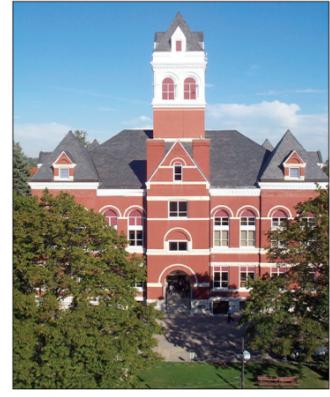




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## Fuel prices hit area farmers

### Inflation also adding to the cost of doing business for those on the farm

By Jeff Helfrich  
Rochelle News-Leader

**ROCHELLE** – Fuel costs have risen around \$2 per gallon between just before spring planting and now for Steward-area corn, soybean and cattle farmer Dean Sveta.

Fuel tanks on tractors can range between 250-425 gallons. “That adds up a lot when you’re filling up a tractor,” Sveta said. “\$5 a gallon for fuel, that’s about \$1,000 every time you fuel up. You try not to think about it.”

Fuel prices aren’t the only input expense that farmers have seen rise. Prices of chemicals like fertilizer, anhydrous am-

monia and weed control have skyrocketed and have been in shorter supply. Oil and any oil-based products are up in price. Sveta said seed costs increased by just a little, and he was surprised that they didn’t increase more.

“Anything that goes into our everyday lifestyle as far as building a crop for the fall,” Sveta said. “All of our inputs have seen prices rise.”

The lowest percentage increase that Rochelle-area sweet corn, corn and soybean farmer Jeff Rainwater has seen on an input from last year to this year is six percent. The highest he’s seen is a 19 percent increase.



Farmers often utilize fuel contracts that can get them ahead of the game if prices rise afterwards. But Rainwater’s contract expired at the end of 2021 and by then, prices were already higher and have gone

up since. “Fuel prices are ridiculous compared to a year ago,” Rainwater said. “It’s been going in this direction for a while now. It’s troublesome when you’re

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## Let Freedom Ring



People came out to enjoy the Let Freedom Ring Festival in Mount Morris June 29-July 4. Pictured above is Briannah West, who won first place in the 7-11 year old group in the watermelon eating contest. At right, the Let Freedom Ring Patriotic Program, Band Shell July 4 featuring choir students from local schools. (Submitted photos)



## David L. Rahn up for auction

**OREGON** – The sale is on to find the right bidder to take ownership of the David L. Rahn Junior High School property in Mt. Morris after the Oregon Community Unit School District 220 school board approved putting it up for sale.

The property is available through auction by a sealed bid with no minimum sale price. The bidding packet can be found here: [https://www.ocusd.net/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC\\_ID=2087487&-type=d&pREC\\_ID=2329791](https://www.ocusd.net/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=2087487&-type=d&pREC_ID=2329791).

“The closure of the David L. Rahn Junior High School building was a hard decision to make, but we know it’s right for our students, our taxpayers, and our OCUSD220 community,” said Superintendent Tom Mahoney. “It has opened the doors to new opportunities for Jr. High students this upcoming fall, such as the option to take Spanish and Ag as well as offering additional computer science and social studies courses. We are also thrilled to announce that FFA will now be available to our junior high students.”

The repurposing of the David L. Rahn Junior High School property can provide growth opportunities for the village of Mt. Morris through investment in new business.

A walk-through of the property for potential bidders will be held on July 11 at 9 a.m.

If there are no bids, the board can vote to use a brokerage firm to assist in selling the property.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## German Valley Days July 15, 16

**GERMAN VALLEY** – German Valley Days 2022 is scheduled on July 15 and 16.

Festivities will get underway at 5 p.m. on Friday with a Fireworks Fundraising Supper, an Ice Cream Booth and Historical Society Plant Sale. Beginning at 5:30 p.m. there will be German Valley/Forreston 12 & Under Baseball and Softball All Star Games. Activities will begin at 7 a.m. on Saturday with a Pancake Breakfast, FHN Health Screenings and 5K & Kids Fun Run registration. Car Show registration and an Antique Tractor Show will begin at 9 a.m.

Activities for youngsters will include a Pig Scramble, Coloring Contest, Kiddie Tractor Pull, Petting Zoo, and Nerf Blaster Wars. Also planned are Face Painting, Big Bubble Time with Jason Kollum and Hacky Sack by Andy Linder.

Art In The Park, Around the World Basketball Shooting Contest and Prize

Bingo are also planned.

A Parade will step off at 2 p.m. followed by a Bags Tournament, entertainment by Galaxy and Grass Attack Bands, Pork Chop Barbecue set to begin at 3:30 p.m., Little Miss & Mister GVP Pageant, MVP Presentation and Lions Awards.

Trivia Night will begin at 7:30 p.m. followed by a Prize Drawing. The day will conclude with fireworks over Lake Baalton.

Available throughout the weekend will be food, including a Summer Rec Ice Cream Booth, Inflatable Rides and a Bounce House.

The German Valley Historical Museum will be open 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and 3-6 p.m. on Saturday.

Activities take place in the Ben Miller Park, along Church Street or Bunker Hill Road.

For information, go to [www.germanvalleydays.com](http://www.germanvalleydays.com) or call 815-362-3671.

## Volunteers make fair happen

The Ogle County Fair could never be a reality without the hundreds of hours donated every year by dedicated volunteers.

“It wouldn’t happen without them. That’s how important they are,” said fair publicity director Carol Magnuson.

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

New and better lighting all over the fairgrounds is one of the volunteer projects, fairgoers will notice and appreciate this year. Since March, Carol’s husband Rich Magnuson and his son Nate have spent their spare time changing 60 lights to LED. Carol Magnuson said they started with the exhibit building and worked their way through the rest. Marty Bush, owner of Ehmens of Oregon, supplied a bucket truck for the project as well as the fuel to run it.

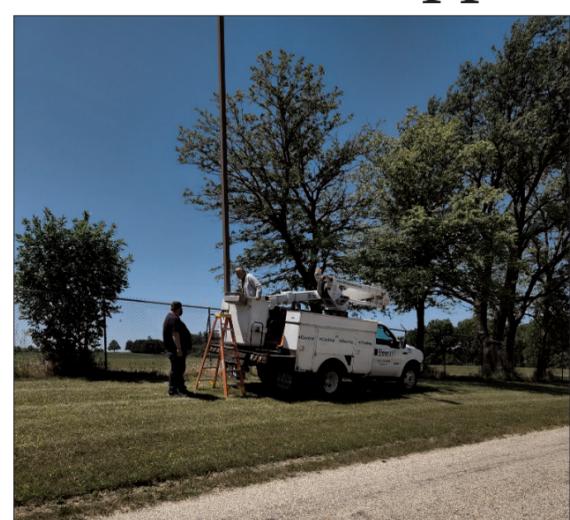
“That’s a big donation,” Magnuson said.

Everything from planning the fair, getting the grounds ready, making the event run smoothly, and cleaning up afterward is accomplished by volunteers.

All the members of the fair board are volunteers and work throughout the year to make the annual event happen.

“Our board does not get paid for the time that they put in,” Magnuson said.

“It is the love of the fair and the enjoyment of the families who attend and participate that puts smiles



Rich and Nate Magnuson get ready to install an LED light on one of the poles at the Ogle County Fairgrounds. The two volunteers worked for several weeks to install new lights all over the fairgrounds. (Photo by Carol Magnuson)

on their faces.”

Prep work begins months before the fair with booking entertainers and getting contracts in order.

4-H club members donated their time this spring to pick up debris all over the grounds so that mowing could begin.

Then there’s flowers to plant, painting inside and out, buildings to clean, pens to be set up, numerous safety checks, tracks to prepare at the grandstands and horse arena, signs and fences to put up, portable toilets to be ordered, and publicity, just to name a few.

“There’s a lot of work behind the scenes. It takes a team of caring people to get everything ready to have a fair. It’s like putting on a party for 10,000 people for five days,” Magnuson said.

During the fair, volunteers take tickets, direct parking, clean up garbage,

and provide information.

Afterward, everything is cleaned up and put away and the planning begins all over again.

To honor the efforts of the people who help, the fair board annually names a Volunteer of the Year.

“We appreciate all who donate a very precious thing and that is their time,” Magnuson said.

More volunteers are needed, Magnuson said, and the fair board welcomes anyone willing to help out, no matter how much or little time they have to give.

“If you have only two hours, we’ll take you,” she said.

For more information or to volunteer call the fair office at 815-732-6962 or contact a fair board member. For more information about the fair go to the website at [www.oglecountyfair.com](http://www.oglecountyfair.com).



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## FUEL: Availability of parts will be a problem

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trying to run a business. And it’s for no real good reason.”

Rainwater has seen fuel double or more than double in price in a year. A lot of the fertilizer and chemicals he uses are derived from oil base and he’s dealt with the same issues with other non-fuel inputs that Svella has.

“You always hope the market price for the crop you’re selling will go up to cover increased costs like that,” Rainwater said. “Fuel is required for every part of the growing process. There’s no right answer to how to combat it. I can’t really slow down or cut back. You try not to have your tractor run for more than it should. I operated the engine at the lowest percentage level I could this year to try to save fuel.”

Commodity prices are up for crops right now. But Svella said the reason for that is because of the rise of expenses that go into growing them. Prices of products at supermarkets are up because of things like the transportation it takes to get them there.

Both Svella and Rainwater said that the weather this year has been good and is set up nice for harvest so far, outside of the need for some rain. Rainwater has recently told area residents to expect sweet corn around July 25, depending on how much the hot days move that date up.

Svella said he doesn’t mind dry weather early

in the year because it makes the crop work for nutrients, which causes deeper roots.

“We could have a very good crop this year,” Svella said. “It looks good now. But we definitely need moisture. If we have a good crop this year, it should be a status quo year just because the commodity prices are up and inputs are up. You’re not going to make any more money at it than you would’ve a couple years ago. Everything is just inflated.”

With input prices up and supply down, Rainwater said he’s tried to get ahead of the game by stocking up on products like grease and parts. Svella believes availability issues could be “the greatest evil” in the current economic situation for farmers.

“Some people wait 4-5 months for parts for something,” Svella said. “People can’t get something like a new field cultivator because manufacturers aren’t producing them fast enough. But can they at least get the parts to fix the one they have?”

Svella said he doesn’t like seeing higher prices for inputs, but he deals with them. Because he has to.

“That’s the cost of farming,” Svella said. “You don’t have a choice. You buy things for what everybody else wants to sell them for. And you sell your crop for whatever they want to buy it for. You have very little leeway in there. I can’t just keep holding on to my crop.”

# LOCAL NEWS

## Electronic recycling event in county is July 29

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

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

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

This event is for Ogle County residential electronics. Accepted items include all types of televisions and computer monitors, computers and all computer hardware and cables, laptops, tablets, cell phones, video game equipment, printers, FAX machines, copiers, scanners, VCR/DVD players, cable and satellite boxes,

all remote controls (please remove batteries), radios, stereo equipment, phones, digital clocks, calculators, holiday light strands, computer power back-ups, rechargeable batteries, and printer ink cartridges. Microwave ovens are accepted for a \$5 fee per unit. Remove items from packaging prior to arrival at the event, materials such as boxes, Styrofoam, and plastic packaging are not accepted.

Other items commonly brought to these events but are not accepted include smoke detectors, vacuum cleaners, coffee makers, toasters, medical devices, dis-

mantled and harvested electronics, lamps, power tools, fans, heaters, dehumidifiers, crock pots, small appliances, flashlights, alkaline batteries, large fluorescent bulbs, motors, and sump pumps. Call the number above for possible recycling options for these items.

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



### Ogle Jolly celebrates 75 years

On Sunday, June 5, the Ogle Jolly 4-H club held a celebration recognizing its 75th anniversary as an Ogle County 4-H club. The event was held at the Brick Center of the Red Brick Church in Stillman Valley. In attendance were current members as well as alumni and past leaders. The group enjoyed hearing about the history of Ogle Jolly 4-H and the many awards and accomplishments of the club. A Potluck meal was served followed by games for the younger kids and reminiscing by past 4-H leaders and members. Ogle Jolly would like to thank all that attended and helped with the celebration. – Submitted by Braden Rogers Club Reporter

### River's Edge has great line-up of music, vendors

**OREGON** – The River's Edge Farmers Market is off to a great start this season with an awesome lineup of vendors and entertainment and we're showing 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 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; Bounce House, Cotton Candy and Dance Routine by Beat Feet

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

Aug. 11 – Back to School Jam with Live Music by JT Wells and Kids Craft sponsored by the Oregon Park District, Kona Ice

While you're here, grab dinner from one of our food trucks – Hector's Cocina, Rustic Oven Wood Fired Pizza or Spring Valley. 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 & Vegetable Plants, Meats & Poultry, Breads, Cereals & Baked Goods, Natural Sweeteners (honey, maple syrup, etc), Canned Goods (jellies, jams, salsas, etc)]. 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.

### Byron Bank event to help area students

**BYRON** – Byron Bank's annual Stuff-A-Bus campaign exists to help students have a strong start to the school year.

Having a backpack full of much-needed school supplies is essential to help prepare students for success.

"Every donation will make a positive difference in the lives of these children," said Byron Bank President, Brent Baker. "Schools are a vital part of our communities and as a local community bank, we are proud to be able to give back and help our schools in any way we can."

Items that are most needed are backpacks, crayons, dry erase markers, scissors, spiral notebooks, 1-inch binders, index cards, ear buds or headphones, hygiene kits, and #2 pencils. All

supplies donated will be delivered directly to the Byron School District, Meridian School District, and District 100 in Belvidere and distributed by school staff.

"Byron Bank has had great success with our Stuff-A-Bus campaign," said Byron Bank Marketing Manager, Samantha Ciaccio. "We are thrilled to have a wonderful outpouring of support from our communities."

We encourage the community and area businesses to bring in school supplies to any Byron Bank location from now until Saturday, July 30th. Find a complete list of school supplies needed at [byronbank.com](http://byronbank.com).

Together we can give students the tools they need to start the school year prepared and confident.

### Annual barn sale to benefit Serenity is July 21-24

**OREGON** – Jack of all Trades...and Jill's too! barn sale opens for four days only from July 21-24.

The barn at 1194 W Mud Creek Road, Oregon will be filled with new and vintage items, collectibles and fun things to own. You will find a variety of construction supplies, remodeling items, gardening accessories, tools, cookie jars, glassware, pictures, lamps, furniture and much more. We guarantee you will walk away with more than one thing.

All proceeds will be directed to Serenity Hospice and Home – our gem that serves Boone, Carroll, DeKalb, Lee, Ogle, Stephenson, Whiteside, and Winnebago, as well as the towns of Walnut and Ohio in Bureau County. Serenity serves people anywhere they call "home" and provides support in all areas of need from medical to bereavement to volunteers.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Obituaries

### Daryl Cave

Daryl Cave, loving husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather passed away on June 28, 2022 at 76 years old.

Daryl was born on Sept. 11, 1945 in Washington, Iowa. He was the third of four children of Don Oliver and Helen Bernice (Edmund) Cave. He moved from Iowa to Illinois in 1965 where he met his wife, Joan (Kroh) Cave. They were married Aug. 19th, 1967 and have been farming for 55 years.

Daryl was a member of the Ogle County Farm Bureau Board, the Ogle County Fair Board, and the Evangelical Free Church of Mt. Morris. As a man full of integrity, kindness, and generosity, he was highly regarded among his family, friends, and



farming community. He was a patient mentor and always welcoming to everyone. He loved being with his family and friends. He had a great interest in preserving the heritage of historical farming practices and enjoyed attending the Midwest Old Threshers Reunion in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa with his family every year for over 70 years.

He is preceded in death

by his parents, brother and sister-in-law, Robert and Clara Cave, and brother-in-law, Rowland Rees. He is survived by his wife, Joan; daughters Laurie (Mark) Barrett, Becky (Steve) Hodson, and Kristy (Jami) Peters; sisters, Donna Rees and Myrna (Steve) Ebling, 16 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. He was loved and will be greatly missed by his family.

A visitation was held at Finch Funeral Home in Mt. Morris on July 1st, 2022 from 6-8 p.m. The funeral was held at the Evangelical Free Church in Mt. Morris on July 2nd, 2022 at 11 a.m.

Memorials may be given to the Evangelical Free Church and the Ogle County Fair.

### Michael Ghibellini

**MOUNT MORRIS** – Michael Allan Ghibellini, age 79, passed away on June 29, 2022 at home with his family by his side. Mike was born on Dec. 27, 1942 in Rockford, the son of James and Pauline (Biavati) Ghibellini.

When Mike was in 6<sup>th</sup> grade he moved to Mark, Ill., with his mother. He attended Hopkins High School in Granville, Ill., where he was an outstanding baseball and basketball player. At 14 years old he met the love of his life. He married Sharice Williams on July 13, 1963 in the First Lutheran Church, Granville, and she preceded him in death on March 1, 2022. After high school he started working at BF Goodrich Chemical Plant in Henry, Ill. After a very bad fire at the plant Mike decided to move to Mt. Morris, IL and start over. He owned and operated the Brass Rail with his father and brother Jim for about 20 years. Mike also worked at Kable Printing Company as a Photoengraver. He was a proud union member who walked the picket line for 7 years during the strike; and he retired from Quebecor Printing in 2001.

Mike and Shari enjoyed meeting friends to go dancing, gambling at the boat, taking trips to share moments with people they cared about. Something



Mike really enjoyed cooking, he watched his mother for years and he was great at it also. He passed many family secrets on to his son and grandchildren. He was an avid golfer, who enjoyed playing at Sunset Golf Club more than anywhere. Mike spent a lot of time at the Pepper Mill where he always enjoyed a cup of coffee with friends, buying rounds of drinks, getting serenaded, making bets on horses with Jockey and throwing their losing tickets into the "Bucket" saying Rah Ta Ta. He bought lottery tickets on a regular basis, always hoping to hit it big. Nothing meant more to him than family. He always put everyone above himself. He spent many years caring for people, especially Shari. There was no better son, brother, husband, father, Poppy, cousin, and friend than Mike Ghibellini.

Mike is survived by his son: Joseph (Missy) Ghibellini, Mt. Morris; grandchildren: Kennedy (Tyler) Ghibellini – Burkhart, Oregon, John Ghi-

bellini, Mt. Morris, Jacob Osborne, Salt Lake City, Utah, Danielle (Jacob) Miller, Saratoga, Wyo.; great grandchildren: Barrett and Oden Miller, Saratoga, Wyo.; step mother in law: Ursela Williams, Oglesby, Ill.; step brother: Gary (Chris) Krejsa, Marina, Calif.; sister in law: Connie Ghibellini, Charleston, Ill.; numerous nieces and nephews, and many special cousins.

Mike is preceded in death by his parents: James and Pauline Ghibellini; wife: Shari; son: John; brothers: Jim and Ted Ghibellini; grandparents: Angelo and Della Ghibellini and John and Mary Biavati.

Memorial services were held on Tuesday, July 5, 2022 at 11 a.m. in Finch Funeral Home, 405 East Hitt, Mt. Morris, with Rev. Steven Erickson officiating. Burial in Plainview Cemetery, Mt. Morris. Visitation was held on Tuesday, July 5, 2022 from 10 a.m. until service time in Finch Funeral Home.

Memorials to Sunset Golf Club and/or Serenity Hospice & Home.

The family would like to thank Serenity Hospice & Home and especially Val Rowland for their loving and comforting care.

And now he is entering the home stretch....

he is picking them up, and laying them down.....

### Patricia Mae Lingbeck

**LEAF RIVER** – Patricia Mae Lingbeck, age 89, passed away at KSB Hospital in Dixon on July 2, 2022. She was born on April 12, 1933 in Adeline, the daughter of Olive and Shelby Cain, Sr.

She graduated from Leaf River High School class of 1950. She married Elmer Edward Lingbeck on July 29, 1951. Patricia liked helping on the family farm in the Byron and Leaf River area. She lived for her family and was a selfless mother; always putting her children first. She enjoyed spending time with friends. She also enjoyed playing cards and belonged to the neighborhood card club for 40 years. Patricia was a member of the Leaf River Grange, Ogle County Pomona Grange, Illinois State Grange, Ogle County Farm Bureau, and the Seward Congregational Church. She was a fabulous host-



ess who always made sure to have homecooked meals ready and would insist you stay for dinner. She was an amazing cook and was famous for her delicious chocolate pies. She also loved visits from her grand dog Oreo who would come visit her during the day before traveling back home.

She is survived by her children, Kenneth (Nickie) Lingbeck of Leaf River, Donna (Scott) Moffitt of Raeford, N.C., and Diane (Michael) Hemmersbach of Leaf River; sister, Vaida

Yelinek of Leaf River; and grandchildren, Kyle (Fiancé Taylor Metz) Hemmersbach, Bobby Moffitt, Ashlyn Moffitt, Alyse Moffitt, Eli Moffitt, and Kaden Lingbeck.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, siblings, Shelby Cain, Jr. and Virginia Maxwell, and an infant daughter, Kimberly Lingbeck.

Funeral services were held Thursday, July 7, 2022 at 5 p.m. at the Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home, 506 W. Merchant St., Byron. Visitation was at the funeral home on Thursday from 3:30-5 p.m. Graveside service will be on Friday morning at 10 a.m. at Lightsville Cemetery, Leaf River. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to Lightsville Cemetery Association. To leave an online condolence please visit [www.farrellhollandgale.com](http://www.farrellhollandgale.com)

### Shirley Ann LeFevre

**OREGON** – Shirley Ann LeFevre, age 86, died Friday, July 1, 2022 at Pinecrest Terrace in Mt. Morris. She was born July 10, 1935 in Adeline, the daughter of Vincent and Helen (Hilmer) Miller.

Shirley graduated from Polo High School in 1953. Shirley married Eldon L. LeFevre on June 19, 1959 at the Presbyterian Church in Polo. She previously worked for Watt Publishing in Mt. Morris and Progressive Graphics in Oregon for 19 years. Shirley loved spending time with her family, but especially her grandchildren. She was known as a person who was always giving to others selflessly. She loved tending to her



flowers.

Shirley was predeceased by her parents.

She is survived by her husband of 63 years Eldon LeFevre of Oregon, son Michael LeFevre of Mt. Morris, Lisa (Jerry) "Her favorite son-in-law" Baker of Mt. Morris, 2 grandchildren Shannon LeFevre (Jaryn Rudy) of Mt.

Morris, and Abigail Baker of Mt. Morris, and 3 great grandchildren Cameron, Chase, and Kaden Rudy.

Funeral service was held 11 a.m., Thursday, July 7, 2022 at the Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home, 110 7<sup>th</sup> Street in Oregon, with the Rev. Rodney Caldwell officiating. Visitation was prior to the service from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Burial took place at the Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens in Freeport. A memorial fund is established in Shirley's name for the Serenity Hospice and Home in Oregon, or the Pinecrest Terrace in Mt. Morris. Visit [www.farrellhollandgale.com](http://www.farrellhollandgale.com) to leave a condolence or memory of Shirley.

### 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. 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.

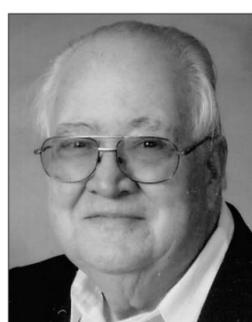
To honor Howard Nelson's memory, we are holding a celebration of his life on July 13, 2022. We invite anyone who knew Howard to attend and remember his remarkable life. The celebration of life will take place at Thurman Methodist Church from 5-7 p.m. (414 Harris St., Thurman, Iowa 51654). Sharing of memories at 6 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the family.

### Charles Dilbeck, Jr.

**OREGON** – Charles W. Dilbeck, Jr., 88, of Oregon died Tuesday, July 5, 2022 at KSB Hospital, Dixon. He was born Feb. 8, 1934 in Oconee, Ill., the son of Charles W. and Anna (Howell) Dilbeck, Sr.

He married Phyllis J. Helman in Adeline on Feb. 15, 1954; she died in 2015. Charles lived over 30 years in the Leaf River and Oregon areas and enjoyed his daily coffee time at Bellas Restaurant and also enjoyed casinos. He collected and restored single shot boys' rifles. Charles worked at Case, IH, and Dohm Transport and retired as a mechanic from the Ogle County



Highway Department.

Survivors include children, Daniel (Mary Jo) Dilbeck of Winnebago and Kenneth (Melissa) Dilbeck of Oregon; siblings, Ron (Phyllis) Dilbeck of Davis Junction, Shirley Bryant of Rochelle, and Pat (Mike) Chantous of Nashville, Tenn.; 12 grandchildren, 15 great

grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife Phyllis after 61 years of marriage, brother Gregg, sister Pamela, son Robert M. Dilbeck, daughter Betty J. Dilbeck, and granddaughter, Rebecca M. Dilbeck.

Funeral services were held Saturday, July 9, 2022 at 11 a.m. in the Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home, 110 S. 7th St., Oregon with Rev. Frank Ley officiating. Visitation will be from 10-11 a.m. prior to the service. Burial will be in Lightsville Cemetery. Memorials may be directed to the Oregon VFW or Mt. Morris Moose Lodge.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Ogle County Sheriff

### June 12

At approximately 8:03 p.m., Ogle County Deputies responded to the 300 block of Main St. in Leaf River in reference to a driving complaint. After an investigation, deputies placed John H. Huenefeld, 56, of Leaf River under arrest for driving under the influence of alcohol. Additionally, Huenefeld was cited for improper lane usage. Huenefeld was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was released to correctional staff and held in lieu of bond. All individuals are presumed innocent.

At approximately 12:27 a.m., Deputies conducted a traffic stop at the intersection of IL Rte. 64 and Mongan Drive. After investigation, Deputies placed Joaquin Roque SantiagoCruz, 46 of Woodstock, under arrest for Aggravated DUI (class 4 felony), Driving without a BAID (class 4 felony), Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol, and Driving While License Revoked. SantiagoCruz was additionally issued citations for improper lane usage, improper turn signal, fail to obey a stop sign, and operating an uninsured vehicle. SantiagoCruz was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held pending a court appearance in front of a judge. All individuals are presumed innocent.

At 7:56 p.m., deputies were dispatched to the intersection of E. Hemstock Rd. and S. Center Rd. for a report of a two vehicle accident with injuries. During the course of the investigation it was determined that a white 2009 Chevrolet Tahoe, operated by a 16-year-old juvenile, was traveling eastbound on E. Hemstock Rd. and had stopped at the intersection at S. Center Rd. The white 2009 Chevrolet Tahoe then entered the intersection, where it failed to yield, to a black 2021 Kia Soul, that was traveling southbound on S. Center Rd. by Edith H. Lynch, 82, of Chana. The black Kia collided with the white Chevrolet, causing both vehicles to exit the roadway to the southeast side of the intersection. The 16-year-old juvenile was transported to Rochelle Community Hospital for evaluation of possible injuries by Rochelle EMS. The 17-year-old juvenile passenger in the white Chevrolet Tahoe was uninjured. Lynch was transported to Rochelle Community Hospital by Rochelle EMS for suspected serious injuries. The 16-year-old juvenile was issued a citation for Failure to Yield. Deputies were assisted on scene by the Rochelle Fire Department.

### June 10

At approximately 8:10 p.m., Deputies conducted a traffic stop near the intersection of Big Mound Road and IL Rte. 251. After investigation, Deputies placed Kristopher Zaugg, 38 of Rockford under arrest for a Mchenry County warrant for violation of bond conditions, Possession of Methamphetamine, Possession of a Controlled Substance (heroin), and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Zaugg was additionally issued citations for no front registration, loud exhaust, and operating an uninsured vehicle. Zaugg was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held pending a court appearance in front of a judge. All individuals are presumed innocent.

### June 6

At approximately 11:19 p.m., Deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 1500 block of Lincoln Ave. in Rochelle. After investigation, Deputies placed Aron Anderson, 28 of Rochelle under arrest for Driving While License Suspended. Anderson was additionally issued a citation for following too closely. Anderson was released on an I-Bond at the scene and given a future court date. All individuals are presumed innocent.

At approximately 4:50 p.m., Ogle County Deputies and Rochelle Fire/EMS responded to the 11000 block of East Fisher Road in reference to a 3-vehicle accident. After investigation, it was determined that a Dodge pickup truck, driven by Sergio Cervantes, 70 of Rochelle, was traveling westbound, at which time the Dodge entered the south ditch and struck two parked and unoccupied vehicles in a driveway. Cervantes was treated by Rochelle EMS on scene for minor injuries. Cervantes was issued citations for Failure to Reduce Speed to Avoid an Accident and Improper Lane Usage.

### June 3

At approximately 10:52 p.m., Ogle County Deputies conducted a traffic stop at Illinois Route 38 and Mulford Road. After investigation, Amanda Graham, 30 of Rochelle, was arrested for No Driver's License. Graham was released on an Individual Bond and given a return court date. All individuals are presumed innocent.

At 10:44 p.m., Deputies conducted a traffic stop on I88 at mile marker 77. After a short investigation Deputies arrested Jean Resendez, 27 of Melrose Park, for no valid license, Improper container/driver, and a valid Will County arrest warrant. Resendez was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond. All individuals are presumed innocent.

At approximately 4:50 a.m., Deputies along with Stillman Valley Fire/EMS responded to I-39 at mile marker 111 for a crash involving two commercial motor vehicles. After conducting an investigation it was discovered that a 2016 Freightliner driven by Preston Fouke (age 21 of Mendota) struck the rear end of a 2007 Mac trailer causing both units to become stuck together. Fouke and his front seat passenger Angelcelina Escatel (age 17 of Mendota) were transported to the hospital for non-life threatening injuries. Maggio's was contacted to remove the vehicles and Fouke was cited for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident with a return court date.

At approximately 2:50 p.m., Deputies along with Rochelle Fire Department and Flagg Center Fire Department responded to a single vehicle crash in the 5000 block of S. Mill Pond Road. After conducting an investigation it was discovered Erik Gilbert, age 51 of Rochelle, was traveling westbound on Flagg Road when he experience a medical emergency causing him to leave the roadway. Gilbert traveled several hundred feet before striking a tree and coming to rest. Gilbert was transported to Rochelle Community Hospital where he was then treated for his injuries.

### June 1

At approximately 9:50 p.m., Ogle County Deputies conducted a traffic stop near the intersection of East Illinois Route 38 and Quitno Road. After investigation, Deputies arrested Austin Cantrell, 25 of DeKalb, for Possession of a Controlled Substance, Resisting a Peace Officer and Driving While License Suspended. Cantrell was also issued citations for Operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle and an Equipment Violation. Cantrell was subsequently transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond. All subjects are presumed innocent.

At approximately 3:45 a.m., Ogle County Deputies responded to the Pilot gas station in Rochelle to investigate a disturbance that occurred in a vehicle on Interstate 39. After investigation, Lessi Stewart-Strahm, age 23 of New Glarus, Wisconsin, was arrested for Aggravated Unlawful Use of a Firearm. Stewart-Strahm was transported to the Ogle County Jail where she was held in lieu of bond. Additionally, Nanyamka James, 27 of Fitchburg, Wisconsin, was arrested for Driving While License Suspended and released by I-bond with a return court date. All individuals involved are presumed innocent.



### Meat raffle winner

Ellen Ebert, pictured with Winton Bocker and Aaron Miller, won the \$100 gift certificate from Polo Fresh Food Market, as part of the Polo Lions Club meat raffle. The winners of the half hogs are: Hayden Eastman and David Decker not present. The winners of the quarter beefs with freezers are: Jodi Goeddeke and Tim Finkle not present. Thank you to all those that made this very successful and to are sponsors: Johnson Processing in Chadwick, Death Farms in Polo, Brooks Farms in Forreston, Stone Seed, Polo Fresh Food Market, Hopkins/Rahn Families in Polo, and Knie Appliance & Furniture.

### Byron church is hosting movie night on July 15

**BYRON** – The United Church of Byron will be having their next Outdoor Family Movie Night on Friday, July 15.

As always, movies are free and open to the community. The movie will take place out on church lawn (or will be held inside the fellowship hall if it rains). We will be showing the movie "Moana"

The movie will begin at dusk, and if weather does not permit being outside,

we will move it inside the fellowship hall and it will begin at 8:30 p.m. Popcorn and other snacks will be available for a freewill donation starting at 8 p.m. or you are welcome to bring your own. Grampa's Sweet Treats will also be here offering ice cream.

Please visit our Facebook page or our website [www.unitedchurchofbyron.org](http://www.unitedchurchofbyron.org) for more information and upcoming movie dates.

### Band has guest conductor

**MOUNT MORRIS** – The guest conductor for the Kable Concert Band, July 13, will be Sarah Reckmeyer.

Reckmeyer was a local resident and graduate of Mt. Morris High School. She then went on to be the music educator and band director of Ottawa High School until her recent retirement.

The concert line-up includes a Dixieland band

number, a Duke Ellington piece, marches, and a specially commissioned piece, "Civil War Roundtable." Elvis fans won't want to miss a medley of Elvis tunes commemorating 45 years since Elvis' death.

The concert starts at 7:30 p.m. at the Mt. Morris Reckmeyer Band Shell. Benches available or bring your lawn chair.



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## Byron Police report

**June 8**  
Norkaeo Sanameesai, 50, of Dixon, was issued citations for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol and Improper Lane Usage. Sanameesai was transported to Ogle County Jail.

**June 11**  
Joanna Ramos, 29 of Aurora, was issues citations for Speeding and Driving with No Insurance.

Kristina Krueger, 48 of Stillman Valley, was issued a citation for Driving with No Insurance.

Sarah Long, 43 of Milwaukee, Wis., was issued a citation for Driving with a Suspended Registration.

**June 14**  
Jordan Croegaert, 18, of Byron, was issued a citation for Texting While Driving.

**June 19**  
Devin Tervelt,, 20, of Winnebago, was issued citations for Leaving the Scene of Accident and Failure to Reduce Speed to Avoid an Accident.

**June 20**  
Andrew Gornick, 40, of Belvidere, was arrested for Domestic Battery. He was transported to Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

**June 25**  
Chris Elswick, 32, of Byron, was issues a citation for Failure to Give Information After Striking an Unattended Vehicle.

**June 26**  
Chris Elswick, 32, of Byron, was arrested for Domestic Battery. He was transported to Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

## Fishing derby



Rochelle Wildlife Conservation Club in Chana and Bassmaster's hosted their annual fishing Derby on Sunday, June 26. More than 100 kids signed up. Lots of fish were caught and tons of Prizes were won and given away. Bikes, fishing poles, tackle boxes. Conservation Club provided a free lunch.

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University of Illinois Extension-Ogle County  
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Ogle County Housing Authority  
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# LOCAL NEWS



## Nachusa Grasslands

On June 17 the Leaf River Soaring Eagles 4-H Club attended a tour of the Nachusa Grasslands in Franklin Grove. Throughout the tour they saw many different types of plants and animals. A signature animal of the grasslands is the Buffalo. The tour lasted over two and a half hours. A 4-H member in attendance rated the tour a 10/10 and would want to go again. Members in attendance: (left to right) Natalie Johnson, Lacie Williams, David Wehler, and Kaeden Motszko. —Article submitted by: Grant Johnson Leaf River Soaring Eagles 4-H Club Reporter

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### Mon., July 11

Byron seniors meet for a noon lunch at the Byron Forest Preserve's Jarrett Prairie Center, 7993 N. River Rd. Call Linda Stevens for details – 947-529-2439.

### Tues., July 12

Young Widows will meet from 5-6 p.m. at The Serenity Home, 1658 S IL RT 2 Oregon. This group is for ages 55 and under. To register please call 815-732-4111 by 4 p.m. on July 11.

### Weds., July 13

The guest conductor for the Kable Concert Band will be Sarah Reck-

meyer. The concert starts at 7:30 p.m. at the Mt. Morris Reckmeyer Band Shell. Benches available or bring your lawn chair.

### Thurs., July 14

Lunch Group will meet at 11:30 a.m. at The Hunt Club, 101 S 1st St., Oregon. To register please call 815-732-4111 by 10 a.m. on July 14.

Rock River Valley Blood Center will hold a Blood Drive at United Church of Byron, 701 W. 2nd St., Byron 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.

### Fri., July 15

Diamond Art will meet from 9-11 a.m. at The Serenity Shed, 131 N 3rd St., 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 16

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

plants, 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.

The Silver Creek Reformed Church ACTS Ministry will serve a Pancake Breakfast from 7-10 a.m. at the German Valley Fire Station, 600 Church St., in conjunction with the annual German Valley Days Festival. Costs are \$7 for adults, \$4 for children age 6-12 with those 5 and under served free. Proceeds will go toward mission work.

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## MOMENTS IN TIME

\* On July 24, 1567, during her imprisonment at Lochleven Castle in Scotland, Mary Queen of Scots is forced to abdicate in favor of her 1-year-old son, later crowned King James VI of Scotland. In 1542, while just 6 days old, Mary had ascended to the Scottish throne upon the death of her father, King James V.

\* On July 21, 1899, Ernest Miller Hemingway, author of such novels as "For Whom the Bell Tolls" and "The Old Man and the Sea," is born in Oak Park, Illinois. The influential American literary icon became known for his straightforward prose and use of understatement.

\* On July 23, 1918, Della Sorenson kills the first of her seven victims in Nebraska. Over the next seven years, friends, relatives and acquaintances of Sorenson died under mysterious circumstances. In 1925, Sorenson was arrested when she made an unsuccessful attempt at killing two children with poisoned cookies.

\* On July 18, 1925, Volume One of Adolf Hitler's philosophical autobiography "Mein Kampf" is published. It was a blueprint of his agenda for a Third Reich and a clear exposition of the nightmare that would envelope Europe from 1939 to 1945.

\* On July 19, 1956, Secretary of State John Foster Dulles announces that the United States is withdrawing its offer of financial aid to Egypt to help with the construction of the Aswan Dam on the Nile River. The Soviets rushed to Egypt's aid, and the Aswan Dam was officially opened in 1964.

\* On July 20, 1969, American astronaut Neil Armstrong, 240,000 miles from Earth, speaks these words to more than a billion people listening at home: "That is one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind." Stepping off the lunar landing module Eagle, Armstrong became the first human to walk on the surface of the moon.

\* On July 22, 2005, "March of the Penguins," a French-made documentary about emperor penguins in Antarctica, opens in theaters across the U.S. The film went on to win numerous awards, including an Oscar, and became one of the highest-grossing documentaries in movie history.

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## We are lesser for recent ruling

### Living the Life

By Brad Jennings



My mother was an educated, opinionated, strong-willed woman. She was also soft and loving and was a very admired teacher in the community I grew up in.

I learned a lot from my mom. One thing I learned from her was to respect women and understand that men are not superior to women – no matter what the Constitution said when it was written. Well, it didn't really consider women much, did it? In fact, the Constitution does not mention women at all. Not once.

My parents were very much equals in our house. I have always treated women as such, and don't understand those who don't.

I remember the 1970s when women burned their bras and marched in the streets for their rights. Women couldn't even have a credit card in their own names until 1974. If that doesn't seem crazy to you, it certainly should.

Of course, women also couldn't vote until the 19th Amendment was ratified in 1920. Today we find that horrifying.

I also remember the fight for women to have control over their own bodies and health care decisions. This is something men have always had. But women, along with their

doctors, were not allowed that when I was a child.

That changed, of course. But now, we see that it has changed again.

Look, I am a man so me even writing about this seems ridiculous, but I feel that I must. The recent Supreme Court decision on abortion – lawyers deciding a medical procedure for ALL women in this country – is going to have very long-term ramifications. Let us count the ways.

First, it will certainly hurt women who live in states that have already outlawed the procedure – some even in the case of rape or mother's health is in jeopardy.

Second, many lawyers in states that have outlawed the medical procedure have already said they will not prosecute women who get one. That is a decision

between a woman and doctor.

Third, this reeks more of religion than politics. The unborn, of course, are not mentioned in the Constitution. This is a decision based on religion, and nothing more. For the life of me, I can't understand how anyone against big government is for government telling a 13-year-old rape victim she must have the child.

The court also ruled recently about prayer in schools. So, all children, no matter their religious or non-religious beliefs, will be forced to listen to prayers of choice from the coach – probably teachers too. So, at a public school paid for with tax dollars, a Muslim kid might have to sit through a Christian prayer. That is wrong on every level. I have no problem with anyone worshipping as they see fit. That is their right. But this country's laws are based on the Constitution, not the Bible. We have no establishment of an official religion in this country. Besides, about 3,000 different gods are currently worshipped on the planet. Which one is the right one? That is up to your personal beliefs. Yes, personal.

Fourth, there is nothing in the ruling about holding deadbeat dads responsible.

A woman can have one baby a year and a man can create hundreds. But nothing to control men? Nothing?

Fifth, this will hurt the Republican Party in the long run. Maybe not right away – historically, the mid-term elections should be good for the party not in power. But this will be a problem over time. It is hard to say you are pro-woman and pro-small government and cheer this ruling.

Ultimately, this will change again, and health care providers and their patients will make decisions about health, and not a few people on a court. That is the way it should be in a free country, and it will be again.

But in the meantime, this will be a heavy burden on many, many women – especially lower income women. I have a daughter, and I think that I have zero say in her health care decisions. It seems so simple.

And for those who think Planned Parenthood does nothing but provide abortion services, you are very, very wrong.

Ultimately, our country continues to treat women as less than second class citizens. And we are the lesser for it.

*Brad Jennings is Editor of The Ogle County Life.*

## Not bans, but we need strong gun laws

Dear Editor,

A recent article written by Barrett Smith leaves out so many details I had to comment. I am a gun owner who supports the 2nd amendment. When the amendment was written the only guns available were muskets and they could shoot one round about every minute, not over 100 rounds per minute like the military style AR-15.

The recent mass murder at a school in Uvalde Texas has become all too common now. The 18-year-old shooter purchased two ARs and over 1,500 rounds of ammunition two days after his 18th birthday as the Texas law allows. The Texas governor did a press conference where he stated that this was a mental healthcare issue, yet the same governor cut mental healthcare by over \$211 million in his state. Texas Sen. Ted Cruz proposed as Mr. Barrett supports forcing everyone to enter and exit one locked steel

doorway. Imagine a fire or weather disaster and evacuating hundreds of children through one locked door at one end of a very large building. If we need metal detectors at a single locked door to enter our school's to keep them safe from getting shot while in a locked classroom when 19 police officers sat idle in the hallway just outside the room listening as they were getting picked off one at a time and waited over an hour before taking any actions, I think we can have reasonable and sensible gun laws that wouldn't allow an 18 year old to buy a military style weapon until they turn at least 21, excluding the military who doesn't just handover these weapons without extensive training and control.

I love trap shooting and target shooting and myself have these type weapons but I can no longer stay silent while hundreds of our

children are being treated like fish in a barrel. Lawmakers from both sides of the aisle need to find reasonable solutions to this problem. As I write this opinion, more Americans have been mowed down because the people who write these laws don't have the courage to do something, anything that might hurt the fragile gun lobbies who only wish to sell us more of their products. There's a reason you can't own a tank or hand grenades and when the old Dodge City had a problem with too many gun deaths they banned them at the city limits.

No, I'm not proposing any bans. Laws like the red line and stronger background checks are supported by 75 percent of law-abiding gun owners. Thoughts and prayers are not the solution. Please, please let's start somewhere.

**Brian Opsahl, Byron**

## Perplexing experience of my first Trump rally

It was a carnival of the bizarre.

As soon as I stepped out of my vehicle, I saw a "F--- Biden" flag flying next to someone's RV. A pickup nearby had the same message painted on both its doors – with firearms forming each letter.

Then I saw someone walk by wearing a T-shirt that said, "Jesus Christ is my savior and Donald Trump is my president."

Nearby, a booth was selling bumper stickers that said "FU46" (Biden is our 46th president).

I thought of the words of Jesus who said in Matthew 5:22: "If you say that someone is worthless, you will be in danger of the fires of hell."

June 25, I covered my first Donald Trump rally.

But it was hardly my first presidential event. I've covered rallies for Bill Clinton, both Bushes and Barack Obama. But the Trump rally in Mendon, Illinois, was different.

I'm an evangelical Christian. I'm a rural voter. And I'm a white male who supports limited government and low taxes. Statistically, I

ought to be right in the middle of the Trump sweet spot.

Sorry, folks. I'm not there. For the life of me, I don't understand the obsequious devotion many have for our 45th president.

Mike Lindell, the CEO of My Pillow, spoke at the Trump rally of his Christian faith, overcoming his addiction to crack cocaine and becoming a successful businessman. As annoying as I find his television ads, I have to say I find his personal story uplifting.

But then I saw T-shirts being hawked that read: "Joe and the Hoe Gotta Go." Why are they calling Kamala Harris a hoe? It's obviously a racist pejorative too often hurled at Black women. Some might say it's a reference to her long-ago affair with San Francisco Mayor Willie Brown. I don't condone adultery.

But Trump has had multiple extramarital affairs during his lifetime and his supporters seem willing to look past those. And in the case of Lindell, the forgiveness of his past sins is celebrated – along with his support for Trump.

I thought of Jesus' words in John 8:7 when a woman caught in the act of adultery was thrown in front of him in the temple court. The religious leaders demanded that she be stoned. But Jesus said, "Whichever one of you has committed no sin may throw the first stone at her."

I was perplexed enough by this seeming dichotomy that I asked a Trump supporter about it.

His name is David Blumenshine, and he coordinates GOP gubernatorial hopeful Darren Bailey's campaign for much of central Illinois. He also was at the rally.

I asked him, as a believer, if he was OK with the "F-Biden" flags all around us.

"My wife and I aren't, uh, real pleased about it, but you know, it is what it is. We have a First Amendment for a reason."

I agree that Trump and his supporters have every right to say those things. But that doesn't mean they're constructive, unifying or good for the country.

In my more than 35 years in the news business, I've never covered an American

political rally like this one. The closest I have come was in 1999 in Havana, Cuba.

I had traveled there with Gov. George Ryan, and Fidel Castro held an impromptu news conference. A reporter asked the dictator, who had ruled for 40 years, if it was about time for there to be an election.

Castro walked out of the news conference and stood before a crowd of hundreds, perhaps thousands, who had waited in the heat to see him.

Castro yelled, "Is it time for an election?" The crowd in unison shouted "No! No! No!" And then they chanted, "Fidel, Fidel, Fidel."

It was unlike anything I have witnessed – until this past week.

As Trump cited his accomplishments, the crowd responded with their own chant, "Thank you, Trump. Thank you, Trump. Thank you, Trump."

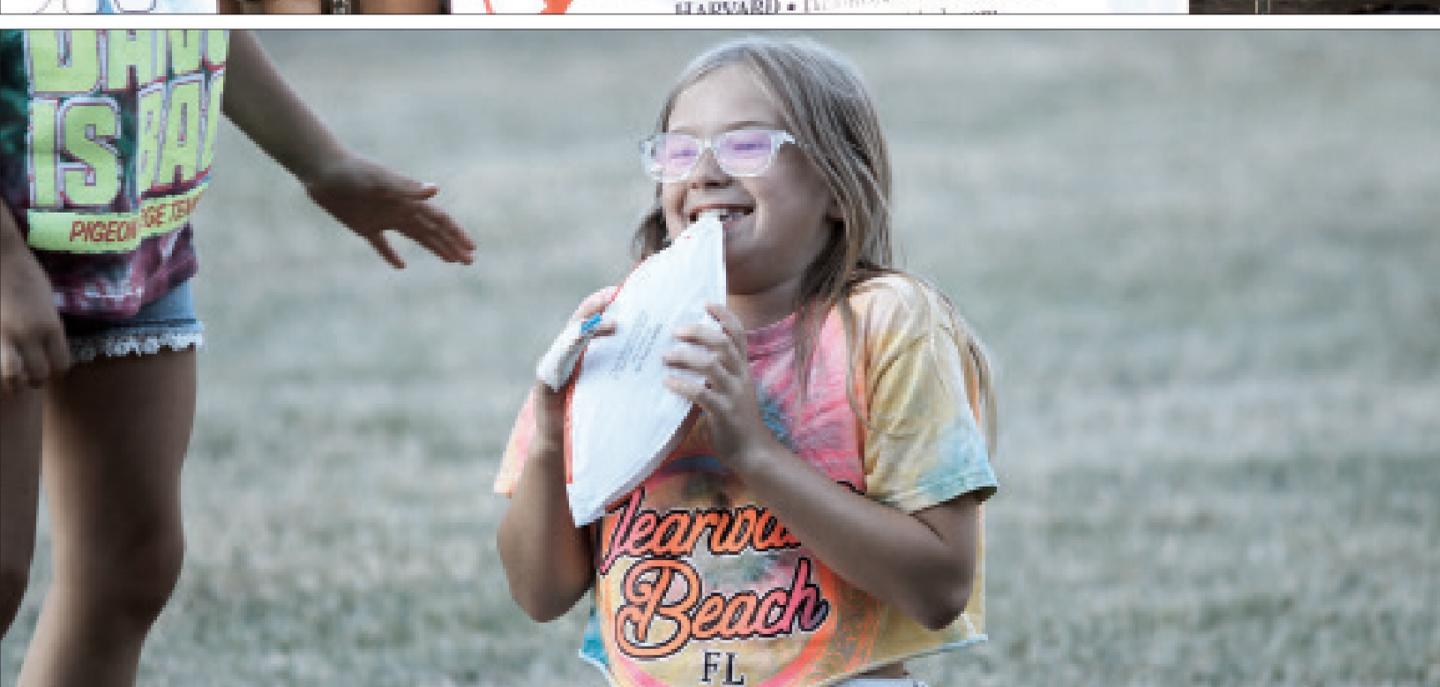
My mind was transported back to Havana, and once again, I thought: "This is a personality cult."

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Concert in the Park

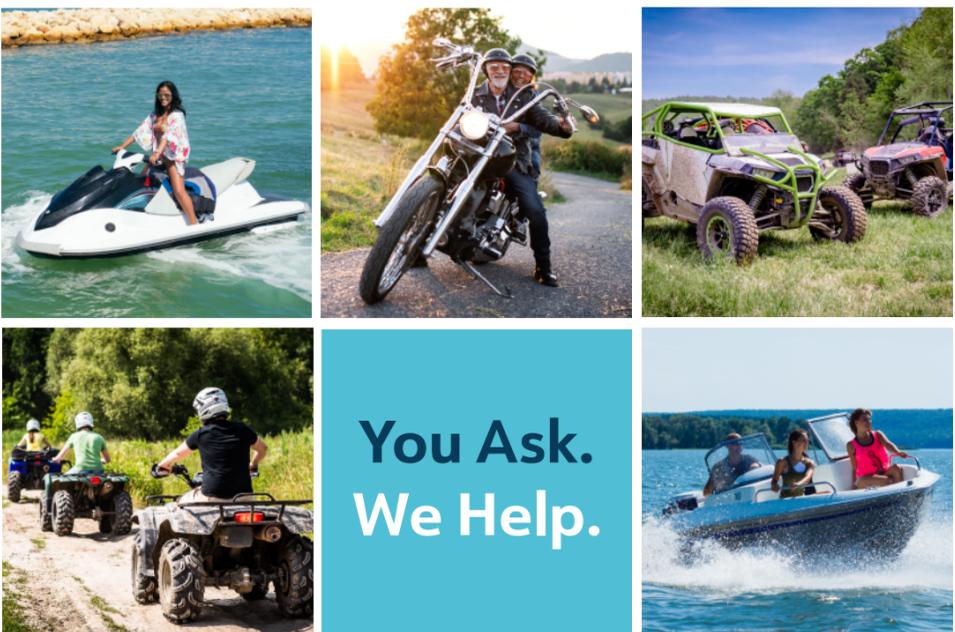
Oregon Park District would like to thank Concert in the Park sponsor, The Harvard State Bank, for filling the park with music on June 28 with Blue Steel. Everyone enjoyed the music and beach balls! Join the Oregon Park District for the next Concert in the Park on Tuesday, July 12. Buzzed by SonSET will be sponsored by Central Bank from 6:30-8 p.m. Enjoy music and food from one of the delicious vendors including Hector's Cocina, Hazel's, Woodfire Pizza, GG's Ice Cream and Kona Ice.



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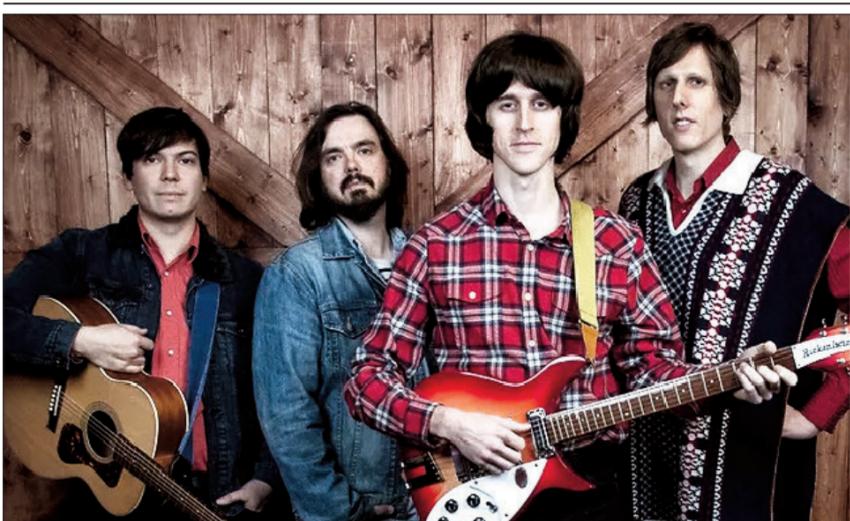
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# LOCAL NEWS



## Creedence tribute to play Jamboree

**MOUNT MORRIS** – Premier Creedence Clearwater Revival tribute band, Fortunate Sons return to the Mt. Morris Band Shell on July 15th at 7 p.m. to take us on a nostalgic ride back in time to the heyday of CCR.

Based in Chicago, The Fortunate Sons tour nationally and internationally to keep the tradition of CCR's timeless music alive. Using original vintage gear and instruments, accurate costumes, and spot-on musical ability, The Fortunate Sons instantly conjures up the full experience of seeing Creedence in their prime. Anyone fortunate enough to see their debut performance here last year

will heartily agree that this truly is a "do not miss" concert.

Concessions for the evening will be provided by Hector's Cocina, serving a variety of Mexican food and drinks starting at 6 p.m. Please bring a blanket or chair, or enjoy the new benches and join the fun on our beautiful, historic campus in the center of Mt. Morris, two blocks south of Rt. 64 on Wesley Ave and enjoy the free Rock & Roll concert. In the event of rain, the whole show moves to the Pinecrest Grove Community Center, located at 500 Evergreen Ln., 7 blocks south of Rt. 64 on McKendrie St. at the same times.

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**Tuesday, July 12**  
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**Hillbilly Rockstarz**

**Tuesday, July 19**  
6:30-8 p.m.

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**Mr. Steve Family Show**

**Tuesday, July 19**  
5:30-6 p.m.

FREE

Sponsored by Oregon Public Library and Oregon Park District



**Traveling Science Center at Park West**

**Tuesday, July 26**  
12:30-6:30 p.m.



**Burn N Bush**

**Tuesday, July 26**  
6:30-8 p.m.

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Bring your lawn chair, blanket, picnic basket and wear your dancing shoes. Enjoy a variety of music on Tuesday evenings at Park West. We thank the local business sponsors for bringing great entertainment to the park for the enjoyment of all ages! Food vendors are available on site if you would like to purchase dinner, a snack or beverages. In the event of threatening weather concerts will be rescheduled for the next evening (Wednesday). Updates can be found on the OPD Facebook page.



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**1010 N. Hennepin Ave., Dixon**  
**\$59,900 Call JD**

Move-in ready!! This 2 bedroom 1 bathroom property located on the north end of town features an attached garage, deck, spacious yard, and additional storage shed. Affordability at its finest. Make it yours today, or add it to your rental portfolio!



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

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



**5117 E. Highcrest Rd., Rockford**  
**\$156,999 Call Erin**

Lovely, well maintained ranch in highly desirable Highcrest East. 3 bds, 1.5 bath home boast brick exterior, beautiful hardwood throughout, updated kitchen and bathrooms. The unfinished basement is ready for you to add your own touch and creating more living space! The backyard is a family pet's dream with high privacy fence surrounding a large area to run and play. Roof (2012). Come and see how to make this home yours today!



**210 E. Lincoln St., Mt. Morris**  
**\$92,000 Call Mark**

This 2 story, expansive home on a corner lot in Mt. Morris has a ton of space for the kids and pets! 4 bedrooms on the upper level and 2 full baths, 1 upstairs and 1 down, offer a ton of possibilities for your growing family! Kitchen has double stainless steel sink, dishwasher, stainless gas stove, newer stainless Whirlpool refrigerator and newer microwave. Eat-in dining area off the kitchen has very nice brick wood burning fireplace! Spacious formal living room has hard wood flooring under the carpeting that could be refinished. Convenient first floor laundry hook up will make life much easier. You will love the 2 car detached garage that is in great condition! Nice enclosed back porch looks out into the fully fenced backyard. Covered front porch is perfect for sitting and relaxing. 2208 sq. ft. of possibilities! This property is being sold "AS IS".

## Homeownership Builds Wealth

IT'S true that record levels of home price appreciation have spurred significant equity gains for homeowners over the past few years. As Diana Olick, Real Estate Correspondent at CNBC, says:

"The stunning jump in home values over the course of the Covid-19 pandemic has given U.S. homeowners record amounts of housing wealth."

"That's great for your home's value over the last couple of years, but what if you've lived in your home for longer than that? You may be wondering how much equity you truly have."

The National Association of Realtors (NAR) has done a study to calculate the typical equity gains over longer spans of time. The data they compiled could be enough to motivate you to move. Just remember, to find out how much equity you have in your specific home, you'll want to get a professional equity assessment from

a trusted real estate advisor.

### How Your Equity Grows

Let's start by establishing how you build equity in your home. While price appreciation is clearly a factor that can help boost your equity, you also build equity over time as you pay down your home loan. NAR explains:

"Home equity gains are built up through price appreciation and by paying off the mortgage through principal payments."

### Average Equity Growth over Time

The study from NAR breaks down the typical equity gain over time (see graph below). It calculates the equity a homeowner potentially gained if they purchased the median-priced home 5, 10, or 30 years ago and still own it today.

These six-figure numbers are impressive and certainly enough to help you fuel a move into your next home, but they're not

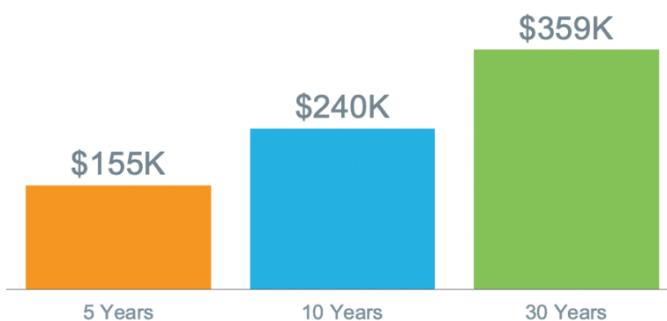
a promised amount. Remember, your own equity gain will be different. It depends on how long you've been in the house, your home's condition, any upgrades you've made, your area, and much more.

If you want to find out how much equity you have, partner with a trusted real estate professional for an equity assessment on your home. They can provide an expert opinion on what your house is worth today and how the equity you've gained over time can help you when you purchase your next home. It may be some (if not all) of what you need for your next down payment.

### Bottom Line

If you're thinking about selling your house and making a move, home equity can be a real game-changer, especially if you've been in your current home for a while. If you're ready to find out how much equity you have, reach out to a RE/MAX of Rock Valley Realtor!

Housing Wealth Gain on Typical Existing Home Purchased



\*Numbers are typical gains. Equity figures for individual homeowners will vary. To get an equity assessment on your home, connect with a trusted real estate professional.

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## Byron Library News

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### StoryWalks at the Byron Forest Preserve

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

### 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](http://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.

### Community Blood Drive

Monday, Aug. 1  
1-6 p.m.

Join us as we host a community blood drive in partnership with the Rock River Valley Blood Center. Register for an appointment by calling the library at 815-234-5107 or visiting [https://donor.rrvbc.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/54617](https://donor.rrvbc.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/54617). Walk-ins are also welcome!

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!](#)

## Bertolet Library News

### 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.

### Movie Matinee: Monday, July 25th, 4 p.m.

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

### 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.

### Plastic Recycling:

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

## Polo Library News

### Children's Programs -

**Summer Reading Program «Reading Beyond the Beaten Path» Saturday, June 11th - Saturday, July 30th.** Introducing Beanstack as our new reading challenging website and app to help you kiddos achieve your reading goals while earning badges in fun exciting ways!!

For more information call 815-946-2713, or email [melaniew@pololibrary.org](mailto:melaniew@pololibrary.org)

### Adult Programs -

**Retirement Open House - Celebrating Library Director, Ellen Finrock -** Stop by the Library on Friday, July 15th between 10am-4pm and share memories, well-wishes and refreshments.

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

### Yoga with Becca

Monday, July 25th at 6 p.m. - Call 815-946-2713 or email [library@pololibrary.org](mailto:library@pololibrary.org) to register.

**What we're reading and discussing in July -** Friday Discussion Group, July 8th at 1 p.m. Meeting at Polo Senior Center to discuss Without You, There Is No Us by Suki Kim.

Wednesday Books 2 Movies, July 20th at 5 p.m. Meeting at Polo Library to talk about the book and movie The Orchid Thief by Susan Orlean.

Monday Afternoon Book Club, July 25th at 1:30 p.m. Meeting at Polo Library to share our opinions of The Maidens by Alex Michaelides.

Copies of these titles are available to checkout. All are welcome.

**Online Catalog -** Did you start a series and can't find the next book? Are you wanting to watch a specific movie? If we don't have what you're looking for at Polo Library, visit our online catalog to search other libraries and have it delivered right to Polo Library for pick up! Visit [pololibrary.org](http://pololibrary.org) and click on «Books/Media» and «Your Account» to access the online catalog.

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

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

**Special Procedures -** Masks are optional for staff and visitors to the library. If you require an access service to fully participate in a program or have any questions about accessibility, please contact Ellen Finrock at 815-946-2713.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Oregon Library News

**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 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  
Youth Book Logs are due Saturday, July 23rd!  
Ongoing activities: Mystery Letter Hunt, Solve the Mystery Quote and I Spy Hunt in the Library!

**Adult Summer Reading Program- June 1st through Aug. 1, 2022**

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.

**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 pm- ages 13 - 17**

Test out the library’s new 3D pens & design & create your own keychains. Registration required.

**Book Clubs**

The 2WBC Book Club meets Wednesday, July 13 at 12:30 pm to discuss *Every Heart A Doorway* by Seanan McGuire. The Afternoon Book Club meets Wednesday, July 20 at 1:00 pm to discuss *The Rose Code* by Kate Quinn. Teen Book Club Association meets on July 23 at 10 am to discuss *They Both Die at the End* by Adam Silvera. Books on Tap meets on July 28 at 6 pm 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 12<sup>th</sup> (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 13<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.**

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

**Ink With A Friend Monthly Card Club-Monday, July 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm**

Registration Deadline July 15<sup>th</sup>  
Sending personal cards to your friends and family is a way to let them know you care and are thinking about them. Creating these cards makes it even more special. Come join us for Ink with a Friend. You will be provided a pre-cut kit along with personal instruction on how to create the wonderful cards while learning a variety of card making techniques. All designs include beautiful colored cardstock, gorgeous

## 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>.

**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.

**Tween Scene: Lawn Games**

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

**Storytime In the Park**

Join us Friday, August 5 for a special storytime in Davis Junction Park! We’ll enjoy stories, songs and parachute play. Feel free to bring blankets of lawn chairs for your comfort. Ages 2-9. Registration required. 815-645-8611.

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](mailto: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 Lavigna Coyle

**OPLD Dial-A-Story**

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

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

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

**Passport Services**

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

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**New Releases**

- Sea Glass Cottage by Irene Hannon LP FIC HAN (RED DOT)
- The Wedding Dress Sewing Circle by Jennifer Ryan FIC RYA
- Hide by Kiersten White FIC WHI
- The Book Woman’s Daughter by Kim Michele Richardson FIC RIC
- Eat the Rich by Sarah Gailey 741.5 GAI (GRAPHIC NOVEL)
- King of Spies by Mark Millar 741.5 MIL (GRAPHIC NOVEL)
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Fuller, Addison G. 09  
Hanes, Ella R. 09  
Kilmer, Natalie R. 09  
Mugrage, Benjamin A. 09  
Ramos, Liliana M. 09  
Roush, Bryson T. 09  
Sober, George T. 09  
Stoll, Sadie A. 09

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Barton, Brock M. 09  
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Connell, Liam H. 09  
Cover, Haley R. 09  
Cross, Sophia R. 09  
Cunningham, Olivia N. 09  
Gron, Rebekah H. 09  
Haas, Hunter J. 09  
Henert, Delaney J. 09  
Henkel, Claire C. 09  
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Mc Kinney, Delaney G. 09  
Moser, Abigail M. 09  
Norris, Jackson D. 09  
Nyamwange, Sarah N. 09  
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Palzkill, Jaden M. 09  
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Shank, Dillon S. 09  
VanBriesen, Kaydon J. 09

### 10<sup>TH</sup> GRADE HONOR ROLL

**ALLA's**  
Baker, Abigail L. 10  
Braithwaite, Denise E. 10  
Brandt, Maison J. 10  
Dolan, Taryn M. 10  
Druien, Allison V. 10  
Fish, Brianna L. 10  
Freedlund, Andrew R. 10  
Groharing, Madison L. 10  
Hegberg, Rosalie P. 10  
Little, Reese E. 10  
Remhof, Fynn T. 10  
Scheck, Hailey K. 10

**HIGH HONORS**  
Adler, Elise M. 10  
Aranda, Raegan K. 10  
Baier, Mary A. 10  
Buser, Carson P. 10  
Carby, Aiden D. 10  
Carson, Rachel K. 10  
Connell, Abigail J. 10  
Cornett, Naomi J. 10  
Dahlstrom, Emily K. 10  
Drake, Nicholas A. 10  
Dyck, Elizabeth A. 10  
Fulrath, Alexander F. 10  
Galster, Maverick L. 10  
Groharing, Carter S. 10  
Gruber, Alexa G. 10  
Jackson, Jenna M. 10  
Jones, Kiley I. 10  
Kann, Paityn C. 10  
Keefe, Madison S. 10  
Kilduff, Braylon E. 10  
Lancaste, Jack D. 10  
Lee, Conner A. 10  
Lenz, Taylor A. 10  
Perkins, Joshua K. JR 10  
Perkins, Matthew J. 10  
Pruitt, Melina S. 10  
Rakowski, Faith L. 10  
Ross, Jacob R. 10  
Shouer, Sarah J. 10  
Smallwood, Reily G. 10  
Smith, Ashlyn R. 10  
Sterling, Bailey E. 10

Stoddard, Macey S. 10  
Swanson, Wyatt A. 10  
Tillett, Sarah L. 10  
Tucker, Ryan V. 10  
Turner, Haley E. 10  
Wicklein, Paul H. 10

**HONORS**  
Aken, Kye D. 10  
Allen, Brooke L. 10  
Behn, Carsen T. 10  
Conderman, Carson M. 10  
Cross, Bailey M. 10  
Girone, John C. 10  
Hammes, Jasmine J. 10  
Hatcher, Hannah J. 10  
Hildreth, Clair L. 10  
Ingram, Nickolas M. 10  
Maldonado-Iniguez, Kevin G. 10  
Newton, Remi L. 10  
Shank, Ayden G. 10  
Watt, Emily M. 10

### 11<sup>TH</sup> GRADE HONOR ROLL

**ALLA's**  
Baker, Brayden A. 11  
Cone, James F. 11  
Duncan, Jasmine R. 11  
Grundstrom, Ella G. 11  
Haas, Alaina M. 11  
Henert, Kennedy R. 11  
Kesler, Nicholas P. 11  
Kultgen, Ava J. 11  
Mc Hale, Shannon P. 11  
Rock, Michael T. 11  
Smith, Sydney R. 11  
Swiech, Lily S. 11  
Whitmer, Brooke M. 11

**HIGH HONORS**  
Bargren, Hunter F. 11  
Bielskis, Brittyn M. 11  
Carlson, Lauren M. 11  
Carlson, Maia K. 11  
Davis, Jennasyn G. 11  
Freedlund, Max I. 11  
Gentz, Madison C. 11  
Hardy, Isabel G. 11  
Hawthorne, Keslee R. 11  
Janovsky, Zachary M. 11  
Kann, Jacob M. 11  
Kilmer, Audrey G. 11  
Krall, Ava M. 11  
Laurence, Josslyn M. 11  
Lindquist, Madison R. 11  
Malone, Alexis M. 11  
Mc Lester, Zadok A. 11  
Mershon, Charles S. 11

Murphy-Voiles, Kathleen G. 11  
Nielsen, Gracelyn K. 11  
Palmgren, Ashton J. 11  
Politsch, Tyson J. 11  
Pruett, Reece C. 11  
Rehberg, Emmalyn N. 11  
Reiche, Joseph L. 11  
Rosavelasquez, Bella C. 11  
Salisbury, Cole J. 11  
Saltzgeber, Samuel R. 11  
Scullion, Chloe E. 11  
Shank, Lauryn R. 11  
Sholes, Cooper A. 11  
Shultz, Hadlea N. 11  
Smith, Braden J. 11  
Sober, John S. 11  
Stienmetz, Nathan W. 11  
Strohecker, Kennedy M. 11  
Swan, Dylan P. 11  
Swartz, Hayden J. 11  
Wicklein, Jonathan M. 11  
Wieck, Colton L. 11  
Winkhart, Xiomara A. 11

**HONORS**  
Bell, Nathan L. 11  
Duke, Dominik G. 11  
Ebens, Neil G. 11  
Eisele, Prezley A. 11  
Fleeger, Ella K. 11  
Freedlund, Mikalah J. 11  
Poulsen, Jeremiah D. 11  
Reed, Tyler J. 11  
Rothermel, Colin D. 11  
Smith, Corinna M. 11  
Spencer, Adrien M. 11

### 12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE HONOR ROLL

**ALLA's**  
Baker, Elle I.  
Cassens, Alexandria L.  
Clodfelter, Alyssa J.  
Cope, Maddilynne R.  
Ebersohl, Addison K.  
Jarrett, Riley N.  
Johnson, Anika T.  
Jones, Estelle D.  
Jones, Ryan T.  
Julian, Alana M.  
Mc Kinley, Isabelle G.  
Mc Queary, Jacob W.  
Milburn, Ava R.  
Mondello, Isaac J.  
Roush, Anika M.  
Schilling, Kate S.  
Starwalt, Rebekah K.  
Stickler, Sadie L.  
Stoll, Nolan S.  
Tucker, Sophie E.

Weekley, Caleb D.

**HIGH HONORS**  
Alberts, Alexa M.  
Barnes, Tyuanna A.  
Benidt, Cassandra  
Bianchi, Joshua S.  
Binkley, Chandler S.  
Birkholz, Andrew A.  
Bowers, Keirney N.  
Brass, Nicholas J.  
Claunch, Andrew J.  
Conderman, Carter L.  
Connell, Maxwell T.  
Criddle, Sydney T.  
DeHahn, Jennifer L.  
Dietrich, Ethan H.  
Jackson, Megan E.  
Ketter, Natalie J.  
Kretsinger, Caden M.  
Kuzlik, Victoria R.  
Lenz, Jacob R.  
Lorenz, Jack D.  
Luna, John R.  
Mathieu, Luke D.  
Mc Knight, Kaci M.  
Myers, Addyson E.  
Nelson, Linnea S.  
Nelson, Taylor A.  
Nelson, Tracee M.  
Newton, Jaidyn L.  
Palzkill, Ethan W.  
Pauley, Joel R.  
Potter, Evan R.  
Rico, Jada D.  
Robinson, Maria J.  
Salazar, Daniel JR  
Satti, Luciana L.  
Shank, Gunnar J.  
Shank, Whitney A.  
Shouer, Timothy J.  
Smith, Hailey E.  
Spickler, Kennedy L.  
Spickler, Natalie L.  
Wallery, Sheyenne H.  
Wallin, Kayla B.  
Whelan, Brandon M.  
Winkhart, Joaquin A.

**HONORS**  
Colloton, Tyler J.  
Griffith, Owen Q.  
Hendriksen, Piper L.  
Lane, Morgan E.  
Leombruni, Annamaria K.  
Pendergrass, Peyton L.  
Reinagle, Kara E.  
Roschi, Maci J.  
Roth, Josie F.  
Sarver, Alex J.  
Torres, Mariela  
Vargas, Ricardo



### Student leaders

Meridian Junior High School would like to congratulate the March Student Leaders of the Month. These students were first nominated and voted on by their classmates for the March trait – THANKFUL and also Leader In Me Habit #7-Sharpen the Saw. Congrats to the following (from left to right) first row: Alana Landowski (8<sup>th</sup>), Ali Aquino (6<sup>th</sup>), Nate Stone (6<sup>th</sup>), Colin Metcalf (8<sup>th</sup>), and Sydney Musial (7<sup>th</sup>). Congrats to all!

**Here's Our Card** Whatever you're looking for, these local businesses ask you to consider them first.

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SOUTHERN CARS & TRUCKS  
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**CALL 815-732-2156**

# LOCAL NEWS

## Mount Morris Library News

**Masks are optional**  
Thank you!

### Summer Reading Program

This week will be 'Bee' week! We start off Monday with a special program on Bees! We will have a take-n-make bee craft and a story time on Wednesday! Stop by and join the 'BEE'tastic fun! Let's keep the summer reading going by "Reading Beyond the Beaten Path" at your local library! Don't forget to keep reading and reach those goals!

### Special Program: Give Bees a Chance! Monday 7/11 at 11 a.m.

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 6:00-6:45pm. Bring a friend and build some fun with Lego bricks! All Children and parents are invited. Children under 8 need to bring a parent with them.

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

#### CORNERSTONE FAMILY CHURCH

205 N. Peru St., Byron 815-234-8737 [cornerstonefamilychurch.org](http://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](mailto:ucb@comcast.net)  
Website: [unitedchurchofbyron.org](http://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: [chanaucm@gmail.com](mailto:chanaucm@gmail.com) Adult & Children's Education 9:00 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion celebrated the first Sunday of each month. At Chana Church you will find Open Hearts-Open Minds-Open Doors.

### DAVIS JUNCTION

#### DAVIS JUNCTION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Open Minds, Open Hearts, Open Doors • "God's Heart in Our Community"  
Located in town on Rt. 72 • Our Pastor is Rev. Keith Kelsey-Powell  
Sunday Services: Worship 10:30am, Children's time during Worship Service.  
Fellowship following the Worship Service each Sunday. Communion the first Sunday of the month. Potluck luncheon following Worship every 4th Sunday, except in the summer months of June, July and August. Various small groups meet throughout the month. For more information about the small groups please call 298-2310. AA meets Wednesdays at 5:30pm and Saturdays at 9am. For more information please visit our website [WWW.DJUMC.ORG](http://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 Tewes  
West Grove Rd. At Columbine Rd.  
Worship Service 10:30 am. Communion is served every Sunday.  
"Singing the Song of Christian Faith in Worship, Service, Learning, Outreach and Welcome" in a beautiful rural setting.  
Everyone is cordially invited to be with us.

### LEAF RIVER

#### ADELINE ZION EVANGELICAL CHURCH

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

#### LEAF RIVER BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor Billy Hardy  
Live Sermon Streaming: Sundays at 10:00 AM at [www.facebook.com/LEAFRIVERBC/](http://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](mailto:leafriverbc@gmail.com)

### LINDENWOOD

#### IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH - LCMS

[immanuel-lindenwood.org](http://immanuel-lindenwood.org) (for sermons, events, etc.)  
16060 E. Lindenwood Road, Lindenwood, IL 61049  
815-393-4500 • [office@immanuel-lindenwood.org](mailto: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 Rosebrack  
[pastor@immanuel-lindenwood.org](mailto: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](mailto:goelimchurch@gmail.com)  
Website: [www.goelimchurch.org](http://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](http://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](http://www.efcmm.org)  
Senior Pastor: Bruce McKanna. Sunday Schedule: 8:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages. 9:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship. 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship with Childcare and Children's Church.

#### MT. MORRIS CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

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

#### MT. MORRIS TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

### OREGON

#### EBENEZER REFORMED CHURCH

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

#### LIGHTHOUSE UNITED METHODIST

Pastor Matthew J. Smith 4962 S. Daysville Rd., Oregon, IL 61061 815-732-7683  
Worship at 9:00 a.m. Holy Communion celebrated the first Sunday of each month. Lighthouse will 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](http://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](http://Riverstonecc.com) or on Facebook at [facebook.com/RiverStoneChristianChurch](http://facebook.com/RiverStoneChristianChurch)

#### ST. BRIDE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

1000 Highway 64, West (Hwy 64 W & Mangan Drive on Liberty Hill), Oregon • 732-7211 - Office Rev. Eldred George  
Webpage: [saintbrides.org](http://saintbrides.org) • E-mail: [saintbride.church@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://stpaulnalcoregonil.weebly.com)  
10:15 a.m. Fellowship/Education hours  
11:30 a.m. Worship

### POLO

#### ST. MARY CHURCH

Rector/Office: 211 North Franklin Ave., Polo, IL 61064  
PHONE: 815-946-2535 • Rev. Joseph P. 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](http://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](http://PoloOpenBible.org)

#### CROSSROADS COMMUNITY CHURCH ~ POLO CAMPUS

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

### STILLMAN VALLEY

#### RED BRICK CHURCH OF STILLMAN VALLEY (CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH)

Pastor Rev. Dr. Chris Brauns | Associate Pastor David Bogner  
207 W. Roosevelt Road (Rte 72), Stillman Valley.  
815-645-2526 | [www.theredbrickchurch.org](http://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](http://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

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Home of Valley Covenant Preschool 815-645-8882 Director Jill Huber  
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# LOCAL NEWS

## Oregon Park District has upcoming events, activities planned

### 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. Meals are \$35/person.

### 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

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

### 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
- Deadline for Registration July 13<sup>th</sup>.

## Weekly Brain Busters

### King Crossword

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
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**ACROSS**

- 1 River blocker
- 4 Locate
- 8 Cherry type
- 12 Hearty quaff
- 13 Notion
- 14 Manual reader
- 15 Asian holiday
- 16 Brando role
- 18 Glorify
- 20 Make lace
- 21 Formerly, once
- 24 Ballpark winner
- 28 Child star's parent, maybe
- 32 Zilch
- 33 Hosp. sections
- 34 Continental cash
- 36 Caustic solution
- 37 Bulb measure
- 39 Pop's pop
- 41 Covert agents
- 43 Summers in Paris
- 44 Vichy water
- 46 Patriot Allen
- 50 Cub Scout leader
- 55 Rock's Brian
- 56 Curved molding
- 57 Roof overhang
- 58 Scratch the surface
- 59 Suitable
- 60 Roe provider

**DOWN**

- 1 Social appointment
- 2 "Roots" author Haley
- 3 Transcending (Pref.)
- 4 Greek orchard planting
- 5 Wedding words
- 6 Homer's neighbor
- 7 Loony
- 8 Frosty's nose
- 9 Somewhat (Suff.)
- 10 Born abroad?
- 11 Dog's warning
- 17 Foot rub response
- 19 Race segment
- 22 Overconfident
- 23 Baseball's Joe
- 25 Aspic form
- 26 "May It Be" singer
- 27 Oboe insert
- 28 Gives a darn?
- 29 Snare
- 30 Wine region
- 31 Castle defense
- 35 Showed scorn
- 38 Overflowed
- 40 "Spring ahead" hrs.
- 42 — Paulo, Brazil
- 45 Western tribe
- 47 Rope fiber
- 48 Scrambled wd.
- 49 Asta's mistress
- 50 Pooch
- 51 Swelled head
- 52 Opposite of paleo-
- 53 Taunting laugh
- 54 Actress Mendes

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### MAGIC MAZE ● CHANGES THE TEMPERATURE OF WATER

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

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally  
 Unlisted clue hint: **Water Heaters that use the Sun**

Boiler	Hot tub	Percolator	Stove
Cauldron	Ice bath	Radiator	Water cooler
Chiller	Ice maker	Range top	Water heater
Freezer	Kettle	Steam iron	

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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

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. Rake is missing, 2. Board is missing, 3. Newspaper is smaller, 4. Sleeve is shorter, 5. Wheel is missing, 6. Beads are missing.

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Solution time: 24 mins.

Answers

King Crossword

CHANGES THE TEMPERATURE OF WATER

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

Weekly SUDOKU

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## FREE!

Sell your household items for free.  
Total value of item must be \$200 or less. (15 words - one week - 7 publications - price must be listed)



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### 101 LEGAL NOTICE

**PUBLIC NOTICE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS**  
In The )  
Matter )  
of the )  
Estate of: )  
LINDA L. )  
SZPEKOWSKI, )  
Deceased. )  
CLAIM NOTICE  
NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of LINDA L. SZPEKOWSKI of Rochelle, Illinois. Letters of office were issued on June 9, 2022, to SCOTT

SZPEKOWSKI of Plymouth, Indiana as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Jennifer L. Birkholz of SMITH, BIRKHZOLZ & MORROW, P.C. at 129 S. Fourth Street, P. O. Box 10, Oregon, Illinois, 61061. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the clerk, or with the representative, or both, on or before December 27, 2022, or within 3 months from date of mailing of delivery of notice to creditors, if required by Section 18-3 of the Illinois Probate Act of 1975, as amended, whichever date is later. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of claims filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the estate legal representative and to the attorney within 10 days after the claim has been filed. Jennifer L. Birkholz SMITH, BIRKHZOLZ & MORROW, P.C. 129 S. Fourth Street, P.O. Box 10 Oregon, IL 61061 (815) 732-6124 Scott Szpekowski, Independent Administrator No. 0632 (June 27, July 4, 11)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Public Notice is hereby given that

on June 24, 2022, a certificate was filed in the Ogle County Clerk's Office setting forth the names and post office address of all of the persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as: Wicked Nutrition, 312 W. Washington St., Suite B, Oregon, IL 61061. Dated: June 24, 2022 Laura J. Cook, Ogle County Clerk No. 0703 (July 4, 11, 18)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
STATE OF ILLINOIS  
CIRCUIT COURT  
OGLE COUNTY  
KIMBERLY A. STAHL  
CLERK OF THE

**CIRCUIT COURT PUBLICATION NOTICE**  
DATE FOR REQUEST FOR NAME CHANGE (ADULT)  
CASE NUMBER 2022MR000011  
Request of: Amanda Nicole King  
There will be a court date on my Request to change my name from Amanda Nicole King to the new name of Aech Nicole King.  
The court date will be held on August 19, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. at 106 S. 5th St., Oregon, Ogle County, in Courtroom #204. /s/Amanda King No. 0709 (July 4, 11, 18)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
The Byron Community Unit School District #226 Board of Education, Byron, Illinois, invites sealed bids for the supply of diesel fuel. Bids will be sealed with a notation on the outside of the envelope stating "Sealed Bid - Diesel Fuel" and will be accepted on or before 9:00 a.m., Friday 22, 2022. **Late Bids Will Not Be Accepted.** Bids are to be submitted to: Byron Community Unit School District #226 Office of the Superintendent 696 North Colfax Street Byron, IL 61010-1439 No. 0718 (July 11, 2022)

**GRAND DETOUR**  
Village Wide Garage Sales  
Friday, July 15th & Saturday, July 16th  
7:30 a.m.  
25+ Sales  
Maps Available at Shell  
PIA#52

### 103 AUCTIONS

#### Real Estate & Personal Property AUCTION

Having made her home in a retirement center, we will offer at Public Auction the following described Real Estate and Personal Property at Public Auction. This auction will be held on site at 628 N 10th St., Rochelle IL. 61068 On Auction Day, watch for Bearrows Real Estate & Auction signs at the corner of 7th Ave. & 9th Street in Rochelle IL: Contact Auctioneer John Bearrows at 815-739-9150 for a private viewing or visit our web site at [www.bearrows.com](http://www.bearrows.com) for further information & pictures.

**Saturday July 23rd, 2022 - 10:00 AM**  
(Auction Held Live & On Site)

**Auctioneers Note:** Bill & Carole spent decades collecting glassware and Antiques of all types. Therefore, the following list is extremely condensed. There will be antiques, furniture, and other items for everyone. This auction also features a super clean, well-cared for home. Real Estate will be offered at 10AM followed by the personal property. Plan now to attend.

**DESCRIPTION OF REAL ESTATE:** This is a well-cared for, 1526 sq ft 3-bedroom home in a very well-established quiet neighborhood. It features 2 bedrooms on the first floor, Full bath, living room with masonry fireplace, formal dining room & updated kitchen. (First floor features 9ft ceilings) Upstairs has the large 3rd bedroom. The full partially finished basement also features a family room, and laundry hookups. The home has natural gas FA furnace and central air, updated vinyl windows and vinyl siding. It also has a 40-gal gas water heater, and the house roof has been updated as well as the electric panel. There is also a 2-car detached garage (with new overhead doors) included, and all sitting on a large 66x123' corner lot. Amazing natural Oak woodwork and hardwood floors; This home is a must see! **REAL ESTATE TERMS:** \$5,000.00 down the day of the auction, with the balance due on or before August 31st, 2022, at which time full possession will be given. Seller to provide a stamped deed as well as a merchantable Title Policy in the amount of the purchase price. This property is being conveyed in its "As-Is" condition without any contingencies with regard to financing and/or the sale of another piece of property. All announcements made the day of auction take precedence over all prior advertising.

**Personal Property:** Edison wind-up upright Victrola; Platform Rockers; Antique Oak club chair; 2-Knee hole desk's w/chairs; 30" gas stove, self-cleaning; Amana Refrigerator w/ice maker; Micro-Wave; Roper Ref/Freezer; Small upright freezer; Kitchenette set; Glider rocker w/ottoman; Flat Top & Hump back trunks; Jewelry armoire; Antique bird cage; Assorted collectible glassware including but not limited to Metlox Poppy Trail (peach blossom), dishes, tumblers and matching pitcher; Pink & Green Depression; American Heisey; Pineapple plantation cake plate & other assorted; Blue Ridge; S&P shakers; set of 4 Charmin Tissue girls posters; Costume jewelry; Dining room table w/leaves & 6 chairs and matching lighted hutch; buffet; Bible type table; Blonde dresser/mirror; Oak Commode w/ towel bar; Desk w/chair; queen size bed, dresser w/mirror and night stands; 6 drawer chest of drawers; 2-4 drawer chest of drawers; Sofa; Occasional Chairs; Love Seat; Electric lift chair; Marble top coffee and end tables; record albums, pictures, puzzles & games, linens and dry goods; Holiday decorations including blow molds; World book encyclopedia's; what-knot shelves; Folding metal tables; Aladin Kerosene lamp and others; Tupperware; Usual kitchen items including small appliances; Turkey Roasters; Childs rocking horse, chair and rocker; assorted children's toys; National Geographic collection from 1933 and up; Retro couch; sewing machine in cabinet; 3-Organs; 3-smaller safes (with combo's); Metal cabinets; Ping pong Table; card table & chairs; Web Lawn Furniture; Hand tools; 6HP Johnson Outboard motor; Croquet set; Lawn & Garden items; Step Ladders; Coolers & luggage; Roll-A-Way bed; antique adding machines; Antique movie projectors; wire lid fruit jars; Western Flyer 1960's women's bike & men's bike; TORO Wheel horse riding mower (Needs work); Radio flyer wagon; 2-Grills; Leaf Blower; Lawn cart; Hose & reels; Lawn Glider;

**PERSONAL PROPERTY TERMS:** Cash or Check w/ driver's license I.D., 3% fee for VISA, MasterCard or American Express. Electronic clerking system used. Announcements made the day of auction take precedence over all prior advertising. Not responsible for accidents or items after sold.

**Carole J. Zimmerman - Owner**  
Attorney for the Estate - Brent Wagner - 815-562-2704  
Hewitt & Wagner - Rochelle IL 61068

#### LAND AUCTION

750 Acres MOL  
(6 parcels)  
Ogle County Farm Land  
**Saturday August 13th, 2022**  
10:00 AM

**Land Location:** , All parcels are located just to the North of Leaf River IL on N. Leaf River Rd. For more information, contact Auctioneer John Bearrows at 815-739-9150.

**Auction Location:** This auction will be held on off site at the **River Valley Complex**, Located at **605 Main Street, Leaf River IL 61047** Watch for Bearrows Real Estate & Auction signs .

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**Auctioneers Note:** These 6 parcels will be offered separately, followed by the combination of 1 & 2, 3&4, 5&6 then 3 through 6, then all tracts. There are no building or home improvements included in this auction. All announcements made day of the auction take precedence over any and all prior statements and or advertising. For further information or to request full color brochure, Contact Auctioneer John Bearrows at 815-739-9150 or E-Mail Questions to [bearrows@rochelle.net](mailto:bearrows@rochelle.net)

**Parcel 1 Description:** This parcel is a bare land parcel containing 119 Acres M.O.L.. Tillable Acres: TBD. Pl# 131 (Estimated) **Parcel 2 Description:** This parcel is a bare land parcel containing 55 Acres M.O.L.. Tillable Acres: TBD Acres. Pl# 114 (Estimated)\*\*Combined Pl for parcel's 1 & 2 = 128.6) **Parcel 3 Description:** This parcel is a bare land parcel containing 155 Acres M.O.L.. Tillable Acres: TBD Acres. Pl# 125 (Estimated) **Parcel 4 Description:** This parcel is a bare land parcel containing 160 Acres M.O.L.. Tillable Acres: TBD Acres. Pl# 108 (Estimated) **Parcel 5 Description:** This parcel is a bare land parcel containing 134 Acres M.O.L.. Tillable Acres: TBD Acres. Pl# 119 (Estimated) **Parcel 6 Description:** This parcel is a bare land parcel containing 145 Acres M.O.L.. Tillable Acres: TBD Acres. Pl# 119 (Estimated) \*\*All acreages are estimated, seller will provide full survey with final sale price based upon surveyed acres.

**TERMS:** A minimum deposit of 10% of the purchase price in the form of cash, certified check, bank draft or personal check shall be made by the successful Bidder(s) on the day of a Auction, at such time, the successful Bidder(s) shall enter into purchase contract. The balance of the purchase price is due on or before October 3rd 2022, in which the Buyer(s) shall pay the balance of the purchase price in full. A copy of the purchase contract will be available for inspection prior to the auction, and at the closing desk on the day of the auction as well. **POSSESSION:** Buyer(s) to receive full possession upon closing for the 2023 crop year, and have access following the removal of 2022 crops. **TAXES:** Seller(s) pays all 2022 Taxes due in 2023, in the form of credit at closing based upon the latest available information. 2023 taxes and beyond are the responsibility of the buyer(s) No further pro-rations will be made after closing. Seller to retain Cash Rent income for 2022. **SURVEY & DEED:** Seller(s) will provide certified survey, commitment letter of title insurance in the amount of the purchase price and stamped deed to Buyer(s) at time of closing. **NOTE:** All announcements given on the day of sale shall take precedence over any, and/or all previous advertising or descriptions. The method, order of sale and bidding increments shall be at the sole discretion of the auctioneer. This auction will be recorded.

**Owners: Phillip Farms Limited Partnership**  
Attorney for the Seller's: Tess, Crull & Arnquist - Rochelle IL  
Attorney Russell A. Crull - 815-562-8754

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**PUBLIC AUCTION**

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### 113 FINANCIAL

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### 119 ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### 127 SERVICES AND REPAIRS

JNJ JUMPERS Indoor/Outdoor Bounce House Rentals Available Year Round. Please Call 815-784-4256 For Availability or Visit us on Facebook.

### 201 DOMESTIC/CHILD CARE

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### 301 ANTIQUES

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### 305 GARAGE/RUMMAGE SALES

ROCHELLE: 1681 Knights Lane Thursday July 14th & Friday July 15th 8am-4pm. Saturday July 16th 8am-Noon. Dorm Fridge, Microwave, Steel Toe Shoes, Longaberger, Curio Cabinet, Décor, & Furniture. (07-13-22)

STILLMAN VALLEY: 319 2nd St. THREE DAYS Thursday July 14th, Friday July 15th & Saturday July 16th. Furniture, Clothes, Bike, TVs, & Computer. (07-13-22)

### 307 MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE

FOR SALE: Refrigerator Whirlpool 7-Years Old, 25cu ft, Stainless Steel, Top French Doors, Bottom Pull Out Freezer. Clean, Like New \$383.00 Call 815-748-5215. (07-13-22)

Hay for Sale, Mostly Grass, \$4/bale Oregon 815-440-4940. (07-10-22)

FOR SALE Blue Electric Lift Chair, \$50 call 815-732-2895. (07-10-22)

BUNDLED Newspaper -\$3 per Bundle. End Roll- Cost Depends on Weight of Roll. Available Monday-Friday 8AM-NOON ONLY. Rochelle News-Leader.

### 309 PETS AND SUPPLIES

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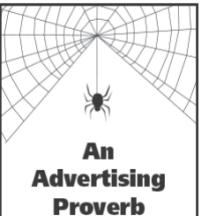
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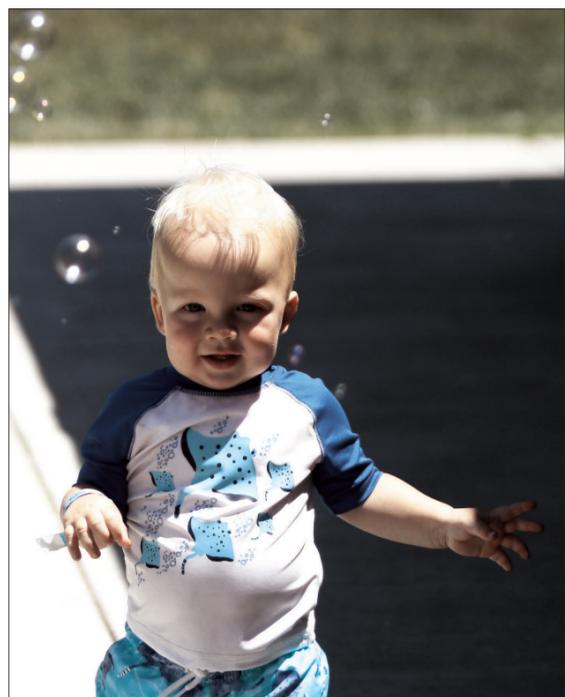
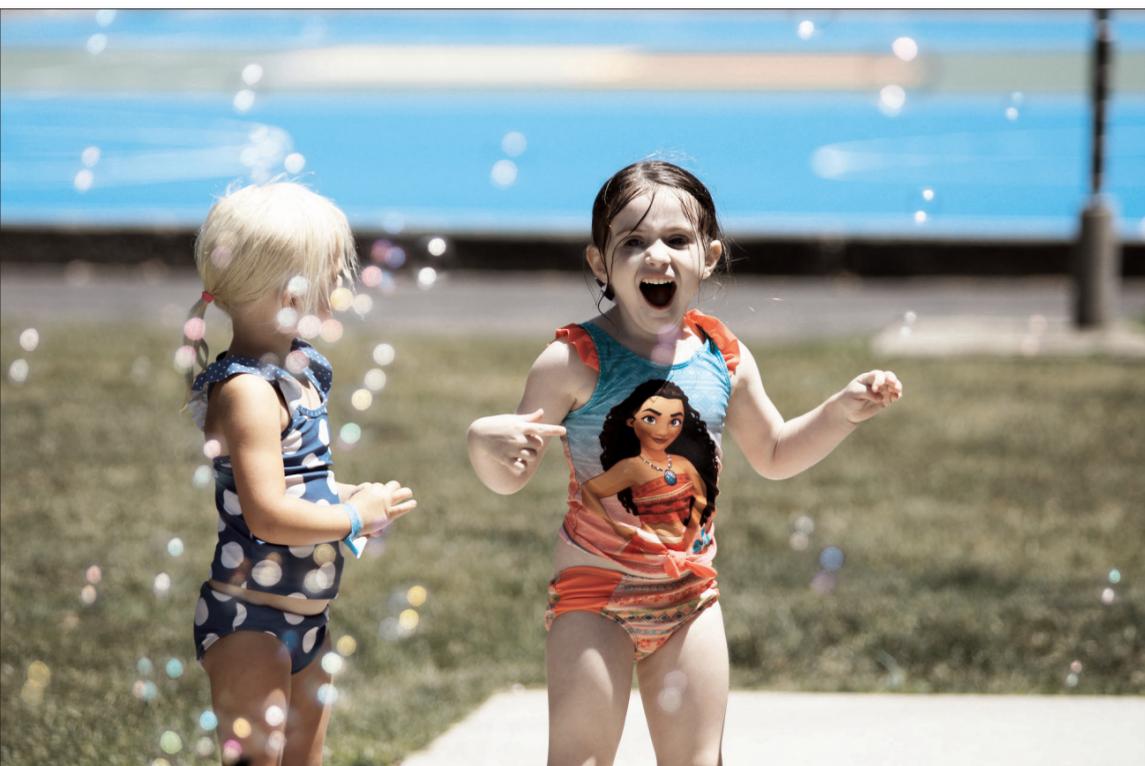
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## NIU announces Dean's List

DeKALB – Northern Illinois University announces its spring 2022 Dean's List students. To earn this distinction, students must meet a minimum semester grade point average of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale in the College of Engineering and Engineering Technology or a minimum of 3.75 on a 4.0 scale in the colleges of Business, Education, Health and Human Sciences, Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Visual and Performing Arts.

Students from your area who achieved this honor include:

**Byron:**

- Abigail Lampe, College of Health & Human Sciences Dean's List, Byron High School
- Nicholas Peterson, College of Health & Human Sciences Dean's List, Byron High School
- Grace Sherburne, College of Business Dean's List, Home School

**Creston:**

- Austin Childers, College of Engineering Dean's List, Rochelle Township High School

**Davis Junction:**

- Payton Barger, College of Education Dean's List, Stillman Valley High School
- Clarissa Hernandez, College of Health & Human Sciences Dean's List, Stillman Valley High School
- Zachary Klonicki, College of Engineering Dean's List, Stillman Valley High School
- Judy Kohler, College of Education Dean's List, Stillman Valley High School
- Skot Lien, College of Engineering Dean's List

**Forreston:**

- Katie Krogman, College of Education Dean's List, Eastland High District 308
- Hannah Stevens, College of Education Dean's List, Forreston High School

**Leaf River:**

- Konur Kivisto, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Dean's List, Forreston High School

**Mount Morris:**

- Jared Pottorff, College of Engineering Dean's List, Oregon High School

**Oregon:**

- Heather Braden, College of Education Dean's List, Oregon High School
- Karissa Faler, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Dean's List
- Rose Gleiter, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Dean's List
- Ashlyn Kitzmiller, College of Health & Human Sciences Dean's List, Oregon High School
- Nancy Spei, College of Visual and Performing Arts Dean's List, Glenbard East High School

**Polo:**

- Taylor Lirgameris, College of Business Dean's List, Warren Township High School
- Noah Prerost, College of Health & Human Sciences Dean's List, Polo Community High School
- Lizzy Stamm, College of Education Dean's List, Polo Community High School

**Stillman Valley:**

- Hannah Alita, College of Business Dean's List, Home School
- Michael Burdick, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Dean's List, Rockford Christian High School

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