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Weather doesn't stop Ogle County Fair fun



Excessive heat, rain do keep attendance down

By Brad Jennings
Editor

Weather did impact the 2022 Ogle County Fair, but people still came out and enjoyed all it had to offer.

Tom Simpson, chairman of the Ogle County Fair Board, said that the Fair Board made the decision to close the fair on its final day due to rain. And the high humidity on Saturday also kept some people away from the annual event.

"Of the four days we were able to remain open, the attendance was great," Simpson said. "Compared

to last year, when crowds came back after COVID, it was a bit lower. One of our Grandstand events, the rodeo, fared very well in attendance."

The fair ran from Aug. 3-7.

Renee Gehrke won the 2022 Ogle County Fair Queen contest, the event which kicked off the fair. She said she hopes to eventually earn a master's degree before returning to her family's cattle farm and enjoy a career in the ag industry.

The fair included 4-H project displays and animal auctions as well as two new free ground

shows this year—the Pirates of the Columbian Caribbean, featuring aerial acrobatics, and Wolves of the World, starring rescued wolves from around the globe.

Yes, the weather was a bit of a problem, but that did not dampen the spirit of the event.

"I would like to take the opportunity to thank our volunteers, our sponsors, and the Farm Bureau for their support," Simpson said. "Everyone came together to provide a great place to meet new people, visit with old friends, and give the community a safe, fun event. We already look forward to next year."



The fair closed Sunday due to rain, but people still came out to enjoy the annual event and all it had to offer, from 4-H displays and animal auctions to carnival rides and entertainment. For more photos, please see Page A2. (Brad Jennings photos).



Best of Ogle County voting opens on Monday

OGLE COUNTY — The voting phase for Best of Ogle County 2022 will begin on Monday, Aug. 15 at 10:01 a.m.

The nomination phase began Aug. 1 and lasts until Monday, Aug. 15 at 10 a.m. More than 60 awards are up for grabs including best local business, best realtor, best bar & grill, best local bank, best catering service, best auto repair shop and best local band. Best of Ogle County 2022 is presented by the Rochelle News-Leader and the Ogle County Life.

"We talked about doing Best of Ogle County for several years and this is now our fourth year doing it," Ogle County Life and Rochelle News-Leader General Manager Mike Feltes said. "Each year it's gained in popularity."

Voting ends at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 15. After that, votes are tabulated and winners will be contacted before the Best of Ogle County 2022 winners section is published.

Feltes said the Ogle County Life and Rochelle News-Leader wanted to see businesses highlighted through the contest and increased popularity of Best of Ogle County has seen more community involvement.

"I believe the businesses benefit from this because they are constantly in the spotlight when people go through the process of nominating and voting," Feltes said.

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LOCAL NEWS

Ogle County Fair



There were plenty of displays and animals for people to check out at the Ogle County Fair, held Aug. 3-7. (Brad Jennings photos)



Alzheimer's & dementia SERIES

Educational Programs about Alzheimer's disease

Thursday, August 25, 2022 | 3:00 P.M – 4:00 P.M. Central
Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia

Alzheimer's disease is not a normal part of aging. Join us to learn about the impact of Alzheimer's; the difference between Alzheimer's and dementia; stages and risk factors; current research and treatments available for some symptoms; and Alzheimer's Association resources.

Thursday, September 29, 2022 | 3:00 P.M – 4:00 P.M. Central
Dementia Conversations - Driving, Doctor Visits, Legal & Financial Planning

When someone is showing signs of dementia, it's time to talk. Often, conversations with family about changing behaviors can be challenging and uncomfortable. This program provides tips for breaking the ice with your family so you can address some of the most common issues that are difficult to discuss: going to the doctor for a diagnosis or medical treatment, deciding when to stop driving, and making legal and financial plans for future care.

Thursday, October 27, 2022 | 3:00 P.M – 4:00 P.M. Central
Effective Communication Strategies

Communication is more than just talking and listening – it's also about sending and receiving messages through attitude, tone of voice, facial expressions and body language. As people with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias progress in their journey and the ability to use words is lost, families need new ways to connect. Join us to explore how communication takes place when someone has Alzheimer's, learn to decode the verbal and behavioral messages delivered by someone with dementia, and identify strategies to help you connect and communicate at each stage of the disease. The Effective Communication Strategies program of the Alzheimer's Association was designed to provide practical information and resources to help dementia caregivers learn to decode verbal and behavioral messages from people with dementia.

FREE & EASY Registration. All ages welcome.

Call: **815.561.3110**

Email: **mlapage@rcha.net**

**Auxiliary Room at Rochelle Community Hospital
900 N 2nd St, Rochelle, IL 61068**

Traffic light in Oregon won't be fixed until Sept.

OREGON – The City of Oregon has been working closely with the Illinois Department of Transportation and the contracted electrician on the control box for the lights at Rt. 64 and Rt. 2.

The city believes the box was struck by an unknown vehicle which caused a short in the system, resulting in the lights not working. The city has been advised that IDOT is working to get a new control cabinet for the lights, unfortunately the delivery time is early September.

IDOT said that due to the worry that if the lights began working for some reason there would be conflicting traffic control indicators, they will not

place stop signs at the intersection.

Motorists are reminded that Illinois State law designates a non-functioning or flashing red traffic control signal as functioning like a stop sign. Drivers should follow the rules of the road just like a stop sign intersection. We also do not have the staff to post police officers at the intersection 24/7 during this extended period of time.

The city's director of Public Works is actively working to make sure this replacement is completed as soon as possible, but there is clearly a supply chain issue similar to what people are experiencing in many situations.



Screen painting class set for Oregon Aug. 19

OREGON – The Serenity Shed, 113 N 3rd St., Oregon, is offering a fun screen painting class on Friday, Aug. 19.

The class starts at 5 p.m., but people are welcome to attend as long as they can arrive by 6:30 p.m. The price is \$40 and all materials are included. To register, call 815-732-

2499 and ask for Cathy or Denise.

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

Mum sale to benefit the KB Fund now underway

OREGON – The annual KB Fall Mum Sale has started.

Beautiful fall mums are available in a variety of colors for \$9 each. Orders will be taken through Saturday, Aug. 24. These plants are grown in Northern Illinois and will arrive just in time for fall decorating. Mums are field grown in natural conditions, leading to a more hardy robust plant. Plants arrive in a number 2 pot (that's about a 2-gallon pot) and are measuring approximately 16-18" wide by 14-16" tall with buds ready to bloom throughout the season.

Order forms are available online at www.Facebook.com/KB ToughRun. Please return order forms and payment to the KB Fund c/o Josh Roos, 284

Cultra Drive, Oregon, IL 61061, no later than Saturday, Aug. 24. Mums will be available for pickup from 8am-4pm Saturday, September 24 at 284 Cultra Drive in Oregon (Just north of the Blackhawk Steak Pit).

Please contact Josh Roos with any questions that you may have or to place an order. Call or text at 815-440-5180.

All proceeds from the sale will support the KB Fund. The fund has been established to support those in our community that have been burdened by a medical crisis. To learn more about the KB Fund and our fundraising efforts visit our Facebook page, www.Facebook.com/KB ToughRun. Thank you for your continued support.

BEST: Vote once per email

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“At the end when we release the winners, that section we put out has a long shelf life because a lot of people use that and say, ‘We have to check

this place out.’”

Voting can be done once per email address. To nominate or vote, visit <https://rochelle-news-leader.secondstreetapp.com/best-of-ogle-county-2022/>.

LOCAL NEWS

Straw sculpting competition now open

MOUNT MORRIS – The Seventh Annual U.S. National Straw Sculpting Competition opened Friday, Aug. 12 on the Mt. Morris Campus.

“Fine Art in Straw” sculptures will be on display for all to enjoy each day through Aug. 28. Vote for your favorite new sculpture either in person or online at StrawUSA.com

Something new this year; “Square Village.” Sign up and build your own Straw Sculpture using a square bale as the base, be inspired to create your own “Fine Art in Straw” sculpture.

Square bale builds must be finished by Aug. 26. Judging will be by this year’s competing artists.

Live on the Band Shell this Friday, Aug. 19, Dirty Fishnet Stocking (Rockabilly), and Saturday, Aug. 20, enjoy Swingbilly Rfd (Western Swing), both nights 7-9 p.m.

StrawFest weekend opens Friday, Aug. 26th with Chicago Tribute Anthology (Music from the band Chicago and more) 7-9 p.m. StrawFest Saturday, Aug. 27 will include: Food trucks, crafter’s market, blacksmith demos, Wild

Bulls – Mechanical Bull Riding, Rustic Ridge – ax throwing, round straw bale races, straw sculpting awards, art on fire (hydrant painting) awards and more. A great band, new to our Band Shell stage, “Brass From The Past” (classic rock) wraps up the evening from 7-9 p.m.

There will be Pop-Up live music on the Straw Jam stage, next to the Straw Sculptures, intermittently on Saturdays and Sundays. Visit StrawUSA.com for the latest schedule and follow Encore Mt. Morris on Facebook for additional information. All events are free and open

to the public.

Featured for the month of August in the Encore! Old Sandstone Gallery, ‘Small Town Livin’, a fine art show celebrating seventeen artist’s interpretation of the theme in various mediums. The gallery, on the Mt. Morris Campus next to the Band Shell, will be open on Friday and Saturday evenings from 6:30-9 p.m., and during special Straw events.

ENCORE! Mt. Morris is a cultural initiative of Mt. Morris Economic Development Corp. Learn more at EncoreMtMorris.com.



Dirty Fishnet Stockings make their return to Jamboree stage

– Dirty Fishnet Stockings Return to the Mt. Morris Band Shell for a free concert on Aug. 19 at 7 p.m.

Local rockabilly band Dirty Fishnet Stockings make their triumphant return to the Mt. Morris Jamboree. The band started as a group that was to be a rockabilly Christmas band called “Ted & The Mistletones.” The idea exploded into something much bigger, wanting to take the band further than playing just the holidays.

The band is made up of guys who love and live the rockabilly lifestyle, including lead singer, Ted O’Donnell, Harry Euhus on lead guitar and vocals, Rick Nolting on upright bass and vocals and Bill Englund on drums.. DFS was proud to be inducted into the Rockford Area Music Industry’s Hall of Fame.

This high energy band brings a show of rousing favorites from the 50s, 60s and more. Always a good time, make

sure you don’t miss this event!

Concessions for the evening will be provided by the Mt. Morris Moose Lodge, who will be serving burgers, pulled pork, cole slaw, chips, brownies, soda and water, starting at 6 p.m.

The Campus will be extra festive that evening as the 7th Annual National Strawsculpting Competition continues, with four new sculptures and many others from past years on display all around the Campus.

Please bring a blanket or chair or enjoy the new benches and join the fun on our beautiful, historic campus in the center of Mt. Morris, two blocks south of Rt. 64 on Wesley Ave and enjoy the free Rockabilly concert.

Help us pray for a beautiful summer evening so that we can be on the Campus, but in the event of inclement weather, our rain location for this evening will be the MM Moose Lodge, located at 101 Moose Dr. at the same times.

Church hosts grief support group

MOUNT MORRIS – Disciples United Methodist Church, Mt. Morris, will resume its GriefShare Support Group, beginning Thursday, Aug. 25 from 6-7:30 p.m., in the Fireplace Room at the church, 102 Maple Ave.

The group will meet every Thursday evening through Nov. 17.

GriefShare is available to anyone in the church, community, or surrounding towns. The cost is \$20 to cover the fee for the workbook/study guide.

Any questions, please call the church office at 815-734-4853.

Registration will be during the first evening together or directly through the website at www.griefshare.org

GriefShare is a support group that features faith-based teaching focusing on grief topics associated with the death of a loved one. The DVD portion features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories of people, followed

by quiet listening and sharing in a safe small group. Past participants have related how helpful the information and follow up fellowship were to them. Many grieving people find they are only beginning the work of healing when friends or family have already returned to their daily life routines.

Confidentiality is very much a part of this program. The bereavement experience may be recent or years ago. Participants will find encouragement, comfort and help in grieving the death of a spouse, child, parent, sibling, other family member, or friend. No matter what the cause of a loved one’s death, this is an opportunity to be around people who understand what you are feeling. You will learn how to recognize the symptoms of being stuck in grief as well as receive valuable information about facing your new normal in life and renewing your hope for the future.



Pictured above presenting the check are: Grand Knight Jeff Jackson, Knight Mark Hickey, Tracey Breit Executive Director of the Pregnancy Center, Council treasurer Craig Conderman, Sandy Yockey, KoC field agent Joe Yockey and Father Rich Rosinski Council Chaplain and Parish Priest of St Mary’s.

Financial advisor earns special credential

STILLMAN VALLEY – Charles Schaeffer, Edward Jones Financial Advisor in Stillman Valley, has completed his Accredited Asset Management Specialist credentialing as of June 21.

This AAMS designation will allow Schaeffer to better assist his clients

with all their financial planning needs.

Schaeffer plans on obtaining more credentials soon to be able to better serve his clients and his community.

If you would like more information, please reach out to Schaeffer at 815-645-2185.



Byron Knights hold baby bottle fundraiser

BYRON – Knights of Columbus council 4739 of St. Mary’s in Byron conducted a Baby Bottle Boomerang to raise funds for the Pregnancy Care Center of Rockford.

The event was proposed and chaired by Sandy and Joe Yockey.

Baby bottles were distributed at Masses on Mother’s Day weekend and parishioners were asked to place coins,

cash or checks in them and return by Father’s Day. One parishioner related that when he got the bottles home his young son asked what they were for. After being told he ran to his room, grabbed his bank and emptied it into the bottle telling his dad that it was a good cause.

Through the generosity of the parishioners, the Knights were able to collect \$4,197.91 for the Center.

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Ticket sales will end on Saturday, Aug. 27 at noon, at the Dixon, Ohio and Sublette locations.

Amboy locations will sell until noon on Sunday, Aug. 28.

Depot Days Drum is located at Amboy Food and Liquor.

For more information, check out the Amboy Depot Days 50/50 Facebook page.

Drawing Sunday, August 28 after the Car Show Proceeds to benefit Community Projects

KB Fall Mum SALE

These beautiful Fall Mums will arrive just in time for your fall decorating with gorgeous top growth and buds ready to bloom throughout the season.

All proceeds go to the KB Fund, supporting those in our community burdened by a medical crisis.

Order by August 24

PICK UP Saturday, September 24
 8 am-4 pm Saturday
 284 Cultra Drive, Oregon, IL
 Contact Josh Roos with any questions 815-440-5180. Additional order forms online.

www.Facebook.com/KBToughRun

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LOCAL NEWS

Obituaries

Cyrus A. Wiesner

OREGON – Cyrus A. Wiesner, age 28, died Monday, July 18, 2022. He was born Jan. 11, 1994 in Rockford, the son of Richard Wiesner Jr. and Kelly Newton.



his grandmother Linda Wiesner.

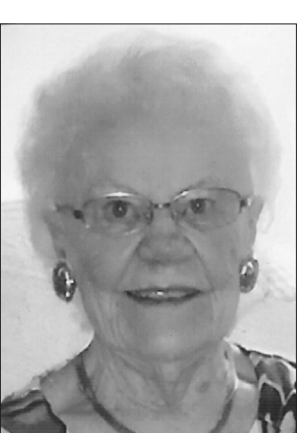
He is survived by his parents Richard Wiesner Jr. and Kelly (Jeff) Newton;

brother Matthew Thompson; aunts and uncles David and Lara Wiesner, Patrick and Christine Wiesner, Ellen Hope, Lowell and Claudia Wertz, Brian and Darlene Thompson, Brenda James, Jackie and Eric Jacobs; cousin Braden Wiesner and the love of several cousins, nieces and nephews.

Private burial will be held at the River View Cemetery in Oregon. To leave an online condolence please visit www.farrell-hollandgale.com

Mary L. Himbert

OREGON – Mary L. Himbert, age 97, died Tuesday, Aug. 9, 2022 at the P.A. Peterson Home in Rockford. She was born June 14, 1925 in Rockford, the daughter of Magdaline and Adolph Herron.



church organizations, she sent cards, letters and flowers to the sick. She enjoyed the Golden Agers from St. Mary's in Byron.

Mary was predeceased by her husband, siblings and other family members.

She is survived by daughters Delores "Dee" (Mel) Buser, Buckeye, Ariz., and Linda (Steve) Swan, Oregon; four grandchildren: Joseph Ullrich, Rockford; Dustin

Swan, Oregon; Krystal Swan, Byron; Lisa (Randy) Ellingsen, Dixon; 6 great-grandchildren: Clara, Keagan, Trinity, Dylan, Devin Swan and Jocelyn Ellingsen; Nieces: Patricia Adams, Barbara Wagner and Teresa Schoster; and Nephew Jim Herron.

Funeral service will be held 11 a.m., Tuesday, Aug. 16, 2022 at the Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home, 110 S. 7th Street in Oregon, with the Rev. Joseph Nail officiating. Visitation will be prior to the service from 10-11 a.m. Burial will take place at 12:45 p.m. on Tuesday at Calvary Cemetery near Winnebago. A memorial fund is established for the Lifeline Food Pantry in Oregon. Visit www.farrellhollandgale.com to leave a condolence or memory of Mary.

Museum displaying local artwork

BYRON – Byron Museum of History is pleased to display the paintings of area artist and Byron Alum Kathy Raum.

Catholic Church in Oregon, and sang in the choir. She was an accomplished seamstress, while also working many years for the Ogle County zoning board.

Also having an avid interest in history, Raum participated in the Museum's *History Roundtable* and was the originator of the *Byron Nostalgia* Facebook page. Kathy became an active member of the *Eagles Nest Art Group* and helped establish the group's annual spring art show at the Byron Museum.

Eagle's Nest Art Group welcomes all who are art-minded to partici-

pate in its full schedule of programs and art show opportunities. If you would like a list of programs and/or a membership form, call (815)732-7783.

Find us on Facebook at *Eagle's Nest Art Group, Oregon, Illinois*.

Visit the Byron Museum Wednesday to Saturday 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Book a tour by calling the Byron Museum at 815-234-5031, or sending an e-mail to info@byronmuseum.org. The Byron Museum of History is located at 110 N. Union Street in Byron, Illinois, 61010. The website address is www.byronmuseum.org

Report policy

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

Police, the Ogle County Sheriff's Department and the Illinois State Police, will be printed without exception. Requests to omit particular reports will not be considered or honored at any time.

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RRC schedules upcoming events and activities

Rock River Center is a resource center located at 810 S. 10th Street, Oregon. Do you need help with Benefit Access Application for a license plate discount, Medicare, housing, homemaker service, heating assistance or other things? Our Information & Assistance Specialists are available at various locations throughout Ogle County. Our activities and trips are open to all ages. Call our office at 815-732-3252 with any questions. Visit us on the web at www.rockrivercenter.org and like us on Facebook. Registration is requested if you plan to attend a scheduled program or class. Just give us call 815-732-3252. Thank you for your support in this matter.

2022 Wits Fitness Brain Exercise Class Schedule

University of Illinois Educator Karla Belzer continues to lead participants through interactive activities designed to exercise the brain to maintain and enhance cognitive function and memory.

The monthly classes are from 10:30 a.m.-noon at the Rock River Center.

Remaining Class dates are: Wednesday, Aug. 17; Wednesday, Sept. 21; Monday, Oct. 3; and Monday, Nov. 7.

You are never too young or too old to get started training your brain, so join Karla in this fun and informative class. Classes are free and open to the public. You are welcome to join at any time.

Registration is requested. Call Rock River Center at 815-732-3252 to sign up. For more information, call the University of Illinois Extension at 815-632-3611. Visit us on the web at www.rockrivercenter.org and like us on Facebook.

Believe, The Cher Show

Concert Attraction Matinee at Circa21, Oct. 6

With more than 200,000 records sold, multi-award winner Cher, aka "The Goddess of Pop", is known all over the world for her sultry voice, unique appearance, sense of humor, and outrageous fashion sense.

Like Cher, Kara Chandler is an entertainer of the highest order. With her uncanny resemblance to the famous star and with 10 years of theatrical experience behind her, Kara Chandler embodies the living legend on stage in a way like no other can. Her combination of boundless energy, charisma and talent lets her easily morph into her alter ego, Cher, and give audiences the powerful and unforgettable experience that only a true star is capable of giving.

\$84/Members; \$89/Non-Members. Price includes transportation, show tickets, lunch and all taxes and gratuities. (Dessert will be available at the show for additional cost).

Reservation Information

* Prepaid reservations can be made in person at the Rock River Center, 810 S 10th St, Oregon or by mail.

* Note: Your reservation and payment must be received by the deadline.

* Reservation and payment deadline: Monday, Aug. 15

* Rock River Center gift certificates accepted as payment.

Make your reservations early as seating is limited and shows sell out quickly.

Please call the Center at 815-732-3252 or toll free 1-800-541-5479 for more information.

Visit us on the web at www.rockrivercenter.org and like us on Facebook.

Healthy Living for Brain & Body with Scattergories

Presented by Alzheimer's Association – Tuesday, Aug. 16, 10-11:30 a.m. at RRC.

For centuries, we've known that

the health of the brain and 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 health 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.

Followed by 30-minutes of Scattergories offered by Manager, Education and Community Volunteers, Joe Landmichl from the Rockford Office of the Illinois Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association.

Registration requested by Friday, August 12 so we can be prepared. Please call Rock River Center at 815-732-3252 if you plan on attending.

Low Vision Awareness on Aug. 22

Rock River Center is pleased to welcome Sean Johnson, a Vision Rehabilitation Therapist from the Center for Sight & Hearing, at 10 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 22.

Sean's presentation will cover common eye conditions and how they may impact visual functioning. It will also address common adaptations, visual aids and devices to help maximize remaining vision. We will also discuss the wide range of services available in your community for individuals with low vision or blindness.

This hands-on presentation will provide a better understanding of how someone with low vision may see the world, as well as let the audience to try some tools available that allow individuals with vision loss to maintain their independence.

Please call River Center at 815-732-3252 if you plan on attending. Advance registration requested by Au. 16 to accommodate seating. Refreshments will be served.

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.

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.

Lions hosting drive through lunch

LEAF RIVER – The Leaf River Lions will be having a Drive Thru Brat and Beef Hot Dog Sandwich lunch on Saturday, Aug. 20 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Serving will be in the old fire station next to the Bertolet Memorial building at 103 West Second St. The lunch will

consist of your choice of either a brat or beef hot dog sandwich with chips, applesauce, cookie, and a drink.

Cost of the meal is \$5, and proceeds will go toward Lions projects. Enjoy a delicious sandwich and support your local Lions Club.

LOCAL NEWS

Ogle County Sheriff

July 24
At approximately 10:22 p.m. Deputies located a vehicle parked in the ditch in the 4800 block of East Short Rd. After further investigation Richard Reeves, 35 of Oregon, was placed under arrest for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol. Reeves was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

At approximately 8:55 a.m., Deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 1,000 block of N. River Road. After investigation, Deputies placed Eric Lampman, 48 of Rochelle, under arrest for Driving While License Suspended. Lampman was released on an I-Bond at the scene and given a future court date. All subjects are presumed innocent.

July 23
At approximately 8:53 a.m., Deputies responded to a hit and run accident at the intersection of 5th St. and Garfield St. in Leaf River. While checking the area, Deputies located the vehicle and conducted a traffic stop near the intersection of West Grove Road and Leaf River Road at approximately 0919 hours. After investigation, Deputies placed John Huenefeld, 56 of Leaf River under arrest for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol. Huenefeld was additionally issued citations for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident and leaving the scene of a property damage accident. Huenefeld was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond. Mt. Morris PD also assisted with incident. All subjects are presumed innocent.

At 11:31 p.m., Deputies were dispatched to a driving complaint traveling southbound on North Kishwaukee Rd from Condon Rd. (Winnebago County). Deputies eventually located the vehicle and initiated a traffic stop in the 8000 block of North River Rd. During the course of the investigation, Deputies arrested Joseph R Diehl, 28 of Oregon, for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol. Diehl was also issued citations for Expired Registration, Operate Uninsured Motor Vehicle, Improper Lane Usage, and Disregarding a Stop Sign. Diehl was transported to the Ogle County Jail, and held in lieu of bond. All parties are considered innocent until proven guilty.

At approximately 5:03 p.m., Ogle County Deputies conducted a traffic stop near the intersection of East Illinois Route 64 and Moore Road. After investigation, Deputies arrested Bradley Highbarger,

49 of Mount Morris, for Driving While License Revoked. Highbarger was also issued a citation for Illegal Window Tint. Highbarger was subsequently transported to the Ogle County Jail, where he was held in lieu of bond. All subjects are presumed innocent.

At approximately 8:29 p.m., Ogle County Deputies conducted a traffic stop on East Illinois Route 38, just west of I-39. After investigation, Deputies arrested Marcus Hart, 37 of Rockford, for Driving While License Revoked. Hart was also issued citations for Illegal Window Tint and Operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle. Hart was subsequently transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond. All subjects are presumed innocent.

At approximately 11:23 p.m., Deputies responded to the 400 block of North Illinois Rt 26 in reference to a single vehicle roll-over accident. A preliminary investigation revealed a southbound vehicle being driven by Savon Monroe, 26 of Dixon, left the roadway and entered the east ditch where it overturned. Monroe was charged with Aggravated Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol, Driving While License Revoked, Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol, Improper Lane Usage, Operating a Vehicle with Suspended Registration, Child Restraint Violation, Operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle, and Illegal Transportation of Alcohol. Monroe was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held pending an appeared before a judge. All subjects are presumed innocent. Deputies were assisted at the scene by Polo Fire/EMS and Polo Police.

July 22
At approximately 10:38 a.m., Deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 6000 block of N. Route 251. After an investigation, Deputies cited Joshua Raby, 40 of Rockford for driving while suspended, no insurance, and suspended registration. Raby was released on an I-Bond at the scene and given a future court date. All subjects are presumed innocent.

At approximately 9:53 p.m. Deputies initiated a traffic stop in the 4000 block of East Illinois Rt 64. After further investigation Kristofor Nelson, 43 of Dekalb, was placed under arrest for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol. Nelson was also cited for Operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle, Improper Lane Usage, and One Headlight. Nelson was transported to the Ogle County

Jail where he was held in lieu of bond. All subjects are presumed innocent.

At 10:56 p.m., deputies conducted a traffic stop at the intersection of S. 4th St. and Madison St. in Oregon. As a result, deputies arrested Sam E. Jones age 29, of Lyndon IL, for Driving on a Suspended License. Jones was also issued a citation for Head/Tail/Side Light Violation. Jones was released on an I-Bond with a court date to appear. All subjects are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

July 21
At 2:42 p.m., Deputies responded to 890 Illinois Route 38, Rochelle for a two vehicle accident that previously occurred on I-39. After a brief investigation, Deputies arrested Kyle Border of Durand, Illinois for reckless driving and leaving the scene of an accident. Border was released on a \$2,500 Individual Bond with a future court date. All subjects are presumed innocent.

At approximately 11:52 p.m., Ogle County Deputies conducted a traffic stop at East Illinois Route 38 and Thorpe Road. After a brief investigation, Deputies arrested Zachariah S. Flatt, 19 of Tennessee, for No Driver's License. Flatt was taken into custody without incident and released on a \$2,500 individual bond with a return court date set. Flatt was also cited for an inoperable headlight. All suspects are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

July 20
At approximately 11 a.m., Deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 6000 block of N. Meridian Road. After further investigation, Glen Mundell, 23 of Ashton, was placed under arrest and cited for Driving While License Revoked. Mundell also received citations for Possession of Cannabis, No Insurance, Operating a Vehicle with Expired Registration, and Speeding. Mundell was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond. All suspects are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

At approximately 9:14 p.m., Ogle County Deputies were dispatched to 103 Oak Avenue for the report of a domestic disturbance. After a brief investigation, Deputies arrested Steven W. Dodson, 44 of Chana, for Domestic Battery. Dodson was taken into custody without incident and transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held with no bond. All suspects are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

July 19
At 8:15 p.m., Deputies were dispatched to the 500 block of S Valley Dr in Stillman Valley for a report of a domestic. As a result of the investigation, a 17 year-old juvenile male of Rockford was arrested for Domestic Battery, Disorderly Conduct, and Resisting/Obstructing a Police Officer. The juvenile was transported to the Ogle County Jail, and released to a parent. All suspects are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

At approximately 8:32 a.m., Ogle County Deputies initiated a traffic stop in the 2000 block of S IL. Rt. 251. After investigation, Deputies arrested Makenzee A. Scofield, 19 of Holcomb, for an Ogle county battery warrant. Scofield was additionally cited for driving without a valid driver's license and improper display of front registration. Scofield was transported to the Ogle county jail pending an appearance before a judge. All subjects are presumed innocent.

July 18
At approximately 10:59 p.m., Deputies initiated a traffic stop in the 15000 block of East Illinois Rt 72. After further investigation Sara Wyant, 40 of Byron, was placed under arrest for Driving While License Suspended. Wyant was released on an Individual Bond and will appear in Ogle County Court at a later date. All subjects are presumed innocent.

July 17
At approximately 8:04 p.m., Ogle County Deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 13,500 block of East Illinois Route 72. After investigation, Morgan Lopez-Daniels, 22 of Rockford, was arrested for No Valid Driver's License. Lopez-Daniels was released on an Individual Bond with a return court date. All subjects are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

July 13
At approximately 3:30 p.m., Deputies responded to the area of Daysville and Flag Road for a driving complaint. A short time later Deputies located the vehicle and conducted a traffic stop in the 200 block of N. Daysville Road. After investigation, Deputies placed Sheridan Saskowski, 46 of Geneseo under arrest for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol. Saskowski was additionally issued citations for following too closely and improper lane usage. Saskowski was transported to the Ogle County Jail where she was held in lieu of bond. All subjects are presumed innocent.

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LOCAL NEWS



Final summer concert

The Oregon Park District held their final Concert in the Park for the summer on Tuesday, July 26. Burn N' Bush packed the park for an evening of music sponsored by Woods. Woods supplied the crowd with bubbles and paddle balls for the kids and chocolate covered Oreos for the crowd. The Oregon Park District thanks the sponsors, musicians and everyone that came out each to enjoy the music.

Oregon Police report

July 12

At 3:03 p.m. Oregon Police investigated a two-vehicle traffic crash in the 100 block of S. 5th Street involving a 2021 Chevrolet driven by Jeffrey M. Billeter, 65, Byron, and a parked 2016 Audi belonging to Andrew C. Tangen, age 38, of Mundelein, IL. No citations were issued.

At 7:25 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Amanda V. Kraft, 36, Dixon, on a Lee County warrant for failure to appear. Kraft was transported to the Ogle County jail.

July 13

At 11:52 a.m., Oregon Police responded to a two-vehicle traffic crash at the intersection of W. Washington and N. 6th Streets involving a 2007 Ford driven by Eric J. Schmidt, 44, of Forreston, and a 2006 Subaru driven by Laura L. Madden, 58, Leaf River. Madden was issued citations for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident and operating an uninsured motor vehicle.

July 14

At 2:56 p.m., Oregon Police issued Viktor K. Domnenko, 61, of Marseilles, IL, a city citation for unlawful burning. This violation occurred in the 100 block of S. 2nd Street.

July 15

At 3:50 p.m., Oregon Police responded to a two-vehicle traffic crash in the 100 block of River Road involving a 2021 Honda driven by Keagan R. Dittel, 28, of Milwaukee, WI, and a 2008 Ford driven by Leah M. Hays, 33, of Creston, IL. Dittel was issued a citation for improper overtaking of vehicle on the left.

July 16

At 7:27 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Patrick L. Tatum, 53, Rockford, for driving while license revoked. Tatum was transported to the Ogle County jail. This violation occurred in the 500 block of Gale Street.

12 parking citations and 26 verbal warnings issued during the week of 7/11/2022 through 7/17/2022.

July 20

At 12:21 p.m., Oregon Police investigated a two-vehicle traffic crash in the 100 block of Depot Street involving a 2015 GMC driven by Ted N. Gesin, 47, Oregon, struck a parked 1997 Ford owned by Myles L. Miraglia, age 19, Oregon. Information was exchanged and no citations were issued.

July 23

At 6:28 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Jeramiha J. Martin, 33, Oregon, for driving while license revoked. Martin

was transported to the Ogle County jail. This violation occurred in the 400 block of S. 4th Street.

July 24

At 8 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Holly K. Morse, 39, Oregon, for driving while license revoked. Morse was transported to the Ogle County jail. This violation occurred in the 800 block of N. 4th Street.

3 parking citations and 13 verbal warnings issued during the week of 7/18/2022 through 7/24/2022.

Aug. 1

At 12:32 p.m., Oregon Police responded to a traffic crash at 211 S. 4th Street, the McDonald's restaurant, involving a 2017 Audi driven by Loran R. Greenfield, 80, Forreston, and a parked 2016 Ford driven by T. Joyce Sanders, age 81, Oregon. No citations were issued.

Aug. 2

At 7:59 a.m., Oregon Police issued Gabriel C. Guerra, age 19, Savana, a citation for operating a vehicle with an expired registration. This violation occurred near the intersection of 10th and Washington Streets.

Aug. 4

At 4:00 p.m., Oregon Police responded to a traffic crash report at the intersection of Washington and N. 4th Streets involving a 2018 Chevrolet driven by Andrew R. McKay, 38, Dixon, and a 2005 Chevrolet driven by Anthony J. Frey, 29, Oregon. No citations were issued.

Aug. 5


At 7:13 p.m., Oregon Police issued Jennifer R. Spedding, 41, Loves Park, a citation for operating an uninsured motor vehicle. This violation occurred in the 700 block of N. 4th Street.

At 7:49 p.m., Oregon Police responded to a traffic crash in the Dairy Queen parking lot located at 210 E. Washington Street involving a 2002 Dodge driven by Dannielle R. West, 45, Kirkland, IL, and a parked 2019 Nissan belonging to Holly A. Bargren, 51, Byron. No citations were issued.

Aug. 7

At 7:20 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Araceli Rocha-Amaro, 45, Oregon, on an outstanding Ogle County warrant for driving while license suspended. Rocha-Amaro was transported to the Ogle County jail.


3 parking citations and 5 verbal warnings issued during the week of 8/1/2022 through 8/7/2022.



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Lowden Dinner

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Pork chop lunch will be Aug. 20

BYRON – Stop by the Byron St. Mary Church parking lot (off Route 2) on Saturday, Aug. 20 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. for the Kiwanis Pork Chop Sandwich Lunch.

The cost is \$8, which includes grilled Eichman's pork sandwich, chips, cookie, and bottle of water. This is a drive-thru event, so press the "easy button" and treat your family with a Pork Chop Sandwich Lunch to go.

All proceeds benefit programs in the community. Kiwanis is a mosaic of ordinary people doing extraordinary things to uplift our communities and serve children around the world. The Byron Club was founded in 1988 and Service is at the heart of every member, united in our commitment and compassion for others.

A Family of Servant Leaders: Byron Kiwanis sponsors "K-KIDS" at Mary Morgan Elementary, "Builders Club" at Byron Middle School and "Key Club" at Byron High School. We collaborate with other area service organizations and businesses...because together we reach more people and have a greater impact on our community. Some of the programs we support include: Mary Morgan Family Reading Night, youth education & sports, high school college scholarships, Byron School PBIS: Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports, Free Breakfast with Santa, benefiting Operation Santa, Crossroads Blues Society, People Helping People Food Pantry, Pegasus Riders, Village of Progress, Neuroscience Research Foundation.

Byron church to host movie night Aug. 19

BYRON – The Next Family Movie Night at United Church of Byron will be on Aug. 19.

The movie will be shown on the front lawn and will begin at dusk. The movie will be "Penguins of Madagascar." Discover the secrets of the greatest and most hilarious covert birds in the global espionage biz: Skipper, Kowalski, Rico and Private. These elitists of the elite are joining forces with a chic undercover organization, The North Wind.

Led by handsome Eurasian wolf Agent Classified (we could tell you his name, but then – you know). Together, they must stop the villainous Dr. Octavius Brine, from destroying the world as we know it.

Bring along your friends and family as well as lawn chairs, blankets and bug spray. Snacks and drinks will be available. If it rains, the movie will be shown in the fellowship hall and will begin at approximately 7:30 p.m.

Park District Fall Guide available this week

OREGON – The Oregon Park District's Fall guide will be available to view on Friday, Aug. 19.

Visit www.oregonpark.org to check out the variety of offerings for fall. Everyone's favorite programs are featured in the guide, including fitness classes, adult leagues, youth sports, swim lessons, athletics, holiday events, personal

training and much more!

Registration is open for passholders on Monday, Aug. 22 and open for all on Tuesday, Aug. 23 and can be completed online, by phone or in person.

Register online at www.oregonpark.org, in person at Nash Recreation Center, 305 S. 5th Street, Oregon, or over the phone at 815-732-3101.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thurs., Aug. 18

Polo Farmer's Market, parking lot south of Shell Station – Hwy 26/Division Ave., 3-6 p.m.

Death Meats, Earl-E Green Gardens, Ewe and Me Acres, Ivan's Farm Market and more.

Hub City Grief Group will meet from 9-10 a.m. at 401 Cherry Ave, Rochelle. Please call 815-732-4111 by 3 p.m. on Aug. 17 to register.

Evening Group will meet from 5-6 p.m. at The Serenity House,

1658 S IL RT 2, Oregon. Please call 815-732-4111 by noon to register.

Fri., Aug. 19

Diamond Art will meet from 9-11 a.m. at The Serenity Shed, 131 N 3rd St., Oregon.

Family Movie Night at United Church of Byron. The movie "Penguins of Madagascar" will be shown on the front lawn and will begin at dusk. Bring along your friends and family as well as lawn chairs, blankets and bug

spray. Snacks and drinks will be available.

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

Sat., Aug. 20

Byron's Hairy Cow Farmer's Market is 8 a.m. to noon,

Sunshine Park, IL Route 2 and Peru St, Byron. Featuring local seasonal produce, plants, baked goods, area crafters and more. For information contact the Byron Hairy Cow Farmer's Market Facebook page.

Please send your items for the weekly Community Calendar to bjennings@oglecountylife.com. Deadline for all items is 3 p.m. Wednesday.

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MOMENTS IN TIME

* On Aug. 24, 1814, during the War of 1812 between the United States and England, British troops enter Washington, D.C., and burn the White House in retaliation for the American attack on the city of York in Ontario, Canada, in June 1813. When the British arrived at the White House, they found that President James Madison and his first lady Dolley had already fled to safety in Maryland.

* On Aug. 22, 1851, the U.S.-built schooner America bests a fleet of Britain's finest ships in a race around England's Isle of Wight. In the 53-mile race, the America trounced the competition, beating the cutter Aurora by 22 minutes.

* On Aug. 27, 1908, future President Lyndon B. Johnson is born on a farm near Stonewall, Texas. As president, Johnson pushed through the creation of Medicare/Medicaid, Head Start, the Voting Rights Act, the Civil Rights Act and the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

* On Aug. 25, 1939, "The Wizard of Oz," which will become one of the best-loved movies in history, opens in theaters. Though the scenes in Kansas were shot in traditional black and white, Oz appears in vivid Technicolor, a relatively new film process at the time.

* On Aug. 23, 1947, the first Little League World Series championship game -- the culmination of a three-day tournament in Williamsport, Pennsylvania -- features teams from Pennsylvania. Maynard, a team from Williamsport, defeated Lock Haven, 16-7, to win the title at Original Field. Although it was called the World Series, 11 of the 12 teams in the tournament were from Pennsylvania.

* On Aug. 26, 1959, the British Motor Corporation (BMC) launches its newest car, the small and affordable -- at a price tag of less than \$800 -- Mark I Mini. At only 10 feet long, the Mini could sit four adults and had a trunk big enough for luggage.

* On Aug. 28, 1972, the U.S. Air Force gets its first ace designation since the Korean War when Capt. Richard S. Ritchie and his "backseater" (radar intercept officer), Captain Charles B. DeBellevue, shoot down his fifth MiG near Hanoi.

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Time to pay for all the hurtful lies

Living the Life

By Brad Jennings



I have never been a talk radio fan. Even when it was at the height of its popularity I stayed away.

The reason? It was all shouting, negativity and finger-pointing nonsense. It led to division and not societal solutions. It was all about making certain people or groups look bad. It was all about putting people down.

I know a lot of people loved that screaming radio, including friends of mine and even family members. Well, more power to them, but I don't ever want that kind of negativity in my life.

To be clear, I am talking about talk radio of any political stripe -- the left as well as the right have had radio "personalities" that have just belittled those who disagree with them.

No thanks.

But there was one who stood out as the top -- or bottom -- of the crazy heap. That is Alex Jones. Jones had the typical raving and ranting thing, but he also swam in the deep end of the conspiracy world. And the Internet has given him a very wide reach into that world, a place where outright lies and invented schemes destroy lives and

do harm to people. And he has made a lot of money doing all the damage he has done.

Jones is a man who sells "alternative facts." Those are things most of us call lies.

I could list all the crazy, unhinged things he has pushed over the years, but it is honestly too sickening for me to delve into. Google it yourself if you want the specifics.

But one thing Jones is well known for is his claims of "trauma actors" at events like school shootings. He has said that the 26 people -- including 20 children -- slaughtered in the 2012 shootings in Newtown, Conn., did not exist. So, the parents of

these children, who were mostly 6 and 7-year-olds, didn't actually have children. They are all actors, and this is a way to get rid of guns.

Take a deep breath if you haven't heard this before. Yes, it is insane that anyone could believe this, and especially spout the nonsense publicly.

I can only feel for these parents. Their young children were gunned down in school, and Jones is telling them their kids never existed and they are liars.

It makes me equal parts sad and angry. I can't imagine the pain they felt of losing a child so young in such a violent way. And then for someone to take to the airwaves and say they are actors and not parents. Well, that is simply evil and cruel.

Turns out, it is also expensive.

The families of the victims sued Jones, and in 2021 a Connecticut court found him liable for defamation. And this month, a Texas jury recently found ordered Jones to pay the parents of a 6-year-old killed in the massacre millions of dollars.

(I could write a series of stories on the trial, and

the judge forcing Jones to answer honestly, not spew his usual "alternative facts," and his attorney basically showing the world that Jones lied in court).

And Jones also, finally, admitted that yes, these were real children, their parents are not actors and the shooting happened.

I say he knew it all along, of course. But reality is not a great thing for a person who makes his living off selling conspiracy theories to listeners who buy into them.

There could be more damages coming, but I don't think they will financially ruin a man who is worth millions of dollars.

I do hope it gives pause to those who try to profit from the suffering of others, and to those who listen to the unhinged rants from charlatans like Jones. Jones is an opportunist, a school yard bully with a lot of followers who buy into the garbage he is pushing.

But bullies can be held accountable, as Jones found out. We need to hold them all accountable in this country.

Brad Jennings is Editor of The Ogle County Life.

There is apparently little sympathy for a rat

On July 25, a giant inflatable rat rose 15-feet in front of Staab Funeral Home in Springfield and a woman came out of the business and repeatedly stabbed the rodent with a knife.

The rat is intended to call public attention to companies employing nonunion labor.

John Nicks, business manager for Roofers Local 112, said he and two of his union brothers -- and Scabby the rat -- were well within their rights protesting outside the venerable Springfield business that employed a non-union roofing contractor.

I can't argue with that.

The First Amendment exists to protect even the most offensive speech. In fact, if someone didn't find it offensive, there would be no need to protect it.

But as my mother used to say, "Just because you can do something doesn't mean you should do something."

And this job action was stupid -- really stupid.

Nicks portrays himself as -- just a working stiff -- protesting outside a funeral parlor. But even he wasn't prepared for how heated things became.

"She came out running, hollering and screaming and had a knife that was maybe four, six or seven inches long. I don't know what she was screaming, but she was screaming, and then she stabbed the rat eight times -- in the back," he told me in a recent interview.

One of the picketers called the cops and the woman returned to the business.

The 911 call went like this: "We're union workers and we are kinda protesting here because there is non-union here. And a lady came out of Staab's and poked a hole in one of

our rat things or whatever. They are getting kinda nasty and we have all the right to be here."

He added the perpetrator was wearing a "leopard top."

Meow. You just can't make this stuff up.

A police report said Funeral Director Lauren Staab, daughter of the firm's President Paul John Staab, admitted to the attack. Neither of the Staabs would comment on the matter for the record. She has been charged with criminal damage to property.

When I wrote a news story on the incident last week, I received emails and comments from across the United States. The victim -- Scabby, the now flaccid rat -- received no sympathy.

Lauren Staab, on the other hand, may be on the way to folk-hero status.

I should note that the Staabs buried several of my in-laws. And I've attended a number of funerals there and always found them to be dignified and professional.

They are just nice folks.

Inflating a giant rat outside a family business is a bullying tactic. A legal bullying tactic, but a bullying tactic nonetheless.

I can empathize.

When I was 10, my family's small business was picketed by a union. We'd hired union carpenters to put on an addition. It seems the carpenters were carrying their own boards. So, the laborers' union picketed because they thought they should be carrying them.

Being a rather nosy child, I walked out front and asked the fellow picketing why he was there. He said, "Unfair labor practices, Kid."

I asked what was unfair? The fellow wouldn't make eye contact but did tell me to call the union hall. I couldn't

help but wonder if he knew why he was picketing.

After all, orthodoxies demand blind obedience. Instead of taking a nuanced view and noting that the Staabs have employed union contractors in the past and have contributed much to the community, the roofer's union chose to brand them as "shameful" and target them for a picket.

What do they hope to accomplish? Maybe someone will drive down the road, see the picketers and say, "Mom, when you kick the bucket, we won't have your funeral at that place with the giant rat."

I suppose it could happen. But I kind of doubt it.

A more likely scenario is that the union will reap nothing but ill will. Instead of the champion of working people, it came off as a bully picking on a family business.

Increasingly, rank-and-file union workers are uncomfortable with these actions. They may not be voicing their misgivings in the union hall, but they are voting with their feet.

Unions are finding it hard to get workers to participate in job actions like the one with Scabby. The street.com has reported some labor organizations have resorted to hiring non-union temporary workers at minimum wage to man their picket lines.

John Nicks, of the Roofers union, acknowledged that some unions "play that game" but not his.

All the same, whenever I see folks suffering out in the weather on a picket line, I can't help but wonder, "Are those temps? And is the union paying them prevailing wage?"

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

Candidate proposes rail extension with local stop

Dear Editor,

On July 20, 2022 Mr. Gerald H. Podraza, Democratic Candidate, Illinois 45th Senate District, submitted to Illinois Department of Transportation, Office of Passenger Rail, a counter proposal to return of passenger rail extension, Rockford to Dubuque Twin Cities Zephyr!

This train operated successfully from Chicago to St. Paul, Minnesota. Tracks are currently owned by the BNSF and meticulously maintained. Twin City Zephyr given its established historical service is eligible for special AMTRAK financing which targets revival of passenger service on pre-existing routes.

In the past, Twin City Zephyr had

a route that traveled from Chicago to St. Paul. Presently, we could expect that it would have stops/stations in DeKalb, Oregon, Savanna, and East Dubuque. Given the passion for passenger rail demonstrated by Wisconsin and Minnesota folks, the route could be eventually extended to St. Paul through Prairie du Chien and La Crosse.

In order for passenger rail to be a viable transportation modality, a dependable and daily income source needs to exist. Twin Cities Zephyr would pick up students from Northern Illinois University and five colleges/universities in Dubuque. If extended to La Crosse another two universities could po-

tentially contribute to ridership. On a seasonal basis, tourist ridership would contribute to a daily income stream given appeal of communities like Oregon, Savanna, Galena, and Dubuque. If extended north again, Prairie du Chien and La Crosse attract numerous tourists.

If anecdotal evidence is credible, there appears to be an increase in Galena visits by individuals who reside in the western suburbs of Chicago, exactly the area where the Twin Cities Zephyr would traverse; another contribution to daily ridership.

Gerald H. Podraza, Democratic Candidate, 45th Illinois Senate District

LOCAL NEWS



Stronghold fundraiser

Recently Stronghold Camp and Retreat Center hosted a masquerade fundraiser on the castle grounds. Keeping with Strong tradition of being gracious hosts, they celebrated with champagne, fire performances, dancers, fairies, and more. Producers of the event, Vos Marketing and Events and Candace Rivera of Hazel's Cafe, presented a check for \$3,565.01 to Stronghold Camp and Retreat Center board member Howard Strong (a descendant of the Strong family) and Executive Director Dr. Danny Pierce. We're so thankful to have had this opportunity to assist Stronghold and plan the event "A Midsummer Night's Masquerade!" Save the date for next year July 22, 2023 and invite your friends. Thank you again to all of our sponsors especially our presenting sponsor Kunes Country of Oregon. Our thanks to Central Bank, Sue Gowers, Ring DJ Service, Schuster/Steele, Rock River Pirates (Kris and Jimmy Martinaitis), 102.3 The Coyote, and Manheim Solutions. Thank you to our community partners for their generous support: Byron Dance Academy, OHS Madrigals, Hydrobar, Rock River Center, Oregon SuperValu, Ogle County Brewery, Hazels Cafe, Holiday Memories Lighting, and the Stronghold Staff were wonderful hosts and help. Until next year, please learn more about how you can support Stronghold and the great work they're doing there: <https://strongholdcenter.org/>

Opening night of the Fall '22 RSO season is Aug. 27

ROCKFORD – The Rockford Symphony Orchestra (RSO) continues their search for a new music director by welcoming finalist Eric Garcia for Opening Night of the Fall '22 Season.

Garcia will be conducting his program titled Brahms's Fourth on Saturday, Aug. 27, at 7:30 p.m. with a pre-concert lecture at 6:30 p.m. at the Coronado Performing Arts Center.

Garcia's program will feature John Williams' *The Cowboys Overture* along with Brahms' Symphony No. 4 in E Major. To review the entire program and hear excerpts, visit the RSO website www.rockfordsymphony.com.

Praised for his "elegant and expressive" conducting, Garcia is Music Director of the Boise Philharmonic and Artistic Director and Conductor of the McCall Music Society SummerFest (ID). Garcia previously served as Assistant Conductor of the Seattle Symphony. An avid supporter of contemporary music, Garcia has collaborated with many esteemed composers and was a member of the American Academy of Conducting at the Aspen Music Festival and School.

Garcia received a Doctorate of Music and Master of Music in Orchestral Conduct-

ing from Northwestern University. He received a Bachelor of Music Theory from the University of Texas at Austin. Garcia hosts a radio show and podcast entitled *Noted*, which is designed for the seasoned or casual listener of classical music.

We invite the public to meet Garcia at "SoundBites," a free lunchtime event on Friday, Aug. 26 at noon at The Mauhnah-Tee-See Club located at 5151 Guilford Road. This event will feature a conversational interview format with Garcia along with a brief question and answer session. Food and drinks may be purchased.

The guest artist will be violinist Blake Pouliot, who has anchored himself among the ranks of classical phenoms. A tenacious young artist with a passion that enraptures his audience in every performance, Pouliot has established himself as "one of those special talents that comes along once in a lifetime" (Toronto Star). He will be performing E.W. Korngold's Violin Concerto in D Major with the RSO.

Tickets are available for the live performance, as are digital tickets, which allow patrons to watch from home at a later date. In-person and digital tickets can be purchased at rockfordsymphony.com or by calling 815-965-0049, or visiting the RSO offices.

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Extension offers frozen meals to benefit ag program

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Order 10 delicious meals that have been prepared and frozen for your convenience. Each meal serves 3 to 5 people, meals include: pulled pork, ham and potatoes, BBQ meatballs, pulled pork mac and cheese, chicken bacon ranch pasta, smoked pork loin, chicken noodle soup, chicken fajitas, smoked pork chop sandwiches, and shepherd's pie.

Cost for the 10 meals is \$170. Proceeds to benefit the Ogle-Carroll Ag in the Classroom Program.

- There are 3 ways to order:
1. Mail your name, phone number, number of meal sets (they come in a set of 10 meals), and payment to: 811 S Clay Street, Mt. Carroll, IL 61053. Make checks payable to: Ogle-Carroll Ag Partnership (OCAP).
 2. You can order online at go.illinois.edu/freezemealsonline.
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freezemeals. Place your order by Monday, Sept. 12. Meal pick-up is Sept. 28 from 3-5 p.m. at the University of Illinois Extension office, 421 W Pines Rd, Oregon. Please contact the office at 815-732-2191 or e-mail charbm@illinois.edu with any questions.

Agriculture in the Classroom (AIRC) is a statewide educational program with lessons offered to Kindergarten through 8th grade. Its goal is to help students, teachers, and the general public gain greater awareness of the role of agri-

culture in the economy and society. Ag in the Classroom is offered through the University of Illinois Extension Ogle County in partnership with Ogle County Farm Bureau, Carroll County Farm Bureau, Ogle County Soil & Water, and Carroll County Soil & Water.

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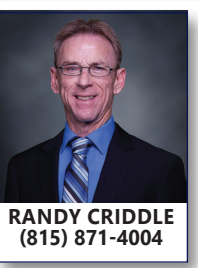
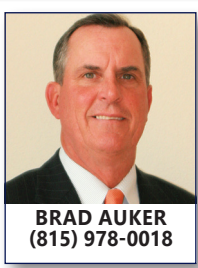
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Mini Pitch is added to Oregon Park West

OREGON – The Oregon Park District is excited to announce a Musco Mini Pitch system has been added to Oregon Park West.

The mini-pitch is an all-in one system that features fencing, goals, benches, and storage. The Oregon Park District worked with Musco

Lighting to bring this one-of-a-kind system to the area. This is the first in Northern Illinois with the closest in downtown Chicago.

The mini-pitch offers small sided soccer as a place for local youth and adults to learn, grow, develop confidence and teamwork, and have fun with smaller team sizes.

This new recreation amenity was opened in July and the first adult league just ended. A fall adult league will feature 4 v 4 soccer and registration opens on Aug. 23.

The mini pitch system is open for all to use during normal park hours. For more information about leagues or the mini pitch visit www.oregonpark.org.



FEATURED LISTING

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This isn't a housing bubble

With all the headlines and buzz in the media, some consumers believe the market is in a housing bubble. As the housing market shifts, you may be wondering what'll happen next. It's only natural for concerns to creep in that it could be a repeat of what took place in 2008. The good news is, there's concrete data to show why this is nothing like the last time.

There's a Shortage of Homes on the Market Today, Not a Surplus

The supply of inventory needed to sustain a normal real estate market is approximately six months. Anything more than

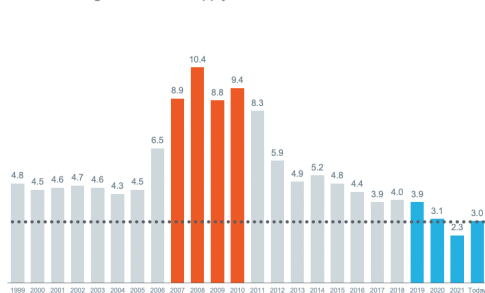
that is an overabundance and will cause prices to depreciate. Anything less than that is a shortage and will lead to continued price appreciation.

For historical context, there were too many homes for sale during the housing crisis (many of which were short sales and foreclosures), and that caused prices to tumble. Today, supply is growing, but there's still a shortage of inventory available.

The graph below shows data from the National Association of Realtors (NAR) to show how this time compares to the crash. Today, unsold inventory sits at just a 3.0-months' supply at the current sales pace.

Supply of Homes Is Nothing Like Last Time

Annual Average of Months' Supply for 1999-2021



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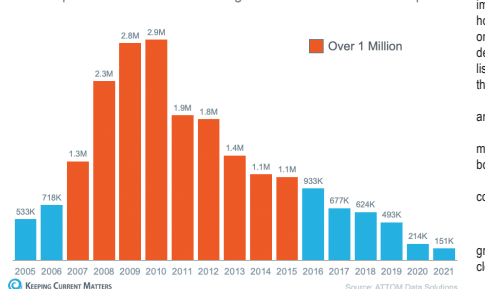
Running up to 2006, banks were creating artificial demand by lowering lending standards and making it easy for just about anyone to qualify for a home loan or refinance their current home. Back then, lending institutions took on much greater risk in both the person and the mortgage products offered. That led to mass defaults, foreclosures, and falling prices.

Today, things are different, and purchasers face much higher standards from mortgage companies. Mark Fleming, Chief Economist at First American, says: "Credit standards tightened in recent months due to increasing economic uncertainty and monetary policy tightening." Stricter standards, like there are today, help prevent a risk of a rash of foreclosures like there was last time.

The Foreclosure Volume is Nothing Like It Was During the Crash. The most obvious difference is the number of homeowners that were facing foreclosure after the housing bubble burst. Foreclosure activity has been on the way down since the crash because buyers today are more qualified and less likely to default on their loans.

Foreclosure Activity Then and Now

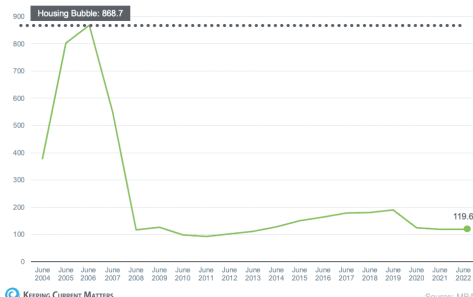
U.S. Properties with Foreclosure Filings: ATTOM 2021 Year-End Report



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Lending Standards Still Under Control

Historic Data for the Mortgage Credit Availability Index (MCAI)



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In addition, homeowners today are equity rich, not tapped out. In the run-up to the housing bubble, some homeowners were using their homes as personal ATMs. Many immediately withdrew their equity once it built up. When home values began to fall, some homeowners found themselves in a negative equity situation where the amount they owed on their mortgage was greater than the value of their home. Some of those households decided to walk away from their homes, and that led to a wave of distressed property listings (foreclosures and short sales), which sold at considerable discounts that lowered the value of other homes in the area.

Today, prices have risen nicely over the last few years, and that's given homeowners an equity boost. According to Black Knight: "In total, mortgage holders gained \$2.8 trillion in tappable equity over the past 12 months – a 34% increase that equates to more than \$207,000 in equity available per borrower."

With the average home equity now standing at \$207,000, homeowners are in a completely different position this time.

Bottom Line

If you're worried we're making the same mistakes that led to the housing crash, the graphs above should help alleviate your concerns. Concrete data and expert insights clearly show why this is nothing like the last time.

~ KEEPING CURRENT MATTERS, 2022

NEW LISTING

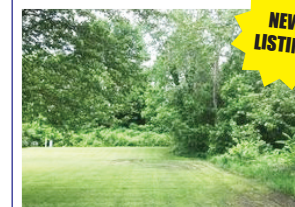


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120 Hillside Dr., Polo \$12,500 Call Jenny

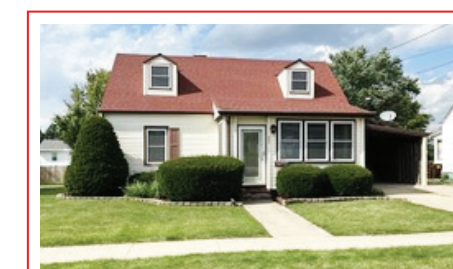
Two adjacent residential lots located in Salter Heights subdivision just outside of town. Nice private location at the end of the street. Lots are improved with all utilities. Level lots and partially wooded.

NEW LISTING



306 Ada St., Rock Falls \$105,000 Call Erin

Nestled in the back of an established Rock Falls neighborhood, still this 3 bed, 3 bath raised ranch. Well maintained home in a private setting but sits close to town. You can watch the wildlife from the oversized bay window in the 1st floor living room. The 1st Floor Master has a jetted tub for relaxing. On the upper floor, you will find the large kitchen, main living area and 2 more spacious bedrooms - the second of which has another en suite bath! Come out today and see this slice of Rock Falls Heaven!



422 E. Hitt Mt. Morris NOW \$149,900 Call Carrie

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SPORTS/LOCAL NEWS



Softball league champs

The Oregon Park District concluded the 2022 Adult Co-Ed Sand Volleyball League. The winning team for the summer league was Team Hunt Club. Thank you to all the teams that participated.

Farmer's Market

John Keating, Belvidere, sells handmade leather and wood products. Stop by Byron Hairy Cow Farmer's Market on Saturday mornings from 8 a.m. to noon next to the Hairy Cow Brewery. Last week we had 30 vendors! For information contact the Byron Hairy Cow Farmer's Market Facebook page.



Eagle's Nest offering glass work class

OREGON – Eagle's Nest Art Group is offering a class in the art of glass work on Saturday, Sept. 3, from 9:30 a.m. to noon at its Conover Square Mall second-floor studio, 201 N. 3rd Street in Oregon.

stringers, and frit. Students can create their own design. Designs can vary from simple florals to designs inspired by stained glass. An example of a simple air balloon design is attached to this article.



This workshop is open to the public; membership in ENAG is not required. Participants will be guided by glass artist Valerie Butcher who will assist students in creating a 10" round glass work of art using various types of glass including noodles,

Class size is limited so that participants can receive plenty of individual attention. Participants must wear closed-toed shoes since they will be working with small pieces of glass. The cost is \$60 which includes all materials, tools, and the double

"firing" of each piece. You must pay in advance by credit card over the phone. Register for the workshop by contacting Valerie at 815-441-2161. Please sign up soon since space is limited.

UW-Platteville announces Dean's List

PLATTEVILLE, Wis. – The University of Wisconsin-Platteville announces its Dean's List, honoring those full-time students who earned high honors in the spring 2022 semester.

of Wisconsin-Platteville Colton Johnson, Civil Engineering, University of Wisconsin-Platteville Kaley Mumma, Agricultural Education, Ornamental Horticulture, University of Wisconsin-Platteville Rilee Smith, Human Resource Management, University of Wisconsin-Platteville Forrester: Jackie Ludwig, Accounting, Management, University of Wisconsin-Platteville Leaf River: Andrew Bratina, In-

tegrated Supply Chain Management, University of Wisconsin-Platteville College of Business, Industry, Life Science and Agriculture and the College of Liberal Arts and Education require grade-point averages of 3.75 and above for Dean's List honors, while the College of Engineering, Mathematics and Science requires students to reach at least a 3.50.

Students from this area on the Dean's List include:

Byron: Jordan Alcaraz, Criminal Justice, University of Wisconsin-Platteville Will Carlson, Civil Engineering, University of Wisconsin-Platteville Colton Ingram, Civil Engineering, University

Leaf River: Andrew Bratina, In-

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

Taylor graduates from Central College

PELLA, Iowa – Reid Taylor, Polo, was one of 216 Central College students who were celebrated during Commencement on Saturday, May 14, at Ron and Joyce Schipper Stadium.

Taylor received a bachelor's degree in Exercise Science. Central College of Pella, Iowa, is a private, four-year liberal arts college. Central is known for its academic rigor and leadership formation and for cultivating diversity of thought and culture through the arts and sciences, professional fields of study and experiential learning.

Byron's Freise makes Dean's List at Cedarville

CEDARVILLE, Ohio – Cedarville University students Rachel Freise of Byron, majoring in English, and Heidie Raine of Byron, majoring in English, were named to the Dean's List at Cedarville University for spring 2022.

This recognition requires the student to obtain a 3.5 GPA or higher for the semester and carry a minimum of 12 credit hours. Located in southwest Ohio, Cedarville University is an accredited, Christ-centered, Baptist institution with an enrollment of 4,715 undergraduate, graduate, and online students in more than 150 areas of study. Founded in 1887, Cedarville is recognized nationally for its authentic Christian community, rigorous academic programs, strong graduation, and retention rates, accredited professional and health science offerings, and high student engagement ranking. For more information about Cedarville University, visit www.cedarville.edu.

Prax graduates from Bradley University

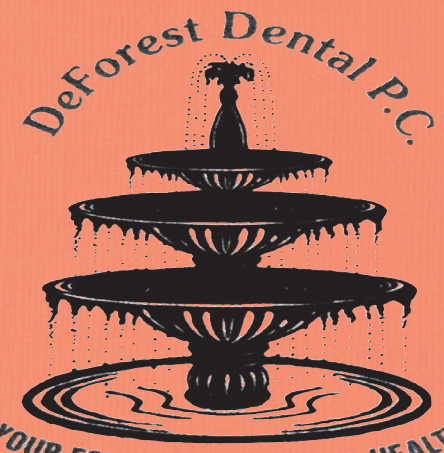
PEORIA – Bradley University congratulates the 900-plus students who earned degrees in May.

futures. Innovation, action, and collaboration drive Bradley students to generate ideas and create solutions that remake the world around them. Our comprehensive array of undergraduate and graduate academic programs includes business, communications, education, engineering, fine arts, health sciences, liberal arts and sciences, and technology.

Madeline Prax, Byron, graduated with a BSN in Nursing. Bradley University is a top-ranked, private university in Peoria, Illinois, offering nearly 6,000 undergraduate and graduate students opportunities, choices, and resources to build their

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LOCAL NEWS

Oregon Library News

Board of Trustee Vacancy

The Oregon Public Library District is currently seeking applicants to fill a board vacancy. Interested persons should submit a resume and letter of interest to board@oregonpubliclibrary.com. For more information about serving on our board of trustees, please visit our website at www.oregonpubliclibrary.com.

Letterboxing

Did you know that the Oregon Public Library is a letterbox location? Letterboxing is similar to geocaching and is a fun way to get active and explore your community. The Library has Letterboxing Take & Make kits available for ages 12-17. Limited supplies, first come, first serve. To learn more about letterboxing and to find locations near you, visit www.letterboxing.org

Produce Swap – August 16th from 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Food Swaps are local gatherings where people swap excess homegrown produce and gardening extras. Items may include fruit, vegetables, herbs, eggs, seeds, seedlings, gardening tips, and worm juice, but may easily extend to skills shares, stories, and seasonal recipes. Take some, leave some, or both! Have too much in your garden, bring to the library for others to enjoy. Food can be brought in beginning at 9:00 am through 4:00 pm. Any food left at 6:00 pm will be donated to local pantries.

Ink with A Friend Monthly Card Club-Monday, August 15th at 6:30 p.m.

Registration Deadline August 12th
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.

Lego Club (2nd grade & up), Wednesday, August 24th, 2:30 p.m. (early school dismissal)

The club is designed to provide an enjoyable activity (FUN) that stimulates and develops spatial intelligence. Registration required. Go online to our website or call, 815-732-2724, to register.

Local OHS Graduate, Pulitzer Prize Winner Eli Murray – September 6th at 4 p.m.

2012 graduate of Oregon High School, Eli Murray and teammates Corey G. Johnson and Rebecca Woolington received the Pulitzer Prize for their investigative journalism series, "Poisoned." The Tampa Bay Times exposé tells the compelling story of highly toxic hazards inside Florida's only battery recycling plant. In the WIFR news piece, Murray "credits several of his teachers at OHS as early influences in his career, saying Cheryl Bunton, the art teacher, taught him how to convey messages visually and his math teacher, Danyel Larsen, taught him to break down formulas into their logical components." Eli will be at the library to discuss his journey to the Pulitzer.

Book Clubs

Cocktails and Crimes Book Club will meet Sunday, August 14 (stop by the library to find out what book and where the club will meet). The Afternoon Book Club meets Wednesday, August 17 at 1:00 pm to discuss The Magnolia Palace by Fiona Davis. Teen Book Club Association meets on August 27 at 10 am to discuss The Downstairs Girl by Stacey Lee. Books on Tap meets on August 25, at 6 pm to discuss Mother May I by Joshilyn Jackson. The 2WBC Book Club meets Wednesday, September 14 at 12:30 p.m. to discuss The Four Winds by Kristen Hannah.

Puzzle Library

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

Oregon Public Library StoryWalk®

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 Millions of Monarchs by Connie Roop.

OPLD Dial-A-Story

Need a quick story? Call 1-630-397-0912 to hear one! Children's stories are changed monthly. Current story- We Don't Eat Our Classmates by Ryan T. Higgins.

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.

Passport Services

The Oregon Public Library offers Passport Application Processing. Patrons seeking Passport Services should call the Library prior to their visit to ensure that an official processor is available at that time and for a checklist of items, you will need for the appointment.

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- David Bowie in Comics by Thierry Lamy 741.5 LAM (Graphic Novel)
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- How to be Married (to Melissa) by Dustin Nickerson 4-BOCD 306.8 NIC
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LOCAL NEWS

Julia Hull Library News

Storytime at the Library!

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

Bon Appetit! An Evening with Julia Child

In the 1960s, thousands tuned in every week to watch Julia Child demonstrate the art of French cooking on television. Actress and scholar, Leslie Goddard, Ph.D. brings the iconic French Chef to life in this portrayal where Child discusses everything from her relationship with her husband Paul Child, to the mishaps of cooking on television. Monday, August 22, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Registration required. 815-645-8611.

Teens: I Love the 90s!

Booyah! Get ready home skillet: we're celebrating the decade that gave us the Fresh Prince, Spice Girls and "Clueless" with snacks, games and crafts. Grab your mom jeans, 'cuz it's gonna be all that and a bag of chips. Thursday, Aug. 25, 3-4 p.m. Ages 13-18. Registration required. 815-645-8611

Tween Scene: Figure It Out Gameshow

Have you ever wanted to be on a gameshow? Well, here's your chance! Tweens will get to be both contestants and panelists in this fun game of figuring out secrets. Ages 10-12 Tuesday, Sept. 6, 6-7 p.m. Registration required. 815-645-8611

Stem Lab: Kids' Fall Science

Join us at 10 a.m. on Saturday, September 10 as we embrace the season with some cool crisp science experiments. Kids will get to hypothesize and investigate fall favorites: pumpkins, apples and more! Ages 5-9. Registration required. 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 and ingenious Lego Duplo. Friday, September 16, at 10 a.m. Ages 1-4. Registration required: 815-645-8611

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, Sept. 22, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Call to register: 815-645-8611.

Park District sets upcoming events

Junior High Cross Country

Junior High athletes will develop endurance, improve their running technique, and build team camaraderie. Practices will be held multiple days of the week and meets will be held similar to the high school schedule. Transportation to meets is not provided. Sign up early to ensure you maximize practices before the meets begin! Practices will begin the week of 8/1 but registration is open through 8/17. Fee \$75/ \$90NR.

Beer & Bread Pairing at Cork N Tap

Join us at Cork & Tap for a fun and delicious fall pairing event. Enjoy 4 great beers with four tasty boules breads baked fresh at Jen's Artisan Breads. Join us Saturday, Sept. 17 from 6:30-8 p.m. Cost is \$24R/\$29NR. Deadline to register is September 10.

Mexican Salads & Marinated Chicken Breasts

Michelle Carreno, Hector's Cocina, will teach you how to make 2 favorite popular salads perfect for a picnic in the park and the recipe for the perfect marinade for grilling chicken breast. This hands on class will be at Fairground Park. Class is Tuesday, Aug. 23 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Cost is \$40R/\$48NR and deadline to register is August 16. You will take home two salads and chicken breast to cook.

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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!

Craft Kits for Adults:

Our take and make craft for August takes us back to the beach. Wrap up summer by making a seashell coaster to remind us of the beach all year long. All craft materials are provided in the kit, which can be picked up at the circulation desk.

Create-a-Card: Saturday, August 20th, 9:30 a.m.

Summer is upon us. Stay cool at the library while you create a one-of-a-kind card for that bridal shower or wedding. All supplies are provided for your use.

Plastic Recycling:

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

New Releases:

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The Christie Affair by Nina de Gramont
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MT. MORRIS TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

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Ebenezer Reformed Church

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

Lighthouse United Methodist

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

Oregon Church of God

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

Oregon First Baptist Church

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

Oregon United Methodist Church

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

Riverstone Christian Church

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

St. Bride's Episcopal Church

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

St. Paul Lutheran Church, NALC

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

POLO

St. Mary Church

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

CHURCH OF THE OPEN BIBLE

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

Crossroads Community Church ~ Polo Campus

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

Faith Discovery Church

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

Faith United Methodist Church

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

STILLMAN VALLEY

Red Brick Church of Stillman Valley (Congregational Christian Church)

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

Kishwaukee Community Evangelical Presbyterian Church

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

Valley Evangelical Covenant Church

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

Grace Fellowship Church

Davis Junction

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

WINNEBAGO

Middle Creek Presbyterian Church

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

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LOCAL NEWS

Byron Library News

Special Hours

The Byron Public Library will be closed Monday, September 5 in observation of Labor Day. We will re-open for our regular hours on Tuesday, September 6. We wish all of our patrons a safe and happy Labor Day!

Curbside Delivery

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

StoryWalks at the Byron Forest Preserve

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

Ogle County Dixie 6

Friday, Aug. 12

1-2 p.m.

We are excited to be bringing you some LIVE Dixieland Music. Munch on praline pecans and sip lemonade as you tap your foot to some great music. Please register by calling 815-234-5107 or visiting Byron.evanced.info/signup.

DIY Summer Shadow Boxes

Thursday, Aug. 18

6-7:30 p.m.

Bring the feeling of summer home with a sweet DIY Summer Shadow Box! This fun project can be modified in so many neat ways, with personal keepsakes, photos, and more! All materials will be provided. Please register at Byron.evanced.info/signup or by calling 815-234-5107. Take home kits are unavailable for this project.

Hoo Haven

Thursday, Aug. 25

6-7 p.m.

Spend the evening with Hoo Haven and learn about their birds of prey. Live birds will be at the presentation! This program is for adults only. Please call 815-234-5107 or visit Byron.evanced.info/signup to register.

Air Frying 101

Wednesday, Aug. 13

6-7 p.m.

Do you have an air fryer still in the box? Are you thinking about getting an air fryer, but would like more information before investing? Join Erica and Beth as they share with you how to use an air fryer and taste some delicious foods you can make with an air fryer. Recipes will be available for all attendees. Please register by calling 815-234-5107 or visiting Byron.evanced.info/signup.

Egypt Travelogue

Friday, Sept. 9

1-2 p.m.

Egypt was the first large organized society in human history, and still exerts influence on us today. Learn a little history and see photos of some incredible monuments while hearing about the speaker's travels through the country. Pyramids, temples, tombs, obelisks, the Sphinx and the Nile: you'll see it all! Please visit Byron.evanced.info/signup or call 815-234-5107 to register.

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. Please visit 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 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!

Forreston Library News

SSET4School Supplies

Thank you to everyone who donated school supplies here for the SSET4School program! Our bin was overflowing and because of your generosity local students and teachers are starting the year with everything they need. Thanks again!

Showcase Displays

Do you have an interesting or unusual collection of items that you would like to share with the community? We have two beautiful showcases that are lockable and available for this purpose. Please call Julie at the library for more information or to schedule a display time.

Plastic Recycling

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

Library Hours

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

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LOCAL NEWS

Mount Morris Library News

Masks are optional
Thank you!

Story Time!
Story time will resume this Wednesday with a fantastic time for all! Stop by with your little ones to enjoy stories and a craft at the Mount Morris Library! Wednesdays at 11:15 a.m.

Lego Club!
Our next Lego night on Thursday, August 18, from 6-6:45 p.m. Bring a friend and build some fun with Lego bricks! All Children and parents are invited. Children under 8 need to bring a parent with them.

Adult Book Club
The August book is *The Doctors Blackwell* by Janice P. Nimura. 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, July 22nd at 3:30 p/m

Display Case Showings
Stop in to see our new display for August! Local artisan, Rod Avey, will once again be showcasing his wooden duck creations. They are meticulous, handcrafted creations that will make you feel like you are outside at a pond! 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.

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

Explore More Illinois-Anderson Japanese Gardens Offer
Explore More Illinois is a cultural pass program that provides discounts at museums, visual and performing arts centers, park districts, and more around the state.

Use Explore More Illinois to find fun and educational places to go on a free afternoon or for a little getaway. Explore More Illinois is easy to use with your library card. Visit the library's website to browse attractions. You can find the information on our website, www.mtmorris-il.org under the resources page.

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.

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

Curbside Service is available!
We want to remind everyone that you still have the option of having your materials delivered to your vehicle. If you have holds waiting for you, call us to tell us you are on your way, and we will bring them out to your vehicle when you arrive. Call us if you need more information.

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

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

Weekly Brain Busters

King Crossword

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1 Mimics
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12 Tibetan monk
13 Crew tool
14 Galoots
15 Spring flower
17 Marathon fraction
18 Vagrant
19 Nearsighted
21 Pie-in-the-face sound
24 Blueprint
25 San — Obispo, CA
26 Lose weight
30 Web address
31 April forecasts
32 Pi follower
33 Pained expressions
35 Egyptian deity
36 911 responders
37 Garden statuette
38 Shrimp recipe
41 Gloomy guy
42 Horseback game
43 Record holder?
48 Sharif of "Funny Girl"
49 Melody
50 Long tale
51 Theater award

DOWN

1 Jungfrau, for one
2 Standard
3 Brit. record label
4 Brazilian dances
5 Prosperous period
6 Small batteries
7 Glitch makers
8 Candy bar nut
9 Witticism
10 Wrinkled fruit
11 In — (shortly)
16 Trench
20 Orange veggies
21 Punch
22 Kitten's sound
23 Leslie Caron film
24 Snoops
26 Strategic
27 Guesser's words
28 Caprice
29 Proboscis
31 Wheelchair access
34 "Cats" show-stopper
35 Demand
37 Wrigley product
38 Espy
39 Lake of Lombardy
40 Arkin or Alda
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44 2016 Olympics city
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MAGIC MAZE

BRIDGE : CROSSING THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER

Y N N A H A R A H K H S A E B
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
Unlisted clue hint: MARTIN LUTHER —

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| Camden | Harahan | Red Wing | Wakota |
| Chester | Helena | Stone Arch | |

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

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

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Hair is different. 2. Sleeve is shorter. 3. Bow is missing. 4. Bat is added. 5. Cap is reversed. 6. Shirt is shorter.

King Crossword
Answers

Solution time: 23 mins.

BRIDGE : CROSSING THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER

Answers

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

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

Classified Marketplace

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STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
WAUKESHA COUNTY
IN RE: PRATERNITY OF S.J.T.
Petitioner/Joinst Petitioner A
Joshua Emmanuel Thomas, 2607 Olive Street, Racine WI, 53403, 414-418-9065 vs.
Respondent/Joint Peitioner B
Passion Rodriguez, 13524 E. Mowers Rd., Kings, IL 61068, 414-323-9939.
CASE NO. 19FA449
NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION TO CHANGE PHYSICAL PLACEMENT CHILD SUPPORT
The State of Wisconsin (Child Support Agency) is a party to this action.
NOTICE OF MOTION TO: Passion Rodriguez
You are notified that the following date and Time befor Hon. David Herring, Waukesha County Courthouse, via Zoom, September 7, 2022 at 8:45 a.m. or as soon as the matter may be heard. I will be asking the court to change the existing order in this case as indicated below. If you object to this motion, you need to appear and say so. Otherwise, the court may proceed without you and grant the request.
You may contact the office of the family court commissioner for written information the modifying the enforcing court orders or judgments.
MOTION
1. MODIFY as follows:
A. Physical Placement Order(s) (time with children) for the following children: Serenity J. Thomas from shared placement to primary placement with Joshua.

C. Child Support c. held open (no payment)
I will be able to provide documentation to the court that supports my request.
NOTICE: Both parties must bring a fully completed, dated, and signed Financial Disclosure Statement to court.
c. One of the parties has or will be moving to a different residence. This is a substantial change in circumstances because: Mother moved out of state and over 100 miles without permission. Serenity has been with Father for at least 50% of the time.
Joshua Thomas 2607 Olive St., Racine WI 53403.
lewisj1996@gmail.com 414-418-9065
07/20/2022
No. 0802 (Aug. 1, 8, 15)
PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN THE)
MATTER)No.
OF THE)2022
ESTATE OF)PR 35
GREGORY)
ALAN)
SHANNON,)
Deceased.)
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given to creditors of the death of Gregory Alan Shannon, of Rochelle, Ogle County, Illinois. Letters of office were issued to Vicki Doughty, 4793 E. 13th Road, Earlville, IL 60518, as Administrator of this estate, whose attorneys of record are Ehrmann Gehlbach Badger & Considine, LLC, 114 E. Everett Street, Ste. 300, Dixon, Illinois 61021.
The estate will be administered without court supervision,

unless under section 28-4 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/28-4) any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the clerk. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court at 309 S. Galena Avenue, Dixon, Illinois 61021, or with the representative, or both, on or before the date which is six (6) months after the date of the first publication of this Claim Notice, or if mailing or delivering of a notice from the representative is required by section 18-3 of the Probate Act of 1975, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
Vicki Doughty, Administrator
By Dana M. Considine
Dana M. Considine
Ehrmann Gehlbach Badger & Considine, LLC Attorneys for Administrator
114 E. Everett St., Ste. 300 Dixon, IL 61021
(815) 288-4949
(815) 288-3068 (FAX)
considine@egbc law.com
No. 0803 (Aug. 8, 15, 22)
PUBLIC NOTICE
PUBLICATION
NOTICE OF COURT DATE FOR REQUEST FOR NAME CHANGE (ADULT)
STATE OF ILLINOIS
CIRCUIT COURT
OGLE COUNTY
Case Number 2022-MR-14
Request of CARI LYN PHILLIPS
There will be a court date on my Request to change my name from Cari Lyn Phillips to the

new name of Carrie Lynn Phillips.
The court date will be held on September 29, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. at 106 S. 5th Street, Oregon, Ogle County, in Courtroom #202.
/s/ Cari Lyn Phillips No. 0804 (Aug. 8, 15, 22)
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No. 0806 (Aug. 18)
PUBLIC NOTICE
THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF BYRON COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 226, OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION AND PUBLIC HEARING
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY the Board of Education of Byron Community Unit School District No. 226, Ogle County, Illinois, that the tentative budget for said School District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023, will be on file and conveniently available for public inspection at the District's Administrative Offices located at 696 North Colfax Street, Byron, Illinois in this school District from

8:00 a.m. through 4:00 p.m. each weekday, excluding public holidays, beginning August 5, 2022.
Notice is further given that a public hearing on said budget will be held on September 22, 2022 at 5:45 p.m. The public hearing will be held at the Byron High School Board of Education Room, 696 Colfax Street, Byron, Illinois in this School District. The purpose of the hearing will be to present the tentative budget and receive public comments on the budget.
By order of the Board of Education of Byron Community Unit School District No. 226, Ogle County, Illinois.
Dated this 5th day of August, 2022
Phil Kesler
Secretary, Board of Education
Byron Community Unit School District No. 226 Ogle County, Illinois
No. 0812 (Aug. 15)
PUBLIC NOTICE
PUBLICATION
NOTICE OF COURT DATE FOR REQUEST OF NAME CHANGE (ADULT)
STATE OF ILLINOIS
CIRCUIT COURT
OGLE COUNTY
CASE NUMBER 2022-MR-15
Request of Cynthia Sue Ennenga.
There will be a court date on my Requests to change my name from Cynthia Sue Ennenga to the new name of Cynthia Sue Tillett.
The court date will be held on Sept. 16, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. at 106 S. 5th Street, Oregon, Ogle County in Courtroom #204.
/s/ Cynthia Sue Ennenga

No. 0813 (Aug. 15, 22, 29)
PUBLIC NOTICE
Byron Fire Protection District
Boiler Replacement Project
Byron, Illinois
SECTION 00030 - ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID
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123 N. Franklin St., Byron IL 61010
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2. The Byron Fire Protection District will receive sealed bids for the above referenced project.
3. All Contracts for the Construction of Public Works are subject to the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act (820 ILCS 130/1-12).
4. Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 17, 2022 at 8:00 a.m. at the Byron Fire Protection District Building, 123 N. Franklin St., Byron IL 61010.
5. Bid documents can be picked up or received on-line by contacting GRI Reprographics; Dan Meyer, 630-652-0800. Documents will be available on August 10, 2022.
6. Bids will be accepted until Tuesday, August 31, 2022 at 8:00 a.m. (Prevailing Time) at the Byron Fire Protection District Building, 123 N.

Franklin St., Byron IL 61010.
Note: Contractor to submit Boiler Shop Drawing with Bid to expedite review/delivery process.
7. Bids to go to Byron Fire Protection District Board of Trustees on September 1, 2022.
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No. 0818 (Aug. 15)

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LOCAL NEWS

Senior Lifestyles

Simple ways to maintain memory as you age

Adults confront various age-related side effects as they transition from middle age to their golden years. Skin may begin to wrinkle and hair may turn gray, but those are just the visible side effects of aging. Many additional effects are unseen, but those changes can have a profound effect on adults' quality of life.

According to the Mayo Clinic, various parts of the body are affected by aging. For example, the cardiovascular system changes as people grow older. Blood vessels and arteries stiffen as adults age, forcing the heart to work harder to pump blood through them.

Though many changes are linked to aging, other changes commonly associated with aging, such as a decline in memory, reasoning and other thinking skills, are not natural. The Alzheimer's Association® notes that dementia is not a normal part of aging. There are many different types of dementia, including Alzheimer's disease, and these are the result of damage to brain cells that affect a person's ability to communicate. That damage is not inevitable, even if it's commonly associated with aging.

The Harvard Medical School notes that fleeting memory problems experienced with aging often reflect normal changes in the structure and function of the brain. But it's important that those changes not be mistaken for dementia, and it's equally important that adults recognize there are many ways they can protect and sharpen their minds as they age.

- **Continue learning.** HMS notes that a higher level of education is associated with improved mental functioning in old age. The reasons for that are unknown, but experts theorize that advanced education compels people to remain mentally active, which in turn helps them maintain a strong memory. Even aging men and women who are still working in challenging fields can benefit from pursuing a new hobby or learning a new skill.

- **Use the tools at your disposal.** It may seem counterintuitive to suggest that organizational tools like planners, maps and lists can help people maintain their memories. However, HMS notes that expending mental energy on finding car keys or trying to remember what to buy



at the store makes it harder to learn new and important things.

- **Let all your senses play a role.** HMS reports that the more senses a person uses to learn something, the more his or her brain is involved in retaining a memory. HMS cites one study in which adults were shown a series of emotionally neutral images that were each presented along with a smell. Participants were not asked to recall what they saw, but were later shown a set of

images and asked to indicate which they had previously seen. The participants had excellent recall for the odor-paired images, and researchers believe that's because additional parts of the brain were activated when participants were asked to use more than one sense.

Memory loss is not an inevitable side effect of aging, especially for adults who take steps to maintain their memories as they age.



Enjoy discounts on recreational activities

Despite the efforts of Juan Ponce de Leon, there is no magical Fountain of Youth. Getting older is inevitable and it is important to see the silver lining of aging.

Among the various perks that come with age, including increased knowledge and experience, are a whole host of discounts for the aging population. Men and women who have reached a certain age are entitled to key discounts if they know where to look.

The ages at which discounts are available vary. Many discounts can be used for recreational activities.

- **Dining out:** Why pay full price for a meal if you don't have to? A meal out with friends and loved ones becomes a bit more affordable thanks to the senior discounts available through many different restaurants, whether it's chains or independently owned eateries.

- **Hotels:** Seniors booking their stays through select hotel chains may be eligible to reduce their costs by 10 percent or more. When making the reservation, check to see if you qualify for an age-related discount. Some may be affiliated with memberships in organizations like AARP.

- **Theme parks:** Before buying entry tickets or season passes, check with the membership office re-

garding senior discounts. Certain items also may be discounted throughout the parks.

- **Movies:** Movie theaters may offer special viewing days or times that are discounted.

- **Flights/cruises:** Discounted senior fares are available on select flights for Delta Airlines and American Airlines. British Airways offers up to \$200 off flights and packages when booked online through British Airways' AARP page. Seniors can enjoy discounts on select cruises through Carnival. Rental car companies also offer discounts for senior customers.

- **Clothing:** Looking your best for a night out

may mean shopping for new clothing. Kohl's offers a 15 percent discount for customers ages 55 and over every Wednesday and Ross offers 10 percent off on Tuesdays when signing up for Every Tuesday Club.

- **Gym memberships:** Individuals who are eligible for Medicare also may be entitled to a free SilverSneakers membership, which provides access to more than 13,000 participating fitness centers

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LOCAL NEWS

Senior Lifestyles

There are many effective exercises for seniors

Losing interest in an exercise regimen is a situation many fitness enthusiasts have confronted at one point or another.

Overcoming a stale workout routine can be simple for young athletes, whose bodies can typically handle a wide range of physical activities. That flexibility allows younger athletes the chance to pursue any number of physical activities when their existing fitness regimens grow stale.

But what about seniors who have grown tired of their workouts?

Even seniors who have lived active lifestyles since they were youngsters are likely to encounter certain physical limitations associated with aging. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the likelihood of dealing with one or more physical limitations increases with age. CDC data indicates that 8 percent of adults between the ages of 50 and 59 have three or more physical limitations. That figure rises to 27 percent among adults age 80 and over.

Physical limitations may be a part of aging for many people, but such obstacles need not



limit seniors looking to banish boredom from their workout routines. In fact, many seniors can successfully engage in a variety of exercises that benefit their bodies and are unlikely to grow stale.

- **Water aerobics:** Sometimes referred to as “aqua aerobics,” water aerobics may involve jogging in the water, leg lifts, arm curls, and other activities that can safely be performed in a pool.

The YMCA notes that water aerobics exercises are low impact, which can make them ideal for seniors with bone and joint issues like arthritis.

- **Resistance band workouts:** Resistance band workouts can be especially useful for seniors who spend a lot of time at home. Resistance bands are inexpensive and don't take up a lot of space, making them ideal for people who like to exercise at home but don't have much space. Resistance bands can be used to strengthen muscles in various parts

of the body, including the legs, arms and back. Resistance bands can be pulled or pushed in any direction, which allows for more versatility in a workout than weight machines and dumbbells. That versatility allows seniors to spice up their workout regimens when things get a little stale.

- **Pilates:** Pilates is another low-impact exercise that can be ideal for seniors with bone and joint issues. According to SilverSneakers®, a community fitness program for seniors that promotes

living through physical and social engagement, Pilates can help seniors build overall strength, stability and coordination. SilverSneakers® even notes that seniors can experience improvements in strength and stability by committing to as little as 10 to 15 minutes of daily Pilates exercises.

- **Strength training:** Seniors on the lookout for something more challenging than a daily walk around the neighborhood should not overlook the benefits of strength training. The CDC notes that

seniors who participate in strength training can stimulate the growth of muscle and bone, thereby reducing their risk for osteoporosis and frailty. In fact, the CDC notes that people with health concerns like arthritis or heart disease often benefit the most from exercise regimens that include lifting weights a few times each week.

Physical limitations are a part of aging. But seniors need not let such limitations relegate them to repetitive, boring workouts.

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