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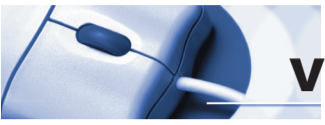


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LaHood easily wins County

Bailey also has strong local showing for Republicans; incumbent Bowers loses bid to stay on County Board

By Brad Jennings
Editor

Republican Darin LaHood had a strong showing in Ogle County in the June 28 primary election, taking nearly 53 percent of the vote on his way to securing the nomination as 16th Congressional District representative.

There is currently no Democrat running. LaHood is seeking to replace U.S. Rep. Adam Kinzinger in the newly re-drawn district. Kinzinger is retiring.

"Thank you to the Republican voters in the 16th Congressional District for delivering us a resounding victory in the primary election," LaHood said in a statement. "It's clear that 16th

District voters want a strong conservative voice and local advocate in Congress who will defend our Midwestern values. I look forward to the work ahead to earn the trust of 16th District voters in the general election this November."

Gubernatorial candidate, Republican Darren Bailey, also carried the county with more than 64 percent of the vote. He will face incumbent Democratic Gov. J.B. Pritzker in November after beating a crowded Republican field vying for the governor's office.

Locally, Tiffany O'Brien, who took over as Ogle County Treasurer/Collector on June 30 after Linda Beck resigned, garnered 5,817 votes running unopposed.



A man prepares to vote in Stillman Valley on Tuesday, June 28. (Brad Jennings photo)

No Democrats are seeking the office.

On the County Board, Dorothy Bowers lost her seat in the 6th District.

More than 81 percent of those

casting ballots in the county were registered as Republicans. Voter turnout overall was nearly 26 percent. For complete Ogle County election results, please go to www.oglecounty.org.

Local dog wins Best of Breed at Westminster

Jess Pearson, a Stillman Valley resident, and Boston Terrier Stetson, formally known as GCHS Jessper's Wild Horses, recently traveled to Lyndhurst Mansion in Tarrytown, N.Y. to compete in the prestigious Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show.

Competing against many top dogs, Stetson was selected for Best of Breed and advanced to the evening group competition where he competed against many other breeds.

The Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show is often referred to as the "Super Bowl of dog shows," where the nation's top dogs compete over three days in one location and the second longest run sporting event.

For more information or to view the show, visit www.westminsterkenelclub.org.



Art in the Park



The Oregon Park District Art in the Park featured fireworks art with shaving cream, watercolors and Q-Tips. This fun summer activity is sponsored by E.D. Etnyre & Co. each week at The Reading Nook. Art in the Park is held on Tuesdays from 10-11 a.m. To register for the next art project of Sand Painting visit www.oregonpark.org or call 815-732-3101. Registration deadline is July 8.



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LOCAL NEWS

Forreston's Johnson earns scholarship

FORRESTON – Town and Country Mutual Insurance Company of Pecatonica announces that one of two \$1,000 Scholarships was awarded to Forreston High School graduate Natalie Johnson, daughter of Steve and Gretchen Johnson of Forreston.

Natalie was selected from many great high school seniors who applied for this annual Scholarship Program.

Natalie has been involved in community service, youth organization involvement, and many academic achievements throughout her youth and high school years. Natalie has been in the 4-H program for 10 years including becoming the secretary of her club, holding the position of reporter, exhibited many times at the Ogle County Fair through horses, rabbits, poultry, cake decorating, gardening and veterinary science.

She also has exhibited at the Illinois State Fair level, along with organizing canned food drives, delivering cookie trays to local businesses during the holidays, and playing Bingo with residents at the

Stephenson County Nursing Home. From participating in 4-H Bowl and Hippology, she placed 6th at the IL State 4-H Hippology contest, earning herself a spot on the Illinois State 4-H Hippology contest, where she competed in the All American Quarter Horse Congress Hippology contest in Ohio, taking 5th place, to competing in the Eastern National 4-H Round in Louisville, Ky., where they were named the Reserve National Champions out of 15 other state teams from the nation.

Natalie has been a 4-year member of the FFA Club at Forreston High School where she participated and placed in contests related to Horticulture and Veterinary Science.

In her spare time, she was a member and captain of the Scholastic Bowl team, and was proud to be part of Community Service programs which included the FHN Mobile Food Pantry, helping with V.O.I.C.E.S. in Freeport.

More importantly, while attending Forreston High School, Natalie enrolled in the College Now Program at



Highland Community College where she obtained High Honors, was the Vice President of the Phi Theta Kappa Honors Society. Aside from being a full-time student, Natalie worked as a Math Tutor.

In May, Natalie received her Associates Degree from Highland Community College, as well as her High School Diploma from Forreston High School. Her success as a student and mentor has allowed her to further her ambitions this fall at the University of Wisconsin Platteville where she plans on completing her Bachelor's Degree in Biology and to continue her quest and dream of becoming an Equine Veterinarian.

Stillman Bank Awards Eickman Scholarship

Stillman Trust & Wealth Management is pleased to announce the winners of the Eickman Scholarship, an annual scholarship awarded to four area high school seniors who are interested in pursuing a career in medicine.

The 2022 recipients are: Riley Jarrett, Byron High School; Megan Thompson, Oregon High School; Ella McKinney, Rochelle Township High School; and Grace Pfeiffer, Stillman Valley High School. Each student received a \$2,300 scholarship.

Now in its 27th year, the scholarship fund was established by former Stillman Bank President, William E. Eickman as a way to give back to the Ogle County community. Eickman was always grateful to the people of Ogle County for their support, recognizing that they were the reason for the bank's success since 1882.

The scholarship is available to high school seniors attending school in Byron, Oregon, Rochelle, and Stillman Valley. The fund is designed to award a scholarship, not less than \$1,500, to one recipient from each of these four communities. Each year, committees review all of

the applications that are submitted, and from this process, finalists from each school are selected for personal interviews with the review committees.

"Stillman Bank is honored to present these scholarships on behalf of the William E. Eickman Scholarship Trust. This trust was set up to invest in promising students in our communities," said Joseph McCoy, Stillman Bank Trust Officer. "We know these four recipients will go on to do great things."

Any high school senior at Byron, Oregon, Rochelle, or Stillman Valley High Schools who are interested in applying for the Eickman Scholarship is encouraged to inquire with their guidance counselor. Application forms are available from each school's respective counseling office and must be submitted by the assigned deadline. A copy of the student's high school transcript and proof of acceptance at an accredited college or university must be attached to the application.

For more information about Stillman Bank, please visit www.stillmanbank.com.

Blood drive set for United Church of Byron on July 14

BYRON – Rock River Valley Blood Center will hold a Blood Drive at United Church of Byron, 701 W. 2nd St., Byron on July 14, from 12:30-6:30 pm.

Reservations would be helpful. To schedule an appointment, visit rrvbc.org or call 815-965-8751 or call the church office at 815-234-8777.

We are located on the corner of 2nd Street and Colfax, next door to Generations at Neighbors.

The church is handicapped accessible.



Happy Birthday!

Spencer Price of Oregon will celebrate his 85th birthday on July 10. His family would like to wish him a special **Happy Birthday!** His daughter, Renee, of Oregon. His three grandchildren: Ryan (Sara) Detig of Indianapolis; Adam (Ally) Detig of Indianapolis; and Ashley (Jon) Poelhuis of The Netherlands. Also his great grandchildren: Charlotte, Samatha, and Jack.

Birthday wishes can be hand delivered or mailed to 2927 South Ridge Road, Oregon IL 61061

Deadline for all items is 3 p.m. Wednesday. Send photos in a jpeg format.



Riley Jarrett



Ella McKinney



Grace Pfeiffer



Megan Thompson

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LOCAL NEWS

Fire departments get life-saving equipment

The Ogle County Farm Bureau Young Leaders through financial support from COUNTRY Financial recently donated grain bin rescue augers to three area fire departments serving Ogle and Lee counties.

Augers were purchased by COUNTRY Financial and distributed to the Byron, Rochelle and Rural Dixon Fire Departments.

The augers are used in conjunction with grain bin rescue tubes in extracting individuals trapped in collapsed grain inside of grain bins. The rescue augers allow first responders to extricate grain more rapidly saving vital minutes in life saving situations.

“This effort is one that COUNTRY Financial has dedicated itself to over decades providing necessary equipment to local communities to assist them in emergency response situations. As someone who lost a family member in a grain bin accident I’m glad to see that this donation may save other families from that tragedy,” said COUNTRY Financial’s Phil Hasz. “We’re proud to be a part of this effort to support and serve the communities that we serve.”

The three fire districts were chosen

as they were to only ones serving Ogle County that did not currently have a rescue auger on-site.

“This was an activity our entire committee was committed to, to assist our first responders in saving lives on the farm,” said Ryan Reeverts, Ogle County Farm Bureau Young Leaders Chairman. “Each year we tragically lose farmers to grain bin entrapment accidents and hopefully by having this equipment available our local fire districts can prevent fatalities from occurring.”

COUNTRY Financial is a group of US insurance and financial services companies with customers in 19 states. The group of companies offers a range of insurance and financial products and services, including auto, home, life, farm, commercial insurance, retirement planning, investment management and trust services, with offices in communities across Illinois.

The COUNTRY Financial group is ranked annually in the Fortune 1000 list.

The Ogle County Farm Bureau Young Leaders are a Farm Bureau members between the ages of 18-34 with an invested interest in agriculture and community service.



COUNTRY Financial in cooperation with the Ogle County Farm Bureau recently donated grain bin rescue augers to the Byron, Rochelle and Rural Dixon Fire Protection Districts. Pictured in the back row from left: Josh Williams COUNTRY Financial Rochelle, Phil Hasz COUNTRY Financial Agency Manager, Chief Phil DeMik Byron Fire District, Chief Rob Hough Mt. Morris Fire Department; Nathan Dahlstrom Rural Dixon Fire Department. In the front row from the left: Josh Messenger COUNTRY Financial Rochelle, Kerry Wickler COUNTRY Financial Byron, Bill Dean and Larry Farley COUNTRY Financial Dixon, Ryan Reeverts and Josh Bolen Ogle County Farm Bureau Young Leaders committee.



Farmer's Market

Pam Rediger, Rockford, recycles glass plates to make beautiful Glass Yard Art. Stop by Byron Hairy Cow Farmer's Market on Saturday mornings from 8 a.m. to noon next to the Hairy Cow Brewery. For information contact Diane Pearse at 815-914-7384, dianepearse69@yahoo.com or through the Byron Hairy Cow Farmer's Market Facebook page.

Serenity offering grief support groups

OREGON – Serenity Hospice and Home will facilitate two free, 6-week grief support groups open to the public starting the week of Aug. 15.

Participants can choose from two group options: one will be held on Mondays from 10-11:30 a.m. and the other will be on Wednesday evenings

(time TBD).

Based on the book “Understanding Your Grief: Ten Essential Touchstones for Finding Hope and Healing Your Heart” by Dr. Alan Wolfelt, these groups are designed to help individuals along their grief journeys by connecting them with a supportive community

and providing helpful resources.

The groups will be facilitated at Serenity Hospice and Home, 1658 South IL Route 2, Oregon. Individuals who would like to attend should register by calling Denise Watts or Cathy Warren of the Serenity Bereavement Team at 815-732-2499.

Church welcomes new pastor with picnic

STILLMAN VALLEY – Kishwaukee Community Church is celebrating its new pastor, Nick Garner, and his family at a picnic on the church grounds on July 16 from 4-8 p.m.

Everyone is invited for a cookout, music, games, campfire, and a hayride. It's sure to be a great time for getting together, meeting new friends, and

welcoming the Garner family. Pastor Garner's first worship will be July at 10 p.m., with discipleship hour beginning at 9 a.m.

For questions, call the church office at 815-965-1940 or email at www.kishchurch.org.

Kishwaukee Church is located at 8195 Kishwaukee Road, Stillman Valley.



SHiNDiG returns to Jamboree

MOUNTMORRIS – The Mt. Morris Jamboree is pleased to welcome back 60's tribute band, SHiNDiG! for their performance at our band shell on July 8, starting at 7 p.m.

SHiNDiG! presents a tribute to the 60's and always delivers a trip back to the greatest and most diverse decade of Rock and Roll music. Covering over 90 different bands from that period of time where music told the story of an entire generation – early 60's, British Invasion, Psychedelic, pop, girl groups, Woodstock are all part of the show. Everyone fortunate to see their performances here in years past will readily attest to the excitement

this band brings to the stage.

Blaz'in Magic BBQ will be serving rib tips, pulled pork, bbq and jerk turkey, polish and burgers as well as fries, slaw and baked beans 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 Rock & Roll concert.

In the event of rain, the whole show moves to the Pincrest Grove Community Center, located at 500 Evergreen Ln., seven blocks south of Rt. 64 on McKendrie St. at the same times.

Don Untz

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“Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us everyday.

Unseen, unheard, but always near. Still loved, still missed so very dear.”

Happy Birthday — In Heaven Don

~ Love, Loraine ~

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During the loss of our husband and father, Strauda (Stu) Wyatt, we deeply appreciate all the gifts, whether a card, monetary, food, flowers or a visit, call or text. We sincerely thank you for reaching out to us in our time of grief.

Carole Wyatt, Marilyn Meier, Steve Wyatt, Ron Wyatt, Doug (Kimberly) Martin & Lorraine (Tom) Ferris

Thank you everyone for your kind words, prayers, cards, food, flowers, visits, memorial gifts & other acts of kindness shown to us following the loss of our daughter & sister Rebecca “Becky” DeGraf. Your kindness meant so much & will not be forgotten.

Larry & Janice Kereven
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Aaron, Keri & Miles Mudge

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We are excited to welcome Pastor Nicholas (Nick) Garner as Kishwaukee Community Church's new pastor

Pastor Nick and his family come to us from Amarillo, Texas. Their family enjoys outdoor activities, sports, and horseback riding. They are looking forward to becoming part of the community.

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LOCAL NEWS

Obituaries

Tom Johnson



BYRON—Tom “Tucker” Stuart Johnson, 55, beloved husband, adored father of three, son, sibling and friend to all passed away on Monday, June 20, 2022 at Serenity Hospice and Home due to complications from an unexpected stroke. Born on Feb. 23, 1967 in Rockford – where Tucker also spent most of his life. While living in Rockford, he was introduced to TeriJo in a bar one night by mutual friends, but (as she always tells it) she said, “it was nice to meet you, but I’m going to head back to school to hang out with my friends.” As fate would have it, Tucker and TeriJo crossed paths some weeks later on Oct. 15, 1999 and were never apart since that day. Immediately falling in love and marrying on Oct. 19, 2002, they then went on to have three children under 3 years and none of them are twins! After moving to Byron in 2010, Tucker felt he was truly living his best life. Tucker spent over 20 years of his career at Ringland-Johnson, Inc. He worked in nearly every facet of the business and most recently served as Vice President of Operations. He was extremely generous with his time and put his entire heart into his career. As a fourth-generation carpenter and a 25-year member of the Carpenters Local Union 792, his passion flowed both professionally, and

his socks were organized and numbered! His captivating smile and chuckle were contagious and will be sorely missed. Tucker with a “T” was universally loved and made every person feel uplifted and appreciated after they spent time with him. He loved with his entire heart, and never made anyone question it.

personally, as he worked on many projects around the house, or with friends in need of his ingenuity.

Aside from work, Tucker had a deep appreciation for the outdoors, enjoying all four seasons of the year. He thoroughly enjoyed spending time on Lauderdale Lakes in Elkhorn, Wis., boating and participating in numerous water sports. He loved snowmobiling and would take any opportunity to go. He had a passion for music, and it seemed like there was never a song or artist he didn’t know (just ask “Alexa”). He deeply loved TeriJo and took every opportunity to tell and show her. In fact, one birthday he gave her 5 roses to express his love. He cherished his “princess” Anika, his “cat” Max, his “peanut” Hadyn, and the family dog, COOPER! His friendships were priceless and something everyone longs for in life. He had a great sense of humor, and was the king of one-liners and “dad jokes.” He repeatedly left people wondering if he was serious or not. Throughout his life, he would often be described as a perfectionist - even

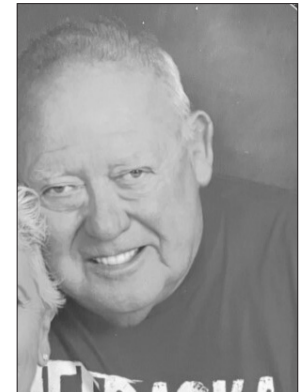
Survived by his wife of almost 20 years, TeriJo Johnson; children, Anika, Maximus, and Hadyn; mother, Jeannine Johnson; sister, Coleen Masterson; half-brothers, Mike Johnson and Greg Johnson; parents-in-law, Linda and Ron Buttell; siblings-in-law, Keri Ranken and John Ranken; nephews, Josh McKenzie, Mitchell Masterson, Matthew Masterson and Tate Ranken; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his father, Tom “TJ” Johnson; father-in-law, Ted Ranken; and both maternal and paternal grandparents.

In lieu of flowers, to both honor him, and support his family in this time of need due to his sudden absence, his Ringland-Johnson family and friends have established a GoFundMe account at the following link: <https://gofund.me/d8036aac>

Stateline Cremations is assisting the family, 712 Windsor Road, Loves Park, Illinois 61111. statelinecremations.com

Howard L. Nelson



Howard L. Nelson, 82 of Percival, Iowa, passed away on Friday, June 24, in his home. Howard was born in Newman Grove to Harold and Elva Nelson on Oct. 1, 1939.

Lifelong farmer in Nebraska, Illinois and Iowa. He also raised livestock and later in life, property management with MNW Investments. He enjoyed driving his most precious cargo, as bus driver for Fremont Mills School District with his many students over the last 20 years.

Howard was supported by his loving wife, Diana Nelson, and children Vicky Turner (Craig Pence), Diana Stienmetz, Tonya Brown and Sonny Coffman.

Nelson’s memory, we are holding a celebration of his life on July 13, 2022. We invite anyone who knew Howard to attend and remember his remarkable life. The celebration of life will take place at Thurman Methodist Church from 5-7 pm (414 Harris St, Thurman, Iowa 51654). Sharing of memories at 6 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the family.

Howard was also supported by his grandchildren, Kris Turner, Lindsey Turner, Natasha (Schissel) Delarosa, Brett Schissel, Derek Stienmetz and Stephanie (Stienmetz) Casper. He was predeceased by his son Erik Nelson and sister Carolyn Nelson Tamte.

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Viola M. Nighswonger



BYRON – Viola M. Nighswonger, age 95, went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, June 22, 2022. She was born Aug. 31st, 1926 at the family farm in Forreton, the daughter of Edward and Henrietta (Ruter) Johnson.

She graduated from Forreton High School in 1944. After graduation, she worked at both MicroSwitch and Kable News in Mt. Morris. Viola married Harold E. “Bud” Nighswonger on Aug. 28, 1948 in Forreton. Harold preceded her in death on March 24, 2003. Viola was a mother and homemaker, and she enjoyed being a 4-H leader, Girl Scout Leader, and volunteer at the Byron Forest Preserve. She also worked in Byron at the Sno-White Bakery, Ben Franklin Dime Store, Murphy’s Restaurant in the Cacciatore’s Grocery

enjoyed spending time with family and attending family events.

Viola was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Bud, her brother Leo Johnson, and her son-in-law Steve Storz.

She is survived by her two daughters Sheila (Harvey) Bolen of German Valley, and Cindy Storz of Oregon; one grandson Joshua (Stacey) Bolen of German Valley; two great-grandchildren Amos and Anstina Bolen; and one sister-in-law Vera Johnson of Forreton.

Store, and caring for the landscape at Byron Bank.

Viola enjoyed being outdoors and caring for her yard, which led to her working for her son-in-law on the grounds crew at Rockford Country Club, Prairie View Golf Course, and his landscape business Just Turf. She was a former active member of the Forreton Grove Church where she was a Sunday School teacher, and she most recently attended Grace Fellowship Church in Freeport. Viola especially

Private family burial will take place at Chapel Hill Memorial Park in Freeport. A celebration of Viola’s life will be from 3-6 p.m. on Sunday, July 17th, 2022 at the Byron Museum, 110 N. Union St., Byron, IL 61010. In lieu of flowers, a donation may be made in Viola’s name to the charity of your choice.

Barbara Jean Reed



STILLMAN VALLEY—Barbara Jean Reed, age 83, of Rockford and formerly of Stillman Valley passes away at River Bluff Nursing Home on June 24, 2022. Barbara was born on Oct. 22, 1938 in Escanaba, Mich., to Gordon and Anna Sarsin. She married Kenneth Reed on June 19, 1965, in Rockford; he preceded her in death on Feb. 22, 2009. She enjoyed many things in life, especially when doing it with family. In her earlier years

her sister Kay (Frannie) Sundquist of Escanaba, Mich., her children Kim Houston of Durand, David (Kammi) Reed of Rockford, and her grandchild Korena (Todd) Campbell of Nashville, Tenn.

she enjoyed going camping and boating. While in her later years she would spend her time going shopping or out to eat. Barbara adored her cats and loved to be with them.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, sister Sussy, infant twin sisters Ruth and Anne, Brothers Sonny and Butch, and grandson Zachary.

To leave an online condolence please visit www.farrellhollandgale.com

Barbara is survived by

Gary Lee Silbaugh



BYRON – Gary Lee Silbaugh, age 74, passed away on June 15, 2022 at his home in Bryon. Son of Dale and Helen (Wilkins) Silbaugh, born on Feb. 14, 1948 in Jefferson, Iowa.

Drafted to the Army for Vietnam at a young age of 20, later became a Pipefitter with Local 166 for 8 years then Local 23 for 34 years. Married to Joan Silbaugh who

dancing, camping and playing cards.

Surviving is his loving partner of 22 years, Rose Reedy; 2 sisters, Betty Wiederien and Shirley Clifton; 2 brothers, Harry (Janet) Silbaugh and Ron (Dee) Silbaugh; 1 Daughter Tina Nelson (Matt); 2 sons Thomas Laktas (Theresa) and Chad Silbaugh (Janet Espinosa); 11 Grandchildren; 3 Great Grandchildren.

passed away in 2013: Loved shooting pool, fishing, country music,

Robert W. Smice



Robert W. Smice was born Aug. 9, 1950 and passed away June 2, 2022 after a long fight with cancer.

He is preceded in death with him mother and father and sister.

He has three living brothers and one living sister; two children, five grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

There will be a celebration of life for him at Lowden park in Oregon on July 10 at 1 p.m. Family and friends are welcome.

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Auman Speaks to Oregon Lions

Ogle County Health Department Administrator Kyle Auman and Public Health Service Coordinator Anisa Torres spoke to the Oregon Lions at their regular meeting on May 26. Much of the Health Department’s attention recently has been directed to coping with Covid epidemic, but the Ogle County Health Department provides many other services. In their presentation, Auman and Torres explained those services that are available to the people of Ogle County. Pictured from left: Auman, Oregon Lion President Dave Stenger, Torres and Oregon Lion Joes Kryszak.

LOCAL NEWS

Oregon Police report

June 2

At 11:25 p.m., Oregon Police responded to a disturbance call at the McDonald's restaurant located in the 200 block of S. 4th Street, resulting in the arrest of Derek W. H. Levan, 18, Forreston, for battery and unlawful consumption of alcohol as a minor. Levan was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

June 3

At 8:33 p.m., Oregon Police issued citations to Clifford E. Lancaster, 37, of Genoa, IL, for operating a vehicle with suspended registration and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. These violations occurred in the 700 block of E. Washington Street.

At 9:21 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Seth G. Seidelman, 36, Oregon, on an outstanding Lee County warrant. Seidelman was transported to the Ogle County jail.

At 11:28 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Francis Barrios, 34, Oregon, for driving while license suspended. Barrios was also issued a citation for improper lighting. Barrios was transported to the Ogle County jail. These violations occurred in the 100 block of River Road.

June 5

At 12:25 a.m., Oregon Police arrested Leonardo F. Gonzalez, 35, Mt. Morris, for aggravated driving under the influence of alcohol, driving while license revoked, driving under the influence of alcohol. Gonzales was also issued citations for driving without lights, illegal transportation of alcohol as a driver, and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. Gonzalez was transported to the Ogle County jail. These violations occurred in the 400 block of Mix Street.

At 3:16 p.m., Oregon Police issued citations to Kareem M. Washington, 21, Chicago, for operating a vehicle with suspended registration and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. These violations occurred in the 200 block of N. 4th Street.

At 3:34 p.m., Oregon Police responded to a two-vehicle traffic crash in the parking lot of the Dollar General Store, located at 1050 Pines Road, involving a 1998 Oldsmobile driven by John R. Handley, 43, Mt. Morris, and a 2007 Chevrolet driven by Haylie A. Diehl, 21, Sterling. No citations were issued.

At 8:08 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Bridgette A. Falk, 50, Polo, for no driver's license. Falk was released with an I-Bond and is scheduled to appear in court later. This violation occurred in the 500 block of Gale Street.

6 parking citations and 2 verbal warnings issued during the week of 5/30/2022 through 6/5/2022.

June 7

At 8:07 p.m., Oregon Police arrested James D. Wright, 39, Oregon, for driving while license suspended. Wright was transported to the Ogle County jail. This violation occurred in the 700 block of W. Washington Street.

June 8

At 5:33 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Prisilla J. Patel, 28, of Woodridge, IL, for driving while license suspended. Patel was also issued citations for no valid registration and operating an uninsured motor vehicle.

Patel was transported to the Ogle County jail. These violations occurred near the 5th and Washington Street intersection.

June 10

At 10:35 a.m., Oregon Police issued Benjamin J. Eisenberg, 28, Oregon, citations for operating a vehicle with registration suspended and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. These violations occurred in the 100 block of S. 2nd Street.

At 3:20 p.m., Oregon Police responded to a two-vehicle traffic crash at the S. 3rd and W. Washington Street intersection involving a 2016 GMC driven by Kimberly M. Schweizer, 40, Oregon, and a 2017 Jeep driven by Beth A. Schell, 55, Oregon. Schweizer was issued a citation for improper backing.

At 3:42 p.m., Oregon Police issued Brandon S. Miller, 28, Oregon, a citation for no valid registration. This violation occurred in the area of Monroe/Mix Streets.

June 11

At 9:05 a.m., Oregon Police issued Eugene G. Salser, 67, Rockford, citations for operating a vehicle with a suspended registration and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. These violations occurred in the 100 block of S. 4th Street.

At 1:20 p.m., Oregon Police issued Cody D. Moore, 32, Rockford, a citation for operating a vehicle with an expired registration. This violation occurred in the 200 block of W. Washington Street.

At 3:40 p.m., Oregon Police issued Payton D. Wohlford, 20, Oregon, a citation for disobeying a traffic control device. This violation occurred at the Madison and 8th Street intersection.

June 12

At 1:14 a.m., Oregon Police arrested Keaton J. Wagenknecht, 27, of Walnut, IL, for driving while license revoked. Wagenknecht was transported to the Ogle County jail. This violation occurred in the 900 block of W. Washington Street.

At 5:07 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Pearlmarie D. George, 60, of Tiskilwa, IL, for driving while license suspended. George was also issued a citation for operating an uninsured motor vehicle. George was transported to the Ogle County jail. These violations occurred in the 500 block of Gale Street.

6 parking citations and 8 verbal warnings issued during the week of 6/6/2022 through 6/12/2022.

June 13

At 7:41 a.m., Oregon Police issued Richard E. Toms, 68, Byron, a citation for operating an uninsured motor vehicle. This violation occurred in the 200 block of S. 3rd Street.

June 16

At 1:13 a.m., Oregon Police arrested Frank E. Fenton, 57, Oregon, on an outstanding Ogle County warrant for violation of a court order. Fenton was transported to the Ogle County jail.

At 8:35 a.m., Oregon Police arrested Brian S. Black, 45, Oregon, for driving while license suspended. Black

was transported to the Ogle County jail. This violation occurred in the 100 block of W. Washington Street.

June 18

At 12:09 a.m., Oregon Police arrested Edward J. Hall, 40, Oregon, for driving under the influence of alcohol. Hall was also issued citations for speeding, 53 mph in a 40 mph zone, and improper lane usage. Hall was transported to the Ogle County jail. These violations occurred in the 100 block of E. Washington Street.

At 10:46 a.m., Oregon Police issued Michael W. McDonald, 68, Loves Park, a citation for speeding, 55mph in a 35mph zone. This violation occurred in the 1300 block of Pines Road.

At 1:24 p.m., Oregon Police investigated a two-vehicle traffic crash that occurred in the 500 block of S. 7th Street involving a 2018 Ford driven by Fernando Ibarra, 25, Poplar Grove, and a parked 2018 Toyota belonging to Matthew A. Murray, age 26, Oregon. Ibarra was issued a citation for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident.

June 19

At 12:34 a.m., Oregon Police arrested Kyle W. Thunberg, 32, Rochelle, for driving under the influence of alcohol. Thunberg was also issued a citation for improper lane usage. Thunberg was transported to the Ogle County jail. These violations occurred in the 1000 block of Monroe Street.

At 12:54 p.m., Oregon Police issued Allison N. Spotts, 20, DeKalb, citations for speeding, 55mph in a 40mph zone, and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. These violations occurred in the 100 block of W. Washington Street.

2 parking citations and 10 verbal warnings issued during the week of 6/13/2022 through 6/19/2022.

June 20

At 9:14 a.m., Oregon Police issued Dominick J. Wetzell, age 19, Oregon, a citation for operating a vehicle with an expired registration. This violation occurred in the 100 block of S. 4th Street.

At 10:35 a.m., Oregon Police issued Joe R. Murray, 38, Franklin Grove, a citation for operating a vehicle with a suspended registration. This violation occurred in the 200 block of W. Washington Street.

June 21

At 9:40 a.m., Oregon Police issued Lucas S. Gelandner, 45, Oregon, citations for operating a vehicle with a suspended registration and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. These violations occurred in the 100 block of W. Washington Street.

June 22

At 7:24 a.m., Oregon Police issued Kimberly M. Schweizer, 40, Oregon, two city citations for the offense of having two dogs running at large. These violations occurred in the area of Terrace View Blvd.

At 5:39 p.m., Oregon Police issued Krista L. Hicks, 22, Oregon, a city citation for violating the tall grass ordinance. This violation occurred in the 300 block of S. 9th Street.



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LOCAL NEWS

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Registration is requested for anyone planning to attend a scheduled program or class at Rock River Center. It helps us plan enough seating. Just give us a call 815-732-3252. Thank you for your support in this matter.

“Timeless” Music July 11

The local musical duet “Timeless” featuring Denny Jacobs and Mike Bratt will perform at Rock River Center on Monday, July 11, at 10 a.m.

Denny is a regular on the “Pride of Oregon” Paddleboat. He enjoys performing at various local facilities as well. Denny will share a wide variety of guitar music and has an easy listening voice. Denny is a solo regular at RRC, and never disappoints his audience.

Mike Bratt, from Stillman Valley, has been performing for many years. He plays 6-string

guitar and bass, and sing vocals. Currently, Mike is in two bands; Backroads Trio and Bluegrass Reunion Bands. His specialty is 50’s, 60’s and cowboy range music.

Reservations are required to accommodate seating. Please call the Center at 815-732-3252 if you plan attending.

“Pictionary” on July 12

Join us for a game of “Pictionary” July 12, at 1 p.m.

Becky Anderson of Momentum Healthcare will lead the game. Players will pull a clue and draw a picture from the clue. The others in the group will try to guess what they are drawing.

All materials provided. A fun game with lot of laughs.

Advance reservations requested to accommodate seating. Please call the Center at 815-732-3252 if you plan attending.

Ready...Set...Grow...Hardy Perennial Fruit Plants

The Heritage Woods/Illinois Extension Office will present their Summer Program on Tuesday, July 12, at 10 a.m. at Rock River Center. This program will be:

Hardy Perennial Fruit Plants for the Midwest:

Strawberries/Blueberries Presented by Phil Bratta, Ogle County Master Gardener, Master Naturalist

Join Phil Bratta, retired educator and Master Gardener, for summer’s most tasty fruits, Strawberries and Blueberries

Learn how to grow and harvest your own berries and get ideas on how to have a successful growing season.

This is a FREE program. Advance registration (by July 7) is requested to accommodate seating.

After the program, please join us for the following:

Lifescape Congregate Dining at 11:30 a.m. Lunch reservations required before 10:30 a.m. on Thurs. July 7.

Bingo following lunch at 12:15 p.m.

To sign up for any or all of the above, call 815-723-3252.

‘Krafting with Kerri’ on July 18

We have collaborated with Liberty Village of Rochelle to provide crafting and other activ-

ities at Rock River Center.

This craft class will be held the 2nd Monday of the month, and is facilitated by Kerri Villa-Nantz.

The next class is: When: Monday, July 18 from 12:30-1:30 p.m. Where: Activities Room July Craft: Wine Bottle Vases

Join us in the activities room. Meet people and custom-paint your own wine bottle vases.

Reservations (Call 815-732-3252): Lifescape Congregate Dining at 11:30 a.m. for a \$3 donation. Lunch reservations required before 10:30 a.m. on Friday, July 15. Class reservations requested by July 14 so we can be prepared. Materials provided.

Senior Information Services Provided By RRC

Do you need help with Benefit Access Application, Medicare, housing, personal care, home-making, heating assistance or other things? Rock River Center’s Information & Assistance Specialists are available at various locations throughout Ogle County. We are at:

Byron/Jarrett Prairie Center: July 11 from 11 a.m.-noon
Forreston/Faith Lutheran

Church: July 20 from 11 a.m.-noon

Mt. Morris Library: July 14 from 11 a.m.-noon

Polo Public Library: July 27 from 10 a.m.-noon

Rochelle/Hub City Senior Center: July 6, 13, & 27 from 9:30 a.m.-noon

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

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LOCAL NEWS

Ogle County Sheriff

May 30
At 10:57 a.m. Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Willie Hobson, 41 of Chicago for no valid driver's license. Hobson was arrested by Deputies on Hwy 251 near Edson Road after Deputies responded to that location for a disturbance. Hobson was released on a I-bond and will appear in court at a later date.

At approximately 8:13 p.m., Ogle County Deputies conducted a traffic stop at Illinois Route 64 and Mulford Road for a speeding violation. After investigation, Darius Williams, 25 of Rockford, was arrested for Driving While License Suspended and cited for speeding. Williams also had a valid Failure to Appear warrant. Williams was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond. All subjects are presumed innocent.

At 7:30 p.m., Deputies responded to an unwanted subject in the 400 block of Linda Avenue of Rochelle. After a brief investigation, Levi Wolfe, 33, was arrested for domestic Battery. Wolfe was transported to Ogle County Jail where he was held pending a court appearance. All subjects are presumed innocent.

At 8:43 p.m., Deputies, Polo Police Department and Polo Fire Department responded to South Freeport Road and West Sterling road for a single-vehicle accident with injuries. After a brief investigation, Deputies determined the Toyota Corolla was traveling south on South Freeport Road when it failed to stop at West Sterling Road. The vehicle then traveled across West Sterling Road resting in a field. Deputies arrested Britany Madonna, 25 of Tiskilwa, IL for driving while unlicensed. Madonna was also issued citations for disobeying a stop

sign and improper lane usage. Madonna was released on a \$2,500 I-Bond after being treated at KSB Hospital for minor injuries. A female passenger is still in critical condition from injuries sustained during the crash. All individuals are presumed innocent.

At approximately 8:16 p.m., Ogle County Deputies conducted a traffic stop at North Illinois Route 2 and Camling Road. After a brief investigation, Deputies arrested James L. Musgrave, 38 of Rochelle, for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol. Musgrave was taken into custody without incident and transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond. Musgrave was additionally cited for Improper Use of Registration, No Valid Registration, and an inoperable trailer taillight/brake light. All individuals are presumed innocent.

May 29
At approximately 2:34 a.m., Deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 6,000 block of E. Flagg Road. After investigation, Deputies placed Pablo Arana, 29 of Sterling under arrest for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol. Arana was additionally issued a citation for Improper Lane Usage. Arana was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

At approximately 3:37 p.m., Deputies initiated a traffic stop in the 3000 block of North Illinois Rt 2. After further investigation Ivan Johnson, 58 of Rockford, was placed under arrest for Driving While License Revoked. Johnson was also cited for Operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle, Improper Use of Registration, No Front License Plate, and Defective Brake Light. Johnson was transported

to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

May 28
At approximately 1:30 a.m., Deputies conducted a traffic stop on I-39 at mile marker 97. After investigation, Deputies placed Roger Fernandez-Sabillon, 29 of Houston, Texas under arrest for No Valid Driver's License. Fernandez-Sabillon was additionally issued a citation for an improper registration light. Fernandez-Sabillon was released on an I-Bond at the scene and given a future court date.

May 27
At 9:51 p.m., Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies were dispatched to the 200 block of Caroline St., Holcomb for a domestic. After an investigation, Janet Harvey, 59 of Holcomb was arrested for aggravated domestic battery (strangulation). Harvey was transported to the Ogle County Jail, and held pending her appearance before a judge.

At approximately 8:47 p.m. Deputies conducted a traffic stop on I-39 at Mile Marker 108. After investigation, Deputies placed Diamond Davis, 21 of Rockford under arrest for No Valid Driver's License. Davis was additionally issued citations for no front registration, no valid registration, and operating an uninsured vehicle. Davis was released on an I-Bond at the scene and given a future court date.

At approximately 9:05 a.m., Ogle County Deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 19,000 block of East IL RTE-64. Upon investigation, Miguel Zepeda, 54 of Belvidere was arrested for aggravated driving while license revoked. Zepeda was also cited for speeding. Zepeda was

transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held awaiting an appearance before a Judge.

At approximately 12:30 p.m. Ogle County Deputies and Rochelle Fire Department responded to a dump trailer fire that was being pulled by a black Ford truck on the roadway located in the 18,000 block of E. Creston Road. The trailer fire was quickly extinguished by the Rochelle Fire Department. The driver of the truck, 37 year old Arturo Juarez Guevara of Creston, IL for Driving While License Suspended. The subject was released on an I-bond on scene with a later court date.

May 26
At approximately 7:13 p.m., Ogle County Deputies conducted a traffic stop on I-39 near mile marker 105. After investigation, Deputies arrested Devonte Williams, 28 of Milwaukee, WI, for No Valid Driver's License. Williams was also issued a citation for Lane Violation. Williams was given an I-bond with a return court date later next month and released on scene.

May 25
At approximately 9:51 p.m., Ogle County Deputies responded to the 100 block of Autumnwood Lane for a reported car in the ditch. After investigation, Mary Snyder, 54 of Davis Junction, was arrested for Aggravated Driving While License Revoked (Felony). Deputies located Snyder at a later time and transported her to the Ogle County Jail where she was held in lieu of bond. Snyder was also cited for Driving While License Revoked, Leaving the Scene, Illegal Transportation of Alcohol, Improper Lane Usage, and Failure to Reduce Speed.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Mon., July 4

Kable Band concert behind the DRL (Rahn School) in Mount Morris prior to the fireworks, 7:30 p.m.

Weds., July 6

"Red, White and Blue" concert. Patriotic marches, music from WW1, WW11 and more, 7:30 p.m. Concert on the Reckmeyer Band Shell, on the Mt. Morris Campus. Benches available or bring your lawn chairs. Also, enjoy an ice cream

social.

Thurs., July 7

Plant Swap at the Byron Public Library, 6-7:30 p.m. Bring your unwanted indoor/outdoor plants to the library and exchange them for new ones. Be ready to talk about your plant's requirements with others. Please register by visiting Byron.evanced.info/ sign up or calling 815-234-5107.

Fri., July 8

C.A.F.E. will meet from 9-10 a.m. at The Serenity Home 1658

SIL RT 2, Oregon. Please wear a mask when entering the building. This group is for all adult bereaved in the community. Please call 815-732-4111 by 4 p.m. on the 7th to register.

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

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 9

Byron's Hairy Cow Farmer's Market is 8 am to noon, Sunshine Park, IL Route 2 and Peru St, Byron. Featuring local seasonal produce, plants, 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.

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MOMENTS IN TIME

* On July 15, 1606, the great Dutch master Rembrandt van Rijn is born in Leiden. Rembrandt completed more than 600 paintings, many of them portraits or self-portraits. By the age of 22, he was accomplished enough to take on his own students.

* On July 14, 1789, Parisian revolutionaries and mutinous troops storm and dismantle the Bastille, a royal fortress built in 1370 that had come to symbolize the tyranny of the Bourbon monarchs. This dramatic action signaled the beginning of the French Revolution.

* On July 11, 1922, the Hollywood Bowl, one of the world's largest natural amphitheaters, opens. Its stage was a wooden platform with a canvas top, and audiences sat on moveable benches set on the hillsides of the surrounding canyon. In 1926, a group of Los Angeles architects built the Hollywood Bowl's first shell.

* On July 16, 1935, the world's first parking meter, known as Park-O-Meter No. 1, is installed in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Indignant opponents of the meters considered paying for parking un-American, as it forced drivers to pay what amounted to a tax on their cars without due process of law.

* On July 12, 1957, Dwight D. Eisenhower becomes the first president to ride in the newest advance in aviation technology: the HMX-1 Nighthawk helicopter, administered jointly by the Army and the Marine Corps.

* On July 13, 1960, Senator John F. Kennedy of Massachusetts is nominated for the presidency by the Democratic Party Convention. Four months later, on Nov. 8, Kennedy won 49.7% of the popular vote, edging the 49.6% received by Richard M. Nixon, a Republican.

* On July 17, 1975, as part of a mission aimed at developing space rescue capability, the U.S. spacecraft Apollo 18 and the Soviet spacecraft Soyuz 19 rendezvous and dock in space. During the 44-hour Apollo-Soyuz embrace, the astronauts and cosmonauts conducted experiments, shared meals and held a joint news conference.

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For now, let's keep this positive

Like many, many Americans, I don't feel like there is a lot to celebrate this July 4.

Yes, I love my country and I am glad that – for now – we still have some freedoms. But things are not looking that great as I see it.

But I will save that for a later column. Now, I want to try to keep the holiday column a little lighter, if possible. We know the terrible things that are going on, so let's take a week off and not focus on them, OK?

How about we focus on my horrible sense of humor? I personally think I am hilarious, but my wife? Not so much. For example, my wife is in banking, so every time – and I mean every single time – I accidentally wash some pants with coins in my pocket, I have to point this out to her.

Me: "Ah oh!"

Her: "What? Are you OK?"

Me: "I washed some money. Please don't bust me for money laundering! Hahahaha!"

Her: "That hasn't been funny since 2005."

Living the Life

By Brad Jennings



Me: "Hasn't it?"

Her: "No."

Me: "Hasn't it?"

Her: Leaves room.

In my defense, they can't all be comedy gold.

But if you look around, there is plenty of good news to offset the terrible news. Here are some examples:

* A start-up car company has announced it is close to launching a solar-powered car. Depending on where you live, it can drive hundreds of miles without a charge. I find this incredibly exciting, and it points to a clean energy future where vehicles not running on fossil fuels can actually go

long distances without a charge. This made me very happy.

* A refugee couple from Burundi who now live in Australia recently won \$4 million in the lottery there. They are also both health care workers and have a young child. That is fantastic.

* There are more than 26,000 asteroids that are near our planet. I am no mathematician, but that is a lot of space rocks. The good news? Not one of them has hit the earth and destroyed life as we know it. That is worth a high-five, right?

* Suicide rates in the U.S. are down.

* In a recent study by molecular biologist David Sinclair at Harvard Medical School, old mice are growing young – seriously. I read about the process, but it was honestly over my head. It had to do with using proteins to turn adult cells into stem cells. He said the process seems to be permanent, and that it could eventually be used on humans to help us live well into our 100s. No, it won't be in time for us. For now, we can at least

look at our children and grandchildren complaining about their jobs and think, "Just wait until you've been there for 70 years."

* Mexico City has finally banned the brutal "sport" of bullfighting. Some say that could be a death blow to bullfighting, and to that I say good.

* A woman in a Minneapolis neighborhood who was loved by all, was set to be evicted from the house she had rented for decades. Her neighbors came together and through fundraising efforts – including an art show, bake sale and many small donations – raised \$250,000 so she could buy the house herself. I mean, if that doesn't make you feel good, I don't think anything will.

Yes, I am very concerned about our country and the world, but when you look around, there is good news to be found. We need to remember that from time to time.

Brad Jennings is Editor of The Ogle County Life.

Confederate flag will not unite us

Dear Editor,

As a U.S. History teacher, I am aware of how history is and has been taught. I understand that there are many perspectives and viewpoints and that one historical event cannot be summed up into one simple explanation. There are nuances and details that are often glossed over or even forgotten in the attempt to teach an overarching lesson, often in the form of a black and white fact that is really filled with various shades of gray.

Such is the historical significance of the Confederacy and, in particular, the flying of the Confederate flag.

I understand that emotions are more often behind every decision we make even if we think we are doing things logically. And people can see the same thing with totally different points of view. So, with that in mind, I try not to be too harsh with those who would proudly fly the Confederate flag, even, at times, right next to the

United States flag.

However, I have to make this point because I fear we are standing on a precipice at this time in our history. The American flag and the Confederate flag are antithetical and the Confederate flag has no place in our society any longer, let alone to fly next to or with our country's flag. I'm sorry to be the bearer of bad news, but the Confederacy lost the war. The Confederates wanted to tear our country apart. To me, the Confederate flag is as abhorrent as the Nazi flag. Both of those flags represent the demeaning value of human life and the idea that one race is superior over another. It is a view that should never be tolerated in our democracy and in a country that claims to hold freedom in such high regard.

Some believe that the Civil War was not over slavery, but over the freedom of the States. This is misleading. What the Confederacy wanted was freedom, yes, but

freedom to maintain the practice of slavery and keep a people ignorant and compliant so that others could profit off of them. Freedom for some.

I believe in freedom for all. There are many kinds of flags that we have the freedom to use as an expression of who we are. But when someone flies the Confederate flag they are telling me that they do not respect the America that I hold so dear. It represents division. It represents destruction. It represents oppression. And to fly it next to a flag that is supposed to stand for the unity of all 50 states is especially contradictory.

I do not believe that you can be for "One Nation Under God" and fly the Confederate flag. Nor can you be for "liberty and justice for all" and fly the Confederate flag. Let's find a way to unify, not tear apart, which is what that flag, historically, means to me.

Beverly Opalka, Mount Morris

When does developing life form have right to live?

Dear Editor,

No matter where you fall on the abortion debate, let's establish one truth. That truth is this: abortion is a process that ends a life.

I've heard all the arguments to the contrary. Pro-abortionists say that it's just a bunch of cells or it's only a fetus so therefore it doesn't matter. Semantics aside, a fetus meets all the classic definitions of a life form. It is a developing human, a baby which is alive up to the moment that it is aborted. From that moment on, all the future that child would have had is abruptly taken away. All of its hopes, dreams and future accomplishments are erased.

The argument that a fetus is not viable because it cannot survive on its own holds no water, either. A newborn infant cannot survive on its own, nor can a 1-year-old baby. They are all dependent upon their mother for survival, just in different degrees.

I also do not give any credence to the adage that

abortion is a "woman's right to do what she wants to with her own body." It is not just her body. From the moment of conception, the developing infant has a unique DNA code that is different and distinct from the mother or from anyone else on earth, for that matter.

The big question is, when does this developing life form have a right to life? Only once they can request it? For your consideration, I would suggest that you ask 100 people if they are glad that their parents made the choice to give them life. Most will answer yes. Taking away that right to life before the baby has a voice seems wrong to me.

I just cannot help but to think that 2000 years ago, an unwed, impoverished teenage girl chose to give life to a baby who turned out to be the Savior of the world. Thank God she made that choice.

Barrett Smith, Byron

Thank you to church for its courage and conviction

Dear Editor,

A big thank you to the Little Prairie Mennonite Church for their courage and conviction to share the truth of God's Word. God, the Creator of all things, (Genesis 1:1), created man in His image and likeness (Gen. 1:26-27) male and female (Gen 2:18-24) in a family as the first institution that He set-up for the purpose of human flourishing.

We live in a broken creation and society now because man rebelled against God in the Garden and listened to the deceiver instead of His creator who wanted the best for mankind. Now, we all have habits, wants, desires (sins) that are contrary to God's plan for us. (Romans 3:23).

Human beings must acknowledge our sins and put our faith and hope in the Lord Jesus who died and rose again for those who fully trust in Him as Saviour. (John 3:16). In this life we will all have sins and desires we will need to fight against. (Rom 7:18-25) The Bible tells us it will be that way until all is made perfect again. (Rev 21:1-5)

Thanks again to the Mennonites. This was not their word, but the very words of God.

Ken Kielsmeier, Oregon

LOCAL NEWS

The fight against ALS walks the walk in Byron on July 10

BYRON – Two years after launching an award-winning “Mini”-Walk to Defeat ALS program, the ALS Association Greater Chicago Chapter forges a new route in Byron for the return of their in-person Walk event in the region on Sunday, July 10.

The Walk to Defeat ALS is a day when the community shows support for the many local individuals and families touched by the disease. Others can participate from their own neighborhoods on a date and time of their choosing with their own Mini-Walk to Defeat ALS.

The event’s theme this year is “Sunflower Field of Dreams,” which plays on the use of the sunflower as a symbol of ALS awareness and the disease’s connection to baseball through Lou Gehrig’s diagnosis in 1939. Registration and check-in for the event will open at 8:30 a.m. and the Walk will begin at 10 a.m. Everyone is welcome to this family-friendly event. Registration is free; and there is no fundraising minimum, but participants who raise \$90 will receive an event T-shirt. Register for the Walk to Defeat ALS, sign up to volunteer, or donate at

web.alsa.org/northernil or by calling 312-932-0000.

About ALS:

ALS, commonly known as Lou Gehrig’s Disease, is a devastating, fatal neuromuscular disease. Every 90 minutes, someone is diagnosed with ALS, and every 90 minutes someone loses their fight with ALS. Funds raised through the Walk to Defeat ALS directly support services provided in the area, including funding of the ALS Multidisciplinary Clinics, home visits, an equipment lending program and more.



Team captain Michelle Francis-Bell smiles with a member of her team during their 2021 “Mini” Walk to Defeat ALS.

Byron church hosting annual treasure sale

BYRON – There are always great treasures to be found at the United Church of Byron’s annual Trash & Treasure Sale.

The hours for the sale on Thursday and Friday July 7 and 8 are from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. On Thursday and Friday, anything you can fit into a paper bag (bags provided) is \$5. The Reber Car show takes place on the church grounds on Saturday, July 9. On that day, the hours will be from 8 a.m.-3

p.m. and anything you can fit into a paper bag is \$2 per bag and other larger items will be half price. Also on that Saturday, UCB Fellowship will be sponsoring a luncheon that begins at 11 a.m., offering hot dogs, brats, hamburgers/cheeseburgers and sloppy Joe sandwiches.

We will also be offering something new this year on Saturday, July 10 from 4-5 p.m. (after the Byronfest parade) – all items that are left over

from the sale are free to anyone that would like them. Come and sort through the treasures that are left and take them home for free. At that time, you can even bring your own bag.

The church is handicapped accessible and is located at 701 W. Second in Byron, with the sale taking place in the Fern Calvert Fellowship Hall. If you would like more information, please call the church office at 815-234-8777.

Stillman Bank welcomes Derrick Johnston to staff

STILLMAN VALLEY – Stillman Bank is pleased to welcome Derrick Johnston as Vice President/Chief Credit Officer and Director of Ag Lending.

With over 13 years in the financial industry, Johnston has experience in ag & commercial lending, credit administration, special assets, OREO management, and property/facilities management. In

his position, Derrick will manage the bank’s credit operations and oversee all phases of Stillman Bank’s agricultural lending.

“We are excited to have Derrick join our team” stated Thomas R. Hughes, Stillman Bank President.

Originally from Belvidere, Johnston is relocating back to the area after recently residing in Monmouth. Prior to banking, Derrick

worked in law enforcement for over 20 years with the Boone County Sheriff Department, Belvidere Police Department, and Monmouth Police Department.

Derrick Johnston can be reached directly at 815-645-2007 or derrickj@stillmanbank.com. To find out more about Stillman Bank’s products and services, please visit www.stillmanbank.com.



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Annual Farm to Table dinner will have curbside pick-up

OREGON – Oregon Park District's Annual Farm to Table Dinner is back with curbside pick-up.

Amazing food by local chefs but delivered to your car door. Plan a dinner date now for Friday, July 29. Reservations are required as a limited number of meals will be prepared.

The Farm to Table Dinner event is a fundraiser for the District's Youth Scholarship Fund. All proceeds will help local youth in need participate in Park District sports and recreation programs.

Donations to the Scholarship Fund are accepted at any time so if you are on a special diet or out of town for this event, feel free to contact the Park District with a donation or purchase a meal and surprise a friend, neighbor, or relative with a fantastic dinner prepared by local "celebrity chefs."

We do not want anyone to miss out on this delicious three course meal prepared by chefs from: Ralfie's BBQ & Catering, Hector's Cocina, Northside BarBaQ, Jen's Artisan Bread, Hazel's, The Noble Cakery, O's Bakery, Lynnies Kitchen, Ralfie &

LuLu's and Teresa's Treats. These amazing chefs from our community all volunteer to make these dishes and many of them donate the ingredients needed that we are not able to source locally.

Most of the ingredients are donated by local growers and are fresh right from the farm, garden, beehive or berry patch.

Without our donors, celebrity chefs and the Event Sponsor, Circle G Farms and Feedlots, this event would not be possible.

On the menu this year you will enjoy three courses.

Course one includes Sourdough Boule with Fresh Herb Butter courtesy of Jen's Artisan Bread; 7 Layer Salad and Deviled Egg courtesy of Ralfie & LuLu's and Watermelon.

Course two is from the range. BBQ Chicken and Pork Kabob courtesy of Ralfie's BBQ; Toasted Southern Potato Salad courtesy of Hazel's Café; Sweet Corn on the Cob courtesy of Hector's Cocina; and BarbaQ Baked Beans courtesy of Northside BarBaQ.

Course three is for the sweet tooth with our dessert



sampler. Enjoy a sugar cookie Watermelon Slice by O's Bakery; Blueberry Turnover by Lynnies Kitchen; Strawberry Rhubarb Crisp by The Noble Cakery; and Chocolate Chip Cookie Bar by Teresa's Treats.

Dinners can be picked up to take home, or you can

plan a picnic in the park, or take your meal to one of the participating businesses in Oregon with outdoor seating.

Each meal will be packaged separately and ready to eat with silverware and napkins.

Meals are \$35 each. Deadline to reserve a meal (regis-

ter) is Thursday, July 14 or until sold out.

Call 815-732-3101 to register or visit www.oregon-park.org to register on line.

Curbside pick-up will be at Nash Recreation Center between 5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Choose your pick-up time upon registration.

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NEW PRICE!!!



5102 Kendall (27 acres) Road, Winnebago

NOW \$399,900 Call Carla

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



505 N. 4th Street, Oregon
\$295,000 Call Mark

Looking for a 3 bedroom, 2 bath, RIVERFRONT property in Oregon, IL? This desirable brick & stone, walk in RANCH home is now on the market! The kitchen has nice stainless steel appliances that will all stay including dishwasher, microwave, refrigerator, cooktop and stove. All 3 bedrooms have 1st floor convenience you will appreciate as well as 1st floor dedicated laundry room with large closet! Washer/Dryer will stay. Nice CEDAR closet in hallway for linens. Both full bathrooms are very unique and fully tiled, one with a sunken shower! Dining room & living room share a nice gas fireplace island. Large open living room with plenty of windows looks out to the in-ground pool and the beautiful views of the Rock River! Pool needs repair to be functional. Small pool house has sink, toilet and electric. This property is almost an acre with beautiful landscaping, cement patio off the back and space to entertain! Central air & gas forced heat with attached 2 car garage. Stairs down to the river. No basement. Selling this property "AS IS".



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

OPPORTUNITY AWAITS!! This property, currently zoned commercial, is perfect for an investor or an owner occupied buyer. It features a nice single family home, 46X100 foot shop/storage building, and a large lot with many potential uses for growth. 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. Building has 12' overhead doors- a 14' door could be installed on the end of the cold storage. Shop side is insulated, has shelving, and new LED lights. 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!



4317 E. Ridgeview Lane, Byron
\$319,900 Call Becky

You'll love this beautiful 3BR, 2BA, 3 car custom ranch home on 1.66 with a panoramic view of the Byron Valley. Large foyer opens to the great room with cathedral ceiling, gas fireplace with tile & oak mantel, plant shelf and open stairway to LL. Formal dining room with tray ceiling which leads to the oversized kitchen with plenty of cabinets (crown molding) and counter space. Slate appliances (gas stove, micro, & refrigerator (18) and dishwasher (19)), pantry & eat-in dinette with patio door to the deck. 1st floor laundry room with cabinets. Split floor plan with master bedroom off kitchen area. MBR has a large walk-in closet and an atrium door which goes out to the deck. MBA and main BA have new vanity tops in '13. LL has a walkout and is half finished with a huge game/family room with slider doors out to a paver patio. An additional family room (could be enclosed for office or 4th BR) (bar & cabinets don't stay). Serene backyard with 4 raised garden beds and landscaped. 3 car garage is finished and has 2 openers & cabinets. Shed has concrete floor & new roof (22). Brand new roof on house (22), well pump & pressure tank (18), water softener (14), sump basket only, water filtration, UV filter, water heater (09). BA rough-in in storage area, all shelves in storage area stay (workbench doesn't stay), laundry sink, wooden blinds throughout, 4 rooms have new windows in '18. One owner and built by Sean Adams Custom Carpentry.



8439 N. Kishwaukee Rd., Stillman Valley
\$272,500 Call Rebecca

ACREAGE FOR SALE! A perfect mix of woods and pasture, this 21.8 acre parcel is located in the Meridian School District. Property has many great building sites that would offer the possibility for an exposed lower level. Great location with quick access to Rockford. Electric is to the lot line. Zoned AG.



103 W. Hitt Street, Mt. Morris
\$169,000 Call Taylor

This charming one owner duplex was quality built! Constructed in 2005, this low maintenance property would be a great addition to your investment portfolio or an excellent way to begin your investing journey by allowing you to live on one side and rent out the other. Each unit has its own private basement. Both units feature first floor laundry, an open concept layout, a 1 car attached garage, and separate utilities.



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

Time to build your dream home!! Gorgeous country views on this 1 acre lot for sale in the Whitmore Reserve Subdivision in rural Stillman Valley. This lot has a tree lined backyard for the wildlife to hang out. Meridian School district and Ogle County taxes. Well & septic are required. Not builder exclusive but plan must get developer approval. Just minutes from town and also close to Rockford and I39.



209 Mix Street, Oregon
\$75,000 Call Rebecca

UPDATED AND MOVE IN READY! Charming 2 bedroom, 1 bathroom home that would make for a great starter or rental home. In the last 3 years the following have been updated: siding, deck, furnace, central air, seamless gutters, kitchen appliances and washer dryer. Enjoy the ease of a property that is easy to maintain both inside and out! Located close to downtown, parks and schools. This is he one that you have been waiting for!



2522 E. Pleasant Grove Rd., Oregon
\$425,000 Call Carla

15+ Acre Farmette in Oregon school district! A bit of everything is awaiting you with this 3 bedroom, 2 bath adorable country home! Many new improvements throughout the inside and outside offering the best of country living with the convenience of location, location, location! Over 4 acres are tillable, 5+ wooded acres for hunting and recreation, Outbuildings, Above ground pool, gardens and so much more! You'll love the gorgeous hardwood flooring throughout, original refinished trim and doors, high ceilings, the huge country kitchen, large living room with its front door to the covered front porch! Bring your rocker and watch the summer days drift on by! Conveniently located between Oregon and Byron just off German Church Rd. Offered at \$425,000



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LOCAL NEWS

Cornerstone Family Church has VBS July 11-15

BYRON—All children ages 3 through those entering 6th Grade are invited to Cornerstone Family Church located, 205 N. Peru Street in Byron July 11-15 for “Discovery on Adventure Island” from 6-8 p.m.

Kids won’t want to miss spending their week learning about the “Quest for God’s Great Light.” Friday Night, July 11, we will have a shortened night of Vacation Bible School with families being invited for the last hour for family fun on the front lawn with a huge water slide, bounce house and Ice Cream.

All kids are welcome to join us for VBS July 11-15. To register online go to the Cornerstone Kids Facebook Page and click on the link or call the church office at 815-234-8737.

Grief camp for kids will be on Aug. 3 in Rochelle

Serenity Hospice and Home will facilitate a Children’s Grief Camp on Wednesday, Aug. 3 from 9 a.m.- 2 p.m. for children ages 5-13.

The camp will be held at the REC Center, 802 Jones Road, Rochelle. This camp will give children the chance to connect with others who have experienced loss. They will spend time swimming and playing a variety of sports. They will also get to work on meaningful crafts that memorialize their loved one and give them an opportunity to talk about their memories. Serenity will provide lunch and a snack. This camp reinforces the importance of connecting with others while going through challenging times and will help the children to learn positive coping skills for dealing with their complex emotions.

To register, call Denise Watts or Cathy Warren of the Serenity Bereavement Team at 815-732-2499.

Dean on Bradley Dean’s List

PEORIA – More than 17000 students were named to Bradley’s Dean’s List for Spring 2022.

To be eligible for the Dean’s List, a student must achieve a minimum 3.5 grade point average for the semester on a 4.0 scale.

Your local students who made the list include: Shelby Dean of Forreston, majoring in Advertising & Public Relations

Bradley University is a top-ranked, private university in Peoria, Illinois,

offering nearly 6,000 undergraduate and graduate students opportunities, choices, and resources to build their futures. Innovation, action, and collaboration drive Bradley students to generate ideas and create solutions that remake the world around them. Our comprehensive array of undergraduate and graduate academic programs includes business, communications, education, engineering, fine arts, healthsciences, liberal arts,

River’s Edge Farmer’s Market has much to offer

OREGON – The River’s Edge Farmers Market is off to a great start this season with an awesome lineup of vendors and entertainment and July shows no signs of slowing down. We hope you’ll join us for one or more of these Thursday evenings from 5-7:30 p.m., June-September.

July 7 – Live music by One Man Country Band and Busy Bees Kids Craft sponsored by the Oregon Park District, Rustic Ridge Axe Throwing Mobile Unit

July 14 – “Explore-a-Truck,” with the Oregon Fire Department, Bounce House sponsored by Hector’s Cocina, Kids Craft with UMC Lighthouse Church, Live Music

by Alex Sitze. OFD will also have CPR training sign up and car seat and carbon monoxide inspection information.

July 21 – “Get to Know Your PO” with the Oregon Police Department, Live Music by the OMG Garage Guys

July 28 – Live Music by Pete Low, Kids Yoga with Happy Body Healthy Mind, Kids Crafts with First Baptist Church

While you’re here, grab dinner from one of our food trucks – Hector’s Cocina or Rustic Oven Wood Fired Pizza. Then, shop from a wonderful variety of great vendors. Produce is becoming more abundant and varied every week

and everyone can take advantage because we are proud to accept SNAP/Link benefits for fresh food purchases.

Anyone interested can come see us in the orange INFO tent. We’ll charge your card and give you our “River Bucks” to spend on qualifying purchases (fruits and vegetables, fruit and vegetable plants, meats and poultry, breads, cereals and baked goods, natural sweeteners, canned goods). We also Link Match to give you double your dollar to be spent on fresh fruits and veggies.

All activities listed above are free and open to anyone and everyone.

Local students among the spring NIU graduates

DeKALB – Over 2,200 students received their degrees from Northern Illinois University in May. Included among the graduates were the following students from your area:

Byron:
Amber Hollister, Bachelor of Science, Communication - Organizational – Corporate
Abigail Lampe, Bachelor of Science, Human Development & Family Sciences: Family Social Services
Nicholas Peterson, Bachelor of Science, Human Development & Family Sciences: Child Development
Milena Zlaticanin, Bachelor of Science, Computer Science - Software Development

Chana:
Meredith Gelande, Bachelor of Arts, History

Davis Junction:
Clarissa Hernandez, Bachelor of Science, Nursing
Amy Scarborough, Bachelor of Science, Nursing

Forreston:
Kate Metzger, Bachelor of Science in Educ, SPED-Learning

Behavior Specialist I with PEL

Leaf River:
Tays Morales, Bachelor of Arts, Psychology
Bethany Sulser, Bachelor of Arts, English

Lindenwood:
Stephanie Tepinski, Bachelor of Science, English

Mount Morris:
Jared Pottorff, Bachelor of Science, Mechanical Engineering
Kelsey Boyd, Master of Science in Education, Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Oregon:
Megan Carr, Master of Science in Education, Special Education-Behavior Analysis
Hannah Donaldson, Bachelor of Science in Educ, SPED-Learning Behavior Specialist I with PEL
Karissa Faler, Bachelor of Arts, English
Addison Kitzmiller, Bachelor of Science, Health Sciences - Pre-Physical Therapy
Hannah Wolber, Bachelor of Science, Psychology

Polo:
Lauren Rhodes, Bachelor of

General Studies, General Emphasis

Stillman Valley:
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Sydney Alberts, Bachelor of Science, Management - Human Resource Management
Hannah Alita, Bachelor of Science, Management - Human Resource Management

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LOCAL NEWS

Oregon Library News

Adult Summer Reading Program- June 1st through Aug. 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.

2022 Summer Reading Program- Read Beyond the Beaten Path! June 6-July 29
It’s here! Programs began the week of June 6. 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 4- Only 4 weeks left of youth summer reading program!

Monday, July 4, Closed for Fourth of July
Wednesday, July 6, Activity Time- Paper Lanterns, 1:30 pm (grades 1st & up)
Thursday, July 7, Bison Safari, 10 a.m. (1st grade & up w/parent, adults are also welcome)

Week of July 11
Monday, July 11, Story Time, 10 a.m. (3-6 years old)
Tuesday, July 12, Trek & Wet at Colman Forest Preserve! 1 p.m. (4th grade & up)
Wednesday, July 13, 3DPens: Design Your Own Keychain! 2 p.m. (age 13 & up)
Thursday, July 14, Bald Hill Prairie Preserve Excursion, 10 a.m. (4th grade & up)
Thursday, July 14, Activity Time-Etching, 1:30 p.m. (grades 1st & up)
Saturday, July 16, Read Beyond the Beaten Path Selected Book Titles Due for 3-6 year old
Ongoing activities: Mystery Letter Hunt, Solve the Mystery Quote and I Spy Hunt in the Library!

Bison Safari, Thursday, July 7, 10 a.m. (1st grade & older w/parent)
Take a vehicle tour inside the fence of The Nature Conservancy’s Nachusa Grassland. See the bison in their natural habitat & experience the beauty of Nachusa. Led by Susan Kleinman, Environmental Educator. This activity requires mobility to be able to climb in and out of a truck. Meet at the Visitor Center Pavilion. Registration required.

Trek & Wet at Howard Colman Hall Creek Preserve, Tuesday, July 12, 1 p.m. - 4th grade & up
Take a guided walk through the Byron Forest Preserve District’s Howard Colman Hall Creek Preserve. We will be hiking & wading as we find out what is living in the forest & creek. *Bring closed toed shoes that can get wet & a change of clothing.* Will meet at Howard Colman Hall Creek Preserve. Registration required.

Bald Hill Prairie Preserve Excursion Thursday, June 14 10 a.m. - 4th grade & up
See the tallest tree, gravel hills left by ancient glaciers & tuxedo wearing birds. Join naturalist Mark Herman for a special hike at the Bald Hill Prairie Preserve to see the biggest tree in the state of Illinois. Wear comfortable walking shoes. Will meet at Bald Hill. Registration required.

3D Pens: Design Your Own Keychain, Wednesday, July 13, 2 p.m.- ages 13 - 17
Test out the library’s new 3D pens & design & create your own keychains. Registration required.

Book Clubs
Cocktails and Crimes will meet on July 10 at 2 p.m. (grab a book to find out where). The 2WBC Book Club meets Wednesday, July 13 at 12:30 p.m. to discuss Every Heart A Doorway by Seanan McGuire. The Afternoon Book Club meets Wednesday, July 20 at 1 p.m. to discuss The Rose Code by Kate Quinn. Teen Book Club Association meets on July 23 at 10 a.m. to discuss They Both Die at the End by Adam Silvera. Books on Tap meets on July 28 at 6 p.m. to discuss A History of Wild Places by Shea Ernshaw.
Preschool StoryTime (18 months-5 years)
Join us on Mondays at 10 am for stories, games, crafts and playtime! Registration is required.

Try It Tuesday – Tuesday, July 12th (while supplies last)
Small Mosaic DIY Kit - A mosaic is a pattern or image made of small regular or irregular pieces of colored stone, glass or ceramic, held in place by plaster/mortar, and covering a surface. All supplies provided. *KITS ARE FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE for Oregon Library Card Holders.*

Painted Wine Glasses – Wednesday, July 13th at 6:00pm
At the moment, it seems like hand painted wine and martini glasses are all the rage! And doing it yourself is definitely possible (and relatively easy) at home. In fact, painting on wine glasses is a fun way to create unique, personalized, and inexpensive gifts for friends and family. Or just to keep in your own kitchen! All supplies provided. Registration required, (815) 732-2724 or oregonpubliclibrary.com

Ink With A Friend Monthly Card Club-Monday, July 18th at 6:30 p.m.
Registration Deadline July 15th
Sending personal cards to your friends and family is a way to let them know you care and are thinking about them. Creating these cards makes it even more special. Come join us for Ink with a Friend. You will be provided a pre-cut kit along with personal instruction on how to create the wonderful cards while learning a variety of

Local students earn Dean’s List honor at Aurora University

AURORA – Aurora University has named the following students to the Dean’s List for the spring 2022 semester. The Dean’s List recognizes full-time undergraduate students who have earned a 3.6 GPA or higher.

Byron:
Alivia Bradford, Nursing
Katelyn Byerley, Exercise Science
Ethan Grebener, Social Work

Davis Junction:
Maria Lampson, Elementary Education

Oregon:
Breanna Dehaan, Criminal Justice

Founded in 1893, Aurora University is a four-year, private, nonprofit, accredited higher education institution offering students an exceptional education. Aurora University is located on a beautiful 39-acre campus in Aurora, the second largest city in Illinois, approximately 40 miles from Chicago. The university serves more than 4,000 undergraduate and approximately 2,000 graduate students across more than 50 majors and programs. AU leadership, faculty, and staff are committed to the success of our students, offering academic support programs, hands-on learning activities, internships, and community partnership opportunities that prepare students to be successful beyond AU.

card making techniques. All designs include beautiful colored cardstock, gorgeous designer series paper, detailed stamped images, die cut pieces, matching ink, ribbon, and embellishments. This month, Liz has designed two (2) cards for you to make. All cards come with matching envelopes. Whether you’re a new card maker or a seasoned pro, our kits are suited to every skill level. Don’t wait! Sign up today to reserve your spot. *Registration required (815) 732-2724 or www.oregonpubliclibrary.com.*

We now have a SEED LIBRARY!

To add seeds that you have saved or purchased to the collection, bring them to the Circulation Desk and request a seed envelope for each plant. Please fill out as much of the information on the envelope as you can, put in enough seeds to grow at least five plants, and return the envelope to the Circulation staff. You do not need to have a library card to donate seeds or ‘borrow’ seeds. Our intention is to make wholesome food available to our community members. Through this seed library, we hope to foster a culture of sharing and abundance. In the spring, the Seed Lending Library will be up and running for community members to be able to take seeds and grow their own plants. If you have ideas about how you’d like to see the Seed Lending Library develop, or have any questions, please email us at carib@oregonpubliclibrary.com with the subject “Seed Lending Library.”

Puzzle Library

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

Oregon Public Library StoryWalk®

StoryWalk® was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT in 2007, and developed in collaboration with the Vermont Bicycle & Pedestrian Coalition and the Kellogg Hubbard Library.

Current story is Do Princesses & Superheroes Hit the Trail? by Carmelia Lavignat 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

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LOCAL NEWS

Julia Hull Library News

Storytime at the Library!

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

Summer Reading Challenge: Dive into Reading

Sun. Sand. Surf. Join us on the beach as we *Dive Into Reading*. From sea-inspired stories, STEM and crafts, we'll engage in fun challenges and activities, track our reading, and earn badges online using Beanstack: a FREE and user-friendly mobile app. (Don't worry: you can also use Beanstack on your desktop.) You can register as an individual, family, or organization/class/school! For more information visit our website: <https://www.juliahull.org/summer-reading-2022>.

Short & Sweets

Join us at the library Wednesday, July 13 at 10 a.m. for an engaging discussion of Claire Keegan's short story, "So Late in the Day." Copies of reading available at the circulation desk. Adults only.

Super Stolie

Dive into summer with ¡Sea, See, Si! - a bilingual show with Super Stolie! Super Stolie makes a big splash with original songs and popular nursery rhymes in both English and Spanish. We'll dive into numbers, letters, animals and opposites while we dance away the day. Join us Friday, July 15, at 1 p.m. All ages. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

Young Critics Book Club

Join us Tuesday, July 19 at 6 p.m. for a book discussion and hands-on craft/activity all about the graphic novel *Narwhal's Otter Friend* by Ben Clanton. Stop by the library to register for this in-person program and pick-up your copy of the reading. Ages 7-9.

Teen Beach Party

Life's a day at the beach when you're at a great party! Teens will enjoy music, games, snacks and crafts inspired by sun, surf and sand. Friday, July 22 at 1 p.m. Ages 13-18. Registration required. 815-645-8611.

Bon Appetit! An Evening with Julia Child

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



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Forreston Library News

Summer Reading Special Program

Wednesday, July 6th, 11:15 a.m.
Join Miss Melinda from Ag In the Classroom as she teaches us all about the importance of bees. She will share a story, crafts, and a snack that all involve bees. This program is for children from preschool through 5th grade. Please call the library to register or for more information.

Plastic Recycling

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

Library Hours

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

Shuman graduates from Carthage College

KENOSHA, Wis. – Carthage College congratulates the new graduates who completed their studies between December 2021 and May 2022, including one or more students from your coverage area:

Kayla Shuman of Leaf River, graduated Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Not Degree.

More than 650 new Carthage graduates took part in the 2022 Commencement celebration in late May.

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Byron Library News

Special Hours

In observance of the July 4th holiday, the Byron Public Library will be closed on Monday, July 4. We will reopen at our regular time on Tuesday, July 5. We wish all of our patrons a safe and happy Independence Day!

Curbside Delivery

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

Did you know... that the Byron Public Library offers free notary services? Several of our staff members are registered notaries, and can notarize documents during most library hours. Please call the library at 815-234-5107 for notary availability or to set up an appointment.

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.

Plant Swap

Thursday, July 7

Bertolet Library News

Closed: Monday, July 4th

We will be closed Monday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day.

Oceans of Possibilities: Thursdays, June 16th - July 14th:

10-10:45 a.m.: Pre-K thru 5th graders are invited to join Miss Jana for stories, crafts, and games as we learn about everything that goes on under the sea!

10:45-11:30 a.m.: 1st thru 5th graders are invited to stay for a project geared to their ages. Miss Jana will have a more in-depth, hands-on project just for you!

Water Is Water: Thursday, July 21st, 10 a.m.

Join Miss Melinda from Ag In The Classroom as she takes us through Miranda Paul's book, «Water Is Water.» Participants will travel the water cycle. They will conduct a science experiment, make a water cycle bracelet, and create their own water cycle in a bag. Participants will discover the importance of water to agriculture. And, of course, we will have a yummy snack demonstrating the water cycle.

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 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.

Seed Catalog:

We have garden vegetable seeds available for you to plant. Browse our Seed Catalog and get planting!

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

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

Craft Kits for Adults:

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.

Create-a-Card: Saturday, July 16th, 9:30 a.m.

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

Microsoft Excel Fundamentals: *Postponed to October 17th *

New Releases:

- Adult Books
- Gilt by Jamie Brenner
- Escape by James Patterson
- Suspects by Danielle Steel
- Four Treasures of the Sky by Jenny Tinghui Zhang
- Juvenile Books
- The Knight at Dawn by Mary Pope Osborne (Graphic Novel)
- Picture Books
- Baby Squeaks by Anne Hunter
- Eggasaurus by Jennifer Wagh

6-7:30 p.m.

Bring your unwanted indoor/outdoor plants to the library and exchange them for new ones! Be ready to talk about your plant's requirements with others. Please register by visiting Byron.evanced.info/signup or calling 815-234-5107.

Blueberry Muffins and More!

Tuesday, July 12
6-7 p.m.

Did you know that July is Blueberry Muffin Month? It is! Come join Beth as she shares a delicious blueberry muffin recipe. Beth will walk you through the steps of figuring out how many calories are in one muffin. She'll also share with you how you might cut those calories by using a simple ingredient in place of another. See if you can taste the difference. Everyone will go home with the staple ingredients and recipe for these yummy blueberry muffins. Please call 815-234-5107 or visit Byron.evanced.info/signup to register.

Explore Mexico

Friday, July 15
1-2:30 p.m.

Mike Vondruska, a respected authority on Mexico travel, has invested several months each year for over 15 years to explore the country of Mexico by traveling to its colonial cities, small towns, and rural villages to learn about its history, traditions, and many cultures. Come and meet Mike to hear some of his entertaining travel stories, learn about interesting off-the-beaten-path locations you can visit outside of the coastal beach resort areas, and gather some good tips about what you should know before you go.

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!

DIRECTORY OF AREA HUMAN SERVICES

Alcohol Abuse Counseling & Recovery

A.A. Hotline 800-452-7990
Sinnissippi Centers, Inc.
Oregon 732-3157
Rochelle 562-3801

Domestic Abuse Agency and 24-Hour Shelter and Helpline

HOPE of Ogle County 562-8890 or 732-7796
Counseling Services, Court Advocacy, Latina Advocacy, and Shelter programs

Education

University of Illinois Extension-Ogle County
421 W Pines Rd, Oregon 61061 732-2191

Low Income Housing

Ogle County Housing Authority
200 W Washington, Oregon 732-1301

Habitat for Humanity of Ogle County

P.) Box 628
Oregon, IL 61061 732-6855

Mental Health

Family Counseling Services 962-5585
Sinnissippi Centers, Inc.
Oregon 732-3157
Rochelle 562-3801
The Serenity Shed Grief Services 732-2499

Senior Citizens Services

Hub City Senior Center 562-5050
Mt Morris Senior Center 734-6335
Polo Senior Center 946-3818
Rock River Center 732-3252
Oregon, IL 800-541-5479

Sexual Assault/Abuse

Rockford Sexual Assault Counseling
24-hour hotline 636-9811
412 W Washington, Oregon 732-0000

Therapeutic

Pegasus Special Riders 973-3177

Veterans' Services

Rock River Center 732-3252
Serenity Hospice and Home 732-2499
Medical Transportation 677-6515

Wellness Services

Ogle County Health Dept
907 Pines Rd, Oregon 562-6976
510 Lincoln Hwy, Rochelle 562-6976
Serenity Hospice and Home 732-2499

LOCAL NEWS

Mount Morris Library News

Masks are optional
Thank you!

Summer Reading Program

Let's keep the summer reading going by "Reading Beyond the Beaten Path" at your local library! This week we will be taking a break from our crafts and story hour to celebrate Independence Day. But, don't forget to keep reading and reach those goals!

Special Program: Give Bees a Chance!

Buzz in Monday, July 11 at 11am to hear all about Bees! Ms. Melinda from the University of Illinois Extension will be bringing in her awesome stories, crafts, and snacks to share while teaching us the importance of bees! This program is geared toward any elementary age student.

Storytime-Wednesday's at 11:15 a.m.

This Wednesday, 7/6, we will not be having story hour. Please enjoy the holiday week with your families. Join us next week, 7/13, for our next story time at your Mount Morris Public Library!

Lego Club!

Lego night on Thursday, July 15, from 6-6:45 p.m. Bring a friend and build some fun with Lego bricks! All Children and parents are invited. Children under 8 need to bring a parent with them.

Adult Book Club

The 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 PM.

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 Garncarz! 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!

Explore More Illinois

Explore More Illinois is a cultural pass program that provides discounts at museums, visual and performing arts centers, park districts, and more around the state. Use Explore More Illinois to find fun and educational places to go on a free afternoon or for a little getaway. Explore More Illinois is easy to use with your library card. Visit the library's website to browse attractions. You can find the information on our website, www.mtmorris-il.org under the resources page.

Rock River Center

The Rock River Center has a representative in our library the second Thursday of every month. Services provided by Rock River Center are designed to enable older and disabled persons to remain independent,

thereby avoiding costly long-term care. No appointment necessary but, if you want to make an appointment with the Rock River Center you may call 815-732-3252.

Adult Programming

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

Curbside Service is available!

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

Additional Services Offered

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

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

AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

BYRON

ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH
624 Luther Drive, Byron, IL 61010 815-234-5277
Pastor: Janet Wold
Sunday Worship Service held at 9:00 am. A recording of each Sunday's worship service is available on our Facebook page and our website later in the day. Communion is served every Sunday. Sunday School for ages 3 through Adult is held at 10:00 am September through May. Confirmation studies for 7th and 8th grade students are held each Sunday morning at 10:00 am. Monday afternoon Bible Study is held at 1:30 pm via Zoom. In person Bible Studies are held Tuesday evening at 7:00 pm and Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 pm. Book Club and The GATHERING meet monthly; quilts meet twice monthly. Visit our website <http://www.AllSaintsByron.org> or call the church office for further information.

CORNERSTONE FAMILY CHURCH
205 N. Peru St., Byron 815-234-8737 cornerstonefamilychurch.org
Sr. Pastor: Erik Ness, NextGen/ Family Pastor: Collin Nicholls
Children's Ministry Director : Lori Martin
Worship Service on Sundays at 10am with Children's Worship Service and Nursery Available
Sr High Youth Ministry Sundays at 6:00pm, Jr High Youth Ministry Wednesdays at 6:30pm
Numerous Small Groups Available for All Ages throughout the week.
Please call our Church Office or visit our website for more details.
Office Hours: 8:00am - 4:30pm Mondays-Thursdays

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

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

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

CHANA

CHANA UNITED METHODIST
Pastor Matt Smith, 606 Main Street, Chana, IL 61015. Church office 815-732-7683. (E-mail address: chanoum@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 Harro
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: mtmcob@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;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

POLO

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

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

CROSSROADS COMMUNITY CHURCH ~ POLO CAMPUS
Meeting Sundays @ 10AM Service
205 N. Jefferson Avenue, Polo ~ 815.837.5255
polo@crossroadscn.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.crossroadscn.com

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

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

STILLMAN VALLEY

RED BRICK CHURCH OF STILLMAN VALLEY (CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH)
Pastor Rev. Dr. Chris Brauns | Associate Pastor David Bogner
207 W Roosevelt Road (Rte 72), Stillman Valley, IL 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 East of Montague and Tower roads.
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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211 Hwy. 38 E.
Rochelle, IL 61068
Ph: 815-732-2156
Fax: 815-562-2161

LOCAL NEWS

Oregon Park District has upcoming events, activities and sports on tap

Flamingo Bingo

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

Farm to Table Dinner

Get your tickets now for the Farm to Table Dinner Curbside Pick-Up on Friday, July 29. This year's Old Fashioned Summer Picnic will be a wonderful meal prepared by 10 local celebrity chefs. Pick it up and enjoy dinner in one of the beautiful parks, at Cork & Tap, or in the comforts of home. You won't be hungry after this fabulous meal which includes BBQ chicken, Pork Kabob, Sweet Corn, Toasted Southern Potato Salad, BarbaQ Baked Beans, fresh watermelon, 7 layer salad, fresh bread and a dessert sampler that will satisfy your sweet tooth. This event is a fundraiser for the Oregon Park District Youth Scholarship Fund. Meals are \$35/person. A limited number of meals will be prepared, so purchase yours today!

HS Mini Pitch League

New- High School Mini Pitch Soccer League! Join us for a small sided soccer league on our new Mini Pitch court at Park West, in this High School age league. Games will be a 4 v 4 format, with 1 goalie and 3 field players. Each week teams will play 3 officiated matches in their 1 hour time slot. Matches feature two 6 minute halves with a 4 minute half time break. A tournament will be played the last week of the season. Team rosters may

have up to 6 people. Players must at least be entering 9th grade in the Fall and must not have graduated High School. Season runs on Friday nights 7/15-8/5

Team Registration Fee \$100, registration deadline Tuesday July 5th

Mini Pitch Soccer Adult League!

Join us for a adult small sided soccer league on our new Mini Pitch court at Park West. Games will be a 4 v 4 format, with 1 goalie and 3 field players. Each week teams will play 3 officiated matches in their 1 hour time slot. Each match will feature two 6 minute halves with a 4 minute half time break. Team rosters may have up to 6 people. A tournament will be played the last week of the season. Players must be at least 18 and have graduated High School. Season runs on Thursday nights 7/14-8/4. Team Registration Fee \$100, registration deadline Tuesday July 5th

OHS Soccer Camp

Oregon High School Soccer Camp is back! Varsity coaches Seger Larson and Tiffany Rufer, and the Oregon Hawks team will run this fun, interactive, and informative camp at Park West! The coaches and players will teach the fundamentals of the game, various age appropriate strategies, as well as team work. Each participant will also receive a camp shirt, please bring your own practice ball. A limited number of balls will be available to borrow. Camp runs 7/25- 7/29

Registration Deadline: 7/13/22. Fee 4-8yrs- \$25/\$30 NR, 9-14 yrs- \$40/ \$46 NR

6th Grade Volleyball

The 6th Grade volleyball program focuses on skill development and is an introduction to volleyball. The

program will help prepare participants for the Jr. High level of competition. Practice dates and times will vary depending on the preference of the head coach. Home games are played at the Nash and travel to away games is provided by OCUSD buses. Tryouts may be required if the max number of participants is reached. Season runs 8/8 through 9/30. A volunteer coach is needed for this team. Please contact lesley@oregonpark.org if interested. Registration Deadline: 7/20 Fee \$75/\$90NR

Junior High Cross Country

Junior High athletes will build endurance, improve their running technique, and develop 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.

Fall Soccer

Soccer returns to Park West in the Fall of 2022! Practices will be held during the week and games are scheduled for Saturdays beginning August 20th in Oregon and surrounding towns. Are you unsure of which age level to sign up for? Reference our age chart below. If you are interested in coaching please contact Lesley at lesley@oregonpark.org

U6- Born in 2017 Fee \$60/\$73 NR
 U7- Born in 2016 Fee \$60/\$73 NR
 U9- Born in 2014 & 2015 Fee \$75/\$90 NR
 U11- Born in 2012 & 2013 Fee \$75/\$90 NR
 U13- Born in 2010 & 2011 Fee \$80/ \$95 NR
 U15- Born in 2008 & 2009 (No H.S. Players allowed). Fee \$80/ \$95 NR

Weekly Brain Busters

King Crossword

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ACROSS

1 Chantilly, e.g.
 5 Chicken —
 9 Leg, in slang
 12 Mr. Stravinsky
 13 Sparkling Italian wine
 14 Have bills
 15 Bouncing toy
 17 Retrieve
 18 Ruby and Sandra
 19 Apple products
 21 Buy more Time?
 24 Handle
 25 New Mexico resort
 26 Monotonous
 30 Work unit
 31 Chair designer- Charles
 32 Odometer start
 33 Winter road clearer
 35 Remain
 36 Church area
 37 Buckwheat porridge
 38 Physicist Enrico
 40 Slightly
 42 White House nickname
 43 Company emblems
 48 Grazing land
 49 Scott Turow

DOWN

1 Back talk
 2 In the past
 3 Gear tooth
 4 Wears away
 5 Winslet of "Titanic"
 6 Egyptian deity
 7 List-ending abbr.
 8 Minnesota

book
 50 Valentine flower
 51 Curvy letter
 52 Yuletide tune
 53 Faction

footballers
 9 '60s footwear
 10 Dumbstruck
 11 Citi Field team
 16 Stitch
 20 Not neg.
 21 Numbered rds.
 22 Deserve
 23 Restricted zones
 24 Recognized
 26 Shopper's delight
 27 "As I see it," to a texter
 28 Ancient mariner

29 Maja painter
 31 Delta follower
 34 Typing speed stat
 35 Nymph pursuers
 37 Tool set
 38 Dossier
 39 Stretches (out)
 40 Baseball's Tommie
 41 Weevil's target
 44 Music's Yoko
 45 "Ulalume" writer
 46 Computer key
 47 Filming site

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MAGIC MAZE

WORDS WITH ACHES AND PAINS

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

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
 Unlisted clue hint: **Five-Letter European Country**

Acheson	Bachelor	Face paint	Painless
Apache	Beaches	Paine	Paints
Approached	Bellyache	Pained	Papain
Attached	Bleached	Painful	

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

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.

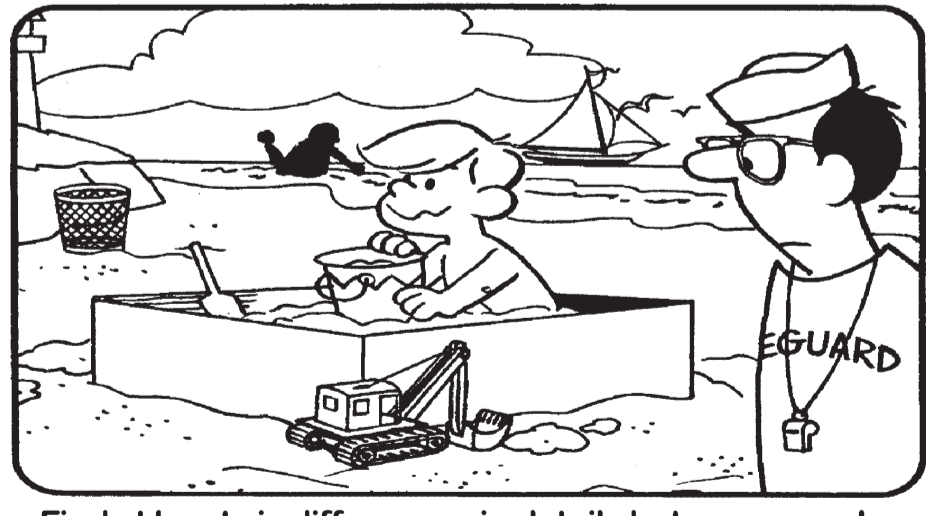
DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
 ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Trash can is missing. 2. Shovel is missing. 3. Steam shovel is missing. 4. Sailboat is missing. 5. Glasses are missing. 6. Whistle is missing.

WORDS WITH ACHES AND PAINS

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

Answer

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Answers

King Crossword


Solution time: 23 mins.

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309 PETS AND SUPPLIES
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