



### Church event coming Aug. 7-14

Calvary Lighthouse Church in Hillcrest is hosting a seven-day event from Aug. 7-14. **Section B**

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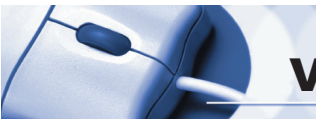
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### KNOW IT TODAY

## OCFB's Kern: 'Things are looking exceptionally well' in Ogle County crop growing with recent rain

'Hopefully this crop which is looking really good is going to turn out just that way'

BY JEFF HELFRICH  
MANAGING EDITOR

**OGLE COUNTY** — Following above-average rainfall levels in Ogle County and mild temperatures this summer, Ogle County Farm Bureau Manager Ron Kern said July 25 that crops in the area are looking “exceptionally well.”

Ogle County farmers have battled drought conditions and have been behind on rain in recent years. Kern said that is no longer the case and Ogle County is not on any drought monitor map as it was at the beginning of the year.

“I can’t remember every year dating way back like some farmers can, but I don’t remember the last year like this,” Kern said. “Four or five years ago we got a lot of rain in the spring and we couldn’t even plant some acres. We’re definitely above normal for rain for the year and for the months of June and July. The rain



(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)

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has been great. The corn is tasseling and starting to shoot ears. It needs moisture so the energy in the plant can go to the

ear. Beans are probably starting to set pods. It was a great rain.”

Rain has come with storms and wind, but

Kern said storm damage to crops in the area has been limited.

“Surprisingly I’ve only heard of some pockets of

storm damage here and there,” Kern said. “It’s nothing I’d call major.”

**See FARM page 9**

### Concerts coming to Mt. Morris

The Mt. Morris bandshell will host a pair of musical acts on Aug. 9 and 10. **Page 11**

### WEATHER

**MONDAY**  
HIGH 86 LOW 65

**TUESDAY**  
HIGH 83 LOW 67

**WEDNESDAY**  
HIGH 80 LOW 60

**THURSDAY**  
HIGH 78 LOW 56

**FRIDAY**  
HIGH 74 LOW 60

**SATURDAY**  
HIGH 75 LOW 59

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- Linda Jean Childers
- William Gore Nye Sr.
- Frank J. Reeverts
- Donna J. Dietrich
- Lori Scott Jasper
- Norma Lee Freeberg
- Bert Himes
- Teresa McDowell
- Marvin D. 'Doug' Murray

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### INSERTS

- Felker Foods
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- Snyder Pharmacy
- A Day on the Farm

## Ribbon cutting held for Clearly Exteriors on July 25

Rochelle business offers residential and commercial pressure washing

BY JEFF HELFRICH  
MANAGING EDITOR

**ROCHELLE** — On July 25, a ribbon cutting was held in Rochelle to mark the new membership of Clearly Exteriors to the Rochelle Chamber of Commerce.

The business, owned by Michael and Liz Williams, will celebrate its seventh anniversary in August and offers residential and commercial pressure washing. Rochelle is the Williams’ hometown and the family recently moved back to The Hub City after living north of town in Ogle County for about 10 years.

“Rochelle has always had a special place in my heart and it’s been a positive place for our business,” Michael Williams said.

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(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)

On Thursday, July 25, a ribbon cutting was held in the downtown Rochelle gazebo area to mark the new membership of Clearly Exteriors to the Rochelle Chamber of Commerce. The business is owned by Michael and Liz Williams.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Dorothy's Diamonds travel to Florida

**CRESTON** — Dorothy's Diamonds from Creston recently traveled to the beautiful and warm Amelia Island, St. Augustine, and Jacksonville, Florida. While traveling they visited the beautiful river wall painting in Paducah, Kentucky.; The Honor Heritage Museum in Chattanooga, Tennessee; The Stone Mountain Carving in Georgia; Lane Southern Orchards in Fort Valley, Georgia; and BUC-EES. While there they toured St. Augustine; St. John's Center; rode the Jacksonville River Taxi on the St. John's River; guided tour of Amelia Island, including the Kingsley Plantation;

the beautiful Jimmy Carter Museum and grounds; and so much more. Everyone had a wonderful time while traveling with their friends and meeting new ones as well. A monetary donation was made to The Kitchen Table from this trip.

If you have never been on one of the trips, you are invited to the beautiful Smokey Mountains, Pigeon Forge, and Gatlinburg, Tennessee at the end of October. "I am really trying for the beautiful fall colors in the mountains," Dorothy Lockard said. "You can sit back, relax, and see the beautiful fall scenery." Any questions call Dorothy 815-384-5325.



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(COURTESY PHOTO)

## City of Polo receives \$2 million in IEPA funding for lead service line work

**POLO** – Illinois EPA Interim Director James Jennings announced on July 26 \$43,159,886 in funding that is being provided to 17 individual

communities to replace lead service lines during the last quarter of State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2024. Among the projects was \$2 million to the City of

Polo to replace approximately 175 lead service lines.

The funding is provided through the Illinois EPA's State Revolving Fund (SRF), which provides low-interest loan funding for drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater projects. The funding for each of these awards is being provided in the form of principal forgiveness, so none of the communities will not have to repay any of the funds awarded.

"We know lead service lines are a major

obstacle for community watersupplies throughout Illinois," Jennings said. "Illinois EPA is committed to utilizing our State Revolving Fund to maximize funding available to communities to remove the threat of lead in drinking water, while prioritizing disadvantaged communities that would have no other resources to take on this challenge."

Lead is a toxic metal that can accumulate in the body over time. Lead can enter drinking water when corrosion of pipes and/or

fixtures occurs. Service lines are small pipes that carry drinking water from water mains into homes. Many homes built prior to 1990 may have lead service lines or lead containing plumbing fixtures or faucets. Eliminating lead service lines in homes will help to reduce lead exposure for residents. For resources on lead in your home, visit: <https://epa.illinois.gov/general-information/in-your-home/resources-on-lead.html>.

In SFY 2017-2023, under the Water Infrastruc-

ture Fund Transfer Act allotment, the Illinois EPA provided \$122 million in funding for Lead Service Line Replacement (LSLR) for projects directly related to activities that reduce or eliminate lead from potable water. Previously in SFY 2024, Illinois EPA has awarded over \$13 million in LSLR funding through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. To learn more about Illinois EPA's SRF, visit <https://epa.illinois.gov/topics/grants-loans/state-revolving-fund.html>.

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## Rep. Fritts announces new community calendar

**DIXON** – On July 31, State Rep. Brad Fritts (R-Dixon) announced a new community calendar function on his website.

"Beginning today, my official website will begin hosting a 'Community Calendar' page for upcoming local events," said Rep. Fritts. "I've heard from many constituents and organizations who want to support our local communities but don't

know where to start. This calendar will be a streamlined way for residents to find all local events in one location."

To view the calendar, visit [RepFritts.com](http://RepFritts.com) and select 'Community Calendar' under 'Events', or click here.

If you are interested in submitting a community event, please visit [RepFritts.com](http://RepFritts.com) for instructions or email [repfrittsstaff@ilhousegop.org](mailto:repfrittsstaff@ilhousegop.org) for more information.

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Please note that as state ethics laws apply to this site, event restrictions apply. For-profit, political, or personal events will not be posted. Final decisions on which events are allowed are made at the discretion of the Office of Rep. Fritts.

For more information about Representative Fritts, visit [RepFritts.com](http://RepFritts.com).

## Locals graduate from WIU

**MACOMB/MOLINE** — A total of 1,083 students earned academic degrees or post-baccalaureate certificates after the Spring 2024 semester at WIU.

They included Byron's Nathaniel R. Penrod (Cum Laude, bachelor of arts,

history teacher education) and Christina Lynn Dispensa (specialist in school psychology, psychology). Bachelor's degrees were awarded to 670 graduates. Academic distinction was awarded to baccalaureate graduates who achieved

high grade point averages. This includes: Summa Cum Laude, 3.90 GPA or higher on a 4.0 scale; Magna Cum Laude, 3.75-3.89 GPA; and Cum Laude, 3.6-3.74 GPA. Master's and doctoral degrees were earned by 413 graduates.

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# LOCAL NEWS



(COURTESY PHOTOS)

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## BFPD Summer Adventure Camp donates to Byron School Food Pantry

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The lemonade stand was on July 10 and the preschoolers were involved by squeezing the lemons and handing out cookies to collect money to donate. The Adventure camp kids had so much fun serving their special unicorn lemonade topped with cotton candy and, of course, sprinkles to their beloved customers.

The Adventure Club kids also collected non-perishable food items in bins located at the Keller Education Center and Prairie View Golf Course. Both bins are still available at those locations if you would like to make a donation. The Byron Schools Food Pantry was started

by Susan Freyer, Caryn Hoover and Niki Yerly in July of 2018 and they have been fortunate enough to be the recipient of so many efforts like this to help Byron School District's families in need. The Byron Schools Food Pantry is intended for Byron students and their families who are experiencing hardships and food insecurities with 100% of all donations going to the students and their families.

If interested in making a donation, monetary donations can be mailed to: BHS Food Pantry, 696 N. Colfax St., Byron, IL 61010. Collection bins for food and hygiene supplies are located in each of the school's offices, Keller Education Center (located near the Jarret Prairie Center), Prairie View Golf Course and several other locations throughout Byron.



## Locals named to Simpson College Dean's List

**INDIANOLA, Ind.**—Simpson College recently announced that 204

students made the Dean's List for the Spring 2024 semester. Students named

to the Dean's List achieved a GPA between 3.7 and 3.99. Locals named to the

list included Haylee King of Stillman Valley and Charley Mershon of Byron.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Obituaries

### Linda Jean Childers

**STILLMAN VALLEY** — Linda Jean Childers, age 64, of Stillman Valley, Illinois passed away on Thursday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Linda was born in Rockford, Illinois on May 25<sup>th</sup>, 1960, to Harold and Doris DeVries. As a child, Linda traveled extensively with her family and got to see many areas of the United States at an early age. Linda was a graduate of Guilford High School and Rock Valley College. Words cannot express how beautiful of a person she was, but a start is that she was graceful, generous, kind, and strong. Linda was a devoted and loving mother, always putting her children above herself. Throughout her life, Linda was a lover of her pet dogs Tammy, Mickey, Boe, Otis, Howard, Maryann, and Frank. Linda was an avid reader and frequented the Julia Hull Library in Stillman Valley. Linda was a person who was able to find beauty and enjoyment in the little things. She loved going on walks, admiring flowers, sitting by the water, and listening to the radio. Linda was a passionate Green Bay Packers fan. She loved vacationing in the Northwoods of Wisconsin building years of memories

on the lakes fishing with her sons, enjoying the beauty of nature, and especially admiring the loons. Another favorite place of Linda's was Naples, Florida where her parents, Harold and Doris resided in the winters. She loved the beach, dolphins, and collecting shells along the shoreline. Linda was a kidney transplant recipient in September of 2019. She went on to develop a friendship with her living donor, Joy Johnson. Linda was forever grateful to her for the gift of life. Linda was a strong advocate for Donate Life and the National Kidney Association. Linda started her career working at Hilander in Rockford. Linda was also employed in the banking industry working at First National Bank and Amcore Bank. Linda put her career on hold to raise her two sons, Nate and Zac, one of her proudest achievements and happiest periods of her life. For the last 14 years of her life, she was employed at the United Way of Rock River Valley. By working at the United Way, Linda found satisfaction in knowing that she was a part of an organization devoted to helping the community. Linda is survived by her fa-



ther, Harold DeVries; sister, Vicki Middleton; children, Nate (Sarah) Childers, and Zac (Amanda) Childers; step-grandchildren, Kennedy and Audrey; uncles, Martin Neff and Roger DeVries; aunt, Donna DeVries; niece, Samantha Middleton; cousins, Jerry, Susan, Pam, Troy, Micheal, and Sandy. She was preceded in death by her mother, Doris DeVries; mother-in-law, Marge Childers; aunt, Shirley Neff; uncle, Dennis DeVries. A private Memorial dinner will be held at Lino's Italian Restaurant in Rockford, Illinois. Lino's is one of her favorite restaurants where a lot of family events and celebration took place. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to The National Kidney Foundation and may be directed to her family. Visit [www.farrellhollandgale.com](http://www.farrellhollandgale.com) to leave a condolence or memory of Linda.

### Frank J. Reeverts

**MACHESNEY PARK** — Frank J. Reeverts, age 86, formerly of Byron, IL, passed away peacefully at the Lincolnshire Place of Loves Park, IL on Thursday, July 25, 2024. He was born on January 3, 1938 in Princeton, IL. He was the son of John D. & Lucille M. (Thomas) Reeverts. In 1956 he graduated from Byron High School. Shortly after graduating, he joined the United States Army and served his country from October 9, 1959 until October 11, 1962. Two years after his separation from the Army he married the love of his life Karen Nutt on May 15, 1964 and spent the next 51 building a life together in Byron,

IL before her passing in 2015. Frank spent 41 years working for J. L. Clark in Rockford, IL as a Maintenance Mechanic before his retirement in 2000. Throughout his life Frank enjoyed many simple things, like taking care of his house and being outdoors to watch nature. One of his largest passions was watching sports. He faithfully attended Byron High School football games throughout his life. Frank is preceded in death by his parents and his beloved wife Karen. He is survived and missed dearly by his children Brad (Angie) Reeverts of Yorkville, IL, Gary (Connie) Reeverts of Machesney Park, IL; and grandchildren Emma

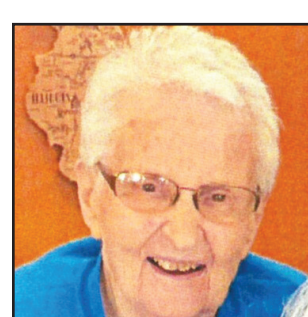


and Cecilia of Machesney Park, IL. Frank will be laid to rest with his wife at Byron Township Cemetery following a private family graveside service. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in his name to the Village of Progress of Oregon, IL. To leave an online condolence or plant a tree in his memory please visit [www.farrellhollandgale.com](http://www.farrellhollandgale.com).

### Donna J. Dietrich

**MT. MORRIS** — Donna J. Dietrich, age 96, passed away peacefully at Allure of Pinecrest nursing home of Mt. Morris, IL, on Thursday, July 25, 2024. She was born on November 10, 1927, in Lynnville Township, IL, the daughter of Frederick and Effie (Farr) Dummer. She graduated from Stillman Valley High School in 1945 and went on to attend Northern Illinois University. On February 28, 1947, Donna married Robert Dietrich, in DeKalb, IL. They shared the next 73 years together until his passing in March of 2020. She later went on to work at the Kable Printing Plant in the Estimating Department. She was a long-time member of the Evangelical Free Church of Mt. Morris and was on the Credit Union Board in Mt. Morris for several years. Throughout her life Donna loved to garden, was an avid quilter, and a passionate Cubs fan. Even throughout her time at Allure of Pinecrest, she would always have the Cubs game on.

In death by her parents Frederick and Effie, son-in-law Bob Stahl, brothers Wendall & Wayne Dummer, and sisters Marjorie Gustafson, Elna Skinner, Veda DeCoursey and Dorothy Dummer. She is survived and missed by her children Steven (Jananne) Dietrich of Mt. Morris, IL, Diane Stahl of Mt. Morris, IL, Greg Dietrich of Mt. Morris, IL, Cherie Lewison of Clearwater, FL; Grandchildren Kirstin Stahl of Mukwonago, WI, Karin (Neil) Atkins of Lexington, IL, Kim (Tim Mitchusson) Stahl of Oregon, IL, Dan Dietrich of Mt. Morris, IL, Allison (Cody) Buriff of Noblesville, IN, Mark Lewison of Clearwater, FL, Beth (Jason) Kohute of Harrisburg, PA, Joe Lewison of Mt. Morris, IL; great-grandchildren Tyler, Eleana, Eli, Owen, Cora, Evalie, Danny; sister-in-laws Betty Dietrich of Stillman Valley, IL, Lois Dietrich of Byron, IL, Janet Dummer of Lindenwood, IL; and many nieces and nephews. A memorial service has been scheduled for



Wednesday, July 31, 2024, beginning at 11:00 AM at the Evangelical Free Church of Mt. Morris with Pastor Bruce McKanna presiding. A visitation hour will take place at the church beginning at 10:00 AM, memorial service at 11:00 AM. Donna will be laid to rest at a later time, next to her husband at Silver Creek Cemetery of Mt. Morris, IL. Memorial donations may be made in her name to either the Evangelical Free Church of Mt. Morris or the Serenity Hospice and Home of Oregon, IL. The family would like to thank Donna's special caregivers at Allure of Pinecrest and Serenity Hospice and Home. To leave an online condolence or plant a tree in her memory, please visit [www.farrellhollandgale.com](http://www.farrellhollandgale.com).

### William Gore Nye Sr.

**PHOENIX, Ariz.** — William (Bill, Billy, Mr. Nye, The Science Guy) Gore Nye Sr., beloved father, grandfather, friend and partner, passed away on July 11, 2024 at his home in Phoenix, Arizona, at the age of 82.

Bill was born on July 21, 1941, in Rockford, IL to Philip Sr. and Mary Kay Gore Nye. He was the proud younger brother to Philip Hastings Nye Jr. Bill graduated from Rochelle Township High School in 1959. He attended the University of Wyoming, graduating in 1963 with a BA in History and a Minor in Political Science. Bill then served actively in the US Navy as a Lieutenant Junior Grade from 1964 to 1967, completing two tours in Vietnam, and was honorably discharged in 1970. During his time in service, Bill was stationed on the USS Enterprise and was awarded the Vietnam Service Medal with Stars, the Vietnam Campaign Medal with Device, and the National Defense Service Medal. After serving his country, Bill attended the University of Colorado School of Law, graduating with a JD degree in 1970. After passing the bar in Utah, he worked for Worsley, Snow, and Christensen in Salt Lake City. Bill continued his career working for the First National Bank of Chicago (with which he



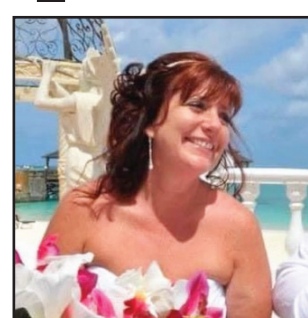
was transferred to Phoenix), Continental Bank Trust Company, Valley National Bank of Arizona, and the Maricopa County Public Fiduciary. For over forty years, Bill was a faithful member of Valley Presbyterian Church where, over the years, he served as a deacon, taught Sunday School, and assisted other members with transportation to worship services and appointments. Bill was married to Margaret Ann Wiese on April 11, 1974. He was a loving and dedicated husband; his support never wavered through their 29-year marriage. Bill was the proud father to four boys, Joseph, William Jr., Peter, and Scott (Ashley), grandchildren: Mairead, Grace, Joseph Jr., Aoife, John, Brigid, Loyal, and Henry, and his loving partner, Neta Sue Melton. Bill is predeceased by his spouse, Margaret; mother, Mary Kay; father, Philip Sr.; and stepmother, Lenore.

loved to laugh and make fun of himself. He was the most genuine, honest, caring, and inquisitive person. In his honor, please pay these qualities forward. Bill is survived by his brother, Philip Jr., sons: Joseph, William Jr., Peter, and Scott (Ashley), grandchildren: Mairead, Grace, Joseph Jr., Aoife, John, Brigid, Loyal, and Henry, and his loving partner, Neta Sue Melton. Bill is predeceased by his spouse, Margaret; mother, Mary Kay; father, Philip Sr.; and stepmother, Lenore. Memorial services will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 10th at Valley Presbyterian Church in Paradise Valley, AZ, and at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 5, 2024 at Riverview Cemetery in Oregon, IL. Bill's life was marked by his dedication to his family, his community, and his faith. He will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in his honor to the Phoenix Rescue Mission. Visit [www.ungerhomer.com](http://www.ungerhomer.com) to sign the online guest book.

### Lori Scott Jasper

**POLO** — Lori Scott Jasper of Polo, passed away July 26, 2024, after a brief but courageous battle with cancer. The daughter of Wilbur & Jone Scott, Lori was born May 2, 1963, in San Diego, California.

More than anything, Lori loved being a wife, mother, and grandmother. She lived a lifetime of service and was committed to helping others. Lori was a retired 911 dispatcher and went on to become the co-owner of Northern Illinois CPR, which she began with her son Zach. She was a huge Chicago Bears Fan & a lover of Bon Jovi. Lori also enjoyed traveling,



palm trees and anything to do with the beach. In her spare time you could find her tasting wine, sipping on her Smokey Mountain Moonshine and most frequently you'd see her soaking up the warm summer sunshine on her Jeep rides. Her fur-babies Payton, Jersey, Briggs, Corporal and Boo brought her so much joy. Survivors include husband, Rob Jasper, father, Wilbur Scott, daughters Amber DeVries (Timm) and Kealie Wilcox (Wayde Reimer), son Zachary Oltmanns (Erika), sister Julie Watson (John), brothers Steven Scott (Ana) and Mi-

chael Scott, grandchildren, Jace, Remington, Kinley, Cooper, Asher, Oliver, Ryker, and many nieces & nephews. She was preceded in death by her mother, Jone Scott and sister, Joyce Scott. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, July 31, 2024, at Crossroads Community Church of Polo from 4:00 to 7:00 PM. Funeral Service will begin at 10:30 AM on Thursday, August 1, 2024, at Crossroads. Graveside service will follow at Fairmount Cemetery. To send condolences, please visit [www.polofamilyfuneralhome.com](http://www.polofamilyfuneralhome.com).

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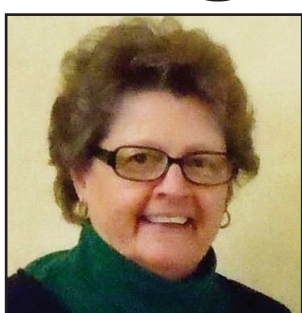
# LOCAL NEWS

## Obituaries

### Norma Lee Freeberg

**BYRON** — Norma Lee Freeberg, age 80, passed on due to cancer on July 28, 2024 at Generations at Neighbors Nursing Home. She was born on March 15, 1944 in Freeport, daughter of Glenn and Mabel (Gruis) Anderberg. She grew up in Seward and German Valley, attending school and helping at the family's hardware store. Norma was a dedicated student, receiving her Bachelor's in Nursing from the University of Dubuque and her Master's in Nursing from the University of Iowa. While participating with the Rockford skiing club, she met the love of her life Curt Freeberg, and they married on April 10, 1980. Together they built a beautiful life together for the next 44 years. A passionate educator, she taught nursing for 31 years at Rock Valley College (where she won faculty of the year), as well as teaching for two years at NIU. She was an active member of the United

Church of Byron for many years, volunteering wherever she was needed as well as faithfully teaching adult Sunday school. She was a member of the Lion's Club and served on the curriculum committee for the Center of Learning and Retirement. After retirement she was a volunteer for CASA, helping many children and families through a variety of challenges. She enjoyed traveling with husband and family, especially overseas, going to the theatre, and attending book club. More than anything Norma will be remembered for her amazing smile and being a good listener who always made others feel heard, encouraged, and loved. She is preceded in death by her parents and sister Ruth Moen. She is survived and missed by her husband, Curt of Byron; children, Lindsay (Pete Schramm) Freeberg of Madison, WI and Ryan Freeberg of Chicago; sisters, Myrna



Wubben of Peoria and Gwen (Fritz) Vietmeier of Winnebago; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. Visitation will be held on Friday August 9, 2024 from 5:00 – 7:00 PM at Farrell Holland Gale Funeral Home in Byron. A memorial service will be held on August 10, 2024 at 11:00 AM at The United Church of Byron with Pastor Tyler Spellious officiating. A second visitation will take place prior to the service from 10:00 – 11:00 AM. Memorials may be directed to the local CASA or RVC to help fund scholarships for students. To leave an online condolence please visit [www.farrellholland-gale.com](http://www.farrellholland-gale.com)

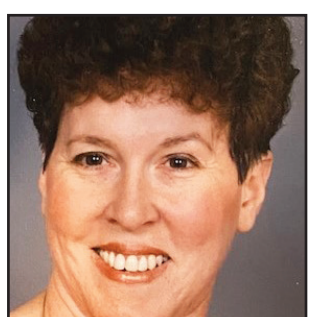
### Teresa Francine McDowell

**MT. MORRIS** — Teresa Francine McDowell (née Kaufman), known as Terry as a child, departed this life on July 29, 2024, at the age of 75 in Mt. Morris, Illinois, the same town where she first graced the world on August 27, 1948. Often a quiet person, Teresa's life was a testament to her enduring love for her family, her passion for movies, and her joy in discovering new places in her later years.

A graduate of Mt. Morris High School, class of 1967, Teresa found solace in her hobbies, which included watching films, traveling to new destinations, a love of food (especially fresh tomatoes in the summer and desserts!) and expressing her creativity through painting pottery and crafts.

Teresa was a dedicated member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Mt. Morris early in her life and Faith Lutheran Church in Forreston in her later years, where she found fellowship and spiritual nourishment.

She leaves behind a legacy of love and cherished memories with her family: brothers Kenneth (Lynne) and James Kaufman (Kim); sister Carol Bush (Martin); daughters Tricia Black and Tamara Wall; grandchildren Tyler (Jamie), Arika, Miranda, and Liam; and sons-in-law Stanwood Black and Christopher Wall. Teresa was predeceased by her first husband, Stanley Ubben, and her second husband, Charles McDowell; sister Mary Kaufman; sister-in-law Sue Kaufman, and her



parents William and Lila Kaufman.

A memorial service to honor and remember Teresa will be held at 2 PM on August 24, 2024, at Faith Lutheran Church in Forreston, IL, with a visitation at 1pm and light refreshments following. Her memory will be held in high regard by all those whose lives she touched with her kindness, her feisty spirit, and her unwavering love for her family.

In lieu of flowers memorials to Serenity Hospice & Home.

### Bert Himes

**BYRON** — Bert Himes, age 80, passed away peacefully on July 24, 2024 with his loving family by his side. He lived a full life and touched the lives of many people along the way.

Bert spent his childhood in Oregon, IL cad-dying at Oregon Golf Course at a young age. In the winters, Bert set pins at the Oregon Bowling Alley. Bert then spent his career at Chrysler Corp for 31 years. In retirement, Bert's happiness was mowing lawns for his ladies. He grew to love each one; and they know who they are!!

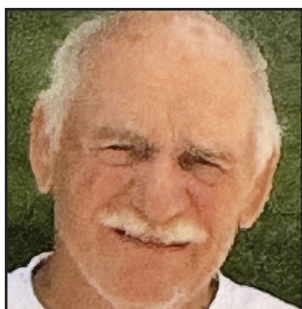
Bert married the love of his life, Judy Blake Wolfe at Chapel of the Bells, Las Vegas, NV. They celebrated their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary March 2<sup>nd</sup> of this year. During this time, Bert was a member of Bel Mar Coun-

try Club, Belvidere, IL (1986-1997) where he proudly won first place in many tournaments. Bert's excellent golf skills were recognized when he was chosen as the first ever freshman placed on the varsity team.

In retirement, Bert and Judy enjoyed sixteen years at their winter home in Texas. His other pleasures were fishing, and sharing his garden tomatoes with family and friends.

Bert is survived by his adoring wife: Judy, children: Jim Himes, Mike Himes, Sherri Possehl, and Dean Wolfe, 4 grandchildren: Alex, Cody, Katlyn Possehl, and Tiffany Ingersoll; 5 great grandchildren, and sister: Garida Cox.

Bert is preceded in death by his parents: Albert & Pearl Himes, sisters: Bernice Hitchcox



and Nancy Schumacher, brother: Jim Himes, and grandchild: Jesse Possehl.

Memorial donations in honor of Bert may be made to; Serenity Hospice & Home, PO Box 462, Oregon, IL 61061 and/or Cause for Paws, PO Box 544, Byron, IL 61010.

The family would like to thank everyone at Serenity House & Home for their loving and gentle care of Bert. Also everyone's caring thoughts, deeds, and especially prayers were and are greatly appreciated.

### OGLE COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

**OREGON** — On July 26 at 7:41 a.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop on North Walnut Street and West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street in Byron. As a result, deputies arrested Francisco Esquivel-Cruz, 54, of Loves Park for driving while license revoked. Francisco-Cruz was additionally issued a citation for operation of a vehicle with registration suspended. Francisco-Cruz was transported to the Ogle County Jail, where he was released on a notice to appear with a future court date.

On July 26 at approximately 11:53 p.m. deputies responded to the 7,000 block of East Illinois Route 64 for a single-vehicle motorcycle accident. After an investigation it was determined that a 2009 Harley Davidson Softail being operated by Dennis A. O'Sullivan, 48, of Sycamore, had a headlight malfunction causing the motorcycle to travel off the roadway and crash into the south ditch. O'Sullivan was transported to Javon Bae Hospital - Riverside by the Oregon Fire Department for injuries sustained in the accident.

On July 26 at approximately 11:31 p.m. deputies responded to the 300 Block of West Meadow Street in Polo regarding a reported domestic battery. After investigation, deputies placed Raymond A.

Lopez, 63, of Polo, under arrest for battery, assault, and disorderly conduct. Lopez was transported to the Ogle County Jail, where he was released with a notice to appear in court at a later date.

On July 27 at 2:18 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 2,000 block of East Flagg Road. As a result, Claudio Manrique-Galicia, 28, of Rochelle was arrested for driving while license suspended. Manrique-Galicia was additionally issued citations for no front plate and expired registration. Manrique-Galicia was released on a notice to appear with a future court date.

On July 27 at 8:25 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 300 block of Linn Street, Kings. After a brief investigation, deputies arrested, Detrick Hall, 35, of Elgin, for driving while license revoked. Hall was transported to the Ogle County Jail, processed, and released with a notice to appear at a later date. Hall was also issued a citation for improper use of registration.

On July 29 at approximately 11:59 p.m. deputies were dispatched to the intersection of Pines Road and Burlington Road in reference to a one-vehicle accident with an injury. Upon arrival deputies learned a gray Volkswagen Jetta, was

driven by Gabrielle Sandel, 18, of Oregon. Sandel was traveling eastbound in the 2,000 block of West Pines Road when she traveled off into the north ditch before striking a utility pole and coming to rest in the ditch. Sandel was treated by Oregon EMS and transported to KSB Hospital for non-life-threatening injuries. The accident remains under investigation.

On July 29 at approximately 3:51 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop at Illinois Route 251 and Edson Road. After an investigation, deputies cited Anthony Kozak, 45, of Byron for no valid license, speeding, and disobeying a stop sign. Kozak was given a notice to appear for his citations.

On July 29 at approximately 6:27 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop at Illinois Route 251 and Illinois Route 64 for a speeding violation. After a brief investigation, deputies arrested Jose Santana, 43, of Davis Junction, for no valid Illinois driver's license. Santana was additionally cited for speeding 26-34 miles per hour over the limit. Santana was released on a notice to appear and shall appear in court at a later date.

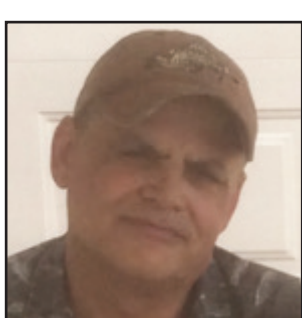
All individuals are considered innocent until proven guilty.

### Marvin D. 'Doug' Murray

**OGLE COUNTY** — Marvin D. "Doug" Murray passed away July 28, 2024 after a short battle with cancer. He was born in Lake Wood, CA; the son of Marvin & June (Daugherty) Murray. Doug loved the outdoors, fishing, and we all know he loved mushroom hunting. Doug was a quiet soul with a big heart and a joke to tell. He has been an avid Raiders fan his entire life. Doug loved cooking and he was well known for that around Ogle County

for many years. He then became a truck driver which he also enjoyed very much.

He is survived by sons, Jesse of Denver, CO. and Jeremiah of Austin, TX.; sister Julie (Don) Whetsel of Byron; sister-in-law Brenda Murray of Rochelle; brother-in-law Cerby Merrill of Oregon; nephews JR Murray, Chad & Clayton Merrill; nieces Erica Miller, Tina Chapman, Tabitha Murray & Darci Thrasher. Long time childhood friend Dan



Dweyer. Though we will all miss him he has been reunited with those whom preceded him, his parents, brother Kenneth Murray & sister Bonnie Merrill. We will have a celebration of Doug's life at a later date.

### POLO POLICE REPORT

**POLO** — On July 28 at 7:51 p.m. Joseph A. Rowe, 28, Polo, was cited for

operating a motor vehicle with an expired registration. Rowe was released.

All individuals are considered innocent until proven guilty.

## Bartlett joins Stillman Bank board of directors

**STILLMAN VALLEY** — The Board of Directors of Stillman BancCorp, N.A. is pleased to announce Micah R. Bartlett has joined its Board of Directors, according to Martin C. Larson, chairman of Stillman BancCorp N.A. Before his recent retirement, Micah served in the financial industry for over 33 years holding numerous positions including chairman, president, and CEO of a local bank in Springfield, Illinois.

Micah graduated with a bachelor's degree in accounting from the Univer-

sity of Illinois Springfield, a master's degree in business administration from Northern Illinois University and has also received his Certified Public Accountant (CPA) certification. He is also a graduate of the Graduate School of Banking at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Micah has been deeply engaged in the financial industry and participated in various industry-based organizations. He most recently served as past chairman of the Illinois Bankers Association (IBA), vice chair of the IBA Illinois

Bankers Business Services Board of Directors, and member of their Fintech Committee. Micah is also a past member of the Community Bankers Council Administrative Committee and Government Relations Council of the American Bankers Association, an inaugural member of the Community Depository Institution Advisory Council of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, and served a three-year term as the Graduate School of Banking Banker Advisory Board.

Outside of the financial

industry, Micah served as a board member for the United Way of Central Illinois, United Way Campaign Chairman, and on the Campaign Planning Committee of the University of Illinois Springfield. He also served and chaired numerous local boards and committees, including education, economic development, chamber of commerce, and other community organizations.

For more information about Stillman Bank, please contact (815) 645-2266 or visit [www.stillmanbank.com](http://www.stillmanbank.com).



Micah R. Bartlett



# VIEWPOINT

"Congress shall make no law . . . abridging the freedom of speech or of the press"

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## MOMENTS IN TIME

\* On Aug. 19, 1967, the Soviet Union's communist newspaper, Pravda, accused China of making attacks on the Soviet embassy in Peking and straining relations between Russia and China, claiming that, "Literally not a single day passes without a malicious invention about the Soviet Union."

\* On Aug. 20, 1959, actor Hugh O'Brian met his idol, Dr. Albert Schweitzer, in Africa at the physician's hospital after being ferried up the Ogooue River by natives with leprosy. Following that initial encounter, O'Brian referred to Schweitzer as "a living saint." The 83-year-old doctor strongly urged the abolition of nuclear testing and war, and O'Brian returned to the U.S. with the same conviction.

\* On Aug. 21, 2006, South Korea sent over \$230 million worth of humanitarian aid to North Korea after it was hit by severe flooding. North Korea claimed hundreds of people were killed or lost as a result, but South Korean aid agencies believed the number was more likely around 58,000. Seoul had suspended regular aid to the North because of Kim Jong Il's missile tests, but elected to make this disaster a special exception.

## Rules for thee but not for me

THOSE who follow the activity of state government may recall that earlier this year a bill protecting children was stripped of its language and replaced with politically-motivated wording that, among other things, prevented the practice of "slating" candidates for General Assembly races after primary elections were complete. "Slating" allows political party leaders to place an individual on a ballot in races where the party had no candidate who ran in the primary election. Republicans have used this process to ensure voters have a choice when voting.

The bill, Senate Bill 2412, passed in the Senate and House in less than 36 hours without time for proper vetting or public input, and Governor Pritzker signed it within hours of it reaching his desk. The law was challenged, deemed unconstitutional in Circuit Court, and the ruling was quickly appealed by the Pritzker Administration.

While debating SB 2412 on the Senate floor, Democrats used words like "undemocratic," "unethical," and "non-transparent" when describing the process of adding a candidate to a ballot after a primary election has taken place.

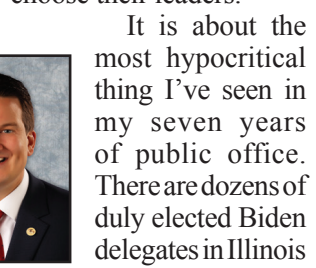
Democrat was quoted in a TV news interview as saying, "People who want to run for office should face the voters before they're the nominee of a major political party." Yet another said in an AP wire story, "Insiders too often turn to the backroom process of appointing candidates to the ballot at the last minute, circumventing the primary process and giving voters less opportunity to make informed decisions."

My, how things change. At this point we have all heard about the stepping down of President Joe Biden from the November ballot. Now, the same people who supported SB 2412 and said it prevented the unethical practice of using backroom deals to determine ballot placement are willingly participating in a backroom deal to find his replacement. Evidently, it doesn't matter that over 14 million Americans cast their primary ballot for Biden. It also doesn't matter that our country is a democracy where voters choose their leaders.

It is about the most hypocritical thing I've seen in my seven years of public office. There are dozens of duly elected Biden delegates in Illinois who serve in the General Assembly and voted in favor of the anti-slating bill. Now, every one of them will be casting a vote at the upcoming Democrat National Convention for a Presidential ticket that includes at least one person whose name did not go before voters in this year's primary elections.

Illinois Democrats have painted themselves into a corner, and it will be interesting to hear them try to justify their change of opinion regarding to the evils of placing someone on a ballot post-primary election. In Illinois, is it "Rules for thee, but not for me?" It certainly appears so.

Nationally, this action marks an unprecedented turning point in our country's history. Political insiders forced an individual off the ballot just 100 days or so before an election, effectively invalidating the votes of 14 million Americans. How can we condone the use of backroom politics to determine candidates for our highest office and still call America a democracy?



Andrew Chesney

When Republicans pushed back against SB 2412, high profile Democrats fired back. Governor Pritzker was quoted as saying, "It (eliminating slating) really does make sure that we don't have backroom deals to put people on the ballot and run as a result of some small group of people" (Central Square-Illinois, May 2, 2024). Another

## USDA projections for this year's crop

CROPS are growing and I'm sure plenty of farmers out there are looking for a good yield. Only a few months away from harvest with combines running in full gear and grain bins filling up.

So, the question then becomes, "What do we do with it?" Let's take a look at USDA projections for this crop.

USDA's World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates report is a first look at the new crop year's supply and demand balance sheets.

For the domestic 2024/2025 crop supply projections for most crops are based on farmer planting decisions from the March Prospective Plantings report and trend yield models.

Corn: For the 2024/25 marketing year, USDA projects U.S. corn ending stocks at 2.102 billion bushels, up four percent (80 million bushels) from 2023/2024. The current new crop corn projection came in below industry expectations and almost 17% below estimations from the USDA Agricultural Outlook Forum in February. With the loosening domestic market, USDA projects the average market price to fall to \$4.40/bushel, down 5.4% from 2023/2024. Globally, we can expect corn ending stocks to hold steady in 2024/25 - falling only 0.3% due to lower production.

Overall, the corn market in 2024/25 is looking less bearish than it did

when farmers were making planting decisions a few months ago. USDA raised both old crop and new crop corn demand (total use) by 100 million bushels each. Projections for total use in the 2024/2025 marketing year of 14.8 billion bushels represent a 1.1 billion bushel increase over 2022/2023, bouncing back to near-record levels set in 2021/22 at 14.9 billion bushels.

Soybeans: While the 2024/2025 corn market is looking less bearish, the opposite is true for soybeans. In the upcoming marketing year, U.S. soybean ending stocks are projected at 445 million bushels, higher than both trade expectations and the USDA Agricultural Outlook Forum estimates in February. As compared to the current 2023/24 marketing year, this represents a whopping 30.8% increase. Due to this large projected increase, USDA projects prices to fall to \$11.20 per bushel, a year-over-year decrease of 10.8%.

Globally, there is a similar but more muted situation for soybean ending stocks, with a year-over-year projected increase of 15%, rising up to 128.5 million metric tons (MMT). Brazilian production is projected to increase 15 MMT (9.7%) to 169 MMT in 2024/25, and Brazilian exports are projected to increase three MMT (2.9%) to 105

MMT. The estimations for soybeans are heavily reliant on continued growth in soybean use, with an estimated 125-million-bushel increase in both crushings and exports, representing increases of 5.4% and 7.4%, respectively. If demand does not hold firm for soybeans, it could turn more bearish very quickly.

Wheat: Wheat is a bright spot of the report, with projections of a tightening global market in 2024/25. Domestically, ending stocks are projected to increase 11.4% to 766 million bushels, based on increased production (+2.5%) attributed to improved growing conditions. While domestic production is forecasted to increase in 2024/25, it will still be the eighth-lowest harvested-to-planted acre ratio for winter wheat. When compared to 2023 (second lowest on record) and 2022 (fourth lowest on record), the picture is rosier.

USDA projects global wheat to have the lowest ending stocks in eight years - falling 1.6% year-over-year to 253.6 MMT. Despite the tightening global market - U.S. average farm prices for wheat are projected to decrease to \$6, a 15.5% drop from the 2023/24 marketing year.

**Annual meeting**  
The Ogle County Farm Bureau has announced that it will host its Annual Member Meeting on Sept.

5 at St. Mary's Community Center in Oregon. The meeting marks the 107th anniversary for the Ogle County Farm Bureau, which was started in 1917. Ogle County Farm Bureau members and their families are invited to attend the Sept. 5 meeting and participate in the dinner and business meeting of the organization. The evening begins at 7 p.m. with a roast beef dinner. Following dinner, Ogle County Farm Bureau President Keith Poole will convene the annual business meeting of the members. During the business session members will elect directors for the farm bureau organization, receive committee and board reports and conduct business as scheduled prior to the meeting. Evan Hultine, Illinois Farm Bureau vice president, will be the featured speaker. Tickets for the annual meeting must be purchased in advance for \$5 each. Tickets can be obtained from the Ogle County Farm Bureau office in Oregon or from directors of the organization. For more information on the meeting or on obtaining tickets contact myself at the Ogle County Farm Bureau at 815-732-2231. "Good friends know all your stories. Best friends helped you write them." -Anonymous Ron Kern is the manager of the Ogle County Farm Bureau.



Ron Kern

## Climate change could return us to the pre-antibiotic era

THE extreme heat that recently blanketed the United States is a clear sign of climate change. But rising temperatures are fueling more than just hotter summers. Climate change is contributing to the spread of drug-resistant infections. And alarmingly, the medicines we use to fight those pathogens are losing their effectiveness.

Antimicrobial resistance, or AMR, occurs when bacteria, viruses, and other pathogens evolve to resist the effects of medications, making common infections harder to treat and increasing the risk of disease spread, severe illness, and death. Recent figures link AMR to nearly 5 million deaths annually -- far more than the combined death toll of AIDS and malaria. By 2050, more people will die of drug-resistant infections than currently die of cancer.

Climate change is accelerating the spread of these superbugs, providing favorable conditions

for pathogens to grow and spread. Warmer temperatures can increase the reproduction rates of bacteria and viruses, extend the range of habitats suitable for pathogens, and even heighten the chances of gene transfer among bacteria, leading to more robust strains of drug-resistant microbes.

The pressure cooker of climate change is moving us closer to the pre-antibiotic era. Patients I once treated as a family physician could have very different outcomes without the backstop of antibiotics. Ordinary infections could become life-threatening, and routine, minor surgeries could become high-risk procedures.

Investment in research and innovation is crucial to stay ahead of evolving pathogens. But our current efforts to develop new antibiotics are not keeping pace. There are fewer than 100 antibacterial therapies now in

the pipeline, according to the World Health Organization.

By contrast, there are over 6,500 active clinical trials for cancer treatments.

We are in a race with ever-evolving bacteria -- and we are losing. The main hurdle is financial. It costs nearly \$1 billion to shepherd a new antibiotic through clinical trials.

But successfully developing an antibiotic is often financially ruinous. Most new antibiotics target small patient populations with specific drug-resistant infections, and the new medicines to treat those infections are rightly used sparingly, only as a last resort -- since the more you use antibiotics, the more likely bacteria will eventually become resistant.

Combating climate change requires new technologies and new economic models. The same is true of AMR. We must

rethink how we incentivize antibiotic research. Subsidies, tax credits, or direct funding for early-stage R&D can provide relief to companies developing new antibiotics. Other countries, like the United Kingdom, have experimented with subscription models, where drugmakers receive a flat fee for bringing a successful new antibiotic to market. Faster FDA approval pathways can help reduce the time and cost of clinical trials.

Ultimately, the fight against antimicrobial resistance requires a multifaceted approach, integrating scientific innovation, policy reform, and global collaboration. By addressing both climate change and AMR with the urgency and resources they demand, we can protect public health and secure a safer, healthier future for all.

Howard Dean is the former chair of the Democratic National Committee and former Governor of Vermont. This piece originally ran in Salon.



Howard Dean

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# LOCAL NEWS

## OREGON POLICE REPORT

**July 22**  
At 10:16 a.m., Oregon Police responded to a two-vehicle traffic crash in the parking lot at 1001 Pines Road, involving a 2005 Dodge driven by Craig A. Isakson, 66, Rochelle, and a parked 2005 Dodge belonging to Jennifer L. Keefe, 48, Polo. No citations were issued.

At 1:05 p.m., Oregon Police issued a 17-year-old of Byron a citation for failure to wear a seat belt as a driver. This violation occurred on Depot Street near Monroe Street.

**July 23**  
At 7:26 a.m., Oregon Police issued Justin R. Kowalewski, 38, Winnebago, a citation for speeding 44 miles per hour in a 30 miles per hour zone. This violation occurred in the 600 block of North 4th Street.

At 9:09 a.m., Oregon Police issued Michael J. Hensley, 33, Polo, a citation for use of a cell phone while driving. This violation occurred in the 900 block of West Washington Street.

At 9:41 a.m., Oregon Police issued Jonathan Rivera Hernandez, 39, of West Allis, Wisconsin, a citation for speeding 49 miles per hour in a 30 miles per hour zone. This violation occurred in the 600 block of North 4th Street.

At 11:33 a.m., Oregon

Police issued Trichalyn M. Burgers, 45, of Mountain Home, Idaho, a citation for speeding 45 miles per hour in a 30 miles per hour zone. This violation occurred in the 600 block of North 4th Street.

At 12:30 p.m., Oregon Police issued Michael F. Lawton, 57, Dixon, a citation for failure to wear a seat belt as a driver. This violation occurred in the 800 block of West Washington Street.

At 1:25 p.m., Oregon Police issued Deobrah L. Hood, 64, Oregon, a citation for speeding 41 miles per hour in a 30 miles per hour zone. This violation occurred in the 600 block of North 4th Street.

At 3:40 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Joann G. Lee, 53, Oregon, for driving while license revoked. Lee was transported to the Ogle County Jail where she was processed and released with a notice to appear. This violation occurred in the 100 block of East Washington Street.

At 6:50 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Nataliya K. Creegan, 34, Oregon, for violation of orders of protection. Creegan was transported to the Ogle County Jail where she was left in the custody of the corrections officers.

**July 24**  
At 4:54 p.m., Oregon Police investigated a two-vehicle traffic crash at

the intersection of North 2nd and West Washington Streets involving a 2005 Buick driven by Megan C. Moorehead, 31, Oregon, and a 2019 Ford driven by Cory L. Lance, 49, Dixon. No citations were issued.

**July 25**  
At 8:25 a.m., Oregon Police investigated a two-vehicle traffic crash at the intersection of South Daysville Road and Illinois Route 64 involving a 2019 Hyundai driven by Weston N. Elsworth, 22, of College Station, Texas, and a 2022 Kia driven by Franceska K. Shumard-Taft, 30, Rockford. No citations were issued.

At 12:37 p.m., Oregon Police responded to a two-vehicle traffic crash in the 700 block of Water Street involving a 2018 Chevrolet driven by Jody G. Harvey, 50, Oregon, and a parked 2021 Chevrolet belonging to Norma J. Williams, 58, Oregon. No citations were issued.

**July 26**  
At 6:23 p.m., Oregon Police issued Tyler K. Walter, 25, of Iowa City, Iowa, citations for use of a cell phone while driving, operation of a vehicle with an expired registration, no valid registration, and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. These violations occurred in the 500 block of Gale Street.

At 10:48 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Dasanti

D.D. Townsend-Johnson, 19, of Chickasaw, Alabama, for no valid driver's license, and was also issued a citation for speeding 38 miles per hour in a 30 miles per hour zone. Townsend-Johnson was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was processed and released. These violations occurred in the 500 block of Gale Street.

**July 27**  
At 8:30 a.m., Oregon Police issued Juan Garcia-Soto, 49, Rockford, a citation for operating an uninsured motor vehicle. This violation occurred in the 100 block of West Washington Street.

At 9:15 a.m., Oregon Police issued Abigail S. Ruter, 21, Mt. Morris, citations for operating a vehicle with a suspended registration and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. These violations occurred in the 200 block of West Washington Street.

At 2:24 p.m., Oregon Police issued Waldemar Nevarez Rivera, 47, of Ohio, Illinois, a citation for operating an uninsured vehicle. This violation occurred in the 600 block of Gale Street.

At 4:23 p.m., Oregon Police issued Toby D. Schwarz, 50, Oregon, a citation for failure to wear a seat belt as a driver. This violation occurred in the 800 block of Monroe

Street.

At 4:30 p.m., Oregon Police responded to an unwanted subject call at Snyder's Ace Hardware, 201 N. 4th St., resulting in the arrest of Eric J. Bryer, 47, Sycamore, for criminal trespass to real property, disorderly conduct, and driving while license revoked. Bryer was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was processed and released with a notice to appear.

At 6:24 p.m., Oregon Police issued Gustavo A. Macedonio, 18, of Lombard, a citation for speeding 44 miles per hour in a 30 miles per hour zone. This violation occurred in the 300 block of South 4th Street.

**July 28**  
At 12:16 p.m., Oregon Police issued D. Tina Huber, 68, of Naperville, citations for speeding 53 miles per hour in a 40 miles per hour zone, and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. These violations occurred in the 300 block of East Washington Street.

At 12:53 p.m., Oregon Police issued Anthony W. Hofherr, Jr., 29, Machesney Park, a citation for disobeying a stop sign. This violation occurred at the Mix and Monroe Street intersection.

At 1:13 p.m., Oregon Police issued Jason R. Austin, 47, Sterling, 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.

At 1:47 p.m., Oregon Police issued Cecil G. Mathew, 44, of Arlington Heights a citation for speeding 42 miles per hour in a 30 miles per hour zone. This violation occurred in the 600 block of Gale Street.

At 3:45 p.m., Oregon Police issued Lucas D. Anderson, 23, Kings, a citation for operating a vehicle with an expired registration. This violation occurred in the 100 block of South 4th Street.

At 5:30 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Jason J. Bryant, 43, Rockford, for driving while license suspended. Bryant was also issued a citation for operating a vehicle when registration is suspended. Bryant was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was processed and released with a notice to appear. These violations occurred in the 500 block of South 2nd Street.

Thirteen verbal warnings and two parking citations were issued during the week of July 22-28.

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



(COURTESY PHOTOS)  
Pictured below are Flagg Township Supervisor Sue Messer and County Clerk & Recorder Laura Cook. Pictured above are Eagle Point Township Clerk Linda Shank, Trustee Keith Poole, Road Commissioner Kevin Folkers, Supervisor Connie VanDrew and County Clerk & Recorder Laura Cook.

## Clerk's Office announces recipients of Polling Place Accessibility Grant

**OGLE COUNTY** — On July 30, Ogle County Clerk and Recorder Laura J. Cook announced the recipients of a Polling Place Accessibility Grant from the Illinois State Board of Elections. There were four applications submitted and the State Board of Elections chose two for Ogle County for a total of \$51,784.84. The voters at the Eagle Point and Flagg Township buildings will notice improvements that were made when they arrive to vote in the Nov. 5 General Election.

Eagle Point Township installed a concrete parking area and new ADA door to its building. Flagg Township redesigned the ADA entrance to the Early Voting site at its building.





# LOCAL NEWS



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## Etnyre Foundation awards grant to Oregon Fire Protection District

**OREGON** — The Etnyre Foundation recently supported the Oregon Fire Protection District with a grant of \$3,819.16! This funding was used to purchase ropes and rope equipment essential for

responding to technical rescue calls. This grant aligns with The Etnyre Foundation’s mission to support educational, environmental, and health initiatives that improve local communities.

Technical rescue incidents often involve complex operations like rescuing individuals from grain silos, trench collapses, and transport tankers. The Oregon Fire Department is enhancing its capability

to conduct these rescues efficiently and safely by sending members to specialized classes and acquiring the necessary equipment. Oregon Fire was onsite at Etnyre in Oregon con-

ducting a training session using the new ropes and equipment purchased with their grant. “We’re proud to contribute to the physical wellness of the community and the safety of the fire

department members,” an Etnyre Foundation Facebook post said. “Together, we’re improving lives! Feel free to share and spread the word about the amazing work our local fire department is doing!”

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# LOCAL NEWS



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Ogle County farmers have battled drought conditions and have been behind on rain in recent years. Ogle County Farm Bureau Manager Ron Kern said that is no longer the case and Ogle County is not on any drought monitor map as it was at the beginning of the year.

## FARM: OCFB's Kern discusses recent rain's impact on local crops

**From page 1**

“There may be somebody out there with 20-30 acres that was damaged, but everything else around it is fine. I haven’t had anyone tell me that there’s been widespread damage. And most of it would be corn and then it depends if it was broken or just blown over to where it could pop back up. I know in the Rockford area there was some damage, but the corn didn’t snap and it’s starting to straighten itself back out. I’d say we dodged a bullet.”

Despite crops coming along well this early in the year, Kern said doesn’t expect an early harvest and that it depends on when crops were planted and what Fall weather conditions are.

Outside of the fields, farmers are currently seeing “exceptionally low” commodity prices and a trade outlook that “isn’t necessarily good,” Kern said. The OCFB manager would like to see more efforts from the government on new trade agreements and allocating funds towards new research to develop new domestic crop uses such as sustainable aviation fuel, a recently talked-about new venture.

“We have the crop here,” Kern said. “We just need more help in being able to trade that crop and find new uses for that crop. A couple decades ago when we got the ethanol market developed it was a huge boon to agriculture. We need to get back to that line of thinking again.”

Work is currently ongoing on a new federal farm bill, which takes place every five years. Kern hopes to see language in it that allocates funds towards new research projects. He guessed that the current farm bill will be extended a year with a new one coming next year. One-year extensions are typical, Kern said.

“And hopefully the winner of the presidential election in November will seriously want to address expanding trade agreements with other countries to try to help up market our crop,” Kern said.

Input prices for farmers have remained high, and those impacts are being seen currently with farmers applying fungicide to fields. Kern said Ogle County farmers could save money on inputs amid high prices during harvest this fall if they don’t have to spend money on gas to dry crops.

Kern’s hope for the coming months is that recently-common August storms stay away and that come harvest, the crop turns out “really good,” as it looks now.

“I think this corn crop is set,” Kern said, “The beans will probably need another shower or two in August to fill those pods out all the way. After that we get into September where the crop will start turning. We’ll need some nice, sunny, relatively-warm days with some nice breeze to dry the crop down to get out there and get it into the bin during harvest.”

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**Aug. 8:** Serenity Hospice & Home’s Lunch Group will meet on Thursday, Aug. 8 at 11:30 a.m. The location will be determined. Please call 815-732-4111 by 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 7 to register.

**Aug. 9:** A Ground Beef Nacho Bar hosted by the Evangelical Free Church of Mt. Morris will be featured at the Mt. Morris Jamboree on Friday, Aug. 9. The menu includes nachos made with tortilla chips, taco meat, cheese sauce, sour cream, salsa, and jalapenos, along with home-baked goods, and bottled water. Serving is from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., while supplies last. Donations will be accepted, with 100 percent of the funds received going to the Mt. Morris Fire Foundation for a new firehouse. The weekly Friday night concerts are held during the summer from 7-9 p.m. at the bandshell in downtown Mt. Morris. Heartache Tonight, an Eagles tribute band, will perform on Aug. 9. The Evangelical Free Church of Mt. Morris has been a part of the Mt. Morris community for more than 65 years. Worship services are held every Sunday at 10 a.m., preceded by Sunday School for all ages at 8:30 a.m. Kingdom Kids is held during the worship service for youngsters ages 4-9, and a staffed nursery is available for children younger than 4. The church is located at 102 S. Seminary Ave. For more information call the church office at 815-734-4942.

**Aug. 10:** Come and join us at Byron’s Hairy Cow Farmers Market on Saturday, Aug. 10 from 8 a.m. to noon! Featuring seasonal produce, baked goods, peennials, honey and a large variety of crafts. We have more vendors than ever before this season. We look forward to seeing everyone! For more information or to become a vendor, please contact Taryn Bradley at (815)985-6042, by email at craftlab23@gmail.com or at the Byron’s Hairy Cow Farmers Facebook page.

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# LOCAL NEWS



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The ribbon cutting event on July 25 was led by Rochelle Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Tricia Herrera, who welcomed Clearly Exteriors and the Williams family back to Rochelle.

## EXTERIORS: Local business joins Rochelle Chamber of Commerce

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“We specialize in house soft washing and removing green algae on sides of houses properly. A lot of people think they can do it themselves, and they realize they can’t get to everything and it takes a long time and they damage the siding. With our soft wash systems we can take care of an inclusive entire house wash in about 90 minutes and the house

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The event was led by Rochelle Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Tricia Herrera, who welcomed Clearly Exteriors and the Williams family back to Rochelle.

“We met with Michael a few months ago and he told me his story and how he got here and that he and his wife have been business owners in other communities,” Herrera said. “We’re excited by that. They’re already talking about expanding into different businesses and things like that. We want to welcome you. We know you can choose any community, and we’re very happy that you chose to be here in Rochelle.”

Rochelle Mayor John Bearrows spoke at the event as well and said he’s excited to watch Clearly Exteriors grow in Rochelle.  
“Normally we cut a ribbon in front of a building,” Bearrows said. “This is your mobile building that you work from. We’re very pleased that you became a part of the chamber. The chamber provides a lot of things. My hope as mayor is to welcome you to Ro-

chelle as a place that you’re going to do business. My second hope is that your business grows and expands here in town. Thank you for being here and being a part of Rochelle.”  
Michael Williams said he and his wife have plans for a separate motorcycle repair business in Rochelle in the near future after seeing an unserved market following the recent closure of the Harley-Davidson dealership in DeKalb and

a lack of businesses like it in the area.  
“People are having a very tough time repairing and keeping up with maintenance on their motorcycles,” Williams said. “It’s easy to find a place for a car, but it isn’t for motorcycle owners. That’s a market that needs to be addressed and we feel like we can get into that and do big things. We’re hoping for sometime in 2025 and we’re working on a location.”



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# LOCAL NEWS

## Believe in the Children adds key personnel

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De'Tayvon Burrell, director of operations, adds structure and organization to Believe In The Children's daily activities. With years of personal and professional experience with 'the system' and social service, De'Tayvon's insight, compassion, and attention to detail elevate

Believe to a new ability to serve families uniquely. His extensive experience and dedication bring a sense of confidence to our operations and the clients we serve.

These two dynamic young men join Believe In The Children with an unwavering commitment to our mission and community, which assures us a continuing, bright future of service.

Believe In The Children is a 501(c)3 faith-based charitable organization created in 2018 to serve at-risk children and families in Northern Illinois. We offer many services to meet the growing needs of clients; including counseling, educational support, visitations, mental health services and community outreach.

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uates the needs of our communities through surveys, feedback from our clients, and collaboration

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## Heartache Tonight to play Mt. Morris Aug. 9

**MT. MORRIS** — The Mt. Morris Jamboree recently announce that the excellent Eagles tribute band, Heartache Tonight, will return to its bandshell on Aug. 9 starting at 7 p.m.

With five number one singles and six number one albums, the Eagles are one of the most successful American rock bands of all time. Their albums, Greatest Hits and Hotel California rank among the 20 best-selling albums in U.S. history. They were inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1998. Together since 2007, Heartache Tonight is without question the finest Eagles tribute in the country. The band performs songs from all eras and all incarnations of the Eagles, including many of the individual members' hugely popular solo hits. From the powerful guitar duel in "Hotel California" to the shimmering

harmonies of "Peaceful Easy Feeling," Heartache Tonight delivers a true Eagles concert experience. With meticulous attention to every detail, these six talented musicians reproduce live all the fabulous hits of this enormously popular rock powerhouse that is still going after five decades. A Heartache Tonight performance is filled with moments designed to thrill classic rock fans: the soaring a cappella harmonies of "Seven Bridges Road," the snarling guitars of "Life In The Fast Lane," the anthemic country rock of "Take It Easy," and the beautifully evocative "Heart Of The Matter." Close your eyes and you'll swear you're hearing the real thing.

The Evangelical Free Church of Mt. Morris will be serving a Ground Beef Nacho Bar with tortilla chips, taco meat, cheese

sauce, sour cream, salsa, and jalapenos, home-baked goods provided by church members, and water. The Leaf River Lions will be serving Italian Beef sandwiches, Chicago Style hot dogs, chips and drinks. Both Just 4 Fun and Grandpa's ice cream truck will be there as well as Bill's Famous Lemonade, all starting at 6 p.m. Ewe and Me Acres will have a fresh produce stand with a variety of fruits, vegetables, baked goods, jams, jellies and dog treats on the Campus along with other craft and plant vendors, from 5-8 p.m.

Other attractions will be available on either side of the Bandshell during the concert. Encore's Old Sandstone Art Gallery will feature a new show and the new location of the Mt. Morris Historical Museum will also be open in the newly renovated College Hall.

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## Jeff Elbel and Ping to play Mt. Morris Aug. 10

**MT. MORRIS** — The Mt. Morris Jamboree recently announced the return of hometown boy Jeff Elbel and his band Ping to its bandshell stage for a free two-hour concert on Saturday, Aug. 10 from 7-9 p.m.

With its latest album *The Threefinger Opera*, Chicago-area roots-rockers Jeff Elbel + Ping spin penchants for storytelling and rock 'n' roll into an engaging album-length tale drawn from true-life misadventures. The album is defiantly optimistic and relentlessly fun, traveling a path toward peace under pressure. Its calamitous catalyst was an injury that threatened Elbel's ability to play music. "Making *The Threefinger Opera* was my way to learn new ways to keep doing what I love with my extended band family," says Elbel. "We'll have a blast performing many of the songs in Mt. Morris."

Ping's material includes thrilling songs that are relatable, witty, and suitable for all ages. The upbeat, Beatlesque pop of "Unstoppable Me" has made an impact at radio and streaming platforms, with a comical video on YouTube. "Bark Along with Cody"

from 2005 album *The Eleventh Hour Storybook* gained attention on long-running funny music program *The Doctor Demento Show*. Other singles including pop-rocker "Light It Up" from 2012's *Gallery* album and the meditative "Goodnight, Rabbit" examine the ties that bind at home. The band's all-acoustic debut album *No Outlet* with the jangling "Radio Flyer" and moody "Miracle Rain" was reissued as a vinyl LP on Marathon Records in 2022.

Ping's sound pulls from roots and rock favorites like Tom Petty & the Heartbreakers and Delaney & Bonnie. "You'll hear hints of anything else a fan of classic pop might like, whether it's the Beatles, J. Geils Band, Creedence, Stones, Cake, INXS, the Kinks, or Chuck Berry," says Elbel.

The band includes drummer Tom Sharpe of Mannheim Steamroller, percussionist Paul G. Ross, bassist Mike Choby, and singer Grace Beechy. Guitarist John Bretzlaff and Elbel have performed together since 1992, when they formed alternative rock band Farewell to Juliet in

Champaign, Illinois.

Concessions for the evening will be provided by vendors including Maxson's Manor, who will be serving chili, hot dogs, nachos, pulled pork sandwiches, cole slaw, chips, hand crafted fudge, cookies, and drinks. Grandpa's Ice Cream and Bill's Famous Lemonade stand will be there too, all starting at 6 p.m.

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## 7-day Cornfield Tent Revival at Calvary Lighthouse Church is Aug. 7-14 Pastor Horvath: 'We have speakers coming in from all over the United States'

BY JEFF HELFRICH  
MANAGING EDITOR

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The revival will be held in a tent that has a capacity of 2,000 people, Pastor Horvath said.



(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)

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**123 E. Third Street, Byron**  
**\$214,900 Call Becky**

Spacious 4 BR 2 story near the heart of Byron! Every room in this home is extremely large and boasts lots of character with the original oversized 8" woodwork, hardwood flooring, and 5 panel doors. Kitchen had a complete remodel 5 years ago with the tall cherry color cabinets, granite countertops island with seating for 3, pantry, coffee bar, farm style sink and SS appliances. Dining room has crown molding, side door to front porch, transom windows over doorways, and full size pocket door to LR. Bathroom on main level was updated '24 and included new shower, vanity & toilet. LR has two large picture windows and another pocket door to foyer. Curved open stairway to the 4 upper bedrooms and a large remodeled (7 yrs ago) bathroom with a walking tile shower, claw foot tub, heat lamp and large vanity with granite. This home sits on .37 acres and is unique with its double wrap around L-shaped porches-both up and down. Fenced yard (picnic tables stay), single garage w/open plus an additional 2 car garage off alley. 14' round pool stays roof 10 years, water softener.



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# LOCAL NEWS



## Oregon Lions install new board members during meeting on July 11

Oregon Lion Jerry Hinrichs conducted the installation of the new Oregon Lions Executive Board during their meeting on July 11 at the VFW in Oregon. Pictured: Back row - Lions James Brown, President Dr. Tom Champley and Mitch Logan. Middle row - Retiring President Lion Lori Peterson and Lions Joan Smola, Carol Ohrn, Janet Champley, Mary Jo Moser, Grant Afflerbaugh and Duane Moser. Front row - Lions Jim Hoff, Chuck Campbell and Chuck McCourt. (Courtesy photo)



(COURTESY PHOTOS)

This year's Ogle County 4-H cat show was held at the Ogle County Farm Bureau in Oregon on Monday, July 22. At left: Champion Cage or Carrier winner Lauren Hickman, Byron. At right: Champion Senior Showmanship winner Grant Johnson, Forreston.

## Ogle County 4-H Fair cat award winners announced

**OREGON** — This year's Ogle County 4-H cat show was held at the Ogle County Farm Bureau in Oregon on Monday, July 22. Cats are judged on their physical condition, cleanliness and pre-

sentation, temperament, appearance, good health, alertness, and graceful movement. 4-H'ers receive ratings based on their knowledge about the care and grooming of their entry and the cat

itself. Special awards are given to the 4-H'er with the best-decorated cages or carriers. Please see below for the results of the show.

Champion Junior Showmanship - Isaac

Williams, Forreston. Champion Intermediate Showmanship - Andrew Hickman, Byron. Champion Senior Showmanship - Grant Johnson, Forreston. Champion Feline - Saul Daniels, Rochelle.

Champion Cage or Carrier - Lauren Hickman, Byron. 4-H fairs are held nationally to allow youth to exhibit a product that has resulted from an in-depth yearlong study in an area of interest to them.

4-H'ers have worked hard to get here. They enter the fair to receive feedback regarding their work and to gather ideas for what they can do differently or expand upon in their project areas in future years.

## REVIVAL: Calvary Lighthouse Church hosting weeklong event Aug. 7-14

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The seven-day event will include events for youth, attendance by local officials, prayer and other activities.

Johnson is a three-time champion in basketball that spent time in the NBA. Peters is a youth evangelist that travels all over the United States. Brewster worked for the Secret Service and served five U.S. presidents.

"We have speakers coming in from all over the United States," Horvath said. "We couldn't even get everyone listed on the flier. There will be about 20 more speakers. We feel like God wants us to bring all of the denominations together. Our staff has been on the phone with all the area churches to invite them to come out."

The tent revival will be Calvary Lighthouse Church's first. It typically hosts conferences, and one will coincide with the tent revival.

Horvath said due to the unrest in the country

with the attempted assassination of Former President Donald Trump and changes to the presidential election ticket, gatherings and prayer are needed.

"We need God right now more than we ever have in our country," Horvath said. "We really feel like we're right in the middle of everything with prayer right now. We want to call our nation to pray. We really feel like God wants to unite the nation right now. That's what I think people will find here."

Horvath expects to see 5,000-10,000 attendees or more at the tent revival over its seven days, which he said will benefit the local economy. Planning for the event has required "an incredible amount" of work for Calvary Lighthouse Church and its staff.

The youth event at the tent revival will feature a basketball floor and a dunk contest. Baptisms will take place at the event. Meals will be served.

"It's an undertaking to do something like this," Horvath said. "This is

maybe the biggest thing we've done here in the area. And we've done some pretty big things over the years. People can expect a lot of energy. The worship will be lively.

There will be a full band. There will be multiple worship teams involved. There will be a lot of excitement inside the tent. It will be electric."

Each night will feature

prayer for attendees and the hardships they're going through in their lives, Horvath said. A town of Rochelle's size having a tent revival to the scale of next month's is "very uncommon."

"This is a very rare event here," Horvath said. "We probably do about four major events a year but nothing like this. This is rare for Rochelle."

Calvary Lighthouse Church

(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)

The free gathering will include a number of well-known religious speakers including Brian Gibson, Billy & Cynthia Thompson, Bob Rodgers, Keith Taylor, Jay Peters, Charles Walters, Carl Duff, Tommy Combs, Chuck Brewster, Michael Livengood, Stephen Strader, Tom Arnold, Kedrick Tembo, and Robert & Rochelle Lockhart. The event will be hosted by Calvary Lighthouse Church Pastor Dr. James Horvath. Worship will be led by Michele Horvath and Eddie James.



# LOCAL NEWS



(PHOTO BY CHRIS HEGGEMEIER OF NASHVILLE)

A cornfield housing stalks 5 feet high takes on flood water near Nashville in Washington County.

## COUNTRY fielding influx of claims from severe weather

By RHIANNON BRANCH  
FARMWEEK

Aderecho and multiple tornadoes in northern Illinois coupled with severe flash flooding in southern Illinois the first half of July resulted in more than 1,000 insurance claims through COUNTRY Financial for vehicle and property damage.

Jesse Kohlbecker, vice president of claims with COUNTRY Financial, said damage from the July 15 storm system in northern Illinois produced 1,700 claims as of July 18, with 1,500 related to property damage and 225 being farm specific.

"For this event the most common damage occurred from wind and then we have some hail and lightening claims as well," he told the RFD

Radio Network. "Some other claims we're managing include pump failures just from the sheer amount of rain we've experienced the last couple of weeks."

Kohlbecker said 2024 is following in the footsteps of 2023, which was a historic claims year for COUNTRY.

"We experienced two of our costliest claims in our nearly 100-year history just merely a week apart in 2023, and Mother Nature has continued to throw storms our direction here in 2024," he said.

Events like this underscore the need to update and know your insurance policies, Kohlbecker said.

"I encourage all friends, family and clients to meet with their insurance agent at a minimum, annually," he said.

"Situations and peo-

ple's properties change. People make upgrades and they add different things to their homes. It's so important that you sit down with your rep and really talk about the coverages you have, and the coverages you might need."

Kohlbecker said technological advancements in recent years helped COUNTRY process claims quicker. The company's mobile app allows clients to start a claim in a matter of minutes and drones allow representatives to view roof damage quicker.

"In some cases, we can also EFT (electronic funds transfer) payments to our clients right from their driveway so they can select their contractor and get their repairs started as quickly as possible," Kohlbecker said.

If someone believes

they may have a claim because of recent storms, whether with COUNTRY Financial or another insurance company, they are encouraged to take inventory of all damaged property, take photos of the damage and save all receipts from emergency repairs.

If there is spoiled food in a refrigerator, take

pictures before throwing it out as some insurers will cover the cost of it. Temporary living expenses might also be covered.

COUNTRY Financial customers can call 866-COUNTRY or the insurance agent they work with immediately to start the claims process.

COUNTRY reported representatives are

contacting clients who have filed claims and are moving them through the process as quickly as possible.

*This story was distributed through a cooperative project between Illinois Farm Bureau and the Illinois Press Association. For more food and farming news, visit FarmWeekNow.com.*

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# LOCAL NEWS

## BYRON LIBRARY NEWS

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**The Magic of Oz: Celebrate 85 Years!**  
Thursday, Aug. 22. 6 – 7:30 pm. Follow the yellow brick road with Dorothy Gale and Toto into the magical world of Oz! Historical presenter Michelle Gibbons, will delight audiences with a theatrical portrayal of beloved actress Judy Garland. Learn about Garland's worldwide fame, childhood, and struggles to stardom from her point of view. Please call 815-234-5107 to register.

**Ogle County Dixie Five**  
Tuesday, Aug. 27. 1:30 – 2:30 pm. Come join

us for an afternoon of harmonious music with Ogle County Dixie Five. Please call 815-234-5107 to register.

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clashes with her off-screen relation? In this portrayal, historian and actress Leslie Goodard brings Lucy to life: paying tribute to both the true comic legend and the real woman behind the myth. Monday, August 26, 6:30 p.m. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

**Labor Day Closure**  
The library will be closed Saturday, August 31 - Monday, September 2 for Labor Day.

## JULIA HULL DISTRICT LIBRARY NEWS

**Storytime at the Library**  
Join us in person at the library for songs, stories and crafts! Ages 2-5. Wednesdays at 10 a.m. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

**Toddler Time: Chalk It Up!**  
Indulge your little one's curiosity with a hands-on event just for them! This month little ones will get to flex their creative muscle with

sidewalk chalk. Friday, August 9, 10 a.m. All materials supplied. Ages 1-4. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

**Adult Craft: Punch Needling for Beginners**  
Sew much fun! Meet up with Joanna on Zoom to learn the ins and outs of punch needling, then create a simple, beginner project that's cute enough to hang. Monday, August 12, 6 p.m. Email Joanna at jkluever@mail.merid-

ian223.org to register for this Zoom program.

**DNA & Genealogy: What to Know Before You Test**  
It's not a test you have to study for...but there are some things you may want to know before you use a DNA test to further your genealogical knowledge! In this program, you'll learn how genetic testing can aid your family history research, the basics of

how the tests work, and things to keep in mind so you can get the most out of your experience and protect yourself in the process. Monday, August 19, 6 p.m. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

**Paint & Pizza**  
Stop by the library after school for the ultimate hang out. Get your paint brushes ready for an afternoon of friends, creativity, and, of course, pizza! Friday, August 23, 3 p.m.

Ages 13-18. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

**Lucille Ball: Comedy Legend**  
In the 1950s, comedienne Lucille Ball captured the hearts of television audiences across the nation. Off-screen, she and her real-life husband, Desi Arnaz, launched their own television studio and pioneered new technologies. But what does it mean when a TV star's on-screen legend

ly reunions, and more. Please call the library at (815)938-2624 for additional information.

**Soft Plastic Recycling**  
We are collecting film-type plastic for recycling. This includes plastic

## FORRESTON LIBRARY NEWS

**Adventures in Art**  
Monday, August 5th, 3:30 pm. Join us for another art adventure! We'll explore a famous artist or technique and then create our own masterpiece with what we've learned.

**School Supply Drive**  
We are once again a dropoff point for school supplies for the SSET 4 School program. Items requested include: 1-subject spiral notebooks, loose leaf notebook paper, washable markers, colored pencils, crayons,

red, blue or black pens, glue (bottles or sticks), folders, rulers, scissors, and new or gently used backpacks. We will be accepting donations through Monday, August 5th. Thanks for helping our local students start

the school year with everything they need!

**Community Room**  
Looking for a place to hold your event? Our community room (with a small kitchenette) is available for meetings, parties, showers, fami-

ly reunions, and more. Please call the library at (815)938-2624 for additional information.

**Soft Plastic Recycling**  
We are collecting film-type plastic for recycling. This includes plastic

bags, zipper type baggies (with the zip portion removed), cereal/snack bags, bubble wrap, and other soft plastic. Please make sure bags are free from debris and remove all paper/sticker labels. Thank you!

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# AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

## BYRON

### ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH

624 Luther Drive, Byron IL 61010 815-234-5277  
Pastor: Vicar Michelle Wandersee  
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: Katie Dadd  
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. 2nd St, Byron, IL 61010 - Phone 815-234-7431 - Fr. Richard Rosinski.  
Weekday Masses: Tuesday - Friday 7:30am, Weekend Masses: Sat. 5:00 pm, Sun. 8:00 am and 9:30 am, Reconciliation: Fri. 8:00 am - 8:30 am; Sat. 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm or by app. Eucharist Adoration Fri. 8-9am  
[www.saintmaryinbyron.org](http://www.saintmaryinbyron.org) secretary@saintmaryinbyron.org

### 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: Gary 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: [chanamc@gmail.com](mailto:chanamc@gmail.com) Adult & Children's Education 9:00 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion celebrated the first Sunday of each month. At Chana Church you will find Open Hearts-Open Minds-Open Doors.

## DAVIS JUNCTION

### DAVIS JUNCTION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Open Minds, Open Hearts, Open Doors • "God's Heart in Our Community"  
Located in town on Rt. 72 • Our Pastor is Rev. Keith Kelsey-Powell **Sunday Services:** Worship 10:30am, Childrens time during Worship Service.  
Fellowship following the Worship Service each Sunday. Communion the first Sunday of the month. Potluck luncheon following Worship every 4th Sunday, except in the summer months of June, July and August. Various small groups meet throughout the month. For more information about the small groups please call 298-2310. AA meets Wednesdays at 5:30pm and Saturdays at 9am. For more information please visit our website [WWW.DJUMC.ORG](http://WWW.DJUMC.ORG)

## DIXON

### LOST LAKE COMMUNITY CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Pastor Bob Clardie 8:30am Sunday School  
815-535-6990 9:30am 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  
Worship at 9:00 a.m. (childcare provided) with coffee and fellowship immediately following. Sunday School Age 3-Adult, 10:15 am.  
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 Rosebrock  
[pastor@immanuel-lindenwood.org](mailto:pastor@immanuel-lindenwood.org)

### LINDENWOOD UNION CHURCH

101 N Galena st, P.O box 67, Lindenwood IL  
Regular worship service Sundays at 10:00am with fellowship following. Tuesdays 10:00 am Sr Exercise! Lunch afterwards. Thursdays 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Library time. Snacks and coffee.  
Everyone is welcome!

## 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 Peddicord

### EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH OF MT. MORRIS

102 S. Seminary Ave., Mt. Morris, IL 61054 815-734-4942 [www.efcmm.org](http://www.efcmm.org)  
Senior Pastor: Bruce McKanna. Sunday Schedule: 8:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages. 9:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship. 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship with Childcare and Children's Church.

### MT. MORRIS CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

409 W. Brayton Road, Mt. Morris, IL 61045 Phone 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: [mtmorriscob@gmail.com](mailto:mtmorriscob@gmail.com)

## MOUNT MORRIS

### 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 Beseament 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 [EOCCGministries@gmail.com](mailto:EOCCGministries@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.EBENZERRFORMED.COM](http://www.EBENZERRFORMED.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](http://lighthouseUMC@yahoo.com)  
Worship at 11:00 a.m. Holy Communion celebrated the first Sunday of each of month. Lighthouse will lite up your life!

### OREGON CHURCH OF GOD

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

### OREGON FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

505 Hill St. Oregon, IL 61061 Phone: 732-2642  
Pastor: David Snow "A Christ-centered, Bible-believing, family-oriented ministry."  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.; Sunday Morning Service 10:45 a.m.; Sunday Afternoon Service 1:15 p.m.; Wednesday Night Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

### OREGON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

200 S. 4th Street, Oregon, IL 61061 | 815-732-2994 | [www.oregonumc.org](http://www.oregonumc.org)  
Pastor Rev Megan Smick  
9:00 am Adult & Youth Bible Study  
10 am Worship & Children's Sunday School  
In-person or live on Facebook  
<https://www.facebook.com/OregonUMC>  
5:30 pm Wednesday Night Meal  
All are welcome!

### RIVERSTONE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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

### ST. BRIDE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

### ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH, NALC

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

## POLO

### 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  
[poloatcrossroadsn.com](http://poloatcrossroadsn.com)  
We offer contemporary worship and relevant Bible teaching through engaging messages and powerful video. Join us after services for coffee, snacks & fellowship. Kidzink Children's Ministry (nursery-5th grade) ~ during 10AM service  
Crave Youth Group (6th-12th grade) ~ Wed. 6:30PM - June 1st.  
Visit our website: [www.crossroadsn.com](http://www.crossroadsn.com)

### FAITH DISCOVERY CHURCH

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

## 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, IL  
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/VECCFSV](http://facebook.com/VECCFSV)  
Home of Valley Covenant Preschool 815-645-8882 Director Jill Huber  
Bible Studies, Youth Group, Bread of Life Food Pantry  
Please visit website for more information or contact the church office M-F 9am-2pm

### GRACE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

Pastor Brad Pittman [www.graceforyou.com](http://www.graceforyou.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 10:30 am.  
Pastor Phil Thompson  
Phone: 815-335-2609. Email: [middlecreekchurch@gmail.com](mailto:middlecreekchurch@gmail.com)





# LOCAL NEWS

## MT. MORRIS PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

**Mary Head Retiring!**  
We are saddened to announce that long time librarian, Mary Head, has retired from the library! She has been here for over 35 years and many of the community will be sad to see her go. There is a card available to sign at the library. Let's all wish her the best in her retirement and send her off in style!

**Hot Spots available at Mount Morris Library**  
The library has 2 hotspots available to check out for use at home. These are available to Mount Morris Library card holders and will be checked out for fourteen days. Get more information from a librarian if you would like to use this free service!

**Story Time! Wednesdays at 11:15am**  
We will be reading books and the children will create a craft this Wednesday. Story time is every Wednesday@11:15, bring your little ones to enjoy stories and a craft at the Mount Morris Library!

**Cookbook Club Next Meeting August 6<sup>th</sup>**  
Join us as we explore The Cookbook Club! Wonderful recipes combined with friendship

creates something both beautiful and delicious! Come in, choose your recipe, and bring your dish to pass at our next meeting! Join us on August 6<sup>th</sup>, 6pm at The Senior Center for another exciting meal!

**Lego Club Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup>**  
Lego night is the third Thursday of each month. Join in the fun with all the family as they build and create together. Families can build on Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:30-7pm! All children and parents are invited every third Thursday of the month. Children under 8 need to bring a parent with them.

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

natural setting. Buy One Get One Free Admission Purchase one admission to Japanese Anderson Gardens and receive one admission free. Available only on weekdays. Available only for general admission and not for special events. One offer per group. Explore More Illinois users can access and reserve passes from any of our attractions on the Mount Morris Library website, mtmorris-il.org, under the resources page. Visit the website to browse attractions.

**Adult Book Club Meeting Monday, August 26<sup>th</sup>**  
Everyone is welcome to join this book club group! Copies of the book are available at the library. Meeting will be held at the library on July 29<sup>th</sup> at 3:30pm.

**Lions Club Glasses and Hearing Aids Collections**  
Donation boxes for eyeglass recycling are available at the library. When the boxes are full, they are picked up by local Lions members and dropped off at collection depots. These recycled eyeglasses are given to

people in need, with the help of various medical missionaries, in Central and South America and around the world. When the eyeglasses arrive in these countries, doctors and technicians conduct eye exams and provide a free pair of prescription eyeglasses that are as close as possible to that person's sight needs. When donating HEARING AIDS, please be sure to place them in a small box or hard-covered case so they do not get crushed or damaged.

**Display Case Showings**  
We are always looking for collectors or artists who are willing to share their treasures in our display cases. If you are interested, please call, 815-734-4927.

**Axis360 is now BOUNDLESS**  
Your library's Axis 360 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 seam-

lessly transitioned to the new Boundless platform.  
**Adult Programming**  
We would love to hear from you. Do you have any program ideas? Do evenings or weekends work better? Do you have a program you would like to share/lead? Contact Mary Cheatwood at the library through email at mmlib@mtmorris-il.org or call 815-734-4927.

**Memorial Gifts**  
Give a gift that lasts, brings joy to many, and doubles in value. Your memorial gift to the library is matched by the Mt. Morris Library Foundation, doubling your generosity! Many thanks to all who gave memorial gifts in 2023.

**Newspaper Available!**  
We will now be receiving the Dixon Telegraph daily! We receive the Ogle County Life, Sauk Valley, and Mt. Morris Times. If you want to keep up with the local news-stop on by!

**Curbside Service is available!**  
We want to remind everyone that you still have the option of having your materials delivered to your vehicle. If you

have holds waiting for you, call us to tell us you are on your way, and we will bring them out to your vehicle when you arrive. Call us if you need more information.

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

**Library Board Meetings**  
This month's board meeting will be held on August 14, 2024, rather than August 21 as usual. Monthly board meetings are the third Wednesday of the month at 7pm at the library unless otherwise noted. The public is welcome to attend.  
The Mount Morris Public Library is located at 105 S. McKendrie Ave. Mt. Morris IL 61054 - 815-734-4927 Fax-815-734-6035 www.mtmorris-il.org

## OREGON PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

**Adult Summer Reading Program**  
Ends August 10<sup>th</sup>. All brain game packets and book logs must be turned in by the end of the business day on August 10, 2024.

**2024 Summer Reading Program**  
Read, Renew, Repeat! Congratulations to all participants of the 2024 youth summer reading program! Over 1,038 books were read! Great job! Thank you to our sponsors, Stillman Bank, Kaczmarzyk Agency, Inc., State Farm Insurance, Farrell, Holland, Gale Funeral Home, Guist Agency, Oregon Rotary Club, Kiwanis Club of Oregon-Mt. Morris and Constellation Energy for their generous support to make this program a success. Thanks again to all our participants and supportive family members who make the summer reading program possible!

**Preschool Story Time**  
Continues through August 5, then we'll take a break and begin again on Monday, September 9 at 10 am.

**Local Author Open Mic Night**  
Thursday, August 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. Local authors are invited to an open mic night to share poetry, short stories, excerpts of their novels and more. Come and support our local authors. Authors and

participants can register at [www.oregonpubliclibrary.com](http://www.oregonpubliclibrary.com) or call (815) 732-2724 for more information. Registration required.

**Produce Swap**  
August 17<sup>th</sup> from 10am - 6:00pm. Food Swaps are local gatherings where people swap excess home-grown produce and gardening extras. Items may include fruit, vegetables, herbs, eggs, seeds, seedlings, gardening tips and worm juice, but may easily extend to skill shares, stories and seasonal recipes. Take some, leave some or both! Have too much in your garden, bring to the library for others to enjoy. Food can be brought in beginning at 9:00am through 4:00pm. Any food left at 6:00pm will be donated to local pantries.

**Ink with A Friend Monthly Card Club**  
Monday, August 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm Sending personal cards to your friends and family is a way to let them know you care and are thinking about them. All designs include beautiful colored cardstock, gorgeous designer series paper, detailed stamped images, die cut pieces, matching ink, ribbon, and embellishments. All cards come with matching envelopes. Whether you're a new card maker or a seasoned pro, our kits are suited to every

skill level. Don't wait! Sign up today to reserve your spot. Oregon Patrons only. Registration required (815) 732-2724 or [www.oregonpubliclibrary.com](http://www.oregonpubliclibrary.com)

**Try It Tuesday**  
Tuesday, August 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm or 5:30pm (Choose your time slot) Epoxy Resin in Jewelry. Create unique crystal-clear or colorful pieces of jewelry in no time at all. Once cured, resin is unbreakable and a definite eye-catcher! This an adult only class, 18 and up. Registration required, please call (815) 732-2724 or visit [www.oregonpubliclibrary.com](http://www.oregonpubliclibrary.com).

**Friends Trivia Night at Cork N Tap**  
Wednesday, August 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. Are you a Friends fan? This trivia is for you! Grab 6 of your closest Friends fans and play for prizes at Cork N Tap. Registration required, [www.oregonpubliclibrary.com](http://www.oregonpubliclibrary.com). Teams of 6 ONLY. There is a limited number of teams, so don't wait to register.

**Passport Fair**  
Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 10am -2pm at Byron Public Library. The Oregon Public Library is hosting a special passport event at the Byron Public Library, 100 S. Washington St, Byron, IL, on Saturday, September 14, 2024 from 10 am to 2 pm to provide passport information to U.S. citizens and to accept

passport applications. U.S. citizens must present a valid passport book when entering or re-entering the United States by air. U.S. citizens entering the United States from Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean and Bermuda at land borders and sea ports of entry must present a passport book, passport card, or other travel documents approved by the U.S. government. Information on the cost and how to apply for a U.S. passport is available at [travel.state.gov](http://travel.state.gov) or contact the Oregon Public Library at 1-815-732-2724. U.S. citizens may also obtain passport information by phone, in English and Spanish, by calling the National Passport Information Center toll-free at 1-877-487-2778.

**Book Clubs**  
The 2WBC meets Wednesday, August 14 at 12:30 to discuss The Notebook by Nicholas Sparks. Cocktails & Crimes will meet Sunday, August 18. The Afternoon Book Club meets Wednesday, August 21 at 1 pm to discuss The Lacuna by Barbara Kingsolver. Books on Tap Book Club meets Thursday, August 22 at 6 pm at Cork & Tap to discuss The Clinic by Cate Quinn. Is This Just Fantasy? Book Club will meet in August to discuss Even Though I Knew the End by C. L. Polk.

**Functional Yin-Yasa**  
Wednesdays, 9:30 am Functional Yin-Yasa - This class is a hybrid of yang (active yoga) with yin (passive yoga). We will use fundamental yoga postures combined with functional movements to build strength and warmth followed by passive, long held poses to help with flexibility and mobility of the joints and soft tissues. A yoga mat and blocks will be useful props for this class! All levels welcome." Oregon Library Patrons only. Registration required, this class fills quickly. Please call (815) 732-2724 or visit <http://www.oregonpubliclibrary.com>

**Knit & Crochet is BACK!**  
Mondays at 1:00pm. This group meets every Monday at 1 pm and is open to anyone. From beginner to expert, all skill level are welcome to join. Bring any hand craft and work on it while socializing. Need help getting started with your knitting project, stop in on a Monday. Registration is requested, visit [www.oregonpubliclibrary.com](http://www.oregonpubliclibrary.com) or call (815) 732-2724.

**Find A Character Ticket!**  
What is a Character Ticket? A character Ticket represents an image of a character from that specific book. Character Tickets

will be hidden in various books in the children/youth book collection. After you check out a book and find a character ticket in the book, you may adopt that character doll and take it home. Open to Oregon Public Library cardholders only. May adopt only once.

**Oregon Writers Group**  
Meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 10:00am. The OWG is a gathering of writers or writer-wannabes who meet to support each other and further their own writing. The purpose of the group is to help and encourage you in your writing. If you need brainstorming ideas, we can help suggest ideas or aid with the creative process.

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

**OPLD Dial-A-Story & Oregon Public Library StoryWalk @Oregon Park West**  
Call 815-732-2724, follow the prompts and presto...a story! Current story-The Boy Who Said Wow by Todd Boss. At the StoryWalk is The Enormous Carrot by Vladimir Vagin.

## ROCK RIVER CENTER NEWS

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.

**Rummikub**  
Mondays, 12:15 - 3:00 p.m.

**OUTING OF THE MONTH - August 8**  
John Deere Historical Site. Limited Bus Seating. Register by August 6.  
**VA Rep on August 9**  
9:00 - 3:00 p.m.  
**Bunco**  
Mon., August 12, 10:00 - 11:15 a.m.  
**CRAFT GROUP on August 12**  
9:00 - 10:00 A.M. Project: Mason Jar Sun Catchers  
**WE NEED TO TALK**  
Rock River Center. Monday, August 12, 2024.

10:00 a.m. How do you know when it is time for your loved one to limit or stop driving? It is a tough subject for most families, but it's a serious matter. Now there is help. This program guides families in determining when it is time for their loved ones to limit or stop driving. This FREE program will offer practical tips and advice on topics including: The Meaning of Driving: what driving means to older adults and the emotions

they face when they have to give it up. Observing Driving Skills: learn to objectively observe your loved one's driving skills. Planning Conversations: Discover how to have "the talk" while encouraging independence. Finding Alternatives to Driving: Search for other options to keep your loved one mobile & independent. Join us for a 60-90 open discussion and learn how to address this very serious subject. Registration: Call Rock

River Center 815-732-3252 to register. Advance registration is requested so we can be prepared.  
**Senior Information Services Provided by Rock River Center**  
Do you need help with Benefit Access Application, Medicare, housing, personal care, homemaking, heating assistance or other things? Rock River Center's Information & Assistance Specialists are available at various locations throughout Ogle

County. Assistance at these locations is available BY APPOINTMENT ONLY. Please contact Rock River Center at (800) 541-5479 to schedule an appointment. Byron-Jarrett Prairie Center Aug 12 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Forreston Library Aug 21 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Mt. Morris Senior Center Aug 8 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Polo Senior Center Aug 22 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Rochelle -Hub City Senior Ctr. Aug 1 & 15 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

## MT. MORRIS SENIOR CENTER NEWS

The following events are happening at the Mt. Morris Senior & Community Center!  
**Diamond Painting**  
You are welcome to join our club. Meeting on the first and third Friday at 11:00 am. No

experience required. Paintings are for sale in various price ranges.  
**Bingocize!**  
August 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> - Try something New - Bingocize! This is a unique solution that mixes exercise, health

education and Bingo to help overcome health problems in participants across the entire spectrum of care. This 10 week program meets twice a week at 1:00 pm for about 1/2 an hour each time. Sign up today!

**Village Breakfast**  
Do you want to find out more about what is going on in the Village? Join us on the first Wednesday of the month for the Village Breakfast. The mayor (or someone from the

Village) will be here to give information and answer questions. We serve biscuits and gravy and pancakes from 8:00 am to 10:00 am.  
**Sponsor a Chair!**  
We are in the process of replacing our worn out

chairs and can use your help. For \$50.00 per chair you can sponsor one of the new chairs we are hoping to purchase. Stop by the center during open hours (9am to 1pm) and talk with Melissa. All help is appreciated!



# LOCAL NEWS

## County recycling event scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 10

**OREGON** — The Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department (OCSWMD) will be hosting a recycling event for used motor oil, anti-freeze, used oil filters, liquid latex paint, aerosol spray cans, single use propane cylinders, alkaline batteries and child car seats on Saturday, Aug. 10 from 8 a.m. to noon at the County Annex Building located at 909 Pines Road in Oregon. No permits are required for this recycling event.

Liquid latex paint will be accepted for recycling. There is a fee per container of \$1/quart, \$2/gallon, and \$10/pail for the first 10 containers. Paint should be brought to the event in its' original container and not be bulked together so it can be properly recycled. The OCSWMD will subsidize a portion of the cost to recycle your latex paint up to 10 containers. The full cost of \$3/quart, \$6/gallon, and \$20/pail will be charged for additional

containers over the first 10. Oil based paint and stains can be recycled for \$6/quart, \$10/gallon, and \$25/pail. Cash, credit card, or checks payable to "EarthPaint" will be accepted for payment of paint recycling. Aerosol spray cans and single-use propane tanks will also be accepted at this event. Aerosol products such as paints, lubricants, cleaners, insecticides, personal care products, and food products can be

recycled, along with the single-use (14-16 ounce) propane cylinders. The first 10 items are fully subsidized by the OCSWMD and any additional aerosol cans will be charged at \$1/can and \$4/propane cylinder. Not all aerosol products will be able to be accepted. Please call the OCSWMD at 815-732-4020 for specific questions or see the county website. Flatcan Recycling is also accepting alkaline batteries for recycling for \$4 per

pound and one child car seat at no charge. Additional child car seats will be \$20 per seat. Used oil, anti-freeze, and used oil filters will also be able to be recycled at the event. There is no fee for this service. Small containers of used oil and/or anti-freeze will be bulked together and your containers returned to you for future use. Large drums also accepted and will be vacuum-pumped out. Limit 200 gallons, if

you have more than 200 gallons please call the number above for recycling options. No fuels, cooking oils, or other automotive fluid will be accepted. This event is for Ogle County residents only and there are no permits required. Please call the number above, visit, or see the OCSWMD on Facebook at Ogle County Solid Waste Management Dept. for more information about this recycling event.

## Honored and excited: Rock Valley Physical Therapy setting down roots in Rochelle

**ROCHELLE**— Hoping to serve and care for the amazing people of Rochelle and surrounding areas for decades to come, Rock Valley Physical Therapy is bringing to life the newest member of the family. Located at 234 May Mart Drive, Rock Valley's Rochelle clinic will open its doors Monday, Aug. 5. The public is invited to share in a ribbon cutting Thursday, Aug. 22 at 1 p.m. The site is led by a

gifted, compassionate, and knowledgeable therapist in Jonathan Staab, PT, DPT, BFR, TSAC-F. Staab will guide Rochelle after serving Rock Valley Physical Therapy at its PCI clinic at Marion, Iowa. The chance to captain his own clinic, to build a "Making Better Lives" foundation in a great town, has Staab, the husband and a father of two, excited about what stands before him. "This is a type of city where you want your fami-

ly to set roots and continue to enjoy life as the years go by," said Staab, whose wife, Sumayya, will serve as the head coach for the Rochelle Township High School dance team and is an instructional coach at the high school. Founded in 1984, Rock Valley Physical Therapy features 60-plus clinics covering Illinois, Iowa, and Nebraska. It is one of the largest therapist-led and therapist-owned private physical therapy practices in the nation,

employing over 500. The Rochelle clinic will offer services in orthopedic injuries, balance and fall prevention, concussion management, vestibular therapy, blood-flow restriction therapy, tactical conditioning for military, fire, and police, chronic pain, sports injuries, running video analysis, geriatrics, hypermobility syndromes, post-surgical rehab, and workers compensation. "I am ecstatic about bringing myself, my fam-

ily, and Rock Valley to be a part of Rochelle for decades to come," said Staab. "This is a fantastic opportunity I have been given, for which I am grateful. My goal is once you come to physical therapy, I aim to be your lifetime provider." Every Rock Valley employee strives to live the company's tagline "Making Better Lives" by offering high-quality, compassionate care to each and every patient. Rock Valley, featuring 60-

plus clinics across Illinois, Iowa and Nebraska, has been named a Top Workplace by the Des Moines Register and has been voted the #1 physical therapy company by Locals Love Us for eight consecutive years. Rock Valley physical therapists are well-equipped to not only treat pain but also identify the source for optimal relief. Learn more about the types of conditions physical therapists can treat at [www.rockvalleypt.com](http://www.rockvalleypt.com).

## Weekly Brain Busters

### King Crossword

**ACROSS**

1 "Bow-wow!"  
 4 Dol. fractions  
 7 Ornamental jug  
 8 Ballet bends  
 10 Resident of Tabriz  
 11 Limber  
 13 Goes on  
 16 Sault — Marie  
 17 Quarterback Tom  
 18 La-la lead-in  
 19 Cat call  
 20 Antelope's playmate  
 21 Map feature  
 23 Goethe play  
 25 Thor's father  
 26 Sax range  
 27 Consumer protection agcy.  
 28 Ryan's daughter  
 30 Ninny  
 33 Refuses to answer  
 36 Italian ice cream  
 37 Paris school  
 38 Turkish coins  
 39 Modern money  
 40 Lith., once

**DOWN**

1 Not dozing  
 2 Actress Russo  
 3 Thrown beach toy  
 4 Tipped off, with "in"  
 5 In one's cups  
 6 Aug. follower  
 7 Part of Q.E.D.  
 8 "Hogwash!"  
 9 Schedules

10 " — a deal!"  
 12 Heron's kin  
 14 Jog  
 15 Listener  
 19 ISP choice  
 20 Pair with an air  
 21 Luggage attachment  
 22 Jefferson's coin  
 23 Chimney part  
 24 Withdrawal charges

25 Frequently  
 26 A Musketeer  
 28 Despots  
 29 Perfume ingredient  
 30 Earlier, in verse  
 31 Normandy battle site  
 32 "Thar — blows!"  
 34 Yale students  
 35 Hosp. areas

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### MAGIC MAZE ● SONGS FROM THE 1970s

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

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Unlisted clue hint: **Keep Fallin' On My Head**

ABC  
 Cecilia  
 I'll Be There  
 Jamming

Landslide  
 Last Dance  
 Lean On Me  
 Let It Be

Piano Man  
 September  
 Stayin' Alive  
 Superstition

The Joker  
 YMCA  
 Your Song

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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

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

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦**

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
 ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Tile pattern is different. 2. Arm is not showing. 3. Cabinet is not as wide. 4. Table is not as long. 5. Curt is added to sleeve. 6. Plate is longer.

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**King Crossword**

Solution time: 24 mins.

Answers

ACROSS

1. WOOF  
 4. 1/2  
 7. JUG  
 8. BALLET  
 10. TABRIZ  
 11. LIMBER  
 13. GOES ON  
 16. SAULT  
 17. TOM  
 18. LA-LA  
 19. MEOW  
 20. HORN  
 21. MAP  
 23. FAUST  
 25. THOR  
 26. SAX  
 27. CONSUMER PROTECTION AGENCY  
 28. DAUGHTER  
 30. NINNY  
 33. REFUSES TO ANSWER  
 36. ITALIAN ICE  
 37. PARIS  
 38. LIRA  
 39. MODERN MONEY  
 40. LITHIUM

DOWN

1. DOZING  
 2. RUSSO  
 3. BEACH TOY  
 4. TIPPED OFF  
 5. CUPS  
 6. AUGUST  
 7. Q.E.D.  
 8. HOGWASH  
 9. SCHEDULES  
 10. DEAL  
 12. HERON  
 14. JOG  
 15. LISTENER  
 19. ISP  
 20. PAIR  
 21. LUGGAGE  
 22. JEFFERSON  
 23. CHIMNEY  
 24. WITHDRAWAL  
 25. FREQUENTLY  
 26. MUSKETEER  
 28. DESPOTS  
 29. PERFUME  
 30. EARLIER  
 31. NORMANDY  
 32. THAR  
 34. YALE  
 35. HOSPITAL

**Weekly SUDOKU**

Answer

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



WOMEN ARE 80% MORE  
LIKELY TO BE POOR  
IN RETIREMENT BECAUSE  
THEY'RE TOLD,  
"TALKING  
ABOUT  
MONEY IS  
IN POOR  
TASTE."



Learn how to save for your  
retirement at [WeSaySavelt.org](https://www.wesaysavelt.org).

National Institute on Retirement Security, 2016.







# 9 Biggest Benefits Of Shopping Ogle County First

**1 Youth programs, schools and non-profit groups look to our businesses first when fundraising.** These community-minded businesses donate faithfully to local youth sports programs, community clubs, nonprofit groups and churches – just to name a few. Shouldn't we look to those same businesses first when we need goods and services? Of course we should!

**2 High rate of return.** For every \$100 spent in independently owned stores, \$68 returns to the community through payroll, taxes and other expenditures. Online orders return absolutely nothing to Ogle County, IL.

**3 Seeking health care in your hometown brings the comforts of receiving qualified care from people you know and trust.** Whether it be a trip to the dentist, regular health care screenings, a visit to a specialist or an emergency, you need not travel. It's all right here.

**4 Banking with people who know you is a luxury found only in hometowns.** You don't have to show your ID every time you go in. You can get a loan from people who know you and understand your needs, whether it be money for your first car or to help your business grow. Local banks believe in the value of community members helping one another.

**5 No one wants to have to make an insurance claim, but it's painless when your agent is your neighbor.** You don't have to convince them that there was a hail storm, or that the wind nearly took your roof off. They know because they live

here. Which do you want when you've had a bad day: A face-to-face meeting with your local agent, or a machine answering the phone at that big national insurer that advertises on TV?

**6 Time is money.** It's simple math (especially when you figure in gas mileage.) Shopping locally can actually save you both time and money!

**7 Customer service after the sale is invaluable.** Local retailers not only take responsibility for the product they sold, they will often fix it or replace it – no questions asked. Appliances, furniture, computers and electronics sometimes have glitches. Would you rather box yours up, send it to who knows where, and wait six to eight weeks, or just go back to the nice guy that helped you when you bought it?

**8 Keeping it local encourages community growth.** By choosing to do business locally, you help maintain Rochelle's diversity, charm and appeal; which attracts new community members.

**9 One word: Jobs.** When you do business of any kind in Ogle County, it creates and maintains jobs for others in our area. A healthy employment rate is the cornerstone of all economies. How can you help the economy recover? Start at home.

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**LIFE**  
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# Classified Marketplace

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**101 LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS**  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DONALD E. DIRKSEN, Deceased  
IN PROBATE  
No. 2024 PR 39  
CLAIM NOTICE  
NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of DONALD E. DIRKSEN of Oregon, Illinois. Letters of officer were issued on July 19, 2024, to Nancy L. Boyden of Martin, Tennessee, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Eric D. Morrow, of SMITH & BIRKHOLZ, P.C. at 129 S. Fourth Street, PO 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 January 29, 2025, or within 3 months from the 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.  
NANCY L. BOYDEN, Independent Executor  
No. 0730  
(July 29, Aug. 5 and 12, 2024)

original Ogle County Courthouse, Third Floor County Board Room #317, 105 S. Fifth St., Oregon, IL, to consider the request filed March 15, 2024 of Yellow Rock Solar, LLC, % Ryan Anderson, 3402 Pico Blvd., Santa Monica, CA for a Special Use Permit in the AG-1 Agricultural district to allow construction and operation of a 4.99MWac Community Solar Facility project on the property described as follows and being leased by the petitioner(s):  
Part of the West Half (W1/2) of the Southwest Quarter (SW1/4) of Section 14 Oregon-Nashua Township 23 North, Range 10 East of the 4th P.M., Ogle County, IL, approximately 46.46 acres of the 156.13 acre site, more or less  
Property Identification Number: Part of 16-14-400-010  
Common Location: 2000 block of S. Daysville Rd.  
All persons in attendance at the hearing shall have an opportunity to be heard. Any person who also wishes to appear as an interested party with the right to cross-examine others at the hearing must complete and file an appearance form with the Ogle County Planning & Zoning Department no later than five (5) business days before the date of the hearing. The application for this special use is on file with detailed description and available for examination at the Planning & Zoning Department, 911 Pines Rd., Oregon, Illinois or at the following URL: [http://www.oglecounty.org/departments/planning\\_and\\_zoning/zoning\\_board\\_of\\_appeals.php](http://www.oglecounty.org/departments/planning_and_zoning/zoning_board_of_appeals.php).  
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS RANDY OCKEN, Chairman  
Dated at Oregon, Illinois this 15th day of March 2024  
#04-24SU  
No. 0804  
(Aug. 5, 2024)

the date of the hearing. The application for this variation is on file with detailed description and available for examination at the Planning & Zoning Department, 911 Pines Rd., Oregon, Illinois or at the following URL: [http://www.oglecounty.org/departments/planning\\_and\\_zoning/zoning\\_board\\_of\\_appeals.php](http://www.oglecounty.org/departments/planning_and_zoning/zoning_board_of_appeals.php).  
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS RANDY OCKEN, Chairman  
Dated at Oregon, Illinois this 17th day of July 2024  
#02-24VAR  
No. 0805  
(Aug. 5, 2024)

**An Advertising Proverb**

When Mark Twain was editing a newspaper in Missouri, one of his subscribers wrote in, saying that he had found a spider in his newspaper and wondered whether it was a sign of good or bad luck. Twain's response: "Finding a spider is neither good luck nor bad. The spider was merely looking over our newspaper to see which merchant was not advertising, so that he could go to that store, spin his web across the door, and lead a life of undisturbed peace ever afterward."



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**LEGAL NOTICE**

The Village of Stillman Valley will hold a Public Hearing before the Planning and Zoning Commission on Thursday, August 22, 2024 at 6:00 pm in the Stillman Valley Village Hall located at 120 N Walnut Street, Stillman Valley, IL. The purpose of the public hearing is to hear the proposed terms and conditions of two Variance Requests filed by Michael and Natalie Haugse, 317 E Pershing Street, Stillman Valley, Illinois. The said request is as follows:  
1) Owner/applicant is requesting a variance to Section 5B-3-2(d)(3) of the Zoning Ordinance for the maximum lot coverage for buildings or structures including accessory structures on a lot from 30% to 35% on a residential lot zoned R-1 for such use, said property is legally described as:  
ADDRESS 317 E Pershing Street  
PARCEL NUMBER: 10-01-381-018  
2) Owner/applicant is requesting a variance of Section 5B-3-2(d)(2)(c) from minimum rear yard setback of 25 feet to 15 feet on a residential lot zoned R-1 for such use, said property is legally described as:  
ADDRESS 317 E Pershing Street  
PARCEL NUMBER: 10-01-381-018  
Dated this 24th day of July 2024  
Submitted by Yvonne Dewey, CMC Village Clerk  
Village of Stillman Valley  
No. 0801  
(Aug. 5, 2024)

**PUBLIC NOTICE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**  
STATE OF ILLINOIS  
SS  
COUNTY OF OGLE  
Public Notice is hereby given to all persons in Oregon-Nashua Township that a Public Hearing will be held Thursday, August 29, 2024 at 6:00 P.M. at the

**101 LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**  
Village of Monroe Center  
Ogle County, Illinois  
**OWNER** - The Village of Monroe Center acting through its Board of Trustees, hereby gives notice that sealed Bids will be received in the offices of Monroe Center Village Hall for the following described project.  
**PROJECT** - The work covered by these Contract Documents consists of HMA multi-use path, recreational area improvements, PCC sidewalk, storm sewer improvements and grading along with associated restoration and traffic control.  
Bids will be received on the following Contract(s):  
Contract No. M0708-07-24-00116  
2024 Village Park Improvements  
**TIME** - Sealed Bids will be received until 10:00 am, local time, on August 23rd, 2024, in the Office of Monroe Center Village Hall, at which time and place all Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.  
**BIDS** - All Bids shall be addressed to Ms. Sarah Craig, Village Clerk, Village of Monroe Center, 300 Pacific St., Monroe Center, IL 61052. Bids shall be sealed and shall have the name and address of the Bidder and the Contract for which the Bid is being submitted on the outside of the envelope. All Bidders shall Bid in accordance with and upon the Bid Forms included in the Contract Documents.  
**EXAMINATION OF BIDDING DOCUMENTS** - The Project Documents are on file for inspection at the offices of McMahon Associates, Inc., 1700 Hutchins Road, Machesney Park, Illinois 61115.  
**PROCUREMENT OF BIDDING DOCUMENTS** - In order to be a 'Plan Holder' or 'Bidder', each firm or organization shall download Bidding Documents from the McMahon Associates, Inc. website ([www.mcmgrp.com](http://www.mcmgrp.com)) utilizing QuestCDN eBidDoc™. Complete digital Bidding Documents are available at [www.mcmgrp.com](http://www.mcmgrp.com) or [www.questcdn.com](http://www.questcdn.com). Digital Bidding Documents may be downloaded for a non-refundable \$35.00 by inputting **Quest Project No. 9249885** on the website's Project Search page. Contact QuestCDN.com at 952-233-1632 or [info@questcdn.com](mailto:info@questcdn.com) for assistance in free membership registration, downloading, and working with this digital project information.  
**BID SECURITY** - No Bid shall be received unless accompanied by a Certified Check or satisfactory Bid Bond payable to the Village of Monroe Center in an amount not less than 10% of the maximum Bid as a guarantee that, if the Bid is accepted, the Bidder will execute and file the Contract, Performance/Payment Bonds and Insurance Certification, as required by the Contract Documents, within 10-days after the Notice of Award.  
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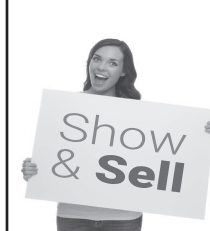
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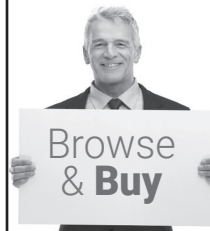
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# LOCAL NEWS

## Destructive derecho rips through Illinois

By HANNAH SPANGLER  
FARMWEEK

SEVERE weather damage struck close to home for thousands of Illinois residents the week of July 14-20 as a powerful derecho tore through the state.

Thunderstorms, which developed over northern Iowa July 15 and tracked into eastern Iowa and northwest Illinois that evening, packed winds exceeding 90 mph, tornadoes and heavy rain, and left behind extensive damage and power outages.

The Storm Prediction Center on July 16 confirmed the storm met the definition of a derecho, which is a swath of wind damage at least 400 miles long and 60 miles wide with winds of at least 58 mph through much of the path and gusts over 75 mph. It marks the second consecutive growing season Illinois took a direct hit from a derecho.

"We've got a lot of members that didn't make it through unscathed," Illinois Farm Bureau President Brian Duncan said of the events. "Our thoughts and prayers are certainly with areas impacted by the storms."

The National Weather Service as of July 18 confirmed 29 tornadoes touched down during the derecho, including 22 in the Chicagoland area, two near Kewanee and one each near Alta, Dakota, Taylor Ridge/Andover, Monica/Princeville and East Peoria/Morton. That follows two confirmed tornadoes the night before near Bronzeville and Englewood in the Chicago-



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Trees, power lines and corn were no match for the 100 mph winds reported in Stark County.

land area and three near Henry July 14.

Just 1.5 miles from Dave Kestel's farm in Will County, NWS confirmed an EF-2 touched down with winds over 120 mph. "All of my corn and the corn nearby looks fine, but it's crazy to see oak trees snapped off basically across the road," he said.

In western Illinois, areas near Speer reported 100-mph wind gusts. Jennifer Beaver, co-owner of Tanner's Orchard, said they had some branches and apples down, but no serious damage.

"We were lucky not to get hit with any hail," she told FarmWeek.

However, residents near Kewanee and Wyoming weren't as fortunate. The storm flattened crops and downed power lines, leaving thousands without power. Local residents Vicki and Steve Goerks were informed by Ameren power restoration could take up to two days. As of July 18, Ameren reported fewer than ten customers were still without power in the area.

Rainfall totals varied, with several areas receiv-

ing more than 5 inches. While July rains are typically beneficial, Duncan suggested to RFD Radio Network that this might be an instance of "too much of a good thing."

Previous severe weather July 13-14 added to the stress.

Illinois Farm Bureau District 1 Director Mark Tuttle said storms caused downed power lines and branches and dropped 3 to 5 inches of rain in the Leland area. Rockford also faced heavy rainfall totals from 4 to 6.5 inches while a microburst caused

damage in Joliet.

"This is really the heaviest rain we've gotten (recently), so the ground is dry enough it has absorbed it well," Tuttle said of the July 14 rains. However, he added that more storms and more rain were not needed.

"Some of the younger corn that's probably about a week away from tasseling got tipped over pretty good," Tuttle said. "I think a lot of it will stand back up. But there is probably some green snap out in the fields."

Meanwhile, a 3.4 mag-

nitude earthquake was detected in Somonauk early in the morning July 14.

Tuttle said the earthquake was centered underneath one of his farms just down the road from his house in DeKalb County, but the overnight tremor did not wake him. There were no damage reports because of the quake.

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