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Oregon grad wins Pulitzer Prize

OREGON – Oregon High School 2012 alum Eli Murray was among the team that won the Pulitzer Prize for Investigative Reporting, journalism's most prestigious award.

In their series, *Poisoned*, Murray and colleagues Corey G. Johnson and Rebecca Woolington told the story of a lead smelter in Tampa that endangered its workers and polluted the community. The investigation, published by the *Tampa Bay Times*, prompted federal and county regulators to probe the smelter and confirm the newspaper's findings.

After attending Oregon High School, Murray received an associate degree from Sauk Valley Community College and then his bachelor's degree in journalism

from the University of Illinois. Murray began working at the *Tampa Bay Times* in 2015 and is an investigative reporter who specializes in working with data, using code to scrape records, crunch numbers, and create custom visualizations.

Murray credits several of his teachers at OHS as early influences in his career. Cheryl Bunton, the art teacher, taught him how to convey messages visually. His math teacher, Danyel Larsen, taught him to break down formulas into their logical components.

"Because of that approach, I came to see math as solving logic puzzles and enjoyed it," Murray said. He uses that skill when coding and running data analyses.

Murray said the English program at OHS most influenced him to be a writer. Teachers like John Zuber and Aaron Sitze encouraged students to thoroughly examine and engage with the work. His senior English teacher, John Young, first encouraged Murray to pursue journalism.

"He impressed on me the importance of seeking truth and being informed about the world around me, which ultimately led me to pursue journalism when I went to the University of Illinois," Murray said.

Murray expressed gratitude for the education he received at OHS, noting the recent achievement of Kimberly Radostits, named 2022 Illinois Teacher of the Year, as evidence of "the caliber of education students



receive at OHS."

More information about Murray and the award-winning investigation can be found at <https://www.pulitzer.org/winners/corey-g-johnson-rebecca-woolington-and-eli-murray-tampa-bay-times>

New fire station coming



The current fire station in Mount Morris is nearly 100 years old and needs replacing, officials said. (Brad Jennings photo)

Fire foundation seeks donations for new building

MOUNT MORRIS – Mt. Morris Fire Foundation is seeking to raise \$2 million toward the cost of a new fire station for the town of just over 3,000.

Due to inflation, the estimated cost of a new building is \$4.5 million, and the nonprofit foundation, along with the fire district staff, is asking for the public's assistance to avoid increasing taxes.

The current Mt. Morris firehouse is nearly 100 years old. Built as a car dealership and service station when Model T's filled the streets, the station has been modified over the years to remain functional. However,

with low ceilings, narrow overhead doors, porous brick and close proximity to the street, among other issues, the foundation board and fire department staff know that the best option is to pursue a new building.

"Our firehouse has served its useful life," said Fire Chief Rob Hough. "Our commitment to life-saving work has not wavered, and the staff continues to serve the community despite the indisputably difficult and unsafe environment from which they operate. The new firehouse will allow us to operate in a safe and responsive manner into the foreseeable future."

The cost of the new building reflects fiscal prudence and is in line with stations in similar-sized communities in northwest Illinois. The initial projected cost is \$4.5 million, and the district is not seeking to increase taxes in any way. Instead, besides charitable donations, the district is pursuing state and federal grants, and local, state and federal low-interest loans.

"It will be a modest, sensible structure keeping with the aesthetics of the downtown," said Scott Diehl, Fire District Board of Trustees

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Archery lottery drawing Aug. 13

BYRON – The Byron Forest Preserve District will be holding a lottery for archery deer hunting at two District preserves this summer for the 2022-23 and 2023-24 archery seasons.

A lottery drawing will be held to randomly select six hunters for archery season hunting permission at the District's Howard Colman Hall Creek Preserve and at the Barrick Oaks Homestead Preserve. Entrants must be taxpayers to or residents within the Byron Forest Preserve District and at least 18 years of age before Oct. 1, 2022. Each site will be monitored by a District hunt manager. Three hunters will be allowed at each site. Prior game violations can exclude entrants from eligibility.

For an application to have your name in the random lottery drawing, please stop by the Jarrett Prairie Center at 7993 N River Rd.

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LOCAL NEWS

Play auditions are Aug. 9, 10

MOUNT MORRIS – The Performing Arts Guild invites the public to join the cast of their fall performance of *A Christmas Story*. Performances will be Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 4-6 and Nov. 11-13 at the Pinecrest Grove Theatre.

This beloved holiday story is humorist Jean Shepherd's memoir of

growing up in the Midwest in the 1940's which follows 9-year old Ralphie Parker in his quest to get a genuine Red Ryder BB gun under the tree for Christmas. All of the elements from the well-known motion picture will be in this performance.

Auditions will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, Aug. 9 and Aug. 10 from 6:30-8 p.m. at the

Pinecrest Grove Library, 500 Evergreen Lane, Mt. Morris. The cast consists of two men, two women, five boys and two girls.

Materials will be provided at the audition, so come early to review the readings. For more information about auditions, please contact Director Dave Sheely at 719-740-6162.

Car show part of Sauerkraut Day Aug. 6

FORRESTON – The Forrester American Legion family is sponsoring its 13th annual car show as part of the yearly Sauerkraut Day on Aug. 6 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Forrester's Memorial Park. More than 130 cars and motorcycles are expected during the daylong show. Dash plaques will be given to the first 100 entries and door prizes will be given out during the day.

A sauerkraut lunch will be served from

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sauerkraut lunches are \$6, which includes a brat or hot dog (with or without sauerkraut), a bag of chips and a can of pop. Music will be provided by 3D Sound.

For questions concerning car entries, call Chris Moore, American Legion Riders, at 815-979-5044. Trophies for the car and bike show will be awarded at 3 p.m. The annual 50/50 drawing winner will be named at 3:30 p.m.

ARCHERY: Application deadline is Aug. 12

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You must have your application returned by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 12, to the front desk at the Jarrett Center. Only one application per entrant allowed. No substitution for a winning applicant allowed, the name on the application will be the only allowed hunter.

The drawing will be held on Saturday, Aug. 13, at 10 a.m. at the Jarrett Prairie Center. Each

hunter will be assigned to one of the two preserves, the application will allow you to mark which of the two preserves is your first choice. Each preserve will have three hunters for a two-year term. After two years, the District will hold another lottery drawing. Lottery winners will be required to attend a pre-season meeting to go over rules, regulations, and preserve boundaries with a District hunt manager.

The Howard Colman

Hall Creek Preserve is located in the northeast corner of the District, between Meridian Rd and Weldon Rd. Address is 12749 North Weldon Road, Rockford IL. The Barrick Homestead Preserve is located north of Oak Grove Rd, immediately east of Tower Rd. Address is 3494 East Oak Grove Rd, Byron IL.

Please call the Byron Forest Preserve District at 815.234.8535 for more information.



STATION: Station is staffed 24-hours a day

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president.

"It will afford the district much-needed space with a little room to grow. It is designed to address the inefficiencies of the current building and provide a modern safe environment for our staff."

The Mt. Morris Fire Protection District serves a 45-square-mile area surrounding the town, responding to nearly 1,100 emergency calls for service

annually. The district employs a fire chief and six EMT/paramedics, and relies on the dedication of 20 volunteers. Since 2000, due to a drastic increase in medical calls, the fire station has been staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week with onsite paramedics.

Donations may be mailed to Mt. Morris Fire Foundation, 15 E. Center St., Mt. Morris, IL 61054.

To learn more about the foundation's mission and to donate online, visit mtmorrisfirefoundation.com.



Rotary keeping busy

On June 2nd Rotarians, Julie Mann, Erin Folk, Mike Mudge, George Howe and Dave Head teamed up for the annual roadside cleanup as part of the Adopt a Highway program. The Oregon Rotary Club has been involved with this program for over 20 years. And at the Oregon Rotary Club meeting held on July 20, Liz Voz, Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce, gave a presentation about current and future happenings around town including the first ever Illinois Sweet Corn Appreciation Day happening on Monday Aug. 1 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the River's Edge Experience 103 S. 1st St., Oregon.

Stillman Bank announces promotion

ROCKFORD – On behalf of the Stillman BancCorp N.A. Board of Directors, Martin C. Larson, Chairman and CEO is pleased to announce that David M. Mecklenburg has been promoted to Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer.

In his new position, Mecklenburg will be responsible for the overall leadership of the operational side of the bank, providing executive direction to the department leaders in the areas of Deposit Operations, Information Technology, Compliance, Retail Banking, Security, and Facilities.

A long-time area resident, Mecklenburg attended Guilford High School, where he was Salutatorian of his graduating class and later, in 2012, was named to the Guilford Sports Hall of Fame. He received his bachelor's degree in economics and a minor in business administration from the University of

Illinois as well as his master's degree in business administration from Northern Illinois University. Mecklenburg joined the bank as Marketing Coordinator in 1994 and has held the roles of Marketing Director, Loan Review Officer, and Chief Credit Officer. He was promoted to Vice President in 2013 and Senior Vice President in 2018.

"We would like to congratulate David on this well-earned promotion," said Martin C. Larson, Stillman Bank Chairman and CEO. "Throughout his 28 years at Stillman Bank, David has been a proven leader with exceptional experience and dedication to our customers, communities, and employees. His knowledge and expertise will continue to be of great value to the Bank as we position ourselves for future success."

For more information about Stillman Bank, please contact 815-645-2266 or visit www.stillmanbank.com.

Annual Lowden Dinner will be Aug. 4

ROCHELLE – The Ogle County Republican Central Committee will hold its annual Governor Frank O. Lowden Dinner on Thursday, Aug. 4 at 6 p.m.

The dinner will take place at Salt 251 in Rochelle. The keynote speaker for the Lowden dinner is State Representative

Dan Brady, candidate for Illinois Secretary of State. Others attending will be State Rep. Tom Demmer, candidate for Illinois State Treasurer, State Rep. Tony McCombie and State Rep. Andrew Chesney. For ticket information please contact Stacy Flanagan 815-970-4801 or stacyflanagan81@hotmail.com

Annual Holiday Gift Sale seeking vendors

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

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

The event is held at the Jarrett Prairie Center, 7993 North River Road in Byron. Admission to the event is free.

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LOCAL NEWS

Love's Travel Stop now open in Monroe Center

MONROE CENTER—Love's Travel Stops is now serving customers in Monroe Center, thanks to a travel stop that opened July 14.

The store, located off Interstate 39 at Exit 111 (16991 East Illinois Route 72), adds 70 truck parking spaces and 55 jobs to Ogle County.

"Love's is continuing to open new locations to provide customers with clean and safe places to stop, making summer travel more convenient," said Greg Love, co-CEO of Love's. "The Love's in Monroe Center is the company's 32nd

location in Illinois, and our team members are excited to help get professional truck drivers and four-wheel customers back on the road quickly and safely."

The location is open 24/7 and offers many amenities, including: Godfather's Pizza and Subway, 70 truck parking spaces, 64 car parking spaces, four RV parking spaces, seven diesel bays, six showers, laundry facilities, CAT scale and more.

In honor of the grand opening, Love's will donate \$2,000 to Stillman Valley High School.



Allspaugh joins First State Bank

Join us in welcoming the newest member of the First State Bank team, Mike Allspaugh.

Allspaugh will be joining our FSB team as a Client Relationship Associate. Allspaugh will spend most of his time at our Lake Carroll location.

You may recognize Allspaugh from the Lake Carroll Golf Course, where he has spent the last 15 years in various positions, most recently as the Assistant Golf Pro.

Allspaugh brings a wealth of knowledge in marketing, coaching, training, and mentorship.



When Mike is not busy learning everything FSB, he will continue to support Lake Carroll Golf Course with training and coaching opportunities.

Congratulations Allspaugh and welcome to the FSB Team.

Art in the Park



Art in the Park is back this summer at the Oregon Park District, sponsored by E.D. Etnyre & Co.! Join us for a craft each Tuesday from 9-11 a.m. and outdoor play with friends at the Reading Nook. Art in the Park is free and open to all ages! Registration is required. Join us Aug. 2 for a surprise Art in the Park! Registration deadline is July 29, register at oregonpark.org or by calling 732-3101.

Recycling event is July 29

OREGON — The Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department (OCSWMD) will be holding a residential electronic recycling event on Friday, July 29, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the County Annex Building at 909 Pines Road in Oregon.

A free permit is required in advance to attend this recycling event. Permits are limited and must be requested by 4 p.m. on Wednesday, July 27th. To obtain a permit call the OCSWMD at 815-732-4020 or email the department at solidwaste@ogle-county.org and provide

your name, address, and phone number. Permits are limited to one per household per month, and allow up to seven (7) large items to be brought in for recycling. A full list of accepted items and other event information is included with the permit.

A full list of accepted items and further instructions will be included with issuance of the permit. Please call the OCSWMD at the number above, visit www.oglecounty.org, or go to Facebook at Ogle County Solid Waste Management for more information.



Harman Family Bluegrass Band returns to Jamboree

MOUNT MORRIS — Downstate Illinois' highly accomplished Bluegrass Band, The Harman's, will make their return to the Mt. Morris bandshell Friday, July 29 at 7 p.m.

The Harman Family Bluegrass Band presently consists of first and second generation musicians with deep musical roots dating back to 1975. Mark, Jeff, and John Harman have performed professionally for many years. People have had the privilege watching them since early childhood excel in their musical talents. Their parents, Mike and Stacy round out the quintet.

Mike was a Rounder recording artist and a member of the Alison

Krauss Union Station Band from 1986 to 1990, during which time he performed on the Grand Ole Opry and recorded on the Grammy nominated "Two Highways" album and on the platinum seller, "Now That I've Found You-A Collection" by Alison Krauss.

The Harman's recorded and produced their debut CD Continuous Play in August 2004 and have since released five more albums, their latest being January 2016's, In The Time That You Gave Me, featuring guest vocal appearances by Alison Krauss and Mo Pitney.

The Harman's music style ranges from traditional to contemporary

bluegrass, country, gospel and various types of music. "Entertaining you is our goal and is as much fun for us as the music we play."

Concessions for the evening will be provided by Ralfie's BBQ serving food and drinks starting at 6 p.m.

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

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August 5, 6, 7

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LOCAL NEWS

Obituaries

Leona Groenhagen

OREGON – Leona Ruth (Roos) Groenhagen, age 92, passed away on Saturday, July 16, 2022 at Serenity Hospice and Home, Oregon, surrounded by her loving family. Leona was born on June 30, 1930, in Oregon, the daughter of Andrew and Anna (Bolt-house) Roos.

She graduated from Oregon High School in 1948. While in high school, she met the love of her life, Robert “Bob” Groenhagen at the Roller Rink. They were married on Nov. 8, 1949, and would go on to enjoy a wonderful life together for nearly 73 years. After marrying, Leona and Bob started farming on the same farm that she grew up on. It was there that they raised their four children. Leona was baptized, confirmed, and married at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Paynes Point. She was an active member entire life rarely missing a worship service. Leona’s interests and talents were many. No one made better chocolate chip cookies. She always had a box ready to send with each grandchild every time they left to go back to college. Using her mother’s recipe,



she made frosted cut out sugar cookies for every holiday, carefully making sure that each person got exactly the same number of cookies. She and Bob made their famous peanut brittle every Christmas.

Leona was a member of the Red Hat Ladies, and was an avid collector of Precious Moments. She was also active in the Chana Mothers’ Club and numerous Bible study groups at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Paynes Point. She was an active member entire life rarely missing a worship service. Leona’s interests and talents were many. No one made better chocolate chip cookies. She always had a box ready to send with each grandchild every time they left to go back to college. Using her mother’s recipe,

any sporting event.

Leona is survived by her husband of 72½ years, Bob; Children: Linda (Mark) Wills, Larry (Joyce) Groenhagen, and Gary (Joan) Groenhagen, all of Oregon. Son-in-law: David (Gretchen) Nelson of Mt. Morris. Grandchildren: Bryan (Stacy) Wills, Brent Wills, Adam (Brittany) Groenhagen, Chad (Kathleen) Groenhagen, Brittany (Nathan) Drozd, Craig Nelson, Kyle (Faith) Groenhagen, and Kate Groenhagen. She is also survived by 14 great-grandchildren and countless family and friends.

Leona was predeceased by her parents, daughter, Lois (Groenhagen) Nelson, and brother, Edwin Roos.

Visitation was held on Wednesday, July 20, 2022 at Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home, 110 S. 7th Street in Oregon, from 4-7 p.m. Funeral Services will be at 10 a.m., Thursday, July 21st at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Paynes Point. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. Memorials may be made to Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Serenity Hospice and Home, or the Village of Progress.

Francis N. Lung

MOUNT MORRIS – Francis N. “Nick” Lung passed away July 13, 2022 at the age of 93, in Mt. Morris. Nick was an amazing and unique husband, father, grandfather, uncle, brother and friend. His sense of humor, generosity, cheerfulness and zest for life were contagious and enjoyed by all, especially his close and loving family.

Nick chased his aviation dreams from a young age and found both vocation and avocation as a fighter pilot in the U.S. Air Force and a Captain with United Airlines. He was a co-founder of the Ogle County Airport, the Rock River Flyers and the Ogle County Pilots Association. He also belonged to the Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 22 and 682, and volunteered for 19 years at the EAA Air-Venture Oshkosh, during which he was Chief Judge of the Ultralight and Light Planes division. Nick established his own small airport, Westgrove Airport, at his beloved farm in Leaf River, IL. He also was a Flight Instructor for many years and taught many area pilots. Fellow professional pilots and recreational pilots have called him the best pilot they ever knew. Nick received numerous awards and accolades for his skill



and professionalism and his name is listed several times at the National Air and Space Museum in Washington, D.C.

Nick’s career in the Air Force and United Airlines took him all over the world. He never tired of being in the air and had a thousand stories to tell, many that may have resulted in his discharge from the Air Force had they been known at the time by his commanding officers. Nick loved going to work at United and left for each trip with a whistle on his lips. As well, he loved to come home and work on his farm. He took pleasure in every day and in everything he did. Always busy, Nick had a tremendous amount of energy and enthusiasm for his many hobbies and activities.

Although Nick had many friends in many different walks of life, he was best and deeply loved

by his family. He was predeceased by his dear wife Ruth, who happily followed him around the country wherever his job took him, and who supported whatever adventure he imagined. Nick spent many of his retirement winters in Texas and the past 21 years with his loving wife Sharon both on his farm and their residence in Oregon.

Nick enjoyed flying, farming, a good meal and a good cocktail. He was happiest surrounded by his children, grandchildren and extended family, regaling them with funny stories and goofy jokes. He never knew a stranger and never held a grudge. Nick is survived by Sharon, children Susan (Shayne) Christensen, Nick (Nancy) Lung, Mary (David) Maxwell and Lucy (Steven) Cain, stepchildren Kirsten (Terry) Smith, Jim (Maile-dec’d) Hand, and David (Nancy) Tollstam. Nick also is survived by many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

A funeral service was scheduled for 2 p.m. on July 21st at St. James Lutheran Church, Forreton. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Ogle County Pilots Association, Mt. Morris, or St. James Lutheran Church, Forreton.

Violet L. Hall

ROCHELLE – Violet L. Hall, 91, of Rochelle, passed away Saturday, July 16, 2022, at Manor Court of Rochelle. She was born July 21, 1930, in Oregon, the daughter of Henry and Olive (Smice) Reed. She married Richard C. Hall on Dec. 27, 1958, at the Oregon Church of God.

Violet was the youngest of 11 children. She spent most of her life raising her family and helping her husband tend to the farm. After her children had grown, she did seasonal work for Del Monte Cannery Plant #109 as well as the seed plant. She then worked as a cashier at Wal-Mart until her retirement, where she earned the star cashier



award. She could always be found attending the numerous activities of her children and grandchildren. She was an excellent cook and baker.

Violet is survived by six children, Richard (Rosemary) Hall Jr., Sarah (Randy Dummer) Hall, Sally (Randy) Butler, Roland Hall, Shelia (Jesse) Hoiness, and Randy (Vicki) Hall; 13 grandchildren; 22 great-grand-

children; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, Violet is preceded in death by her husband; a daughter, Susan Hall; four brothers; and six sisters.

The family would like to extend a thank you to the staff at Unity Hospice and Liberty Village for the care they provided to Violet.

A graveside funeral service took place at 10 a.m. Friday, July 22, 2022, at Woodlawn Cemetery in Creston with Chaplain Judy Williams officiating. Contributions in Violet’s name may be directed to the family for a memorial to be established. Please visit www.ungerhorner.com to sign the online guest book.

Terry A. Zeigler

BYRON – Terry A. Zeigler, Byron, 65, passed away peacefully in his home on Saturday, July 16, 2022. Terry was born on May 8, 1957; in Defiance, Ohio son of the late Harlan and Evelyn (Harden) Zeigler. On Aug. 26, 1978 he married Janice Little and she survives in Byron. Survivors include two children, Daniel (Ann) Zeigler of Byron and Nicholas (Shana) Zeigler of Myrtle Beach S.C.; three grandchildren: Kayla, Carson, Ronny; one sister, Linda (Dewayne) Troyer, Continental, Ohio and three nephews.

Terry was a 1975 graduate at Continental, Ohio and earned his engineer-



ing degree from Tri-State (TRINE) University, Angola Ind. During his 40 years at Bergstrom he was a successful engineer and awarded 26 patents Terry was instrumental in developing the first no-idle HVAC system. Some of his favorite places were Portland, Ore.; Lyon, France; Madrid, Spain. Terry enjoyed his fam-

ily vacations in Myrtle Beach, S.C. and spending time with his grandchildren. His hobbies included woodworking and designed his personal homes.

The memorial visitation was held on Friday, July 22, 2022 from 4-6 p.m. with a service that followed at Farrell Holland Gale Funeral Home located at 506 West Merchant, Byron, IL 61010. The burial will be held in Continental, Ohio. A memorial fund has been established at the Swedish American Regional Cancer Center and the Serenity Hospice & Home. Visit www.farrellhollandgale.com to leave a condolence or memory.

Don L. Hogan

DIXON – Don L. Hogan, 79, of Dixon, passed away on Saturday, July 2, 2022, at Katherine Shaw Bethel Hospital in Dixon. He worked for Rockford Power Train for 30 years prior to his retirement.

Don was born Feb. 24, 1943, in Naylor, Mo., the son of Brady and Velma (Scott) Hogan. He married Anita Carlson on Aug. 24, 1974, in Rockton. Don served in the U.S. Army. He enjoyed watching westerns and news. He loved our pets, spending time fishing, traveling; but most of all with his family.

He is survived by his wife of almost 50 years, Anita Hogan of Dixon; son, Donald Chris Hogan



of Rockford; three daughters, Kari Hogan of Beloit, Wis., Kelli McLaughlin of Machesney Park, Tasha (Rick) Bilodeau of Albany, La.; brother, Dewey Hogan; sister, Dianne (Bill) Murelich; one sister-in-law, Donella Hogan; seven grandchildren, Erah, Mae, Katara, Katelynn, Kyle, Ricky, Tyla; four great-grandchildren; numerous nie-

ces and nephews.

Don was preceded in death by his parents, Brady and Velma Hogan; two brothers, Sherill Hogan and Jerry Hogan; three sisters, Maxine Maples, Jerlene McClure and Sharon Kay Hall.

A celebration of life will be held from 3-5 p.m. on Sunday, July 31, 2022, at Lighthouse United Methodist Church, 4962 Daysville Rd., Oregon. Cremation Rites have been accorded.

A memorial has been established.

Arrangements were completed by Preston-Schilling Funeral Home in Dixon. Condolences may be sent to www.prestonschilling.com

Larry Dean Martin

ROCKFORD – Larry Dean Martin, age 78, died Sunday, July 17, 2022 at Morning Star Village in Rockford, where he resided. He was born April 11, 1944 in Oregon, the son of Eugene E. and Clara A. (Bolthouse) Martin. Larry attended Oregon Schools.

He worked many years for Local # 150 of Rockford as a heavy equipment operator. He married Karen Kaltenbach on June 19, 1971 in Oregon, she preceded him in death on Jan. 3, 2014. Larry enjoyed spending time with his family and especially his grandsons. He wintered in Florida and loved going boating and fishing on the gulf. He was a member of the NRA and



enjoyed playing the slot machines.

He was predeceased by his parents, his wife Karen, and 2 brothers Gary Martin (his twin) and Robert Martin.

He is survived by his children Candace Walstad (Ken Jacobson) of Byron, Randy Martin (Michelle Cupp) of Byron, and Diane Hielsberg (Michael) of Belvidere, brother Chris (Ann) Martin of Oregon, Grandchildren

Garret Gibson, Joshua Hielsberg, Shane Martin, Lindsey Lantz, and Jessica Lukens, sister-in-laws Donna and Rita Martin, and four great grandchildren.

Funeral service will be held at 1 p.m., Saturday, July 30th at the Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home, 110 S. 7th Street in Oregon, with the Rev. Michael Hoffman officiating. Visitation will be prior to the service at the funeral home from noon-1 p.m. Burial will be at the Ashton Cemetery in Ashton. The family would like to thank the staff at Morning Star Village for their special care of Larry. A memorial fund is established for the ProMedica Hospice Association of Rockford.

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LOCAL NEWS

Ogle County Sheriff

June 26

At approximately 8:40 p.m., Ogle County Deputies conducted a traffic stop near the intersection of East Illinois Route 72 and North Limestone Road. After investigation, Deputies arrested Roget Morris, 32 of Rockford, for Driving While License Suspended and an active Boone County warrant. Morris was also issued citations for Operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle, Violation of a Child Restraint and an Equipment Violation. Morris was transported to the Ogle County Jail, where she was held in lieu of bond.

At approximately 11:53 p.m., Ogle County Deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 2000 block of East Illinois Route 64. After investigation, Deputies arrested Tommy Jones Jr, 34 of DeKalb, for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol. Jones Jr was also issued citations for Operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle, Illegal Window Tint and an Equipment Violation. Jones Jr was transported to the Ogle County Jail, where he was held in lieu of bond.

At 6:19 p.m., deputies were dispatched to the 10,000 block of W. IL RTE 64 for a report of a domestic disturbance. As a result of the subsequent investigation, deputies arrested Brennden M. Harms, 19, of Polo IL, for Domestic Battery, and Violation of Bail Bond. Harms was transported to the Ogle County Jail pending an initial appearance before a judge.

At approximately 5:11 a.m., Deputies, along with Polo Fire and EMS, responded to a single vehicle rollover on West Pines Road near the intersection with Lowell Park Road. After investigation, Allison T Martinez, 26 of Milledgeville, was arrested for driving while under the influence of alcohol. Martinez was also cited for improper lane usage and failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident. Martinez was transported to KSB Hospital for non-life threatening injuries. Martinez was released on an Individual Bond and given a future court date.

At 6:42 a.m., Deputies responded to the Casey's General Store parking lot in Creston in reference to an unresponsive subject in a vehicle. After an investigation, Deputies arrested Dante Contreras, 23 of Dekalb, for driving under the influence of alcohol. Contreras was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he is being held in lieu of bond. Contreras was also cited for expired registration. All subjects are presumed innocent. Deputies were assisted by Rochelle EMS.

June 25

At 3:36 p.m. Deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 20,000 block of East Illinois Route 64. After an investigation, Deputies cited Khatia Edwards, 19 of Rockford, for driving while license suspended, speeding, and expired registration. Edwards was given an I-bond for her citations and was picked up from the scene.

June 24

At approximately 11:34 p.m., Ogle County Deputies conducted a traffic stop on I-88 near mile marker 80. After

investigation, Deputies arrested Esteban Villazana-Cisneros, 18 of East Moline, for Driving While License Suspended. Villazana-Cisneros was also issued citations for Suspended Registration and an Equipment Violation. Villazana-Cisneros was given an I-Bond on scene with a return court date later next month.

At 1:19 a.m., Deputies conducted a traffic stop at Illinois Route 251 and Big Mound Road. After a brief investigation Deputies arrested Dianna Tyler, 36 of Rockford, for driving while license suspended. Tyler was released on an Individual Bond and will appear in Ogle County Court at a later date.

At approximately 12:10 p.m., Deputies responded to single vehicle crash in the area of Junction Rd and Big Mound Rd, near Davis Junction. After investigation, it was determined that Jean M Gordon, 57 of Poplar Grove, swerved to miss an animal, causing her to lose control of her motorcycle. Jean was transported to a Rockford area hospital for treatment of non-life threatening injuries. Deputies were assisted at the scene by Davis Junction Fire and EMS.

At approximately 6:04 p.m., Ogle County Deputies, Lynn Scott Rock, and Rochelle Fire/EMS responded to the intersection of East Illinois Route 64 and North IL Route 251 for a two-vehicle accident with unknown injuries. After investigation, it was determined a gray Dodge Ram, driven by Ruslan Aldamov, 44 of Lynnwood, Washington, was traveling eastbound on IL Rte. 64 through the intersection without stopping at the posted stop sign. The Dodge Ram then struck a black Kia, Operated by Davonte R. Williams, 31 of Rockford, and passenger Channing A. Lewis, 30 of Rockford, which was traveling southbound on IL Rte. 251. Both Williams and Lewis were checked for injuries before refusing further medical treatment. Aldamov was cited for Driving with a No Valid Driver's License, failure to obey a stop sign, and driving with unsafe/bald tires. Aldamov was released at the scene and will appear in court on a later date.

At approximately 11:24 a.m., Deputies responded to Lindenwood in reference to a domestic disturbance that occurred on 6/23/22. After an investigation, Deputies arrested Jonathan Brown, 23 of Lindenwood, for Aggravated Domestic Battery (Strangulation) and Aggravated Assault with a Firearm. Jonathan was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he is being held pending an appearance before a judge.

At approximately 10:24 p.m., Deputies initiated a traffic stop on I39 southbound at mile marker #103. After further investigation Deputies arrested Jorge Martinez Jr, 43 of Plano, for Driving While License Revoked. Jorge was also cited for Illegal Transportation of Alcohol and transported to the Ogle County Jail.

June 23

At 1:08 a.m., Deputies responded to

the 100 block of Allen Street in Holcomb for a domestic disturbance. After a brief investigation, Tommy Marcum, 35, was arrested for Domestic Battery. Marcum was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held pending a court appearance.

At approximately 2:15 a.m., Ogle County Deputies responded to the intersection of Pines Road and Lowell Park Road for a reported disabled vehicle. After a brief investigation, Tanis O'Brien, 22 of Dixon, was arrested for Improper Container/Driver (Cannabis). O'Brien was also cited for Operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle. O'Brien was released on scene with a return court date.

At 10:09 p.m. following a traffic stop on I88 at mile marker 72, Deputies arrested Cesar Ramirez-Rivera, 20 of Aurora Colorado for driving without a valid driver's license. Cesar also received a citation for expired registration. Cesar was released on scene and will appear in court at a later date.

June 21

At approximately 5:29 p.m., Ogle County Deputies, Monroe Center, Lynn Scott Rock, Stillman Valley and Kirkland Fire/EMS responded to the intersection of East Illinois Route 72 and North Mulford Road for a two vehicle accident with injuries. After investigation, it was determined that a gray Chevrolet sedan, driven by Mark Dunklau, 61 of Paw Paw, was traveling southbound on North Mulford Road, just north of East Illinois Route 72. The Chevrolet then continued traveling southbound into the intersection without stopping at the posted stop sign. The Chevrolet was then struck by a red Volvo truck-tractor, hauling a silver trailer driven by Alfredo Mantiel, 27 of Kirkland, who was traveling eastbound on IL Rte. 72 just west of the intersection. Both vehicles came to rest in the southeast ditch. Dunklau and Mantiel were both transported to OSF Saint Anthony's Hospital to be treated for non-life threatening injuries. Dunklau was later issued a citation for Failure to Obey a Stop Sign.

At approximately 8:42 a.m., Deputies responded to a two vehicle accident at Big Mound Road and Kilbuck Road. A preliminary investigation revealed Glenn Wille, 41 of Davis Junction, was eastbound on Big Mound Road in his 2015 Dodge Dart when he failed to stop for the stop sign at that intersection. Wille's vehicle collided with a 2021 Chevrolet Silverado being driven by James Sundly, 37 of Machesney Park. Sundly and his passenger, Dominic Patton, 19 of Lindenwood, were transported to Rochelle Community Hospital for suspected minor injuries. Wille was cited for disobeying a stop sign. The accident remains under investigation.

June 20

At approximately 12:04 p.m., Deputies responded to the 4000 block of West Timber Lane, near Grand Detour in response to welfare check. After investigation, James A Catalano, 69 of Dixon, was placed under arrest for aggravated discharge of a firearm,

a class 1 felony. James was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held awaiting an appearance before a judge.

June 19

At approximately 3:48 p.m. Deputies responded to the intersection of East Illinois Rt 64 and Mulford Rd in reference to a pickup truck versus motorcycle accident. A preliminary investigation revealed that a pickup truck being driven by Amy Anthenat, 46 of Creston, was northbound on Mulford Rd at which time it failed to yield to an eastbound motorcycle being driven by Richard Andrews, 60 of Addison, Illinois. The motorcycle collided with the driver side of the pickup truck. Andrews was transported to Rochelle Community Hospital by Rochelle EMS, where he was later pronounced deceased. Anthenat was uninjured in the accident. Deputies were assisted by the Illinois State Police and Rochelle Fire/EMS. This incident remains under investigation.

June 18

At approximately 5:18 p.m., Ogle County Deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 200 block of South Division Avenue in Polo. After an investigation, Shane Pritchard, 45 of Forreston, was arrested for Driving While License Revoked. Pritchard was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond. Pritchard was additionally charged with Improper Container Cannabis/Driver.

June 17

Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Jhonatan Cristancho, 32 of Woodridge, Illinois for driving while license suspended. Cristancho was arrested by Deputies on I-39 near Rte 64 after being stopped for speeding. Cristancho was released on a I-bond and will appear in Ogle County Court at a later date.

At 1:20 a.m. following a traffic stop on I39 at mile marker, 101 Deputies arrested Brandon Butler, 44 of Rockford IL for DUI, Aggravated DUI, and Aggravated Driving While License Revoked. Butler also received citations for no insurance, expired registration, no registration light, and unlawful transportation of alcohol. Butler was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Colton Frevert, 24 of Baraboo Wisconsin for driving while license suspended. Frevert was arrested by Deputies on I-39 near Rte 64 after being stopped for speeding. Frevert was released on a I-bond and will appear in Ogle County Court at a later date.

At 8:40 p.m., Deputies conducted a traffic stop on Illinois Route 64 near the intersection of Moore Road for an equipment violation. After a brief investigation, Deputies arrested Shantez Murphy, 34 of Machesney Park, for Driving While License Suspended. Murphy was released on an Individual Bond on scene with a return court date. Murphy was also issued a citation for tinted windows.

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Rock River Center sets upcoming events, activities

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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

Tuesday, Sept. 13

Time: 1-2:30 p.m.

Where: Rock River Center

Activity: Fall Crafts

Advance Registration Requested:

Register for Aug. 9, by Aug. 5

Register for Sept. 13, by Sept. 9

Please call Rock River Center, 815-732-3252 if you plan on attending.

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.

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 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: 2-3 p.m.

Caregiver Support Group

Meets: 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month

Time: 10-11 a.m.

Diabetic Support Group

Meets: 1st Wednesday of each month

Time: 11 a.m.-noon.

Low Vision Group

Meets: 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month

Time: Noon-1:30 p.m.

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

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Tues., July 26

The Oregon Public Library, in collaboration with Oregon Park District, brings the Illinois Natural History Traveling Science Center at Oregon Park West, 12:30-6:30 p.m. Tour this 320-square-foot mobile classroom featuring informative, engaging exhibits on biodiversity and natural resources.

Weds., July 27

The Kable Concert Band will be performing at 7:30 p.m., in the Reckmeyer Band Shell on

the beautiful Mt. Morris campus. Performing an instrumental solo this week is Travis Cunningham, member of the brass section of the band. The band is under the direction of Andy Eckardt.

Fri., July 29

Downstate Illinois' highly accomplished Bluegrass Band, The Harman's, will make their return to the Mt. Morris bandshell at 7 p.m. Concessions start at 6 p.m.

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., July 30

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

Sun., July 3

The Davis Junction Museum is having a presentation from 1-4 p.m. World War II Through A Veterans Eyes. The program starts at 1:30 p.m. Dr John David Ulferts will be giving the program. Please come and view the Museum. Coffee and cookies are available. Hope to see you.

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

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MOMENTS IN TIME

* On Aug. 4, 1753, George Washington, a young Virginia planter, becomes a Master Mason, the highest basic rank in Freemasonry. The ceremony was held at the Masonic Lodge No. 4 in Fredericksburg, Virginia. Washington was 21 years old and would soon command his first military operation. Freemasons trace the origins of masonry back to the erecting of King Solomon's Temple in biblical times.

* On Aug. 6, 1911, Lucille Desiree Ball, one of America's most famous redheads and beloved comic actresses, is born near Jamestown, New York. Ball starred with husband Ricky Ricardo on television's "I Love Lucy" from 1951 to 1957.

* On Aug. 2, 1939, Wes Craven, the man responsible for terrorizing millions of moviegoers with his "Nightmare on Elm Street" series, is born. Craven began his directing career with 1972's "The Last House on the Left," a violent teen horror film.

* On Aug. 1, 1943, a Japanese destroyer rams an American PT (patrol torpedo) boat, No. 109, slicing it in two. The destruction is so massive, other American PT boats in the area assume the crew is dead. Two crewmen were, in fact, killed, but 11 survived, including Lt. John F. Kennedy, who would later become president.

* On Aug. 7, 1964, the United States Congress approves the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution, giving President Lyndon B. Johnson nearly unlimited powers to oppose "communist aggression" in Southeast Asia. The Johnson administration began heavy bombing of North Vietnam in early 1965 and sent U.S. combat troops in March 1965.

* On Aug. 3, 1977, "The Spy Who Loved Me," starring Roger Moore as James Bond, is released in theaters. The film features one of the most memorable Bond vehicles of all time -- a sleek, powerful Lotus Esprit sports car that does double duty as a submarine.

* On Aug. 5, 2002, the rusty iron gun turret of the ironclad warship U.S.S. Monitor is raised from the floor of the Atlantic, where it had rested since it went down in a storm off North Carolina during the Civil War. She sank in December 1862, while being towed from Cape Hatteras.

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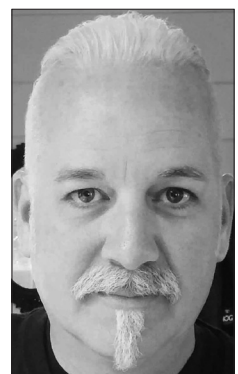
I will focus on the things that I love

I don't know about you, but the news lately has left me in a pretty dark mood. The mass shootings, the Jan. 6 hearings, gas prices, inflation, hot weather causing problems around the world. Man, there have not been a lot of positives lately.

I was sitting outside the other evening waiting for our foster dog to stop eating leaves and plants and actually do his business when I considered that I could change my outlook. Instead of feeling that heaviness of negativity, how about I think of some positives? How about I focus on the things I love? So that is what I did. I started thinking about the things I love and the things that make me happy. It was just the balm I needed, and something I will try hard to focus on in the future.

* I love my family. Simple one, right? My wife and kids and brothers, sister and father mean so much to me. I am espe-

Living the Life By Brad Jennings



cially excited about how my children are doing. My daughter is into her career as a teacher, something she always wanted to do. And my son has just taken a new job with the U.S. Forest Service in Alaska. I mean, so exciting is that? I can't wait to visit. When the world looks bleak, family keeps me grounded and happy.

* Riding. And by that, I mean riding my motorcycle. If you think that is weird or dumb, you have never done it. Riding

puts a smile on my face faster than an old Steve Martin album. I love the wind in my face and being out in it while I travel, not enclosed in a car. Riding has really helped me re-connect with my younger self, and I hope to do it for years to come.

* Music. Music has truly saved me many times. Terrible situations have been made tolerable through not only listening to music, but also writing and performing it. I can be in a terrible place in my head, go in and pick up a guitar and be out of that funk in a matter of minutes. Music is a true gift in my life, and in the lives of many, many others.

* Mowing the lawn. Seriously. I love to mow the lawn, especially now as we have a large yard and a riding lawnmower. Mowing the lawn gives me a chance to not only feel accomplished for doing something, but it is a great time to think about things. I find myself really

examining my thoughts and feelings when I mow. I have even written a couple of tunes in my head while mowing.

* Friends. Sadly, as adults people seem to have fewer friends, and friends we don't see as much. I am so thankful that my wife and I have a great group of friends and see them often. We love to go out to eat, talk and laugh around a bonfire, take trips together and throw some of the most ridiculously fun karaoke parties in the history of ridiculously fun karaoke parties. Having great friends is something I cherish in my life.

This is the tip of a large iceberg of things I love. I do plan to think about the positives more and not get bogged down by the swirling storm of bad news that sweeps us all up from time to time. In the end, the things I love are simply more important.

Brad Jennings is Editor of The Ogle County Life.

What exactly does horsemeat taste like?

"If you eat horsemeat, Daddy, I'm going to throw up right in front of you."

So decreed my 14-year-old daughter this month as we sat across from one another in a restaurant in Iceland.

I'd never tasted horseflesh before. But over the years I've written quite a bit about the debate in the Illinois General Assembly on whether to outlaw horse slaughter. Fifteen years ago, Gov. Rod Blagojevich signed the legislation ending the practice.

I've long been curious: "What exactly does horsemeat taste like?"

I grew up on a hog farm. My father was a farmer and a livestock veterinarian. And I showed cattle at fairs, knowing that eventually they would end up on someone's dinner plate. And mind you, those calves were companions. They came when they were called, loved to be petted and were taught to walk beside me better than any dog I've ever taken on a leash.

I can remember eating steaks at the dinner table with my folks and my dad would ask for the platter of meat by saying, "Pass Charlie over here, would you please?" Yep, our food had names.

The waitress who stood over me in the Icelandic restaurant cooed, "You have to try horse, sir. It is three times more tender than beef and it tastes so good."

At this point, my three daughters were eyeing me suspiciously. And my wife and sister-in-law wouldn't make eye contact. I picked up the menu and pointed to an item on the menu and gave the server a nod. She smirked.

"What did you order, Daddy?"

"I ordered a tenderloin."

When covering the Illinois horse slaughter debate, I was perplexed. At the time, state Rep. Bob Molaro said horses should be protected because they are beautiful. (So are deer but you'll find plenty of venison in area freezers.)

For that matter, sheep look adorable, but I enjoy lamb chops.

With the swipe of Blagojevich's pen in 2007, 40 people at the DeKalb slaughterhouse lost their jobs and the market for old or otherwise unwanted horses dried up in the Prairie State. Unfortunately, many horses suffered in the wake of the passage of this law.

Owners quit paying their stable rent, leaving stable owners with the unwanted

ed animals. Irresponsible farmers allowed unwanted horses to wander away.

Even a few years ago, when the United States had three horse slaughterhouses (one in Illinois and two in Texas) none of the meat was for domestic human consumption. Some was used for dog food and the remainder was exported to Europe and Japan where horsemeat is routinely eaten.

When legislation forced those plants to close, more American horses were shipped to Mexico and Canada for slaughter.

The Illinois law is an example of legislation grounded not in public policy but in sentiment. The bill passed because of a cultural taboo. American workers lost their jobs and mostly elderly horses had longer rides to foreign abattoirs. Others remained behind and suffered from abandonment.

Sitting in the Icelandic restaurant waiting for my meal, I didn't know what to expect.

Whenever I travel overseas, I like to try cuisine not readily available at home. In the Caribbean I ate goat. (Loved it.) In Latin America I ate tripe, a stew made from cattle stomachs. (It was offal.)

Growing up, dad taught

us not to exhibit prejudices against foods because of their origins. He brought this lesson home when I'd help him castrate cattle. The testicles would be taken back to the house, battered up and fried for dinner. We'd dine on something only an hour or two earlier we'd seen hanging on the backside of a bull. So, what would horsemeat be like? I was anxious to find out.

The server came out and placed the plate before me and announced, "Here's your 'beef' tenderloin sir." She didn't wink when she said "beef," but with the inflection of her voice she might as well have.

So how was it? One of the best cuts of meat I've ever tasted. It was more tender than any steak I've eaten. And the flavor while similar to beef was sweeter and just a bit gamier.

A couple of days later, I was riding horses with my family in the backcountry of Iceland. The trail boss rode beside me and remarked, "You seem to have a special bond with your horse."

I couldn't help but smile and think, "Yes I do, don't believe the neighsayers."

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Old rules are not always a perfect fit today

Dear Editor,

Mr. Dickson's recent letter to the editor, titled "Our Government Meant to be Functional, Decentralized" contains some interesting historical facts. Yes, George Washington did insist that each congressional district should contain no more than 30,000 people, and he used his only presidential veto to impose that restriction.

However, our present population is over 80 times larger than it was in 1790. With 30,000 constituents in each congressional district, we would now have 6,590 districts and 6,590 members in the House of Representatives! Could they meet in person? Could the entire body pursue any meaningful deliberation?

Even with such a massive House of Representatives, the Senate could still prevent legislation from passing. Due to the filibuster, the 21 smallest states, representing just over 11 percent of the nation's population, can block legislation. Though the numbers are usually not that extreme, the will of many

is often blocked by a few.

You might be thinking: "Why worry about the size of the House of Representatives?" What about gun violence, covid restrictions, abortion, inflation, and threats to our democracy? Such problems have definitely caused our blood to boil, but structural problems in our government may be equally to blame for our deadlock and frustration. (The British Economist dropped its rating of the U.S. government from a Full Democracy to a Flawed Democracy.)

What about gerrymandering? With 6,590 legislative districts rather than 435, each state would have an even greater opportunity to form legislative districts that favor its own political bias. Though both political parties are free to gerrymander, the Associated Press and the Brennan Center for Justice (NYU), reported that gerrymandering left us with a considerable Republican bias in the 2012 and 2016 elections. That bias remains. State's Rights advocates who support gerrymandering are

recommending that states deny some citizens the power of their vote. That doesn't sound much like democracy!

In the Presidential election each state's electoral votes equal the sum of its Senators and Representatives. All states, even the smallest, have 2 senators and therefore are entitled to at least 2 electoral votes. The combined effect of those 2 electoral votes has recently given the presidency to candidates who did not win the popular vote.

The rules that worked in 1790 are not always a perfect fit today. Some of those rules were established in an attempt to convince less populated southern states to join the Union. Though states with lower populations often have different needs, those states should not be allowed to dictate policy for the entire country. Today's politicians seem to consider what would help them win, but give little thought to what would help our democracy survive and once again excel.

Delmar Loehr, Forreston

LOCAL NEWS



Mobile classroom in Oregon July 26

OREGON – Join the Oregon Public Library and Oregon Park District for fun and learning on Tuesday, July 26 from 12:30-6:30 p.m.

The event is free and registration isn't required. The Illinois Natural History Survey Traveling

Center is a 320-square-foot mobile classroom featuring informative, engaging exhibits on biodiversity and natural resources that visit schools and communities across Illinois. Visitors learn about the types of habitats and species diversity of

their region, as well as ways to protect against threats to that diversity.

The mobile center will be located at Oregon Park West in the lower parking lot near the splash pad.

For more information or questions call 815-732-3101.

Horse shows at Fair on Aug. 6 and 7

Come on out to the horse shows at the Ogle County Fair, Aug. 6 and Aug. 7.

Saturday is the Ogle County Fair Junior Show. You do not have to be in 4H to attend this show.

Sunday is the Build-A-Barn Harlan Holm Memorial Show. This show has classes for all ages. Show bills are in the Fair book, online, on Facebook and by phone at 815-238-7892.

The Build-A-Barn site at the fair-

grounds is nearing completion, and the funding, both donations and grants, are looking good. After the limited amount of fundraisers during the past three seasons, due to Covid, we are looking ahead with anticipation.

We are looking for new committee members and for volunteers to help with our events. Please call 815-238-7892 for more information. Leave a message and we will get back to you.

Byron Forest Preserve offering night hikes

BYRON – The Byron Forest Preserve will be offering two special hikes in July and August.

Join staff on a night hike and exploration of the Jarrett Prairie. Learn about nocturnal wildlife, how night vision works, and using your senses in the dark. Dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. Flashlights are optional to bring, but portions of the hike will be over uneven terrain in the dark. Meet at the museum front doors.

Hikes are on Saturdays, July 30 at 8:30 p.m., and Aug. 27 at 7:30 p.m. Rain date is the following Sunday. Call 815-234-8535, Ext. 217, to register.

Polo Police report

General Calls for Service for the weeks of June 13 thru June 26, 2022

Citizen Complaints/Assist	29
Juvenile	2
Animal Complaint	1
Disturbance/Domestic	2
Ordinance Violations	1
Fire/Medical Assist	7
Lock Out	1
911 Hang Up	1
Traffic Stops	3
County Assists	2

June 21

TIME: 9:19 a.m.

REPORT: Leonard P. Brauchler, 54, Polo, was issued a City Citation for Illegal Dumping of Litter.

June 27

TIME: 9:31 p.m.

REPORT: Cassandra L. Kingery, 22, Penrose, Colo., was cited for Operating a Motor Vehicle with a Suspended Registration. Kingery was released on an I-Bond.

June 28

TIME: 6:52 p.m.

REPORT: Tessa Fortune, 31, Morrison, was cited for speeding 46 mph in a 30 mph speed zone. Fortune was released on an I-Bond.

July 7

TIME: 7:51 p.m.

REPORT: Andrew Gonzales, 20, Polo, was cited for driving with a Suspended License and Operating an Electronic Communication Device while driving. Gonzales was released on an I-Bond.

General Calls for Service for the Weeks of June 27 thru July 10, 2022

Citizen Complaints/Assist	15
Juvenile	4
Animal Complaint	3
Ordinance Violation	1
Disturbance/Domestic	2
Fire/Medical Assist	4
Alarm/Open Door	1
Lock Out	2
911 Hang Up	4
Traffic Stops	14
County Assists	1

July 12

TIME: 8:55 a.m.

REPORT: Ann M. Sutkay, 31, Milledgeville, was cited for speeding 42 mph in a 30 mph speed zone. Sutkay was released on an I-Bond.

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Park concert

The Oregon Park District's Concert in the Park on Tuesday, July 19 was hosted by E.D. Etnyre & Co. What a fun night in the park with not only music from Hillbilly Rockstarz but a family show started the evening with Mr. Steve. Children enjoyed signing, balloons and games before the concert. E.D. Etnyre employees were also on hand providing popsicles, giveaways and frisbees for the crowd. The last Concert in the Park series will be Tuesday, July 26 featuring local favorite Burn 'N Bush sponsored by Woods. Music will be held at Park West from 6:30-8 p.m. Food trucks will be available including Hector's Cocina, Hazel's, Kona Ice and GG's Ice Cream. A mobile Science Lab will be featured earlier in the day courtesy of the Oregon Public Library and Oregon Park District from 12:30-6:30 p.m. at the lower Park West lot.

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NEW LISTING

703 N Walnut Street Byron

\$500,000 Call Carla

New Listing in Byron! This commercial and light industrial building has many opportunities with it being offered for sale or lease! The main building is offered for sale as retail/showroom/office and warehouse with a total of 9,400 sq ft at \$500,000 with 2 entrances off of Walnut Street. Subject to new survey split from existing parcel. It is also offered for lease at \$2,000 per month for the showroom area (4,300 sq ft) and the warehouse (5,100 sq ft) being offered at \$1,000 per month. There is an additional building (120x40) offered for lease for \$1,000 per month.

NEW LISTING

2018 E 7th Street Sterling

\$89,900 Call JD

3 bedroom ranch home conveniently located just off of Route 2 & Freeport Rd! This property features a spacious yard, 2 car detached garage, main floor laundry, and a large living-room space. Trying to avoid stairs and/or not wanting to deal with a basement? Look no further! *Sellers are offering to replace garage door before close, or issuing a credit thereof.

NEW LISTING

502 E 4th Street Sterling

\$89,900 Call JD

Investment opportunity! Cash flowing multi family in the heart of Sterling, just blocks from downtown. This property features 4 main floor & upstairs units; as well as additional income potential from the partially finished basement and garage, each rented separately, and coin laundry. Generating over \$800/mo additionally. Owner pays all utilities.

NEW LISTING

1105 Depot Street Davis Junction

\$223,900 Call Boone

Beautiful open concept 1580sqft ranch. 3bed/2bath/3car. Granite countertops in kitchen and bathrooms! Kitchen complete with upgraded cabinetry and island. Stainless steel appliances. Master suite with private bath and walk-in closet. First floor laundry. Full basement with partial exposure!

NEW LISTING

1175 W Second Street Byron

\$319,900 Call Carla

New Listing in Byron! This 3 bedroom 3 bath condo in Byron offers loads of luxury with its enormous great room, stunning kitchen with corian countertops and large center island with seating for four! Plus easy access to the 3 season porch. The master suite offers both a huge whirlpool soaker tub and shower, double vanity and 11x9 walk in closet!! The fully finished lower level offers the 3rd bedroom, 3rd bathroom, huge rec room with sliders to the private patio. This condo offers easy living with snow removal and lawn maintenance all year round!

5123 S III Route 2 Oregon

\$339,900 Call Carla

Your Riverfront Oasis Awaits!! You will fall in love with this exceptional private setting!! The house was totally renovated just 6 years ago, 4 bedrooms, 2 baths. Huge kitchen with loads of cabinets butcher block countertops. The living room offers 2 sets of sliders leading to the large deck over looking the Rock River. This great open floorplan offers easy entertaining, family gatherings and so much more with a touch of classic taste and style throughout. Vacation at home on just over an acre and 100 ft of private Rock River Frontage. All new mechanicals in 2017, Located south of Castle Rock State Park and north of Grand Detour and out of the flood plain!

500 E River Street Dixon

\$180,000 Call Rebecca

COMMERCIAL PROPERTY FOR SALE! 430 & 500 E River Street are being offered for sale. Nearly a half acre of riverfront, commercial property located near downtown Dixon. Property features two outbuildings. One is 90x60 building that was home to a machine shop for many years. Building features a front reception area, bathroom, and large overhead doors. There is also a large, gated storage area in the back. The adjacent parking lot is over sized and offers plenty of additional parking and storage space. There is an additional 30x60 building included. Property is

225 N Jefferson Avenue Amboy

\$189,000 Call Jenny

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

3458 S Paw Paw Road Earlville

\$120,000 Call Josie

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

310 Emily Street Mt Morris

\$137,900 Call Lori

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SPORTS/LOCAL NEWS

Oregon High School sets athlete orientation event

OREGON – Oregon High School will again be holding its mandatory Freshman Athlete/New Athlete Orientation event on Thursday, Aug. 4 at 7 p.m. in the Oregon High School Gym.

This event is mandatory for all incoming freshmen and new/transfer students to Oregon High School (along with a parent/guardian) who are plan-

ning on participating in athletics during their high school career. Students will not be able to participate in games or contests until this requirement is met.

For families who are out of town on Aug. 4, the event will be repeated at the regular school orientation event on Thursday evening, Aug. 11 at 7:45 p.m. in the OHS Gym.

Oregon Ganymedes to play game in Wheaton on July 31

The Oregon Ganymedes Base Ball Club will be participating in the Red Oak Vintage Base Ball Festival held at Cantigny Park in Wheaton, on Sunday, July 31.

They will be playing three games starting at noon.

Oregon's vintage base ball team will be competing against five other vintage base ball clubs from Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin at this 1858 rules base ball tournament held on the grounds of the beautiful Cantigny Park.

Cantigny Park is a 500-acre park in Wheaton, 30 miles west of Chicago. It is the former estate of Joseph Medill and his grandson Colonel Robert

R. McCormick, publishers of the Chicago Tribune. The park features several acres of formal gardens, the McCormick Mansion, the First Division Military Museum and is the site of many public concerts and large special events. Admission to the park is free, but there is a parking fee.

The Oregon Ganymedes Base Ball Club is an educational outreach program of the Chana School Museum in Oregon and has been playing early rules base ball games all over the Midwest since 2005.

Visit the Oregon Ganymedes Base Ball Club Facebook page for more information.



Farmer's Market

Alma Quimby, Winnebago, makes and sells Handmade fragrance essential oil and soaps. 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.

Locals Distinguished Scholars at Rockford University

ROCKFORD – The following students in the Degree Completion program at Rockford University were named Distinguished Scholars for the spring 2022 semester, earning at least a 3.75 with no grades below "C" and having completed all requirements for the semester.

- * Ashley Rush of Davis Junction
- * Stephanie Stamm of Byron

Rockford University is a private four-year, co-educational institution founded in 1847 offering undergraduate and graduate degrees in traditional liberal arts and professional fields. The University offers more than 80 majors, minors and concentrations, including

the bachelor's degree completion program for a B.S. in Management Studies. Through its Graduate Studies department, degrees are extended to include the Master of Business Administration (MBA), Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT), and Master of Education in Urban Education, (M.Ed.). Rockford University is home to one of only 11 Phi Beta Kappa (PBK) chapters in Illinois, the most prestigious honor society in the United States. Named by The Princeton Review as a Best Midwestern College and is a U.S. News & World Report Best Midwest Regional University, Rockford University currently serves approximately 1,250 full-and part-time students.

Hawes earns Dean's List at Southeast Missouri State

CAPE GIRARDEAU, Mo. – Dylan Hawes of Stillman Valley, has been named to the Southeast Missouri State University Dean's List for academic achievement during the spring 2022 semester.

Students named to the list earned at least a 3.75 grade point average on a 4.0 scale, completed at least 12 hours of standard graded credit, achieved no grade below a B and received no failing grades in enrolled, credit/no credit or pass/fail courses.

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LOCAL NEWS

Oregon Library News

2022 Summer Reading Program-Read Beyond the Beaten Path! June 6- July 29
Almost at the finish line! 3 more weeks of activities and 1 more week to finish your book logs! Free to residents, 3 – 17 years old of the Oregon Public Library District. Registration is required. Come in, call or check our Facebook page or website to find out how you can register.

Week of July 25-Last Week!
Monday, July 25, Story Time, 10 am (3-6 yrs. old)
Monday, July 25 Teen Advisory Board, 6 p.m.
Tuesday, July 26, Illinois Natural History Traveling Science Center, 12:30-6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, July 27, Let's Celebrate! at the Pool! - Wednesday, July 27, 6-8pm
Thursday, July 28, Movie at the Library, 2 p.m., *Dora and the Lost City of Gold*-PG
Saturday, July 30, Teen Book Club Association, 10 am

Tuesday, July 26, 12:30-6:30 p.m. -All Ages-Illinois Natural History Traveling Science Center@ Oregon Park West

Tour this 320-square-foot mobile classroom featuring informative, engaging exhibits on biodiversity and natural resources. Learn about the types of habitats & species diversity in our region, as well as ways to protect against threats to that diversity. *Collaboration with Oregon Park District*

Let's Celebrate! - Wednesday, July 27, 6-8 p.m.
Join us for games, swimming and fun at Nash Recreation Center Pool to celebrate the end of the youth summer reading program. All Oregon Public Library SRP participants invited. Register at the Library or online. This is only for Oregon Public Library summer reading program participants. Deadline for registration is July 25 .

Ongoing activities: Mystery Letter Hunt, Solve the Mystery Quote and I Spy Hunt in the Library!

Adult Summer Reading Program- June 1st through August 1
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. Give the library a call or stop by for more information. 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.

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 6:00pmAt 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.

Book Clubs
Books on Tap meets on July 28 at 6 p.m. to discuss A History of Wild Places by Shea Ernschaw. The 2WBC Book Club meets Wednesday, August 10 at 12:30 pm 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 club will meet). The Afternoon Book Club meets Wednesday, August 17 at 1:00 pm to discuss The Magnolia Palace by Fiona Davis. Teen Book Club Association meets on August 27 at 10 am to discuss The Downstairs Girl by Stacey Lee.

Preschool StoryTime (18 months-5 years)
Join us on Mondays at 10 am for stories, games, crafts and playtime! Registration is required.

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 Do Princesses & Superheroes Hit the Trail? by Carmelia Lavigna Coyle

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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Oregon Park District has events, activities

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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

Pop up and Play- Mini Pitch Soccer
6th-8th Grade soccer players- join us on Wednesday July 27th from 2-3:30 p.m. for a pop up mini pitch soccer game. Teams will be assigned for the 4 v 4 games. This event is free and no registration is required. Please be sure to wear regular tennis shoes, NO CLEATS allowed.

Locals earn honors at Rockford University

ROCKFORD – The following full-time (12 or more credits) students attending Rockford University were named Distinguished Scholars for the spring 2022 semester, earning at least a 3.75 with no grades below "C" and having completed all requirements for the semester.

- * Taylor Mundt of Byron
- * Braden Politsch of Forreston
- * Paige Bukoski of Byron
- * Macie Boyd of Stillman Valley
- * Rebekah Fetherston of Byron

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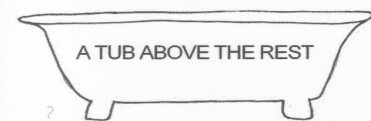
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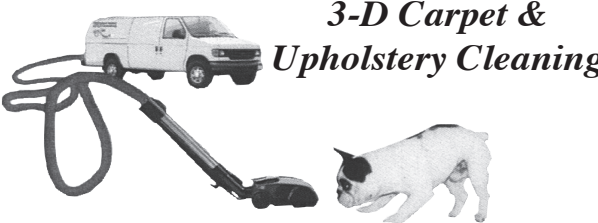
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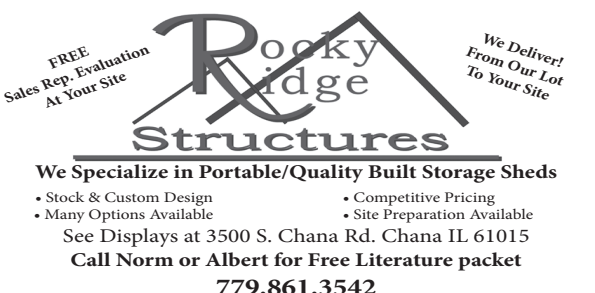


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StoryWalks at the Byron Forest Preserve
New StoryWalks® are up at the Byron Forest Preserve! Stroll the 1/2-mile Indigo Trail while reading «Camp Tiger» by Susan Choi, or read «Pie is for Sharing» by Stephanie Parsley Ledyard while walking to the Heritage Farm Museum. The StoryWalk® is a joint project of the Byron Public Library and the Byron Forest Preserve. The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. StoryWalk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson.

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.drrrvbc.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

Bertolet Library News

Shark Scavenger Hunt: July 18-31
What is a shark's favorite kind of book? Stop by the library and complete the scavenger hunt to find out!

Movie Matinee: Monday, July 25, 4 p.m.
Mei Lee is a 13-year-old girl who is torn between being her mother's obedient daughter and the chaos of her youth. As if that were not enough, when she gets too excited, she turns into a big red panda. Don't miss it or you'll turn red with envy!

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.

Adult Book Club:
Based on the true story of a forgotten hero, *Beneath a Scarlet Sky* is the triumphant, epic tale of one young man's incredible courage and resilience during one of history's darkest hours.
Pino Lella wants nothing to do with the war or the Nazis. He's a normal Italian teenager – obsessed with music, food, and girls – but his days of innocence are numbered. When his family home in Milan is destroyed by Allied bombs, Pino joins an underground railroad helping Jews escape over the Alps, and falls for Anna, a beautiful widow six years his senior.
In an attempt to protect him, Pino's parents force him to enlist as a German soldier – a move they think will keep him out of combat. But after Pino is injured, he is recruited at the tender age of eighteen to become the personal driver for Adolf Hitler's left hand in Italy, General Hans Leyers, one of the Third Reich's most

Forreston Library News

SSET 4 School Donations
We are once again serving as a donation site for the SSET 4 School program. The most needed school supplies include spiral notebooks, colored pencils, note cards, washable markers, 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!

New Materials
New adult fiction includes: The 6:20 Man by David Baldacci and The Best Is Yet to Come by Debbie Macomber.

Plastic Recycling
We are collecting film-type plastic

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!

mysterious and powerful commanders. Now, with the opportunity to spy for the Allies inside the German High Command, Pino endures the horrors of the war and the Nazi occupation by fighting in secret, his courage bolstered by his love for Anna and for the life he dreams they will one day share. Stop by the circulation desk to pick up a copy of the book and discussion questions.

Adult Summer Reading Program:
Once again Bertolet Memorial Library will be offering an Adult Summer Reading Challenge. Reading is its own reward, but by signing up for our adult summer reading program, you have a chance to win prizes! All that is required is to register for the program and keep a reading log of titles read over the summer. For every five titles logged, you have a chance to win one of three grand prizes. Kick off and registration for teens and older readers begins June 13th. You may register at the library or call 815-738-2742. The program runs through July 30th. Prizes will be awarded at the end of the program.

Craft Kits for Adults:
July is a month to celebrate freedom. Stop by the circulation desk and pick up a patriotic centerpiece to display at your next gathering. All the materials and instructions are provided in the kit.

New Releases:
Adult Books
The 6:20 Man by David Baldacci
The Paris Apartment by Lucy Foley
The Best Is Yet to Come by Debbie Macomber
Killing the Killers by Bill O'Reilly (NF)

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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
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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.

Tween Scene: Lawn Games
It's still summer, so let's enjoy the great outdoors as long as we can! Join us on the library lawn Tuesday, August 2 at 6 p.m. for classic games like bocce and ring toss. Ages 10-12. Registration required.

Storytime In the Park
Join us Friday, Aug. 5 at 10 a.m. for a special storytime in Davis Junction Park! We'll enjoy stories, songs and parachute play. Feel free to bring blankets of lawn chairs for your comfort. Ages 2-9. Registration required. 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.

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

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

Regular meetings for the Board of Trustees for the fiscal year 2022-2023 will be held at the Julia Hull District Library Building, 100 Library Lane, Stillman Valley, Illinois beginning at 6:30 p.m. on the following dates: July 18, August 15, September 19, October 17, November 21, December 19, January 16, February 20, March 20, April 17, May 15 and June 19.

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LOCAL NEWS

Polo Library News

Children's Programs -

Storytime Saturday, July 30, 10:30 a.m. to noon - Summer Reading Program "Reading Beyond the Beaten Path - Wrapping It Up" - Join Ms. Melanie at Westside Park for a story read, science play with nature, and much more!!

What's Up Wednesdays?! - July 27th 1-4 p.m., stop in and finish up on any of the "STREAM" activities you may have missed, complete the activities, earn the badge, and hopefully collect a prize too!! This is for registered participants of the Summer Reading Program.

Monday, July 25th - 2-3 p.m. - Join Ms. Melinda Charbonneau, the U of I Extension Program Coordinator, will be here during a program on the water cycle. She will do a book read on water and water cycle related activities.

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 rest of the series:) September 17th - The Beaux (Classic Rock 60-90s). The 2022 Outdoor Concert Series is funded by a grant from the Community Foundation of Northern Illinois.

Yoga with Becka

Monday, July 25th at 6 p.m. - Call 815-946-2713 or email library@pololibrary.org to register.

Coffee & Community Conversations -

Wednesday, August 10th - 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.

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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.

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

CHANA

CHANA UNITED METHODIST

Pastor Matt Smith, 606 Main Street, Chana, IL 61015, Church office 815-732-7683. [E-mail address: 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

"By God's grace in Christ, we LIVE, LOVE, and SERVE"
All are welcome here!
9:30 am - Sunday Worship with Communion open to all
10:45 am - Sunday School (Sep - May)
www.disciplesumc.org
(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: mtmcb@frontier.com

MT. MORRIS TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

OREGON

EBENEZER REFORMED CHURCH

2997 N. German Church Rd., 815-732-6313
3 miles east of Oregon on Rt. #64 then 2 miles north on German Church Rd.
• Rev. Josiah Youngquist
www.EBENEZERREFORMED.com • 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 live 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
Website: stpaulnalc.org Webpage: saintribrides.org • E-mail: saint.bride.church@gmail.com •
Worship Services: Sunday 10 am Holy Communion with Hymns
Christian Education Available

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH, NALC

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

POLO

ST. MARY CHURCH

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

CHURCH OF THE OPEN BIBLE

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

CROSSROADS COMMUNITY CHURCH ~ POLO CAMPUS

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

FAITH DISCOVERY CHURCH

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

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

702 E. Dixon Street, Polo, IL 61064 • Tel: 815-946-3212
Sunday School for all ages 9am followed by Worship at 10am
Pastor Brian LeBaron
Website: www.faithumcpolo.com • [facebook.com/Faithumcpolo](https://www.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.valleycov.org
Sunday Morning 9:15am "Gather" for learning & conversation, 10:15am Worship both onsite and online at facebook.com/VECCFSV
Home of Valley Covenant Preschool 815-645-8882 Director Jill Huber
Bible Studies, Youth Group, Bread of Life Food Pantry
Please visit website for more information or contact the church office

GRACE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH DAVIS JUNCTION

Pastor Brad Pittman www.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.
Sunday: Worship Service at 9:30 am.
Office Hours: Mon., Tues., Thurs. & Friday 9am-2pm.
Phone: 815-335-2609. Email: middlecreekchurch@gmail.com

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ROCK VALLEY SHOPPER

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

LOCAL NEWS

Mount Morris Library News

Masks are optional
Thank you!

Summer Reading Program
“Reading Beyond the Beaten Path” reading logs need to be completed by Saturday, July 23, to qualify for the party and awesome prizes! If you have reached your goal be sure to stop by the library for an invitation to the celebration and to get your goody bag!

Kable Concert Band
Join us on Wednesday, 7/27, for the weekly Kable Concert at the Bandshell. Mount Morris Library Foundation will be providing concessions! Stop by for some great treats and awesome music!

Erwin Woelfl Art Showing
Mount Morris Library in conjunction with ENCORE! Will be presenting a collection of Erwin Woelfl art. Presented by Joel Johnston with his collection of Woelfl art and his knowledge of this impressive story. Erwin Woelfl was a local artist who relocated to Mount Morris, worked for Kable Printing, and married Hilda in 1968. Woelfl’s art will be on display in the Sandstone Gallery from Friday, July 29-Sunday, July 31. Joel Johnston will be giving a presentation of the history of the artist on Sunday, July 31 @2pm in the Sandstone Gallery. Join us in supporting one of our own hometown hero’s.

Storytime-Wednesday’s at 11:15 a.m.
Summer has just flown by! We will have a craft kit to help build your own kite using sand and a story time to celebrate! Don’t miss the take-n-make kite craft and a breezy story time on Wednesday!

Page Position Available
We’re HIRING! ** Page position available starting in August. ** The Mount 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, August 18, from 6-6:45 p.m.. Bring a friend and build some fun with Lego bricks! All Children and parents are invited. Children under 8 need to bring a parent with them.

Adult Book Club
The July book is *The Paris Library* by Janet Skeslien Charles. Everyone is welcome to join this book club group! Copies of the book are available at the

library. This group will meet in-person at the library on Monday, July 25th at 3:30 p.m.

Display Case Showings
Stop in to see our new display for July! Disney is the theme with memorabilia on display from a local patron, Liz Garnarz! Check out her collection of all things Disney and Disney World! “See You Real Soon!” 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!

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 mmllib@mtmorris-il.org or call 815-734-4927.

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

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

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

Weekly Brain Busters

King Crossword

ACROSS

1 Baseball's Ripken
4 Glacial
7 Mrs. Flintstone
12 Baton Rouge sch.
13 Extinct New Zealand bird
14 Figure of speech
15 "— show-time!"
16 Parthenon locale
18 "The A-Team" actor
19 Le — (French news-paper)
20 Pear type
22 Sugary suffix
23 Actress Tyne
27 Director
29 Cut up, as a pizza
31 Metric measure
34 Desert haven
35 Tam topper
37 "Ray Donovan" actor
38 Money maven
39 Vichy water
41 Latin love
45 Shadow
47 Mimic
48 Maryland's

DOWN

1 Scale
2 Houston player
3 Has an intense craving
4 Mosque
5 Composer Rorem
6 Got wind of
7 Kreskin's claim
8 Big D.C. lobby
9 Authority
10 ACLU issues
11 Small batteries
12 capital
13 leader
14 Butterfly protector
15 Tales
16 Use a sponge
17 Altar promise
18 Dogpatch adjective
19 Miss Piggy's pronoun
20 Early hrs.
21 Rhyming tributes
22 Thin pancake
23 Hunting goddess
24 Rm. coolers
25 Island garment
26 QB's gains
27 Spanish gold
30 Privy
31 Vinyl records
32 Debtor's letters
33 Celeb gossip site
36 Office note
37 Legal expert
40 More skilled
42 Food from heaven
43 Verdi work
44 — a beet
45 High hairstyle
46 Nile vipers
48 Spa sounds
49 PBS funder
50 Opposing vote
51 MGM motto start

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MAGIC MAZE ● WORN AROUND THE NECK

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

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

Bandanna	Cravat	Muffler	Oxbow
Boa	Dog collar	Neckerchief	Scarf
Bolo	Dog tag	Necklace	Shawl
Cowbell	Garland	Necktie	

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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. Fence is shorter. 2. Raincoat is different. 3. Leash is shorter. 4. Stripe is missing. 5. Sign is missing. 6. Puddle is smaller.

King Crossword

Solution time: 26 mins.

Answers

WORN AROUND THE NECK

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Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

MARKETPLACE

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF TREASURER

OF PUBLIC FUNDS

Annual Statement of

VILLAGE OF LEAF RIVER

Leaf River, Illinois

From MAY 1, 2021 to APRIL 30, 2022

Annual Statement

STATE OF ILLINOIS

OFFICE OF VILLAGE OF LEAF RIVER

COUNTY OF OGLE

LEAF RIVER, ILLINOIS

The following is a statement by JANICE L. MYERS, treasurer of the Village of Leaf River in the County and State aforesaid, of public funds received and disbursed by her during the fiscal year ending on the 30th day of April A. D. 2022 showing the amount of public funds on hand at commencement of said fiscal year; the amount of public funds received, and from what sources received; and the amount of public funds expended, and for what purpose expended, during said fiscal year ending as aforesaid.

The said JANICE L. MYERS, being duly sworn, doth depose and say, that the following statement by her subscribed is a correct statement of the amount of public funds on hand at the commencement of the fiscal year above stated, the amount of public funds received and the sources from which received, and amount expended, and purposed for which expended, as set forth in said statement.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this

13th

day of

July

2022.

Village Clerk

Village Treasurer

Jana R. Krueger

Janice L. Myers

Amount of public funds on hand at the commencement of the

Fiscal year commencing the 1st day of May, 2021

GENERAL CORPORATE ACCOUNT

Balance on Hand May 1, 2021 -

\$113,901.22

RECEIPTS	AMOUNT
Property Tax	\$ 11,213.38
State Income Tax	63,092.18
Local Use Tax	16,839.21
State Sales Tax	28,359.94
Utility Tax	23,466.65
Telecommunications Tax	6,113.28
Video Gaming Tax	11,128.17
Cannabis Use Tax	686.78
Replacement Tax	7,127.55
Gaming License	300.00
Business License	25.00
Liquor Licenses	3,000.00
Off Road Vehicle Stickers	425.00
Building Permits	145.00
Water & Sewer Rents, Sewer Sur Charge	194,842.05
RVC Rental	9,570.00
Tower Rental	6000.00
Misc. Detail:	
Museum Gas Bill	2,092.26
Animal Permits	45.00
Refunds	625.74
Loan Advance	80,858.65
Clean-Up Day Grant	1,438.50
Mowing	150.00
Room Key	25.00
American Rescue Plan Relief	27,625.18
Lien Release	310.00
Transfer	13,752.40
Sale of Salt Spreader	100.00
Bad Check Fee	25.00
RVC - Reimbursements	<u>2,200.00</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 511,581.92

DISBURSEMENTS	AMOUNT
C. McGill - Wages	\$ 32,111.33
T. Krueger - Clerk	7,875.06
J. Myers - Treasurer	5,993.17
P. Bral- Wages	5,991.81
Janes Environmental	12,000.00
Area Tree Service	8,600.00
BOK Financial	63,111.00
Bushman's Service	2,378.48
Byron Bank - Interest	2,524.91
ComEd	23,067.58
Core & Main	2,743.01
Glendenning	2,389.44
Helm Service	17,497.17
IEPA	3,942.08
Illinois Dept. of Revenue	3,592.71
Martin & Co.	8,908.50
Meyers' Repair	3,358.41
Mississippi Valley Pump	5,338.00
Moring Disposal	3,322.00
NICOR Gas	16,263.46
Polo Coop.	3,226.77
RMA	13,003.17
Sewer Sur Charge Account	18,526.51
U.S. Treasury	16,582.34
Utilly, LLC	2,500.00
Viking Chemical	2,695.65
VISA	5,445.47
Ward, Murray, Pace, & Johnson	6,315.00
Westram Leak Detection	2,000.00
Willett, Hoffman & Assoc.	115,492.65
WIPFLI	<u>11,000.00</u>
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS PAID TO VENDORS, OVER \$2,000.00	\$ 427,795.68

DISBURSEMENTS PAID TO VENDORS RECEIVING LESS THAN \$2000.00		
J. Green	T. Morris	C. Newcomer
N. Shelton	J. Gittleson	D. Groen
M. Musso	L. Noworul	B. Plock
Airgas	Alpha Controls	Autoland Outlets
Bobcat of Dixon	Bowman's Electric	Byron Bank
Cintas	City of Dekalb	Eagle Chem. & Supply
Elmer's Lock-n-Key	Fischer Excavating	Freeport Ind. Roofing
Freeport Press	Frink's Sewer & Drain	B. Greenfield
Holman, Dahms Insurance	Harder Corp.	Herrill Electric Service
IRWA	IL Direct. Of Employ. Sec.	IL State Police
D. Janes	JULIE	T. Krueger
Koeller Forreston Hardware	Leaf River Postmaster	L R Communications
L R Fire Dept.	L R Mini Mart	C. McGill
Mel's Custom Graphics	Mr. Outhouse	J. Myers
NAPA	Ogle County GIS	Ogle County Life
Ogle Co. Clerk	Pace Analytical	Poster Compliance
Peabudy's Inc.	Personnel Concepts	R & S Builders
Rogers Ready-Mix	Rock Cut Quarries	Rock River Outdoor Equip.
Rush Power Systems	Sensus	S. Shelton
N. Shelton	Solutions Bank	SES
Staples	S J Carlson Fire Protection	Sterling Codifiers
Stump Busters	USA BlueBook	U S Cellular
A-Fire Extinguisher Sales		
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS UNDER \$2000.00 PER VENDOR		<u>\$ 34,784.53</u>
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		\$ 462,580.21
GENERAL CORPORATE ACCOUNT - BALANCE ON HAND APRIL 30, 2022 -		\$162,902.93

MOTOR FUEL TAX ACCOUNT	
Balance on Hand May 1, 2021	\$41,374.49
RECEIPTS	AMOUNT
MFT Allotments	\$ 10,201.04
MFT Renewal Allotments	7,431.86
MFT Rebuild Illinois	9,731.82
Interest	<u>50.92</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 27,415.64
DISBURSEMENTS	
N-Track Group	<u>45,000.00</u>
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 45,000.00
MOTOR FUEL TAX ACCOUNT - BALANCE ON HAND APRIL 30, 2022	\$ 23,790.13

CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT	
Balance of Hand May 1, 2021	\$ 40,006.69
RECEIPTS	AMOUNT
Interest	\$ <u>160.28</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 160.28
DISBURSEMENTS	NONE
CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT - BALANCE ON HAND APRIL 30, 2022	\$ 40,166.97

WATER - CD	
Balance on Hand May 1, 2021	\$20,123.57
RECEIPTS	AMOUNT
Interest	\$ <u>20.12</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 20.12
DISBURSEMENTS	NONE
WATER - CD - BALANCE ON HAND APRIL 30, 2022	\$ 20,143.69

SEWER - CD	
Balance on Hand May 1, 2021	\$6,707.89
RECEIPTS	AMOUNT
Interest	\$ <u>6.70</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 6.70
DISBURSEMENTS	NONE
SEWER - CD- BALANCE ON HAND APRIL 30, 2022	\$ 6,714.59

LEAF RIVER WATER FUND	
Balance on Hand May 1, 2020	\$14,564.33
RECEIPTS	AMOUNT
Interest	\$ <u>14.56</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 14.56
DISBURSEMENTS	NONE
LEAF RIVER WATER FUND - BALANCE ON HAND APRIL 30, 2022	\$ 14,578.89

LEAF RIVER WATER FUND - CD	
Balance on Hand May 1, 2021	\$63,014.42
RECEIPTS	AMOUNT
Interest	\$ <u>1,010.91</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 1,010.91
DISBURSEMENTS	
Solutions Bank Loan Pay Off	\$ 25,760.95
Transfer to Money Market	<u>38,264.38</u>
	\$ 64,025.33
LEAF RIVER WATER FUND - CD - BALANCE ON HAND APRIL 30, 2022	-0-

Leaf River Water Fund - MM	
Balance on Hand June 20, 2021	\$ 38,264.38
RECEIPTS	
Interest	\$ <u>42.18</u>
	\$ 42.18
Leaf River Water Fund - MM- Balance on Hand April 30, 2022	\$ 38,306.56

SEWER SUR CHARGE ACCOUNT	
Balance on Hand May 1, 2021	\$ 11,296.12
RECEIPTS	AMOUNT
Transfers	\$ 18,528.74
Interest	<u>8.66</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 18,537.40
DISBURSEMENTS	
Transfers	<u>13,752.40</u>
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 13,752.40
SEWER SUR CHARGE ACCOUNT - BALANCE ON HAND APRIL 30, 2022	\$ 16,081.12

PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice is hereby given by the Executive Board of the Ogle County Educational Cooperative, SEJA/801, Joint Agreement, in the County of Ogle, State of Illinois, that the tentative budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, is on file and conveniently available to public inspection at 417 N. Colfax Street, Byron, Illinois, within the boundaries of this Joint Agreement. Notice is further given that a public hearing on said budget will be held at 6:00 p.m. on August 18, 2022 at the Ogle County Educational Cooperative office building located at the above address, within the boundaries of this Joint Agreement. By the Executive Board of the Ogle County Educational Cooperative, District SEJA/801, in the County of Ogle, State of Illinois.
No. 0720 (July 25, 27, 27)

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF BYRON COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 226, OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF HEARING TESTIMONY ON THE DISTRICT'S PROPOSED APPLICATION FOR WAIVER OF SECTION 10-20.12A OF THE SCHOOL CODE, WHICH ALLOWS NON-RESIDENT DISTRICT EMPLOYEES THE OPPORTUNITY TO ENROLL THEIR CHILDREN IN THE BYRON SCHOOL DISTRICT
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Education of Byron Community Unit School District No. 226, Ogle County, Illinois, will hold a public hearing on Thursday, July 28, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. The hearing will be held in the Board of Education Meeting Room in Byron High School, located at 696 N. Colfax Street, Byron, Illinois. The purpose of the hearing will be to provide information and receive public comment on the district's proposed application for waiver of Section 10-20.12a of the School Code, which allows non-resident district employees the opportunity to enroll their children in the school district. By order of the President of the Board of Education of Byron Community Unit School District No. 226, Ogle County, Illinois. DATED this 14th day of July, 2022.
Christine Lynde
Board of Education President
Board of Education of Byron Community Unit School District No. 226, Ogle County, Illinois No. 0728 (July 25)

PUBLIC NOTICE
LEGAL NOTICE
The Village of Stillman Valley will hold a Public Hearing before the Planning and Zoning Commission on Thursday, August 11, 2022 at 6:00 pm at the Stillman Valley Village Hall located at 120 N Walnut Street, Stillman Valley, IL. The purpose of the public hearing is to hear the proposed request for Map Amendment and for text amendment to the Zoning Ordinance. That the said requests are as follows:
A proposed revision to Title 5B, "Zoning Regulations" to add a new Chapter 6 for Agricultural Districts; amend Section 5B-1-3, "Definitions", to add new definitions; amend Section 5B-1-7, "Accessory uses"; amend Section 5B-2-1, "Zoning Districts; Map",

to add Agricultural zoning district; amend Section 5B-2-4, "Annexed Land" to make all annexed territory Single family residential (R-1) upon annexation; amend Sign regulations to add regulations for property zoned Agricultural; and amend Off-street parking and loading requirements to add requirements for uses permitted in districts zoned for Agriculture, of the Stillman Valley Village Code. The Village is proposing a change to Title 5B to add Ag as a zoning district classification". Said section requires all proposed revisions to the zoning regulations must be reviewed by the Planning & Zoning Commission prior to coming before the Village Board. Dated this 18th day of July, 2022
Submitted by Yvonne Dewey, Village Clerk
Village of Stillman Valley
No. 0729 (July 25)

PUBLIC NOTICE
Public notice is hereby given that the Village of Stillman Valley, Ogle County, Illinois (the "Village") proposes to convey and dispose of certain real property owned by the Village for purposes of the construction and development of a Dollar General project and related improvements thereon. The real property proposed to be conveyed consists of approximately 1.19 acres and is known as Lot 2 of the Resubdivision of Lot 72 of Homestead Subdivision, Stillman Valley, Illinois (the "Property"). The Property is located in the redevelopment project area of the tax increment financing district known as the IL-72 and Stillman Road Redevelopment Project Area. The conveyance of the Property shall be made pursuant to the terms of a Real Estate Sale Contract approved by the Village Board. The form Real Estate Sale Contract is available for review at Village Hall. All interested parties are i-vited to make alternate proposals and bids for the purchase and development of said Property. Such proposals must be submitted in writing to the Village Clerk on or before the 8 day of August, 2022, at 3 :00 p.m. Said alternative bids or proposals shall be addressed to: Village President and Village Board
Village of Stillman Valley
c/o Village Clerk
120 N. Walnut Street
Stillman Valley, Illinois 61084 and shall bear the legend "PROPOSAL - ACQUISITION AND DEVELOPMENT OF REAL PROPERTY" and the name and address of the bidder. All bids and alternate proposals received will be publicly read aloud at the regular meeting of the Village Board of the Village at 7:00 p.m. on August 8, 2022, at Village Hall. This notice is published pursuant to the requirements of the Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act of the State of Illinois, as supplemented and amended.
July 19, 2022
Village Clerk
Village of Stillman Valley
No. 0731 (July 25)



MARKETPLACE

101 LEGAL NOTICE

SCOTT TOWNSHIP
Annual Treasurer's Report
For The Fiscal Period April 1, 2021, Through March 31, 2022

SUPERVISORS FUND – REVENUE SUMMARY
Property Taxes – \$84,993.04, Personal Property Replacement Tax – \$17,518.45
Interest – \$1,446.15, Miscellaneous Income – \$883.13, TOIRMA Dividend – \$596.00.
TOTAL REVENUES – \$105,436.77

SUPERVISORS FUND – COMPENSATION SUMMARY
Range: Under \$25,000.00 – Mike Adams, Douglas Glendenning, Jodi Glendenning, Tamara Glendenning, Terry Glendenning, Todd Hall, Terry Hardy, Patrick Hickey, Roger Hickey, Robert Horn, Scott Miller, Claudia Pihl, Charles Tague. Range: \$25,000.00 to \$49,999.99 – Kevin Sullivan.
TOTAL COMPENSATION – \$56,422.73

SUPERVISORS FUND – EXPENDITURE SUMMARY
Big Mound Cemetery \$5,000.00, Illinois Department of Revenue \$4,191.87, IMRF – \$5,191.40, IRS \$15,415.70, TOIRMA – \$4,476.00. All other disbursements less than (\$2,500.00) – \$9,889.97.
TOTAL VENDORS – \$44,164.94

GENERAL ASSISTANCE – REVENUE SUMMARY
Property Taxes – \$506.32, Interest – \$25.02. TOTAL REVENUE – \$531.34

GENERAL ASSISTANCE – EXPENDITURE SUMMARY
TOTAL VENDORS – \$0

ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND – REVENUE SUMMARY
Property Taxes – \$76,617.13, Personal Property Tax Replacement – \$23,067.06, Interest – \$994.58, Miscellaneous Income – \$64.87, TOIRMA Dividend – \$529.00.
TOTAL REVENUES – \$101,272.64

ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND – COMPENSATION SUMMARY
Range: Under \$25,000.00: Dan Bond, Tyler Duschen, Tobias Inman, Cody Mercer, Dario Nanni, Kevin Smith. TOTAL COMPENSATION – \$4,489.37

ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND – EXPENDITURE SUMMARY
Altiorfer – \$7,081.36, Blake Oil Company – \$4,771.02, Bonnell Industries, Inc. – \$27,835.04, Card Service Center – \$3,821.63, NITE – \$10,320.00, Ogle County Highway Department – \$4,926.59, Thompson Gas – \$3,449.17, TOIRMA – \$3,894.00, West Side Tractor – \$3,248.84.
All other disbursements less than (\$2,500.00) – \$11,953.34. TOTAL VENDORS – \$85,790.36

BUILDING & EQUIPMENT FUND – REVENUE SUMMARY
Property Taxes – \$19,327.73, Interest – \$59.75, Equipment Sales – \$13,500.00.
TOTAL REVENUE – \$32,887.48

BUILDING & EQUIPMENT FUND – EXPENDITURE SUMMARY
Ideal Metal Fab. Inc., – \$9,455.50. All other disbursements less than \$2,500.00 – \$0.00. TOTAL VENDORS – \$9,455.50

CBHB FUND – REVENUE SUMMARY
Property Taxes – \$33,754.30, Interest Income – \$1,184.51.
TOTAL REVENUE – \$34,938.81

CBHB FUND – EXPENDITURE SUMMARY – TOTAL VENDORS – \$920.00

PERMANENT ROAD FUND – REVENUE SUMMARY
Property Taxes – \$112,739.29, Interest Income – \$1,684.41.
TOTAL REVENUES – \$116,815.82

PERMANENT ROAD FUND – EXPENDITURE SUMMARY
Crimson Valley Landscape – \$3,924.00, Powell Excavating, Inc. – \$22,531.79, Silcalco, Ltd. – \$8423.38, Wagner Aggregate, Inc. – \$10,795.87, Wm. Charles Construction – \$35,000.00. All other disbursements less than \$2,500.00 – \$1,200.00.
TOTAL VENDORS – \$81,875.04

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF CONDITION
SCOTT TOWNSHIP
April 1, 2021 Through March 31, 2022

	Supervisors Fund	General Assistance Fund	Road and Bridge Fund	Building & Equipment Fund	Permanent Road Fund	CBHB Fund
Beginning Balance	\$321,765.35	\$12,387.15	\$188,491.19	\$7,826.26	\$369,081.41	\$251,273.67
Total Revenues	105,436.77	531.34	101,272.64	40,713.74	116,815.82	34,938.81
Less Disbursements	100,587.67	-	85,790.36	9,455.50	81,875.04	920.00
Ending Fund Balance	\$326,614.45	\$12,918.49	\$203,973.47	\$31,258.24	\$404,022.19	\$285,292.48

Subscribed and sworn to this 20th day of May 2022.

Robert L. Horn, Treasurer

I, Tamara Glendenning, Clerk of Scott Township, Ogle County, Illinois, do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the Annual Treasurer's Report for the Fiscal Year ending March 31, 2022.

Tamara Glendenning, Clerk

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The Citizens State Bank Land Trust, Et Al real estate is located between Freeport and Rockford, IL. Tract 1 is located at the northeast edge of Rock City, IL, in Section 21, T28N-R9E, Rock Run Township, Stephenson County, IL, contains 121.9 taxable acres and is nearly all-tillable farmland with highly productive soils. Tracts 2 - 6 are located approximately 4 miles southwest of Pecatonica, IL, in Section 1, T26N-R9E, Ridott Township, Stephenson County, IL and Section 6, T26N-R10E, Seward Township, Winnebago County, IL. These tracts contain a total of 182.34 acres (subject to survey), and are nearly all tillable with mostly Class A soils.

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Citizens State Bank Land Trust, Et Al.

Representing Attorney: David D. Shockey, Esq.
Shockey & Cox, LLC
208 W Stephenson St., Suite 101, Freeport, IL 61032 | Phone (815) 235-2507


Auction Manager: Kevin Haas (309) 264-7767

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101 LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice is hereby given by the Forrestville Valley School District #221, in the Counties of Ogle and Stephenson, State of Illinois, that the tentative budget for the 2022 - 2023 school year will be on file and conveniently available for public inspection by contacting the Forrestville Valley District Office at (815) 938-2036 from 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. each weekday the office is open from July 28, 2022 until September 21, 2022. Notice is further hereby given that a public hearing on said budget will be held at 6:30 p.m. on September 21, 2022 at Forreston Junior/Senior High School. No. 0733 (July 25)

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EQUIPMENT AUCTION

BIDDING CLOSURES: THURS., AUGUST 4, 2022 STARTING AT 10:00 AM^{CDT}

Physical Address: 32169 E 835 N, Chatsworth, IL 60921



HIGHLIGHTS: Cat D6M dozer, 7,313 hrs., SN 4JN01465; Hyundai Robex 160LC-7 excavator, 2,390 hrs., SN N05110547; 2007 Bobcat 331 mini-excavator, 2,544 hrs., SN 2343173; Cat 4' pull-type sheepsfoot roller; 2011 Kaufman R30 39' step-deck flatbed trailer, VIN 5VGFR3928BL000143; 2000 Dynaweld 53' step-deck flatbed trailer, VIN 4U181DJR0Y1040037; 1991 Trail-King TK20 24' deck-over flatbed trailer, VIN 1TKC02429MM108015; 1971 JD 4320 2wd tractor, 9,660 hrs., SN 012831R - new starter; JD 7000 6 row 30" planter, SN 049480; Behnke 1,000 gal. tender trailer; New Holland 311 small square baler, SN 660401; International 1190 9' mower conditioner, SN 107155; New Idea 1 row pull-type corn picker; Vulcan OmniPro 220 multi-process welder; Bridgeport vertical milling machine; Industrial surface grinder on workbench; Crown B-67 electric pallet jack; Energair upright air compressor; Merritt aluminum headache rack for semi

J&J MACHINES
EQUIPMENT QUESTIONS: JED DILLER (815) 674-0121
Auction Manager: Luke Sullivan (309) 371-5214

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RETIREMENT AUCTION

BIDDING CLOSURES: MONDAY, AUGUST 08, 2022 STARTING AT 11:00 AM^{CDT}

Physical Address: 2237 Sublette Road, Sublette, IL 61367



HIGHLIGHTS: '10 JD 8225R 2wd tractor, 1,443 hrs.; '10 JD 8225R 2wd tractor, 1,700 hrs.; '09 JD 7130 Premium MFWD tractor, 1,667 hrs.; '92 JD 8560 4wd tractor, 3,195 hrs.; '11 JD 9570 STS 2wd combine, 1,262 eng./966 sep. hrs.; '09 JD 608C 8 row 30" corn head; '11 JD 625F 25' HydraFlex platform; Unverferth HT25 25' head cart; '13 JD 1770NT CCS 16 row 30" planter, 6,559 acres; JD 7100 2 row 30" 3-pt. planter; Clarke Easi load 2-box seed tender; '05 JD 2210 26' field cultivator; McFarlane HDL26-8 26' 8-bar harrow; International 720 5-bottom plow; JD 400 30' rotary hoe; J&M 875 grain cart; (3) Brent 444 gravity wagons; Parker 150 bu. gravity wagon; Mayrath 10"x62' swing away auger; Mayrath 10"x35' truck auger; (1) 25,000 bu. grain bin; (4) 14,000 bu. grain bins; (1) 9,000 bu. grain bin; 115' grain leg; '91 Chevrolet Kodiak 2wd sprayer truck, 176,516 mi.; Mitsubishi FG30N-LP forklift, 1,953 hrs.; '90 Hooper 24' flatbed trailer; '12 JD GS3 2630 display, 1,516 hrs.; '14 JD StarFire 3000 receiver; JD ATU 200 universal steering wheel; Oliver Super 66 tractor; Oliver 66 tractor; JD 54 manure spreader; International 430 small square baler; New Idea 402 5-bar hay rake; Donahue style implement trailer; JD AC-3000EH hot water pressure washer; Frontier AP12D 48" pallet forks; Shop Built metal ramp; 3,800 gal. metal tank; 2,000 gal. metal tank; 5L-16.1 tire & wheel; Grain bin jack; (16) JD no-till coulters; 3-pt. head mover

GREG & MARY MALACH
EQUIPMENT QUESTIONS: GREG (815) 716-3766
Auction Manager: Matt Sullivan (309) 221-7001

SULLIVAN AUCTIONEERS, LLC **TIMED ONLINE NO-RESERVE**

EQUIPMENT AUCTION

BIDDING CLOSURES: TUES., AUGUST 16, 2022 STARTING AT 10:00 AM^{CDT}

Physical Address: 2423 N 44th Rd., Leland IL 60531



HIGHLIGHTS: '89 Case-IH 9150 4wd tractor, approx. 6,500 hrs.; '84 International 5488 MFWD tractor, 6,026 hrs.; '04 Case-IH 2366 2wd combine, 3,390 eng./2,236 sep. hrs.; Case-IH 1020 25' platform; Case-IH 1063 6 row 30" corn head; International 3444 2wd backhoe, showing 1,340 hrs.; Cat 955 crawler loader; Cat 17 road grader; Krause 3100 27' soil finisher; Case E30 26' disk; Glencoe 11-shank disk chisel; McFarlane 27' 8-bar harrow; Pepin FX9 26' 9-bar harrow; International 720 5-bottom plow; LBI 5-shank 3-pt. V-ripper; International 133 12 row 30" cultivator; Kewanee 470 30' rotary hoe; Case-IH 5200 15' 3-pt. grain drill; Woods BW180 15' batwing mower; JD 307 6' 3-pt. rotary cutter; Ford 930 6' 3-pt. grooming mower; Rhino LR38 8' 3-pt. landscape rake; 6' 3-pt. blade; Ford 903 3-pt. post hole digger; JD N manure spreader; Brent 820 grain cart; M&W 37552 gravity wagon; (2) M&W 300S gravity wagons; M&W 300B gravity wagon; Bradford 335 gravity wagon; (3) Feterl 10"x34' augers; Feterl 8"x60' auger; Feterl 10"x66' auger; City Welding 29' aluminum dump trailer; 45' equipment trailer; EZ-Steer steering system w/ FM-750 display & Trimble AFS receiver; (2) 20.8R42 tires w/ wheels; (2) 20.8R42 tires w/ 10-bolt wheels; (4) 445/55R22.5 tires; 3-pt. head mover; Cat III quick hitch; Shop built log splitter

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