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## Village of Progress hosts annual banquet

### Robert Stouffer Special Recognition Award given to the Rock River Center

**OREGON** — On Oct. 18, the Village of Progress held its Annual Banquet. It recognized several individuals for their outstanding service to the Village. Nicholas Smith received the Robert Stahl Friendship Award. The John Herrmann Distinguished Improvement Award was given to Chris Martinez and the Robert Moehle Personal Achievement Award

went to Adan Lopez. John Miller was singled out to receive the Carly Heller Special Olympian Award and Hope Huffstater was acknowledged for her good sportsmanship with the Coach Cookie Warren Memorial Award. Megan Voss was honored with the Fred Smith Competitive Employment Award.

In addition to extending recognition and thanks to

those who work inside the Village, the night also provided an opportunity to

recognize the generosity of those outside our facility. The Village was honored

to extend the Janie Etnyre Volunteer of the Year award to Tom Champley and Joanne Pennock. For many years now, Joanne and Tom, have brought their dogs to the Village to offer pet therapy. The staff have often talked about how their dogs show such enthusiasm for their work. Their visits are always a special time for those who attend the Village. Tom and Joanne are fulfilling their desire to bring joy to others. And the Village is fortunate to be the recipient of their generosity. This award is a tribute to Joanne, Tom and their wonderful dogs.



On Oct. 18, the Village of Progress held its Annual Banquet. Above: The Robert Stouffer Special Recognition Award was given this year to the Rock River Center. At left: Nicholas Smith received the Robert Stahl Friendship Award.

### Special

### Recognition

Finally, the Robert Stouffer Special Recognition Award was given this year to the Rock River Center.

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## Ogle County 4-H Ambassadors named for 2023-2024 4-H year

**OREGON** — Six Ogle County 4-H members have been selected as Ogle County 4-H Ambassadors for the 2023-2024 4-H year. They are Immanuel Arellano of Mt. Morris, Trent Heller of Dixon, Grant Johnson of Forreston, Lydia Sherburne of Byron, Katy Snow of Oregon and Molly Ziegler of Oregon. All six have been chosen as the result of a rigorous application and interview process that screened candidates for leadership abilities, 4-H expertise, and communication skills. As 4-H Ambassadors, this team will represent the county 4-H program at various events and activities in Ogle County throughout the 4-H year.

Arellano is a first-year 4-H Ambassador and a



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seven-year member of the Blackhawk Crossing 4-H Club. Immanuel's major project area has been Visual Arts. Immanuel has helped his club by serving as an officer, where he is the treasurer, and serving on various committees. He also helps coach the middle school bowling team,

volunteering at the 4th of July Festival, Vacation Bible School at his church, and setting up at the fairgrounds. Immanuel shared that his "major accomplishments are mostly just becoming a leader in both my club and the community."

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## Kings school reunion committee, attendees donate to current teachers

'When you go to school kindergarten through eighth grade together, you become a family'

BY JEFF HELFRICH  
MANAGING EDITOR

**KINGS** — On Oct. 24, the committee that put together a reunion of Kings School alumni presented a donation of nearly \$4,000 worth of classroom materials and funds to current teachers at Kings Elementary School.

The Kings School alumni picnic was held Aug. 27 and celebrated over 140 years of educating students. It was open to all current and for-

mer Kings School students or staff and their families. The event was held at the school and included food, memories and memorabilia from the school's history. Over 300 people attended and a donation account for the event was set up at Holcomb Bank. Leftover funds were planned to go to current Kings teachers and students, and that donation was given Oct. 24.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## KINGS: Items donated from reunion event

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“It started with an idea last fall,” Reunion Committee Member Dawn Hayenga Somers said. “Somebody said, ‘You know, we should get together.’ It was going to be just a few of us. To be quite honest, my brother turned 80 in March and I looked at him and thought that there’s a lot of older people who aren’t going to be around a whole lot longer that went to school at Kings and it’s time we get them together. I’m into history and I’m writing up the history of White Rock and I’ve been writing the history of the school. It goes back almost 145 years. It was time we did something before we’re too old to do anything. We started meeting in February and we met monthly and the little seed of an idea grew into 300 people showing up. We

had over \$6,000 in donations. By the time we got everything for the reunion paid for, we had almost \$4,000 left.”

Word of the reunion spread through Facebook and the group Remembering Kings Consolidated School.

“It was just phenomenal, the people that were interested in it,” Hayenga Somers said. “We didn’t charge. We just asked people to come and bring a dish to pass. We had so much food that it lined up the length of the gym and we couldn’t even get it all out on the table. It was one big family picnic.”

Donated materials Oct. 24 included tablets, art supplies and sports equipment. Teachers were also given money to spend for their classrooms at their discretion.

The Kings School Reunion Committee includes Hayenga

Somers, Becky and Homer Bailey, Deb Schiller, Deb Bruns Hahn, Dawn Peters Smith, Julie Tobler Mann, Sandy Adams Pelka & Rich Pelka, Becky Rowley Danner & Tim Danner, and Hal Hayes. Hayenga Somers and Schiller said the reunion saw attendees from across the United States.

“When you go to school kindergarten through eighth grade together, you become a family,” Schiller said. “A lot of people told me, ‘I wasn’t going to miss this. I don’t care if I go to my high school reunion, but I would not miss this.’ People came from Texas, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin and Arizona. And people asked when we’d be doing it again.”

Hayenga Somers said the committee was “knocked over” by the amount of people that attended the reunion, which filled the Kings gym. She believes the windfall of donations came in because people knew the leftover funds would go to support current teachers.

The committee asked Kings teachers for wish lists of up to about \$300 per class, and the committee was able to buy everything that was on the wish lists.

“We just know funds are tight,” Hayenga Somers said. “I’ve been on a school board in the past, and funding is tight and the teachers are having to provide a lot of things for their classrooms for the kids. And that’s not from the reunion committee, that’s from all the



Over 300 people attended the Kings School reunion picnic event on Aug. 27 at the school.

people that made the donations.” Peters Smith said that while a lot of the alumni of Kings School no longer live in the village, the support is still seen.

“Once you’re a Kings person, you’re always a Kings person,” Peters Smith said.

Hayenga Somers said that small-town people coming together is a tradition at Kings and in the other communities with feeder schools to Rochelle. She enjoyed seeing those that came to the reunion and hopes current Kings students will have their own one day.

“They’re rural communities and they support each other,” Hayenga Somers said. “It’s like when the tornado came through. You support your neighbor. There is no isolation. It’s a family atmosphere. A lot of us have moved out

of the Kings area. But this is still our home base and where we grew up. This is our family. It was nice seeing people from years ago. If anything, I wish that the kids here today have that kind of feeling. I’m hoping they come out of here with that. As a society, I don’t know that that is as strong as it was 50 years ago. But it’s definitely lasted with us.”

To close the donation event on Oct. 24 following teachers receiving their new classroom materials and funds, Ed Rice spoke.

“I want to thank all of you teachers and leaders of kids for doing such a great job to keep light in this community,” Rice said. “That’s what you’re doing, is keeping this community alive. Because if you’re not here, there’s not much left. Congratulations to you, and keep up the good work.”



Teachers received nearly \$4,000 worth of classroom materials and funds to spend at their discretion.





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# LOCAL NEWS

## VOP: Awards given during annual banquet

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Each month, the Rock River Center has been very open to inviting to men and women from the Village to their monthly activities. And their calendar is filled with a variety of options, such as BINGO, trivia, billiards, craft projects, magic shows, seasonal choirs and school bands – the list could go on and on. It's in appreciation for the many opportunities the Rock River Center has created, and in appreciation for their enthusiasm and hospitality.

The Annual Banquet is more than a night of awards given and received. It's a night of thanks extended, and gratitude returned. And that is what makes it such a wonderful place to spend an evening.



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## Mt. Morris Loaves and Fish Food Pantry seeking donations for Thanksgiving

**MT. MORRIS** — Mt. Morris Loaves and Fish Food Pantry is seeking donations to provide holiday meal boxes to local neighbors in need. The meal boxes, made possible in partnership with Northern Illinois Food Bank, contain a 12-15-pound turkey and all the fixings for a traditional holiday meal.

A \$20 donation will allow Mt. Morris Loaves and Fish Food Pantry to provide a local family the opportunity to enjoy a traditional holiday meal with their loved ones this Thanksgiving. To sponsor one, two or more families please send your gift to Loaves and Fish Food Pantry, Att: Steve Opalka, Treasurer, PO Box 202, Mt. Morris, IL, 61054. Please send your gift by Nov. 15. The Thanksgiving meal boxes will be distributed to neighbors from Mt. Morris and the surrounding area on Nov. 17.

Please help us make this project successful! The pantry hopes to raise \$2,400 above our regular donations in order to purchase 120 Thanksgiving boxes. Will you help us reach our goal to provide each family in need with a Thanksgiving meal? Any donations received above the amount needed to purchase the meal boxes will be used to purchase food for the pantry. The pantry has been serving an increasing number of individuals and families as groceries and the cost of utilities, housing and transportation continue to rise. So far this year, the pantry has served an average of 145 households, 353 individuals each month. The pantry is a partner with Northern Illinois Food Bank which provides food to food pantries feeding programs across 13 Illinois counties.

For more information about the food pantry, please call Loaves and Fish Food Pantry at 815-613-8776 (pantry cell number). Thank you for helping feed the hungry in our community!

## 4H: 2023-2024 Ambassadors named

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Heller is a second-year 4-H Ambassador and a nine-year member of the Grand Detour Greens 4-H Club. Trent's major project area is poultry and woodworking. He currently serves as the federation vice president. He is also Key Club president, on Student Council, and choir, and participates in his school's basketball, volleyball, soccer, and trap shooting teams. He has been selected as a LEAD representative, National Honor Society member, and FCS Key Club most service hours. Trent shared "The connection to people through the years, the ability to serve and help people, and an overall development" has helped him develop and work towards his future goals.

Johnson is a second-year 4-H Ambassador and a 12-year member of the Leaf River Soaring Eagles 4-H Club. Grant's main project area is poultry and welding. He is the reporter of his 4-H Club and serves as the chairman of the Leaf River Christmas Light Parade committee. He has participated in the Ogle County 4-H Horse Bowl and Hippology Team. At school, Grant is on the ser-

vant leader organization, academic team, and plays basketball, football, and participates on the trapshooting team. He has volunteered at the Children's Farm at the Ogle County Fair and helped set up, tear down, and work the farm each day during the fair. He has earned many awards with 4-H including Grand Champion welding and qualified for judging at the Illinois State Fair. Grant shared that, "I have learned how to have confidence in doing all things. I have gained friends as a 4-H member and learned to work together as a team."

Sherburne is a first-year 4-H Ambassador and an eight-year member of the Leaf River Soaring Eagles 4-H Club. Lydia's major project area is Robotics. Lydia has been her club's Sentinel and helps with Cloverbuds, 4-H clubs for youth ages 5-7 years old. She has served on numerous committees with her club as well. She is also a part of the Federation, where she is the Sentinel. She has helped at a variety of county events such as Penny Carnival, Day of Dabbling, and more. At school, Lydia is an active member of the student council, her school's soccer captain,

on the robotics team, and on the volleyball, golf, basketball, soccer, and softball teams. She has participated in numerous community service projects that show how willing she is to give back to her community. Lydia shared that her "major accomplishment is everything I have learned and been able to share through my projects. I have had great experiences through the program... They have helped me plan for the future."

Snow is a first-year 4-H Ambassador and a nine-year member of the Blackhawk Crossing 4-H Club. Katy's major projects are in Food and Nutrition. Katy has served as her club secretary for several years as well as a junior leader, and mentor for new members, and served on several committees. She has also served as the Federation secretary and on several county committees to plan county events and volunteers for her church. Katy shared "I was excited to receive the I Dare You award. I appreciate how 4-H has given me more confidence in speaking and ways to be more involved in the community."

Ziegler is a second-year

4-H Ambassador and a nine-year member of the Carefree 4-H Club. Molly's major project area is dogs and horses. Molly has served as her club reporter for two years. She participates in Future Farmers of America (FFA) and serves on the building communities committee. Molly has participated in lots of community service such as volunteering at Pega-

sus Special Riders, Kids and K9s 4-H Club, and the FFA Christmas tree sales. She has earned the Miss Mal Award, which was awarded to a student with notable leadership skills. Molly said, "4-H has opened the door to opportunities in dog and horse training that has led to successes in both areas. It has allowed me to grow in my leadership and education and has allowed

me opportunities to share my knowledge with other young people."

Immanuel, Trent, Grant, Lydia, Katy, and Molly began their 4-H Ambassador work in late September. All of them are looking forward to a busy year that will include promoting 4-H in local parades, conducting classroom presentations, and staffing displays at community events.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Obituaries

### Robert Eugene Gilbert

**MT. MORRIS** — Robert Eugene Gilbert, 94, of Mt. Morris, IL died on October 19, 2023 at the Oregon Living and Rehab Center. He was born on August 12, 1929 at Pine Creek, south of the Pines near Polo, IL. to Russell Laverne and Faye Isabelle (Berger) Gilbert. He married Ruth Elizabeth Allen on Sept. 24, 2007 in Grand Detour, IL.



Robert worked at Kable Printing (The Plant) in Mt. Morris, retiring in 1933 after his late wife developed cancer. He was an outdoors man who enjoyed golfing, hunting and fishing. He never missed a turkey season and caught one of the largest fish in the river.

Survivors include his wife, Ruthie Gilbert of Genoa, IL; 5 children, Kay (Les) Govig of Dixon, Michael (Sandy) Gilbert of Beaumont, CA; Denise Berg of Rochelle, Warren Gilbert of Polo and Barbie Kowall of Florida; 6 grandchildren, Jason, Sue, Meagan, Wendy, Becky and Michelle; many great grandchildren, Ainsley, Ella, Railey, Carter, Gracie, Liam, Justin,

Jordyn, Johnathon, Emma, Briggs, Brock, Chase and Chance; 4 step children, Jody, Lorilee, John and Kendra; and 6 step grandchildren, Elizabeth, Sara Rosemary, Steven, Ethan and Deliah Rose.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife, Allene; grandson, Jared; 2 brothers, Russell and James Gilbert; daughter-in-law, Georgie Gilbert and stepson, K.C. Jack.

His visitation will be on Monday, October 30th from 10:00-11:00 AM at the Church of the Brethren, 409 W. Brayton Road, Mt. Morris, IL. The funeral service will begin at 11:00 AM with Rev. Rodney Caldwell officiating. A luncheon will follow after the service and then a burial will take place after the luncheon at the Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens in Dixon, IL.

Arrangements were completed by the Slater-Butala Funeral Home, 132 W. Main, Genoa, IL. 60135. To sign the online guestbook, go to www. ButalaFuneralHomes.com

### Jerry Leroy Palmer

**FORRESTON** — Jerry Leroy Palmer, 83, of Forreton, Illinois, died Tuesday, October 17, 2023 at his home with his loving family surrounding him. Jerry was born on May 16, 1940 in Beardstown, Illinois. Son of Sherman and Beulah Palmer of Astoria, IL. The seventh of eight children.



He enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1957 and served for four years stationed out of Norfolk, VA. While in the Navy, he met a sister of a navy buddy and eventually became the husband of Elizabeth Kerr of Cumberland, MD on August 6, 1960. After being honorably discharged from the Navy in May of 1961, they made their home in Cumberland, MD. He started work at the Kelly Springfield Tire Company in September 1961. In 1964 they moved to Illinois after the Kelly Springfield Tire Company opened a plant in Freeport, IL the previous year. He worked there until June 2000, working at various positions over his tenure of 40 years.

Jerry was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Forreton. He served on the board of trustees and was also custodian until 2023. He was a devoted husband and father attending his children and grandchildren's extra-curricular events; sometimes traveling many miles as to not miss these activities.

Jerry was also an active member of Forreton LIONS Club holding various offices. Over the years he helped clear the land and build the Memorial Park in Forreton; participated in numerous fund raisers; and rarely missed a meeting. He was the longest tenured member of 57 years.

His favorite pastime was riding motorcycles, then trikes, and finally a Thoroughbred Stallion cycle. He taught his children to ride and enjoy cycling as well; In addition he enjoyed playing board

and card games with the grandchildren; sitting with friends and family around the fire ring; hunting for Morrel Mushrooms, watching football and other sporting events on TV, listening to local games on the radio and will forever be a Chicago Bears and Forreton Cardinal Fan.

Jerry was married to and is survived by his wife, Elizabeth, of 63 years; daughter Elizabeth Susan (Dwayne) Camarigg of Sanborn, IA; and their children Teague, (April) Camarigg and

children Quinn, Riley, Liam and Greyson of Brandon, SD; Elicia Camarigg of Sioux City, IA; and Ethan (Alexis) Camarigg and children Bayne, Winston, and Kaia of Boyden, IA; daughter Janese Doreen (Mark) Michael of Forreton, IL; and their children Kody and his son Dawson of Forreton, IL; and Kaleb of Glenwood Springs, CO; and son James Sherman (Tammy) Palmer of Stockton, IL; and their children Hannah (fiancé Chris Burns) of Eau Claire, WI; Heather (Kevin) Smith and their children Andrew and Audra of Stockton, IL. Sister Eva Trone of Rushville, IL; brother Larry of Beardstown, IL. Jerry was preceded in death by his parents, brothers Richard, Herbert, and Allen; sisters Dora Fox, Glenna and brother-in-law Cliff Parry and lots of nieces and nephews.

Funeral Services will be at 10:00 a.m. Monday, October 30, 2023 at First United Methodist Church in Forreton, IL with Pastors Edward Eddy and Lyle Zumdahl officiating. Visitation will be 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. Sunday, October 29, 2023 at Burke-Tubbs Funeral Home, Forreton, IL. Burial will take place at Chapel Hill Memorial Garden, Freeport, IL following the service.

In lieu of flowers memorials can be given to Serenity Hospice and Home, Oregon, IL and First United Methodist Church of Forreton, IL.

### Gary Lee Runte

**FORRESTON** — Gary Lee Runte, 73, of Forreton, IL, passed away Friday October 20, 2023 in his home. He was born January 21, 1950 in Freeport, IL, the son of Dale and Bernita (Diehl) Runte.



Gary was a pressman at Quebec-Kable News in Mt. Morris for 40 years. He was a member of the Stephenson and Ogle County Farm Bureau's. He enjoyed going on trips, sitting at the farm, watching his grandchildren, camping, boating, and fishing.

Gary is survived by his son, Luke (Laura) Runte of Polo, IL; two sisters, Julie Golden of Newton, KS and Diane

(Robert) Kuelling of Forreton, IL; and five grandchildren, Logan Runte, Cielo Runte, Kayden Barndt, James Runte, and Finnegan Runte.

Gary was preceded in death by his parents, and a daughter, Gwen Runte.

Funeral services will be 1:00 P.M. Wednesday October 25, 2023 at Burke-Tubbs Funeral Home in Freeport (504 N. Walnut Avenue). Visitation will be from 4-7:00 P.M. Tuesday also at Burke-Tubbs Funeral Home in Freeport. Burial will be in Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens, Freeport, IL. A memorial has been established in Gary's memory.

### James D. Young

**OREGON** — James D. Young, age 95, passed away on Tuesday, October 24, 2023, in his home in Oregon. He was born on November 20, 1927, in Philadelphia, PA the son of John and Helena (Moses) Young.



He bravely served his country in the United States Army during World War II. James married the love of his life, Mary Louise Flasser, on November 4, 1961.

After graduating from Allegheny college, he worked as a CPA and also owned Alfano's Pizzeria in Galesburg, IL. During his free time, he enjoyed watching sports, especially the Chicago Bears and the Philadelphia Phillies and when his children were younger, he would coach their little league teams. He also enjoyed collecting

stamps and coins. Most of all however he was an avid family man. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and dog-dad.

He is preceded in death by his wife Mary, parents, and sister Betty.

He is survived and missed by his sons James (Deborah) Young of Montello, WI, Michael Young of Oregon, IL, John Young of Dekalb, IL; grandchildren Sean (Tiffany) Young, Alana Young; great-grandchildren Brylee, Renee, Patrick Michael, Johnathon Thomas; his beloved four-legged companion Max; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

No services are scheduled at this time. To leave an online condolence please visit www.farrellhollandgale.com



## Byron School District board members recognized by IASB

**BYRON** — Mr. DJ Mumma and Mr. Phil Kesler have been recognized by the Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB) for their participation in a number of professional development and leadership activities during their service as Byron School District board members.

IASB recognizes school board members who show a dedication and desire to learn more about local school governance, adding to their leadership skills, knowledge of state and national educational issues, and commitment to serving in trust of their community and their students.

Because of their ongoing commitment to continued learning and participation in leadership activities, they have earned the designation as an IASB Established Board Leader.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## First Fridays Open Mic is Nov. 3

**OREGON** — The First Fridays Open Mic presents its monthly show at the Oregon VFW this Nov. 3. The event attracts many talented performers, but musicians and singers of all skill levels find acceptance from its supportive audience.

The show starts at 6:30 p.m. Admission is free, although a jar is available for donations. Performers can sign up for time slots on a first-come-first-serve basis, so it's best to arrive by 6 p.m. or earlier. Interested parties who have questions can contact Jerry Tice, at 815-449-2660.

The VFW is located at 1310 W. Washington St. in Oregon. It provides ample parking, along with the availability of a restaurant and bar within the building. A fish fry runs from 4-8 p.m.



**Louise Price, who is from Ireland, brings a unique blend of Irish folk music and popular American tunes to First Fridays.**

## Raptor Rehabilitation program Nov. 12 in Oregon

**OREGON** — Who hasn't felt a sense of amazement at the sight of a hawk or eagle soaring overhead or of wonder at the sound of an owl hooting in the darkness? Autumn is a good time to start watching for them and listening in the night.

Who has not wished to have them living near their home? What should we do if we find one that has been injured? Most people are not able to care for such a large, awe-inspiring bird.

Fortunately, there are people who do know how to take care of them and who are legally allowed to handle them: The Northern Illinois Raptor Rehab & Education Center. A professional from the center will present a program for the public sponsored by the Prairie Preservation Society of Ogle County.

Candy Ridlbauer, executive director of the Raptor Center, will bring seven live birds of prey, including a hawk, owl

and falcons to illustrate their habits and rehabilitating them. There will also be displays for the audience to examine.

Join PPSOC for a close-up look at these exciting birds and learn how they are helped to return to their natural lives in the wild at this delightful program. Displays will enrich the experience.

If you want to learn more about these amazing birds, attend the Prairie Preservation Society's free fall program on Sunday, Nov. 12 at 2 p.m. at the Kickapoo Center, 1919 N. Limekiln Road, Oregon (just north of Illinois Route 64 and the fairgrounds between Oregon and Mt. Morris).

Light refreshments will be served after the program. Children are welcome if accompanied by an adult.

If you have further questions, contact Lin at 825-973-4926 or sonia.vogl@gmail.com

## Ag Career Exploration Fair is Nov. 9 giving opportunities for college and career

**OREGON** — Agriculture is everywhere, technology is advancing, and research says there is a high demand for graduates with a degree. Are you still wondering if this field of study is right for you? Come to the fair and find answers to your questions. There will be several colleges and businesses on hand to help participants choose their future within this growing industry.

Ag in the Classroom in Ogle and Carroll counties will be hosting an Agriculture Career Exploration Fair from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, Nov 9 at the United Methodist Church, 200 S. 4th St. in Oregon. It is free and open to the public.

College recruiters will be offering information on the many majors in agriculture, what it takes to get a degree, and answer participants questions. Colleges and universities participating in the event are Blackhawk East, Highland Community College, Joliet Junior College, Kishwaukee College, Sauk Valley Community College, Universal Technical Institute, UW-Platteville, Western Illinois University and

WyoTech.

Career booths will be set up by businesses including Compeer and Etnyre. These are for people interested in employment opportunities, business representatives from a variety of agriculture related companies will offer career knowledge, skills needed to perform specific jobs, and promoting summer internships.

There will be also a sprayer simulator from Highland Community College showcased at the fair, which is always a popular attraction with participants.

Ag in the Classroom is offered through the University of Illinois Extension in partnership with Ogle County Farm Bureau, Carroll County Farm Bureau, Ogle County Soil & Water, and Carroll County Soil & Water. For more information about the fair call Melinda Colbert at 815-732-2191 or email her at charbm@illinois.edu. If you will need an accommodation to participate, please email the contact person of the event. Early requests are strongly encouraged to allow sufficient time for meeting your needs.



**Students learned about different employment opportunities from ag-related businesses.**

# Remember Your Veteran

**Veteran's Day, Nov. 11 is a special day to honor America's Veterans, living and deceased. Honor your veteran with a photo to be published on Monday, November 6th, 2023.**

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Oregon man arrested on warrant for possession of child pornography

OREGON — An Oregon man was arrested recently for possession of child pornography, an Ogle County Sheriff's Office press release said.

On Oct. 21, Ogle County Deputies arrested Kris Stubblefield, 32, of rural Oregon on a warrant for possession of child pornography. The warrant arrest stemmed from a multi-month investigation by Ogle County detectives and a residential search warrant



done on Stubblefield's residence on Oct. 12. Ogle County detectives were assisted on this case by the Illinois State Police and the Illinois Attorney General's Office. Stubblefield was taken to the Ogle County Jail and was scheduled to have a detention hearing on Oct. 23.

## August deaths in Oregon attributed to overdose

OREGON — Two deaths that occurred at a home in Oregon in August have been attributed to a drug overdose, an Oct. 20 Oregon Police Department press release said.

On Aug. 28 the Oregon Police Department responded to 807 Franklin St. for a check welfare. Entry was made by Oregon officers and a check of the house was done. Officers located two deceased subjects identified as Philip Bausone, 50, and Becki Bausone, 54, both residents of this location. At that time, the Oregon Police Department, with the help of the Ogle County Sheriff's Office and the Illi-

nois State Police, began an investigation into the deaths.

After awaiting toxicology reports and notifications to family, the Oregon Police Department in consultation with the Ogle County Coroner's Office found the deaths to be attributed to a drug overdose. There was no other evidence of contributing factors to the deaths of the Bausones and the investigation is closed.

The Oregon Police Department would like to thank the Ogle County Sheriff's Office, Ogle County Coroner's Office and the Illinois State Police for their assistance in this investigation.

### Deputy White, K9 Gator are new team at Ogle Sheriff's Office

The Ogle County Sheriff's Office recently introduced its newest K9 team in a Facebook post: Deputy Kyle White and K9 Gator. Deputy White has prior experience with being part of a K9 team in the military. On Oct. 16, the Sheriff's Office's K9 Gun Raffle drawing took place. The winners were Logan Wilde and Mark Spain. "Thank you to everyone who purchased and sold tickets in support of the OCSO K9 Unit!" the Facebook post said.



## OREGON POLICE DEPARTMENT

### Man arrested for obstruction of justice, aggravated battery to a peace officer

#### Oct. 9

At 7:14 a.m., Oregon Police arrested Joseph T. Kane, 56, Oregon, for obstructing justice and aggravated battery to a peace officer. Kane was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was processed and released with a notice to appear.

#### Oct. 11

At 7:46 a.m., Oregon Police responded to a two-vehicle traffic crash at the intersection of Adams and South 5th Streets involving a 2020 Dodge driven by Amber N. Holder, 30, Oregon, and a 2021 Chevrolet driven by Keith A. Zickuhr, 81, Mt. Morris. Holder was issued a citation for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident.

#### Oct. 12

At 6:22 a.m., Oregon Police responded to a two-vehicle traffic crash at the intersection of East Washington Street and North River Road involving a 2023 Dodge driven by Ty R. Reynolds, 30, Oregon, and a 2022 Ford driven by Matthew J. Troha, 44, Oregon. Reynolds was issued a citation for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident.

At 12:21 p.m., Oregon Police issued Veronica M. Mathews, 42, Oregon, a citation for speeding 46 miles per hour in a 30 miles per hour zone. This violation occurred in the 600 block of North 4th Street.

One parking citation and six verbal warnings were issued during the week of Oct. 9-15.

#### Oct. 16

At 4:48 p.m., Oregon Police issued Jason Serrano, 21, Rockford, a citation for tinted windshield. This violation occurred in the 400 block of North 4th Street.

At 6:35 p.m., Oregon Police arrested James D. Wright, 41, Oregon, on an outstanding Ogle County warrant for failure to appear. Wright was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

#### Oct. 17

At 8:48 a.m., Oregon Police issued Kenyetta J. Tate, 30, DeKalb, a citation for operating an uninsured motor vehicle. This violation occurred in the 600 block of East Washington Street.

At 3:05 p.m., Oregon Police issued a 17-year-old of Mt. Morris citations for use of a cell phone in a school speed zone and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. These violations occurred in the 1,100 block of Jefferson Street.

At 6:40 p.m., Oregon Police issued Frank Fenton, 58, Oregon, a city citation for the offense of having a dog running at large. This violation occurred in the 900 block of Madison Street.

#### Oct. 18

At 10:29 a.m., Oregon Police issued Marcelino Millan, 51, Oregon, a citation for tinted windshield. This violation occurred in the 100 block

of West Washington Street.

At 1:50 p.m., Oregon Police issued a 13-year-old female juvenile of Mt. Morris a city citation for use of tobacco products and alternative nicotine products. This violation occurred at the Oregon High School, 210 S. 10th St.

At 4 p.m., Oregon Police issued Taylor G. Millard, 32, Mt. Morris, a citation for operating a vehicle with an expired registration. This violation occurred in the 200 block of West Washington Street.

#### Oct. 19

At 10:38 a.m., Oregon Police responded to a 2013 Kenworth truck belonging to ABC Supply of Rochelle and driven by Adam D. Pottinger, 21, Dixon, that had struck some wires. ComEd responded to the scene and removed the wires from the truck. No citations were issued.

#### Oct. 20

At 8:27 a.m., Oregon Police issued Ronnie A. Gallagher, 43, Oregon, a citation for failure to wear a seat belt as a driver. This violation occurred in the 300 block of West Washington Street.

At 9:27 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Joseph T. Gianone, 34, Malta, for driving under the influence of alcohol. Gianone was also issued a traffic citation for illegal transportation of alcohol as a driver. Gianone was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was processed and released with a notice to appear. These violations occurred in the 100 block of River Road.

At 12:44 p.m., Oregon Police issued Eduardo Moran-Luis, 37, of Bridgeview, Illinois, a citation for speeding 62 miles per hour in a 45 miles per hour zone. This violation occurred in the 1,200 block of West Washington Street.

#### Oct. 22

At 12:19 p.m., Oregon Police issued Taylor R. Morris, 33, Oregon, a citation for speeding 52 miles per hour in a 35 miles per hour zone. This violation occurred in the 1,300 block of Pines Road.

At 12:54 p.m., Oregon Police issued Brandon A. Davis, 36, Stillman Valley, citations for speeding 53 miles per hour in a 35 miles per hour zone and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. These violations occurred in the 1,300 block of Pines Road.

At 2:42 p.m., Oregon Police issued Niconor A. Barker, 57, of Pecatonica a citation for failure to wear a seat belt as a driver. This violation occurred in the 700 block of North 4th Street.

Two parking citations and 15 verbal warnings were issued during the week of Oct. 16-22.

*Please note: Any arrests listed below are merely accusations and the defendant is presumed innocent unless proven guilty in a court of law.*

## POLO POLICE DEPARTMENT

### Driver cited for speeding

On Oct. 20 at 8:38 a.m. Makaley M. Velazquez, 26, Rock Falls, was cited for speeding 44 miles per hour in a 30-miles per hour speed zone. Velazquez

was released on an I-Bond. On Oct. 23 at 2:53 p.m. William C. Eberly, 76, Sterling, was cited for speeding 45 miles per hour in a 30-miles per

hour speed zone. Eberly was released on an I-Bond.

*All individuals are considered innocent until proven guilty.*

## DIRECTORY OF AREA HUMAN SERVICES

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Sinnissippi Centers, Inc.  
Oregon 732-3157  
Rochelle 562-3801

### Domestic Abuse Agency and 24-Hour Shelter and Helpline

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

### Education

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

### Low Income Housing

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

### Habitat for Humanity of Ogle County

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

### Mental Health

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

### Senior Citizens Services

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

### Sexual Assault/Abuse

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### Wellness Services

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

# LOCAL NEWS

## UCB Turkey Dinner is Nov. 4

**BYRON** — UCB Fellowship of the United Church of Byron is having their annual Harvest Feast Turkey Dinner on Saturday, Nov. 4 from 4-7 p.m. The church is located at 701 W. Second St. in Byron. Tickets can be purchased through the church office during the week, before or after the 10:30 a.m. service on Sundays or at <https://givebutter.com/UCBturkeydinner2023>.

The meals will be done in a drive-thru manner again this year. Please enter the church driveway via Second Street and pull up at the marked designated area, and then exit onto Colfax/Tower. Serving times will be split into three different time periods; 4-5 p.m., 5-6 p.m. and 6-7 p.m. You must select your pick-up time when purchasing tickets. Please have your tickets ready (either printed or on your phone) when picking up your meals. The dinner will include turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes with gravy (gravy will be in separate container), green beans, cranberries, coleslaw and dessert.

All tickets must be purchased in advance either in person at the church or online. The last day to purchase tickets will be Tuesday, Oct. 31. Tickets are limited so get yours early! Tickets purchased in person at the church will be \$15 and those purchased online will be \$16. For more information, please call the church office at 815-234-8777. Website: [www.unitedchurchofbyron.org](http://www.unitedchurchofbyron.org)

## Bench Dedication held for Oregon Lion Dave Stenger

**OREGON** — A large group of community members gathered at the newly-constructed Sarah Phelps Community Plaza on Saturday, Sept. 30 for its dedication.

Along with Oregon Mayor Ken Williams, and City Manager Darin DeHaan, a group of Oregon Lions were also present for the dedication of a bench in the memory of Oregon Lion Dave Stenger who passed away suddenly earlier this year.

Oregon Lion Carol Ohrn (representing the Oregon Lions Club) and DeHaan collaborated to make it possible for this special bench with a memorial plaque to become part of the Sarah Phelps Plaza. The Oregon Lions want to thank Williams and DeHaan for their cooperation in making this happen.

Pictured is Stenger's Memorial Bench. Oregon Lions at bench - Back row: Lions Mary Jo Moser, Janet Champley, Tom Champley, Mike Hoff, Grant Afflerbaugh, Chris Martin, Duane Moser and Joanna Cermak. Next row: Lions Wayne



Cole, Penny Cole, Joan Smola, Chuck McCourt and Carol Ohrn. Seated: Oregon Lions Chaplain

Chuck Campbell and Oregon Lions President Lori Peterson. Not pictured: Lion Jean Hoff.

Also pictured: Oregon City Council and Oregon Lions - From left to right: Mayor Ken Williams,

Oregon Lions President Lori Peterson, Oregon Lion Carol Ohrn and City Manager Darin DeHaan

### Oregon man awarded for helping veterans

**Jake Zimmerman, Oregon High School class of 2005, recently received the Veteran Service Officer of the Year award and the Veteran's Advocate of the Year award. Zimmerman grew up in Oregon and is a veteran himself, having served in the U.S. Coast Guard. He has been the superintendent of the Kane County Veterans Commission since 2013. Way to go Jake! Your hometown is proud of you!**



# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### Nov. 4

Polo Women's Club is sponsoring its Fourth Annual Coat Giveaway on Saturday, Nov. 4 from 8 a.m. until noon at Crossroads Community Church, 205 N. Jefferson Ave., Polo.

Coats and other outerwear will be distributed free of charge on a first-come, first-served basis.

Donations of new and gently used coats, jackets, hats, gloves and scarves can still be made through Oct. 31 at First State Bank Shannon-Polo (211 S. Division St.) Polo Senior Center (101 W. Mason St.) and Polo Pharmacy (111 E. Mason St.) GFWC Illinois Polo Women's Club, organized in 1921, is a community-based service organization that makes a difference through volunteer service. For more

information contact Sheila Dean, (815) 677-6877.

### Nov. 4

The Byron Forest Preserve's 32nd Annual Holiday Gift Sale features many unique items. The event takes place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 4 at the Jarrett Prairie Center, 7993 N. River Road, Byron. With over 35 vendors, the show features exhibitors who offer a variety of hand-crafted items, including Christmas ornaments and decorations, candles, wreaths, quilts, dolls, baskets, birdhouses and much more! Along with handcrafted items, home based businesses will be selling their items such as Avon, Scentsy, Pampered Chef, and many others! Admission is free and reservations are not required to attend

the event. The Jarrett Prairie Center is accessible to the physically challenged. There will be an affordable concession stand open all day. A cash bar serving wine and mimosas will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. If you would like more information, please call 815-234-8535 ext. 224.

### Nov. 5

The Byron Civic Band will be performing their fall 2023 concert on Sunday, Nov. 5 at 3 p.m. in the Byron Middle School Auditorium. Musical offerings include Light Cavalry Overture by Von Suppe, Walking Tune by Grainger, Libertango by Piazzolla, Root Beer Rag by Billy Joel, and Theme from E.T. by John Williams along with some marches and something "Halloween-ish"!

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## MOMENTS IN TIME

\* On November 2, 1862, Mary Todd Lincoln wrote to her husband about the public sentiment against General George B. McClellan's cautious command, saying people "would almost worship you if you would put a fighting general in the place of McClellan." The president followed her advice.

\* On November 1, 1941, Ansel Adams shot a picture of a moonrise over Hernandez, New Mexico, that would become one of photography's most famous images. Adams made more than 1,300 prints of it during his career including one that sold at a Sotheby's auction for \$609,600 in 2006.

\* On October 31, 1955, out of loyalty to the crown, England's Princess Margaret announced she would not marry Group Captain Peter Townsend. His divorced status would have forced her to give up her royal title, Civil List allowance, and place in the line of succession to the throne.

\* On November 3, 1960, Congress passes an act creating the Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge. Morris County, New Jersey, residents and the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey wanted to turn the swamp into a regional airport.

\* On November 4, 1985, Soviet defector Vitaly Yurchenko announced his return to the Soviet Union, claiming he'd been kidnapped by the CIA. Yurchenko was awarded the Order of the Red Star by the Soviet government for the successful "infiltration operation."

\* On November 5, 1995, Cleveland Browns owner Art Modell announces officially that he is moving the team to Baltimore. Months later, the NFL allowed Modell to move the team, but he had to give up rights to the Browns name.

\* On Nov. 13, 1985, the Nevado del Ruiz volcano in Colombia erupted in the late evening and caused volcanic mudflows that flooded the city of Armero, killing 25,000 residents. The tragedy is considered to be one of the deadliest volcano-related disasters in the 20th century.

\* On Nov. 14, 1851, Herman Melville's epic novel "Moby-Dick," about peg-legged Captain Ahab's obsessive search for vengeance on the white whale that maimed him, made its debut in the U.S. Published to mixed reviews, it was a commercial failure and achieved its present standing as a Great American Novel only after the centennial of Melville's birth.

\* On Nov. 15, 1956, the movie "Love Me Tender," a black-and-white musical Western starring the King of Rock and Roll, Elvis Presley, was released. Named after Presley's hit single, it was his only film that did not place him in top billing, as it was also his debut. The singer later regretted making the film, though he'd expressed a serious interest in acting.

\* On Nov. 16, 2004, President George W. Bush nominated National Security Advisor Condoleezza Rice for Secretary of State, saying that for the previous four years he had "relied on her counsel, benefited from her great experience and appreciated her sound and steady judgment."

\* On Nov. 17, 1558, Elizabeth I, daughter of King Henry VIII and Anne Boleyn, ascended to the throne of England, the third of Henry's offspring to assume that position. A carpet was laid down for her to walk on to Westminster Abbey, and people cut out pieces as mementos of the day. Her reign, which lasted 45 years until her death at age 69 from what was likely pneumonia, is remembered as a "Golden Age" in British history.

\* On Nov. 18, 2015, New Zealand rugby union football player Jonah Lomu, who was perhaps rugby's first global icon, died of a heart attack at age 40 after a long battle with kidney disease.

\* On Nov. 19, 1703, Eustache Dauger, aka "The Man in the Iron Mask," a political prisoner famous in French history and legend, died in the Bastille. Contrary to fictional representations in literature and cinema, there is no historical evidence that his mysterious facial covering was made of anything but black velvet.

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## Fill your freezers while you can

**R**EPORTS, polls, fake news, real news it's an endless barrage of information; the new world we live in. Whatever happened to Walter Cronkite, David Brinkley and Chet Huntley giving us the news without all the ideological babble and political satire? Just the news, and let me decide how I want to interpret it, thank you. Now it's just talking heads trying to get inside my head telling me what to think.

So moving ahead lets again go to the report, this time centered on agriculture. I'll let you process the information as you see fit.

September's World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates, is the first of the season to incorporate objective yield plot results for corn and soybeans as collected for the National Agricultural Statistics Service's (NASS) Crop Production report.

### Corn

For the 2023/24 marketing year that started Sept. 1, USDA indicates that corn farmers planted 772,000 more acres of corn than what was reported in the June 30 Acreage report, pushing corn area planted to 94.9 million acres, up 7.1% compared to 2022.

As expected, yield projections decreased by 1.3 bushels per acre from August's report to 173.8 bushels per acre, falling 0.74%. Despite poor crop conditions — the lowest rating of good-to-excellent corn for this point in the season since 2012 — overall yield is still currently projected to be the fifth-highest on record. In the objective yield surveys, NASS found that there were a record number of ears per acre in the fields. So, despite tough conditions making smaller ears and less kernels per ear, yields are being buoyed by record-high ear counts.

Overall U.S. corn production is forecasted to nudge up from the previous month, rising to 15.134 billion bushels (+0.15%, 23 million bushels), driven by the increase in acreage estimates.

On the demand side, projections for the 2023/24 U.S. corn crop were unchanged month-over-month. The increase in 2023/24 production was offset slightly by a decrease in 2022/23 ending stocks caused by a month-over-month increase in old crop exports. Ending stocks were forecasted up 19 million bushels to 2.2 billion bushels

(+0.86%). With overall limited movement, the projected average farm price for corn remained the same at \$4.90.

### Beans

Projected yields for soybeans were also reduced for the 2023/24 marketing year, lowered by 0.8 bushels to 50.1 bushels per acre (-1.6%). The lower yields were slightly offset by a small increase in planted acres, but the extra acreage didn't make up the entire gap, which led to a projected reduction of 59 million bushels of soybean production, a 1.4% decrease from the August WASDE report forecast.

Projected 2023/24 domestic use was also reduced, led by a drop of 1.9% in projected exports (35 million bushels) as compared to the August report. These factors, combined with a reduction in the old crop ending stocks led to one of the biggest surprises in this report. USDA projected a decrease in this year's ending stocks, which are estimated to end at 220 million bushels, a 10.2% reduction month-over-month and 12% lower than 2022 estimates. That leaves the soybean market on track to have a 5.2% stock-to-use ratio, which would be the lowest since 2015. The projected 2023/24 average farm price was projected at \$12.90. This represents a 20-cent increase over the August report, and an 80-cent increase since the first estimate in May. Despite these increases, this projection is still down \$1.30 (3.2%) in comparison to the 2022/23 season.

Despite these slightly bullish adjustments, futures markets responded negatively with the November contract closing at \$13.46 per bushel on the day of the release, or down 22 cents. This may be in response to the fact that Brazil, the biggest competitor to U.S. soy production, is expected to have another monster corn and soybean crop coming down the pipe.

### Cattle

On the livestock side, a fresh set of USDA supply/demand estimates lowered production forecasts for beef, pork, and poultry in 2023. Overall, changes made in this report slightly reduced both supply and demand forecasts for red meat and poultry. Total beef supplies for 2023 were reduced by 1.1 million pounds from 2022 or 3.5%. Lower

cattle supplies from continued herd liquidation are largely responsible for this change. Beef demand for 2023 is reduced by 551 million pounds or about 2%. USDA increased third quarter steer price projections by \$5 per cwt to \$179.02, or 2% from August, and by another \$6 per cwt, or 3%, from August, in quarter four. 2024 beef demand was reduced by 1.6 million pounds, or 6%, from 27.6 million pounds in 2023 to 25.9 million pounds in 2024. This likely reflects an expected change in consumer preference in 2024 in response to higher beef prices.

### Pork

Pork production was lowered slightly from 2022 mostly due to lighter than expected carcass weights and slowed slaughter pace. Demand for pork is projected to increase slightly by 55,000 pounds. Pork exports were lowered by 125,000 pounds, or about 2% from August, but remain 7% higher than 2022. Mexico is currently the leading importer of U.S. pork in 2023 with 446.1 thousand metric tons in export sales accumulated as of Sept. 8, 2023.

### Poultry

2023 broiler production and demand estimates were both reduced slightly from August. 2023 production was estimated at 46.19 billion pounds, down slightly from August and 483 million pounds, or about 1%, below 2022. Demand was estimated to be 39.06 billion pounds, down only slightly from August or 2% below 2022. Price projections reflect the drop in demand. USDA estimates prices for the second half of 2023 to average \$1.145 per pound, about 13% lower than the second half of 2022.

USDA projects egg prices to increase by 3 cents per dozen in quarter three, and by an additional 21 cents per dozen in quarter four. These price increases come from a 57.5-million-dozen decrease in production from hatchery data. While fourth quarter prices are projected to increase, the \$1.60 estimate is 257% lower than the \$4.11 per dozen prices in the fourth quarter of 2022.

So what does all of this mean for consumers? Fill your freezers while you can.

"Public opinion polls are rather like children in a garden, digging things up all the time to see how they're growing." -JB Priestley  
*Ron Kern is the manager of the Ogle County Farm Bureau.*



Ron Kern

## Court actors must implement SAFE-T Act for crime survivors

**I**N mid-September, Illinois will move one step further in the pursuit of justice by exchanging risk for wealth as a determinant of safety when making pretrial release decisions. As someone with 25 years of experience as an advocate for survivors, most spent working in our federal criminal legal system that has long operated without money bail, I know risk-based decision making can keep survivors of gender-based violence and the public safe.

Since the Pretrial Fairness Act was passed in 2021, opponents have used fearmongering and misinformation to derail its success. Over recent months, it has become clear that some public officials are still not ready for this new system, nor are they doing enough to prepare for these changes.

We routinely saw survivors used as pawns during the political debate over this bill, and sadly that continues. Misinformation continues to come from state's attorneys themselves or their allies in law enforcement who oppose the law. In a recent story published by WGLT, McLean County State's Attorney Erika Reynolds falsely claimed that some people charged with domestic violence couldn't be jailed under the new law. In fact, all people charged with domestic violence, both as a misdemeanor or felony, can be held in jail pretrial when there are public safety concerns. No one charged with an offense of domestic violence will be released without a hearing. Notice to survivors, along with an offer to petition for a domestic violence order of protection, is required before an initial hearing. These are all powers given to states' attorneys to keep survivors safe and informed of all their options at each stage of their case.

The Pretrial Fairness Act will be implemented Sept. 18 after years of advocacy by organizations combatting gender-based violence. Our community specifically drafted provisions in the law to require notice from states' attorneys' offices to victims ahead of the initial hearings, when that hearing was previously exempted from the list of hearings requiring victim notification by states attorneys. We also drafted language to ensure offenses like sex crimes, trafficking and domestic violence are on the list of offenses that

require police, prosecutors and judges to take extra time with these cases. With more time, survivor safety will be at the forefront of every decision, rather than having cases moved as quickly as possible. We also worked to ensure that all states' attorneys must file a petition to detain a defendant for any violation of protective order, knowing the potential lethality and safety issues at play when a protective order is violated. These are the critical provisions that, coupled with the end of wealth-based incarceration, will create a more survivor-centered pretrial system.

The time has come to ensure our court actors understand the law and will fully implement this law to protect survivors. Any failure to implement — including notice to survivors of initial hearings, provision of a protective order when requested, or completion of a risk assessment when needed — will put individual survivors and communities at greater risk for repeated harm. By reducing pretrial jailing for most offenses, court actors can finally turn their attention to where it should be: on higher level offenses like domestic violence and sexual assault that affect public safety and survivors.

When our elected officials and law enforcement perpetuate misinformation about the law, they put survivors at risk by misstating their rights under this new system. Survivors deserve to know how exactly their county state's attorney and local law enforcement will enforce the new law, and ensure it upholds public safety for all people. It is imperative we set aside political differences and implement the law correctly so all survivors across Illinois can get the rights and opportunities afforded to them under the SAFE-T Act.

Illinois should be proud to be the first state in the country to abolish money bail, and center survivor-centered practices into its pretrial system. We call on states' attorneys and law enforcement to join us to prepare our communities and survivors for this new and improved system.

*Amanda Pyron is executive director of The Network, an anti-gender-based-violence organization in Chicago that helped draft and pass the Pretrial Fairness Act.*



Amanda Pyron



# LOCAL NEWS



## OGLE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

### Deputies respond to accident

**OREGON** — On Oct. 19 deputies, along with Mt. Morris Fire personnel responded to a one-vehicle accident in the 2,600 block of West Illinois Route 64. After a brief investigation, it was learned that Shani McCollom, 52, of Forreston, had struck a deer causing major damage to the front of her vehicle. Mt. Morris EMS transported McCollom to KSB Hospital for her injuries. Carr Towing removed the vehicle from the location.

On Oct. 21 at approximately 11:21 p.m. deputies responded to the 500 block of South Illinois Route 26 in response to a driving complaint. After an investigation, Jorge Luis Ruiz Barrera, 34, of Morrison, was placed under arrest for driving under the influence of alcohol. Barrera was also cited for illegal transportation of alcohol as a driver. Barrera was transported to the Ogle County Jail before being released on a notice to appear.

*All individuals are considered innocent until proven guilty.*

### Oregon Lions cleaned up Illinois Route 2 on Oct. 18

A group of Oregon Lions gathered on Oct. 18 to do one last highway cleanup for 2023 of Illinois Route 2 North. Those Oregon Lions participating in the cleanup were, from left to right: Lions Jim Hoff, Ray Farrey, Jerry Hinrichs, Grant Afflerbaugh, James Brown and Lions President Lori Peterson.



## Donations being accepted for Lifeline Food and Self-Help Project in Oregon

**OREGON** – Ogle County 4-H is partnering with Oregon Avalanche to “Spread the Warmth” during their Winter Gear Drive, from Oct. 18 through Nov. 15. There is a donation bin placed inside the Ogle County Extension office at 421 W. Pines Road Suite 10 in Oregon. Please donate new or gently-used items in clean condition. Accepting all sizes of hats, gloves,

scarves, mittens, winter coats, snow pants and new socks.

The donations will stay local and benefit Lifeline Food and Self-Help Project in Oregon which is a volunteer-driven non-profit organization providing food and aid in the Ogle County area.

Oregon Avalanche is a non-profit organization that recruits, trains and retains

girls ages 8-14 years in fastpitch softball. It is an all-Oregon Community Unit School District program helping players reach their potential in both softball and community growth.

If you have any questions or need a reasonable accommodation to participate, please contact the Ogle County Extension office at 815-732-2191.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Polo American Legion awards and appreciation reception held

**POLO** — Members and guests of the Polo American Legion Patrick Fegan Post #83 gathered at the Polo Senior Center on the evening of Tuesday, Oct. 10 for the post's Awards and Appreciation Reception.

Post Commander Cynthia Reynolds welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming. She mentioned that the legion post was increasingly trying to do more in and for the local community. Hence, it was appropriate to acknowledge and thank those who have helped in these efforts by presenting them with certificates and awards.

Noting the importance of membership, Reynolds acknowledged long-standing post members starting with Roy Wolber for 55 years of continuous service. Kent Netz, Vernon Shenefeld, Michael Singley, Thomas Smith, Marvin VanOosten and Steve VanOosten were recognized for 50 years, Edward Pope for 45 years, Leo Reinstra and Myrle

Moeller for 40 years, Donald Much for 35 years, William Foley and Dan Ford for 30 years, Larry Meador and Larry Plachno for 25 years and Jeffrey Haugen for 20 years.

Reynolds then presented certificates to those who had helped with various legion post events. Named for helping with the Beer Brat Lunch Fundraiser were Joe Wilson, Becky Jo Davis, Mike Tate, James Reynolds and Marddi Rahn.

The legion post now has a used flag drop box on Franklin Street at the side of the old bank building. Named for helping with the flag drop dedication were Jeff Short and James Reynolds. Polli Toms was noted as the top salesperson in the post's first popcorn fundraiser.

On Veterans Day, the legion post put a wreath at the grave of the unknown. Patricia Kuhn was recognized for creating the wreath while Marianne Cimino was acknowledged for presenting the wreath.

Several people were credited with helping with the Poppy Days Fundraiser including Becky Jo Davis, Marddi Rahn, Sydney Rahn, James Reynolds, Steve Sorenson, Mike Tate and James VanOosten.

Acknowledged for helping the legion during the Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony were Kendall Kyker, Derek McAnally, Larry Meador, John Miller, Polo Fire Chief James Ports, Christine Printz, Polo Police Department Chief Troy Randall, James C. Reynolds, Donald J. Sanders, Max Snook, the Reverend Suzanne Hall Stout, Dane VanOosten, Julie Young and Alexa Zoeliner.

The Town & Country Days Patriot Pride Popcorn Fundraiser was a success. Credited for helping was Becky Jo Davis, Marddi Rahn, James Reynolds and Mike Tate.

Tamela Butler Merdian was acknowledged and thanked for selling Mia Bella Gourmet Candies and donating the proceeds

to the Honor Guard Uniform fund.

Larry Plachno was thanked for putting in the time and effort to research the history of Polo Legion Post #83 and creating a printed booklet for the legion post.

The Legionnaire of the Year Award went to Dan Ford for going above and beyond. He prepares everything to ensure that military honors are performed with honor and dignity for the fallen. He leads the Honor Guard and is frankly the head of the Honor Guard.

Members of the joint Honor Guard from the American Legion as well as the Veterans of Foreign Wars were also honored for their dedication and for performing the most solemn duty a member of the military will ever perform. Included was Riley Bowers, Dan Ford, John Foxley, Wayne Haan, Jeffrey Haugen, Richard Jacks, Myrle Moeller, Tom Renner, James C. Reynolds, Leo Reinstra, Mike Scholl, Luke Sheely,



Post Commander Cynthia Reynolds names Dan Ford as legionnaire of the year. Ford has been active with the Honor Guard.

Neil Smith, Max Snook, Mike Tate, Fred Toms, James VanOosten, Marvin VanOosten and Roy Wolber.

Commander Reynolds then acknowledged and presented certificates to the families of legion members who had passed on recently. This included the families of John Bartelt, Harvey Brown, Kenneth Eubanks, Paul Lindstrom, Duane Mackey and James Matznick.

Reynolds thanked everyone for attending and invited them to stay and join in the refreshments.

Polo's American Legion Patrick Fegan Post #83 meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. at 110 E. Mason St. in Polo. Information on joining the legion or helping with community activities can be obtained through the legion e-mail address at patrickfeganpost83@gmail.com.

## U of I Extension is hosting a healthy holiday charcuterie boards workshop

**ROCKFORD** — Charcuterie boards are fun to eat and make the perfect appetizer for entertaining. However, traditional charcuterie boards can be packed with sodium, nitrates, saturated fat and calories. Instead of a traditional board, treat your family and friends to a healthier option this holiday season by making simple modifications.

Join us Thursday, Nov. 9, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Winnebago County University of Illinois Extension office at 1040 N. Second St. in Rockford. During this workshop, learn what a charcuterie board is, what elements go into making a traditional board, the nuances of selecting a board or

platter, how to make modifications to enjoy without feeling guilty, and food safety tips. Leave with inspiration and resources to make a healthy and delicious charcuterie board this holiday season.

Register for this holiday program by calling the Extension office at (815) 986-4357 or visit us online at go.illinois.edu/jsw. There is a \$5 fee, which will cover the educational session. Space is limited, so register today! If you need an accommodation to participate, please let our office know when you register.

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**Oregon Lions donated to Serenity Hospice and Home Oct. 12**

Kaylene West from Serenity Hospice and Home gave a program on Alzheimer's disease to the Oregon Lions Club at their meeting on Oct. 12 at the VFW in Oregon. She explained the signs and symptoms of the disease that affects over six million Americans, and offered some helpful strategies for the caregiver to use when personality and behavior changes occur in the patient. Oregon Lions continue to offer financial support to this organization and presented Kaylene with a check for \$1,000. Pictured: Lion Dr. Tom Champley presents West with a check for \$1,000 from the Oregon Lions Club.

## Ag in the Classroom meal fundraiser accepting orders

**OREGON** — Do you have someone on your holiday list that is hard to buy for or has everything? Do you want an easy meal for yourself? University of Illinois Extension has the solution for you.

Individually-proportioned meals prepared and frozen for your convenience. Two sets of the following five meals include: chicken and biscuits, lasagna, pulled pork and loaded baked potato, smoked pork loin with roasted potatoes, and chicken bacon ranch pasta. Cost for one set is \$90. Proceeds will benefit the Ogle-Carroll Ag in the Classroom Program. Place your order by Thursday, Nov. 30. Order online at: go.illinois.edu/Oglecarrollfreezermeals.

You can also call the Ogle County Extension office at 815-732-2191 and request a paper order form and pay by check. Mail your name, phone number, number of meal sets and payment to: 811 S. Clay St., Mt. Carroll, IL 61053. Make checks payable to Ogle-Carroll Ag Partnership (OCAP).

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# A sense of trust returns Oregon football to playoffs for first time since 2014

‘Making the playoffs is a validation of our hard work and sticking together as a team’

BY GEORGE HOWE  
CORRESPONDENT

**OREGON** — Faith and trust are important virtues, and belief ties them all together. Oregon High School Head Football Coach Broc Kundert understood that when he took the job two years ago. The program had been wallowing in mediocrity for almost a decade, averaging three wins and not advancing to the playoffs since 2014. That all changed on Oct. 20, as the Hawks (5-4) finished regular season play with a resounding 48-13 victory over Rockford Christian, punching their ticket to the postseason. As of this writing, their first-round playoff opponent is Durand/ Pecatonica (7-2) which takes place on Oct. 28.



groundwork for a new direction last season, but like many fresh beginnings, there were a few bumps in the road as the team finished 2-7 in Big Northern Conference play. Despite the record, Kundert saw improvement and preached patience.

“I asked all of my players to trust the process and have faith that the hard work will eventually produce good results,” Kundert said.

Kundert came over from Freeport Aquin, a school with a rich tradition of sustained winning seasons and feels like that has also played into the rise of the program.

“Having success somewhere else has given me credibility with the team which is another component of building a winner every season,” Kundert said. “I truly believe that the kids have to like and

respect you to really get the most out of them.”

Kundert can attribute some of this season’s accomplishments thanks to the hard work put in all summer especially in the weight room.

“We had high expectations in the weight room and that’s where the intensity side of things come out,” Kundert said. “It’s one place where we can get after it and fail which is a good thing knowing that we are putting in the work.”

Kundert prefers laid-back practices allowing music to be played in the background and wants things fun.

“I’m not a yeller or screamer. I get my point across, when need be,” Kundert said. “Acting like a drill sergeant isn’t a good way to reboot a program in my opinion.”

Junior star running back Logan Weems fin-

ished the regular season rushing for 1,009 yards and shared that the team quickly bought into Kundert’s process.

“From day one, he told us that we had what it takes to be successful, but it was up to us,” Weems said. “We believed in him and making the playoffs is a validation of our hard work and sticking together as a team even through some adversity. We’ve established our brand of Hawks foot-

ball.”

The community is excited to once again have a football team to get behind and it hasn’t been lost on the team.

“I’ve gotten messages from people that I don’t even know sending congratulations and best wishes,” Kundert said.

“I’m walking down the street with my football jersey on, and people stop me and say good luck,” Weems said. “It’s been fun.”



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# SPORTS NEWS

## FJSHS thanks community for supporting A Night for Cade

**FORRESTON** — On Oct. 5 Forreton High School volleyball and Servant Leaders hosted their annual Volley for the Cure Night, which was dedicated to Cade Rudy, a junior at Forreton High School, and his family. Cade was diagnosed with leukemia in late September. A Night for Cade was a memorable night with many Forreton Junior/Senior High staff members, students and parents helping, volunteering and donating to support Cade and his family. Thanks to the efforts of so many wonderful people and generosity of all Forretonville Valley and surrounding communities, we were able to raise our highest amount ever of just over \$40,000! All proceeds that were raised

will go to Cade and his family to help support them as Cade continues his fight!

I want to personally thank all our community for your support through donating awesome gift baskets, wonderful baked goods, generous donations, as well as your commitment to Cade and his family. Special appreciation to the volleyball teams, Servant Leaders, Forreton FFA, cheer and dance teams along with their coaches and sponsors for their help on Oct. 5. Thank you to the volleyball moms including Jen Kiper and Jen Ferris, for spreading the word and organizing all of the gift baskets as well as Forreton Sports Boosters for donating all of their concessions'



profits. Thank you, Coach Williams and Mrs. Lynnette Frederick, along with FJSJS staff for your support and willingness

to volunteer at the event as well as the families and fans of Milledgeville for their support at the event. On Oct. 5 we were able

to demonstrate empathy to a family in need. We had a moment to show everyone exactly what it means to be a part of

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# SPORTS NEWS

## AREA SPORTS

### Oregon volleyball defeats West Carroll

On Oct. 18 at home on senior night, the Oregon varsity girls volleyball team defeated West Carroll 25-16, 25-8. The Hawks were led by Madi Shaffer (11 digs, one ace), Kenna Wubbena (seven kills, three aces, seven digs) and Lexi Ebert (10 assists, three digs, five aces, one block). The win raised Oregon's record to

14-14-2. Oregon won the junior varsity game 17-25, 25-13, 15-6 and the fresh-soph game 25-23, 28-26.

### Byron football defeats Stillman Valley

On Oct. 20, the Byron varsity football team defeated Stillman Valley 43-7 to remain undefeated. The Tigers only held an 8-0 lead after one quarter, but scored 28 points in the second and third

quarters. Byron ran for 355 yards and five touchdowns on the ground and was led by Caden Considine (46 yards, one touchdown) and Brayden Knoll (178 yards, two touchdowns).

### Oregon football defeats Rockford Christian

On Oct. 20, the Oregon varsity football team defeated Rockford Christian 48-13. The Hawks were

led in rushing by Logan Weems (18 carries, 127 yards, two touchdowns) and Cooper Johnson (eight carries, 92 yards, one touchdown). Oregon quarterback Jack Washburn went 6-10 for 78 yards with touchdown passes to Josh Crandall and Griffin Marlatt. Lucas Cole had a 73-yard kickoff return touchdown for Oregon and Hunter Bartel returned a block punt 13 yards for a score for the Hawks.



### Byron School District opens new pickleball courts

The Byron School District officially opened its new pickleball courts Tuesday, Oct. 17 with a brief ribbon-cutting ceremony. The new courts were part of the 2023 summer capital projects to update and maintain several areas within the facilities. The existing tennis courts were a safety concern and the decision to transform some of them to pickleball courts came from the district's physical education curriculum and a growing community interest in the sport. For five consecutive years, pickleball has been the fastest-growing sport in the United States. Pictured above are several representatives of Byron School District and Byron Park District, along with local members of the pickleball community. The last remaining summer project for the district is the completion of the Sunderman Theatre renovations at Byron High School. The district is planning another ceremony to celebrate the reopening of the updated theatre space later this year.



### Polo volleyball team finishes season

The Polo Community High School varsity volleyball team wrapped up its season Oct. 25 after placing second in the AFC tournament over the previous weekend and making it to the regional semifinals.



## NIU defeats Eastern Michigan to win 3rd straight

'I'm extremely proud of our team today'

BY ANDY COLBERT  
CORRESPONDENT

**DEKALB** — After losing four straight games in September, the Northern Illinois football team has found its stride with its third-straight win in October. A hard-fought 20-13 victory over Eastern Michigan (4-4, 2-2) moved the Huskies to 3-1 in the western division of Mid-American conference behind Toledo.

"It takes a lot of energy to dig out of a slump," NIU Coach Thomas Hammock said. "I'm extremely proud of our team today."

EMU led 13-10 going into the fourth quarter with Kanon Woodill kicking a field goal to tie the game for the Huskies. The rest of the quarter was a back-and-forth affair before quarterback Rocky Lombardi and wide receiver Grayson Barnes connected on the play of the game.

With 1:27 left and facing third-and-long in their own territory, Lombardi

and Barnes hooked up on a pressure-packed 26-yard reception. So confident was EMU in getting the ball back that they called a timeout beforehand.

"Rocky made a suggestion," Hammock said. "We went with his play and it was a phenomenal catch by Grayson."

With an Eagle defender in perfect position, Barnes caught the ball under duress.

"He couldn't have put it in a better spot," said Barnes of Lombardi's pass.

Lombardi, a transfer from Michigan State, is highly favored by the Huskie coaching staff and given more latitude than what is commonly seen in D-I ball.

"At any other college, they may not put that kind of faith in a quarterback calling a play," Lombardi said. "Coaches' jobs are on the line."

Gavin Williams, who had a big game last week against Ohio, then raced

outside for 33 yards to the two-yard line. Lombardi took knees on the next two plays to force EMU to burn timeouts before scoring the winning touchdown with one minute left.

"Rocky managed that drive with precision," Hammock said. "He's a winner and extremely smart."

Huskielinelman Devonte O'Malley intercepted a batted-down pass to close the game out for NIU.

With a northerly wind of 21 miles per hour and penalties plaguing both teams (combined 15-163 yards), the final outcome was always in question. The deciding factor proved to be Lombardi's leadership.

"What I learned at Baltimore (Ravens) was that a head coach has to have a relationship with his quarterback," Hammock said. "Rocky put his faith with us when he came over from Michigan State. This is a player's game and he's been honest with us."



### The First National Bank in Amboy hosts coloring contest at Monroe Center branch

**MONROE CENTER** — The First National Bank in Amboy has been hosting a coloring contest this month at its Monroe Center branch. Starting Oct. 2, kids ages preschool through eighth grade were able to enter the coloring contest through Oct. 27.

Categories for judging will be preschool-kindergarten, first grade-second grade, third-fifth grade and sixth-eighth grade. First, second and third-place prizes will be awarded for each category. First prize will include \$25. Judging is Oct. 30.

"This has been fun to do and see the pictures the kids have colored," Loan Of-

ficer and Universal Banker Toni L. Pierce said. "We have had entries from Rochelle schools, Stillman Valley schools and local preschools along with Double O, Cruisin and MC Tap having coloring pages for their young patrons to color. We have had 353 coloring pages returned to us for judging that will take place on Oct. 30. We have enjoyed seeing the different artists versions come in and our customers have enjoyed our new (but temporary) décor, too! We are already planning for next year's coloring contest! We have some very talented kids in our area."

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# LOCAL NEWS

## All 6 Ogle County schools make the football playoffs

THE IHSA football playoffs start later this week and the anticipation leading up to announcement of the pairings can be just as exciting. A few years ago, excessive hits on the IHSA website the Saturday night of the pairings caused it to crash.

Unlike other IHSA sports with pre-arranged seedings, classification and post-season schedules, football does not reveal this information until the regular season is over. The build-up is felt all over the state.

To compound this, the smallest of matters can completely change outcomes. Just ask Forreton and Sterling Newman, whose fortunes were changed dramatically by a simple coin flip.

That is a good place to start in analyzing the brackets for local qualifiers.

Since both teams (7-2) were tied as No. 7 seed in 1A when it came to playoff points based upon opponents' wins (41) and defeated opponents' wins (25), a coin flip was the only way to break the tie. The only time this can happen is if two teams are in the same classification and it is rare when it does.

Since Newman won the virtual toss, they stayed at No. 7 and Forreton dropped to No. 8. That slotted the Comets away from the side of the bracket that powerhouse Lena-Winslow is in.

Meanwhile, should Forreton they beat Ottawa Marquette, they will see Le-Win in the second round. Considering that Forreton was beaten by Le-Win 36-8 a few days ago, losing that coin flip was a real downer. The positive for Forreton is that they are 3-0 in the playoffs against Marquette and they were also the last school to beat Lena-Winslow (2021).

Newman, which has had plenty of success in 2A, has a much easier road. To reach the third round, they need only to get by teams from a relatively-weak Lincoln Trail-Prairie-land conference.

It does get tougher with suburban wildcards Aurora Christian and Chicago Hope as possible quarter-final opponents. AC had been a 3A power under Don Beebe, but have regressed in the past decade. Hope, which has plenty of athleticism, has never been able to match up physically with northwest Illinois rural teams.

Thus, Newman's path to the semi-final is much easier than Forreton's.

No. 12 seed Oregon (5-4) is back in the playoffs for the first time since 2014 and got a favorable draw in 3A. They make a short drive to No. 5 Pecatonica (7-2) in an intriguing matchup of the Big Northern vs Northwest Upstate Illini, with this

game considered a toss-up.

The last time Oregon played at Pecatonica was when both were in the Mid-Northern conference (1972-91), along with Mt. Morris, which is now part of the Oregon district.

Look for a large crowd at Pec, as Oregon has been hungry to get back in the playoffs. Back in the early 2000s when the Hawks were making playoff runs, they would often outnumber the home team's fan base.

Stillman Valley (5-4), a team Oregon thumped in its best performance of the year, would likely be the round two opponent and a home game for the Hawks, should Oregon beat Du-Pec. However, SV is more playoff-tested than Oregon and should provide a stiffer challenge than they did in a 28-7 loss in week six.

The overwhelming favorite in 3A is Byron, though Lombard Montini could prove to be a worthy challenger in the semis. Like Aurora Christian, Montini doesn't have the same star power as it used to.

For the first time since 2005, all six schools in Ogle County made the playoffs, with Rochelle getting a worse draw than Forreton. The 7-2 Hubs, who won their first conference title since 2004 by beating highly-regarded Richmond-Burton, are bracketed in the 5A first round against Wheaton St. Francis.

Not only do they have to go on the road as a No. 9 seed, but Rochelle faces one of the top suburban private schools with an elite quarterback. The Hubs would have fared much better in 4A, instead of the second-smallest school in 5A.

Though eight-man football is not part of the IHSA football playoffs, a similar formula is used to determine the final 16 qualifiers. However, rather than break up the brackets into north and south like the IHSA does with 1A through 6A, eight-man goes statewide, which is far more equitable approach.

Amboy (9-0), which took second in the state last year and returned nearly their entire starting line-up, is the favorite to win it all, though the Clippers are No. 2 seed to Champaign St. Thomas More.

A potential second-round rematch with local interest is No. 3 Milledgeville (8-1) vs. No. 6 Polo (7-2). In the regular season, the Missiles jumped on Polo early in a romp and will again be favored.

However, Polo has more playoff experience than anyone in eight-man and has kept every game close.

*Andy Colbert is a longtime Ogle County resident with years of experience covering sports and more for multiple area publications.*



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# LOCAL NEWS

## ROCK RIVER CENTER ACTIVITIES

Rock River Center is a resource center located at 810 S. 10th Street, Oregon. Our activities and trips are open to all ages. Call our office @ 815-732-3252 for assistance with Benefit Access Application for a license plate discount, Medicare, housing, homemaker service, heating assistance or other things. Visit us at [www.rockrivercenter.org](http://www.rockrivercenter.org) and like us on Facebook.

### Ice Skate Evergreens" Canvas Painting

Class Instructor: Cindy Hendrickson  
Join us as we paint a beautiful "ICE SKATE EVERGREENS" canvas painting. We will paint step-by-step on a pre-traced 16 x 20 canvas using acrylic paints. The pattern is appropriate for all skill levels. Take your completed masterpiece home with you the same day. This will be great as a gift or to display in your home. So grab a friend and join us because friends don't let friends paint alone! When: Thursday, November 9, 2023, 12:30 - 2:30pm. Where: Rock River Center, 810 S. 10th St, Oregon. Cost: \$30.00 per person; all materials included. Deadline: Reservations by Monday, October 30, 2023 so supplies can be ordered. Call: RRC @ 815-732-3252 for reservations or information.

### Looking for the Funny Side: The Value of Humor

On Monday, November 6 from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m., Kara Schweitzer, Family Life Educator from University of Illinois Extension, will be at Rock River Center to discuss The Value of Humor in our daily lives. When was the last time you laughed really hard—a hearty sidesplitting belly laugh? Humor can be good for you. Bringing humor into your life can provide both physical and psychological benefits. Do you look for humor in your everyday

life? You don't have to be a comedian to have a sense of humor. This program will help participants look at ways humor can help them deal with stress and change their lives. Benefits of humor will be identified. Advance registration requested. Call Rock River Center at 815-732-3252 if you plan on attending.

### Harvest Dance - Wed., Nov. 8, 2023

Fall is upon us. Relax and dance to the music of the crooners such as Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin and more performed by Denny Svehla, aka Denny Diamond. Refreshments will be served. Bring your cell phones. Staff will be available to take photos for you. Where: Rock River Center, 810 S. 10th St, Oregon. When: Wednesday, November 8, 2023. Time: 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Cost: \$5.00 Suggested Donation (payable at the door). Reservation deadline: Friday, November 3, 2023 so we can be prepared. For information or to make reservations call the Center at 815-732-3252.

### Senior Information Services Provided By Rock River Center

Do you need help with Benefit Access Application, housing, personal care, homemaking, heating assistance or other things? Rock River Center's Information & Assistance Specialists are available at various locations throughout Ogle County. If you are unable to come into a site, please call Rock River Center toll free 1-800-541-5479 to schedule an appointment.

Byron - Jarrett Prairie Center Nov 13 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Forreton - Library Nov 15 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Mt. Morris Senior Center Nov 9 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Rochelle - Hub City Senior Center Nov 1, 8, & 22 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

## MT. MORRIS PUBLIC LIBRARY

### Book Sale Thank You!

Thank you to all of our friends who helped to set up and take down the book sale. We would like to send a special thanks to the OHS Transitions Class, Bruce McKanna, Becky McCause, Julie Mastny, Lori Wolff, Kathy Pedersen, and Diana Stahl!

### Story Time Thank You!

A huge Thank You goes out to sponsors for one of our Story Time crafts! Thank you to Beryry View for the pumpkins and to Dave Sheely for the craft kits!

### Lego Club

Lego night is Thursday, November 16th, from 6:00 - 6:45pm. Bring a friend and build some fun with Lego bricks! All children and parents are invited every third Thursday of the month. Children under 8 need to bring a parent with them.

### Story Time!

Mrs. Donna will be reading books and children will create a craft this Wednesday, 9/20. Story time is every Wednesday @ 11:15, bring your little ones to enjoy stories and a craft at the Mount Morris Library!

### Axis360 is changing to BOUNDLESS

Your library's Axis360 digital service has been upgraded to Boundless. The library can provide you with information about the transition to Boundless. All your user info and history, including holds position, bookmarks, notes, and other saved data will be seamlessly transitioned to the new Boundless platform.

### Adult Book Club

The November book is "The Reading List" by Sara Nisha Adams. Described by Bookpage.com as "What begins as a whim soon transforms into a deeply enriching and gratifying experience. The books act as a lifeline for Mukesh and Aleisha as the two new friends navigate their personal tribulations. Reading is so often viewed as a solitary pursuit, but The Reading List turns that idea on its head, illustrating the ways one book can touch many lives and act as a shared point of empathy, uniting disparate individuals into a community." 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 3:30pm on

Monday, November 27th at the library.

### Cookbook Club!

Next Meeting November 7th!

Join us as we explore The Cookbook Club! Wonderful recipes combined with friendship creates something both beautiful and delicious! Stop by to choose your recipe from this month's book, "Great EASY Meals" by Food Network and bring your dish to pass at our next meeting! Join us on the first Tuesday each month, 6pm at The Senior Center for another exciting meal!

### Ink with a Friend: Card Making at the Library

Thanksgiving will be here before we know it and what a great time to make some lovely homemade cards to send to family and friends. We will be offering a card-making class from local crafter, Liz Gullett. She will be here on Thursday, November 9th from 5-7! You will get all the materials to make two beautiful cards to take home. Stop by to see the samples, fees are by donation. Registration is limited so call the library or stop by to save your spot before November 2nd!

## AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

### BYRON

#### ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

#### CORNERSTONE FAMILY CHURCH

205 N. Peru St., Byron 815-234-8737 [cornerstonefamilychurch.org](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!

#### BEACON HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD

"Building Faith for Life"  
6467 N. German Church Rd., Byron, IL - Ph. (815) 246-2685 - [beaconhillbyron.org](http://beaconhillbyron.org)  
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 448, Byron, IL 61010  
Pastor: Garry Cortese  
Service Times: Sundays at 10AM; Wednesday night Faith-Lift at 6:30PM  
Find us on Facebook/Beacon Hill Assembly of God

### CHANA

#### CHANA UNITED METHODIST

Pastor Josh Brown, 606 Main Street, Chana, IL 61015. Church office 815-732-7683. (E-mail address: [chanauwc@gmail.com](mailto:chanauwc@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)

### DIXON

#### LOST LAKE COMMUNITY CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Pastor John Trotter 8:00am Sunday School  
815-973-5981 9:00am Church Service  
90 W. Flagg Road [www.lostlakechurch.org](http://www.lostlakechurch.org)  
Dixon IL 61021

### FORRESTON

#### FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

#### FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

#### ST. JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

### LEAF RIVER

#### ADELINE ZION EVANGELICAL CHURCH

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

#### LEAF RIVER BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor Billy Hardy  
Live Sermon Streaming: Sundays at 10:00 AM at [www.facebook.com/LEAFRIVERBC/](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 a.m. - Sunday Worship with Communion open to all, followed by fellowship hour  
10:45 a.m. Sunday School (Sep. - May)  
102 N. Maple Ave., Mt. Morris, IL 61054  
815-734-4853 secretary@disciplesumc.org  
[www.disciplesumc.org](http://www.disciplesumc.org)  
Pastor Marcia Peddicard

### 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 BRETHERN

409 W. Brayton Road, Mt. Morris, IL 61045 Phone 815-734-4573  
Pastor-Rodney Caldwell. Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m. followed by fellowship time and Sunday School. Worship service available online, call for details.  
Email: [mtmorristob@gmail.com](mailto:mtmorristob@gmail.com)

### MT. MORRIS TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

308 E. Brayton Rd. Mt. Morris, IL Phone: 734-6354 Rev. Josh Ehler  
**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;

### LITTLE PRAIRIE MENNONITE CHURCH

409 W Brayton Rd. Mt. Morris, IL 61054 (Church of the Brethren Basement Entrance) Worship Services: 10:00 AM Sunday Morning, 7:00 PM 1st & 3rd Sunday Evening, 7:30 PM 2nd & 4th Wednesday Evenings of the Month.  
Pastor: Norman Reinford 779-861-3700

## OREGON

### EAST OREGON CHAPEL CHURCH OF GOD

East Oregon Chapel Church of God  
The Sharing is Caring Church  
Pastor Jesse Allen EOCCOGministries@gmail.com 107 N Daysville Rd. Oregon, IL Phone: 815-732-2960  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m. with Sunday Worship following at 10:30 a.m.  
Breakfast is served every fifth Sunday beginning at 9:30 a.m.  
Wednesday evenings both Adults (all year) & Youth (during the school year) meet weekly beginning at 6:30 p.m.  
In the event that Oregon Schools are not in session the Youth group does not meet on Wednesdays.  
Thursday morning Women's Bible study meets at 10:30 a.m.  
We look forward to meeting you!

### 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](http://www.EBENEZERREFORMED.com) • Sunday school 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m.

### LIGHTHOUSE UNITED METHODIST

Pastor Dave Rogula 4962 S. Daysville Rd., Oregon, IL 61061 [lighthouseUMC@yahoo.com](mailto:lighthouseUMC@yahoo.com)  
Worship at 11:00 a.m. Holy Communion celebrated the first Sunday of each month. Lighthouse will live up your life!

### OREGON CHURCH OF GOD

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

### OREGON FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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

### OREGON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

200 S. 4th St, Oregon, IL 61061 • 815/732-2994  
[www.oregonumc.org](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 service 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  
Worship: [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

Rectory/Office: 211 North Franklin Ave., Polo, IL 61064  
PHONE: 815-946-2535 • Rev. Joseph P. Nail  
MASS: 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  
[polo@crossroadscn.com](mailto:polo@crossroadscn.com)  
We offer contemporary worship and relevant Bible teaching through engaging messages and powerful video. Join us after services for coffee, snacks & fellowship. Kidzink Children's Ministry (nursery-5th grade) ~ during 10AM service  
Grave Youth Group (6th-12th grade) ~ Wed. 6:30PM - June 1st.  
Visit our website: [www.crossroadscn.com](http://www.crossroadscn.com)

#### FAITH DISCOVERY CHURCH

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

#### FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

702 E. Dixon Street, Polo, IL 61064 • Tel:815-946-3212  
Sunday School for all ages 9am followed by Worship at 10am  
Pastor Brian LeBaron  
Website: [www.faithumpolo.com](http://www.faithumpolo.com) • [facebook.com/Faithumpolo](https://facebook.com/Faithumpolo)

### STILLMAN VALLEY

#### RED BRICK CHURCH OF STILLMAN VALLEY

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 7:30 pm.  
Men, women, youth Bible Studies throughout the year.  
See website for all activities or contact the church office.

#### KISHWAUKEE COMMUNITY EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

8195 Kishwaukee Road, Stillman Valley, IL 61084 / 815-965-1940  
Rev. Nick Garner, Pastor  
[www.kishchurch.org](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

Lead Pastor Barry Norris  
103 S Maple St, Stillman Valley, IL  
815-645-8872 | [www.valleycov.org](http://www.valleycov.org)  
Sunday Morning 9am "Gather" for learning & conversation, 10:15am Worship both onsite and online at [facebook.com/VECCISV](http://facebook.com/VECCISV)  
Home of Valley Covenant Preschool 815-645-8882 Director Jill Huber  
Bible Studies, Youth Group, Bread of Life Food Pantry  
Please visit website for more information or contact the church office M-F 9am-2pm

#### GRACE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH DAVIS JUNCTION

Pastor Brad Pittman [www.graceisforyou.com](http://www.graceisforyou.com)  
10479 E. High Rd., Stillman Valley, IL 61084 • 815-973-1369  
**Worship Service: Saturday at 5pm**

### WINNEBAGO

#### MIDDLE CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

12473 Montague Road, Winnebago, IL 61088  
Located West of Tower Road on Montague Rd.  
**Sunday:** Worship Service at 9:30 am.  
Office Hours: Mon., Tues., Thurs. & Friday 9am-2pm.  
Phone: 815-335-2609. Email: [middlereckchurch@gmail.com](mailto:middlereckchurch@gmail.com)



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### 101 LEGAL NOTICE

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on October 10, 2023, 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: Mount Morris Storage Solutions 4225 W Rt 64 Mount Morris, IL 61054 Dated October 10, 2023 Laura J. Cook, Ogle County Clerk No. 1029 (Oct. 23, 30 and Nov. 6, 2023)

#### NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF OGLE In the Matter of the Estate of: DONALD P. WERNER, Deceased.

IN PROBATE No. 2023 PR 57 CLAIM NOTICE NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of DONALD P. WERNER of Mt. Morris, Illinois. Letters of

office were issued on September 27, 2023, to PAUL SILVIUS of Milledgeville, Illinois as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Jennifer L. Birkholz SMITH, BIRKHOLZ & 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 April 23, 2024, or within 3 months from date of mailing or 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.

Paul Silvius, Independent Executor Jennifer L. Birkholz SMITH, BIRKHOLZ & MORROW, P.C. 129 S. Fourth Street, P.O. Box 10 Oregon, IL 61061

(815) 732-6124 No. 1030 (Oct. 23, 30, and Nov. 6, 2023)

#### NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF OGLE IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:

WANDA L. HOLLEWELL, deceased. NO. 2023-PR-56

#### CLAIM NOTICE

NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of WANDA L. HOLLEWELL of Oregon, Illinois. Letters of office were issued on October 10, 2023, to TIFFANY ANN PULLIAM of Speedwell, Tennessee, whose attorney is David A. Smith, of Smith, Birkholz & Morrow, P.C. at 129 South Fourth Street, P. O. Box 10, Oregon, Illinois, 61061-0010.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court at Ogle County Judicial Center, 106 South 5th Street, Oregon, Illinois, 61061, or with the representative, or both, within 6 months from the first publication of this Notice, or within three months from

the date of mailing or delivery of Notice to creditors, if mailing or delivery is required by Section 18-3 of the Illinois Probate Act, 1975, as amended, whichever date is later. Any claim not filed within that period 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.

Independent Executor Tiffany Ann Pulliam Attorney David A. Smith SMITH, BIRKHOLZ & MORROW, P.C. 129 South Fourth Street P. O. Box 10 Oregon, IL 61061-0010 (815)732-6124 No.1034 (Oct. 23, 30 and Nov. 6, 2023)

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on Oct. 19, 2023 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:

Jaime Heating & Cooling Systems, LLC 3747 W IL Route 64 Lot 2 Mt. Morris, IL 61054 Dated Oct. 19, 2023 Laura J. Cook, Ogle County Clerk No. 1041 (Oct. 30, Nov. 6 and 13, 2023)

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on Oct. 19, 2023 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: Straydog 11726 N. Woodburn Rd. Byron, IL 61010 Dated Oct. 19, 2023 Laura J. Cook, Ogle County Clerk No. 1042 (Oct. 30, Nov. 6 and 13, 2023)

BY ORDER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES NATALIE PHELPS FINNIE, DIRECTOR SEQ CHAPTER 10 VR 1 DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL

#### RESOURCES OFFICE OF REALTY & CAPITAL PLANNING DIVISION OF REAL ESTATE SERVICES & CONSULTATION NOTICE OF SEALED BIDS FOR FARM LEASING

Sealed bids for farm leasing will be accepted by the Department of Natural Resources for one agriculture lease, one agriculture lease, consisting of approximately 80 acres of agricultural farm ground. The acreage is located near the Lowden Miller State Forest in Ogle County. Bid forms and related information will be discussed at a Non-Mandatory Vendor Conference to be conducted by the Department of Natural Resources on November 14, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. via Webex.

Perspective tenants can phone into the non-mandatory conference by calling (415)-655-0002 or (312) 535-8110, meeting number (access code) 2632-546-0421. Currently, all bidders must register with Bid-Buy to be eligible to enter a contract with the State. To register,

please go to the following link: HYPERLINK "https://www.bidbuy.illinois.gov/bso/" https://www.bidbuy.illinois.gov/bso/. Prospective bidders will need to download and print the necessary forms from the Bid-Buy Website at www.bidbuy.illinois.gov prior to the vendor conference. Those wanting to attend in person, please plan to arrive early at the Lowden Miller State Forest site office located at 1365 W. Castle Road, Oregon, IL 61061. Please contact Frederick Murphy at (217) 782-5707 for assistance in registering with Bid-Buy online.

Bids and supporting documents for are due on December 6, 2023, by 2:00 p.m. to: Department of Natural Resources, Attn: Frederick Murphy, Fiscal/Procurement, One Natural Resources Way, Springfield IL 62702, or by submitting all required documents in Bid-Buy under bid Lease number B-39252

Bids will be opened on December 6, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. via Webex.

The farm lease shall be awarded to the responsive, responsible, qualified bidder with the highest price.

In accordance with state and federal law, the State of Illinois does not discriminate based on race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, physical or mental disability, sexual orientation or any other protected category in employment, contracts, or any other activity.

The Department of Natural Resources reserves the right to reject any or all proposals. For more information visit HYPERLINK "https://dnr.illinois.gov/clm.html" https://dnr.illinois.gov/clm.html No. 1043 (Oct. 30, 2023)

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

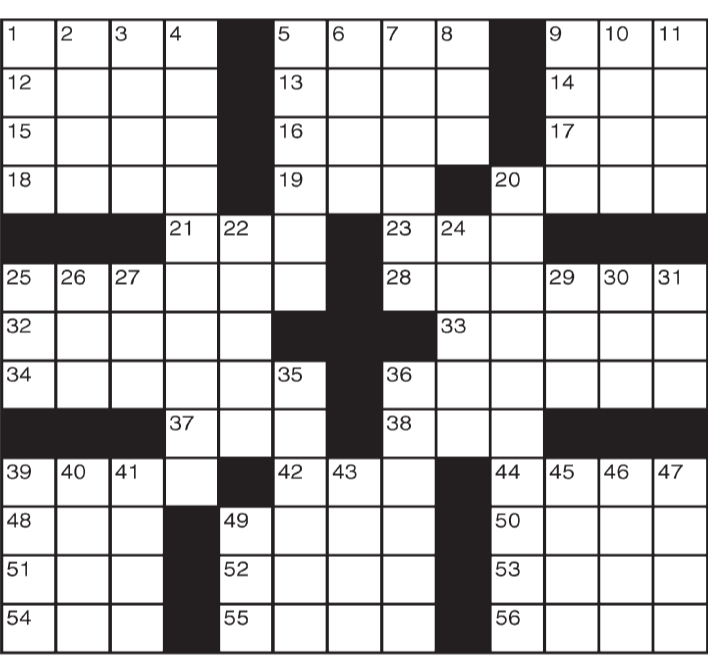
Public Notice is hereby given that on October 20, 2023 a certificate was filed in the Ogle County Clerk's Office setting forth the names and post office address of all of the persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as: ALK Jewelry Plus 1121 McCall Court

## Weekly Brain Busters

### King Crossword

#### ACROSS

- 1 Netting
- 5 Composer Porter
- 9 "I'm not impressed"
- 12 Dog food brand
- 13 Send forth
- 14 Chopper
- 15 "Arrivederci!"
- 16 Marathon fraction
- 17 Blemish
- 18 Difficult
- 19 JFK info
- 20 Gentle soul
- 21 Victory
- 23 Greek X
- 25 Quick run
- 28 Cry of distress
- 32 Exact



- 52 Regarding
- 53 Paris airport
- 54 Equi-
- 55 "Scram!"
- 56 Calendar squares
- 7 Fragrant flowers
- 8 Summer on the Seine
- 9 Crib cry
- 10 Physical
- 11 Basil or thyme
- 20 Bread and butter, so to speak
- 22 Chip giant
- 24 Seraglio
- 25 Resort
- 26 "Wham!"
- 27 Estuary
- 29 - de cologne
- 30 "Top Gun"
- 31 Historic time
- 35 "Take your time"
- 36 Panda's diet
- 39 South Pacific nation
- 40 Eve's grandson
- 41 "Do - others ..."
- 43 Sax range
- 45 Gumbo veggie
- 46 Friend
- 47 Beams
- 49 Some coll. degrees

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### MAGIC MAZE ● ENGLISH —

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

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

- Accent
- Breakfast
- Bulldog
- Castles
- Channel
- Dictionary
- Horn
- Ivy
- Language
- Literature
- Muffin
- Saddle
- Setter
- Sparrow
- Teacher

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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

4				6				5
	3			8				6
		1	2		7	3		
8	1				2			6
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		7		3		8		
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

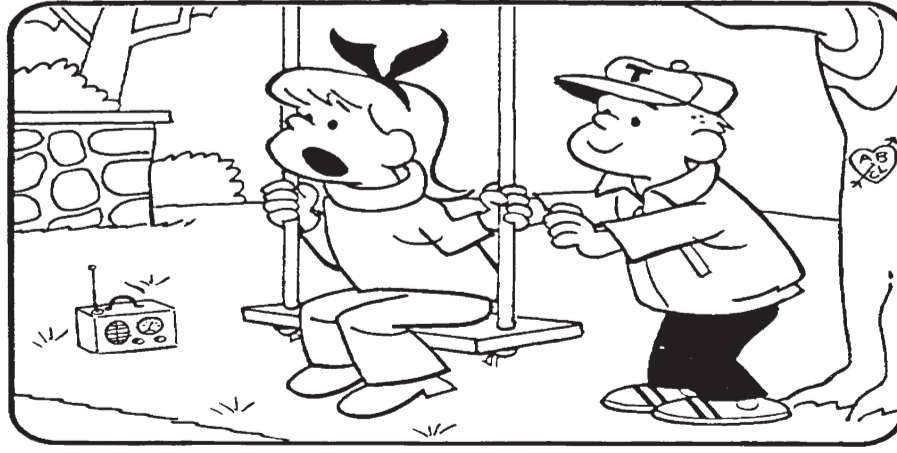
#### DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

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

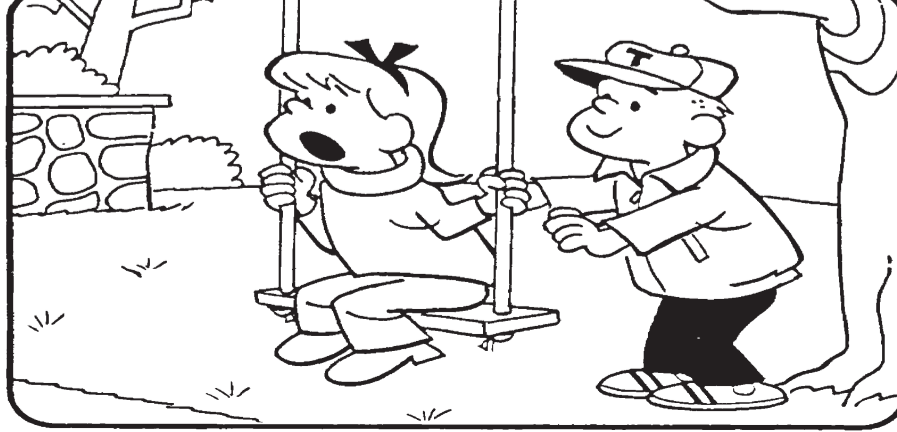
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### HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six Laurens in details between panels.



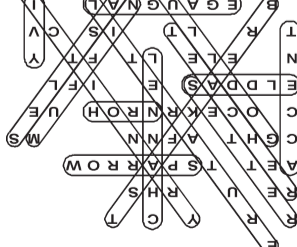
Differences: 1. Radio is missing. 2. Bow is smaller. 3. Swing seat is smaller. 4. Girl's legs are shorter. 5. Arm is moved. 6. Tree carving is missing.

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L	T	R	O	O	I	S	A	V	I	O

Solution time: 21 mins.

Answers

King Crossword



ENGLISH

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

Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

PUBLIC NOTICE  
Village Of Davis Junction, Illinois  
Annual Treasurer's Report of Cash Receipts and Disbursements  
For the Fiscal Year Ending April 30, 2023

Published in compliance with Chapter 65, Section 5/3.1-35-65 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes

**Receipts: GENERAL FUND;**  
PROPERTY TAX 78,326; ROAD & BRIDGE TAX 32,545; TELECOMMUNICATIONS 18,370; LIQUOR / VIDEO GAMING LICENSES 12,475; ESCROW ACCOUNT 4,003; BUILDING PERMITS 32,563; LEIN REIMBURSEMENT 266; PLAT 10 FUTURE IMPR TIL 2025 5,000; ZONING PERMITS & FEES 750; STATE INCOME TAX 405,884; USE TAX 102,289; CANNABIS USE TAX 3,955; SALES TAX 144,371; STATE GRANT-EOC 4,776; OTHER GRANTS 159,991; INTEREST INCOME 7,694; MEDICOM 9,742; BALL FIELDS REVENUE 12,250; MERIDIAN YOUTH BASEBALL LEAGUE 13,995; RENTAL INCOME 33,745; VIDEO GAMING 49,360; MISCELLANEOUS INCOME 11,223; DONATIONS/SPONSORSHIPS 3,650; INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT 6,750; TOTAL 1,153,973

**MOTOR FUEL TAX;**  
MOTOR FUEL TAX 99,693; REBUILD ILLINOIS 26,065; INTEREST INCOME 842; TOTAL 126,600

**TIF FUND;**  
REVENUE 23,568; INTEREST INCOME 11; TOTAL 23,579

**WATER FUND;**  
PENALTIES 5,456; WATER SALES 213,458; WATER BASE RATE 20,034; BULK WATER / POOL FILLS 2,447; WATER CONNECTION FEES 125,000; METER SALES 5,584; INTEREST INCOME 81; TOTAL 372,060

**SEWER FUND;**  
USE TAX 3,352; PENALTIES 6,071; WATER BASE RATE 42,854; BULK WATER / POOL FILLS 261,755; WATER CONNECTION FEES 33,350; INTEREST INCOME 193; INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFER IN 1,538,235; TOTAL 1,885,809

**GARBAGE FUND;**  
PENALTIES 2,809; WATER RECONNECT FEES 146,895; TOTAL 149,704

**LANDFILL FUND;**  
HOST BENEFIT FEES 1,918,332; RENTAL INCOME 75,000; TOTAL 1,993,332

**PAYROLL: 0.01 TO 24,999.99**  
BAGG, MAEGEN; BERG, ANTHONY; BLOOMINGDALE, GLENDA; CARR, NANCY; CHAVERS, KEVIN; CHRISTENSON, JENNIFER; COOK, BRODERICK; DIPPNER, MARK; FLEMING, CALEB; FLOYD, ERICA; FORCIER, ANDREW; HINKLE, ALEXANDER; KLAREN, BENJAMIN; LOEFFELHOLZ, SARAH; LUCHSINGER, WILLIAM; MAAHS, JENNIFER; MAAHS, NATHAN; MAY, DAVID; MCCLENDON, GRANT; MOODY JR, JAMES; MOTISI, WILLIAM; POLLOCK, HARVEY; SAMPLES, CHRISTOPHER; SCHWANKE, GREGORY; SENATRE, KATRESE; TALBOT, JOHN; WHITE, WILLIAM; WURM, RICKY  
**PAYROLL: 25,000.00 TO 49,999.99**  
SENATRE, LUCAS  
**PAYROLL: 50,000.00 TO 74,999.99**  
GALLARDO, JORGE; HILL, NATHAN; MAAHS, SANDRA; MAGNUSON, KYLE; OGNIBENE, BRENDA; WEAVER, BRENT  
**PAYROLL: 75,000.00 TO 99,999.99**  
FERGE, BRET  
**TOTAL PAYROLL: 658,643.35**

**LIABILITY**  
457 PLAN - 134886 130,366; AFLAC INSURANCE 9,864; FEDERAL PAYROLL TAXES 172,663; PEKIN LIFE INSURANCE 473; STATE DISBURSEMENT UNIT 8,907; STATE PAYROLL TAXES 34,156; TOTAL 356,429

**EXPENDITURES AND EXPENSES**  
ALTORFER INDUSTRIES, INC. 129,419; ANCEL GLINK, P.C. 60,276; Automatic Control Services 109,038; B & F CONSTRUCTION CODE SERVIC 28,037; BELROCK ASPHALT PAVING INC 4,307; BIG JOHN 2,924; BIGGERS CHEVROLET 63,169; BLAKE OIL CO 7,406; BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD 66,120; BS&A SOFTWARE 28,235; CAPITAL ONE COMMERCIAL 5,250; CIVICPLUS LLC 2,737; ComED 60,028; COMPASS MINERALS AMERICA INC 14,904; CONSERV FS, INC 4,400; CONSERVE FS 25,476; CORE&MAIN 4,075; CORNERSTONE EMBROIDERY 7,593; DAHM ENTERPRISES, INC 14,820; EUCLID MANAGERS 3,378; FEHR GRAHAM 59,743; FRONTIER 4,522; GASVODA & ASSOCIATES, INC 15,626; HAWKINS, INC 12,025; HOMER INDUSTRIES 2,730; ILLINOIS COUNTIES RISK 80,670; Illinois EPA 7,500; ILLINOIS FIBER RESOURCES GROUP 3,000; ILLINOIS RAILWAY, LLC 3,472; INTEGRATED PUBLIC RESOURCES 48,119; Johnson Tractor 8,488; JOHNSON TRACTOR 13,453; KELSEY EXCAVATING INC 2,800; LAWRENCE LOEFFELHOLZ 5,928; MCMAHON ENGINEERS ARCHITECTS 12,544; NICOR GAS 8,864; NORTHERN ILLINOIS SERVICE CO 10,534; NORTHERN ILLINOIS DISPOSAL SVCS 85,933; NORTHERN ILLINOIS CONCRETE 3,500; OGLE COUNTY LIFE 2,720; PACE ANALYTICAL SERVICES 2,832; PORTER BROTHERS 33,333; POSTMASTER 4,384; RAYNOR DOOR AUTHORITY 3,016; RKM FIREWORKS COMPANY 16,000; SHERWIN INDUSTRIES INC 5,787; SKICH LLP 11,145; SISSON'S TREE SERVICE, LLC 18,300; SJOSTROM & SONS, INC 12,375; STRUCK & IRWIN PAVING, INC 92,388; THOMPSON GAS 6,929; TKB ASSOCIATES, INC 2,735; USA BLUE BOOK 9,169; Verizon Wireless 9,758; VERIZON WIRELESS 6,218; VISA 73,393; WATER PRODUCTS COMPANY 3,050; Willett Hofmann & Associates, 34,958; WILLETT HOFMANN & ASSOCIATES, INC 10,922; WINN-911 4,560; WM CORPORATE SERVICES, INC 63,235; WOLF BROS TREE SERVICE 3,300; EXPENSE DISBURSEMENTS UNDER 2,500.00 97,347  
**TOTAL: 1,558,896**

Subscribed and sworn to this 11th day of October, 2023

BRENDA OGNIBENE  
TREASURER

VILLAGE OF DAVIS JUNCTION, ILLINOIS  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES COLLECTED, EXPENDITURES PAID  
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - MODIFIED CASH BASIS  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
For the Year Ended April 30, 2023

	General	MFT	TIF	Total Governmental Funds
<b>REVENUES COLLECTED</b>				
Taxes	\$ 419,740	\$ -	\$ 23,568	\$ 443,308
Licenses and permits	46,054	-	-	46,054
Tipping fees	1,918,332	-	-	1,918,332
Intergovernmental	582,401	125,758	-	708,159
Charges for services	154,208	-	-	154,208
Investment income	(2,443)	842	11	(1,590)
Miscellaneous	18,876	-	-	18,876
<b>Total revenues collected</b>	<b>3,137,168</b>	<b>126,600</b>	<b>23,579</b>	<b>3,287,347</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES PAID</b>				
Current				
General government	636,956	-	-	636,956
Streets, alleys and bridges	268,303	92,388	24,323	385,014
Culture and recreation	299,643	-	-	299,643
Public health and welfare	29,244	-	-	29,244
Capital outlay	237,480	-	-	237,480
<b>Total expenditures paid</b>	<b>1,471,626</b>	<b>92,388</b>	<b>24,323</b>	<b>1,588,337</b>
<b>EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES COLLECTED OVER EXPENDITURES PAID</b>	<b>1,665,542</b>	<b>34,212</b>	<b>(744)</b>	<b>1,699,010</b>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>				
Transfers (out)	(1,538,235)	-	-	(1,538,235)
<b>Total other financing sources (uses)</b>	<b>(1,538,235)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(1,538,235)</b>
<b>NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>127,307</b>	<b>34,212</b>	<b>(744)</b>	<b>160,775</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES (DEFICIT), MAY 1</b>	<b>6,947,040</b>	<b>166,519</b>	<b>(1,311,808)</b>	<b>5,801,751</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES (DEFICIT), APRIL 30</b>	<b>\$ 7,074,347</b>	<b>\$ 200,731</b>	<b>\$ (1,312,552)</b>	<b>\$ 5,962,526</b>
	<b>Water</b>	<b>Sewer</b>	<b>Garbage</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>OPERATING REVENUES COLLECTED</b>				
Charges for services	\$ 371,979	\$ 344,028	\$ 149,706	\$ 865,713
<b>Total operating revenues collected</b>	<b>371,979</b>	<b>344,028</b>	<b>149,706</b>	<b>865,713</b>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES PAID</b>				
Operations and maintenance	176,935	292,767	146,652	616,354
Depreciation expense	245,301	488,806	-	734,107
<b>Total operating expenses paid</b>	<b>422,236</b>	<b>781,573</b>	<b>146,652</b>	<b>1,350,461</b>
<b>OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)</b>	<b>(50,257)</b>	<b>(437,545)</b>	<b>3,054</b>	<b>(484,748)</b>
<b>NON-OPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)</b>				
Replacement taxes	-	3,352	-	3,352
Investment income	81	193	-	274
Interest expense	-	(24,499)	-	(24,499)
<b>Total non-operating revenues (expenses)</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>(20,954)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(20,873)</b>
<b>NET INCOME (LOSS) BEFORE TRANSFERS</b>	<b>(50,176)</b>	<b>(458,499)</b>	<b>3,054</b>	<b>(505,621)</b>
<b>TRANSFERS</b>				
Transfer in	-	1,538,235	-	1,538,235
<b>Total transfers</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,538,235</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,538,235</b>
<b>CHANGE IN NET POSITION</b>	<b>(50,176)</b>	<b>1,079,736</b>	<b>3,054</b>	<b>1,032,614</b>
<b>NET POSITION, MAY 1</b>	<b>1,530,460</b>	<b>5,590,947</b>	<b>261,869</b>	<b>7,383,276</b>
<b>NET POSITION, APRIL 30</b>	<b>\$ 1,480,284</b>	<b>\$ 6,670,683</b>	<b>\$ 264,923</b>	<b>\$ 8,415,890</b>

No. 1037 (Oct. 30, 2023)

Classified  
**Marketplace**



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**101 LEGAL NOTICE**  
Rochelle, IL 61068  
Dated October 20, 2023  
Laura J. Cook, Ogle County Clerk  
No. 1044  
(Oct. 30, Nov. 6 and 13, 2023)

**ANNUAL LEVY ORDINANCE**  
AN ORDINANCE LEVYING TAXES FOR ALL DISTRICT PURPOSES FOR THE BYRON MUSEUM DISTRICT, OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2023 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2024.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Byron Museum District, Ogle County, Illinois (the "Board of Commissioners") has caused a certified copy of Ordinance No. 23-1, the Annual Combined Budget and Appropriation Ordinance, to be published in the Ogle County Life, a newspaper published and distributed in the City of Byron, County of Ogle and State of Illinois and the Rockford Register Star, a newspaper published in the City of Rockford, County of Winnebago and State of Illinois and distributed in the City of Byron, County of Winnebago and State of Illinois.

AND WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has determined the total amount of funds necessary to be raised by Ordinance No. 23-1, and more than seven (7) days have passed since the publication of this Ordinance. AND WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners adopted a Resolution regarding estimated amounts necessary to be levied for the year 2023, and has determined that this levy is not in excess of 105% of the taxes levied by the Byron Museum District for fiscal year 2022-2023, and no Truth in Taxation Notice and Hearing was required, all in accordance with the requirements of the Truth in Taxation Act. 35 ILCS 200/18-55 et seq. NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF BYRON MUSEUM DISTRICT, OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS:

SECTION 1. The Annual Combined Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the Byron Museum District, Ogle County, Illinois, for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, known as Ordinance No. 23-1, is hereby incorporated in this Annual Levy Ordinance by reference.

SECTION 2. The amount to be raised by levy for said fiscal year is \$141,000.00, and the same is hereby levied for the general purposes of the Byron Museum District, Ogle County, Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024.

SECTION 3. The Secretary of the Board of Commissioners of the Byron Museum District, Ogle County, Illinois shall file, on or before the last Tuesday of December, 2023, a certified copy of this Annual Levy Ordinance with the Ogle County Clerk (in compliance with 70 ILCS 1105/18). The said Secretary shall also file on or before the last Tuesday of December, 2023 certified copies of the Annual Combined Budget and Appropriation Ordinance, and this Annual Levy Ordinance with the Museum operated by the Byron Museum District and make said copies available to public inspection at all times.

SECTION 4. The amount levied by this Annual Levy Ordinance is required by the Byron Museum District, Ogle County, Illinois and is to be extended upon the

appropriate tax books for the fiscal year of said district beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024. SECTION 5. If any section, subdivision, sentence or clause of this Annual Levy Ordinance is for any reason, held invalid or to be unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of this Ordinance.

SECTION 6. This Annual Levy Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval, filing and publishing according to law. Adopted this 24th day of October, 2023, pursuant to roll call vote as follows:  
AYES: 1  
NAYS: 0  
ABSENT: 1  
Passed and approved this 24th day of October, 2023.  
Randy Stukenberg  
RANDY STUKENBERG, President  
ATTEST:  
Brenda Crabel  
BRENDA CRABEL, Secretary  
No. 1045  
(October 30, 2023)

**NOTICE STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

In the Matter of the Estate of TERRY A. ZEIGLER, Deceased.  
2023PR0059

**PUBLICATION NOTICE TO CREDITORS and CLAIMANTS**  
Notice is given of the death of TERRY A. ZEIGLER, who died on July 16, 2022, a resident of 4958 E. Ashford Drive, Byron, Ogle County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on October 12, 2023, and the Representative for the estate is JANICE R. ZEIGLER, 4958 E. Ashford Drive, Byron, IL 61010. The attorney for the estate is Amanda J. Martinez, 5732 E. Riverside Blvd., #201, Loves Park, IL 61111. Claims against the estate may be filed on or before April 30, 2024, that date being at least six (6) months from the

**103 AUCTIONS**

**ONLINE ONLY AUCTION**  
hacksauction.hibid.com  
**Ann Tillman Antiques & Quality Household Auction**  
BIDDING OPENS: FRI., NOV. 3rd @ 8 A.M.  
PREVIEW: FRI., NOV. 3rd - 10 A.M. to 1 P.M.  
12134 Old River Rd., Rockton, IL 61072  
Wonderful Carved & Ornate Antique Furniture 1860-1900. Vict. Triple Bookcase-Cyl. Bookcase Desk-Marble Top BR Set-Gentleman Chest-Sofa & Settees-Chairs-Sofa Desk-Stands, Relief Carved Hunt Board Cabinet. Framed Artwork; Silver; China; Lighting; C. I. Stove; Quality Modern Furniture-BR Sets, Dining Suite, Rec Room Sofas, Chairs; Decorative; Patio Set; Garage & Outdoor; Tools & Equip.; New Home Products; Commercial Metal Shelf Units; Nice Office Furniture; Curt Tillman Racing Memorabilia; Penn International Brass Reels; Fishing Gear; More! **NOTE:** Many Large Furniture Items. Buyers Must Come Prepared w/Personnel To Move From Home & Load.

**LIVE AUCTION**  
**Wesley & Margaret Loewe Moving Auction**  
SAT., NOV. 4th - 10 A.M.  
1005 N. Dakota Rd., Ridott, IL 61067  
Live On-Site Auction! Kubota BX2360 Compact Utility Loader Tractor; DR Road Grader; Stihl Lawn Equip.; Garden Décor; Shop Equip. & Tools; Adv. Signs & Crates; Country Store; Farm Primitives; Antiques & Collectibles; Old Toys & Vintage Pedal Car; Stoneware & Crocks; Firearms & Ammo; Nice Oak & Walnut Furniture; Household Furnishings; Appliances; More!  
**REAL ESTATE Offered @ 1 PM:** Rural 3-BR Home, Garage, Metal Building on 2.1 Secluded Acres. Call or Log-On for More Information or Private Showing.

**ONLINE ONLY AUCTION**  
hacksauction.hibid.com  
**Premiere Firearms, Military, Sportsman Auction**  
BIDDING OPENS: FRI., DEC. 29th @ 8 A.M.  
Hack's Auction Antique Center  
400 W. Third St., Pecatonica, IL 61063  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
The Village of Monroe Center Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing to consider the following:  
Ordinance Amending Findings of facts for variances as required by Section 70-224 of the zoning code, Finding of facts for special use permits as required by Section 70-104 of the zoning code.  
PUBLIC HEARING Day: Monday  
Date: November 20, 2022  
Time: 7:00 PM  
Place: Village of Monroe Center Village Hall 300 Pacific Street Monroe Center, IL No. 1048  
(Oct. 30 and Nov. 6, 2023)

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**113 FINANCIAL**

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**127 SERVICES AND REPAIRS**

FURMAN'S Lawn Care and Tree Work. Mowing, bushes, spring clean up, weeding and much more. Call Jeremy Furman 815-761-9619. Please leave a message will return call ASAP. Fully insured, in business since 1999. Servicing Rochelle and surrounding areas.

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NO INDIVIDUAL, unless licensed or holding a permit as a childcare facility, may cause to be published any advertisement soliciting a child care service. A childcare facility that is licensed or operating under a permit issued by the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services may publish advertisements of the services for which it is specifically licensed or issued a permit. Your Hometown Newspaper strongly urges any parent or guardian to verify the validity of the license of any facility before placing a child in its care.

**203 HELP WANTED**

81 Year old Man and his 54 year old daughter need some help on a small farm, live in. 779-251-0161. Please send resumes to PO Box 46, Drawer 2, Rochelle, IL 61068.

**301 ANTIQUES**

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

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**305 GARAGE SALES**

FRANKLIN GROVE - Presbyterian Church Basement, 106 S. Walnut Street. Fri 10/20 8AM - 4PM. Sat 10/21 8AM - 1PM or Later.

**203 HELP WANTED**

**Join the Hawk Family!**



Candidates can apply online, mail a resume to Liz Ludwig or Zach VanVelzer, Transportation Directors, 206 S Tenth Street, Oregon, IL 61061, or e-mail a resume to [transportation@ocusd.net](mailto:transportation@ocusd.net), or call (815) 732-5300 ext 4030

Oregon CUSD #220 Transportation Dept. is actively looking for new drivers. \$1,000 Sign On Bonus 6 Hour a day Minimum Medical, Vision, and Dental Benefits Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund \$20/Hour Candidates with certification are preferred but not necessary. Training available AM & PM Route Field Trips Sport Trips Bring your child to work with you!

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**Police Officer NEEDED**



The Mt. Morris Board of Police Commissioners will be holding examinations to establish an eligibility list for the position of Police Officer. Starting salary \$46,300.00

- Many benefits offered including.**
- Insurance- Dental/Vision and Health
  - Benefits IMRF Pension benefit (Tier 2-newly hired officers)
  - Uniforms and equipment supplied by department (including firearm)
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Applicants must be 21 but less than 35 years of age (except as provided by Illinois State Statute.)

Applicants must be a U.S. citizen and possess a high school diploma or equivalent and a valid IL Driver's License or the ability to obtain one.

Applicants must possess a valid Illinois Firearms Owner's Identification Card (FOID).

Applicants must not have been convicted of a domestic battery, felony, or any crime of moral turpitude.

Applications can be obtained at the Police Department 105 W. Lincoln St., Mt. Morris, Illinois, Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. till 4:30 p.m. Applications will be accepted until **4:30 p.m. November 6, 2023.**

A written examination will take place on **November 18, 2023.**

The Village of Mt. Morris is an Equal Opportunity Employer

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**Class-A CDL Drivers Wanted**  
\$500 Sign on bonus  
Earn up to \$33/per hour  
Local Trucking Company seeking full time, year- round driver to haul grain.  
**815-938-3644**  
Please leave message.  
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**307 MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE**

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Select the "About Us" Tab Select the Employment Opportunities Tab



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**305 GARAGE SALES**

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Sundays • 10:30am



Hey all! We are going to have a sale the next 4 Sundays in a row!! Getting ready for winter time to sell it all!!

11/5\* • 11/12 • 11/19\* (last sale of the season!)

\* Please note: animals will only be sold on 11/5 and 11/19

620 S. Stone Hill Rd., Chana, IL 61015 | 815-830-3898

**Garage Sale**

4717 E. Marrill Rd., Byron  
November 4th, 8AM to 1PM  
**EVERYTHING FREE!**

Furniture, Kitchen Items, Lots of "Stampin' Up" Stamping Sets, Craft Papers, Antiques, other Craft Items, and Much More!  
~ Can leave donations for Serenity House ~

**501 APARTMENT FOR RENT**

ROCHELLE - Apartment for Rent, Downtown, Furnished or non-furnished. Frank Smardo, 815-501-5049. (10232023)

**Moving Sale**

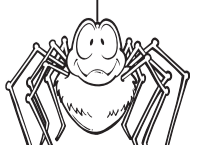
605 N. 6th, St., Oregon  
8AM to 2PM  
Nov. 3rd, 4th, and 5th

Dressers, (2) Window AC Units, Snowblower, Lawn Mower, and too many items to list!

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 WITH \$50 GROCERY PURCHASE PER VISIT

**Prices Effective: Wednesday, November 1 thru Tuesday, November 7, 2023**  
 ALL ITEMS WHILE SUPPLIES LAST | NO RAIN CHECKS | NO RETURNS | NO EXCHANGES

**WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS**

**YELLOW ONIONS**  
 3 lb bag  
**1.99**

**Yukon Gold or Red POTATOES**  
 5 lb bag  
**2.99**

**DINNER ROLLS**  
 12 ct  
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**2.89**

**Certified Angus Beef® brand BONELESS CHUCK ROAST**  
**5.99 lb**

**BUY 5 SAVE \$5** **MIX & MATCH SALE!**  
 SAVE \$5 WHEN YOU BUY ANY 5 QUALIFYING ITEMS

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**Order Your Thanksgiving Holiday Meal**

<b>HOLIDAY TURKEY DINNER</b> SERVES 12-14	<b>\$179.99</b>
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<b>GLAZED HAM FEAST</b> SERVES 4	<b>\$59.99</b>

**Order by November 18, 2023!**  
 Dinners **REQUIRE** Reheating. Available for pick-up COLD anytime during store business hours  
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