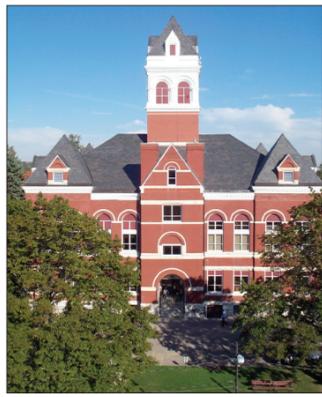




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Conserving the land



Trevor Hogan is president of the new Ogle Natural Areas Alliance board. It is holding a deck party at the Jarrett Prairie Center on Aug. 12. (Brad Jennings photo)

New group to help public land agencies

By Brad Jennings
Editor

BYRON – Enjoying and protecting the natural beauty of Ogle County clearly means something to Trevor Hogan.

Hogan, a Byron native, has served on the Byron Forest Preserve District board and is now president of the new Ogle Natural Areas Alliance board.

“Nature, the outdoors, has done a lot for me,” Hogan said. “The world is more indoors, more virtual these days. The more we spread the word that getting outside is good for you and healthy for you, we are definitely advocates for that.”

Hogan and the rest of his board are also ready to spread the word about the new organization. They are hosting a deck party at the Jarrett Prairie Center in Byron on Friday, Aug. 12 from 6-9 p.m. Everyone is invited to learn about how they can support natural areas in the county. There will be live music, food and a cash bar.

The Ogle Natural Areas Alliance is a public non-profit that will work with the Byron Forest Preserve District to help with acquiring lands for public use through charitable donations



and finding grant opportunities. Hogan said that it is easier for people making a donation to go through the non-profit rather than a government agency.

Although the board came about after the Byron Forest Preserve District board put the need for such a foundation in its strategic plan, Hogan said they are open to helping other similar local agencies.

“What we are saying as a board, we are willing to work with any of these public land holding agencies that need assistance, or if there is opportunity there, we are here to help,” he said.

That includes the Oregon Park District, Byron Park District, Rochelle Park District and others.

“Our board can give anybody

the benefits of what we receive,” Hogan said.

For now, the board needs to raise some funding to get started. It held its first meeting last year, but it wasn’t until all the paperwork cleared that it officially came together this March.

Hogan, a Rockford firefighter, said he served on the Byron Forest Preserve District board for nine years. The Ogle Natural Areas Alliance board has five members, who Hogan describe as conservationists.

He said the goal is to protect the land, and hopefully help it become a space for the public to enjoy.

“There are plenty of spaces still left in the Byron area, and tons of spaces in Ogle County that are great parcels of land,” Hogan said.

Some of that land, of course, is privately held. He said the Alliance board would be looking to work with people who want to sell or donate that land so it can be protected and enjoyed in the future.

“There are those opportunities out there, and people do want to protect some of their private land that they have put their life into,” he said.

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State eyes 251 project

Work near Rochelle has been discussed for 18 years

By Jeff Helfrich
Rochelle
News-Leader

ROCHELLE – City of Rochelle Engineer Sam Tesreau said recently that the Illinois Department of Transportation is in the engineering phase of an Illinois Route 251 reconstruction project through the northern part of town.

The deteriorating portion of the state-owned route will see a widening to five lanes with bidirectional turn lanes from Fairview Drive south to the location of the new Starbucks. City officials meet with the IDOT quarterly to discuss the future project. The IDOT owns and maintains the route and city officials said they hope to see it reconstructed as soon as possible.

Tesreau said the state is determining right of way needs for what it will need to acquire for the project and at least a dozen parcels will need to be acquired.

“They are talking about preliminary plans by April of next year,” Tesreau said. “And then we’ll start reviewing those for any utility items that need to be relocated within the right of way to accommodate the future construction needs. And then final plans will probably be four months after that. I’m going to say in August of 2023 we’ll have final plans done.”

That doesn’t necessarily mean construction will start during or just after August 2023, Tesreau said. Right of way acquisition can sometimes be a lengthy process, he said.

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LOCAL NEWS



251: Short-term fixes not an option

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Tesreau said he feels positive about the project moving forward. It's been almost 18 years since the city engineer wrote his first letter to IDOT about concerns with the stretch of road. The city also has plans to put pedestrian walkways in the area when the project eventually occurs.

"It's been positive so far and the coordination meetings are helping and we're trying to push them along and be helpful to them in whatever capacity we can," Tesreau said. "Because it's important to the community as much as it is to IDOT. We'd like to see all of that improved through there and urbanized and allow that corridor to develop so that it's beneficial and good for the city in terms of sales tax and property tax and development

overall." Rochelle City Manager Jeff Fiegenschuh said the city's effort to see the stretch of road reconstructed has included talking to state lawmakers and requesting the quarterly meetings. He wants the state to continue to understand the importance of the project to the city.

Fiegenschuh said he is happy that the state plans to reconstruct and widen the route. Tesreau said he believes the reconstruction could last 18-20 years before more maintenance is needed.

Tesreau said short-term maintenance by the state ahead of the reconstruction is "simply not an option" at this point due to the condition of the road and short-term maintenance money won't be put towards it by the state due to plans for a full-scale

reconstruction. The city has a minor maintenance agreement with IDOT that includes simple pothole patching and some snow plowing and striping.

"This piece is long beyond maintenance now," Tesreau said. "For us, it will mean less maintenance of a new facility along that stretch. It should be noted that the city is going to participate in the cost of this with the construction of the sidewalks, because that's important to us, and then the new streetlights that will be down through there. That will be a really nice addition to that corridor."

Tesreau called the 18 years he's waited for improvements to the stretch of road "extremely frustrating." Getting back on track now has been encouraging for him to see.



Popular barn quilt class back in Oregon

OREGON – Due to popular demand, The Serenity Shed at 113 N 3rd St., Oregon, is offering a Barn Quilt Class. Join us Saturday, Aug. 13 from 9 a.m.-noon. This class is \$55. People can call Cathy or Denise at 815-732-2499 to reserve their spots.

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

Cardinal Christmas planning underway

STILLMAN VALLEY – Plans are underway for the 2022 Stillman Cardinal Christmas. This year the committee would like to have the entire community participate with 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 village. If you wish to use milk jugs start collecting them now, so you will have enough by December.

The celebration will be held Sunday, Dec. 4 from 4-7 p.m., with something for all ages. If you are an area business or organization and would like to participate, please let us know. Committee meetings are held monthly on Tuesdays from noon-1 p.m. at the Village Hall. Future scheduled meetings are Aug. 9, Sept. 13, Oct. 11, and Nov. 8. Any questions can be directed to Yvonne at the Village Hall, 815-645-2200 during normal business hours.

Final band show of summer is Aug. 3

MOUNT MORRIS – The Kable Concert Band will be bringing the final concert of the 126th season of the Band on Wednesday, Aug. 3. Featured vocal soloist this week is Bruce McKanna. The Band thanks the whole community for its wonderful and enthusiastic support and is looking forward to a 127th season of summer concerts in 2023. Benches are available or bring a lawn chair and join us on the Mt. Morris Campus. Enjoy the concert directed by Andy Eckardt performed from the Reckmeyer Band Shell at 7:30 p.m.

LAND: Goal now is raise money for group

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For now, Hogan said the goal is to get their name out in the public and raise money. They will do that through private donations as well as grant funds. Over the next few years, the plan is to build relationships with private donors who could make large donations. Even further down

the road? Hogan said that could see the county have its own forest district. But that would take time and a public vote, so that is not in the immediate plans. The public can learn more about this new organization and the upcoming event at www.oglenaturalarea-salliance.org.

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LOCAL NEWS

Mosquito pool of West Nile Virus found in county

The Ogle County Health Department (OCHD) has confirmed the first mosquito pool of West Nile virus reported in Ogle County for 2022.

A mosquito pool in Forreston tested positive for West Nile Virus (WNV). Mosquitoes with WNV should be assumed to be present throughout the county. Mosquitoes will be present through the fall, so it is important to take precautions to prevent West Nile Virus in humans.

Monitoring for West Nile virus in Illinois includes laboratory tests for mosquito batches, dead crows, blue jays, robins and other perching birds, as well as testing humans with West Nile virus-like

symptoms. People who observe a sick or dying crow, blue jay, robin or other perching bird should contact their local health department, which will determine if the bird will be picked up for testing.

West Nile virus is transmitted through the bite of a Culex pipiens mosquito, commonly called a house mosquito, which has picked up the virus by feeding on an infected bird. Common symptoms include fever, nausea, headache and muscle aches. Symptoms may last from a few days to a few weeks. However, four out of five people infected with West Nile virus will not show any symptoms. In rare cases, severe illness including meningitis or encephalitis, or even death, can occur.

People older than 50 and individuals with weakened immune systems are at higher risk for severe illness from West Nile virus.

Precautions include practicing the three "R's" – reduce, repel, and report.

Reduce – make sure doors and windows have tight-fitting screens. Repair or replace screens that have tears or other openings. Try to keep doors and windows shut. Eliminate, or refresh each week, all sources of standing water where mosquitoes can breed, including water in bird baths, ponds, flowerpots, wading pools, old tires, and any other containers.

Repel – when outdoors, wear shoes and socks, long pants and a long-sleeved

shirt, and apply insect repellent that contains DEET, picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus, or IR 3535 according to label instructions. Consult a physician before using repellents on infants.

Report – report locations where you see water sitting stagnant for more than a week such as roadside ditches, flooded yards, and similar locations that may produce mosquitoes. The local health department or city government may be able to add larvicide to the water, which will kill any mosquito eggs.

For further information regarding West Nile Virus, please visit https://www.oglecounty.org/departments/health_department/vector.php



Oregon Lions help at camp

On July 7th several Oregon Lions traveled to Camp Reynoldswood in Dixon to share snacks with the children participating in a hearing impaired camp. Thirteen children and three of their counsellors enjoyed slices of watermelon and fudge bars. In addition, each child was given a new book to take home with them thanks to a generous donation to the Oregon Lions Club by Barnes and Noble Bookstore. Pictured from left are: Lion Joanne Farrey, Lion Gloria Fallon, Lion Sharon Kryszak, Lion Carol Ohrn, Bronson Black (counselor), Jamal Garner (counselor), Lisa Borgo (counselor), Lion Dave Stenger, Lion Jim Hoff and Lion Joe Kryszak.

Church hosting Aug. 8 blood drive

LEAF RIVER – The Leaf River United Methodist Church is hosting a Community Blood Drive on Monday, Aug. 8.

Staff from the Rock River Valley Blood Center will draw blood between noon-6 p.m.

If you are at least 17 years old (16 years old with parental consent), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in general good health, you should be eligible to donate blood. One in three people will need blood and you never know when you or someone you love might be the one.

The Rock River Valley Blood Center needs to collect 1000 units each week to meet area patient needs.

By hosting a Blood Drive, the members of the Leaf River United Methodist Church are helping to save lives in our community. Join us in sharing the Gift of Life.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, contact Laura at 815/276-5773 or the Rock River Valley Blood Center at 815-965-8751, toll free at 877-RRVBC-99 or on the web at www.rrvbc.org.

Church brings back yoga

BYRON – Yoga at United Church of Byron is coming back.

The excellent yoga instructor, Beverlee Burke from DeKalb, will teach a yoga class every Wednesday from 9-10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the United Church of Byron. The instructor is requiring that each participant bring his/her vaccination card at their first session.

Also, please bring a mask. Depending on enrollment and space between students, we may or may not use the masks, but please bring one with you.

If you just "drop in"

the cost will be \$15 per session. If you are a regular attendee, 10 classes will be \$120. (\$12 per session). You do not need to be a member of the United Church of Byron to participate. Shelving and yoga supplies need to be brought up from the basement, so Wednesday, Aug. 3, at 9 a.m. will be "yoga moving day." Please come and help make our move quick and easy. Our first yoga session will be Wednesday, Aug. 10 at 9 a.m.

If you have any questions, please call the United Church of Byron at 815-234-8777.



Rotary hosts fair queen

Oregon Rotary Club members were recently treated to a presentation from the Ogle County Fair Pageant Director Michelle Jozefowicz, along with the reigning 2021 Miss Ogle County Emma Rae Thurow. Jozefowicz gave a brief explanation of what it's like to put on pageants on three levels including a Young Miss and Mister, Junior Miss and Miss Ogle County. Thurow entertained the audience with her interesting and lively stories from her experiences as Queen this past year. Fair President Tom Simpson was also in attendance and shared that he and his staff feel that this might be the best event in a long time. Pictured from left are: Michelle Jozefowicz Pageant Director, Tom Thurow Fair President, Stan Eden, Emma Thurow Miss Ogle County 2021, Erin Folk Rotary President.

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LOCAL NEWS

Obituaries

Eunice M. Anderson

MOUNT MORRIS – Eunice M. Anderson, 85, of Mt. Morris went to be with her Lord on Tuesday, July 19, 2022. She was born Aug. 12, 1936, in Page, North Dakota, to Rev. Maurice and Elsie (Ulstrom) Powers.



A soprano who loved to sing, Eunice had the opportunity to be a soloist at New Berlin High School, where she graduated in 1954. She went on to complete nurse's training and earn her RN at Springfield Memorial Hospital in Illinois.

She met William Paul Anderson while she was working as a nurse at Case Western Hospital in Cleveland, Ohio, and the two were married on Aug. 11, 1962, in Chrisman, Ill.

After they married, the couple moved to Muskegon, Okla., and then to McPherson, Kan., where their two children were born. The family soon settled in Mt. Morris, where Eunice worked as a nurse for 26 years at Pinecrest Manor, retiring in 1998.

Eunice was an active member of the Evangelical Free Church of Mt. Morris. Over the years, she sang in the choir, she and Paul helped lead the youth group early on, and she later taught Sunday

school for many years, and served on the social committee and as a deaconess.

Eunice especially enjoyed her grandchildren, and she and Paul clocked many miles traveling week-ly to and from Wheaton, Illinois, to help care for them. She also served on two mission trips to Honduras and traveled to Louisiana to lend aid after Hurricane Katrina. At home, she enjoyed visiting with friends and family, sewing clothes, reading, and puzzles.

She is survived by her husband, Paul; two children, Beth Hoglund of Rockford, and Doug (Kathe-rine) Anderson of Wheaton; 9 grandchildren, Wyatt Anderson, Samuel Anderson, Bella Anderson, Marion Anderson, Mike Hoglund, Cindy (Greg) Walters, Randy (Bonnie) Hoglund, Val Hoglund, and Brad

(Sonia) Hoglund; 11 great grandchildren and 6 great-great grandchildren. She is also survived by her sisters Marjorie Oakes of Warrens, Wis., and Ruth (Fredrick) Menz of Me-nomonie, Wis. She was preceded in death by Eunice and Paul's son-in-law, Gene Hoglund, along with their brother-in-law, Lloyd Oakes, and Eunice's parents.

Eunice was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and friend, who served the Lord and others faithfully, and who believed the promise of God's Word in Psalm 16:11, "You will show me the path of life; in Your presence is fullness of joy."

Her celebration of life service was held on Saturday, July 30, 2022, at 11 a.m. at Evangelical Free Church of Mt. Morris with Rev. Bruce McKanna officiating. The visitation was also held at the church, beginning at 10 a.m. Burial was immediately following the service at Oakwood Cemetery in Mt. Morris.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be directed to: Evangelical Free Church of Mt. Morris, 102 S. Seminary, Mt. Morris, IL 61054

Patricia M. Burd

MOUNT MORRIS – Patricia M. Burd, age 93. Passed away on Monday July 25, 2022 in Pinecrest Manor Nursing Home, Mt. Morris. Patricia was born on March 17, 1929 in Oregon; the daughter of Wilbur and Ida (Kump) Sweeney. She was a high school graduate, and after high school she married Allen E Burd on July 5, 1947 in Mt. Morris. Allen preceded her in death on Feb. 29, 2008.



Patricia is survived by her children: Michael (Ann) Burd, Shannon; Sherry (Dana) Krull, Leesburg, Ind.; and Vicki (Rick) Whitlock, Glen Haven, Colo.; several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great great grandchil-

dren; brothers: Gene Sweeney and David Sweeney.

Patricia is preceded in death by her parents, husband: Allen, son: James Burd, brother: Richard Sweeney, and sisters: Judy Barnhart and Joyce Shelton.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, July 27, 2022 at 11:30 a.m. in Silver Creek Cemetery, Mt. Morris, with Rev. Rodney Caldwell officiating. Visitation was held on Wednesday July 27, 2022 from 11 a.m. until servicetime in Silver Creek Cemetery.

Lyle E. Hayes

KINGS – Lyle E. Hayes, age 89, died Monday, July 25, 2022 at the Serenity Hospice and Home in Oregon. Lyle was born Oct. 2, 1932 in Rochelle, the son of Ralph P. and Emma "Rosella" (Sassaman) Hayes.



of Kings, sister Rogene Fraley of Florida, 5 grandchildren Ashley (Cody) Fredrickson, Erik (Amanda) Tremaine, Timothy Schultz, and twins Liberty and Shepard Hayes, 2 great grandchildren Caelan and Ally Fredricksen.

He attended Kings School through the 10th grade and graduated from Stillman Valley High School in 1950. Lyle married Joan Hepfer on Nov. 8, 1958 at the Lighthouse United Methodist Church. Lyle served his country in the U.S. Army from 1953-1955. He was previously a longtime member of the First Presbyterian Church of Kings prior to its closing and then became a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Rochelle.

He operated from 1967 - 1998. He enjoyed being with his family especially his grandchildren and would attend most of their sporting events. He enjoyed mowing his lawn and taking daily walks with his special friend Craig Stouffer.

He was predeceased by his parents, his daughter Leanne Hayes in 1979, and his brother Dale Hayes.

He is survived by his wife Joan of Kings, daughter Sandy (Tim) Schultz of Algonquin, son Mike (Jodi) Hayes

Funeral service was held at noon on Friday, July 29, 2022 at the First Presbyterian Church in Rochelle, with the Rev. Doug Forsberg pastor of the church officiating. Visitation was held from 10 a.m. to noon at the church prior to the service on Friday. Private burial took place at the White Rock Cemetery near Kings.

A memorial fund is established in Lyle's name for the First Presbyterian Church of Rochelle and the Serenity Hospice and Home near Oregon. Visit www.farrellhollandgale.com to leave a condolence or memory of Lyle.

Kenneth LeRoy Jones

POLO – Kenneth LeRoy "Kenny" Jones, 69, passed away unexpectedly Wednesday, July 20, 2022 at KSB Hospital in Dixon. He was born March 15, 1953 in Mason City, Iowa, the son of Gordon and Ethelmae Jones.



He moved to Polo the fall of 1953. Graduated from Polo High School in 1972. Attended trade school for small engines. Work history was John Deere-Polo, Woods Brothers-Oregon, International Harvester-Rockford and Rochelle and Bryson Livestock-Polo. His interests were NASCAR, football – The 49ers, baseball – San Francisco Giants, woodworking, fishing, and

his parents, grandparents, and sister Alice Lenz.

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Celebration of Life will be held Saturday, Aug. 6 at Jeff's Refs-Polo from 11 a.m. till 6 p.m. Please bring a dish to pass and stories to tell. Cremation rights handled by Polo Family Funeral Home. Condolences may be sent to pffh.condolences@gmail.com.

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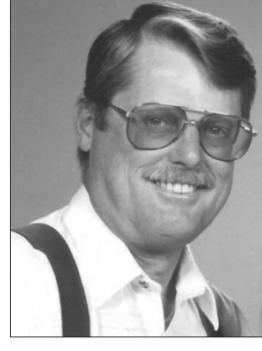
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Gary M. Christensen

OREGON – Gary M. Christensen, age 80, passed away on July 25, 2022 at Serenity Hospice and Home in Oregon. He was born on April 17, 1942 in Dekalb, the son of Marvin and Marjorie (Houghtby) Christensen. He married Beverly Kleveland on May 20, 1989 at United Presbyterian Church in Somonauk.



Gary was an avid rock collector and member of the Northwest Illinois Rock Club. He could almost always be found outside examining rocks. One big accomplishment for him was accompanying the Burpee Museum and traveling with his son, Ross out west to Montana to hunt for dinosaur bones. He enjoyed farming and raising sheep. In his spare time; he enjoyed doing puzzles, reading, and collecting Snapple caps.

He was a former member of the Ogle County Beef Producers and DeKalb County Lamb and Wool. Gary was a people person who loved to talk and tell stories.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Marvin and Marjorie Christensen; his in-laws, Norman and Betty Kleveland; brother-in-law, Ken Kleveland; and sister-in-law, Pat Voyles.

He is survived and missed by his wife, Beverly; children, Ross

Christensen, Stacey Christensen, Lisa (Ben) Stout, and Scott Christensen; grandchildren, Autumn, Kyler, Kylie, Cassidy, and Caiden; great granddaughter, Adelynn; brothers-in-law, Jim Kleveland and Ron Voyles; sisters-in-law, Donna Kleveland and Jane Kleveland; and several cousins, nieces, nephews, and great nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at 4 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 5, 2022 at Farrell Holland Gale Funeral Home, 110 S. 7th St., Oregon, IL 61061. Visitation will be held from 3-4 p.m. prior to the service. In lieu of flowers memorials are established for Serenity Hospice and Home or The Rock River Senior Center in Oregon. To leave an online condolence please visit www.farrellhollandgale.com.

Dorothy Quest

Dorothy Josephine Quest, 99, a resident of Deming, N.M. peacefully went to be with her Lord, on Friday, July 1, 2022 at the Good Samaritan Society in Las Cruces.



She was born on June 6, 1923, to Dan and Annie Toomey in Woodstock. Dorothy married the love of her life, Pearson Quest, "Bunker" on July 15, 1949. They lived in Polo for several years. She worked at Kable Printing in Mt. Morris, until she retired and moved to New Mexico. Dorothy always had

a fresh pie made for her family and friends who visited her home. "Aunt Dot" was an exceptionally caring person and a loving aunt to her nieces. She had a great sense of humor and nurtured many lasting friendships.

Dorothy is survived by her nieces, Carol Stauffer of The Villages, Fla., Brenda Mathews of Taylorville, Ill., Eleanor (Tom) Yeager of Dekalb, and several other nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her beloved husband, "Bunker," on May 5, 2009; sister, Mary Andrews, and brother, James Toomey. Inurnment will take place at Chapel Hill Cemetery in Dixon. No services will be held. Cremation has been entrusted to Baca's Mimbres Crematory.

Email all items to bjennings@oglecountylife.com

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LOCAL NEWS

First Fridays at fair this month

OREGON – The First Fridays Open Mic for August will take place at the Ogle County Fair on Friday, Aug. 5.

This event attracts many talented performers, but musicians and singers of all skill levels find acceptance from its supportive audience.

Admission is free for all fairgoers once they've paid the \$8 admission fee at the gate. Tickets are also available for \$6 at Casey's Gas Stations throughout the County.

Performers will be admitted to the fair for free. The show starts at 7 p.m. Sign-up for performers is at 6:45 p.m.

(Right) Singer and guitarist John Dickson was one of the performers at last month's open mic. He's accompanied here by Irish folk singer Louise Price on the bodhran, a Celtic drum.



The Jimmys return to Jamboree stage

MOUNT MORRIS – The Jimmys make their triumphant return to the Mt. Morris Band Shell on Aug. 5 with a big, happy blast of joyful noise.

One of the hottest tickets on the summer festival circuit and recent recipients of many more Madison Area Music Awards, Jimmy and his stellar group bring their high energy show back to the Mt. Morris Jamboree for a two-hour performance starting at 7 p.m.

The Jimmys have been ripping up stages with their unique blend of blues, soul, funk and R&B for 10 years.

Get yourself to this next performance and see what all of the fuss is about. Be sure to arrive early to get a good spot for the night and remember to bring a chair or blanket as the new benches

will fill up fast as this band always sets a record attendance for our program.

Concessions for the evening will be provided by Chapter CU of the local PEO Organization, serving meatball sandwiches, vegetarian "meatball" sandwiches, hot dogs, coleslaw, chips, ice cream sandwiches, water and pop. Ralfie's BBQ will be there, too, starting at 6 p.m. Please come 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 Blues concert. In the event of rain, the whole show moves to the Pinecrest Grove Community Center, located at 500 Evergreen Ln., seven blocks south of Rt. 64 on McKendrie St. at the same times.

Ogle County Sheriff

July 3

Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Jacob Doane 23 of Davis Junction for DUI. Doane was arrested by deputies on Holcomb Road after he was observed by a Deputy driving in the wrong lane of traffic. Doane was held in lieu of bond at the Ogle County Jail.

July 2

At 12:32 a.m., Deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 1300 block of east Flagg road. After a short investigation Deputies arrested Sonya L. Cherry, 51 of Davis Junction for Driving under the influence of alcohol. Cherry also received citations for failure to obey a stop sign, failure to stop at an intersection, and driving on the shoulder. Cherry was transported to the Ogle Co Jail and held in lieu of bond.

At approximately 1:41 a.m., Ogle County Deputies conducted a traffic stop at Pilgrim Road and Sugar Grove Road. After investigation, Deputies arrested David W. Bellows, 57 of Sterling, for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol. Bellows was taken into custody without incident and transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond. Bellows was additionally cited for Speeding 74 mph in a 55 mph speed zone.

At approximately 12:38 p.m., Ogle County Deputies conducted a traffic stop within the 9000 block of North Mulford Road. After an investigation, Deputies arrested Cyrus M. Willard, 21, of Rockford for Driving while his license was suspended. Willard was released from the scene on an I-Bond, with a return court date of later next month. Additionally, Willard was issued a citation for speeding.

At 4:08 p.m., Deputies responded to 8000 block of E. Cardinal Lane, for a reported Domestic Battery. As a result of the investigation, Deputies arrested Christopher C. Forman, 50, of Stillman Valley, for aggravated domestic battery. Forman was transported to the Ogle County Jail pending an appearance before a judge.

At approximately 7:39 p.m., Ogle County Deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 7,400 block of South Illinois Route 26. After a brief investigation, Deputies arrested Marqwan X. Monroe, 25 of Freeport, for Unlawful Possession of Cannabis (Improper Container/Driver). Monroe was taken into custody and transported to the Ogle County

Jail where he was held in lieu of bond. Monroe was given a written warning for Illegal Window Tint.

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At 3:22 p.m., Deputies responded to a two-vehicle accident in the 13,000 block of East Illinois Route 72. After a brief investigation William Holden of Davis Junction was issued citation for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident with a future court date. Holden was transported to an area hospital for non-life threatening injuries.

July 1

At approximately 9:31 p.m., Ogle County Deputies conducted a traffic stop on Hwy 251 near Rte 72. After an investigation, Deputies arrested Shelby Gasior, 29 of Davis Junction, for Driving While License Suspended. Gasior was given an I-Bond on the scene with a return court date later next month.

At approximately 6:37 p.m., Ogle County Deputies conducted a traffic stop at Illinois Route 64 and Limekiln Road. After a brief investigation, Deputies arrested Randi M. Suter, 34 of Oregon, was arrested for Unlawful Possession of Cannabis (Improper Container/Driver). Suter was taken

into custody and released on the scene on an individual bond with a return court date set. Suter was additionally cited for Operating Uninsured Motor Vehicle.

June 30

At approximately 10:48 p.m., Ogle County Deputies conducted a traffic stop on I-39 near mile marker 102. After an investigation, Deputies arrested Shakeria Williams, 21 of Madison, Alabama, for Driving While License Suspended. Williams was also issued citations for Speeding and Operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle. Williams was given an I-Bond on the scene with a return court date later next month.

June 29

At approximately 2:37 p.m. Deputies initiated a traffic stop near the intersection of Freeport Rd and Buffalo Rd. After further investigation Keandre Euell, 27 of Rock Falls, was placed under arrest for Driving While License Revoked and Unlawful Possession of Medical Cannabis. Euell was also cited for Illegal Window Tint. Euell was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

At 5:20 p.m., Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies conducted a traffic stop on N. Washington St. at W. Blackhawk Dr. in Byron. After an investigation, Dustin Gray, 35 of Stillman Valley was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol, driving on a revoked driver's license, and aggravated driving under the influence of alcohol. Dustin was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held until his appearance before a judge.

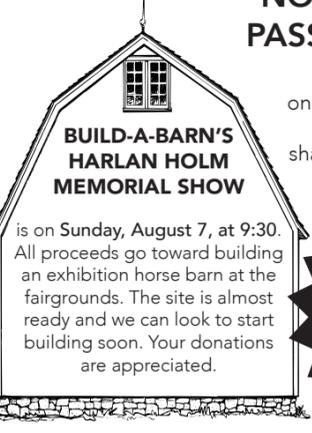
COME ON OUT TO THE HORSE SHOWS AT THE OGLE COUNTY FAIR

THE JUNIOR SHOW is Saturday, August 6 at 8:30. Exhibitors 8 through 20 years of age. Horses need to be on the grounds by 7:30. Entries are accepted the day of the show. You DO NOT have to be in 4H to compete in this show. Fair premiums are awarded for this show.



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is on Sunday, August 7, at 9:30. All proceeds go toward building an exhibition horse barn at the fairgrounds. The site is almost ready and we can look to start building soon. Your donations are appreciated.

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LOCAL NEWS

Ogle County Fair

A traditional fair with plenty of fun for the entire family

Everything you expect from a county fair will be on tap with a family-friendly price at this year's Ogle County Fair.

Fair Board President Tom Simpson urged the public to turn out to see all the fair has to offer.

"We're a traditional county fair with a family atmosphere," he said. "You have to experience it."

The 168th Ogle County Fair will be held Wednesday, Aug. 3 through Sunday, Aug. 7 at the fairgrounds at 1440 N. Limekiln Rd., one mile west of Oregon just north of Ill. 64.

Fairgoers will be treated to two new free ground shows this year, Simpson said, the Pirates of the Columbian Caribbean, featuring aerial acrobatics, and Wolves of the World, starring rescued wolves from around the globe.

The ground shows will take place every day of the fair. Other free shows include the Brian Holt Magic Show, chainsaw artist Dave Ferrell, and the strolling Ta-Da Robotics.

The fair begins on Wednesday, Aug. 3 with the Fair Queen Pageant at 5:30 p.m.

Traditional grand stand shows include truck and tractor pulls on Wednesday and Thursday, the Big Hat Rodeo on Friday, and the demolition derby on Saturday.

The Tri County Pullers will bring their mini-rod tractors to the fair for the first time on Sunday, Aug. 7 at 1 p.m.

Simpson said exhibitors will show off their talents and hard work throughout the fair at the Open Show and Junior Open Show in the Exhibit Building.

The 4-H Show will also be ongoing as well featuring a wide array of topics from traditional livestock, foods, vegetables and fruits, clothing and crafts,



photography, floriculture to beekeeping, electricity, woodworking, and computer science.

The fair's \$8 admission fee includes not only ground shows and exhibits but also unlimited carnival rides.

"In the end you get quite a bit for your money," Simpson said.

For even more savings, admission tickets can be purchased in advance at a cost of \$6 per person, a \$2 discount from the gate price, at Casey's General Stores throughout the county.

Signs will be posted designating where tickets are available.

Discounted tickets for the grandstand shows are also available in advance at the

same locations, at a cost of \$8 per person, also \$2 less than the \$10 regular price.

Children age 3 and younger get into the fair free but each will need a \$4 wristband to ride at the carnival. Wristbands are available at the gate.

Advance tickets can also be purchased online by going to the fair website at www.oglecountyfair.com. Tickets purchased online will carry an additional convenience fee.

Besides traditional fair foods, Simpson said a pork chop dinner will be served by the Ogle County Pork Producers on Saturday, Aug. 6 from 5 to 7 p.m.

Music will be part of the fair as well with performances by local entertainers.

Burn N' Bush will perform on Thursday, First Friday on Friday and Chip Messiner on Saturday. All shows are at 7 p.m. at the Lions Shelter.

Simpson credited volunteers for making the fair possible.

"We have awesome volunteers," he said. "If it wasn't for them we couldn't have a fair that is affordable to families."

For more information on fair events, visit www.oglecountyfair.com.

Carnival Schedule

Wednesday – 6-10 p.m.

Thursday – 5-10 p.m.

Friday – 3-10 p.m.

Saturday – Noon-10 p.m.

Sunday – 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

4-H Fair will showcase a wide variety of projects

Approximately 750 4-H project exhibits and 815 project animals will be showcased by Ogle County's 313 4-H club members in 13 clubs during the 2022 Ogle County Fair, Oregon, Aug. 3-7.

4-H Fairs are held nationally to allow youth the opportunity to exhibit projects that have resulted from in-depth yearlong studies of areas that interest them.

As part of the exhibition, non-animal exhibitors meet one-on-one with project judges to receive feedback about their displays and gather ideas for future project expansion.

Animal judging tests 4-H'ers abilities to produce, maintain, and select healthy animals with excellent breeding and market potential. Animal showmanship classes provide 4-H'ers with the opportunities to develop and refine their animal presentation skills.

At the 4-H Fair, competition exists at two levels. 4-H'ers first compete against themselves for exhibit ratings. Every exhibit--animal or non-animal--is assigned a rating of blue, red, or white. Blue ratings are awarded to youth with entries that meet class guidelines and represent high quality work. White ratings are assigned when entries do not meet class guidelines or exhibits are of low quality. Red ribbons are assigned for exhibits falling somewhere in

between.

Once ratings have been assigned, all of the blue award winners compete against one another for the chance to become class champions or overall division winners. A number of blue awarded non-animal exhibits are also selected each year to represent Ogle County 4-H at the Illinois State Fair.

Beyond the competition and learning, the Ogle County 4-H Fair is a celebration! It marks the end of a year of youth development, club and county activities and community service, new friendships, and family building.

Many thanks go to the hundreds of 4-H leaders, helpers, fair committee members, judges, auctioneers, and supporters who make this annual educational extravaganza possible!

4-H is the youth development program of University of Illinois Extension. For information, call the Ogle County Extension Office at (815)732-2191 or visit on-line at <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/bdo>.

The 4-H year will begin again on September 1. The fair is an excellent place to explore 4-H and decide if it might be right for your family. Youth, ages 5-18 by September 1, 2021 can join for the coming year. You can visit various clubs to find the right fit or create your own!



Antique Tractor and Implement opens fair

The Antique Tractor and Implement Show will be the opening event at the 2022 Ogle County Fair.

The show will start with The Flag raising ceremony and a Tractor Drive at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, August 3 followed by the Ogle County Fair Queen Pageant at 5:30 p.m..

The Tractor display will be on the grounds from Wednesday, Aug. 3 through Sunday, Aug. 7. Exhibitors and Tractors and Implements are asked to register and be in place by 4 p.m. Aug. 3.

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Ogle County Fair

Fair schedule

Wednesday, Aug. 3
 6-10 p.m. – Carnival Times
 5 p.m. – Antique Tractor Parade
 5:30 p.m. – Queen Pageant Begins
 6:30 p.m. – Truck and Tractor Pull Stock

Thursday, Aug. 4
 5-10 p.m. – Carnival Times
 5 p.m. – Antique Tractor Parade
 6:30 p.m. – Super Stock Pro Truck and Tractor Pulls
 7-10 p.m. – Music in Shelter, Burn-N-Bush

Friday, Aug. 5
 3-10 p.m. – Carnival Times
 5 p.m. – Antique Tractor Parade
 7 p.m. – Big Hat Rodeo
 4-7 p.m. – Brian Holt Magic, Walk Around
 7-10:30 p.m. – Music in Shelter, First Friday

Saturday, Aug. 6
 Noon-10 p.m. – Carnival Times
 10:30 a.m. – Pedal Pull (Shelter)
 6:30 – Demolition Derby
 5 p.m. – Pork Chop Dinner
 4 p.m. – Brian Holt Stage Show
 6:30 p.m. – Chainsaw Carving Auction
 7-10 p.m. – Music in Shelter

Sunday, Aug. 7
 11 a.m.-4 p.m. – Carnival Times
 7:30 a.m. – Church Services
 9 a.m. – Jr. Goat Show
 9:30 a.m. – Benefit, Open Horse Show
 1 p.m. – Tri County Pullers with mini rods



4-H Fair schedule

The 2022 Ogle County 4-H Fair will be held in conjunction with the 169th Ogle County Fair in Oregon. Visit the 4-H Fair to see local 4-H club members in action with their animals and experience the wide array of displays and presentations they have created for showcase in the exhibit building.

4-H competitions and special events are set as follows:

Wednesday, Aug. 3
 3-9 p.m. Exhibit Building Open to Public
 3-6 p.m. 4-H Swine Check-in, Weigh-in and Stalled
 5-8 p.m. 4-H Sheep, Rabbit, Poultry, Goats, and Dairy Check-in and Stalled
 5-8: p.m. 4-H Beef Check-in, Weigh-in and Stalled
 5 p.m. 4 - H Bucket Calf Clinic

Thursday, Aug. 4
 7:30 a.m. 4 - H Dairy Goat Milk Production Milk-Out
 8:30 a.m. 4 - H Horse Show
 8 a.m. 4 - H Swine Show
 9 a.m.- 9 p.m. E x - hibit Building Open to Public
 10 a.m. 4 - H Rabbit Show
 11 a.m. 4 - H Dairy Show
 3-4:00 p.m. 4-H Goat and Sheep Weigh-in
 5 p.m. 4 - H Sheep Show

5 p.m. 4-H Beef Show
 6 p.m. State Fair Orientation at Exhibit Building
 6:30 p.m. 4-H Bucket Calf Judging
 7:30 p.m. 4-H Dairy Goat Milk Production Contest Milk-Out

Friday, Aug. 5
 9 a.m. 4 - H Goat Show (Dairy, Meat, Pygmy, Pet, Showmanship, Novelty)
 9 a.m.- 9 p.m. E x - hibit Building Open to Public
 12:30 p.m. 4 - H Poultry Show

Saturday, Aug. 6
 9 a.m.- 9 p.m. E x - hibit Building Open to Public
 3 p.m. Blue Ribbon Livestock Auction
 7 p.m. Master Showmanship Contest

Sunday, Aug. 7
 11 a.m.-3 p.m. E x - hibit Building Open to Public
 3:30 p.m. E x - hibit Building and Animals Check-out (Families with last names beginning with A – J)
 4 p.m. E x - hibit Building and Animals Check-out (Families with last names beginning with K – Z)
 6 p.m. E x - hibit Building closed for project pick up

Advance ticket sales end on Aug. 3

Planning ahead will reduce the cost of admission for those attending this year's Ogle County Fair.

As in the past several years, advance tickets will cost \$2 less than those purchased at the gate.

The 168th Ogle County Fair will be held Wednesday, Aug. 3 through Sunday, Aug. 7 at the fairgrounds, 1440 N. Limekiln Rd., one mile west of Oregon just north of Ill. 64.

Advance admission tickets will be \$6, instead of the regular \$8 at the gate during the fair. The admission tickets include free unlimited carnival rides, as well as the ground shows, such as the Wolves of the World.

Discounted tickets for the grandstand shows are also available in advance at the same locations, at a cost of \$8 per person, also \$2 less than the \$10 regular price.

Advance tickets will be for sale at Casey's General Stores throughout the county.

Signs will be posted designating where tickets are available. Advance sales will end at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 3.

For more information about the fair go to the website at www.oglecountyfair.com.

Wide variety of music at fair will be a highlight

A variety of music will be just one of the highlights of the 168th Ogle County Fair Aug. 3-7.

The annual five-day event will be held at the fairgrounds, 1440 N. Limekiln Rd., one mile west of Oregon just north of Ill. 64.

Local country band Burn N' Bush will perform Thursday, Aug. 4. Bluegrass to country music, compliments of First Friday, will come to the stage on Friday, Aug. 5.

Area artist Chip Messiner will bring classic rock to country on Saturday, Aug. 6. All shows begin at 7 p.m. at the Lions Shelter.

For more information about the fair go to the website at www.oglecountyfair.com.

Blue Ribbon Livestock Auction will be Aug. 6

The annual 4-H Blue Ribbon Livestock Auction has been set for Saturday, Aug. 6.

The 4-H Auction Committee invites the public to support 4-H project work by bidding on a quality 4-H animal.

The auction will start at 3 p.m. in the Beef Arena. It will feature 4-H market hogs, lambs, beef animals, goats, poultry, and rabbits as well as the champion and reserve champion beef, swine, lamb, and goat carcasses.

Live animals may be purchased and sent to a locker or may be bought and resold at a slaughterhouse. Transportation to processing plants will be provided. A floor price will be set according to the current market trends the day of the Auction. A



list of current market prices will be available. Champion and Reserve Champion market animals will be sold first. Pork and lamb carcasses will be sold whole. Beef carcasses will be sold in halves.

Auction order will be Poultry, Rabbits, Dairy Baskets, Dairy & Meat Goat Wethers, Swine Carcass and Live Swine, Beef Carcass and Live Beef, Sheep Carcass, and Live Sheep.

Auction flyers are available in the Ogle County Extension Office and on-line at <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/bdo>. Bidding arrangements can be made for interested parties who are unable to attend. Call (815) 732-2191 for more information.

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LOCAL NEWS

Rock River Center has upcoming events, activities

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

August 2022 Yoga for ALL Ages

Jennifer Pierce EdD, leads movement and exercises using yoga and mindfulness concepts.

Incorporating these techniques into your lifestyle can enhance health, increase strength, improve balance & flexibility, and reduce depression and anxiety.

Class day and time: Friday, from 10-11 a.m.

Class dates: Aug. 12, 19, and 26.

Cost: \$5 Per class*

*Registration and Payment required prior to class. Advance enrollment accepted.

Participant Information

All participants should arrive 5-10 minutes before the class starts; bring a yoga mat, water bottle, and wear loose-fitting clothing.

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

August & September Activities with Becky

We have collaborated with Momentum Healthcare to provide activities on the 2nd Tuesday of the month.

Please join us for the following:

Tuesday, Aug. 9

Time: 1-2:30 p.m.

Where: Rock River Center

Activity: Laughter Yoga

Advance registration requested by Aug. 5.

Krafting with Kerri – New Class

We have collaborated with Liberty Village of Rochelle to offer crafts and other activities at Rock River Center.

Kerri Villa-Nantz will facilitate this class on the 2nd Monday of the month. Class details for August and

September are as follows.

What: Krafting with Kerri

Time: 12:30-1:30 p.m.

When: Aug. 8; Sept. 12

Where: Rock River Center / Activities Room

Before the class, you are welcome join us for the following:

Lifescape Congregate Dining at 11:30 for a \$3 donation. Lunch reservations required before 10:30 a.m. on the Friday before, (Aug. 5 and Sept. 9)

“Krafting with Kerri” starts at 12:30 p.m.

Registration requested. Call the Center at 815-732-3252 to make a lunch reservation and to sign up for the class.

Believe, The Cher Show

Concert Attraction Matinee at Circa21, Oct. 6

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

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

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

Reservation Information

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

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

* Reservation and payment deadline: Monday, Aug. 15

* Rock River Center gift certificates accepted as payment.

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

Please call the Center at 815-732-3252 or toll free

1-800-541-5479 for more information.

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

Benefit Access Program

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

To qualify, you must meet income guidelines as follows:

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

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

Your 2021 annual income must be less than:

* \$33,562 for a 1 person household

* \$44,533 for a 2 person household

* \$55,500 for a 3 person household

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

Support groups

Cancer Support Group

Meets: 4th Wednesday of March, June, Sept. & November

Time: 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Caregiver Support Group

Meets: 1ST and 3RD Tuesday of each month

Time: 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Diabetic Support Group

Meets: 1st Wednesday of each month

Time: 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Low Vision Group

Meets: 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month

Time: 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

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

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Mon., Aug. 1

Community Blood Drive at the Byron Public Library, 1-6 p.m. Join us as we host a community blood drive in partnership with the Rock River Valley Blood Center. Call the library at 815-234-5107 to register for an appointment.

Tues., Aug. 2

Young Widows will meet from 5-6 p.m. at The Serenity Home, 1658 S IL RT 2, Oregon. This group is for ages 55 and under. To register please

call 815-732-4111 by noon.

Weds., Aug. 3

The Kable Concert Band will play the final concert of the season of the band at the Reckmeyer Band Shell at 7:30 p.m.

Thurs., Aug. 4

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.

Fri., Aug. 5

The First Fridays Open Mic for August will take place at the Ogle County Fair at 7 p.m. Admission is free once the \$8 admission fee is paid at the gate.

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. 6

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 Diane Pearse at 815-914-7384, dianepearse69@yahoo.com or through the Byron Hairy Cow Farmer’s Market Facebook page.

Please send your items for the weekly Community Calendar to bjennings@oglecountylife.com.

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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 Aug. 10, 1776, news reaches London that the Americans had drafted the Declaration of Independence. Until the Declaration of Independence formally transformed the 13 British colonies into states, the conflict centered in Massachusetts was seen as a local uprising.

* On Aug. 13, 1781, Patriot forces led by Col. William Haden and Brig. Gen. Francis Marion, known as the "Swamp Fox," lure British commander Maj. Thomas Fraser and his 450 soldiers into an ambush at Parker's Ferry, near Charleston, South Carolina. Marion had earned his nickname for his ability to "outfox" his opponents in the swamps of the South Carolina backcountry.

* On Aug. 9, 1936, at the Berlin Olympics, African American track star Jesse Owens wins his fourth gold medal of the Games in the 4 x 100 meter relay. His relay team set a new world record of 39.8 seconds, which held for 20 years.

* On Aug 8, 1945, President Harry S. Truman signs the United Nations Charter, and the United States becomes the first nation to complete the ratification process and join the new international organization. Although hopes were high at the time that the United Nations would serve as an arbiter of international disputes, Truman did not even use one of the ceremonial pens to sign, instead opting for a cheap 10-cent desk pen.

* On Aug. 12, 1953, less than one year after the United States tested its first hydrogen bomb, the Soviets detonate a 400-kiloton device in Kazakhstan. Known as the "Layer Cake," the bomb was fueled by layers of uranium and lithium deuteride, a hydrogen isotope.

* On Aug. 11, 1973, "American Graffiti," a nostalgic coming-of-age tale steeped in the car-centric culture of suburban California, is released in theaters. The movie went on to become a sleeper hit.

* On Aug. 14, 1985, Michael Jackson takes control of the publishing rights to the vast majority of the Beatles' catalog for \$47 million, outbidding Paul McCartney himself. In the years afterward, the catalog was estimated to be worth in excess of \$1 billion.

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The aliens out there might not be nice

I have always loved UFO's and aliens and all things little green men from another planet.

As a kid I was excited by the idea of seeing a flying saucer or another form of alien craft. I was one of those rare kids who wanted to meet an extra-terrestrial and maybe even take a ride on their ship.

I would still be thrilled to meet up with a being from another planet. But what are the chances of that?

Turns out, according to scientists, it is pretty good. In our galaxy alone, scientists estimate there are nearly 43,000 intelligent alien civilizations. Yes, that is a lot. But when you consider that our Milky Way galaxy has 200 billion stars and possibly 100 billion planets, the number doesn't seem that big.

And when you also consider there are an estimated 2 trillion galaxies in the universe, you can see why the likelihood of alien life being out there is not only high, but I would say a certainty. Thinking otherwise seems to go against the numbers.

Sure, I know we think of ourselves as incredibly special, but we are just star dust, every one of us and ev-

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everything around us. We are insignificant when it comes to the universe, our galaxy and real-ly, even our little planet.

We might think we are a big deal, but we truly are not.

I think it is exciting to think about. And we also need to look at other evidence, including videos released in recent years by the military. They have objects clearly recorded doing things that no object known to man can do. Even the government is not offering up the excuses it did for years. It now, publicly, seems to be saying, "Hey, we don't know what this is, but we are keeping an eye on it."

The reality? Well, I am not so sure. I am one to stick to evidence

and the math, while not buying into some ranting conspiracy nuts. Conspiracy theories are for the weak minded.

So why haven't we met these space neighbors? Well, there is something called the Drake equation that says there should be a least 20 civilizations that are in our neighborhood.

But there are many reasons we might not have met them yet. It is possible they are not developed enough. Some civilizations also might have already killed themselves off.

But I recently read about something called the Dark Forest solution, which is based on a science fiction novel "The Dark Forest" by Liu Cixin. Yes, it is a novel, and not a science paper. But some of what he writes makes sense to me.

Basically, he says all life forms want to live, and other lifeforms are an unknown, so the safest course of action is to kill other lifeforms before they kill you.

Yes, that is some dark stuff. But if you were a galactic neighbor keeping tabs on little old Earth, our actions would be pretty shocking. World wars, lots of murder, destroying the

planet. We don't look like friendly neighbors who might be up for a little visit.

Now, I don't mean to say that aliens are going to attack us and wipe us out. And while I believe there are other civilizations out there that is simply down to the numbers. I am likely to be on the side of evidence, and I have never seen a UFO or an alien. But I have met some people that seem like they are from another planet.

Eventually, we will have contact with a civilization from another planet. I probably won't be around to see it, but I think it will happen. Hopefully, they will not simply come down and destroy us, even though I honestly wouldn't blame them.

My hope is that they are very advanced and will teach us how to get along. Maybe there is some technology that will help us find harmony, solve climate change, cure cancer, teach people to use their blinkers.

Maybe. In the meantime, I will be keeping my eyes to the sky and my mind open.

Brad Jennings is Editor of The Ogle County Life.

Responsible gun owners know access is privilege

Dear Editor,

This is to Bonnie Mueller who recently wrote a plea to gun owners. On June 27, you received a reply from a gun owner, but I would like to reply to your plea as a responsible gun owner. As a responsible gun owner, I will never be a member of the NRA (I believe that 40+ years ago I was a member for a couple of years but realized that this organization did not in any way represent those of us who truly embrace gun safety).

In our house, we have many guns: all of the long guns are for hunting, with at most the ability to shoot 3 rounds consecutively, and several small caliber handguns (revolvers, so can shoot at most 5 or 6 rounds consecutively). The handguns are intended for self-defense in our house - we do live in the country with no neighbors close by. All guns are locked up and out of reach of our grand-children.

As our grandchildren have got-

ten old enough (at least 10 years old), we will teach them how to shoot and hunt, if they want to. All of our grandchildren have heard gun safety lectures many times, and I am hopeful they will all remember those lectures if and when they choose to become responsible gun owners.

As responsible gun owners, my husband and I both support strong Federal gun safety laws, including banning AR-15s and other weapons designed specifically to kill as many people as possible, banning high-capacity magazines, banning bullets that can go through body armor, and other weapons of war, and raising the age to purchase any weapon to age 21.

I was thrilled to see the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act signed by President Biden on June 25. It is just a start, but does bring some common-sense gun safety laws at the federal level which may stop some shootings.

As I write this today, there has been another mass shooting, this time in Highland Park. My heart is heavy thinking of the victim's families. The common theme to all of these mass shootings is guns. Sure, in some cases there were bad parents, or bullying or psychosis. But the only common theme is access to a gun, in many cases specifically designed to kill as many people as possible.

Responsible gun owners truly do recognize that access to guns is not a right, but a privilege. And we as responsible gun owners need to do everything we can to ensure that people who don't deserve that privilege don't get access to these weapons.

Bonnie, I do believe that there are many of us gun owners who feel the way that I do, but just aren't comfortable saying it out loud. Let's hope that is the case!

Linda Pottinger, Oregon

Those on the Left are the ones driving fear and tribalism

Dear Editor,

In response to Mr. Lowell Harp's Guest Opinion in the July 18th Ogle County Life I feel compelled to respond.

In full disclosure I am a 66 years old, retired Army officer with many years in military and civilian law enforcement. I consider myself a Conservative along Libertarian Lines and Pro 2A.

Mr. Harp is correct when he addresses tribalism.

Our nation is predominantly divided today with a very thin line of Independent voters.

And as he wrote, I suppose guns do mark which side a person's political views may fall. And perhaps for good cause. But

that is changing rapidly.

I remember the national riots and assassinations this nation faced in the 1960s. Those were not committed by conservatives.

As a soldier, I remember the reception many soldiers faced during Vietnam going through airports or coming home. It was not conservatives who spit on them or called them names.

As the nation divided we elected our first "president of color." I don't call him black because that dismisses his mother and her family.

But President Obama was labeled as the best gun salesman in the world. Gun sales under his administration increased dramatically.

Perhaps it was the actions by groups like Occupy Wall Street, BLM or ANTIFA. None of which are conservative groups.

We witnessed the Summer of Love 2020 in which the left murdered folks, burned businesses, injured thousands of police officers and damaged or destroyed municipal, state and federal Buildings.

To include a three-day siege of the White House and the arson of St. John's Church.

That destruction has slowed but has not stopped.

Advance to today when everyday folks are being attacked in major cities. Beaten, robbed, pushed in front

of trains, etc.

Research how gun sales have increased dramatically by minorities, gays and everyday folks regardless of their party. They live in daily fear.

Especially now with no bond progressive district attorney's.

There is a reality today. It is not Joe Biden's "Ultra Moga" [sic] who are the most dangerous folks in America today.

It is members who identify on the Left. They are driving the fear and the tribalism and subsequently gun ownership.

You can't drive crime and terror and seek gun control at the same time. It will never work.

Respectfully,
Paul Hackerson,
Mount Morris

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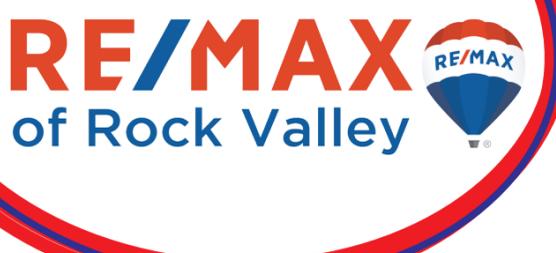
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Class of 1962 reunion

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000 Cambridge Dr., Stillman Valley
\$24,500 Call Becky

Time to build your dream home!! Gorgeous country views on this 1 acre lot for sale in the Whitmore Reserve Subdivision in rural Stillman Valley. This lot has a tree lined backyard for the wildlife to hang out. Meridian School district and Ogle County taxes. Well & septic are required. Not builder exclusive but plan must get developer approval. Just minutes from town and also close to Rockford and I-39.



2046 S. Daysville Rd., Franklin Grove
\$3,500,000 Call Carla

Loads of opportunity with this 197 acre farm located just outside of Franklin Grove. 187 acres tillable priced at 16K per acre and the 10 acre homestead with the main house and a guest house. This productive combination farm with well maintained farm house and buildings with 270,000 bushel grain bin capacity, 2 Meyer Morton grain dryers and scale. Irrigation system for the majority of the acreage. Call today with any questions!



1910 E. 4th Street, Sterling
\$699,900 Call JD

Large commercial/retail storefront with high traffic count. Over 22,000 square feet of finished space, and an additional 9,500+ unfinished. Owner occupied. Building can be utilized as two separate retail spaces, with rear storage, as well as above the eastern half of the property. Large overhead door. Property is being offered with two additional lots to the west; pins 1122229005 and 1122229004. Settled in a growing community 2 hours west of Chicago, and 1 hour east of the Quad Cities on I-88. Current occupant(s) are NOT closing. Sale is subject to a short term leaseback to allow current company/tenants to relocate.



1107 E. Route 64, Oregon
\$495,000 Call Rebecca

OVER 9,000 SQUARE FEET OF COMMERCIAL SPACE ON A 1.36 ACRE LOT! Prime real estate location located on Route 64 just east of beautiful, downtown Oregon. Currently used as a retail space, this property has fresh neutral paint and epoxy coated flooring throughout. The main floor is open and has a great deal of square footage along with a his and hers bathroom. There is a finished loft area that previously served as office space. Partial basement with a half bathroom and egress windows. There is a large parking lot with plenty of parking spaces along with additional land for expansion of the building or parking area. Currently well & septic with city water/sewer at the lot line. Bring your ideas as the possibilities are endless with this building and location!



105 S. Dement Ave., Dixon
\$140,000 Call Jenny

There would be no place like HOME in this classic beauty conveniently located near downtown Dixon. NEW roof, NEW soffit/gutters, and NEW furnace, as well as, NEW flooring on the main floor all completed in 2022. This house is structurally sound, but a work in progress. Bring your vision to finish off the kitchen and decorating on the 2nd floor. Current owner has improved the living room, dining room, office and front porch spaces. There is beautiful woodwork throughout the spacious home. Outside features a 3 story carriage house with tons of storage and endless possibilities. Updated electrical to 220 and plumbing as well. Potential bath on main floor. Don't miss out on this fabulous opportunity to make this your dream home.



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\$235,000 Call Erin

****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 en 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!



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LOCAL NEWS



Farmer's Market

Diane Brink, Chana, sells perennials, annuals, painted rocks, and doll clothes. 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 Diane Pearse at 815-914-7384, dianepearse69@yahoo.com or through the Byron Hairy Cow Farmer's Market Facebook page.

Dean's List

University of Alabama

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. – Amanda Williams, of Byron, was named to The University of Alabama Deans List for Spring Semester 2022. A total of 11,224 students enrolled during Spring Semester 2022 at The University of Alabama were named to the dean's list with an academic record of 3.5 (or above) or the president's list with an academic record of 4.0 (all A's). The UA dean's and president's lists recognize full-time undergraduate students. The lists do not apply to graduate

students or undergraduate students who take less than a full course load. For more information visit news.ua.edu. The University of Alabama, part of The University of Alabama System, is the state's flagship university. UA shapes a better world through its teaching, research and service. With a global reputation for excellence, UA provides an inclusive, forward-thinking environment and nearly 200 degree programs on a beautiful, student-centered campus.

Clarke University

DUBUQUE, Iowa – The following students were named to the Dean's List at Clarke University for the Spring 2022 semester. The list recognizes full-time Clarke students who have earned a 3.65 grade-point average or above, on a 4.0 scale, with a minimum of 12 graded hours. Polo – Zoie A. Sellers Founded in 1843 by the Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Clarke University is located near the Mississippi River in Dubuque, Iowa.

The University believes learning is life-long and life-changing. Our community inspires intellectual curiosity, cultural engagement, professional preparedness, spiritual exploration, and a commitment to contributing to the common good in a global society. Academic offerings include over 50 undergraduate majors and minors, 10 pre-professional programs, six graduate degree programs, and the CareerPLUS professional development micro course program.

Park district sets activities

Flamingo Bingo
Join us on Mondays this summer at the Reading Nook across from Nash Recreation Center for Lemonade in the Shade & Flamingo Bingo at 10 a.m. Only \$1 for unlimited lemonade and \$1 per bingo sheet (2 cards). Bring your daubers or buy one at Bingo. Winners choose a gift from the prize table. Fun for all ages drop-in activity. No advanced registration required. Proceeds benefit the Oregon Park District Youth Scholarship Fund.

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

Adult Co-Ed Softball
Recreational softball is back at Park West! This league is designed for men and women to enjoy slow-pitch softball through friendly competition. Bats will be provided by the park district for each team to use. The league will consist of a regular season, and a postseason tournament to end the year. Registration Deadline: 8/4 Fee \$450 per team

Julia Hull Library News

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

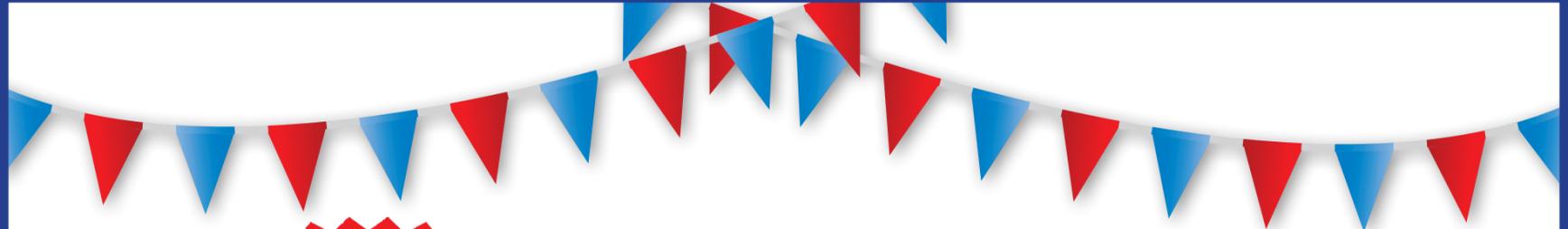
Young Critics Book Club
Join us Tuesday, Aug. 16 at 6 p.m. for a book discussion and hands-on craft/activity about the book *Saving American Beach* by Heidi Tyline King. Stop by the library to register for this in-person program and pick-up your copy of the reading. Ages 7-9. Registration required.

Short & Sweets
Join us at the library, Wednesday, Aug. 17 at 10 a.m., for an engaging discussion of William Trevor's short story, "August Saturday." Copies of the reading available at the Circulation Desk. Adults only. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

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

Teens: I Love the 90s!
Booyah! Get ready home skillet: we're celebrating the decade that gave us the Fresh Prince, Spice Girls and "Clueless" with snacks, games, and crafts. Grab your mom jeans, 'cuz it's gonna be all that and a bag of chips. Thursday, Aug. 25 at 3 p.m. Ages 13-18. Registration required. 815-645-8611

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Youth Summer Reading Program - Read Beyond the Beaten Path!

Another summer reading program has concluded with 51 avid readers completing their reading goals with a total of 1,204 books! Congratulations to everyone (including your parents)! We hope you had as much fun celebrating the Library as we did. Looking forward to seeing everyone throughout the year checking out books and participating in library programs. Keep an eye on our website, Facebook and the newspapers for upcoming programs. We also have a monthly e-newsletter-we just need your email address.

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Adult Summer Reading Program- June 1st through August 1st

Join others who are "too old" for the Children's Summer Reading Program (yes, that includes 18 and up!) for a low-key stress-free Adult Summer Reading program. Oregon Public Library has two ways to record your reading progress. NEW - We have brain game packets available this year. Brain game packets completed will be entered into the drawing for the Adult Summer Reading prizes at the end of the program. Follow us on Facebook, join our e-newsletter and visit our website for more information about programs. All brain game packets and book logs must be turned in by the end of the business day on August 1, 2022.

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) through August 8.

Join us on Mondays at 10 am for stories, games, crafts, and playtime! Registration is required.

Try It Tuesday - Tuesday, August 9th (while supplies last)

Fall Leave Book Page Banner Fun crafting with fall leaves and old books. Visit our website for more information. All supplies provided. **KITS ARE FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE for Oregon Library Card Holders.**

Painted Wine Glasses - Wednesday, August 10th at 6 p.m.

At the moment, it seems like hand-painted wine and martini glasses are all the rage! And doing it yourself is definitely possible (and relatively easy) at home. In fact, painting on wine glasses is a fun way to create unique, personalized, and inexpensive gifts for friends and family. Or just to keep in your own kitchen! All supplies provided. *Registration required, (815) 732-2724 or www.oregonpubliclibrary.com.* Due to unforeseen circumstances, this program was rescheduled from July 13th.

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

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

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

Registration Deadline August 12th
Sending personal cards to your friends and family is a way to let them know you care and are thinking about them. Creating these cards makes it even more special. Come join us for Ink with a Friend. You will be provided a pre-cut kit along with personal instruction on how to create the wonderful cards while learning a variety of card-making techniques. All designs include beautiful colored cardstock, gorgeous designer series paper, detailed stamped images, die-cut pieces, matching ink, ribbon, and embellishments. This month, Liz has designed two (2) cards for you to make. All cards come with matching envelopes. Whether you're a new card maker or a seasoned pro, our kits are suited to every skill level. Don't wait! Sign up today to reserve your spot. *Registration required (815) 732-2724 or www.oregonpubliclibrary.com.*

Book Clubs

The 2WBC Book Club meets Wednesday, August 10 at 12:30 p.m to discuss White Teeth by Zadie Smith. Cocktails and Crimes Book Club will meet Sunday, August 14 (stop by the library to find out what book and where the club will meet). The Afternoon Book Club meets Wednesday, August 17 at 1 p.m. to discuss The Magnolia Palace by Fiona Davis. Teen Book Club Association meets on August 27 at 10 a.m.

Bertolet Library News

Ocean Odyssey: Saturday, Aug. 13, 10 a.m.

The Mississippi River Museum will be visiting Bertolet Memorial Library! Their traveling touch tank brings live ocean animals to you! Breakdown some of the common misconceptions about sharks and stingrays. The Mississippi River Museum will highlight adaptations these critters have to survive, their importance to the ecosystem and discover how you can help with conservation efforts. Participants will have the opportunity to get their hands wet and touch one of these amazing animals.

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, Aug. 20, 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

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Board Books

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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.

Puzzle Library

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

Oregon Public Library StoryWalk®

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

OPLD Dial-A-Story

Need a quick story? Call 1-630-397-0912 to hear one! Children's stories are changed monthly. Current story- The Wonderful Things You Will Be by Emily Winfield Martin.

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

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

Passport Services

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

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Did you know... that the Byron Library can help you save your VHS home movies? Bring your VHS tapes to the library, and our staff will copy what is on the tape to a DVD! Blank DVDs can be purchased from the library for a fee of \$1.00 each, or patrons are welcome to provide their own blank DVDs. Due to copyright laws the library cannot copy commercially sold VHS tapes or anything recorded onto VHS from television. Limit 5 tapes per visit.

Community Blood Drive

Monday, Aug. 1
1-6 p.m.
Join us as we host a community blood drive in partnership with the Rock River Valley Blood Center. Register for an appointment by calling the library at 815-234-5107 or visiting https://donor.rrvbc.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/54617. Walk-ins are also welcome!

Ogle County Dixie 6

Friday, Aug. 12
1-2 p.m.
We are excited to be bringing you some LIVE Dixieland Music. Munch on praline pecans and sip lemonade as you tap your foot to some great

music. Please register by calling 815-234-5107 or visiting Byron.evanced.info/signup.

DIY Summer Shadow Boxes

Thursday, Aug. 18
6-7:30 p.m.
Bring the feeling of summer home with a sweet DIY Summer Shadow Box! This fun project can be modified in so many neat ways, with personal keepsakes, photos, and more! All materials will be provided. Please register at Byron.evanced.info/signup or by calling 815-234-5107. Take home kits are unavailable for this project.

Hoo Haven

Thursday, Aug. 25
6-7 p.m.
Spend the evening with Hoo Haven and learn about their birds of prey. Live birds will be at the presentation! This program is for adults only. Please call 815-234-5107 or visit Byron.evanced.info/signup to register.

Air Frying 101

Wednesday, Aug. 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.

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

Forreston Library News

Summer Reading Special Program

Wednesday, Aug. 10, 11:15 a.m.
Join Miss Melinda from Ag In the Classroom as she teaches us all about the water cycle. She will share a story, science experiment, crafts, and a snack that all involve water. This program is for children from preschool through 5th grade. Please call the library to register or for more information.

SSET4 School Donations

We are once again serving as a donation site for the SSET4 School program. The most needed school supplies include spiral notebooks, colored pencils, note cards, washable markers, and new or gently used backpacks, but all donations are welcome. We will be collecting items until Tuesday, August 9th. Thanks for helping our local students begin the year with everything they need!

Showcase Displays

Do you have an interesting or unusual collection of items

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

Plastic Recycling

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

Library Hours

The library is open: Monday 10am-1pm, 2-7pm, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 10am-1pm, 2-6pm, and Saturday 9am-12pm. We may be reached by phone at (815)938-2624, email at forrestonpubliclibrary@gmail.com, or through Facebook messaging.

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Children's Programs

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

Adult Programs

2022 Outdoor Concert Series - Join us at the Polo Library pavilion on Saturday, August 13th RAMI award winner, The Lone Canary, will be playing Folk and Americana music. Grab a friend and bring your chairs to enjoy the music! The concert will start at 7 p.m. and will last approximately two hours. Save the date for the last concert of the series - Sept. 17th - The Beaux (Classic Rock 60-90s). The 2022 Outdoor Concert Series is funded by a grant from the Community Foundation of Northern Illinois.

Coffee & Community Conversations

Wednesday, July 13th - 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.

Yoga with Becka

Monday, Aug. 22nd at 6 p.m. - Call 815-946-2713 or email library@pololibrary.org to register.

Online Catalog

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Library newsletter

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

Genealogy Assistance

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

Special Procedures

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 Sunday Schedule & Worship opportunities:
 Service of Meditation & Prayer: 8:15am-8:45am
 Adult Sunday School Hour: 9am
 Kids Sunday School: (for ages 3 thru 5th grade) 9:30-10:15am
 Coffee & Fellowship time: 9:30am-10:30am
 Main Worship: 10:30am
 Spark Youth Group (for ages 6th grade thru 12th grade) - Sundays, 5pm-7pm
 For complete ministry schedule and other activities, please check our website or Facebook page or contact the church office.
 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: chanaumc@gmail.com Adult & Children's Education 9:00 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion celebrated the first Sunday of each month. At Chana Church you will find Open Hearts-Open Minds-Open Doors.

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, Childrens 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. God is Good, All the Time, All the Time, God is Good!

ST. JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

LEAF RIVER

ADELINE ZION EVANGELICAL CHURCH

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

LEAF RIVER BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor Billy Hardy
 Live 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

MOUNT MORRIS

DISCIPLES UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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 www.disciplesumc.org
 (815) 734-4853
 102 N Maple Ave., Mt. Morris, IL 61054
 Rev. Julie Bunt, Pastor

EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH OF MT. MORRIS

102 S. Seminary Ave., Mt. Morris, IL 61054 815-734-4942 www.efcmm.org
 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: mtrmcob@frontier.com

MT. MORRIS TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

OREGON

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

LIGHTHOUSE UNITED METHODIST

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

OREGON CHURCH OF GOD

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

OREGON FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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

OREGON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

RIVERSTONE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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

ST. BRIDE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH, NALC

114 S. 5th St. Oregon, IL Phone: (815) 732-2367
 Website: stpaulnalcoregonil.weebly.com
 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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 polo@crossroadsn.com
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 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
 Pastor Tom Cox, Interim 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.valleyev.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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Morris Public library is looking to fill our part-time page position. The job is open to HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS (only!) who are available to work Saturdays and evenings. Duties include helping at the circulation desk, shelving books, interacting with the public, working with the children's programmer, and other duties as assigned. Applications may be picked up at the library; there is no online application available.

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

Display Case Showings
Stop in to see our new display for August! Local artisan, Rod Avey, will once again be showcasing his wooden duck creations. They are meticulous, handcrafted creations that will make you feel like you are outside at a pond! Stop by to admire these beautiful pieces of artwork! We are always looking for collectors or artists who are willing to share their treasures in our display cases. If you are interested, please call, 815-734-4927.

Newspaper Available!
We will now be receiving the Dixon Telegraph daily! We receive the Ogle

County Life, Sauk Valley, and Mt. Morris Times. If you want to keep up with the local news-stop on by!

Explore More Illinois-Anderson Japanese Gardens Offer

Anderson Japanese Gardens is proud of its longstanding reputation as one of the highest quality Japanese gardens in North America. Their passion, however, is how the Garden positively impacts individuals and the communities where they live. They are committed to presenting first-class programs, events, and opportunities that bring people together in this uplifting natural setting.

The Garden is offering **buy one get one free admission** per group on weekdays. Explore More Illinois users can access and reserve passes from any of our attractions on their participating library's website.

Explore More Illinois is easy to use with your library card. Visit the library's website to browse all of the 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.

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

Page Position Available
We're HIRING! ** Page position available starting in August. ** The Mount

Weekly Brain Busters

King Crossword

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ACROSS
1 Sharp turn
4 Help a crook
8 Feudal slave
12 — bind
13 Put on
14 Tow
15 Up to
16 Taj Mahal city
17 Canadian gas brand
18 Gorgonzola, for one
21 Hairy Addams cousin
22 Bit of advice
23 Forgeries
26 Clear the deck?
27 Melancholy
30 Incursion
31 Ruin the veneer
32 Robust
33 Thanksgiving veggie
34 Prom rental
35 Washer phase
36 Droop
37 Abysmal
38 Brunch entree
45 Heap
46 Roll call reply
47 Literary collection
48 On the briny

DOWN
1 Tubular pasta
2 "What's — for me?"
3 Fancy party
4 Expects
5 Sired
6 Deserve
7 Deere prod-
8 Bo Peep's charges
9 Lighten
10 Senator
11 Drifting ice
19 Fibbed
20 Trendy
23 Saute
24 Bond rating
25 Kipling lad
26 Upper limit
27 Pouch
28 100 percent
29 Scottish river
31 Hood's photo
32 Jekyll's bad side
34 — chi
35 Caravan mammals
36 Sly one
37 Yawning, maybe
38 Pesky email
39 Tower city
40 Sir Guinness
41 Wife of Zeus
42 Volcanic flow
43 Eve's grandson
44 Chat

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B D R Y L P O I E W N L P H A
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
Unlisted clue hint: FIRST FEMALE JANET —

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

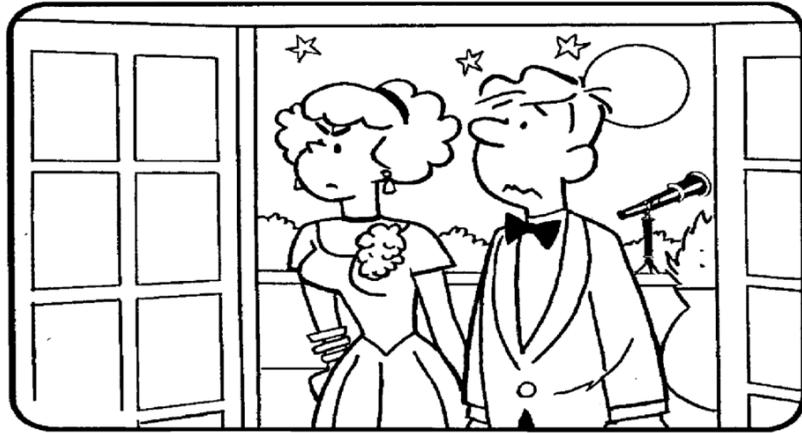
DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

- ◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

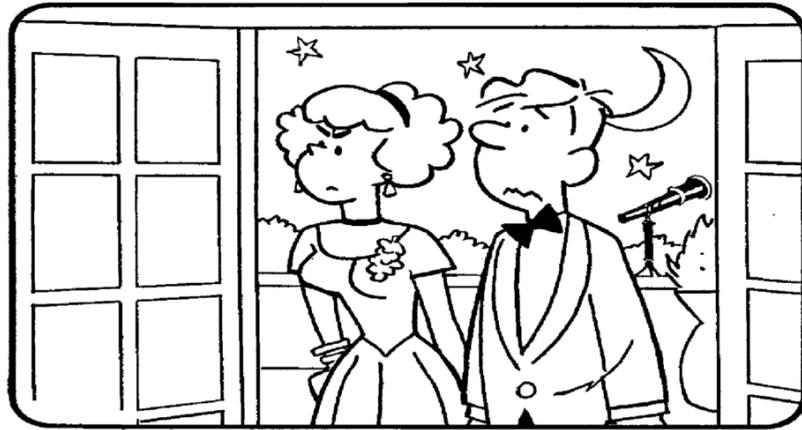
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Corsage is smaller. 2. Bracelet is missing. 3. Tie is moved. 4. Star is moved. 5. Moon is different. 6. Um is different.

Answers
King Crossword
Solution time: 21 mins.

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Answers

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9	6	1	3	5	8	4	2	7
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Answers
Weekly SUDOKU

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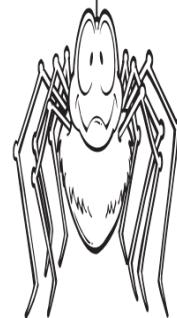
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Proposals are due no later than 3:00 p.m., Thursday, September 8, 2022. It is the responsibility of the Bidder to ensure that proposals are received by the above deadline. Late proposals will not be considered.
Requests for proposal packets should be addressed to:
Brittney Zick, HR Risk and Safety Coordinator
bzick@rochelleil.us
or you can download the July 28, 2022 RFP on the City of Rochelle's Calendar: <https://www.cityofrochelle.net/calendar.html>.
No. 0732 (July 31, Aug. 1)

**WAUKESHA COUNTY
IN RE: PRATERNITY
OF S.J.T.**

Petitioner/Joinder Petitioner A
Joshua Emmanuel Thomas, 2607 Olive Street, Racine WI, 53403, 414-418-9065
vs.
Respondent/Joint Petitioner B
Passion Rodriguez, 13524 E. Mowers Rd., Kings, IL 61068, 414-323-9939.
CASE NO. 19FA449
NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION TO CHANGE PHYSICAL PLACEMENT CHILD SUPPORT
The State of Wisconsin (Child Support Agency) is a party to this action.
NOTICE OF MOTION TO: Passion Rodriguez
You are notified that the following date and Time before Hon. David Herring, Waukesha County Courthouse, via Zoom, September 7, 2022 at 8:45 a.m. or as soon as the matter may be heard. I will be asking the court to change the existing order in this case as indicated below. If you object to this motion, you need to appear and say so. Otherwise, the court may proceed without you and grant the request.
You may contact the office of the family court commissioner for written information the modifying the enforcing court orders

or judgments.
MOTION
1. MODIFY as follows:
A. Physical Placement Order(s) (time with children) for the following children: Serenity J. Thomas from shared placement to primary placement with Joshua.
C. Child Support c. held open (no payment)
I will be able to provide documentation to the court that supports my request.
NOTICE: Both parties must bring a fully completed, dated, and signed Financial Disclosure Statement to court.
c. One of the parties has or will be moving to a different residence. This is a substantial change in circumstances because:
Mother moved out of state and over 100 miles without permission. Serenity has been with Father for at least 50% of the time.
Joshua Thomas
2607 Olive St., Racine WI 53403.
lewisj1996@gmail.com
414-418-9065
07/20/2022
No. 0802 (Aug. 1, 8, 15)

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105 BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

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113 FINANCIAL

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parent or guardian to verify the validity of the license of any facility before placing a child in it's care.

203 HELP WANTED

Class-A CDL Drivers Wanted
\$500 Sign on bonus
Local Trucking Company seeking full time, year- round driver to haul grain.
815-938-3644
Please leave message.

301 ANTIQUES

WANTED TO BUY: Vintage Metal and Wood Signs, Milk Bottles & Local Advertising, Oak Icebox, Iron Door Stop and Antique Lighting... Call Dick Harms at 815-562-2928 or email dickharms@hotmail.com

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Coaching Opportunities

Byron CUSD #226
8th Grade Volleyball
HS Assistant Boys Basketball

Please apply online at www.byron226.org
Under the 'About Us' tab in the Employment Opportunities Section

Byron School District Openings

- High School Spanish Teacher
- Full-time Special Ed Para positions
- MM/HS Kitchen Staff
- Lunchroom Supervisors
- District Groundskeeper
- High School Custodial positions

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under the About Us tab in the Employment Opportunities Section



305 GARAGE/RUMMAGE SALES

Lawn Equipment, Kitchen Stuff and More. (08-03-22)

FRANKLIN GROVE - Friday August 5th, 8am-4pm and Saturday August 6th, 8am until at least 1pm. Presbyterian Church Basement, 106 S. Walnut Street. Men's, Women's and Kids' Clothing (4 racks name brand, many with tags); 500+ New T-Shirts; Shoes and Sandals, Household, Home Décor, Suitcases, Books, CDs, DVDs, Bedspreads and Linens, and SO MUCH MORE> Unlike the Stores, Our Prices Haven't Gone Up. (08-03-22)

307 MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE

FREE Conn Floor Model Organ. Needs a New Home. Paw Paw IL 815-685-3218 (9am-5pm) (08-07-22)

2.7 Cubic Ft Whirlpool Dorm Fridge/Freezer, \$25 Call 815-677-5093. (07-31-22)

EXMARK Riding Lawn Mower. Zero Turn 52 Inch Cutting Width. Call 815-209-6205. (07-31-22)

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313 LAWN & GARDEN

Lawn Mowing Business For Sale. Selling All Lawn Mowers, & Parts, Riders & Push Mowers. Selling Business For Health Reasons.
Tom Gauthier
815-275-6551.

405 HOUSES FOR SALE

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ADVERTISE YOUR GARAGE SALE HERE

303 APPLIANCES

NEW MILFORD REFRIGERATION

NEW, USED SCRATCH & DENT

- Refrigerators • Freezers
- Washers/Dryers • Stoves

We also carry a large selection of refurbished appliances with a warranty.

6331 11th Street, Rockford
815-874-2257

203 HELP WANTED

La Vigna RESTAURANT

LaVigna is looking for kitchen help, prep work, dishwashing & cooks. Please call us at **815-732-4413** or email at LaVignarestaurant.comcast.net

SCHOOL BUS

Byron CUSD #226 has openings for **Bus Drivers** SIGN-ON BONUS Available Contact Barb Rundle at 815-234-5491 For more information

305 GARAGE SALES

Garage Sale
OREGON 611 S 4th St.
ESTATE TOOL SALE.
August 4th & 5th
8am-4pm &
August 6th 8am -Noon.
PIA#6

Garage Sale
BYRON
5031 E Chalet Circle
August 4th and 5th 9am-4pm.
Vintage Furniture, Jewelry, Lawn & Garden Items, Quilts, Lamps, Elliptical, Green Depression Glass, Currier & Ives Set, Hammock and Frame, Home Décor PIA#62

Garage Sale
OREGON 802 Gale St.
(off of South 8th St.)
ONE DAY ONLY.
Friday August 5th 8am-5pm.
Old Watering Cans, Baskets, Puzzles, Tools, LOTS of Stuff.
PIA#61

Multi-Family Garage Sale
6043 E Skinner Rd, Stillman Valley
(Follow the Signs From Kishwaukee Road)
Thursday August 4th
Friday August 5th &
Saturday August 6th
8:30 am to 4:30 pm.
Something for Everyone! Clothes Sizes: Baby Girl 0-18 mo., Junior Girls, Boys, Women's M - XXXL, Men's up to XXL, Shoes, Seasonal, Toys/Games, Sky Landers, Household Items, Crafting Supplies, Handmade Greeting Cards, Backpacks, and so Much More! Don't Forget to Stop at the Lemonade Stand! PIA#64

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For Free Help or Information Call **815-562-8890** 24 Hours

All Calls Are Confidential.

Support, Advocacy, Referral Services, Shelter for victims of domestic violence and their children.
HOPE of Ogle County

P.O. Box 131
Rochelle, IL 61068
Public Service Announcement

203 HELP WANTED

Forrestville Valley 2022-2023 School Year

BUS DRIVERS are needed!

For More Information, Contact the District Office at (815) 938-2036

Or Visit the District Website www.fvdistrict221.org

Full and Part-Time Positions Available

- PAID Bus Driver Training
- FREE STUDENT TUITION for non-resident employees
- Flexible Schedules to include School Days only OR 12-Month Employment
- Starting Rate at \$20/hour
- Eligibility Options for Health/Dental/Vision Insurance and IMRF Retirement Fund
- Additional Extra-Curricular Driving options with free admission to Athletic/School Activities

A Whole Lotta Happy August 9-14, 2022

Children 10 & under
FREE everyday

Free Parking

Seniors 65+ Free on
Thursday

Discounted Midway
Weds & Thursday
afternoons

Neal McCoy with Jo Dee Messina Saturday



Also:

- Truck & Tractor Pulls - Weds & Thurs
- Next Level Pro Bull Riding - Friday
- Two Demo Derbies - Sunday
- Queen Pageant - Tuesday
- Thousands of Champion Livestock & Home Ec, Ag and Art Exhibits
- Acres of Vendors & Exhibits
- Tons of Delicious Fair Food
- Free Shows & Live Music
- Giant Exciting Midway
- So Much to See & Do

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