chana

Reserve Junior Grand Champion Performance Horse – Sawyer Bouchard, Stillman Valley

Junior Grand Champion Horsemanship – Alyse Rogers, Chana

Reserve Junior Grand Champion Horsemanship – Sawyer Bouchard, Stillman Valley

Junior Equine Sportsmanship Award – Piper Johnson, Rochelle

Senior Equine Sportsmanship Award – Molly Ziegler, Oregon

Junior Performance High Point Award – Alyse Rogers, Chana

Senior Performance High Point Award – Molly Ziegler, Oregon

Junior Horse Speed Award – Piper Johnson, Rochelle

### Dairy Department

Champion Junior Showmanship – Shelby Harbaugh, Chana

Champion Intermediate Showmanship – Anna Marquardt, Oregon

Champion Senior Showmanship – Faith Marquardt, Oregon

Champion Purebred Female – Faith Marquardt, Oregon

Reserve Champion Purebred Female – Anna Marquardt, Oregon

Champion Grade Female – Shelby Harbaugh, Chana

Reserve Champion Grade Female – Lacie Williams, Leaf River

Supreme Champion Female Overall Breeds – Shelby Harbaugh, Chana

Reserve Supreme Champion Female Overall Breeds – Faith Marquardt, Oregon



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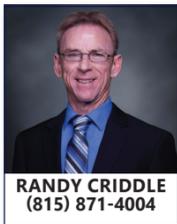
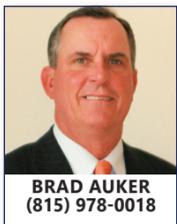
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# LOCAL NEWS



## Bank holds successful food drive

**STILLMAN VALLEY** – In conjunction with Stillman Bank's 140th anniversary, the bank held a food drive to benefit area families. The Community Food Drive kicked off at all Stillman Bank locations on Monday, August 15 and continued through Friday, September 2. Donations were made to several area food pantries including: Bread of Life Pantry in Stillman Valley, People Helping

People in Byron, Lifeline in Oregon, Rochelle Christian Food Pantry in Rochelle, Old Stone Church Pantry in Rockton, and Rock River Valley Pantry in Rockford. Thank you to everyone who stopped by Stillman Bank to contribute to this great cause. For more information on Stillman Bank or to find out more about Stillman's products and services, please visit [www.stillmanbank.com](http://www.stillmanbank.com).

## Byron Police report

**Aug. 1**  
A 16-year-old, of Byron, was issued a citation for More than 1 Passenger under age 20 GDL.

Christy Brody, 53 of Byron, was issued a citation for Speeding.

**Aug. 2**  
Cameron Manning, 26 of Rockford, was arrested for Domestic Battery. Manning was transported to Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

**Aug. 3**  
David Wescott, 68 of Stillman Valley, was issued citations for Operating Uninsured Vehicle and Driving While License Suspended.

**Aug. 5**  
Viengnapha Jones, 41 of Byron, was issued you a citation for Failure to Reduce Speed to Avoid an Accident.

**Aug. 6**  
Beth Glendenning, 55 of Byron, was issued a citation for Speeding.

Beth Howerton, 61 of Elgin, was issued a citation for Speeding.

**Aug. 12**  
Timothy Hilliard, 36 of Byron, was arrested for Disorderly Conduct. Hilliard was transported to OC Jail and held in lieu of bond.

**Aug. 13**  
Aaron Person, 27 of Stillman Valley, was issued a DUI. he was arrested and taken to OC Jail and held in lieu of Bond.

**Aug. 20**  
Thomas Allen, 21 of Leaf River, was issued a citation for Failure to Reduce Speed to Avoid an Accident.

**Aug. 24**  
David A. Smith, 38 of Rockford, was issued a citation for Driving While License Revoked. Smith was transported to Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

Amy E. Stuebinger, 26 of Byron, was issued a citation for Passing a School Bus While Loading/Unloading Children.

**Aug. 26**  
Nathan S. Tilbury, 45 of Hoffman Estates, was issued a citation for Operating a Vehicle with Expired Registration.

Jill A. Scandroli, 68 of Davis Junction, was issued a citation for Speeding.

**Aug. 27**  
Braeden C. Kuncze, 20 of Stillman Valley, was issued a citation for Speeding.

Michael T. Hamas, 55 of Rockford, was issued a citation for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol. Hamas was transported to Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

**Aug. 31**  
Sara D. Wyant, 40 of Byron, was arrested on a Warrant for Failure to Appear. Wyant was transported to Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

Ricky M. Vernon, 52 of Stillman Valley, was issued a citation for Speeding.

## Vintage Christmas item sale Sept. 23

**BYRON** – There will be a Vintage Christmas item sale Sept. 23 and Sept. 24, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., and Sept. 25 from 9 a.m.-noon at St. Mary's, 226 E. 2nd St. Byron. Proceeds go to the St. Vincent de Paul Society, helping those struggling

in the area. Trees, garlands, lights, decorations, cookbooks, crafts, candles, figurines, tableware, linens (maybe even an ugly sweater!) For more information contact Kathy Connors at 815-520-6147, cubstime1@yahoo.com.

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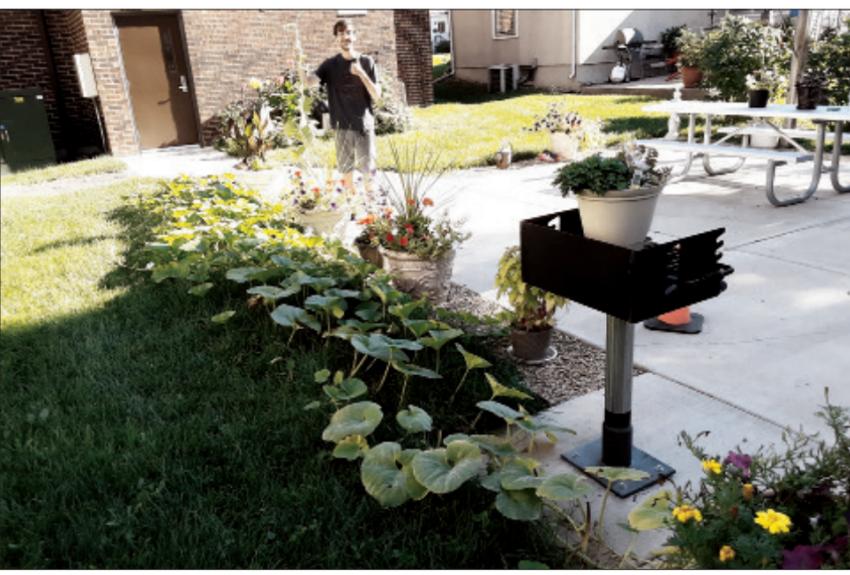
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## Quite a vine

From one little seed in a planter, a huge vine of Birdhouse Gourds grows at Howard Johnston Plaza in Oregon. It is estimated to be almost 30 feet long now, wrapping around other planters and back to its roots. In the top photo, taken Aug. 24, Jake Corning holds the end up like a trophy fish.

## County takes all rechargeable batteries for recycling

**OREGON** – It is no surprise that proper battery management and recycling is an emerging issue here locally and across the nation.

The Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department (OCSWMD) is continually researching and learning about end of life battery management in this emerging area of our waste stream.

Battery containing devices are all around and are ever-increasing in variety, capacity, size, and design. Batteries are in products as wide-ranging from greeting cards to electric vehicles. The need to properly manage and recycle batteries is a complex issue in terms of safety and end of life management.

Recently certain rechargeable batteries have been the cause of major fires at recycling warehouses and processing centers. Residential fires due to batteries are also on the rise as so many of our devices around the house and garage now contain batteries.

In terms of proper management of batteries, always consult device operating and charging instructions for these devices, and never dismantle batteries or otherwise alter or expose battery cores. Be cognizant of your devices, if a device will not charge properly, does not hold charge properly, or becomes unusually hot while charging, your battery may be nearing its' end of life. Do not place rechargeable batteries either in your household recycling or in your regular trash. Rechargeable batteries, when processed with household recyclables

or crushed in a waste hauling vehicle, can lead to combustion and fires.

The OCSWMD accepts all forms of rechargeable batteries for proper recycling at the regular, residential electronic recycling events. Accepted batteries include Nickel Cadmium (Ni-CD), Lithium Ion (Li-Ion), Nickel Metal Hydride (Ni-MH), and sealed Lead Acid batteries, as well as small rechargeable batteries and button batteries. These batteries are properly sorted and safety-sealed prior to shipment to the processor. These batteries come from a variety of devices including power tools, yard tools, cell phones, toys, laptops, landline phones, and remote controls. This service is at no cost for Ogle County residents. Local businesses also have the option for rechargeable battery recycling through the OCSWMD Business Electronics Recycling Program.

Currently the OCSWMD is not accepting single-use, alkaline batteries for recycling. If you have large quantities of alkaline batteries, options exist for recycling as well, but at a cost. Several companies offer alkaline battery recycling using recycling kits, which come with a shipping label and instructions for recycling your alkaline batteries.

Contact the OCSWMD at 815-732-4020 or solidwaste@oglecountyil.gov, or visit the county website at www.oglecounty.org to learn more about both residential and business recycling options for rechargeable batteries and alkaline batteries.



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# SPORTS/LOCAL NEWS

## Scores

**Girls Varsity Volleyball**  
Sept. 7  
Stillman Valley 2, Polo 1

Sept. 6  
Stillman Valley 1, Dixon 2

Sept. 3  
Stillman Valley 0, Stockton 2  
Stillman Valley 2, Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy 0  
Stillman Valley 1, Eastland 2

Sept. 2  
Stillman Valley 0, Erie 2  
Stillman Valley 0, Freeport Aquin 2

Sept. 1  
Stillman Valley 1, Rochelle 2

**Boys Varsity Soccer**  
Sept. 7  
Stillman Valley 3, Pecatonica 1

Sept. 6  
Oregon 2, Byron 1

Sept. 3  
Stillman Valley 0, Marengo 2

Sept. 1  
Stillman Valley 1, Pecatonica 0

Aug. 31  
Stillman Valley 2, Oregon 3

**Boys Varsity Football**  
Stillman Valley 39, Rock Falls 7

**Boys Varsity Golf**  
Sept. 1  
Stillman Valley 174, Oregon 196

**Girls Varsity Golf**  
Aug. 31  
Stillman Valley 208, Pearl City 224

## Byron bounces back with 42-7 win

The Byron Varsity football bounced back after an opening week loss to Stillman Valley to beat Winnebago 42-7 on Sept. 2.

The Tigers opened scoring in the first quarter on a 37-yard run from A. Henkel. Henkel added another touchdown in the second quarter. He had 57 yards for the game.

Caden Considine led Byron on the ground with 75 yards rushing.

Byron also scored on runs from Kye Aken, Everett Wichman, Brayden Knoll and James Cone.

Cone was also a standout for the Tigers on defense, with 10 solo tackles and 1 assist.

## Birthday

### Polo's Burkardt to celebrate 85th birthday

**POLO**—William (Bill) Burkardt of Polo will celebrate his 85th birthday on Sept. 20, 2022. Bill was born on Sept. 20, 1937 to Arthur and Dorothy Burkardt of West Brooklyn, Ill. He was the 9th child of the family's 21 children.

Bill's mother passed away when he was 17 years old, which had a great effect on him. He was a hired farm hand during his high school years. Bill graduated from Mendota High School in 1955.

Bill married Beverly Bonnell on June 28, 1958. They lived and

dairy farmed in the West Brooklyn area until they moved to Polo in 1961. Bill continued dairy farming north of Polo and also had beef cattle and hogs. He did custom farming for many area farmers.

Bill and his wife Beverly have four daughters, Pamela (Ron) Ballard of Forreston, Patricia (Tim Witmer) Brewer and Paula (Michael) Faivre of Polo and Penny Burkardt, of Dixon. They have 10 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

Bill farmed and worked part-time for Thermogas for several years until



he and Bev started their own propane company in March of 1982. Bill and Beverly owned and operated Burkardt's LP Gas for 35 years before retiring and selling their business in May 2017.

They also owned and operated Edgewood Golf Course from 2008 until it closed in 2016.

Birthday wishes may be sent to Bill at 10569 W Eagle Court, Polo, IL 61064.

## Julia Hull Library News

### Storytime at the Library!

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

### Toddler Time: Lego Duplo

Indulge your little one's curiosity with a hands-on event just for them. Join us for some play with the classic an ingenious Lego Duplo. Friday, September 16, at 10 a.m. Ages 1-4. Registration required: 815-645-8611

### Young Critics Book Club

Join us at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, September 20, for a hands-on craft/activity and book discussion of Chris Riddell's, "Ottoline." Stop by the library to register for this in-person program and pick-up your copy of the reading. Ages 7-9. Registration required.

### The Essential Great Chicago Fire

This October marks the 151st anniversary of the Great Chicago Fire that burned for two days and destroyed over 17,000 buildings. Chicago native and

award-winning storyteller, William Pack, weaves together technical details of the fire with vivid firsthand accounts from those who lived through the conflagration of 1871, bringing alive all the excitement and terror in a multi-media storytelling event that will not soon be forgotten. Thursday, September 22, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Call to register: 815-645-8611.

### Teen: Caramel Apple Nachos

Stop by the library after school, Thursday September 29, for the perfect snack: apple nachos! You'll create your own with all the best fall toppings: caramel, peanut butter, candy and more!

3-4 p.m. Ages 13-18. Registration required. 815-645-8611

### Tween Scene: Haunted Cemeteriums

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Oregon Library News

### September is National Library Card Sign Up Month

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### 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..

### Preschool StoryTime (18 months- 5 years)

We're taking a break, but will be starting back on Monday, September 12 at 10 a.m. Go online or call to register.

### Book Clubs

The 2WBC Book Club meets Wednesday, September 14 at 12:30 p.m. to discuss The Four Winds by Kristen Hannah. Cocktails & Crimes meets Thursday, September 15 at 7 p.m. (grab a book to find out where). The Afternoon Book Club meets Wednesday, September 21 at 1 p.m. to discuss Homegoing by Yaa Gyasi. Books on Tap meets on September 22, at 6:30 p.m. to discuss The Secrets We Kept by Lara Prescott. Teen Book Club Association meets on September 24 at 10 a.m. to discuss Cinderella is Dead by Kalynn Bayron.

### Ink with A Friend Monthly Card Club - Monday, September 12th 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.*

### Try It Tuesday - Tuesday, September 13th at 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. (Choose your time slot)

**Custom Fall Shoes.** This is NOT a Take and Make. Bring a pair of Keds type shoes (preferably white) and make a customized sunflower fall shoe. All supplies, except the shoes, are provided. Registration required, [www.oregonpubliclibrary.com](http://www.oregonpubliclibrary.com).

### An Evening with Marlee Matlin: From Oscar to West Wing and Beyond- Wednesday, September 14th at 7 p.m.

This program can be viewed in the Library or virtually.

In celebration of Deaf Awareness Month, Marlee Matlin joins Illinois Libraries Present to share the highs and lows of her Hollywood career and journeys as an activist. The youngest recipient of the Best Actress Oscar, Matlin's acting career recently achieved another milestone as her 2021 film CODA swept every category it was nominated in at the 2022 Academy Awards. A long-time advocate for deaf rights, Matlin continues to break down barriers for herself and others through her acting, awareness, and writing. As she has so aptly stated, "The only thing I can't do is hear. The rest is there for the taking." This program will be offered in ASL and translated through an interpreter. Registration required, (815) 732-2724 or [www.oregonpubliclibrary.com](http://www.oregonpubliclibrary.com).

### Blackhawk's Final Resting Place - Friday, September 16th at 1 p.m.

Ma-Ka-Tai-Me-She-Kia-Kiak, the Sauk war leader known to the American settlers as Chief Black Hawk, fought and lost a war in 1832 as he tried to retake his homeland. The history books say his stolen remains were destroyed in an 1853 museum fire in Burlington, Iowa. The history books are wrong. Russ Fry, MA, is a historian

from Burlington, Iowa. He has written several books on local history and directed several documentaries. Registration required for this in-person program, visit [www.oregonpubliclibrary.com](http://www.oregonpubliclibrary.com) or call (815) 732-2724.

### Tom Golden, Meet the Author - Monday, September 19th at 6 p.m. STORIES INSPIRED BY TRUE CRIMES

Tom Golden was not your average accountant. He began his career as one, but after uncovering a massive leasing fraud on his first public company audit he had found a new career. That was his first and last audit. He became a Forensic Accounting Investigator devoting his career to uncovering financial fraud and never looked back. Thirty some years later he now writes novels inspired by the many investigations he has conducted around the globe. His journey and that first fraud discovery were the inspiration for SUNDAY NIGHT FEARS, his first novel. A little closer to home, Tom was the fraud expert and appeared in the film All the Queen's Horses documenting how Rita Crundwell deceived the town of Dixon for twenty years while she embezzled nearly \$54 million—the largest municipal fraud in US history.

Using the Dixon fraud Tom will discuss how easy it could be for YOU to become a fraudster's next victim. Visit his website for more information [tomgoldenbooks.com](http://www.tomgoldenbooks.com). Registration required for this in-person program, please visit [<http://www.oregonpubliclibrary.com> or call (815) 732-2724.]

### Christine Geaschel, Meet the LOCAL Author - Tuesday, September 20th at 6 p.m.

I'm a wife, and a homeschool mom to 10 children. We have graduated 6 of our kids, and 3 of them are married. We are expecting our 4th grand baby in the spring. I have always enjoyed writing, but haven't always found the time to do it. When I broke my foot 8 years ago, I decided I wasn't going to waste the 8 weeks that I was going to be laid up, but to use that time to start writing. I finally published my first book in November of 2021, and am currently working on writing a few more books, including finishing some children's books that I started to write about 20 years ago. I'm looking forward to sharing stories

about our Life in the Flock of Geaschels. Registration required for this in-person event, please call (815) 732-2724 or visit [www.oregonpubliclibrary.com](http://www.oregonpubliclibrary.com).

### Stranger Things Trivia at Cork N Tap - Wednesday, September 21st at 6:30pm

Test your knowledge of the Netflix series Stranger Things. Grab some friends and head down to Cork & Tap for Stranger Things Trivia. Teams of up to 6 can compete for prizes and bragging rights. Registration required, call (815) 732-2724 or visit [www.oregonpubliclibrary.com](http://www.oregonpubliclibrary.com) to register your team.

### Healthy Living for Your Brain and Body & A Virtual Tour of the National Museum of Mexican Art- Friday, September 23rd at 10 a.m.

For centuries, we've known that the health of the brain and the body are connected. But now, science is able to provide insights into how to make lifestyle choices that may help you keep your brain and body healthy as you age. Join us to learn about research in the areas of diet and nutrition, exercise, cognitive activity and social engagement, and use hands-on tools to help you incorporate these recommendations into a plan for healthy aging.

National Museum of Mexican Art will then take us on a Virtual Nuestras Historias Tour of the permanent collection which features a series of artwork that demonstrates the development of Mexican identity from both Mexico and the US. 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 p.m. at Rock River Center

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### Puzzle Library

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### 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.

### Oregon Writers Group -2nd Tuesday each month at 10 a.m.

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

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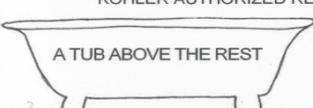
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# LOCAL NEWS

## Polo Library News

**Children's Programs - September Storytime Saturdays, September 24th, 10:30-11:30 a.m.**, come join with Ms. Melanie at the library for a story read and craft activity. Please register for this event, limited supply of materials will be available. Both September storytimes will be themed around animals.

**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.

**Early Dismissal Day - Wednesday, September 21st, 12:30 p.m. - Snacks Made Simple** followed by Movie at the Library, starting at 1 p.m.

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**  
**2022 Outdoor Concert Series** - Join us at the Polo Library pavilion on Satur-

day night, September 17th, for the final concert of the 2022 season as we welcome back The Beaux - playing your favorite classic rock songs from the 60s-90s. Grab a friend and bring your chairs to enjoy the music! The concert will start at 7:00 p.m. and will last approximately two hours. The 2022 Outdoor Concert Series is funded by a grant from the Community Foundation of Northern Illinois.

**Community Conversations**  
**Wednesday, September 14, 10:30 a.m.** - Our guest will be Dana Chacon, Career Services and Community Education Program Coordinator of Sauk Valley Community College. Coffee will

be provided, registration is not required.

**Craft Night at the Library**  
 Thursday, September 22, 5:30 p.m.  
 Join Tiffany Warren, from Weathered & Warren, for a monthly craft night at the Library! Space is limited, call 815-946-2713 or email [library@pololibrary.org](mailto:library@pololibrary.org) to register. The class is free, donation would be greatly appreciated towards materials and future classes.

**Yoga with Becka**  
 Wednesday, September 29, 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.

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## Byron Library News

### Special Hours

The Byron Public Library will be closed Thursday, September 22 through Friday, September 23 to replace the flooring in the entryway. We will reopen on Saturday, September 24 at 9:00 am. We thank you for your patience.

### Byron Public Library Accepting Construction Bids

The Byron Public Library District will begin accepting sealed bids for the interior renovation of the Byron Public Library. A pre-bid meeting will be held on September 14, 2022, at 10:00 am to review bidding procedures, the project scope, and to tour the building. Bids for "All Work/Turn Key" will be received no later than 1:00 pm on September 28, 2022. Beginning of this project is approximately November 1, 2022, but actual construction will not begin until most materials are available and ready to be installed.

### DIY Chalkboard Flowerpots

Thursday, Sept. 15  
6-7:30 p.m.

Ever wonder what you can do with extra flower pots around the house? Why not put them to good use by adding a special crafty touch. Come join us as we repurpose terracotta flower pots by painting them with chalkboard paint & cute stencils. All supplies will be provided.

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

### Henna Artist Julie Engh

Tuesday, Sept. 20  
5:30-7:30 p.m.

Julie Engh from Prairie Henna has been a favorite for teen programs. Adults have been asking for the library to host her for an adult program. So, Julie will be here and provide a short presentation on the history, science and modern usage of henna. She will provide hands on guided instruction on the basic henna application. Participants, who are interested, will be treated a small henna design by Julie. All supplies will be provided. Please call 815-234-5107 or visit [Byron.evanced.info/signup](http://Byron.evanced.info/signup) to register.

### 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.

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

## Bertolet Library News

### 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.

**Family Night BINGO:** Monday, September 19th, 5 p.m.  
Bring the kids for a fun evening with great prizes!

**Big Kids, Big Art: Tuesday, September 20th, 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!

**Simple Wills, POA for Health Care or Property:**

**Saturday, September 24th 10 a.m.**  
Do you know how to write a simple will or a health care or property power of attorney? Learn about these important documents and what is necessary to get your affairs, or the affairs of someone you love, in order. (Insightful information; does not take the place of legal counsel.) Registration required: 815-738-2742

### 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!

### Adult Book of the Month:

The August book of the month is Killers of the Flower Moon by David Grann. This is a non-fiction account of the mysterious deaths of members of the Osage Indian Nation in Oklahoma during the 1920's. Investigators disappeared after looking into the deaths. The FBI was newly formed and corrupt and made errors. Help was called in and an undercover team was sent in to solve the horrendous crime. Stop by the circulation desk and pick up your copy today.

**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!

**Create-a-Card: Saturday, September 17th, 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.

## 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.

#### CORNERSTONE FAMILY CHURCH

205 N. Peru St., Byron, IL 61010-Phone 815-234-8737 [cornerstonefamilychurch.org](http://cornerstonefamilychurch.org)  
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Children's Ministry Director: Lori Martin  
Worship Service on Sundays at 10am with Children's Worship Service and Nursery Available  
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Pastor: Rev. Tyler Spellious  
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Sunday Schedule & Worship Opportunities:  
Service of Meditation & Prayer: 8:15am - 8:45am  
Adult Sunday School Hour: 9am  
Kids Sunday School: (for ages 3 thru 5th grade) 9:30-10:15am  
Coffee & Fellowship time: 9:30am-10:30am  
Main Worship: 10:30am  
Spark Youth Group (for ages 6th grade thru 12th grade) - Sundays, 5pm-7pm  
For complete ministry schedule and other activities, please check our website or Facebook page or contact the church office.  
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# LOCAL NEWS

## Mount Morris Library News

**Masks are optional**  
Thank you!

**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!

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 "Rachel Ray's Book of 10"! Stop by to choose your recipe and join us on Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at The Senior Center for an exciting meal!

**Lego Club!**  
Our next Lego night on Thursday, September 15, from 6-6:45 p.m. Bring a friend and build some fun with Lego bricks! All children and parents are in-

cluded. Children under 8 need to bring a parent with them.

**Adult Book Club**  
The August book is *Major Pettigrew's Last Stand* by Helen Simonson. 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, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 p.m.

**Display Case Showings**  
Stop in to see our new display for September! Local artist, Rhonda Cheek, will showcase her personal art creations. They are beautiful pieces of artwork that will make you appreciate and contemplate the beauty! Many of Rhonda's pieces are available for purchase! Stop by to admire these beautiful pieces of artwork! We are

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

**Rock River Center**  
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.

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

## Forreston Library News

**Preschool Storytime**  
Tuesdays at 10 a.m., beginning September 13th  
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!

**Read for a Lifetime**  
Forreston High School students are encouraged to sign up for the "Read for a Lifetime" program. Participants who read a minimum of four books from the Secretary of State's annual list by April 5th receive a certificate and are eligible to win a gift card from the library. Stop in to

register and pick up a copy of the 2022-2023 booklist and make reading a habit that will last a lifetime!

**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. Bids must be received by Monday, October 10th. For more information, contact Julie at 815-938-2624.

## Weekly Brain Busters

### King Crossword

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**ACROSS**

1 Milan's La —  
6 Mops the deck  
11 First game of the season  
12 Fortune-telling decks  
14 Gift giver's words  
15 Not level  
16 Italian "three"  
17 Trombone part  
19 Coach Parseghian  
20 Coup d'—  
22 Summer on the Seine  
23 Not kosher  
24 Hose material  
26 1955 Platters hit  
28 — -di-dah  
30 Pinnacle  
31 "Pretty please?"  
35 From the area  
39 Writer Kingsley  
40 Highland hat  
42 "Elephant Boy" actor  
43 UV ray-blocking stat  
44 James — Garfield  
46 Stanley Cup org.

**DOWN**

1 Stylish  
2 Breakfast bowlful  
3 Whatever amount  
4 Late July babies  
5 As — (usually)  
6 Pupil  
7 Diminish  
8 "Right you —!"  
9 Emma of fiction  
10 Sound system  
11 Frequently  
13 Major mix-up  
18 "Am — blame?"  
21 Bridge fees  
23 Printing errors  
25 Aye undoer  
27 Texter's chuckle  
29 Sites of rapid growth  
31 Squander  
32 Chevy model  
33 Boost  
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36 Big gorge  
37 Loathes  
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50 Singer Sumac

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### MAGIC MAZE

### FOOTPRINTS AT GRAUMAN'S CHINESE THEATRE SINCE 2010

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

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally  
Unlisted clue hint: CARL AND ROB —

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Brooks      Fonda      Novak      Stiller  
Cher      Goodman      Perry      Tarantino  
Coppola      Lewis      Plummer

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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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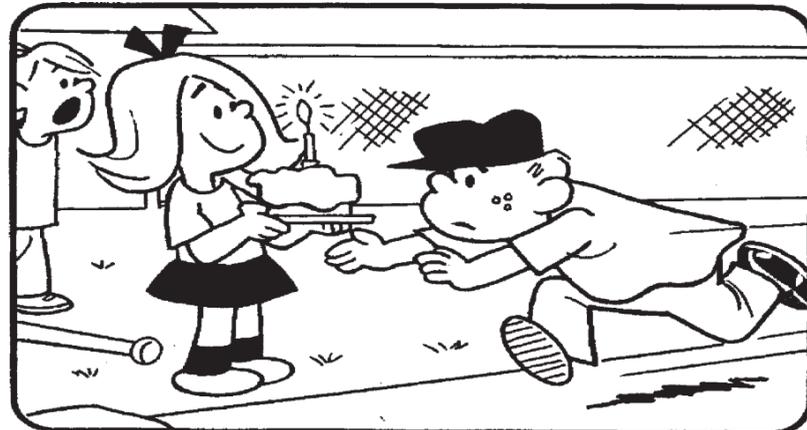
**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ◆

◆ Moderate    ◆◆ Challenging  
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

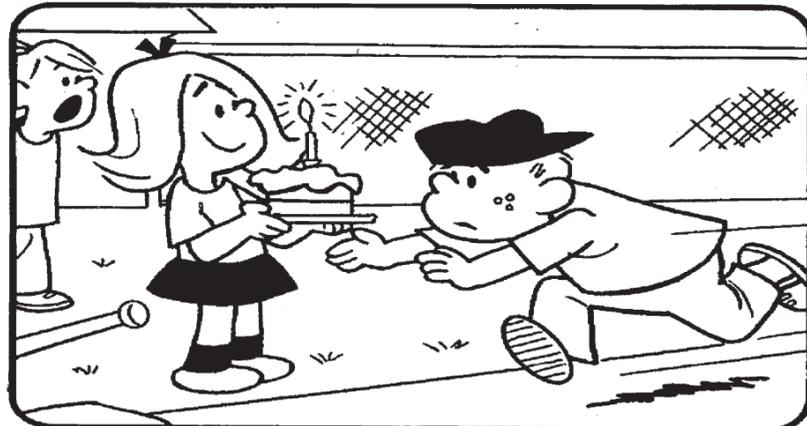
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## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Bow is smaller. 2. Bat is moved. 3. Cake is different. 4. Cap is reversed. 5. Shirt is different. 6. Sneaker is different.

Answers

King Crossword

RELLIS  
NOTSINALOPPOC  
PLUMMERSKORB  
ADNOF  
MERIMU  
MROA  
BEHONVAK  
LNS

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Solution time: 21 mins.

Answers

Weekly SUDOKU

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Dated: August 30, 2022  
Laura J. Cook, Ogle County Clerk  
No. 0904 (Sept. 5, 12, 19)

2022  
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**SEEKING CROP MANAGEMENT PROPOSALS**  
The Byron Forest Preserve District is seeking Crop Management Proposals for the District's agricultural grounds for the 2023 and 2024 growing seasons. To be eligible, the farmer must be a resident of Byron or taxpayer to the Byron Forest Preserve District. The Crop Management Proposal

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Any questions, please call the Byron Forest Preserve District at 815.234.8535 ext 219.  
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Public Notice is hereby given that on September 6, 2022, a supplemental certificate of ownership of business 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: KWH Polishing, 5060 E. Brooke Court, Byron, IL 61010.  
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Laura J. Cook, Ogle County Clerk  
No. 0906 (Sept. 12)



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**Saturday, September 17th, 2022 - 10:00 AM**  
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**Auctioneers Note:** The following list is a partial listing of what will be at this auction, as they are still organizing and finding items for the auction that are no longer used.  
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The successful candidate should be a self-starter with the ability to work with minimal supervision, have a good working relationship with employees, be dependable, have the ability to prioritize duties and perform tasks on a timely basis. Reliable transportation is required.

Currently scheduled hours are Monday through Friday from 7:00am to 11:00am. Hours can be subject to change depending upon weather related needs and/or assistance with bank sponsored events.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Park district has upcoming activities set

### CPR and First Aid for your pets

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### Boys 6th Grade Competitive Basketball

This competitive league elevates the expectation of both the players and the coaches. Games are scheduled by Oregon School District and will replicate the 7th and 8th grade schedule. All home games will be played at Nash. Transportation to all away games will be provided by OCUSD. Roster size is limited on this team and try-outs may be required. Practices are scheduled to begin the week of September 27th. A volunteer coach is needed for this league, please contact lesley@oregonpark.org if interested. Cost is \$75R/\$90NR and the deadline to register is September 15th.

### Fall Mini Pitch Adult League

#### Mini Pitch Soccer Adult League!

Join us for an adult small sided soccer league on our new Mini Pitch court at Park West. Games will be a 4 v 4 format, with 1 goalie and 3 field players. Each week teams will play 3 officiated matches in their 1 hour time slot. Each match will feature two 6 minute halves with a 4 minute half time break. Team rosters may have up to 6 people. A tournament will be played the last week of the season. Players must be at least 18 and have graduated High School. Cost is \$100 and the deadline to register is September 15th.

### 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 6th-8th, and will be on Monday September 22nd 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 September 18th.

### State Park Hike

Join former park ranger, Grant Afflerbaugh, on September 17th for a hike through the Lowden-Miller State Forest. Grant will lead the group and provide educational information throughout the hike. Hike solo or bring family and friends as we reconnect with nature! The group will meet at the forest the day of the program. All proceeds from the hike will benefit the Oregon United Methodist Church's Wednesday night free meal program. Cost is \$2R/\$3 NR and the deadline is September 14th.

### Fall Porch Pot

Create your very own Fall Porch Pot. The colors will be beautiful and compliment your outdoor decor. Join Tyler of Hagemann Horticulture at Oregon's newest event venue, River's Edge Experience, for a fun evening of design and planting. Cork 'N Tap will be on hand to provide a full bar. In this hands-on workshop you will plant a mum, flowering cabbage, and decorative grasses in a container which is provided. You will also learn about watering and care for your new fall pot. Class will be held on September 21st and the cost is \$46R/\$55NR. Deadline is September 13th, but these classes fill up fast!

### Kids Pizza Party

Do you have a budding chef in your house that's looking for something fun to do after school? Why not learn to make mini pizza pies?? Kids 9 years and older are invited to join Linnie at Nash and make two mini 8-inch pizzas from scratch. Choice of pepperoni or cheese... or one of each! Perfect to take home and bake for the family to enjoy! Linnie's Kitchen will provide all food supplies but you will be asked to bring a few utensils and cooking supplies to class. Cost is \$27R/\$32NR and deadline is September 13th.

### Sicilian Stuffed Meatloaf

Do you love meatloaf? How about Italian style meatloaf that's stuffed and rolled to create a delicious dinner? Here's the class for you, on September 22nd at Cork And Tap! Elegant enough for company or your family. Take home and bake. Choice of beef or turkey meatloaf. Lynn Kaufman of Linnie's Kitchen will provide all food supplies but you will be asked to bring a few utensils and cooking supplies to class. Cost is \$36R/\$43NR and the deadline is September 15th.

## McMahon graduates Benedictine College

**ATCHISON, Kan.** – Susanna McMahon of Leaf River, has graduated from Benedictine College in Atchison, Kan., majoring in Nursing.

The college graduated 314 students at the end of the academic year during ceremonies on May 14, 2022. The graduates heard from Bishop Robert Baron, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles and founder of Word on Fire Ministries, who delivered an inspiring Commencement Address.

Founded in 1858, Benedictine College is a Catholic, Benedictine, residential, liberal arts college located on the bluffs above the Missouri River in Atchison, Kansas. The school is proud to have been named one of America's Best Colleges by U.S. News & World Report as well as one of the top Catholic colleges in the nation by First Things magazine and the Newman Guide.

## Local students graduate from UW-Platteville

**PLATTEVILLE, Wis.** – The University of Wisconsin-Platteville awarded diplomas to more than 800 students from its three campuses for the spring of 2022.

Founded in 1866, UW-Platteville is located in Southwest Wisconsin and has branch campuses in Richland Center and Baraboo.

Students from this area who graduated include:

- Byron:**
  - Sara Blume, Agricultural Business and Animal Science, UW-Platteville
  - Kaley Mumma, Agricultural Education and Environmental Horticulture, UW-Platteville
- Davis Junction:**
  - William Keast, Soil & Crop Science, UW-Platteville
- Stillman Valley:**
  - Eli Warner, Electrical Engineering, UW-Platteville

## UW-La Crosse announces graduates

**LA CROSSE, Wis.** – The following area students completed degree requirements at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse in May.

The 112th Annual Spring Commencement was held at the La Crosse Center Sunday, May 15.

UW-La Crosse, founded in 1909, is one of the 13 four-year institutions in the University of Wisconsin System. UWL has more than 10,400 full and part-time students enrolled in 101 undergraduate, 28 graduate and two doctoral academic programs.

UW-La Crosse - www.uwlax.edu - is the state's top-ranked public higher education institution by U.S. News & World Reports for master's degree institutions.

Students earning degrees in May include:

Stillman Valley: Grace Tarara, Bachelor of Science, Biology Major, Highest Honors



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