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Showmanship winners

Senior Master Showman for 4-H Fair this year was Tyler Hall. **9A**

School program earns state honor

Oregon Elementary preschool program earns Gold Circle of Quality

OREGON – Oregon Elementary School's Preschool for All program earns the Gold Circle of Quality from the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) and ExceleRate Illinois.

The Gold Circle of Quality is the highest achievement possible in recognizing early learning programs that meet or go beyond the highest quality

goals related to learning environment and teaching quality; administrative standards; and training & education.

"This is the first time our school is receiving this state award," said Oregon Elementary School's Principal, Kelli Virgil. "We are happy to share that our community's efforts to provide a quality preschool program for our littlest

learners show great success. Our innovative class structure also makes the transition from preschool to kindergarten more fluid and easier on students and their families."

ExceleRate's achievement awards are anchored by a set of standards that focus on early learning and development and place a high priority on instructional excellence,

family services, staff qualifications, professional development, and program administration. Central to its design is the recognition of multiple forms of evidence to meet the universal standards.

The Oregon preschool program has 80 students in the program and was observed through monitored visits conducted through National Louis University's contract with the Illinois State Board of Education. During these monitored visits, assessors collected evidence using

the Early Childhood Environmental Rating Scale and the ISBE Compliance Checklist.

"We strive to provide quality care and education to our students," Virgil said. "We always want to go above and beyond for our community, and we are proud that reflects in our rating!"

To learn more about ExceleRate Illinois, including the specific requirements for each Circle of Quality, visit www.exceleRateIllinoisproviders.com.

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MONDAY	TUESDAY
HIGH LOW	HIGH LOW
78 58	81 59
WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
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80 58	78 57
FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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75 52	75 50

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The first wedding scheduled at the River's Edge Experience will be in September. (Elizabeth Steed Elledede Photography)

Special events building opening

By Brad Jennings
Editor

River's Edge Experience can host everything from small events to large weddings

OREGON – It was once considered the ugliest building in town.

But now it will house a new 7,000 square foot wedding a special events business, River's Edge Experience.

"It is ... the largest climate-controlled wedding venues in the area," said owner Merlin Hagemann.

The name is probably familiar to many, as Hagemann owns Merlin's Greenhouse & Flowers and Otherside Boutique in Oregon as well as

Cork & Tap in Oregon. Along with his wife, Cindy, they are now the owners of this new business, which held its first event last week.

They bought the building last year and sat on it for a few months before coming up with a final plan. Hagemann said at first he was going to separate the building, a 103 S. 1st St., into retail space. Someone suggested a wedding venue, and that became the plan.

Work began last August and is now in the final stages.

"It's pretty much done," Hagemann said.

And that is a good thing, as there are already events on the calendar, including their first wedding next month. There are other events on the books as well, including the KSB Christmas party and the high school homecoming event. As it can hold a variety of events, the River's Edge Experience is open year-around.

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Davis Junction gets \$3 million grant

Money is for land development

DAVIS JUNCTION – Village of Davis Junction last week announced that it has been selected to receive a \$3 million grant for commercial development of land on Route 72.

As part of the Rebuild Illinois (RBI) Downtowns and Main Streets Capital program, Gov. JB Pritzker and the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) awarded \$106 million in capital grants to 50 commercial corridors and main streets throughout Illinois, which represents the largest-ever RBI investment focused on community revitalization.

"The Village is honored to receive this Rebuild Illinois (RBI) Downtowns and Main Streets Capital program grant," said Rick Wurm, president of Davis Junction.

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LOCAL NEWS



Annual Farm Heritage Festival is Aug. 27

STERLING—The 15th annual Farm Heritage Festival of East Jordan Church, located at 22027 Polo Rd., Sterling, will be held Saturday, Aug. 27.

The admission and parking are free. The day will start with a good ol' fashioned farm breakfast consisting of scrambled eggs, pancakes and biscuits/gravy from 7-9 a.m. Tickets for breakfast are \$10 for adults, \$ 5 for youth to age 13, under age 5 receive free breakfast. Breakfast tickets are available from church members before the event or at the door. The active farm machine demonstrations will begin around 9 a.m. and will occur periodically until 3:30 p.m. There will be static displays all day.

This year's active displays will feature a threshing machine, a

stationary baler, wagon lifts and elevators, an ensilage cutter, a corn husker/shredder and tractor operations. A blacksmith will be demonstrating some tool making and craft. There will also be an activity center for kids, youth and adults to try their hand at powering hand cranked items such as corn sheller or a rope maker. There will be a bouncy house for children this year.

A farm animal zoo will again feature dairy cows, sheep, goats and more. This is definitely a fun zone for children, youth, and adults of all ages.

A lunch stand will operate from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. featuring sandwiches, baked beans, salads, chips and desserts. Proceeds from the lunch benefit various missions

and functions of the East Jordan Church.

"We enjoy promoting our rural Christian heritage," said Show Administrator Steve Venhuizen. "We hope many people will come out to enjoy the fresh air, learn about farming practices of old, and just have fun visiting with others"

The festival honors the Christian family farming history common in the Midwest. The community surrounding East Jordan Church help make the event successful. We are always looking for anyone with antique farm equipment who would like to display or run at our show.

Please contact Steve Venhuizen at 815-946-2513 for information on displaying your antiques or the show.

EDGE: Building was built in the 1930s

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Hagemann said that the venue, which has about 400 feet of river frontage, can host inside as well as outside weddings, depending on the weather and the wishes of the couple. There will be a full-service bar run by Cork & Tap. All food will be catered in.

The building, built in the 1930s, was originally the home of the Ogle County Highway Department. It has been other things over the years, including a fire department, auto repair business and storage building before the Hagemann's bought it.

Not that it looks like the same building – inside and out. It has a new exterior, new roof, and the inside is sparkling new as well. It includes a large open space, as well as individual dressing rooms for the bride, groom and their parties. Each dressing room even has a sound system for their own music.

Hagemann said he does not see this venue as competition for wedding spaces like Pine

Creek Escape, which is near White Pines. In fact, he said they can work together, with weddings at Pine Creek and receptions at Rivers Edge.

"We could really help each other, I think," Hagemann said. "That's the plan – not to hurt anybody, just try to help the community."

But with an hourly rental rate, this is about much more than weddings. Any events or meetings can find a home at River's Edge.

Hagemann said the City of Oregon will be doing work on 1st Street, with all new asphalt, curbs and gutters. There will also be 90 parking spaces for the venue.

This is also a way for Hagemann to continue to invest in a city he has called home for more than 50 years. He sees a strong future for Oregon, with more businesses going in downtown and more people calling the city home.

"I think we're on the right path," he said. "City people love it out here – they like the quietness, the small-town feel."



(Elizabeth Steed Elledede Photography)

GRANT: Money for commercial development

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"This is the culmination of a lot of time, effort and collaboration between Trustee William Luchsinger, Treasurer Brenda Ognibene, Clerk Sandie Maahs, Engineers Willett Hoffman & Associates, and our staff. This will help spur retail and commercial development along Illinois Route 72 corridor, West of Illinois Route 251."

"Over many years, Village residents have contacted the Village to seek vacant space and for assistance in starting up small businesses," said William Luchsinger, Trustee of Davis Junction. "Until now the Village has not had the ability, or open space, to help these businesses. This grant will give the Village the ability to offer such services and entice additional business growth to the community. This is the next step in a long range project to benefit the growth of the Village."

Willett Hofmann & Associates said they were

pleased they were able to assist the Village in the preliminary planning for the commercial subdivision and commercial building and the preparation of the grant application.

"Willett, Hofmann & Associates is extremely excited to hear that the Village of Davis Junction has received a \$3,000,000 Rebuild Illinois Downtown and Main Streets grant for the development an eight (8) lot commercial subdivision along IL Route 72 and the construction of a 8,000 square foot commercial building that spur economic development for the Village," said Matt Hansen, vice president of Willett Hofmann & Associates.

The RBI Downtowns and Main Streets Capital Program is designed to support local commercial corridors, with concentrations of businesses that experienced difficulties during the pandemic due to declining foot traffic, tourism, and business from downtown offices. The program drives

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LOCAL NEWS

Serenity Shed to celebrate anniversary

OREGON—The Serenity Shed at 113 N 3rd St., will be celebrating its seven year anniversary on Thursday, Aug. 25, from 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

The Shed will be hosting a number of interesting arts and crafts demos throughout the day and the “Just 4 Fun” ice cream truck will be joining them and selling their delectable goodies from 4-7 p.m. The list of demonstrations can be found at <https://serenityhospiceandhome.org/>

serenity-shed-anniversary-celebration. In the evening, this event coincides with the Oregon River’s Edge Farmers Market.

The Serenity Shed is a one-of-a-kind Community Bereavement Center where people can come engage in activities like repurposing furniture or doing arts and crafts projects. The Shed is an invaluable resource. Having somewhere to go and work on something promotes

connection and community, which is critical for someone who is grieving. It can also give people the opportunity to form friendships while working on projects, perhaps allowing them to gradually open up about their loss once they feel comfortable.

The Serenity Shed offers free, ongoing support to anyone who is grieving, whether or not their loved one was with Serenity Hospice. In addition to hands-on

therapeutic activities, they offer traditional grief programs as well as one-on-one support tailored to the specific needs of the individual. The Serenity Shed also hosts Children’s Grief Camps, a critical resource for kids whose complex needs following loss are often overlooked.

If you would like more information, call Denise Watts or Cathy Warren of the Serenity Bereavement Team at 815-732-2499.



Chicago tribute band to play Jamboree

MOUNT MORRIS – The Mt. Morris Jamboree is pleased to announce the return of Chicago Tribute Anthology to our Bandshell stage for a free two hour concert on August 26th, from 7-9 p.m.

In April of 1969, a new rock ‘n roll band burst onto the scene garnering nationwide attention. Born in the midwest and infused with elements of jazz, blues, and latin influences, the first album by “Chicago Transit Authority,” or CTA as they were commonly known, went double platinum. Such hits as Beginnings, Does Anybody Really Know What Time It Is?, and Question 67 & 68 propelled the band to popularity.

With a rock rhythm section led by the brilliant guitarist Terry Kath, a powerful horn section, and unique vocals, the band now known simply as “Chicago” released their second album in January of 1970. Considered by many to be the band’s breakout album, Chicago 2 would also go platinum with hits like: Make Me Smile; Colour My World; and 25 or 6 to 4.

Chicago became a dominant force in popular music during the 1970’s, producing at least one new album each year. This period was marked by the release of classic songs like, Free, Saturday in the Park, Dialogue, Just You ‘n Me, Feelin’ Stronger Every Day, Call On Me, and Old Days, to name a few.

CTA brings to life the golden age of Chicago by meticulously recreating many of the great songs

from the first 11 albums. Members include Tom Anderson, Paul Bata, Terry Geraci, Paul Mabin, Chuck Parrish, Reed Pauley, Dan Peters and John Springbrunn.

Concessions for the evening will be provided by the Mt. Morris Firefighter’s Association, who will be serving Walking Tacos with all the toppings, canned Pepsi products, bottled water and Berryview Orchard’s Aronia Berry lemonade slushies. All proceeds stay in Mt. Morris and benefit the Firefighter’s Association, serving you since 1889. The Mt. Morris Community Woman’s Club will be serving dessert and Just For Fun Ice Cream will be here, too, all 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 winners from the past on display all around the south end of the Campus until August 29th.

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 Rock and Roll concert.

Please 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 will be Pinecrest Grove Community Center, 500 Evergreen Lane, 7 blocks south of Rt. 64 off McKendrie St. 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.

Cardinal Christmas planning now underway

STILLMAN VALLEY – The Cardinal Christmas Committee has been busy making plans for this year’s event to be held on Sunday, Dec. 4 from 4-7 p.m.

Santa will arrive via fire truck at 4 p.m. and be at Ladders of Learning until 7 p.m. Photos will be taken by Holcomb Bank.

There will be bon fires and s’mores along with a tree decorating contest. A tree lighting ceremony will take place at Stillman Bank. Special Disney characters will be at the Jr. High along with a craft show. A horse drawn carriage will be giving rides.

There will also be a tractor and wagon giving rides around the Village.

The Lions will be serving Hot Cocoa and cookies. Food Trucks will be available to buy various items. The Wooden Nickel

will have specialty drinks and an Ugly Sweater Contest. A live Nativity will be set up at The Red Brick Church along with Carolers. Several other items are also in the works for this year’s event.

The committee would like to encourage residents to participate by placing luminaries in front of their homes. Sand will be provided by the village. Residents can use milk jugs or paper bags to light up the valley. So, start collecting your milk jugs now.

Committee meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at the Village Hall from noon-1 p.m. The next meeting will be Sept. 13.

If you would like to get involved and help out, you are welcome to attend.

UPS job fair will be held in Oregon on Aug. 23

OREGON – Business Employment Skills Team, Inc. (BEST, Inc.) and United Parcel Services will be hosting a job fair on Tuesday, Aug. 23, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Sterling BEST, Inc. office located at 810 South 10th St.

Todd LaSota, Talent Acquisition Specialist for UPS, will be on hand to discuss careers at UPS and: weekly pay, competitive pay, attendance bonus, union benefits and a \$25,000 tuition reimbursement program. Business Employment Skills Team, Inc.

(BEST, Inc.) is a non-profit agency that administers federally-funded programs under the Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act (WIOA) in Bureau, Carroll, Jo Daviess, LaSalle, Lee, Ogle, Putnam and Whiteside Counties.

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Perhaps you wonder where the line is between right or wrong. So many different opinions to sort through that everything seems muddled and gray; you begin to wonder if anyone is right. So many things have changed, and are changing, that it’s almost impossible to know what the current trend is. Some consider abortion and euthanasia an option, immorality is considered normal, perverted lifestyles are not only accepted but widely promoted.

So, we ask ourselves, what does God think of this? Did He also change His definition of right and wrong? What if I have accepted some of the common things of the day, will He overlook it because so many others are doing it too?

A simple answer is No. God’s truth is unchangeable, and He cannot tolerate sin. No matter what new definition people may give something, or that millions of people do it, it is still sin. He does have the solution; “Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.” Matthew 11:28

When everyone says something different, and no one agrees on what’s right or wrong, it’s time to go back to the Bible. It is not outdated. It has clear answers for today’s troubles. We simply need to give ourselves in total surrender to God. Where we have sinned, He will extend forgiveness, but better yet, He will give us power to live above sin. We can view life in a positive way, and lift our gaze above the haze of this world’s muddled notions.

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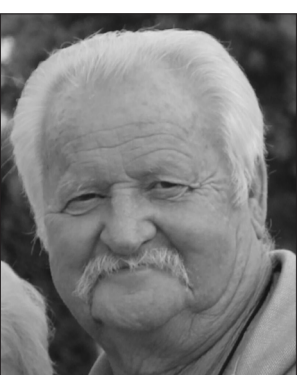
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LOCAL NEWS

Obituaries

Larry Gene Aldridge

STILLMAN VALLEY – Larry Gene Aldridge, 76, of Stillman Valley, passed away on July 19, 2022, in Swedish American Hospital surrounded by his family. He was born on Dec. 16, 1945, in Gideon, Mo.; the son of Coy and Virginia (Fowler) Aldridge.



He graduated from Dupo High School in Dupo, Ill., in 1964. Larry married Cathy Horath on Jan. 27, 1968, in Byron. He worked as an operator for Rockford Blacktop and Fischer with Local #150. He was also the owner of Valley Door in Stillman Valley installing/repairing garage doors. Larry was a long-time member of the Masonic Lodge 274 in Byron. If you know Larry, then you know his favorite pastime was hanging out in his garage with his wife Cathy drinking his Pabst Blue Ribbon. He enjoyed farming, his tractors, and playing golf. He was

Jay (Denise) Aldridge; granddaughters Maddi (Zach Eastman) Knouse and Logan Knouse; siblings Laura (Robert) Burns, James (Donna) Aldridge, Harlen (Carol) Aldridge, Terry (Debbie) Aldridge, and Sharon Brotman; sister-in-law Loretta Aldridge; and several nieces and nephews.

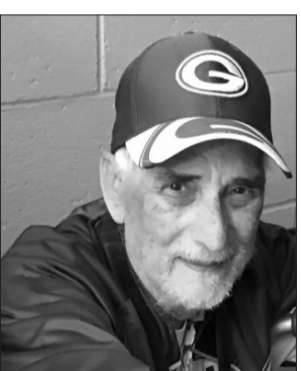
He is predeceased by his parents and brother Leonard Aldridge.

There will be a Celebration of Life on Saturday, Oct. 8, 2022, at 1 p.m. until the last Pabst has been enjoyed at the farm, 5797 N. Stillman Road, Stillman Valley, IL 61084. Anyone that has been a part of Larry's life is welcome to stop by for "one more". Larry had many blood transfusions, so in memory of Larry, the family is requesting that you donate blood at the Rock River Valley Blood Center, 419 N. 6 St. Rockford, IL 61107.

always tinkering with something on the farm. Larry and Cathy spent their winters in Florida enjoying time with their friends. He loved his rescued furry friend, Lefty the kitten. Another favorite pastime was laying on the blacktop watching the airplanes fly by with his girls. He would do anything to spend as much time with his precious grandbabies. He also enjoyed being with his family and eating Cathy's home cooking. Survivors include his loving wife, Cathy; children Dena Aldridge and

Russell Hoernecke

BYRON – Russell Eugene Hoernecke, age 78, of Byron passed away on Aug. 16, 2022 at Swedish American Hospital in Rockford after suffering multiple long-term illnesses and a broken heart. He is now home with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.



Russ was a genuinely good person who made you feel special anytime you were with him. He is going to be dearly missed.

He is survived by his daughter, Joanne of Byron; brother, Robert (Patsy) Hoernecke of Oregon; brother-in-law, Gene (Debbie) Rodeffer of Cary, N.C.; niece, Tracy (Curt) Vache; special friend, Reese Young; cats, Blondie and Peppers; and many special nieces, nephews, friends, and students.

He is preceded in death by his parents, wife, Mary, and sisters Mary Ruth and Dorothy.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, Aug. 27, 2022 from 10 a.m.-noon. The funeral and burial will be immediately following at Middle Creek Presbyterian Church, located at 12473 Montague Road, between Winnebago and Byron. In memory of Russ please dress informal and wear your favorite sports team or fishing shirts. In lieu of flowers, please consider memorial donations to: Middle Creek Church and the Serenity Hospice and Home.

Russell was born on Sept. 21, 1943 in Rockford, the son of L. Kruse and Ruth (Champlain) Hoernecke. Russ graduated from Stillman Valley High School Class of 1961. He then attended NIU where he obtained his Bachelor's and Master's degrees. He began his teaching career at Rock Falls High School before starting at the Oregon School District where he worked for many years prior to retirement and made an impact on countless students.

He married the love of his life Mary Elizabeth Rodeffer on Oct. 2, 1965. Seven years later on their anniversary they adopted their daughter, Joanne. Russ was an active member of Middle Creek Presbyterian Church and volunteered at the nursing home. He was always

there to lend a helping hand. He and Mary were active members of the Rockford Flatlanders Muskie Inc. Club. Fishing was Russell's biggest passion. He loved going on trips to Canada to fish at Canyon Lake, a trip he had been taking over for over 50 years.

In his spare time; he enjoyed shopping and sports. He was a die-hard Green Bay Packers fan. He also loved cheering on the Cubs, Bulls, U of I, and going to NIU football games with his brother Robert. He and Mary were known for always making the local sports game and supporting the Byron Tigers. If you ever asked what he was doing he would respond with "Out messin' around." He adored his family, friends, and cats.

Report policy

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RRC has upcoming events, activities set

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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 Aug. 16 to accommodate seating. Refreshments will be served.

August Croquet with RRC

We have a fun outdoor activity planned on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month through September. All skill levels welcome. Details are as follows:

What: Croquet in the Morning

Game Day & Time: Aug. 24 from 10-11:30 a.m.

Where: Lions Park, 10th and Webster, Oregon

Registration by: Aug. 22 at 815-732-3252

Game day information:

Players should meet, park & check-in at Lions Park at 10 am on game day.

Call the Center if weather is questionable.

This is a FREE event open to all ages.

Annual "Pride of Oregon" Luncheon Cruise

Join us once again for our Annual "Pride of Oregon" Luncheon Cruise on Wednesday, Oct. 19

The Pride of Oregon is an authentic Paddle Wheel Riverboat, 102 feet of real river charm. She docks at the historic Maxson Riverside Restaurant and Paddle Wheel Inn. Built in 1989 as a replica of the famous Rosie O'Shea paddlewheel, her festive exterior and graciously appointed interior provides a relaxing atmosphere for memory-making cruises. She has the capacity of 149 sight-seeing passengers.

Reserve your seat on the Pride of Oregon for lunch as this charming and elegant paddlewheel boat glides down the Rock River, barely stirring a wake. This true paddlewheel boat offers sit-down dining for a capacity of 120 people, a features a full bar, as well as air conditioning and heating. The boat is wheelchair accessible.

The 15-mile river cruise will take you past Lowden State Park and under the watchful eye of Chief Black Hawk, the largest concrete monolith in the country.

Here is our schedule:

Depart RRC: 10:30 a.m.; Boarding time: 11 a.m.; Departure time: 11:30 a.m.; Return time: 1:30 p.m.

There will be a 4-course meal, with coffee, hot tea, and meal tip included. Soda and cocktails available to purchase. We will be taking your meal selections when you register for the cruise. You have your choice of two (2) lunch entrees. There will be vegetarian/Gluten free/Vegan meal options available as well.

The cost of the luncheon cruise is \$39/seniors (60+) and \$41/others.

The deadline for registration, payment and meal selection is Friday, Oct. 7.

Acceptable payment options are cash, check or credit cards.

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LOCAL NEWS



Scholarships awarded

The Ogle-Lee Retired Teachers Association awarded scholarships to three college students from Ogle or Lee county who are currently working toward degrees in Education. Pictured are Phil Bratta, Scholarship Committee, Judy Kohler from Davis Junction; Alexis Trank from Byron, Paxton Barrett from Stillman Valley and Kim McKenna, Scholarship Committee and Ogle-Lee RTA President.

Rock and soul band hit Bandshell Aug. 27

MOUNT MORRIS – Brass From The Past “Rock & Soul Revue” a tribute to the legends of rock and soul performs a free concert from 7-9 p.m. on the Mt. Morris Bandshell on Aug. 27, rounding out the entertainment for Encore’s 7th annual Straw Fest Day.

Brass From The Past will take our audience on a musical journey from late 60’s into the early 80’s ... touching on a few 90’s and 2000’s to end the show.

Featuring an unstoppable 6-piece horn section, tight 4-piece rhythm section, and 4 powerful singers who command the stage. This is no ordinary band! Brass from the Past plays the music of Stevie Wonder, Four Tops, Temptations, Michael Jackson, Chicago, Doobie Brothers, Prince, Aretha Franklin, James Brown, BS&T, Pattie Labelle, Bruno Mars, Chaka Kahn, O’Jays, Tower of Power and more.

Concessions for the evening will be provided by Hector’s Cocina, serving Mexican food all day and Spring Valley food truck, serving burgers, Italian beef, chicken tenders, cole slaw, chips and drinks. Just For Fun Ice Cream will be there as well, both starting at 6 p.m. The Campus will be extra festive



that evening as the 7th Annual National Strawsculpting Competition wraps up, with 4 new sculptures and many winners from the past on display all around the south end of the Campus until Aug. 29. People’s choice voting ends at 4 pm that day, with awards announced

at 6:30 p.m. 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 Classic Rock and Soul concert.

Mobile food pantry in Mt. Morris on Aug. 25

MOUNT MORRIS – Loaves & Fish Food Pantry alongside Northern Illinois Food Bank is hosting a Mobile Food Pantry on Thursday, Aug. 25, from 10-11:30 a.m.

The truck will be located at Mt. Morris Church of the Brethren, 409 W. Brayton Road, Mt. Morris. This mobile pantry is open anyone in Ogle County. Anyone experiencing food insecurity is eligible to

receive food. You do not need to have a referral, and no proof of income is required.

Loaves & Fish Food Pantry is located on the lower level of the Mt. Morris Church of the Brethren, 409 W. Brayton Road, and is open on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays from 4:30-7 p.m. and Second and fourth Mondays from 2-4:30 p.m. If you have any questions, call 815-613-8776 and leave a message.

Stillman Bank food drive currently underway

STILLMAN VALLEY – In celebration of Stillman Bank’s 140th anniversary, they will be hosting a food drive to benefit area families in need.

The food drive runs from Monday, Aug. 15 and will continue through Friday, Sept. 2. All canned and non-perishable food items

collected will be donated to several food pantries throughout our local communities including: People Helping People in Byron, Lifeline in Oregon, Rochelle Christian Food Pantry in Rochelle, Rock River Valley Pantry in Rockford, Old Stone Church Pantry in Roscoe, and the Bread of Life Pantry in

Stillman Valley. Stop in to any of Stillman Bank’s six locations to drop off your donation. For more information on Stillman Bank or to find out more about Stillman’s products and services, please visit www.stillmanbank.com.

Straw Fest in Mt. Morris Aug. 28

MOUNT MORRIS – The Mt. Morris/Encore! Tourism Committee’s 2022 Straw Fest on Sunday, Aug. 28 includes three free, narrated minibus tours around the countryside perimeter of Mt. Morris.

The bus boards at 1 p.m., 2 p.m., and 3 p.m. and tours the beautiful country back roads and sites around the town, located on one of the highest hills in northern Illinois.

Join us to sightsee through the rolling prairies, hills, farmlands, woods and streams of the northern Illinois hill country. The hilltop tour heads south on McKendrie, out to Oregon Trail Road, on to Valentine Road, crosses Route 64 and continues past Barnacopia and the West Branch Church of the Brethren. It then heads eastward, and traverses West Grove, Maple Grove, and Willow Roads prior to returning to Mt. Morris. Route subject to minor changes and the tour takes about 45 minutes.

Seats are limited, so come early and make your reservation. Feel free to wander around the campus until your tour boards. Masks recommended inside the bus. If you need wheelchair space, please contact the Concierge and Information Table near the flagpole early in the afternoon. The table is located on the corner of Wesley Avenue and Front Street.

Sunday is the last day of the 2022 U.S. National Straw Sculpting Competition in Mt. Morris. Come and stroll through our campus collection of fourteen outstanding sculptures in straw, including the new ones and winners of this year’s competition.

The Old Sandstone Art Gallery, just southwest of the band shell, is open from noon until 4:30 p.m. Sunday is the final day of the ‘Small Town Livin’ exhibit which features the work of seventeen area artists and their interpretation of the theme in various mediums.

The annual and popular campus Scavenger Hunt lasts the entire afternoon, begins just south of the bandshell, and is designed to be a fun and adventuresome challenge for families and people of all ages. Participate in the free audio Historic Campus Facts Audio Tour to receive a free ice cream sandwich.

Maps and information sheets about our rural natural resources, nearby state parks, Berry View Orchard, Hough’s Maple Lane, Bald Hill Prairie and the biggest tree in Illinois, and the websites of pork and beef producers are provided for your convenience and for your own self-guided auto tour.

Stop by the information table and speak with the concierges.

Sunday Afternoon music is provided for your pleasure on the Straw Jam stage north of the straw sculptures. Light snacks and soft drinks will be available.

A short history of the Price Fountain on the south campus will be presented at 1:30 p.m. and 3:15 p.m. The Veterans Memorial Fountain history will be shared at 2:30 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. on the north campus. Both fountains are nearly 100 years old and the Price Fountain is newly renovated.

Visit the Concierge and Information Table for tour reservation tickets and more detailed information about campus events and tours. We appreciate all donations. Bring lawn chairs if you wish for the music and the historic fountain presentations. Use sunscreen, wear hats, or bring umbrellas, too.

Gift sale seeks vendors

BYRON – Byron Forest Preserve’s 31st Annual Holiday Gift Sale is quickly approaching.

The event will be held on Saturday, Nov. 5, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. There are still booths available for the event. An 8’x10’ or smaller booth is \$35 and an 8’x12’ or larger booth is \$40.

The event is held at the Jarrett Prairie Center, 7993 North River Road in Byron. Admission to the event is free. If you’re interested in reserving a booth, please email michellegerke@byronforestpreserve.com or call 815-234-8535 x224.


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LOCAL NEWS

Ogle County Sheriff

Aug. 5
At approximately 9:03 p.m., Ogle County Deputies conducted a traffic stop near the intersection of East Illinois Route 64 and Mulford Road. After investigation, Deputies arrested Demarcus Mitchell, 40 of Freeport, for Aggravated Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol, Aggravated Driving While License Revoked and Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol. Mitchell also received citations for Suspended Registration and Operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle. Mitchell was subsequently transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held pending an appearance before a judge. All subjects are presumed innocent.

At approximately 10:37 p.m., Ogle County Deputies, Byron Police, and Byron EMS responded to the vicinity of North Barker Road and Twin Oaks Drive in Byron for a reported

motor vehicle accident. Upon arrival, Deputies discovered a Chevrolet Silverado had struck a tree before being overturned. After an initial investigation, the vehicle's operator, Nicholas J. Tassoni, 25 of Rockford, was arrested for DUI-Alcohol. Tassoni was additionally cited for failure to reduce speed. Tassoni was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond. All subjects are presumed innocent.

Aug. 3
At approximately 7:29 p.m., Ogle County Deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 2700 block of N. Kilbuck Road. After a brief investigation, Deputies arrested Jesus Diaz, 42 of Rockford, for No Driver's License. Diaz was taken into custody without incident and released on scene on a \$2,500.00 individual bond with a return court date set. Diaz was also issued citations for

Operating with Suspended Registration and Operating Uninsured Motor Vehicle. All subjects are presumed innocent.

Aug. 2
At approximately 8:59 p.m., Deputies were dispatched to a single vehicle accident in the 9000 block of North Illinois Route 26. Upon investigation, Joshua Swift, 46 of Davis, was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol and violation of the concealed carry act. Swift was additionally cited for speeding, improper lane usage, leaving the scene of a property damage accident, illegal transportation of alcohol and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. Swift was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond. All subjects presumed innocent.

At 3:08 p.m., Deputies conducted a traffic stop near Milwaukee St. and

Stillman Road. After investigation, Deputies placed Kevin Jones, 43, of Stillman Valley under arrest for Driving While License Revoked. Jones was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond. All subjects are presumed innocent.

Aug. 2
At approximately 4:26 p.m. Deputies initiated a traffic stop on Illinois Rt 72 at Interstate 39. After an investigation a passenger in the vehicle, Amber Keener, 37 of Lindenwood, was placed under arrest for an outstanding Lee County warrant and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. A second passenger in the vehicle, Chet Harrolle, 39 of Lindenwood, was placed under arrest for Unlawful Possession of Cannabis/Improper Container. Keener and Harrolle were both transported to the Ogle County Jail where they were held in lieu of bond. All subjects are presumed innocent.

Aug. 1
At approximately 2:52 a.m., Ogle County Deputies responded to the 10,000 block of North Illinois Route 2 for a reported one vehicle accident. After investigation, Jose Velazquez-Mejia, 25 of Mount Morris, was arrested for DUI. Velazquez-Mejia was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond. He was also cited for Improper Lane Usage and Failure to Reduce Speed to Avoid an Accident. All subjects are presumed innocent.

July 31
At approximately 3:06 a.m., Ogle County Deputies were dispatched to the 1400 block of North River Road for a reported one vehicle accident. After investigation, Hanna Borys, 34 of Carol Stream, was arrested for Driving Under the Influence Combination Drugs/Alcohol. Borys was transported to a local hospital for non-life-threatening injuries and released on an individual bond. Borys was also cited for improper lane usage, no insurance, and failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident. All subjects are presumed innocent.

At approximately 8:55 p.m. Deputies initiated a traffic stop in the 7,000 block of North River Road. Upon further investigation Deputies arrested Brandon Bjerga, 33 of Rock Island, for Driving on a Revoked License. Brandon was also cited for Possession of Cannabis and No Registration Light. All subjects are presumed innocent.

July 30
At approximately 9:09 p.m., Ogle County Deputies were dispatched to the 100 block of Main Street in Holcomb for the report of a disturbance. After a brief investigation, Deputies arrested Austin M. Keaster, 24 of Rockford, for Domestic Battery. Keaster also had an active Rockford arrest warrant for Domestic Battery. Keaster was taken into custody without incident and transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held with no bond. All subjects are presumed innocent.

At approximately 7:51 p.m., Ogle County Deputies conducted a traffic stop on Illinois Route 251

at Baxter Road. After a brief investigation, Deputies arrested Brandon E. Bloom, 33 of Rockford, for Driving While License Suspended. Bloom was taken into custody without incident and released on scene on a \$2,500 individual bond with a return court date set. Bloom was additionally cited for No Valid Registration and Operating Uninsured Motor Vehicle. All subjects are presumed innocent.

July 29
At approximately 12:23 a.m., Deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 800 block of South Division Avenue in Polo. Upon investigation, Kurtis W Pilling, 21 of Polo, was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol. Pilling was also cited for speeding, improper lane usage, operating an uninsured motor vehicle, and improper transportation of alcohol as a driver. Pilling was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond. All subjects presumed innocent.

At approximately 10:28 p.m., Ogle County Deputies conducted a traffic stop at Fisher Road and Illinois Route 38. After a brief investigation, Deputies arrested Magdalena Cortes, 54 of Rochelle, for No Driver's License. Cortes was taken into custody without incident and released on a \$2,500.00 individual bond. Cortes was also issued a written warning for No Taillights. All subjects are presumed innocent.

July 28
At approximately 6:07 p.m., Deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 5000 block of West Montague Road. Upon investigation, Brekk Revels, 32 of Forreston, was arrested for driving while license suspended. Revels was also cited for speeding. Revels was released from the stop on an Individual Bond and given a future court date. All subjects presumed innocent.

At approximately 7:03 p.m., Ogle County Deputies conducted a traffic stop on I-88 at I-39. After investigation, Deputies arrested Charles Smith Jr, 40 of Leon, IA, for Aggravated Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol (Class 2 Felony), Aggravated Driving While License Revoked (Class 4 Felony) and Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol. Smith was also issued citations for Improper Turn Signal, Operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle and Illegal Transportation of Alcohol. Smith was subsequently transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held pending an appearance before a judge. All subjects are presumed innocent.

July 27
At 8 p.m., Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies conducted a traffic stop on East IL Rt 38 at South Beck Rd for a traffic violation. After an investigation, Landon Kempson, 30 of Dekalb, IL was arrested for driving on a revoked license, possession of cannabis 30-100 grams, and an in-state warrant. Kempson was also cited for no front registration, improper use of registration, no valid registration, and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. Kempson was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond. All individuals are

presumed innocent.

At 11:15 p.m., Deputies were dispatched to the 1000 block of West Roosevelt St in Stillman Valley for a report of a disturbance. After an investigation, Deputies arrested Julian Flores, 19 of Kenosha, WI for Aggravated Battery (Public Place), Battery, Disorderly Conduct, and Resisting/Obstructing a Peace Officer. Flores was transported to the Ogle County Jail pending a court appearance. All parties are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

July 26
Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Xavier Alexandeer, 19 of Rockford, IL for driving while license suspended. Alexandeer was arrested by deputies on I-39 near Rte 38 after being stopped for speeding. Alexandeer was released on a I-bond and will appear in Ogle County court at a later date.

July 25
At about 5:45 a.m., following a traffic stop in the 5000 block of south Freeport road Deputies arrested Brandon Boyt, 26 of Durand Illinois for driving while his license was suspended. Boyt was released on scene with a return court date later next month. All individuals are presumed innocent.

At approximately 11:55 p.m. Deputies conducted a traffic stop on I-39 near Rte 64. After investigation, Deputies placed Carl Zito, 39 of Freeport, under arrest for Driving While License Suspended. Zito was released on an I-Bond at the scene and given a future court date. All subjects are presumed innocent.

At 10:28 a.m., Deputies conducted a traffic stop at the intersection of East Illinois Route 64 and Woodlawn Road. After a brief investigation Deputies arrested James Gulley, 24, of Rockford, for driving while his license was suspended. Gulley was released on an Individual Bond with a future court date. Gulley was also issued a citation for expired registration. All subjects are presumed innocent.

At 9:14 a.m. following a traffic stop in the 7000 block of North Illinois Rte. 2 Deputies arrested Jose Fernandez 22 of Rockford for Criminal Damage to Government Property, Unlawful Cannabis Container/Driver, and Unlawful use of Cannabis/Driver. Fernandez was also cited for speeding, no seatbelt, and no front registration. Fernandez was transported to the Ogle County Jail and will appear in court on 07/26/22.

At 5:47 a.m., Deputies responded to Autumnwood Lane, Davis Junction for an injured individual. After a brief investigation, Liridon Izeirovski, 29 of Oregon was issued citations for improper lane usage, operating an uninsured motor vehicle, no valid registration, violation of license classification, and failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident. Izeirovski was transported to an area hospital by Lynn Scott Rock Fire and Stillman Fire for serious injuries. All subjects are presumed innocent.

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LOCAL NEWS

Armory continues legacy of memories, technology of WWII

By Jeff Helfrich
Rochelle
News-Leader

ROCHELLE—Chuck Roberts started collecting World War II memorabilia in about 1987.

He served in the Army and worked on a lot of equipment during his service. His parents served in WWII. His father was in the Battle of the Bulge and his mother was in the Army nurse corps.

Roberts was always interested in WWII history. He bought one historical vehicle from the second world war, and he promised his wife, Lydia, that it would be the last.

What has resulted since for the Rochelle couple is the Roberts Armory, a WWII museum that specializes in the acquisition and display of armored vehicles, artillery and other artifacts used by the U.S. in WWII.

The museum participates in WWII-related displays, parades, motion pictures and reenactments throughout the United States. The purpose of the museum is to preserve the history of World War II and to honor those who

served.

“It’s sort of a labor of love on the history of WWII,” Chuck said. “We get a lot of people that come in with post-war equipment. And we just can’t handle more. We’re overflowing with just the WWII stuff. When I walk in here after all these years, I’m sort of shocked and I say, ‘Holy cow, what are we going to do with all of this stuff?’”

“We say it’s a hobby that got out of control,” Lydia said.

Exhibits at the Roberts Armory include: An M5A1 light tank “Stuart”, MM22 light tank “Locust”, M8 light-armored car “Greyhound”, M16 half-track, 75 MM gun motor carriage M3, T-16 universal carrier, M29C cargo carrier “Weasel”, M7 snow tractor, WC51 and WC52 weapons carrier, M6 37 MM gun motor carriage, Willys-Overland MB ¼-ton truck “Jeep”, Ford 1.5-ton truck GTBA “Burma Jeep”, 1941 Buick Century series 60 staff car, 1941 Plymouth P11 staff car, 1939 Cadillac staff car, 1942 Harley-Davidson type II, Army bicycle, Multiple cal.



0.50-machine gun mount M45 “quadmount”, 37 MM anti-tank gun M3, 40 MM automatic gun, M1 (anti-aircraft), 75 MM pack howitzer M8, 75 MM recoilless rifle M20, LCVPHiggins boat, DUKW 2.5 ton amphibian truck and Singer roadster SM 1500.

The museum will be open to the public this Saturday from 1-4 p.m. and is two other times a year on Memorial Day and the Sunday before Veterans Day.

“It takes us probably a day or two of work just to open it up,” Chuck said. “We do maintenance on the vehicles. Everything here runs and all the guns have simulated fire. It’s getting to the point now

where we’re the only experts that know how to fix these things. People call and email us from all over the world with questions. We do 3-D printing of parts that can’t be found anymore.”

The walls of the museum are lined with pictures and stories of Rochelle veterans and it has historic copies of the Rochelle News-Leader that have pictures of the soldiers and information from when they were in the service. Other than local veterans, the museum has a lot of things relating to the 70th tank battalion, which is a group the Roberts’ reenact.

The vehicles at the museum participate in local parades and car shows.

The Roberts’ have written five books on World War II history and currently have two more in with a publisher. Lydia’s specialty in collecting is women’s WWII uniforms.

“My closet is more packed with uniforms than regular street clothes,” Lydia said. “I kind of got interested because of Chuck’s interest. In high school, I hated history because it was just memorizing places and dates. And these things we have, you can touch and feel them and find out the history behind it all. It’s much more interesting than just opening a book.”

People have come from “all over the world” to visit the museum, Chuck said. He enjoys meeting people

and sharing a common interest. Sometimes families of veterans that have since passed bring in items from their service.

“We’re continuing the legacy of the memories and technology of WWII,” Chuck said. “Once the veteran passes away and leaves behind things related to it, sometimes the family comes here and we can tell them what the photos meant to the best of our ability.”

The large vehicles at the Roberts Armory have been purchased through a broker. They’ve come from countries like Portugal, Chile, Norway and France. Chuck works on all of the equipment himself and enjoys the machinery aspect of it.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Mon., Aug. 22

Low Vision Awareness program at Rock River Center, 10 a.m. 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 RRC at 815-732-3252 if you plan on attending.

Weds., Aug. 24

Story Time at the Mount Mor-

ris Library. Join us at 11:15 a.m. and we learn about numbers and counting with a number-tastic time for all. Stop by with your little ones to enjoy stories and a craft.

Thurs., Aug. 25

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.

Loaves & Fish Food Pantry alongside Northern Illinois

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Fri., Aug. 26

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. 27

Byron’s Hairy Cow Farmer’s Market is 8 am 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.

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"Congress shall make no law . . .
abridging the freedom of speech or of the press"

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MOMENTS IN TIME

* On Sept. 3, 1783, the American Revolution comes to an end when representatives of the United States, Great Britain, Spain and France sign the Treaty of Paris. The signing signified America's status as a free nation, as Britain formally recognized the independence of its 13 former American colonies.

* On Sept. 1, 1850, circus entrepreneur P.T. Barnum brings to the United States Jenny Lind ("The Swedish Nightingale"), the greatest opera performer in the world at the time. Her tour is believed to have netted Barnum close to a half-million dollars.

* On Aug. 31, 1888, Mary Ann Nichols, the first victim of London serial killer "Jack the Ripper," is found murdered in Whitechapel's Buck's Row. On Nov. 7, after a month of silence, Jack took his fifth and last victim, Mary Kelly. In 1892, with no leads found and no more murders recorded, the Jack the Ripper file was closed.

* On Aug. 29, 1945, President Harry S. Truman authorizes the Navy to seize control of and operate petroleum refineries to counteract strikes by oil workers. Oil, gas and chemical workers had worked hard during the war to meet production demands and now wanted to return to a 40-hour work week. They resented the amount of money oil industry CEOs were making off of their labor while they simultaneously threatened to lower workers' wages after the war.

* On Sept. 4, 1957, Ford Motor Company unveils the Edsel. One reporter called it "an Oldsmobile sucking a lemon." In addition, at highway speeds, the famous hood ornament had a tendency to fly off and into the windshield.

* On Aug. 30, 1967, Thurgood Marshall becomes the first African American to be confirmed as a Supreme Court justice. He would remain on the Supreme Court for 24 years before retiring.

* On Sept. 2, 1987, the trial of Mathias Rust, the 19-year-old pilot who flew his Cessna plane into Red Square in May 1987, begins in Moscow. Rust had become an international celebrity after he flew completely undetected through Soviet airspace. Rust claimed that he was merely trying to promote world peace.

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Cracker Barrel fans lose it on social media

Just when I think the Internet and social media are nothing but a cesspool of misinformation, hatred and stupidity, a story like the recent one about Cracker Barrel comes along and restores my lack of faith in humanity.

If you are a real meat-eating, sick-of-everything-changing-American, you certainly know what I am talking about. Recently Cracker Barrel, a home-style restaurant that specializes in meals that make a cardiologist smile, announced that it will now offer plant-based Impossible meat as an option.

Cue the gates of hell opening. You would think that Cracker Barrel had gone totally vegan and set the American flag on fire while blowing its nose on the Constitution.

The reaction on social media was shift. And hilarious.

"Send them back to Gates," said one post in response to the apparently horrible news that a national restaurant chain is expanding its offerings to include a growing segment of society. "We don't

Living the Life

By Brad Jennings



eat in an old country store for woke burger."

Now, this is hilarious on many fronts. Gates? Like Bill Gates? And woke burgers? Again, woke means "alert to injustice in society, especially racism." Now, I am not sure exactly how offering a veggie option is woke, but it is also obvious that many, many people don't know what woke means.

Still – very funny. "Not going to happen!" another commenter posted to the news. "Cracker Barrel used to be so good, we looked forward to eating in them but not anymore."

Just so I am clear, if any

restaurant offers something you don't like you don't go there? Doesn't that limit the options when you go out?

"Bad choice," another commented. "Do your research."

I hate to break it to this person, but do you think for a second that a national restaurant chain didn't do its research before making this option available? Not that common sense is at play here but come on.

Of course, there were a country breakfast plate full of snarky comments poking at the people getting mad about this. And some of them were gold.

"I also hate the idea of a menu having options that I specifically don't want to eat!" wrote one person I really want to have a beer with. "Restaurants should limit their options to exactly my specifications and nothing more! How dare they cater to anybody other than myself!"

I don't care who you are, that comment is funny and spot on. It also shows how selfish and entrenched people have become in this country: What I like is good, what anyone else likes is bad.

One final comment that just brought it all home for me.

"The fact that you sell stuff other than crackers in barrels is why I'll never go here again!!!!"

If that doesn't make you at least chuckle, check your pulse.

I am not a vegetarian, so I will not be choosing that option if I ever go to a Cracker Barrel again. Yes, I have eaten there, and it was excellent, but I don't go to them often.

But if you are genuinely offended that a restaurant is offering options for people that you don't want to eat, you are the problem. The world is changing, and people are starting to change the way they eat. What does that mean for you? Deal with it.

If you want to eat what you want to eat and don't want to be exposed to things that you don't agree with, like vegetables, I encourage you to eat at home. In fact, just stay at home – you'll be safe from the big bad ever-changing world out there.

Brad Jennings is Editor of The Ogle County Life.

He was a good man who did something

Who would sacrifice a job they loved to reveal a wrong committed against a child?

Very few would. In fact, in my 35 years in journalism, I've met only one such person. Just one.

In our society we talk a good game about how much we treasure children. But it's a lie. Kids are violated and large institutions sweep it under the rug every day. As a reporter, I have seen it happen over and over.

The sexual violation of a child is the most horrific act imaginable. I should know. I was violated when I was just 12 years old. It is a pain that has hung over me for decades.

I have written about teachers, cops, coaches, pastors, scout leaders, tutors and others who have sexually abused youngsters.

And time after time, powerful institutions worked hard to cover up the crimes.

But Michael Leathers was a good man who did something. The Chatham man died Aug. 3 at age 62 of a heart attack.

He spent 20 years as a public relations person at Springfield Memorial Hospital. And he did a good job there. But his first love was newspapers.

Back in 2002, he was the editor of Illinois Baptist, a newspaper covering Southern Baptist congregations across the Land of Lincoln. Before that, he was a reporter for the Alton Telegraph.

When he learned that a pastor, Leslie Mason, was criminally charged with sexually abusing girls in the southern Illinois town of Olney, he reported it. One of the girls apparently was only 13 years old.

Instead of receiving praise for informing Baptists about a potential predator in their midst, he found himself in a room with a lawyer and his boss, Glenn Akins, who then ran the Illinois Baptist

State Association.

They wanted him gone.

I wish I could say I found this response surprising. But those in power often find comfortable ignorance preferable to hard truth.

During my own career, editors have called me obsessed, pedophiles have threatened suicide, lawyers have threatened to sue and victims keep calling because they want their story told.

My response is always the same: If newspapers don't hold those in power accountable, who will?

Leathers understood this as well.

I learned of his courageous stand in 2019 when newspapers in Houston and San Antonio published a damning exposé of how Southern Baptist churches had repeatedly covered up pastors who abused children. Leathers' story was included. Next the New York Times wrote about what a brave man he was.

And a couple of days later, I found myself having lunch with Leathers and interviewing him for this column.

According to Leathers, Akins offered a peculiar complaint about the story: That writing about one pastor who committed sex crimes was unfair because that "ignores many others who have done the same thing."

Forrest Gump could have come up with a smarter excuse. By the way, I reached out to Akins on Aug. 8 – he didn't get back to me.

But sitting across from Leathers, I sensed heartbreak -- 17 years after he lost his job. He not only lost his career in newspapers but no longer felt comfortable in church.

I invited him to join a Bible study I'm a part of, but he shook his head and said, "It wouldn't be like the Southern Baptists – that was special."

New Postmaster gives her thanks for support

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Sincerely,
Allison Geuther, Postmaster

LOCAL NEWS

Ogle County 4-H Fair Master Showmanship winners

The 2022 Ogle County 4-H Senior Master Showman winner was Tyler Hall of Monroe Center.

The runner up was Gwen Hall of Monroe Center. Other senior participants ages 14-18 included Samantha Koper, Oregon, Robbie Thurow, Stillman Valley, Cooper Alderks, Chana, Bruce Gehrke, Byron, Deborah Smith, Mount Morris, Evan Kosick, Mount Morris, and Brooke Ewald, Byron.

The 2022 Ogle County 4-H Junior Master Showman winner was Maxwell Thurow of Stillman Valley. The runner up was Ayden Alderks, Monroe Center. Other junior participants ages 8-13 included Lucas Thurow, Stillman Valley.

To earn the title, each participant had to show a pig, steer, and sheep. Showmanship is based on the knowledge of the species; how the participant shows the animal, following directions, moving the animal, setting up, stopping, control and safety of the animal, and the attention given to the judge and animal; and the appearance of the club member, clean and neat, prompt, alert, confident, and courteous.

Congratulations to each of these individuals. The winner of the Senior Master Showmanship won a belt buckle, \$100 cash award and the opportunity to attend the Master Showmanship contest at the



Tyler Hall, Monroe Center and Gwen Hall, Monroe Center took first and second place at the Ogle County 4-H Master Showmanship Contest on Saturday, August 6th. They are joined by Garrett Hackbarth, Lindenwood who's family sponsors the cash award given to the junior and senior winners.

Illinois State Fair. The senior runner up won a \$50 cash award. The Junior Master Showmanship winner won a belt buckle and a \$50 cash award. The junior runner up won a \$25 cash award.

Cash awards were sponsored by Hack-

barth Farms. Belt buckles were sponsored by Maplehurst Farms, Inc., and the Ogle County Farm Bureau.

4-H is an informal youth education program conducted by University of Illinois Extension. U of I Extension

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If you need reasonable accommodations to participate in 4-H, contact the Ogle County Extension staff at 815-732-2191.



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LOCAL NEWS

4-H Fair winners

Beef Department

Champion Junior Showmanship – Joseph Thurow, Davis Junction

Champion Intermediate Showmanship – Robbie Thurow, Davis Junction

Champion Senior Showmanship – Brooke Allen, Byron

Champion Angus Steer – Allissa Martin, Oregon
 Reserve Champion Angus Steer – Brandon Whelan, Byron

Champion Hereford Steer – Brandon Whelan, Byron
 Reserve Champion Hereford Steer – Katelyn Rockwood, Polo

Champion All Other Breeds Steer – Allissa Martin, Oregon
 Reserve Champion All Other Breeds Steer – Boone Alderks, Chana

Champion Crossbred Market Steer – Robbie Thurow, Davis Junction
 Reserve Champion Crossbred Steer – Cooper Alderks, Chana

Grand Champion Market Beef – Allissa Martin, Oregon
 Reserve Grand Champion Market Beef – Robbie Thurow, Davis Junction

Champion Bred & Owned Steer All Breeds – Allissa Martin, Oregon
 Reserve Champion Bred & Owned



Robbie Thurow, Davis Junction enters the beef arena for his class during the Ogle County 4-H Fair.

Steer All Breeds – Wyatt Swanson, Rockwood, Polo
 Reserve Champion Hereford Female – Cian Grygiel, Oregon

Champion Angus Female – Jaxon Alderks, Monroe Center
 Reserve Champion Angus Female – Ayden Alderks, Monroe Center

Champion Hereford Female – Katelyn

Champion Purebred Other Breeds Female – Brooke Allen, Byron
 Reserve Champion Purebred Other Breeds Female – Caleb Nadig, Rochelle

Champion Crossbred Female – Joseph Nadig, Rochelle
 Reserve Champion Crossbred Female – Ellie Schier, Mount Morris

Grand Champion Female Overall – Jaxon Alderks, Monroe Center
 Reserve Grand Champion Female Overall – Ayden Alderks, Monroe Center

Champion Pair of Steers – Allissa Martin, Oregon
 Reserve Champion Pair of Steers – Robbie Thurow, Davis Junction

Champion Pair of Heifers – Ayden Alderks, Monroe Center

Champion Bred & Owned Heifer – Ayden Alderks, Monroe Center
 Reserve Champion Bred & Owned Heifer – Wyatt Swanson, Oregon

Champion Production Cow/Calf – Robbie Thurow, Davis Junction

Rate of Gain – Brandon Whelan, Byron

Quality Beef 2000 – (1st) Joey Thurow, Davis Junction
 (2nd) Brandon Whelan, Byron

Champion Jr. Bucket Calf – Ellie Schier, Mount Morris

Clothing Department

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

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

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

Top of Class STEAM Clothing 2 – Sewn Non-Clothing Exhibit – Chey-

enne Somers, Lindenwood

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

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

Grand Champion Sewn Clothing Exhibit – Lillian Kennedy, Davis Junction
 Reserve Grand Champion Sewn Clothing Exhibit – Jessie Hagemann, Monroe Center

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

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

Shopping
 Top of Class Shopping in Style Beginning – Elizabeth Kennedy, Davis Junction

Grand Champion Shopping in Style – Elizabeth Kennedy, Davis Junction

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

Visual Arts

Top of Class Visual Arts Quilting – You Can Quilt – Shelby Harbaugh, Chana
 Top of Class Visual Arts Quilting – Quilting the Best Better – Ulta Zabran, Byron

Grand Champion Visual Arts Quilting – Shelby Harbaugh, Chana
 Reserve Grand Champion Visual Arts Quilting – Ulta Zabran, Byron

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Fun with sharks



Bertolet Memorial Library hosted The National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium on Saturday, Aug. 13. They brought sharks with them and taught us about their habitats and how important the ecosystem is to their survival. Everyone was able to take a turn touching the sharks. Thank you to the National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium for this amazing experience. Top photo, Carol Kutzelman touches the shark. Below, kids and adults wait for their turn to touch the shark



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Farmer's Market

Elizabeth Dyck, Byron, grows and sells fresh vegetables for a High School project that she donates to the Food Bank. 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 Taryn Bradley at 815-985-6042 or at phicksinstructor@gmail.com or contact the Byron Hairy Cow Farmer's Market Facebook page.

FEATURED LISTING

1243 E. Montague, Byron
\$305,000 Call Jenn Goley

BYRON SCHOOLS, ZONED AG! Beautiful property with an updated upstairs. You will love this farmhouse style. Walk right in and feel at home. Main floor featuring spacious living room and family room (could also be used as a dining room) with beautiful original wood work and large windows overlooking the beautiful property. Also on the main floor is an updated 4th bedroom currently being used as an office. The updates include refinished floors and new white trim. Upstairs has been fully updated with new carpet, fresh paint, new white trim and spacious closets. MBR has 2 closets one being a walk in. The updated bathroom includes new tile, new trim, new vanity and new shower and tub. Included in the bathroom is a washer and dryer for easy laundry access. The roof, siding and gutters are all new as 2015. The huge back yard has apple and pear trees along with a very well maintained garden that grows pumpkins, corn, green beans and potatoes. There is also a small shed and a 3.5 car garage.

NEW LISTING

621 6th Avenue, Rochelle
\$122,900 Call Becky

This adorable 4BR, 2.5 BA home sits on a corner lot right in the heart of Rochelle! Large living room with hardwood floors & open stairway to upstairs. Kitchen has hardwood floors, SS appliances, & white cabinets. Backroom could be used as small eating area or mudroom off of garage and has 2 large closets (could be made into 1st floor laundry area). 4th bedroom is on main level (could be formal dining room) and has hardwood with a 1/2 BA attached. Upstairs is the large MBR which has a window seat & 2 walk-in closets (window unit stays to supplement A/C to 2nd story). There is an attached MBA with shower & cast iron tub. 2nd BR is extra large. 3rd BR & main bath in upper level as well. Partially screened in porch off the back goes out to fenced in yard. Most windows are newer and new R49 insulation throughout (22). 2 car garage w/ opener (new garage door 5 years ago), washer/dryer hookup in basement. Roof approx. 9 years old. Freshly painted walls accent the thick white trim. Basketball hoop stays.

NEW LISTING

516 S. Hennepin Ave., Dixon
\$124,900 Call JD

Historic charm with so much potential! Take a look & let your imagination run wild in this spacious 2,200+ square foot 5 bedroom home located conveniently within walking distance of shopping, restaurants, downtown, and the river / river walk. This home offers many features, including main floor laundry, detached garage, & wood burning fireplace. Recent updates include the furnace in 2021 and water heater in 2018. This property also offers functional office space and a great room with plenty of natural sunlight throughout the day. Make it yours today!

NEW LISTING

416 W. Washington St., Oregon
\$349,000 Call Rebecca

THE CHILE PEPPER GRILL & BAR is being offered for sale! After 20 successful years in business and their best year of business revenue in 2021, the owners are ready for the next chapter. Here is your chance to own a piece of property in booming downtown Oregon with a well-established bar and grill. Locals love the Chile Pepper along with other regulars that travel from afar. Known for the great atmosphere and delicious food, this business is being sold completely turnkey! The sale includes the real estate along with all equipment. There is seating inside for nearly 70 guests comprised of pub tables and a bar space. With a new rolled rubber roof in 2022, the building is ADA accessible, has ample storage and a large kitchen. Added ambiance with the large window with views of the beautiful and historic courthouse and downtown Oregon. High traffic count along Route 64/North Avenue. If you have always dreamed of owning a bar, do not miss your chance to call this successful bar and grill yours! Owner financing may be available for qualified buyers.

NEW LISTING

918 Julien St., Belvidere
\$190,000 Call Mark

Beautiful 3 bedroom 2 1/2 bath 2 story home in a quiet neighborhood just 3 blocks from downtown and close to I90. You'll love the upgrades in this home like hardwood floors, freshly painted main floor and stainless steel appliances. The AC was replaced in 2018 and the hot water heater replaced in 2016. This home is move in ready.

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5102 Kendall Rd., Winnebago
\$399,900 Call Carla

New Listing in Winnebago school district! You'll fall in love with this gorgeous setting! The rustic ranch which is a one owner home offers a great getaway with so many possibilities! There's tillable acreage, wooded acreage, a very nice winding creek throughout the back of the property. This 2 bedroom, 2 bath ranch home is as cute as can be! Large living room with a wood burner and loads of windows. Cozy country kitchen, separate dining area with a door to the deck that overlooks the parklike backyard, large main bathroom. The lower level offers a 2 car attached garage plus there's a separate detached 2 garage. The barn offers space for your horses or cattle! This property offers so many recreational opportunities!!

225 N. Jefferson Ave., Amboy
\$189,000 Call Jenny

OPPORTUNITY AWAITS!! This property, currently zoned commercial, is perfect for an investor or an owner occupied buyer. It features a nice single family home, 46X100 foot shop/storage building, and a large lot with many potential uses. The 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath home has a desirable open floor plan with 1st floor laundry and 1st floor master with walk in closet. There is an office and 2 additional bedrooms upstairs. The building serves as a garage for the home and could be used for a business or separated into storage for multiple renters. Uses for the vacant lot are endless, as there is a gravel base under the grass in the lot. Home is currently rented on a month to month basis. Call today to tour this great property in Amboy!

3548 S. Paw Paw Rd., Earlville
\$115,000 Call Josie

BUYER'S LOSS IS YOUR GAIN! A perfect place to build your dream home. Over 6.5 acres with mature trees and sits off Paw Paw Rd for maximum privacy, endless opportunity on this beautiful piece of land.

8474 Mitchell Rd., Machesney Park
\$235,000

****MOTIVATED SELLERS!**** Beautiful 4 Bed, 3 Bath home near Rock Cut State Park. The grand entrance leads to formal living and formal dining room. Large open concept, updated kitchen, eat in and family room where the whole family can be together. Entertain out on the deck overlooking the back yard. Don't forget 1st floor laundry and office that is currently being used as 5th bedroom. The upstairs has a loft area surrounded by 4 larger bedrooms including a huge master and an suite bath! Beautiful landscaping and quiet neighborhood round out the best things about this gorgeous home close to shopping and entertainment! It is also located a stone's throw from 39 which makes it easy for that business commute!

3922 N. River Rd., Oregon
\$1,499,999
Call Rebecca

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LOCAL NEWS

Julia Hull Library News

Storytime at the Library!

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

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, September 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 an ingenious Lego Duplo. Friday, September 16, at 10 a.m. Ages 1-4. Registration required: 815-645-8611

Young Critics Book Club

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

The Essential Great Chicago Fire

This October marks the 151st anniversary of the Great Chicago Fire that burned for two days and destroyed over 17,000 buildings. Chicago native and award-winning storyteller, William Pack, weaves together technical details of the fire with vivid firsthand accounts from those who lived through the conflagration of 1871, bringing alive all the excitement and terror in a multi-media storytelling event that will not soon be forgotten. Thursday, September 22, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Call to register: 815-645-8611.

Labor Day Closure

The library will be closed Saturday, September 3 and Monday, September 5 for Labor Day weekend.

*The library is currently seeking donations of large paper grocery bags that are clean and in good condition.



The Young Critics Book Club recently met at Julia Hull Library (Stillman Valley), to discuss "Saving American Beach" by Heidi Tyline King and craft with clay and seashells.

Dean's List

Central College

PELLA, Iowa – More than 330 students were named to the Central College dean's list for Spring 2022.

The honor is awarded to full-time students who achieve a 3.5 GPA or higher on a 4.0 scale while taking 12 or more graded credit hours for the semester.

Reid Taylor of Polo

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.

University of Iowa

IOWA CITY, Iowa – More than 4,000 undergraduate students at the University of Iowa were named to the dean's list for the 2022 spring semester. Dean's list status was earned by 714 first year undergraduates during the 2022 spring semester at Iowa, only 1,268 second year students, only 1,559 third year students, and only 2,045 fourth year students.

Guidelines for inclusion on the list are:

Undergraduate students in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, the College of Education, the College of Engineering, the Tippie College of Business, and University College who achieve a grade-point average (GPA) of

3.50 or higher on 12 semester hours or more of UI graded coursework during a given semester or summer session and who have no semester hours of "I" (incomplete) or "O" (no grade reported) during the same semester are recognized by inclusion on the dean's list for that semester

Chloe Klein of Oregon; Pierce Knarr of Stillman Valley; Allison Kultgen of Byron; Ashley Rhodes of Chana; Jillian Wrede of Byron.

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UW-La Crosse

La Crosse, Wis. – The following area students have been named to the Dean's List at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse for the spring semester of the 2021-22 academic year, ending May 2022.

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

Stillman Valley – Grace Tarara, Biology Major

Qualification for the Dean's List is limited to students who have attained

outstanding academic achievement. To be eligible, students must have earned not less than a 3.5 semester grade point average and carried a minimum of 12 credits.

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

Milwaukee School of Engineering

MILWAUKEE – Milwaukee School of Engineering congratulates students named to the Spring Quarter 2022 Dean's List.

Seth Nelson of Forreston, who is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering

Patrick Wright of Polo, who is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering

Undergraduate students who have earned at least 30 credits and have a cumulative GPA of 3.20 or higher (out of 4.0) are on the Dean's List. Students who have maintained a 3.70 or higher

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Milwaukee School of Engineering (www.msOE.edu) is the university of choice for those seeking an inclusive community of experiential learners driven to solve the complex challenges of today and tomorrow. The independent, non-profit university has about 2,700 students and was founded in 1903. MSOE offers bachelor's and master's degrees in engineering, business and nursing. Faculty are student-focused experts who bring real-world experience into the classroom.

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Oregon Library News

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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.

Preschool StoryTime (18 months-5 years)

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

Lego Club (2nd grade & up), Wednesday, August 24th, 2:30 pm (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

Teen Book Club Association meets on August 27 at 10 a.m. to discuss The Downstairs Girl by Stacey Lee. Books on Tap meets on August 25, at 6 p.m. 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. Cocktails & Crimes meets Friday, September 15th at 7 p.m. (grab a book to find out where). The Afternoon Book Club meets Wednesday, September 21 at 1 p.m. to discuss Homegoing by Yaa Gyasi.

Ink with A Friend Monthly Card Club- Monday, September 12th at 6:30 p.m.

Sending personal cards to your friends and family is a way to let them know you care and are thinking about them. Creating these cards makes it even more special. Come join us for Ink with a Friend. You will be provided a pre-cut kit along with personal instruction on how to create the wonderful cards while learning a variety of card making techniques. All designs include beautiful colored cardstock, gorgeous designer series paper, detailed stamped images, die cut pieces, matching ink, ribbon, and embellishments. This month, Liz has designed two (2) cards for you to make. All cards come with matching envelopes. Whether you're a new card maker or a seasoned pro, our kits are suited to every skill level. Don't wait! Sign up today to reserve your spot. *Registration required (815) 732-2724 or www.oregonpubliclibrary.com.*

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

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

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

This program can be viewed in the Library or virtually.

In celebration of Deaf Awareness Month, Marlee Matlin joins Illinois Libraries Present to share the highs and lows of her Hollywood career and journeys as an activist. The youngest recipient of the Best Actress Oscar, Matlin's acting career recently achieved another milestone as her 2021 film CODA swept every category it was nominated in at the 2022 Academy Awards.

A longtime advocate for deaf rights, Matlin continues to break down barriers for herself and others through her acting, awareness, and writing. As she has so aptly stated, "The only thing I can't do is hear. The rest is there for the taking." **This program will be offered in ASL and translated through an interpreter. Registration required, (815) 732-2724 or www.oregonpubliclibrary.com.**

Tom Golden, Meet the Author – Monday, September 19th at 6 p.m.

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

TRIVIA is back at the Rock River Center!

The First and Third Thursday of the Month at 12:30pm at Rock River Center

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LOCAL NEWS

Polo Library News

Children's Programs

Storytime Saturday, Saturday August 27th, 10:30-11:30 a.m., come join with Ms. Melanie at the library for a story read and tie dye day. Please register for this event, limited supply of materials will be available.

Teen Advisory Board meeting, Thursday August 25th, 6-7 p.m.

this is a monthly meeting event for Polo 8th grade to senior students to attend. If you are interested, please contact Ms. Melanie for more information and/or come to the meeting to check it out and learn more. For more information or to register for any of these programs, call 815-946-2713, email melanie@pololibrary.org, go to the Polo Library website or Facebook page to look for the Google form link.

Adult Programs

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

Coffee & Community Conversations

Wednesday, September 14 - 10:30 a.m. - Head down to the Library for conversations about the things happening in our community. Coffee will be provided, registration is not required.

Craft Night at the Library

Thursday, September 15 - 5:30 p.m.
Join join Tiffany, from Weathered & Warren, for a monthly craft night at the Library! Space is limited, call 815-946-2713 or email library@pololibrary.org to register

Yoga with Becka

Monday, August 22 at 6pm - Call 815-946-2713 or email library@pololibrary.org to register.

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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

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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. 31, 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 pro-

vided. 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.

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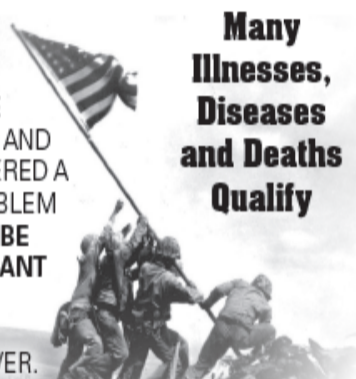
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LOCAL NEWS

Bertolet Library News

Closed: Monday, September 5th

We will be closed on Monday, September 5th in observance of Labor Day.

Story Time: Thursdays at 10 a.m.

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

Family Night BINGO: Monday, September 19th, 5 p.m.

Bring the kids for a fun evening with great prizes!

Big Kids, Big Art: Tuesday, September 20th, 4-5:30 p.m.

Calling all 1st through 5th Graders! Miss Jana has a great beginner art program just for you. Each month will focus on a different element of art. Join her on the 3rd Tuesday of each month!

Simple Wills, POA for Health Care or Property:

Saturday, September 24th 10 a.m.

Do you know how to write a simple will or a health care or property power of attorney? Learn about these important documents and what is necessary to get your affairs, or the affairs of someone you love, in order. (Insightful information; does not take the place of legal counsel.)

Registration required: 815-738-2742

Adult Book of the Month:

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

LEGO Club: 1st Monday of the month, 5 p.m.

Create with us on the 1st Monday of each month. We will have the LEGOs waiting for you!

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, September 17th, 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:

Adult Books

Lost and Found In Paris by Lian Dolan

Properties of Thirst by Marianne Wiggins

Picture Books

Two Dogs by Ian Falconer

AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

BYRON

ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH

624 Luther Drive, Byron, IL 61010 815-234-5277

Pastor: Janet Wald

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

CORNERSTONE FAMILY CHURCH

205 N. Peru St., Byron 815-234-8737 cornerstonefamilychurch.org
Sr. Pastor: Erik Ness, NextGen/ Family Pastor: Collin Nicholls
Children's Ministry Director : Lori Martin
Worship Service on Sundays at 10am with Children's Worship Service and Nursery Available

Sr High Youth Ministry Sundays at 6:00pm, Jr High Youth Ministry Wednesdays at 6:30pm
Numerous Small Groups Available for All Ages throughout the week.
Please call our Church Office or visit our website for more details.
Office Hours: 8:00am-4:30pm Mondays-Thursdays

BYRON ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

SHEPHERD EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

NEW LOCATION! Jarrett Prairie Center 7993 N. River Rd., Byron Phone 963-5216 Rev. Michael Axmark, Pastor. Discover Time 9:30 a.m., Fellowship 10:15 a.m., Worship 10:30 a.m.
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 838, Byron, IL 61010

UNITED CHURCH OF BYRON

A Member of the United Church of Christ
701 W. Second Street; PO Box 927, Byron IL 61010, 815-234-8777
Email: ucb@comcast.net
Website: unitedchurchofbyron.org
Pastor: Rev. Tyler Spellious
Youth Ministry Coordinator: Richard Simpson
Sunday Schedule & Worship Opportunities:
Service of Meditation & Prayer: 8:15am- 8:45am
Adult Sunday School Hour: 9am
Kids Sunday School: (for ages 3 thru 5th grade) 9:30-10:15am
Coffee & fellowship time: 9:30am- 10:30am
Main Worship: 10:30am
Spark Youth Group (for ages 6th grade thru 12th grade) - Sundays, 5pm-7pm
For complete ministry schedule and other activities, please check our website or Facebook page or contact the church office.
Whoever you are or wherever you are on your journey, you are welcome here!

CHANA

CHANA UNITED METHODIST

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

DAVIS JUNCTION

DAVIS JUNCTION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Open Minds, Open Hearts, Open Doors ~ "God's Heart in Our Community"
Located in town on Rt. 72 ~ Our Pastor is Rev. Keith Kelsey-Powell
Sunday Services: Worship 10:30am, Children's time during Worship Service.
Fellowship following the Worship Service each Sunday. Communion the first Sunday of the month. Potluck luncheon following Worship every 4th Sunday, except in the summer months of June, July and August. Various small groups meet throughout the month. For more information about the small groups please call 298-2310. AA meets Wednesdays at 5:30pm and Saturdays at 9am. For more information please visit our website WWW.DJUMC.ORG

FORRESTON

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

402 2nd Avenue, Forreston, IL 61030, Phone 815-938-3203
Pastor Scott Ralston
Sunday Worship 9:00 am; Sunday School 10:00 am

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

Pastor Karen Tewes
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ADELINE ZION EVANGELICAL CHURCH

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Sunday Services: Sunday School 9:00 am, Worship Service 10:15 am
VISITORS WELCOME

LEAF RIVER BAPTIST CHURCH

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

LINDENWOOD

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH – LCMS

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

LINDENWOOD UNION CHURCH

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

KINGS

ELIM REFORMED CHURCH

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

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EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH OF MT. MORRIS

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

MT. MORRIS CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

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

MT. MORRIS TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

OREGON

EBENEZER REFORMED CHURCH

2997 N. German Church Rd., 815-732-6313
3 miles east of Oregon on Rt. #64 then 2 miles north on German Church Rd.
• Rev. Josiah Youngquist
www.EBENEZERREFORMED.com • 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 & Morgan 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: stpaulnalcoragonil.weebly.com
10:15 a.m. Fellowship/Education hours
11:30 a.m. Worship

POLO

ST. MARY CHURCH

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

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

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Meeting Sundays @ 10AM Service
205 N. Jefferson Avenue, Polo ~ 815.837.5255
polo@crossroadsn.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.crossroadsn.com

FAITH DISCOVERY CHURCH

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

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

STILLMAN VALLEY

RED BRICK CHURCH OF STILLMAN VALLEY (CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH)

Pastor Rev. Dr. Chris Brauns | Associate Pastor David Bogner
207 W Roosevelt Road (Rte 72), Stillman Valley.
815-645-2526 | www.theredbrickchurch.org
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.valleycov.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.graceisforyou.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.
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LOCAL NEWS

Mount Morris Library News

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The Giving Pump

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

Story Time!

Story time will be a great time for counting! Join us and we learn about numbers and counting this Wednesday, 8/24, with a number-tastic 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, Sept. 15, 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 collections. They are meticulous, hand-crafted 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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8 Brewer's kiln
12 Owl call
13 Massage
14 Leg joint
15 Not-so-noble protagonist
17 Rat- --
18 Green sauce
19 Realm
21 Penny
24 Help
25 Persian leader
28 Knitter's need
30 Assoc.
33 Bit of wit
34 Rehab process
35 -- chi
36 Even so
37 Slanted type (Abbr.)
38 Darned
39 Hollywood's Lupino
41 Take five
43 Burning
46 Leslie of "Gigi"
50 Songs for one
51 Daughter of Oedipus
54 Mon. follower
55 Half of XIV
56 Send forth

DOWN

1 Bloke
2 First-rate
3 Youngsters
4 Do needle-work
5 Raw mineral
6 "Ben- --"
7 Slender woodwind
8 Giraffe's kin
9 Poison remedy
10 Char
11 Head, to Henri
16 Weeding tool
20 Tailless cat
22 Russian refusal
23 Early Mongolian
25 Covert agent
26 Coloration
27 Cuba, Jamaica, etc.
29 Actor's quest
31 Cold and damp
32 Tonic's mixer
34 Actress
Cameron
38 Put on, as a play
40 Dagwood's dog
42 High school subj.
43 Wine region
44 Boxing match
45 Roof overhang
47 Former Dallas QB Tony
48 Taking action
49 Tennis barriers
52 Wee bite
53 Spanish aunt

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MAGIC MAZE

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Unlisted clue hint: BEANTOWN

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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
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Fence is shorter. 2. Socks are different. 3. Ball is moved. 4. Glove is shorter. 5. Sleeve is missing. 5. Glove is shorter. 6. Pants are shorter.

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Answers

King Crossword

INTERSTATE 90 LONGEST INTERSTATE

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS)
(No.)
(2022)
(PR 35)
(GREGORY)
(ALAN)
(SHANNON,)
(Deceased.)

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

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Vicki Doughty, Administrator
By Dana M. Considine
Dana M. Considine
Ehrmann Gehlbach Badger & Considine, LLC Attorneys for Administrator
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(815) 288-3068 (FAX)
considine@egbclaw.com
No. 0803 (Aug. 8, 15, 22)

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
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Commissioners of the BYRON MUSEUM DISTRICT, Ogle County, Illinois, has adopted a Tentative Budget and Appropriations Ordinance which is open for inspection, at any time during the regular hours of museum operation, at the Byron Museum operated by the District at 110 North Union Street, Byron, Illinois, and that a Public Hearing on said Ordinance will be held at the Museum at 110 North Union Street, Byron, Illinois on September 27, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.
4877-2087-0702, v. 1
BYRON BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BYRON MUSEUM DISTRICT
BYRON, ILLINOIS
No. 0828 (Aug. 22)

PUBLIC NOTICE
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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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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 Tillet.
The court date will

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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.
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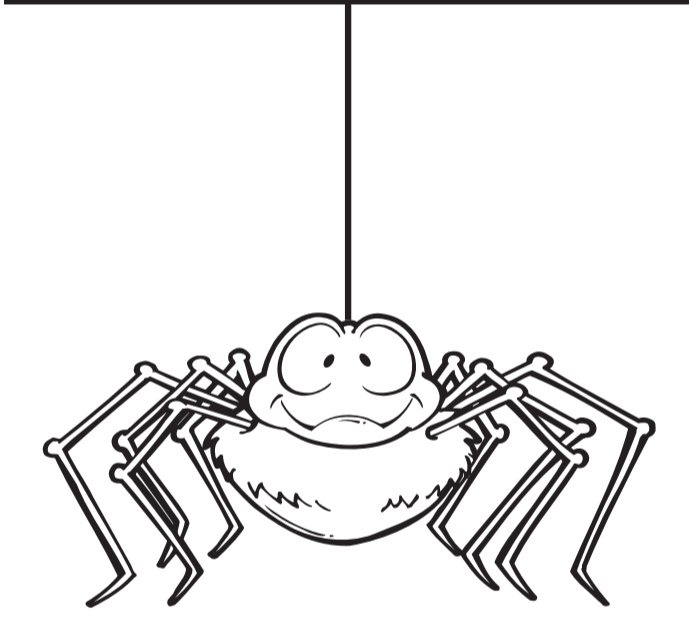
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LOCAL NEWS

Park District has upcoming events, activities

Youth Fall Basketball Camp

This is an introduction to the fundamentals of basketball for both boys and girls ages 4-9 years old, instructed by the Oregon High School Girls Basketball Team. Youth will develop dribbling, passing and shooting skills in a positive and fun atmosphere! Location of the camps will be at the Blackhawk Center and it will be held on 4 consecutive Monday evenings starting September 12th. Camp t-shirt is included in price. Please bring a water bottle.

Registration Deadline: 9/1. Cost is \$25R/\$30NR.

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 with homemade butter baked fresh at Jen's Artisan Breads. Join us Saturday, September 17 from 6:30-8 p.m. Cost is \$24R/\$29NR. Deadline to register is September 10.

CPR and First Aid for your pets

Pet lovers will enjoy this 5+ hour class which includes CPR techniques, first aid skills, health care and wellness information for dogs and cats. Additionally, the class includes the PetSaver40-page handbook and upon successful completion, each participant will receive a certificate and wallet card. Certification is through Pet Tech, Inc. Instructor, Beth Wiltshire, will cover topics which include: helping your pet in a medical emergency, assessing vitals, rescue breathing, choking management, bleeding and more. After completion, you will be prepared for a medical emergency with your pet and the certification is also a bonus for those pet sitting, training, grooming, etc. This class is on Tuesday and Thursday, September 27th and 29th, from 5:30-8pm will take place at Nash Recreation Center. Cost is \$80R/\$90NR and the deadline to register is September 18th.

Boys 6th Grade Competitive Basketball

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

Fall Mini Pitch Adult League

Mini Pitch Soccer Adult League!
Join us for an adult small sided soccer league on our new Mini Pitch court at Park West. Games will be a

4 v 4 format, with 1 goalie and 3 field players. Each week teams will play 3 officiated matches in their 1 hour time slot. Each match will feature two 6 minute halves with a 4 minute half time break. Team rosters may have up to 6 people. A tournament will be played the last week of the season. Players must be at least 18 and have graduated High School. Cost is \$100 and the deadline to register is September 15th.

OHS Boys Varsity Basketball Clinic

Get ready for basketball season! This Co-Ed basketball clinics is being run by the OHS Varsity Boys Basketball coaches and team and will focus on fundamental skill development that will help your player be prepared for their upcoming season. The first clinic is for grades 6th-8th, and will be on Monday September 22nd from 6-8pm at the Blackhawk Center. All proceeds will benefit the OHS Boys Basketball program. Cost is \$15R/\$18NR and deadline for registration is September 18th.

No School Day at the Rink

Join "The Rink" for a fun mini-camp and skate on September 5. Your child will arrive at The Rink at 8 am to begin the fun. During this program, your child will be grouped with other Beginner, Medium or Intermediate skaters to learn to skate, improve their skills and learn tricks with each level of progression! Lunch and a souvenir water bottle are included in each of these programs. Parents are not required to stay and skaters can bring extra money for concessions and the arcade. Pickup is at 12 pm. Cost \$45R/\$50NR and the deadline for participation is August 29th.

State Park Hike

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

Fall Porch Pot

Create your very own Fall Porch Pot. The colors will be beautiful and compliment your outdoor decor. Join Tyler of Hagemann Horticulture at Oregon's newest event venue, River's Edge Experience, for a fun evening of design and planting. Cork 'N Tap will be on hand to provide a full bar. In this hands-on workshop you will plant a mum, flowering cabbage, and decorative grasses in a container which is provided. You will

also learn about watering and care for your new fall pot. Class will be held on September 21st and the cost is \$46R/\$55NR. Deadline is September 13th, but these classes fill up fast!

Getting Better with Age Matinee

Join Rosann for an afternoon of fun at the White Pines Lodge! Price includes a luncheon buffet, coffee, tea, dessert, the show Getting Better with Age, tax and gratuity!

Getting Better with Age has a talented group of four laugh and sign their way through the travels of growing older gracefully! There is humor, there is audience participation, there is music - just like real life. Sketches, scenes from favorite television shows, and musical numbers abound. Join us as we keep smiling, keep aging and enjoying life!

Everyone will meet at White Pines Lodge, 6712 W. Pines Road, Mt. Morris. Only 25 seats available, so register early! Cost \$40R/\$44NR and deadline is August 31st.

Kids Pizza Party

Do you have a budding chef in your house that's looking for something fun to do after school? Why not learn to make mini pizza pies?? Kids 9 years and older are invited to join Lynn at Nash and make two mini 8-inch pizzas from scratch. Choice of pepperoni or cheese...or one of each! Perfect to take home and bake for the family to enjoy!

Lynn's Kitchen will provide all food supplies but you will be asked to bring a few utensils and cooking supplies to class. Cost is \$27R/\$32NR and deadline is September 13th.

Sicilian Stuffed Meatloaf

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

Witch is in!-Canvas Painting

Grab a friend and head to Cin's Treasures for a step by step Halloween painting class. Participants aged 12 and up will trace a basic pattern and paint on a 16x20 canvas to take home. No experience is necessary. Beverages and snacks are permitted. Class is on September 24th at Cin's Treasures from 5-7 p.m. Cost \$35R/\$42NR and deadline is September 16th.

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