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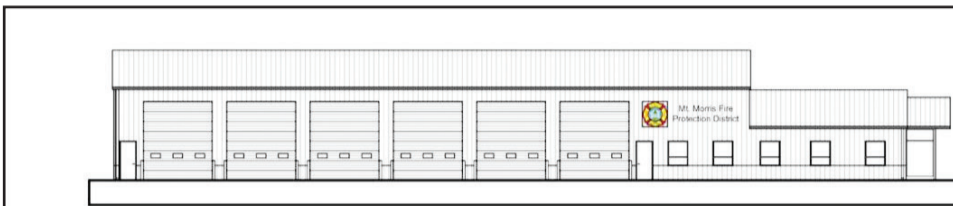
BY JEFF HELFRICH  
MANAGING EDITOR

**MT. MORRIS** — The new Mt. Morris Firehouse is now scheduled to begin construction in spring 2025, a Mt. Morris Fire Protection District press release on Aug. 1 said.

Originally the project timeline had the district breaking ground for the new facility in the spring of 2024. The project is being sourced with federal, state and local funds. A “significant” source of funding is a \$1 million dollar Congressionally Directed

Spending Grant that the district was awarded in 2022. The district was told it would see its first grant payment in summer of 2023, and that did not occur. Through engagement with the district and its federal legislators, the district was able to secure its first payment in June 2024.

“Now that the federal obligation is in place, the



## Future Home of the Mt. Morris Firehouse!

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district is moving forward full steam,” the press release said. “The district has recently contracted architectural and engineer services for the final stages of the planning. Final construction documents will be done in late fall 2024. The project will then be placed out for bid. The district is confident with the

hurdles now removed that construction will begin in the spring of 2025.”

On Aug. 15 of last year, the district completed the purchase of land for the new firehouse site. The land is comprised of four parcels located in the 10 block of South McKendrie Avenue. The site included to the north, the two

previous hardware store buildings and the house on the corner of Main & McKendrie. To the south, it included the house on the corner of Front Street & McKendrie Avenue and the house immediately to the west. Those structures were demolished for the project.

The site was chosen due

to proximity to the district's service area and access to utilities such as water, sanitary sewer, storm sewer and fiber optic lines.

After the new facility is in operation, the district's century-old firehouse will be put up for sale. The project has seen community support and donations in recent years.

## DAR dedicates bench at Creston Opera House in honor of nation's 250th anniversary

### ‘Please take a moment to ponder just how blessed we are as Americans’

BY JEFF HELFRICH  
MANAGING EDITOR

**CRESTON** — On Saturday, Aug. 3, the Rochelle Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) dedicated a commemorative bench at the Creston Opera House honoring the upcoming 250th anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence.

The event featured remarks by Rochelle Chapter Regent Debby Katzman and DAR State Regent Christina Bannon, the Pledge of Allegiance led by Ben Hayes of Boy Scout Troop 64, the National Anthem by retired U.S. Army Sgt. Peter DeWispelaere, a prayer and benediction by Chaplain Judy Schermerhorn, and presentation of Quilts of Valor to four local veterans.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## RCH Convenient Care adds new nurse practitioner

### Outpatient Services Manager: 'Our need for convenient care has grown exponentially'

BY JEFF HELFRICH  
MANAGING EDITOR

**ROCHELLE** — Rochelle Community Hospital recently added a new full-time nurse practitioner, Chenin Congrave Rude, to its Convenient Care department, which treats patients of all ages for minor illnesses and injuries with no appointment necessary.

Congrave Rude has been an NP for several years and will offer care along with other part-time NPs and RCH Convenient Care staff. The department is open Monday-Friday 11-7 p.m. and Saturdays 9-5 p.m. and closed Sundays and holidays.

"When she came to us we were very excited to have her," RCH Manager of Outpatient Services Tracey Busby said. "She fit right in with our organization and works really well with the team. She's been really well-received by patients. We had a need there in convenient care that she filled. We're always welcoming nurse practitioners but we wanted to try having one full-time NP so

the community would have a familiar face when they came in. Chenin is here four days a week and that adds comfort to the community and people can come in and see the same person."

RCH has run into some issues in the past with hours Convenient Care was able to be open due to staffing, but is now in "a good place", Busby said, and conversations have been had about expanding hours during busier times like flu season.

The need for RCH's Convenient Care department has grown "exponentially" recently, Busby said, due to the community coming out of the pandemic, primary care physicians having less availability, and people not having primary care physicians.

RCH's Emergency Department has seen increased need as well, and Convenient Care has helped to ease that burden on the ED with being able to see patients that don't need the higher level of care.

"We're kind of in the middle," Busby said of Convenient Care. "We help



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family healthcare because they have a lot of patients that need to be seen by their primary care physicians and if they can't and it's just an illness-type thing, as well as taking the burden off the ED with easier

patients that just want to be seen."

RCH Convenient Care sees a "pretty large" contingency of people that don't have a primary care doctor due to factors like insurance limitations,

along with the City of Rochelle being a hub for truck drivers and contract construction workers that are too far away from their typical physicians.

Busby detailed the services that Convenient Care

offers for the community.

"I'd like people to know that Convenient Care is for all those illnesses and injuries that are minor in nature," Busby said.

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## Northern Rehab delivers donations to Rochelle Christian Food Pantry

**ROCHELLE** — Northern Rehab Physical Therapy Specialists recently held a Food & School Supplies Drive to benefit area food pantries. Numerous bags and bins of non-perishable foods and school supplies were recently delivered to Rochelle Christian Food Pantry.

Northern Rehab Physical Therapist Aaron Nevdal recently delivered the donations to Jennie O'Rourke of Rochelle Christian Food Pantry. Northern Rehab extends its gratitude to our community members that generously donated well-needed items during the drive.

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**Pictured left to right: Hazel Nieves, Collin Tran-Howland, Alexis Murphy, Kaylee Dowda, Katie Hutchison and Tasha Selden.**

## Tri-County Opportunities Council 2024 Scholarship winners named

**OGLE COUNTY** — Tri-County Opportunities Council announced the recipients of the CSBG Scholarship Awards for the 2024-2025 school year. Kaylee Dowda, Rashi-

da Martin, and Jadah Shipley from Bureau County; Susan Sanchez from Carroll County; Jazzmyn Deford and Sophia Pantoja from LaSalle County; Janda Hicks and Collin Tran-Howland

from Lee County; Alexis Murphy and Hazel Nieves from Ogle County; and Katie Hutchison and Tasha Selden from Whiteside County are the 2024-2025 scholarship winners.

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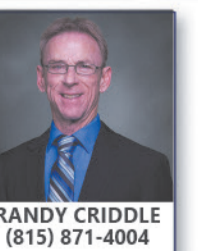
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# LOCAL NEWS



## Ogle County Sheriff's Office holds National Night Out event

On Aug. 6, the Ogle County Sheriff's Office hosted National Night Out 2024 in Byron. Deputies were presented with the Distinguished Service Award and Lt. Jason Ketter was awarded the Sheriff's Medal of Valor. The Sheriff's Office thanked the businesses that sponsored the awards: Ralfies BBQ, Headon's, Hicks Quarters, Auto Hub, Woods Equipment, Etnyre, Mission BBQ, Moose Knuckle, Quick Phone Repair and Lost Nation Golf Course. "We would also like to thank the Byron Fire Department, Byron Police Department, Ogle County Probation, Kona Ice, and all the men and women who worked hard to make this event possible," a Sheriff's Office Facebook post said. (Courtesy photos)

## Ogle County 2024 4-H fair foods decorating, quality meats winners named

**OREGON** — Ogle County 2024 4-H fair foods decorating winners were recently named. They include Top of Class Food Decorating, Beginning - Tessa Bruns, Carefree 4-H Club (Oregon). Top of Class Food Decorating, Intermediate - Elizabeth Kennedy, Hub Hickory Nuts 4-H Club (Rochelle). Grand Champion Food Decorating Exhibit - Tessa Bruns, Carefree 4-H Club (Oregon). Reserve Grand Champion Food Decorating Exhibit - Elizabeth Kennedy, Hub Hickory Nuts 4-H Club (Rochelle). Grand Champion Food Deco-

rating Exhibit - Elizabeth Kennedy, Hub Hickory Nuts 4-H Club (Rochelle). Reserve Grand Champion Food Decorating Exhibit - Tessa Bruns, Carefree 4-H Club (Oregon). **Quality Meats** Ogle County 4-H Fair Quality Meats winners were recently announced. The winners include

Champion Beef Carcass - Katelyn Adams, Ogle Jolly 4-H Club (Stillman Valley). Reserve Champion Beef Carcass - Brooke Allen, Leaf River Busy Beavers 4-H Club. Champion Pork Carcass - Levi Eden, Carefree 4-H Club (Oregon). Reserve Champion Pork Carcass - Gwendolyn Hall, Ogle Jolly 4-H Club (Stillman Valley).

## Awards presented at Ogle County Fair Tractor Show

**OREGON** — The Antique Tractor and Implement Show was one of the opening events at the 2024 Ogle County Fair! Some 24 vintage Antique tractors were exhibited at the fair. To the delight of young and older alike, a tractor drive was featured each day at the fair! Awards were presented based on ballots cast by the exhibitors: Best of Show and first place went to Carl Morris of Mt. Morris with his 1955 Oliver Model Super 88. Second place was awarded to Kevin Johnson of Rochelle with his 1947 Allis Chalmers Model WC. Third place was awarded to Joe Eden of Byron with his 1965 Model 110 John Deere Lawn tractor. Each participant in the show who exhibited a tractor received a Dash Plaque with the Ogle County Fair insignia in recognition of their participation

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Obituaries

### Beverly Elaine Colloton

**BYRON** — Beverly Elaine Colloton, age 80, passed away peacefully at Serenity Hospice and Home, on August 5, 2024. She was born on May 8, 1944 in Ashton the daughter of Leroy and Marguerite (Ehmen) Eich. She grew up in Ashton and graduated from Ashton High School. Beverly married the love of her life, Kenneth Colloton on November 17, 1963. She was someone who lived life to the fullest. She really enjoyed camping with her family and friends at their property in Wisconsin. Beverly loved her life on the farm, riding tractors, visiting with family and friends. She was an animal lover and loved cardinals. In her spare time, she liked to play cards at the West Field Community Center where she once served as president. She will be re-

membered for her vibrant spirit, sparkly clothes, amazing purse collection, and always having candy jars ready for the grandkids. She was a loving and devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother who always made time to make sure her family felt loved and cared for. She is preceded in death by her parents. She is survived and missed by her husband of 60 years, Kenneth by Byron; sons, Jeff (Debbie) Colloton of Leaf River and Brian (Juli) Orfordville, WI; grandchildren, Andrew (Katelyn) Colloton of Rockford, Jessica Colloton of Baraboo, WI, Becky (Ben) Miller of German Valley, and Thomas (Emilee Struebin) Colloton of Janesville, WI; great granddaughter, Gracelynn; and brothers, Roger Eich and Ronald



Eich. Visitation will be held from 5:00 – 7:00 PM on Thursday August 8, 2024 at Farrell Holland Gale Funeral Home in Byron. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 AM on Friday August 9, 2024 at Farrell Holland Gale Funeral Home in Byron with Pastor Willie Little officiating. Memorials are established from Serenity Hospice and Home in Oregon, IL. To leave an online condolence please visit [www.farrellhollandgale.com](http://www.farrellhollandgale.com)

### Warren Iver Freedlund

**WINNEBAGO** — Warren Iver Freedlund, age 89, went to his heavenly home on August 5, 2024. He was born on June 2, 1935 in Beloit, WI the son of Iver and Helen (Falk) Freedlund. He graduated from Winnebago High School Class of 1953. He then served his country in the United States Army, after which he and his brother Dennis began dairy farming. He married the love of his life, Judy Hoffmann, on March 30, 1963, and they built a beautiful life together over the next 61 years. He was a man of strong faith and an active member of Faith Center in Rockford, where he served as an usher for many years. He was also a devoted member of the Gideons International. In his spare time, he enjoyed woodworking and gar-

dening. He is preceded in death by his parents and brother, Lee. He is survived and missed by his wife, Judy of Winnebago; children, Cathy (Allan) Levandowski of Winnebago and Robert (Isabel) Freedlund of Byron; brothers, Dennis (Sandy) Freedlund of Winnebago and Michael (Loretta) Freedlund of Winnebago; sister-in-law, Donna Freedlund of Stockton; grandchildren, Benjamin Levandowski, Abby (financé Tim Fine) Levandowski, Anna Freedlund, Andrew Freedlund, Alex Freedlund, Donya (Ray) Sweeney, and Desi (Jesse) Warnke and numerous others who affectionately called him grandpa; 6 great grandchildren, and many special nieces and nephews. Visitation will



be held from 4:00 – 7:00 PM on Thursday, August 8, 2024 at Faith Center in Rockford. A funeral service will be held at 11:00 AM on Friday, August 9, 2024 at Faith Center in Rockford. Burial will be held at 2:30 PM at Middle Creek Cemetery on Friday. Memorials are established for the Gideons International or Rockford Rescue Mission. To leave an online condolence, please visit [www.farrellhollandgale.com](http://www.farrellhollandgale.com)

### Lyle Reap

**POLO** — Mr. Lyle Reap, 77, of Polo, passed away after his battle with Agent Orange Cancer on Sunday, August 4, 2024. The son of Ted & Hazel Reap, Lyle was born in Morrison on July 14, 1947.

35 years, he collected antique fishing lures and tackle, at one point having 12,000 lures in his “fishing museum”, and Lyle was a proud member of the National Fishing Lure Collectors Club.



He is survived by his wife, Melody, daughter, Trish Patterson, granddaughters, Carly Hinrichs and Mallory Patterson, twin sister, Lynda Palmer, brothers, Larry Reap and David Reap, sister, Janice Dame, brothers-in-law, Doug Leech, Jerry Leach and Brent Leech, and many nieces and nephews.

at Polo Family Funeral Home. The funeral service will begin at 10:00 AM on Friday, August 9, 2024, at St. Marks Lutheran Church in Polo. The graveside service will follow at Fairmount Cemetery.

In addition to his parents, Lyle was preceded in death by his son, Chad David Reap, and brother, Duane Reap.

Memorials have been established at St. Marks Lutheran Church in Polo & the Polo High School Bass Fishing Club.

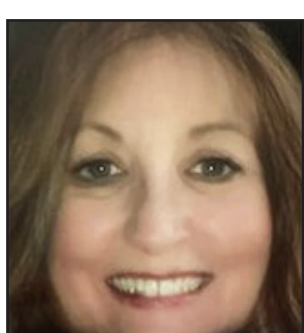
A visitation will be held from 4:00 to 7:00 PM on Thursday, August 8, 2024,

Please visit [www.polofamilyfuneralhome.com](http://www.polofamilyfuneralhome.com) to send condolences.

### Mary Lou Meier

**MILLEDGEVILLE** — Mary Lou Meier, age 58, passed away at home with her family by her side on August 3, 2024. Mary Lou was born on October 12, 1965, in Rockford, IL, the daughter of Curtis and Lorraine (Allen) Krueger. She graduated from Mt. Morris High School, class of 1983. Mary Lou married Gary E. Meier on August 26, 2010 in St. Lucia.

Danielle Steel. Mary Lou is survived by her husband: Gary, son: Andrew (Chelsea) Raum, Wilmington, NC, daughter: Jaime Raum, Oregon, IL, stepson: Christopher (Amber) Meier, Milledgeville, IL, stepdaughter: Brittany (Jeremy) Haas, LeClaire, IA; 8 grandchildren: Makayla Meier, Jase Meier, Alexa Haas, Leah Haas, Ian Haas, Linkin Cheever, Layke Hogeboom, and River Hogeboom, brothers: Jeffrey (Malinda) Krueger, Royalton, IL, David Krueger, James (Risa) Krueger, Byron, IL, sister in law: Tena Krueger, Egan, IL, mother in law: Inez Meier, Chadwick, IL, brothers & sisters in law: Mike (Dawn) Johnson, Chadwick, IL, Tom (Judy) Weber, Lanark, IL, and many nieces and nephews. Mary Lou is predeceased by her parents, brother: Dennis Krueger,



niece: Rachel Dishman, and father in law: Edward Meier.

A Memorial service will be held on Saturday August 10, 2024 at 11:00 A.M. in Finch Funeral Home, 405 East Hitt, Mt. Morris, IL. A visitation will be held on Saturday August 10, 2024 from 9:30 A.M. until service time.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the Copper Country Humane Society, PO Box 453, Houghton, MI 49931 and/or Keweenaw Snowmobile Club, PO Box 87, Calumet, MI 49913.

## County electronics recycling event is Aug. 23

**OREGON** — The Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department (OCSWMD) will be hosting a residential electronics recycling event on Friday, Aug. 23 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 909 Pines Road in Oregon.

This event is for Ogle County residents only and a free permit is required in advance of the event. To obtain a free permit call 815-732-4020 or email [solidwaste@oglecountyil.gov](mailto:solidwaste@oglecountyil.gov) and provide your name, address, phone number and email address by 4 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 22.

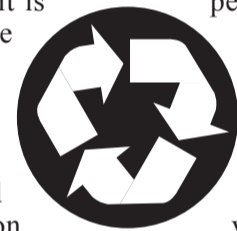
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Limit seven (7) large or bulky items per permit and one permit per county household per month.

Business or institutional electronic materials not accepted at these events. Business or institutional electronics are accepted by the OCSWMD via a separate program. Call the number above for more information and pricing for business electronic recycling, and to make an appointment for drop off of the materials to be recycled.

For more information about this recycling event call the OCSWMD at the number above, visit [www.oglecountyil.gov](http://www.oglecountyil.gov), or on Facebook at Ogle County Solid Waste Management Dept.



## Oregon American Legion thanks community for emergency donations

**OREGON** — Oregon American Legion Post 97 recently thanked community members with certificates for donating to its one-time emergency fundraiser.

Medal of honor: Attorneys at Law, Smith Birkholz & Morrow; Chuck Shaffner; Florisi Zeqiri, Bela's Café; Jonas Martin Well Drilling Co.; Christine Cox, Ogle County Coroner Elect; Laura Cook, Ogle County Recorder/GLEKK; Ogle County Farm Bureau;

Nancy & Don Etnyre Farm; Hanes Centennial Farm; Schier Bros Centennial Farm; and Patricia Day of Split Decisions in Conover Square.

Purple Heart: Benesh & Sons Quarries; Erin Dietrich, Patriot Barber Shop; Fischers, Inc.; Johnson Oil Co, Shell Oregon; Keko & Sons, Sunrise Restaurant; Little Sisters, Inc., White Pines Ranch; and Rosemarie Farmer.

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Ogle County Highway Dept.; John Finck, Ogle County Board chairman; Tiffany O'Brien, Ogle County treasurer; and Sullivan Foods, Mt. Morris.

If the post missed anyone who donated, please call Dave Schier, finance officer at 815-732-2375.

The post also recently elected officers. Commander: John Tuttle. Sr. Vice Commander: Anthony Hendrickson. Jr. Vice Commander: Dave Schier. Adjutant: Ted Capes. Finance Officer: Dave Schier. Chaplain: Robert Coulter. Set-Arms: Clint Strouse.

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# LOCAL NEWS



## Polo Lions Club takes on dugout project

The Polo Lions Club's new project involves the demolition of the baseball dugouts on the first and third base lines at West Side Park. The next step will be digging up the cement and the blocks that were near the dugouts and get the dirt ready and set the forms to pour cement. Photos show the before and after of the demolition of the dugouts. (Courtesy photos)

## Chesney earns perfect on NFIB Scorecard for small business support

**FREEPORT**— The National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB), an organization that advocates for small businesses across the nation, has announced that Illinois State Senator Andrew Chesney (R-Freeport) has earned a perfect 100% on the 2023-3024 legislative scorecard.

“Senator Chesney has earned an impressive 100% small-business voting record,” said NFIB Illinois State Director Noah Finley. “He consistently sides with small-business owners on issues that impact their businesses. Unlike many in Springfield, he understands that small-business job-cre-

ators are vital to our local economies.”

Rankings are based on legislator voting records on eight individual bills from the 103rd General Assembly (2023-2024) that affect small businesses in the state.

“Businesses, large and small, are under attack from the Democrat su-

permajority in Illinois, so it is an honor to be recognized for my support of small businesses,” said Chesney. “Small businesses employ the vast majority of people in the workforce and the business owners are our neighbors and friends. They provide well-paying jobs in our communities

and I will continue to fight back against the anti-business policies that are brought forward by Illinois Democrats.”

NFIB is the voice of small business, advocating on behalf of America's small and independent business owners, both in Washington, D.C., and in all 50 states. NFIB is non-

profit and nonpartisan.

To learn more about the National Federation of Independent Business and to view every Illinois legislator's voting record on the NFIB ranking bills, please visit <https://strgnfibcom.blob.core.windows.net/nfibcom/IL-Voting-Record-05.pdf>.

### BYRON POLICE DEPARTMENT

**July 12**  
At 9:14 p.m. Byron Police Department responded to the intersection of West Second and North Union Street for a disturbance. Police arrested Tracy L. Finch, 37, Prophetstown on the charge of battery. Finch was transported to Ogle County Jail, processed and released on a notice to appear.

**July 13**  
At 9:04 a.m. Byron Police Department responded to a hit and run accident involving a 2021 Subaru driven by Channing E. Sebo, 35, Byron, at North Lafayette and West Second Street. If you have any information, please contact

a Byron Police Officer at 815-732-2136.

At 9:51 a.m., Byron Police Department investigated a hit and run crash that occurred at Mill and Tower at approximately 2 a.m. Pricilla L. Beasley, 39, Rockford was issued citations for failure to report an accident and improper lane use.

At 8:51 p.m. Byron Police responded to the 700 block of Blackhawk, Byron, for Timothy P. Grillo, 33, Rockford. Grillo had an active warrant and was turning himself in. Grillo was transported to Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

At 10:21 p.m. Byron

Police Department responded to a call involving two minor females, ages 16 and 17 fighting. The 16-year-old female was taken into limited custody for battery and was later released to her mother on scene with a referral for probation.

**July 14**  
At 1:39 a.m. Byron Police Department responded to the 200 block of South West Street for a single-car accident involving a 2024 Honda driven by Anthony J. Dobson, 30, Monroe Center. Dobson was issued citations for improper lane usage, driving under the influence of alcohol, driving under the influence

alcohol concentration in breath greater than .08, and possession of adult-use cannabis in passenger area of vehicle. Dobson was transported to the Ogle County Jail, processed and released on a notice to appear.

At 9:42 a.m. Byron Police Department responded to the 100 block of North Franklin for a bicycle vs. car accident involving a 2013 Dodge driven by Megan C. Watson, 34, Byron and a bicycle ridden by Jonathan L. Zinke, 50, Byron. No citations were issued.

**July 15**  
At 10:21 a.m. Byron Police Department issued

a citation to Salatiel Tonatiah Palomino Cantu, 51, Chicago for improper lane use. This violation occurred in the 900 block of West Blackhawk.

**July 24**  
At 2:06 p.m. Byron Police Department issued an ordinance violation to Donald J. Roe, 60, Byron for a non-operating vehicle. This violation occurred at the 700 block of Belair.

**July 26**  
At 3:54 p.m. Byron Police Department issued a citation to Cain M. Crowe, 26, Dixon for driving while license revoked. Crowe was transported to Ogle County Jail where he was processed and released on

a notice to appear. This violation occurred at the 500 block of East Blackhawk.

**July 28**  
At 9:14 p.m. Byron Police Department responded to a two-vehicle private property crash involving a 2019 Dodge driven by Jonathan D. Stewart, 36, Leaf River, and a 2014 Hyundai driven by Duston J. Rakowski, 33, Oregon. This accident occurred at 700 W. Blackhawk. There were no injuries, and no citations were issued.

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

## A Christmas Story auditions are Aug. 20 and 22


**MT. MORRIS**— The Performing Arts Guild invites the public to join the cast of their winter performance of *A Christmas Story*. Performances will be Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 22-24 and Dec. 6-8 at the Allure of Pinecrest Grove Theatre. This beloved holiday story is humorist Jean Shepherd's memoir of growing up in the Midwest in the 1940's which follows nine-year-old Ral-

phie Parker in his quest to get a genuine Red Ryder BB gun under the tree for Christmas. All of the elements from the well-known motion picture will be in this performance.

Auditions will be held on Tuesday and Thursday, Aug. 20 and 22 from 6-7:30 p.m. at the Allure of Pinecrest Grove Library, 500 Evergreen Lane, Mt. Morris. The cast consists of two men, two women, five boys and two girls.

Materials will be provided at the audition, so come early to review the readings. For more

information about auditions, please contact Director Dave Sheely at 719.740.6162.



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# VIEWPOINT

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

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## MOMENTS IN TIME

\* On Aug. 26, 1791, John Fitch and James Rumsey were each granted a federal patent for the steamboat. The men were rivals who devised different systems for, and battled over claims to, the invention.

\* On Aug. 27, 1976, the United States Tennis Association barred transgender athlete Ren√e Richards (born Richard Raskind) from competing in the U.S. Open as a woman, stating she needed to pass a chromosomal test. Richards failed the test, sued the USTA, and a year later was granted the right to compete following a New York Supreme Court ruling in her favor.

\* On Aug. 28, 2003, pop singers Britney Spears and Madonna shared a kiss at the MTV Video Music Awards, delighting some viewers and offending others. MTV received hate mail "from the older generation," according to network president Van Toffler, who said: "I think the beauty of the VMAs was the combustibility. You wanted to make it fun and semi-chaotic. That's what we did."

\* On Aug. 29, 1982, Swedish-born actress and three-time Academy Award winner Ingrid Bergman died of cancer on her 67th birthday. Bergman was best known for her role as Ilsa Lund in "Casablanca" alongside Humphrey Bogart, as well as the international scandal she sparked in 1950 when she had a son with Italian director Roberto Rossellini, to whom she was not married at the time.

\* On Aug. 30, 1859, Edwin L. Drake successfully drilled the first oil well near Titusville, Pennsylvania, ushering in the modern petroleum industry. His discovery of an efficient way to extract oil from the ground revolutionized energy production and would help transform the global economy.

\* On Aug. 31, 1989, England's Princess Anne, the only daughter of Queen Elizabeth II, publicly announced her separation from her husband, Mark Phillips, but the couple stated they were not intending to divorce.

\* On Sept. 1, 1928, groups of Boy Scouts placed approximately 2,400 concrete markers at sites along the Lincoln Highway to officially mark and dedicate it to the memory of President Abraham Lincoln.

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## More about science, democracy and Donald Trump

**B**OTH sides in this presidential election proclaim that it's a battle for the survival of democracy. In that case, we need to be clear about what American democracy is. It's not just that the people vote. There are also safeguards against the abuse of power by the government, or by the people themselves.

But, beneath all that, our democracy is built on an understanding of what truth is, and how we go about knowing it.

The founders of our nation were products of the Scientific Revolution that had taken place a couple of centuries earlier. The governmental system they created is grounded on science's insistence on reasoning based on facts instead of beliefs and assumptions. Truth disappears, and democracy dies, when facts are denied or ignored.

I said in last month's column that Donald Trump operates under a more ancient mindset, a prescientific one that's deeply embedded in human psychology. It judges ideas by how well they line up with existing beliefs and feelings instead of facts. Politicians who operate from this worldview can use tactics that are unavailable to other leaders.

The most important is a heavy emphasis on emotional appeals — positive sentiments like tradition and patriotism, but also fears

and prejudices — at the expense of reason. These are the leaders who single out groups — elites, immigrants, and others — for the people to fear, resent, and blame for their troubles. They rely on ridicule, personal attacks, and fabrications to make up for the lack of factual support for their accusations.

Keeping fear and resentment at a fevered pitch enables them to present themselves as saviors, and to inspire intense devotion among their followers. Loyalty to them overrides all other obligations, sometimes even those to democracy itself. They may encourage, either subtly or openly, intimidation and even violence against those who disagree.

You may find that Donald Trump fits this description to one degree or another. Keep in mind, in that case, that he's far from the only one who does. Politicians like this exist everywhere, and have inhabited democracies ever since the beginning. Huey Long was one of the most successful.

His fiery speeches against wealthy and powerful elites, abusive language toward his enemies, and just-folks manner fueled his rise to power as governor of Louisiana from 1929 to 1933. The passionate loyalty he inspired

allowed him to create, in the words of the Encyclopedia Britannica, an "unprecedented executive dictatorship that he perpetrated to ensure control of his home state..."

"Surrounding himself with gangster-like bodyguards, he dictated outright to members of the legislature, using intimidation if necessary. When he was about to leave office to serve in

the U.S. Senate (1932), he fired the legally-elected lieutenant governor and replaced him with two designated successors who would obey him from Washington. In order to fend off local challenges to his control in 1934, he effected radical changes in the Louisiana government, abolishing local government and taking personal control of all educational, police, and fire job appointments throughout the state. He achieved absolute control of the state militia, judiciary, and election and tax-assessing apparatus, while denying citizens any legal or electoral redress."

Huey Long's career was cut short when he was assassinated in 1935 while campaigning to become president of the United States. There's no way to know how far he might have gone otherwise. His dictatorial control over his home state illustrates what can happen

to a nation influenced by a prescientific worldview that denies the importance of facts.

Politicians like Huey Long and Donald Trump are on the march across the world. Victor Orban in Hungary, Narendra Modi in India, and other would-be dictators are harnessing primal emotions in the pursuit of power. They're capitalizing on democracy's greatest weakness, its vulnerability to emotional appeals that overwhelm facts and reason.

Democrats insist that a victory for Donald Trump in this election will mean the end of democracy in America. It's true that our democratic institutions have been weakening for some time now, but their roots run deep. We can hope for a different future, regardless of who wins.

His reelection would, nevertheless, be a victory for a worldview that's incompatible with the science-inspired and fact-based democracy that the founders envisioned. In that sense, the Democrats are right. This election is indeed — and more than anything else — about the survival of democracy.

*Lowell Harp is a retired school psychologist who served school districts in Ogle County. His column runs monthly in The Ogle County Life. For previous articles, you can follow him on Facebook at <http://fb.me/lowellharp>.*



Lowell Harp

## Letter: Thanks from library foundation

**D**EAR editor, The Mt. Morris Community Library Foundation thanks everyone who enjoyed our pie and ice cream fundraiser on July 31 during the Kable Band's closing season performance. Your donations will help fund our 9x9x9

In other words, nine books in nine months. Although the price of a book has doubled from \$9 to \$18, we will ensure that every first grader discovers the joy of owning and reading books. Your generosity and support of early childhood reading are appreciated.



**Julie Robinson**  
President of the Mt. Morris Community Library Foundation

## LIFE letters' policy

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## Summer racing to a close and drones

**I**T'S hard to believe that summer is racing to a close as we turn the calendar on July. Kids only have a about three weeks until school starts and the carefree summer days end.

Growing up it never really bothered me that summer was ending and school would soon start. It meant I got to see classmates I hadn't seen in two months and it meant that I moved on and up to hopefully better things.

The farm kid in me was happy. It meant that the growing season was coming to a close, harvest season would be just around the corner, followed by those delightful fall days and evenings.

And this end of August meant that the State Fair was less than two weeks away. I suppose I got more excited about the fair than some kids, but living only a mile away from the fairgrounds make it a convenient nuisance.

The US Army Golden Knights put on an evening sky diving show and to close the fair each evening there were fireworks. Both could be enjoyed from the patio at the back of our house. Who doesn't like free fireworks?

So let's roll into August; there's still some fun to be had.

Lately I've been getting calls from farmers around the area concerning drones. Not sure if they are being flown for fun or some other activity. But in the interest of trying to be informative here's the rule on private use of drones.

A drone flown by a private individual must be operated in accordance with Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) regulations.

Below is a summary of the regulations and suggestions on what to do if a private individual is operating a drone and collecting video over or near your property.

Drones can be flown by private operators at or below 400 feet above the ground in Class G airspace. Farmland qualifies as Class G airspace.

An operator of a drone must fly the drone within his/her visual line of sight (VLOS) or

within the VLOS of a visual observer who is next to the operator.

Drones cannot be flown directly over any person who is not affiliated with the operator of the drone.

Drones cannot be operated in a careless or reckless manner.

If an operator intentionally violates drone safety requirements or operates the drone in a careless or reckless manner, they could be liable for criminal and/or civil penalties.

What to do if a drone is flying over your farm:

Do not shoot down the drone. Shooting down a drone is a federal crime.

The drone may be filming you. Remain calm and do not become combative as you are likely on video.

You should film the drone and its operator, especially if the drone is flying close to livestock, over anyone on your property, or close to buildings or your home.

You should advise the operator that they do not have permission to fly over and film your property.

If the operator is located on your property, advise them that they are trespassing and ask them to leave. You should always know the boundaries of your property. If the operator is located on the side of the road and outside of the road right-of-way (ROW), then that is your property.

You should contact local law enforcement if the operator does not leave your property.

Also contact your local County Farm Bureau and let them know about the situation. The drone operator may be liable for trespassing, nuisance, invasion of privacy, stalking, and other violations. Your County Farm Bureau can refer you to an attorney.

"If at first you don't succeed — skydiving is not for you." -Anonymous

*Ron Kern the manager of the Ogle County Farm Bureau.*



Ron Kern

# LOCAL NEWS



## Polo Lions Club continues dugout project

On Saturday Aug. 3, the Polo Lions Club pulled all the cement on the first and third base side of the diamond. The four photos show the before and after and the gravel that was poured. The next step is forming and pouring the cement. (Courtesy photos)

## Stillman Bank announces promotions for employees

**ROCKFORD**—Thomas R. Hughes, president & CEO of Stillman Banc-Corp N.A., along with the Board of Directors have moved to promote the following bank employees: J. Joseph McCoy, vice president and senior trust officer; Joe joined Stillman Bank as a trust officer in March 2020. He was previously an attorney in Rockford for over 12 years specializing in trusts and estates and was recognized as a “Leading Lawyer” in Illinois from

2015 to 2019. He earned his Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Accounting from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and Law degree from the University of Miami. In his new role, he will be responsible for the oversight and direction of the bank’s trust department.

Benjamin D. Miller, vice president and senior operations officer: Ben has been with Stillman Bank for over 16 years. He earned his associate’s

degree in computer and Electronics Engineering Technology from ITT Technical Institute and also holds CBSM, CBSTP, and CBEH certifications. Since joining the bank in 2008, Ben has served as IT specialist, systems administrator, IT officer, and vice president. In his new role, Ben will be responsible for the oversight and direction of bank operations.

Nathan D. Gutierrez, systems administrator: Nate joined the bank in April 2022 as IT assis-

tant. He graduated from Rasmussen University with a bachelor’s degree in information technology management. He also holds a CompTIA Network + CE certification and CBSM certification. In his new role, Nate will lead the day-to-day

responsibilities of the IT department.

“We are most appreciative of the strong commitment and leadership these employees demonstrate toward their responsibilities,” Hughes said. “We recognize how fortunate we are to have such dedi-

cated individuals serving the bank and our customers as we continue to grow in the communities we serve.”

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



(COURTESY PHOTO)

The Mt. Morris Jamboree will welcome back 60’s tribute band, SHiNDiG! for their performance at our band shell on Aug. 16.

## SHiNDiG! to play Mt. Morris Aug. 16

**MT. MORRIS** — The Mt. Morris Jamboree will welcome back 60’s tribute band, SHiNDiG! for their performance at our band shell on Aug. 16 starting at 7 p.m. SHiNDiG! presents a tribute to the 60’s and always delivers a trip back to the greatest and most diverse decade of rock and roll music. Covering over 90 different bands from that period of time where music told the story of an entire generation - early 60’s, British invasion, psychedelic, pop, girl groups, Woodstock...are all part of the show! Everyone fortunate to see their per-

formances here in years past will readily attest to the excitement this band brings to the stage.

The Mt. Morris Senior and Community Center will be serving hamburgers, hot dogs, brats with all the fixings, along with chips and drinks.

Just 4 Fun Ice Cream and Bill’s Famous Lemonade will be there, too. 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 show and the new location of the Mt. Morris Historical Museum will also be open in the newly renovated College Hall.

Please bring a blanket or chair, or enjoy the new benches and join the fun on our beautiful, historic campus in the center of Mt. Morris, two blocks south of Illinois Route 64 on Wesley Avenue and enjoy the free 60’s tribute concert.

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## OGLE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

**OREGON** — On July 30 at approximately 6:55 p.m. deputies responded to a violation of an order of protection in the 9,000 block of North Blaine Drive. After investigation, deputies placed Dustin Grove, 41, of Davis Junction under arrest for violation of an order of protection and an active Rockford PD failure to appear warrant for driving under the influence. Grove was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held pending a court appearance in front of a judge.

On July 31 at approximately 6:21 p.m. deputies, with the assistance of the Forreston Fire Department, responded to a two-vehicle crash at the intersection of North Illinois Route 26 and Coffman Road near Forreston. After a brief investigation, it was determined that a silver Kia Forte driven by Kimberly G. Pogue, 32, of Milledgeville, was traveling westbound on Coffman Road when she

failed to yield to oncoming traffic when leaving the stop sign on Coffman Road at Illinois Route 26. The vehicle was then struck by a tan Honda SUV, driven by Jordyn M. McNair, 25, of Lanark, traveling northbound on North Illinois Route 26. Pogue was cited for failure to yield to oncoming traffic when leaving a stop intersection.

On Aug. 1 at approximately 10:23 p.m. deputies initiated a traffic stop in the 16,000 block of West Milledgeville Road. After further investigation David Bergeson, 41, of Polo, was placed under arrest for driving while license suspended. Bergeson was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was released on a notice to appear. Bergeson was also cited for speeding.

On Aug. 2 at 12:35 a.m. deputies, assisted by Oregon Police Department, conducted a traffic stop at 2,000 South Illinois Route 2. After a brief investigation, deputies arrested

Chasity Wright, 43, of Dixon, for driving under the influence of alcohol. Wright was transported to the Ogle County Jail, processed, and released on a notice to appear at a later date. Wright was also issued a citation for improper lane usage.

On Aug. 4 at approximately 1:33 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop at Illinois Route 251 and Dutch Road. After an investigation, deputies arrested Antonio Cerrito-Olivares, 36, of Rockford, for driving while his license was revoked, with no insurance, and expired registration. Cerrito-Olivares was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he received citations for the above charges and was released after processing on a notice to appear. Cerrito-Olivares vehicle was towed from the scene.

On Aug. 4 at approximately 3:50 p.m. deputies responded to 3961 W. Illinois Route 64 at the Mt. Morris Motel for reports

of damage to a vehicle. After a brief investigation, Denise Wagoner, 38, of Mt. Morris, was arrested for criminal damage to property. Wagoner was transported to the Ogle County Jail where she was released on a notice to appear with a future court date.

On Aug. 4 at approximately 7 p.m. deputies responded to a residence in the 9,000 block of North Barker Road for a 911 hang-up. After a brief investigation Andrew Klingele, 34, of Byron, was taken into custody on a warrant for failure to appear in court. Klingele was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was housed awaiting an appearance before a judge.

On Aug. 4 at approximately 9 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 19,000 block of East Illinois Route 64 on a 2019 red Jeep Cherokee after observing the vehicle had no operable taillights and it had conducted a lane violation. After an investigation, Alyssa Vicencio, 28, of Dekalb, was placed under arrest for driving under the influence of alcohol. Vicencio was transported to the Ogle County Jail where she

received citations for driving under the influence of alcohol, driving under the influence of alcohol with a BAC over .08, improper lane usage, and driving without taillights. Additionally, Vicencio was charged with two counts of child endangerment, and aggravated driving under the influence while transporting a person under the age of 16. Vicencio was processed and released on a notice to appear as the above-listed charges are non-detainable under the Pretrial Fairness Act.

On Aug. 5 at about 2:30 p.m. deputies responded to Rochelle Community Hospital for a car versus bicycle that occurred in the 9,000 block of East Flagg Road. After a brief investigation, it was determined, Justin Abell, 37, of Rochelle, was traveling west on Flagg Road when he struck a bicyclist operated by Philip Horvath, 20, of Rochelle. Horvath was transported to Rochelle Community Hospital by family for suspected serious injuries. Abell was issued a citation for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident.

On Aug. 5 at approximately 4 p.m. deputies responded to a one-vehicle accident in the 5,000 block

of North Freeport Road. After an investigation it was determined that a black 2019 Chevrolet Colorado pick-up being driven by Bobby D. Mahr, 43, of Shannon, was southbound when he exited the roadway and struck the guard rail at that location. Mahr stated a vehicle that was northbound at the same location was halfway in the southbound lane forcing him to swerve his vehicle to avoid hitting this other vehicle. Mahr was uninjured and no citations were issued to him. The other vehicle involved in this incident is unknown.

On Aug. 5 at approximately 10:30 a.m. The Ogle County Sheriff's Office responded to an address in Lindenwood in reference to a domestic dispute. After completing the investigation, a 16-year-old male was arrested and detained for three counts of domestic battery, one count of disorderly conduct, and one count of criminal damage to property. The male juvenile was detained at the Kane County Juvenile Detention Center pending a court appearance at the Ogle County Courthouse.

All individuals are considered innocent until proven guilty.

## OREGON POLICE DEPARTMENT

### July 29

At 10:23 a.m., Oregon Police arrested Angela D. Oester, 49, Sterling, for driving while license revoked. Oester was transported to the Ogle County Jail where she was processed and released with a notice to appear. This violation occurred in the 200 block of South 4th Street.

At 10:47 a.m., Oregon Police issued Melinda J. Colbert, 49, Leaf River, a citation for disobeying a stop sign. This violation occurred at the intersection of South 10th and Webster Streets.

At 11:24 a.m., Oregon Police issued Casandra Garcia, 19, Rochelle, a citation for speeding 52 miles per hour in a 40 miles per hour zone. This violation occurred in the 400 block of East Washington Street.

At 1:04 p.m., Oregon Police issued Karly R. Rickert, 26, of Evergreen Park a citation for speeding 53 miles per hour in a 40 miles per hour zone. This violation occurred in the 500 block of East Washington Street.

At 1:51 p.m., Oregon Police issued Colten A. Gossett, 23, Byron, a citation for speeding 43 miles per hour in a 30 miles per hour zone. This violation occurred in the 600 block of North 4th Street.

At 2:40 p.m., Oregon Police issued Jessica L. Murphy, 34, Oregon, a citation for failure to yield turning left. This violation occurred at the intersection of Madison and South 4th Streets.

At 3:30 p.m., Oregon Police issued Sara J. Hefelfinger, 80, Mt. Morris, a citation for disobeying a stop sign. This violation occurred at the intersection of South 10th and

Webster Streets.

### July 30

At 12:08 p.m., Oregon Police responded to a two-vehicle traffic crash at the intersection of Illinois Route 2 and Pines Road involving a 2014 Ford driven by George Gil, 63, Dixon, and a 2021 Red Case Farmall tractor driven by Nicholas J. McPhail, 44, Dixon. Gil was issued a citation for disobeying a traffic control device.

### Aug. 1

At 2:20 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Jason D. Wesse, 45, of Colfax, Louisiana, for driving while license suspended and for an outstanding Ogle County warrant for driving while license suspended. Wesse was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was left with the correctional officers. These violations occurred in the 1,000 block of Pines Road.

### Aug. 2

At 7:13 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Wendall L. Reeves, 37, Rochelle, for driving while license suspended. Reeves was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was processed and released with a notice to appear. This violation occurred in the 100 block of East Washington Street.

### Aug. 3

At 12:02 p.m., Oregon Police issued Allison L. Butler, 60, Dixon, a citation for operating a vehicle when registration is suspended for non-insurance. This violation occurred in the 100 block of West Washington Street.

At 12:16 p.m., Oregon Police responded to a damage to property call at the Riverstone Christian Church, 609 S. 10th St., where a U-Haul driven by Debra L. Erickson, 44, Mt.

Morris, struck the canopy of the entrance, causing damage. No citations were issued.

At 5:26 p.m., Oregon Police issued David J. School, age 40, DeKalb, a citation for operating a vehicle when registration suspended for non-insurance. This violation occurred in the 100 block of S. Washington Street.

### Aug. 4

At 9:02 a.m., Oregon Police issued Ramses Tello Gonzales, age 25, Oregon, a citation for operating a vehicle when registration suspended for non-insurance. This violation occurred in the 600 block of North 4th Street.

At 11:03 a.m., Oregon Police issued Cathryn E. Allen, 60, of Princeton, citations for operating a vehicle when registration suspended for non-insurance and operating a vehicle with an expired registration. These violations occurred in the 100 block of South 4th Street.

At 1:57 p.m., Oregon Police issued Jack M. Trent, 40, of Erie a citation for operating a vehicle when registration suspended for non-insurance. This violation occurred in the 100 block of South 4th Street.

At 5:42 p.m., Oregon Police issued Brenda L. Fant, 65, Ashton, a citation for operating a vehicle when registration suspended for non-insurance. This violation occurred in the 500 block of West Washington Street.

15 verbal warnings and 11 parking citations were issued during the week of July 29-Aug. 4.

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

## DIRECTORY OF AREA HUMAN SERVICES

### Alcohol Abuse Counseling & Recovery

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

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

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

### Education

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## Byron's Freise earns bachelor's degree from Cedarville University

**CEDARVILLE, Ohio** — Rachel Freise, from Byron, earned a bachelor of arts degree in English from Cedarville University.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Habitat for Humanity of Ogle County to raffle off playhouse

OREGON — Habitat for Humanity of Ogle County is excited to bring the opportunity for a local family to win a 6x10 hand-crafted playhouse. Seth McMillan, Oregon High School's FFA teacher, and his class worked hard during the school year building and learning the ins and outs of construction. The class has shown excellent design and craftsmanship in building the playhouse, which includes two windows and a small front deck area. Habitat was

thrilled to be the recipient of this project and will be raffling off the playhouse with the proceeds to be used to purchase materials for their next home build, which will take place in Davis Junction. Raffle tickets will be sold throughout the summer at various locations as well as through the Habitat website — [www.habitatoglecounty.org](http://www.habitatoglecounty.org). The winning ticket will be drawn on Sept. 20 at the Oregon High School homecoming game.

For more information,

contact Sheri Anspaugh at 815-222-8869 or email at [Sheri.anspaugh45@outlook.com](mailto:Sheri.anspaugh45@outlook.com).

The mission of Habitat for Humanity of Ogle County is to seek to put God's love into action, by bringing people together to build homes, communities, and hope. Since 2002 Habitat has built 14 houses in Ogle County along with countless critical home repairs and mobility projects. For more information go to <https://habitatoglecounty.org>



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Encore Mt. Morris is pleased to announce the return of the Jodi Beach Quartet to our bandshell, playing a free concert on Saturday, Aug. 17 from 7-9 p.m.

## Jodi Beach Quartet to play Mt. Morris on Aug. 17

MT. MORRIS — Encore Mt. Morris is pleased to announce the return of the Jodi Beach Quartet to our bandshell, playing a free concert on Saturday, Aug. 17 from 7-9 p.m. as part of the Ninth Annual Straw Sculpting Competition celebration.

Jodi is more than a singer and pianist. She is a storyteller, a theme weaver, a scrapbook of our lives presented in song. Her performances invite the audience on a sentimental journey of melodies and lyrics that will leave them smiling and bring a tear to their eyes.

If you ask her mother when Jodi first began to sing, she will look at you with a very sincere face and ask, "When hasn't she?" Truly from birth Jodi has been warming people's hearts with pure and beautiful vocal tones. At the age of five she started piano lessons and could read sheet music before she could read English. She continued her musical studies at Judson University and Northern Illinois University, and went on

to form the award-winning Jodi Beach Trio, with whom she has recorded six albums and toured throughout the country.

"Timeless" best describes an evening with Jodi Beach. Music that is as alive today as it was when first created, enjoyed by audiences young and old, all who have been touched by these essential elements of life.

Though Jodi can bang out notes with the best of them she has never been one to "trade solos and go home." She can always be heard playing well thought out and rehearsed arrangements that pull at your heartstrings one minute, have you dancing the next, and always treat you to the thing she loves to do the most...sing!

The campus will be extra festive with five new straw sculptures and many more favorites from years past adorning the grounds as the ninth annual U.S. National Straw Sculpting Competition continues.

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. Just 4 Fun Ice Cream and Bill's Famous Lemonade stand will be there too, 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. Various craft and plant vendors will be open 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.

Please bring a blanket or chair, or enjoy the new benches and join the fun on our beautiful, historic campus in the center of Mt. Morris, two blocks south of Illinois Route 64 on Wesley Avenue and enjoy the free Jazz concert.

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**Aug. 15:** The Polo Farmer's Market takes place at South Division Avenue just north of Knie's Appliance and TV on Thursdays from 3-6 p.m. It includes Death Meats, Earl-E Green Gardens, Ewe and Me Acres, Ferguson Farm, Ivan's Farm (Marian), Vera's Crafts, and more!

**Aug. 16:** The United Church of Byron will be having their next Outdoor Family Movie Night on Friday, Aug. 16! As always, movies are free and

open to the community! We will be showing "Mrs. Doubtfire", starring Robin Williams & Sally Field. It follows a recently-divorced voice actor who disguises himself as an elderly female housekeeper to be able to interact with his three children. We'll again be offering snacks that will be available for a freewill donation. You are also welcome to bring your own snacks. The movie will begin at dusk, and if weather does not permit being outside,

we will move it inside the fellowship hall and it will begin at 8 p.m. Please visit our Facebook page or our website [www.unitedchurchofbyron.org](http://www.unitedchurchofbyron.org) for more information and upcoming movie dates. We hope you can join us!

**Aug. 17:** The next Byron Kiwanis pork chop sandwich sale is scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 17 in the St. Mary Catholic Church parking lot, located at 220 E. Blackhawk Drive. The sale will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

or until chops are gone. A sack lunch is available for \$8 and includes a grilled Eichman's butterfly pork chop sandwich, chips, cookie, and a bottle of water. A single sandwich can be purchased for \$6. These delicious sandwiches sell out quickly so be sure to stop by early. All proceeds benefit programs in our community. Some of the programs Byron Kiwanis supports include Mary Morgan Family Reading Night, youth education and sports, schol-

arships for high school seniors, Byron Elementary's PBIS program, Crossroads Blues Society, People Helping People Food Pantry, Village of Progress, and Kiwanis Neuroscience Research Foundation. The club holds an annual breakfast with Santa and Mrs. Claus to benefit Operation Santa. It also sponsors the Builder's Club at Byron Middle School and the Key Club at the Byron High School.

**Aug. 17:** Come and join us at Byron's Hairy

Cow Farmers Market on Saturday, Aug. 17 from 8 a.m. to noon! Featuring seasonal produce, baked goods, perennials, 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 [crafterlab23@gmail.com](mailto:crafterlab23@gmail.com) or at the Byron's Hairy Cow Farmers Facebook page.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## RCH: Convenient Care department working to meet community's needs

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"It's not primary care, but it is care for people that just need to be seen or tested for illnesses or need X-rays for injuries. We're a minor illness and injury unit."

The News-Leader met with Congrave Rude and members of the Convenient Care staff on July 30 including Medical Assistant Laura Delarosa, Receptionist Paulette Jurina and LPN Jim Miller and talked about what it's like to service the community.

Jurina said she's been thankful for RCH's new Convenient Care patient signup system where patients choose a timeframe to come in. That has helped to keep patients in order and feeling like their needs are being met. The new system has been received well by patients, Jurina said.

"And our patients en-

joy having this service here in town," Jurina said. "They like that they don't have to drive to Dixon, Sycamore or Rockford. We hear that a lot."

Congrave Rude said the Convenient Care department is in "a good place" to meet the community's needs. It offers all-at-once testing for COVID-19, flu and RSV which sets it apart from a standalone urgent care, she said. Patients only need to have their nose swabbed once and they can find out results right away.

Busby praised the Convenient Care staff for its work outside of seeing patients including cleaning rooms, stocking, transporting patients, ordering medication, making phone calls and referrals, and charting.

Miller described the Convenient Care service that works to fill in the



(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)

The need for RCH's Convenient Care department has grown "exponentially" recently, Busby said, due to the community coming out of the pandemic, primary care physicians having less availability, and people not having primary care physicians.

gaps for medical needs in the community.

"We're convenient

for the patients," Miller said. "If you go to an ER in Chicago, you could be

there for two days. You're going to wait for a while in the ER and not every

doctor can see patients the same day they ask. But we're here."

## Illinois State Police continues efforts to reduce gun violence

SPRINGFIELD – To help ensure those who are prohibited by law from having a firearm, and who pose a threat, do not have guns in their possession, the Illinois State Police (ISP) conducted numerous firearm enforcement details in counties across the state from June 24 through July 19. The enforcement details focused on individuals who have become the subject of a Firearm Restraining Order or Clear and Present Danger, or received a criminal conviction, among other reasons. "Firearm Restraining Orders and Clear and Pres-

ent Danger reporting are two highly effective tools for getting firearms out of the hands of someone who poses a significant threat to themselves or others," said Brendan F. Kelly. "As the use of these tools increases, so does the need for law enforcement to be able to safely conduct these arduous, intensive enforcement details."

From July 2023 through June 2024, ISP received approximately 11,300 Clear and Present Danger reports, of which more than 10,800 were affirmed. While not all of those 10,800 individuals are out

of compliance with state law, law enforcement is able to take action on those who are to bring them into compliance, thereby making communities safer.

During the recent ISP focused enforcement details, ISP officers completed 192 details and brought 673 people into compliance with state law. As a result of these efforts, 318 individuals transferred firearms out of their possession. ISP has been conducting firearm enforcement details since May 2019. From that time through July 2024, ISP has conducted 2,303 details

and placed 5,549 individuals into compliance with the law.

In addition to its own efforts, ISP provides grants to local law enforcement agencies to help protect the public by transferring firearms out of the possession of a person legally prohibited from having a firearm and who is a danger to themselves or others.

In Fiscal Year 2024, ISP awarded almost \$1 million in firearm enforcement grants to 16 law enforcement agencies across the state. During that time, local law enforcement

agencies completed 7,048 compliance checks and brought 2,101 people into compliance with state law by transferring all firearms out of their possession and documenting that transfer with a Firearm Disposition Record. ISP awarded another \$1.5 million in grants to 21 law enforcement agencies in Fiscal Year 2025.

Law enforcement agencies that are members of the Violent Crime Intelligence Task Force are eligible to receive grants from the State Police Enforcement Fund. Funding helps agencies conduct

firearms enforcement details and ensure firearms are turned over to a person who is legally allowed to possess firearms, or to law enforcement.

Funding for the enforcement grants comes from the State Police Enforcement Fund and were made possible through Public Act 102-0237.

Along with enforcement details, between 2020 and the end of June 2024, ISP stopped more than 139,000 unlawful attempts to obtain a firearm through firearm eligibility checks.



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# LOCAL NEWS



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The event featured remarks by Rochelle Chapter Regent Debby Katzman and DAR State Regent Christina Bannon, the Pledge of Allegiance led by Ben Hayes of Boy Scout Troop 64, the National Anthem by retired U.S. Army Sgt. Peter DeWispelaere, a prayer and benediction by Chaplain Judy Schermerhorn, and presentation of Quilts of Valor to four local veterans.

## BENCH: Dedication held at Creston Opera House on Aug. 3

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“The members of the Rochelle DAR thank you all for joining us for this celebration,” Katzman said. “We believe in the courage, sacrifice and passion of our forefathers. We believe in their noble work and unselfish service.”

The 250th anniversary will take place on July 4, 2026. The U.S. Semiquincentennial Commission, commonly known as the America 250 Commission, was established by Congress in 2016. This 10-year national effort was formed “to kick off a multi-year effort to pause and reflect on our nation’s past, to honor the contributions of all Americans, to look ahead toward our future, and to engage the public in building the largest, most inclusive commemoration in American history.” The America 250 Commission has reached out to museums and libraries, not-for-profit and patriotic organizations, schools and youth organizations, cities and towns, state and local governments, and com-

munity organizations and businesses, ensuring that every American can be part of the historic event.

The National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR), has partnered with the America 250 Commission to bring this celebration to the local level through the individual chapters of the society. In keeping with the National Society’s mission of Historic Preservation, Education, and Patriotism, each chapter is encouraged to involve their community in activities highlighting the nation’s birthday.

This bench, made of recycled bottle caps, was obtained through the Rochelle Golden K, whose programs support community youth. The setting in front of the 149-year-old historic Creston Opera House also honors the historic preservation of the building, which was spearheaded by the Creston Booster Club and completed in 2018.

“The bottle caps were collected by members along with the entire community,” Katzman said. “That’s keeping a great



deal of plastic from being deposited into landfills. You can see why this bench has been a win-win-win. It’s an effort for our local children to see support from, environmental efforts, and our focus on the 250th anniversary. When you see this bench, please

take a moment to ponder just how blessed we are as Americans to have the freedom we enjoy.”

Katzman thanked members of the DAR chapter for their work on the event and recognized local officials, veterans and members of the community for attend-

ing and playing a part in the bench dedication.

The Princeton Chapter of Quilts of Valor presented quilts to four local veterans including Robert Garland (U.S. Army, Vietnam War), Daniel Graber (U.S. Army, Vietnam War), Arch Milotte (U.S. Air Force, Kore-

an War), and John Gruben (U.S. Army, Vietnam War).

“I would like to recognize all of our veterans in attendance today,” Katzman said. “You have our deepest and heartfelt appreciation. Thank you for your service to our country.”

## Temporary Rockford Casino to close on Aug. 12

**ROCKFORD** – Hard Rock Casino Rockford announces the closure of its temporary facility at 610 N. Bell School Road in Rockford on Aug. 12 at 5 a.m. This marks a significant milestone as preparations are finalized for the grand opening of the permanent Hard Rock Casino Rockford on Aug. 29.

The temporary location’s closing festivities will include:

The last jackpot won will be doubled, up to \$10,000, and includes two free Brad Paisley tickets for the grand opening Labor Day weekend concert at the new casino; Midnight Madness Hot Seat Giveaways all night long; and the last patron

will close and lock the front doors on the way out.

“The Opening Act has welcomed over 1.5 million guests from all 50 states, the District of Columbia and more than 30 countries worldwide since opening its doors in November of 2021,” says Geno Iafrate, president of Hard Rock Casino Rockford. “The time has come for the

Opening Act to become the headliner just down the street. Our new home is world-class with nearly 1,300 slot machines, 50 live table games including poker, a sports book, multiple food and beverage offerings, shopping, and Hard Rock Live, where the highest level of entertainment will make waves across the Midwest.”

The new casino, located immediately off the Interstate 90 State Street exit at 7801 E. State St. in Rockford, boasts more than 175,000 square feet of gaming, entertainment, and hospitality space.

Players Club memberships will transfer seamlessly from the temporary to the permanent casino location, ensuring contin-

ued access to rewards and privileges. Additionally, restaurant gift cards and certificates purchased at the temporary casino will be honored at the permanent facility.

Hard Rock is hiring additional people to staff its new casino. For those interested in joining the band, visit GoToWorkHappy.com.

## Ogle County Clerk announces Judge of Election School Schedule

**OREGON** — The Ogle County Clerk’s Office will be conducting schools for Judges of Election and has scheduled different times. All schools will be held at the Historical Ogle County Courthouse located at 105 S. 5th St., Oregon.

Schools will meet in the County Board Room on the third floor.

The Judge of Election classes will be limited to 75 people per class, please call to reserve your spot. Select the time that best fits your schedule and call 815-732-1110.

Judges with two or less Election Day assignments: Monday, Aug. 26 at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Judges with three or more Election Day assignments: Wednesday, Aug. 28 at 10 a.m., 2 p.m. and 6 p.m.; and Thursday, Aug. 29 at 10:00 a.m., 2

p.m. and 6 p.m.

The school will be an extensive review of Election Day procedures. Training is designed to prepare you for carrying out your responsibilities at the polling place. This will include hands-on instructions that focus

on election procedures and how the new voting equipment will work.

Illinois State Statute requires Judges of Election to attend training. Election Judges work from 5 a.m. until after the polls close at 7 p.m. on Election Day.

“We hope to see you at one of the schools, because the training will enable you to serve as an informed and knowledgeable judge,” a press release said. “We appreciate your service and would not be successful without you!”

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The 2009 boys track and field team, the 1997 boys cross country team and the 1998 wrestling team are among the charter inductees for the OCUSD #220 Athletic Hall of Fame. Honorees will be recognized during a ceremony on Sept. 14.

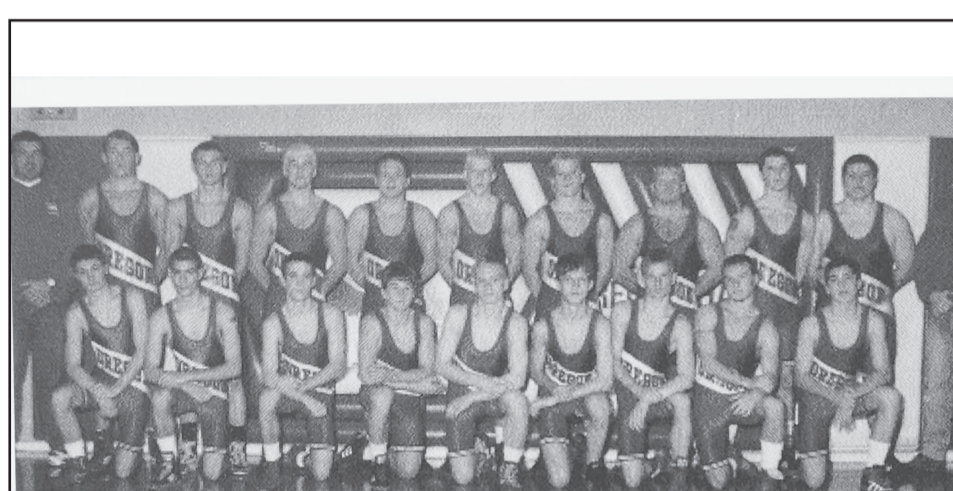
## Oregon High School announces charter inductees for Athletic Hall of Fame

**OREGON** — The OCUSD Athletic Hall of Fame committee is excited to announce the charter inductees into the newly established OCUSD #220 Athletic Hall of Fame. The committee thanks all who submitted nominations last spring.

Here are the individuals and teams that will be honored at the induction ceremony on Saturday night, September 14 and introduced to the public at halftime of the Oregon-Genoa Kingston home football game on Friday night, September 13:

Administrator/Coach: J.R. Worley (longtime Mt. Morris athletic director), Coach: Doug Engle (long-time shot put/discus coach for OHS), Coach: Salley Wessels (longtime girls coach at MMHS), Athlete: Sherman Landers (early 20th century OHS track star & Olympic athlete), Athlete: Frank Loomis (early 20th century OHS track star & Olympic gold medalist), Athlete: Andy Ballard (early 2000's Oregon football/wrestling/track all-state athlete), Athlete: Jake Carpenter (1990's Oregon cross country/track state place winner, basketball cap-

tain), Athlete: Gerry Baker (1982 state discus champion, all-state football honors), Friend of Athletics: Bob & Leona Groenhagen (long time Hawk supporters & fans), Team: 1997 Boys Cross Country (1st ever OHS State Championship team), Team: 1998 Wrestling (IHS Class A State Champions), Team: 2009 Boys Track (IHS Class 1A State Champions) Congratulations to these amazing athletes, coaches and their families on their legacy for Oregon & Mt. Morris athletics! OCUSD Hall of Fame Link <https://oregonhof.touchpros.com/>



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# LOCAL SPORTS



### Byron High School cross country runners race in 2024 Detweiller at Dark event

Members of the Byron High School boys and girls cross country teams traveled to Peoria last month for the 2024 Detweiller at Dark event. (Courtesy photos)

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## Byron High School football players set strength and conditioning records

Eleven all-time Byron football records were set this summer in the strength and conditioning program. Isaac Alvarez is now fifth all-time in the bench press at 345 pounds. Liam Connell is now first all-time in the vertical jump at 37.4 inches and second all-time in the 40-yard dash at 4.58 seconds. Caden Considine is now second all-time in the bench press at 370 pounds. JJ Edmonson is now fifth all-time in the vertical jump at 32.2 inches. Sam Gentz is now first all-time in the squat at 620 pounds and fifth all-time in the bench press at 345 pounds. Brayden Knoll is now first all-time in the 40-yard dash at 4.55 seconds, first all-time in the hang clean at 455 pounds and second all-time in the vertical jump at 36 inches. Andrew Talbert is now also first all-time in the vertical jump at 37.4 inches and fifth all-time in the 40-yard dash at 4.70 seconds. (Courtesy photos)

### BERTOLET LIBRARY NEWS

**Reading Challenge**  
Keep up the great work! Stuck on finding a book for a specific letter? Stop at the circulation desk for a recommendation.

**Book of the Month**  
Texas during the Great Depression was no place to live. As time continued on, the land got drier, causing crops to not grow, and dust to take over fields and houses. Elsa Martinelli, along with many others, had to decide to stay in Texas during the Dust Bowl or move west to the promise

of better conditions. Stop by the circulation desk to pick up your copy of *The Four Winds* by Kristin Hannah.

**August Craft**  
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**Morning Mug Club**  
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istration Required.  
**Garden Maintenance**  
August 15; 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. Registration Required.  
**Crocheting & Knitting Club**  
Thursday, August 15; 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.  
**Brain Health on August 19**  
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**DIABETIC SUPPORT GROUP**  
Meets: 1st Wednesday of the month. Time: 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
**LOW VISION GROUP**  
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# LOCAL NEWS

## BYRON PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

### Special Hours

The Byron Public Library will be closed Monday, September 2 in observance of the Labor Day holiday. The library will re-open for regular business hours on Tuesday, September 3.

We wish all of our patrons a safe and happy Labor Day! The library will no longer accept donations as we pivot to other projects.

### No Long Accepting Plastic

Thanks to our community and the years of our successful partnership with Trex and other local organizations, we collected enough plastic bags to donate several benches to Ogle County! However, the library will no longer accept donations as we pivot to other projects. Instead please visit Meijer, Schnucks, Target and Kohl's to donate your bags.

### 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



(COURTESY PHOTO)

Teens explored the Lost Mine of Phandelver at the Byron Library's all-day D&D Extravaganza. Many thanks to the volunteer Dungeon Masters who made the day possible.

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

### Creative Studio

Our Creative Studio is open on Sunday afternoons and two evenings a week, so stop by for monthly crafts and to use our maker space equipment! Crafts out on the tables are free of charge, while some other projects

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### Check Out Our Mobile App

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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: [goelinchurch@gmail.com](mailto:goelinchurch@gmail.com)  
Website: [www.goelinchurch.org](http://www.goelinchurch.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](mailto: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 McKenna. 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: [mmtorriscob@gmail.com](mailto:mmtorriscob@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 Basement Entrance) Worship Services: 10:00 AM Sunday Morning, 7:00 PM 1st & 3rd Sunday Evening, 7:30 PM 2nd & 4th Wednesday Evenings of the Month.  
Pastor: Norman Reinford 779-861-3700

### OREGON

#### EAST OREGON CHAPEL CHURCH OF GOD

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

#### EBENEZER REFORMED CHURCH

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

#### LIGHTHOUSE UNITED METHODIST

Pastor Dave Rogula 4962 S. Daysville Rd., Oregon, IL 61061 [lighthouseUMC@yahoo.com](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 & Mongon Drive on Liberty Hill), Oregon 732-7211 - Office: Rev. Eldred George  
Webpage: [saintbrides.org](http://saintbrides.org) • E-mail: [saintbride.church@gmail.com](mailto:saintbride.church@gmail.com)  
**Worship Services:** Sunday 10 am Holy Communion with Hymns Christian Education Available

#### ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH, NALC

114 S. 5th St. Oregon, IL Phone: (815) 732-2367  
Website: [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  
[polo@crossroadscc.com](mailto:polo@crossroadscc.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.crossroadscc.com](http://www.crossroadscc.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, Illinois 615-645-2526 | [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)  
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/VECCFV](http://facebook.com/VECCFV)  
Home of Valley Covenant Preschool 815-645-8882 Director Jill Huber  
Bible Studies, Youth Group, Bread of Life Food Pantry  
Please visit website for more information or contact the church office M-F 9am-2pm

#### GRACE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH DAVIS JUNCTION

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

### WINNEBAGO

#### MIDDLE CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

12473 Montague Road, Winnebago, IL 61088  
Located West of Tower Road on Montague Rd.  
Sunday: Worship Service at 10:30 am.  
Pastor: Phil Thompson  
Phone: 815-335-2609. Email: [middlecreekchurch@gmail.com](mailto:middlecreekchurch@gmail.com)



# LOCAL NEWS



## Polo Cub Scout Pack 337 holds swimming party

The Polo Cub Scout Pack 337 had a swimming party July 31. They also had pizza and cupcakes to eat. The kids enjoyed themselves in the pool and so did the adults that were there. The pack is in the process of rebuilding. The leaders of the pack are: Cub Master Heather Roop, Committee Member and Den Leader Courtney Meader and Committee Chair Person Lindy Diehl. (Courtesy photo)

## 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!

**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-Chicago Children's Museum**  
At Chicago Children's Museum, experiences are intentionally designed with the whole child in mind, including their cognitive, social, emotional, and physical development. From head to toe, children thrive and grow as they take part

in the museum's unique environments and programs. There are so many ways to play at Chicago Children's Museum! Climb on our Cloud Buster, hide in a tree house, construct a skyscraper, tinker with real tools, fish in a river, make art you can take home and so much more. 4 Admissions for the Price of 1=\$20 admission for up to 4 visitors. No advance reservations are required for Explore More Illinois users. Please go to the museum ticket desk and show your reservation to receive your discount. Photo ID WILL be required for redemption. Explore More Illinois users can access and reserve passes from any of our attractions on the Mount Morris Library website, [mtmorris-il.org](http://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.

**Cookbook Club Next Meeting September 3<sup>rd</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 September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6pm at The Senior Center for another exciting meal!

**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!

**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.

**Axis 360 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 seamlessly 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 Cheathwood at the library through email at [mmllib@mtmorris-il.org](mailto:mmllib@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. McKendrick Ave. Mt. Morris IL 61054-815-734-4927 Fax-815-734-6035 [www.mtmorris-il.org](http://www.mtmorris-il.org)

## OREGON PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

**Preschool Story Time**  
(18 months – 6 years) – Sessions begin again on Monday, September 9 at 10 am. Registration is required.

**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 homegrown 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 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 is 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 1pm 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 August 20<sup>th</sup> 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 flex-

ibility 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 1pm 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.

**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.

## MT. MORRIS SENIOR CENTER NEWS

The following events are happening at the Mt. Morris Senior & Community Center!

**Diamond Painting**  
August 16<sup>th</sup> - 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 9<sup>th</sup> and 12<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 1:00pm for about 1/2 an hour each time. Sign up today!

**Hagemann/Miller Memorial Golf Outing**

We would love for you to join us for our annual golf outing that will take place on Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup>. We are looking for hole sponsors, donors of prizes and goodie bag items, and of course, golfers! Shotgun start at 2:00 pm with

a steak dinner at 5:00 pm. The cost for each golfer is \$60. Others are welcome to attend dinner only for \$25. Please contact Melissa at The Center.

**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 1 pm) and talk with Melissa. All help is appreciated!

# LOCAL NEWS

## Ogle County 2024 4-H Fair announces General Project winners

**OREGON** — The Ogle County 4-H Fair was held July 31-Aug. 4 at the Ogle County Fairgrounds in Oregon, where 446 4-H project exhibits were judged on and showcased by Ogle County's 284 4-H members in 13 clubs.

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. As part of the exhibition, non-animal exhibitors meet one-on-one with project judges to receive feedback about their displays and gather ideas for future project expansion.

At the Ogle County 4-H Fair, competition exists at two levels. 4-H'ers first compete against themselves for exhibit ratings. Every exhibit—animal or non-animal—is assigned a rating of blue, red, or white. Blue ratings are awarded to youth with entries that meet class guidelines and represent high-quality work. White

ratings are assigned when entries do not meet class guidelines or exhibits are low quality. Red ribbons are assigned for exhibits falling somewhere in between.

Once ratings have been assigned, all of the blue rating award winners compete against one another for the chance to become class champions or overall division winners. Some blue-awarded non-animal exhibits are also selected each year to represent Ogle County 4-H at the Illinois State Fair.

Many thanks go to the hundreds of 4-H leaders, helpers, fair committee members, judges, auctioneers, and supporters who make this annual educational extravaganza possible!

**Aerospace**  
Top of Class Model Rocketry Exhibit: Maxx Wiltfang, Leaf River Busy Beavers 4-H Club. Grand Champion Aerospace Exhibit: Maxx Wiltfang, Leaf River Busy Beavers

4-H Club. Reserve Grand Champion Aerospace Exhibit: Eralynn Wiltfang, Leaf River Busy Beavers 4-H Club.

**Animal Science**  
Top of Class Beef Study Exhibit (3 or more years): Addison Yordy, Leaf River Busy Beavers 4-H Club. Top of Class Cat Study Exhibit (1-2 years): Lauren Hickman, By-Y-Badgers 4-H Club. Top of Class Cat Study Exhibit (3 or more years): Kaden Lingbeck, Leaf River Soaring Eagles 4-H Club. Top of Class Dog Study Exhibit (1-2 years): Kenzie Hongsermeier, Leaf River Busy Beavers 4-H Club. Top of Class Dog Study Exhibit (3 or more years): Anne Kennedy, Hub Hickory Nuts 4-H Club. Top of Class Goat Study Exhibit (1-2 years): Bristol Clark, Carefree 4-H Club. Top of Class Goat Study Exhibit (3 or more years): Aylivia Danekas, Pine Creek Valley 4-H Club. Top of Class Guinea Pig Study Exhibit (1-2 years):

Chloe Felda, Ogle Jolly 4-H Club. Top of Class Horse & Pony Study Exhibit (1-2 years): Lydia Sherburn, Leaf River Soaring Eagles 4-H Club. Top of Class Horse & Pony Study Exhibit (3 or more years): Charlie DeShazo, Carefree 4-H Club. Top of Llama/Alpaca Study Exhibit (1-2 years): Elizabeth Kennedy, Hub Hickory Nuts 4-H Club. Top of Class Llama/Alpaca Study Exhibit (3 or more years): Jenna Heller, Grand Detour Greens 4-H Club. Top of Class Poultry Study Exhibit (1-2 years): Hayden Capes, Hub Hickory Nuts 4-H Club. Top of Class Poultry Study Exhibit (3 or more years): Shelby Harbaugh, Carefree 4-H Club. Top of Class Rabbit Study Exhibit (1-2 years): Leo Day, Blackhawk Crossing 4-H Club. Top of Class Rabbit Study Exhibit (3 or more years): Aylivia Danekas, Pine Creek Valley 4-H Club. Top of Class Small Pets Study Exhibit (1-2

years): Leo Koziol, Ogle County Clovers 4-H Club. Grand Champion Animal Science Exhibit: Shelby Harbaugh, Carefree 4-H Club. Reserve Grand Champion Animal Science Exhibit... Addison Yordy, Leaf River Busy Beavers 4-H Club.

**Child Development**  
Top of Class Child Development: Anna Marquardt, Carefree 4-H Club. Grand Champion Child Development Exhibit: Anna Marquardt, Carefree 4-H Club. Reserve Grand Champion Child Development Exhibit: Kaitlyn Adams, Ogle Jolly 4-H Club.

**College and Career Readiness**: Top of Class Build Your Future: Anna Marquardt, Carefree 4-H Club.

**Computer Science**  
Top of Class Beginning Visual Programming Exhibit: Jakob Feldhaus, By-Y-Badgers 4-H Club. Top of Class Advanced Visual Programming Exhibit: David Wehler, Leaf

River Soaring Eagles 4-H Club. Grand Champion Computer Science Exhibit: David Wehler, Leaf River Soaring Eagles 4-H Club. Reserve Grand Champion Computer Science Exhibit: Jakob Feldhaus, By-Y-Badgers 4-H Club.

**Creative Writing**  
Top of Class Creative Writing Exhibit: David Wehler, Leaf River Soaring Eagles 4-H Club.

**Crops**  
Top of Class Soybeans Exhibit: Cooper Alderks, Carefree 4-H Club. Top of Class Corn Exhibit: Cooper Alderks, Carefree 4-H Club. Top of Class Small Grains Exhibit: Cooper Alderks, Carefree 4-H Club. Top of Class Hay Exhibit: Wesley Clark, Carefree 4-H Club. Grand Champion Crops Exhibit: Cooper Alderks, Carefree 4-H Club. Reserve Grand Champion Crops Exhibit: Cooper Alderks, Carefree 4-H Club.

See 4-H FAIR pg 11

## Weekly Brain Busters

### King Crossword

**ACROSS**

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**DOWN**

1 No neatnik  
2 "Today"  
3 First victim  
4 Chamomile product  
5 Island of Hawaii  
6 MSN, for one

7 Camper's dinnerware  
8 Daring swimwear  
9 Tabasco, for one  
10 Last (Abbr.)  
11 "Gloria in Excelsis —"  
19 Surprised cries  
21 Rowing need  
23 Model Campbell  
24 Concerning  
25 Burnsian turn-downs  
26 Bartlett, for one

27 Shoppe descriptor  
28 Mollifies  
32 Timid  
33 Showed up  
35 Pol. party org.  
36 Business card no.  
38 Face-to-face exams  
39 — Warbucks  
42 Actress Neuwirth  
43 Press  
44 Without  
45 Soda  
46 Chef Garten  
48 Santa — winds

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### MAGIC MAZE ● AMERICAN

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally  
Unlisted clue hint: BIRD WITH REDDISH BREAST

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|------------|---------|------------|------------|
| Bison      | Dream   | Graffiti   | Red Cross  |
| Black bear | English | League     | Revolution |
| Cheese     | Express | Legion     | Samoa      |
| Coot       | Falls   | Literature |            |
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### Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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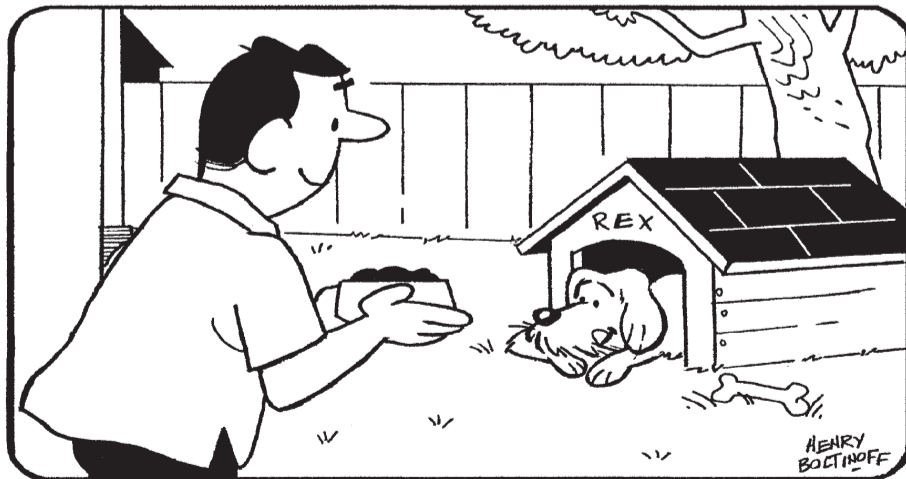
Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ◆◆◆

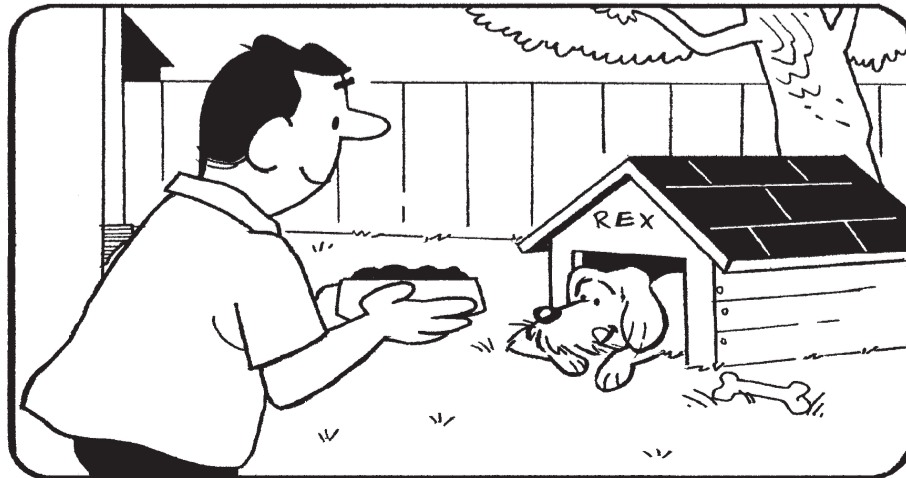
- ◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging  
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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### HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



- Differences: 1. Shingles are different. 2. Bowl is larger. 3. Doghouse opening is different. 4. Bottom of shirt is different. 5. Paw is moved. 6. Finger is moved.

Solution time: 25 mins.

Answers

King Crossword

AMERICAN

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

Answer

Weekly SUDOKU



# 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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**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)

**NOTICE**  
School Board Candidate Petition Packets Available

The Ogle County Clerk's office will have School Board candidate petition packets available beginning August 20, 2024. The packets will be posted on the Ogle County website at [www.ogle-county.org](http://www.ogle-county.org) and can also be picked up at the County Clerk's office during business hours. Candidates may circulate packets beginning August 20, 2024. Packets must be filed with the Clerk's office during the week of November 12-18, 2024. The Oregon School District will have four (4) open seats for the April 1, 2025 Election. No. 0807 (August 12, 2024)

**NOTICE**  
THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF BYRON COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 226, OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION AND PUBLIC HEARING  
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY the Board of Education of Byron Community Unit School District No. 226, Ogle County, Illinois, that the tentative budget for said School District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, will be on file and conveniently available for public inspection at the District's Administrative Offices located at 696 North Colfax Street, Byron, Illinois in this school District from 8:00 a.m. through 4:00 p.m. each weekday, excluding public holidays, beginning August 1, 2024.

Notice is further given that a public hearing on said budget will be held on September 19, 2024, at 5:45 p.m. The public hearing will be

held at the Byron High School Board of Education Room, 696 Colfax Street, Byron, Illinois in this School District. The purpose of the hearing will be to present the tentative budget and receive public comments on the budget.  
By order of the Board of Education of Byron Community Unit School District No. 226, Ogle County, Illinois.  
Dated this 22nd day of July 2024  
Phil Kesler  
Secretary, Board of Education  
Byron Community Unit School District No. 226 Ogle County, Illinois No. 0808  
(August 12, 2024)

**NOTICE**  
Election Timelines (PA 103-0600) - The law makes changes to the time and manner of filing for candidates running for public office, including school board candidates. Specifically, it changes the petition timeline such that they must be filed with the election authority not more than 141 (instead of 113) nor less than 134 days before the consolidated election. For this election cycle, this means that petitions may be circulated starting August 20, 2024, and shall be filed between November 12-18, 2024. The bill has an effective date of July 1, 2024. No. 0810 (August 12, 2024)

**101 LEGAL NOTICE**

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**105 BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES**

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**113 FINANCIAL**

**NOTICE** Advance Fee Loans or Credit Offers Companies that do business by phone can't ask you to pay for credit before you get it. For more information, call toll-free 1-877-FTC-HELP. A public service message from your hometown newspaper and the Federal Trade Commission.

**119 ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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**201 DOMESTIC/CHILD CARE**

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

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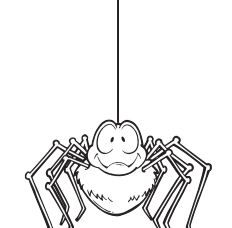
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10:00 AM Lunch Stand

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**MACHINERY**  
Kinze 3600 16-31 interplant, notll coulters, corn & bean units, radar monitor; Brillion Land Commander 7 shk w/drag; Krause TL6200-36 soil finisher w5 bar spike drag; IH 490 disk 20' w/7½ spacings (37457); JD 5B semi mtd plow, 1B plow; 1R corn planter homemade; JD 400 rotary hoe 30' w/end transport; 2 drag carts; Blu-Jet 19 knife Nh3 applicator w/ground driven pump; Bush Hog 12715 Legend 15' batwing; Woods 6' rotary mower; NI snowblower 3pt, lg 1000 PTO; 3pt forklift w/extra forks; DMI Big-Little grain wagon; DMI gravity wagon w/auger; 2 tandem axle trailers; tandem tag trailer w/water tank; 1500 gal water tank; Hutchinson auger—13'x36', 10'x60', 8'x60'; 2 Westfield 10'x71' hopper augers; Sudenga 10'x30' PTO auger; 5 hopper augers; 4 drive over pit augers; steel wheeled pull type road grader.

**MISCELLANEOUS**  
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# LOCAL NEWS

## 4-H FAIR: Ogle County winners announced earlier this month

### Drones: Unmanned Aerial Vehicles/Systems

Top of Class UAV Display: Trent Heller, Grand Detour Greens 4-H Club. Grand Champion Drones: Unmanned Aerial Vehicles/Systems Exhibit: Trent Heller, Grand Detour Greens 4-H Club.

### Electricity

Top of Class Electricity I Exhibit: Owen Collins, Ogle Jolly 4-H Club. Top of Class Electricity II Exhibit: Cora Herring, Hub Hickory Nuts 4-H Club. Reserve Grand Champion Electricity Exhibit: Cora Herring, Hub Hickory Nuts 4-H Club. Reserve Grand Champion Electricity Exhibit: Owen Collins, Ogle Jolly 4-H Club.

### Entomology General

Top of Class Entomology I Exhibit: James Runte, Pine Creek Valley 4-H Club.

### Entomology Beekeeping

Top of Class Beekeeping I Exhibit: Gregory Dorwaldt, Ogle County Clovers 4-H Club. Grand Champion Entomology Exhibit: Gregory Dorwaldt, Ogle County Clovers 4-H Club. Reserve Grand Champion Entomology Exhibit: James Runte, Pine Creek Valley 4-H Club.

### Family Heritage

Top of Class Family Heritage Exhibit: Harmony Coy, Blackhawk Crossing 4-H Club. Grand Champion Family Heritage Exhibit: Harmony Coy, Blackhawk Crossing 4-H Club. Reserve Grand Champion Family Heritage Exhibit: Bethany Akins, Grand Detour Greens 4-H Club.

### Geology

Top of Class Geology Pebble Pups I Exhibit: Shelby Harbaugh, Carefree 4-H Club. Top of Class Geology Pebble Pups II Exhibit: Colton Gehrke, By-Y-Badgers 4-H Club. Grand Champion Geology Exhibit: Colton Gehrke, By-Y-Badgers 4-H Club. Reserve Grand Champion Geology Exhibit: Shelby Harbaugh, Carefree 4-H Club.

### Health

Top of Class Health III Exhibit: Lydia Sherburne, Leaf River Soaring Eagles 4-H Club. Grand Champion Health Exhibit: Lydia Sherburne, Leaf River Soaring Eagles 4-H Club.

### Horticulture: Floriculture

Top of Class Floriculture A Exhibit: Hunter Kreams, Blackhawk Crossing 4-H Club. Top of Class Floriculture B Exhibit: Lena Janoski, Ogle Jolly 4-H Club. Top of Class Floriculture C Exhibit: Lauren Hickman, By-Y-Badgers 4-H Club. Top of Class Floriculture D Exhibit: Mason Zabran, Carefree 4-H Club. Top of Class Floriculture Display: Nicholas Cassens, By-Y-Badgers 4-H Club. Reserve Grand Champion Horticulture: Floriculture Exhibit: Lena Janoski, Ogle Jolly 4-H Club.

### Horticulture: Vegetable, Herbs, & Fruits

Top of Class Herb Container Display Exhibit: Lena Janoski, Ogle Jolly 4-H Club.

Top of Class Vegetable/Fruit Display Exhibit: Harper Bruns, Carefree 4-H Club. Top of Class Vegetable Plates Exhibit: Alayna Swanson, By-Y-Badgers 4-H Club. Top of Class Vegetable Gardening Display – Other Exhibit: Ella Beran, Grand Detour Greens 4-H Club. Top of Class Fruit Plates Exhibit: Hunter Kreams, Blackhawk Crossing 4-H Club. Top of Class Most Unusual or Odd Shaped Vegetable or Fruit Exhibit: Tessa Bruns, Carefree 4-H Club. Top of Class Decorated Vegetable or Fruit Exhibit: Alyse Rogers, Ogle Jolly 4-H Club. Grand Champion Horticulture: Vegetables, Herbs & Fruits Exhibit: Harper Bruns, Carefree 4-H Club. Reserve Grand Champion Horticulture: Vegetables, Herbs & Fruits Exhibit: Lena Janoski, Ogle Jolly 4-H Club.

### Intercultural

Top of Class Passport to the World Exhibit: Anne Kennedy, Hub Hickory Nuts 4-H Club. Top of Class Diversity & Cultural Awareness, Individual Exhibit: Elizabeth Kennedy, Hub Hickory Nuts 4-H Club. Reserve Grand Champion Intercultural Exhibit: Elizabeth Kennedy, Hub Hickory Nuts 4-H Club. Reserve Grand Champion Intercultural Exhibit: Anne Kennedy, Hub Hickory Nuts 4-H Club.

### Interior Design

Top of Class Design Decisions, Beginning Exhibit: Cora Mickley, Hub Hickory Nuts 4-H Club. Grand Champion Interior Design Exhibit: Cora Mickley, Hub Hickory Nuts 4-H Club.

### Nature: Natural Resources & Outdoor Adventures

Top of Class Outdoor Adventures Exhibit: Alex Booker, By-Y-Badgers 4-H Club. Grand Champion Nature: Natural Resources & Outdoor Adventures Exhibit: Alex Booker, By-Y-Badgers 4-H Club.

### Nature: Fishing & Wildlife

Top of Class Sportsfishing I Exhibit: Alyse Rogers, Ogle Jolly 4-H Club. Top of Class Sportsfishing II Exhibit: Evan Ricks, Leaf River Busy Beavers 4-H Club. Top of Class Wildlife I Exhibit: Kodi Hubbard, Carefree 4-H Club. Top of Class Wildlife Level II Exhibit: Bethany Akins, Grand Detour Greens 4-H Club. Grand Champion Nature: Fishing & Wildlife Exhibit: Kodi Hubbard, Carefree 4-H Club. Reserve Grand Champion Nature: Fishing & Wildlife Exhibit: Bethany Akins, Grand Detour Greens 4-H Club.

### Photography

Top of Class Photography 1: Lauren Hickman, By-Y-Badgers 4-H Club. Top of Class Photography 2: David Wehler, Leaf River Soaring Eagles 4-H Club. Top of Class Photography 3: Katelyn

Bowers, Blackhawk Crossing 4-H Club. Top of Class Photography Photo Editing: Andrew Hickman, By-Y-Badgers 4-H Club. Grand Champion Photography Exhibit: David Wehler, Leaf River Soaring Eagles 4-H Club. Reserve Grand Champion Photography Exhibit: Katelyn Bowers, Blackhawk Crossing 4-H Club.

### Robotics

Top of Class Junk Drawer Robotics II Exhibit: David Bagwell, Leaf River Soaring Eagles 4-H Club.

### Shooting Sports

Top of Class Shooting Sports: Archery Exhibit: Anne Kennedy, Hub Hickory Nuts 4-H Club. Top of Class Shooting Sports: Rifle Exhibit: Hayden Capes, Hub Hickory Nuts 4-H Club. Grand Champion Shooting Sports Exhibit: Anne Kennedy, Hub Hickory Nuts 4-H Club. Reserve Grand Champion Shooting Sports Exhibit: Hayden Capes, Hub Hickory Nuts 4-H Club.

### Small Engines

Top of Class Small Engine 1-3 Exhibit: Kate Costello, Ogle Jolly 4-H Club. Grand Champion Small Engines Exhibit: Kate Costello, Ogle Jolly 4-H Club.

### Tractor

Top of Class Tractor A Exhibit: Nolan Adams, Ogle Jolly 4-H Club. Top of Class Tractor B Exhibit: Wesley Clark, Carefree 4-H Club. Top of Class Tractor C Exhibit: Cora Herring, Hub Hickory Nuts 4-H Club. Grand Champion Tractor Exhibit: Westley Clark, Carefree 4-H Club. Reserve Grand Champion Tractor Exhibit: Cora Herring, Hub Hickory Nuts 4-H Club.

### Veterinary Science

Top of Class Veterinary Science Exhibit: Adalyn Bocker, Leaf River Busy Beavers 4-H Club. Grand Champion Veterinary Science Exhibit: Adalyn Bocker, Leaf River Busy Beavers 4-H Club. Reserve Grand Champion: Veterinary Science Exhibit: Addison Yordy, Leaf River Busy Beavers 4-H Club.

### Visual Arts

Top of Class Chalk/Carbon/Pigment on Canvas/Paper/Glass Exhibit: Briley Berns, Carefree 4-H Club. Top of Class Chalk/Carbon/Pigment on Wood/Metal/Textiles Exhibit: Immanuel Arellano, Blackhawk Crossing 4-H Club. Top of Class Chalk/Carbon/Pigment—Non-Original Exhibit: Anna Marquardt, Carefree 4-H Club. Grand Champion Chalk/Carbon/Pigment Exhibit: Briley Berns, Carefree 4-H Club. Reserve Grand Champion Chalk/Carbon/Pigment Exhibit: Anna Marquardt, Carefree 4-H Club. Top of Class Clay—Non-Original Exhibit: Brianna West, Black-

hawk Crossing 4-H Club. Grand Champion Clay Exhibit: Alissa Martin, Carefree 4-H Club. Reserve Grand Champion Clay Exhibit: Anna Marquardt, Carefree 4-H Club. Champion Computer Generated Art Exhibit: Briley Berns, Carefree 4-H Club. Reserve Champion Computer Generated Art Exhibit: Zakkary West, Blackhawk Crossing, 4-H Club. Top of Class Fiber Exhibit: Elizabeth Kennedy, Hub Hickory Nuts 4-H Club. Grand Champion Fiber Exhibit: Elizabeth Kennedy, Hub Hickory Nuts 4-H Club. Reserve Grand Champion Fiber Exhibit: Kaitlyn Adams, Ogle Jolly 4-H Club. Top of Class Glass Exhibit: Elizabeth Kennedy, Hub Hickory Nuts 4-H Club. Top of Class Plastic Exhibit: Bethany Akins, Grand Detour Greens 4-H Club. Top of Class Plastic Block Art Exhibit: Kason Bocker, Leaf River Busy Beavers 4-H Club. Top of Class Glass/Plastic—Non-Original Exhibit: Lydia Smith, Ogle Jolly 4-H Club. Grand Champion Glass/Plastic Exhibit: Elizabeth Kennedy, Hub Hickory Nuts 4-H Club. Reserve Grand Champion Glass/Plastic Exhibit: Bethany Akins, Grand Detour Greens 4-H Club. Grand Champion Heritage Arts Exhibit: Shelby Harbaugh, Carefree 4-H Club. Reserve Champion Heritage Arts Exhibit: Madeline Kusnierz, Mighty Clovers 4-H Club. Champion Leather Exhibit: Anne Kennedy, Hub Hickory Nuts 4-H

Club. Reserve Champion Leather Exhibit: Isaiah Akins, Grand Detour Greens 4-H Club. Top of Class Metal Exhibit: Isaiah Akins, Grand Detour Greens 4-H Club. Grand Champion Metal Exhibit: Isaiah Akins, Grand Detour Greens 4-H Club. Reserve Grand Champion Metal Exhibit: Elizabeth Kennedy, Hub Hickory Nuts 4-H Club. Top of Class Nature Exhibit: Elizabeth Kennedy, Hub Hickory Nuts 4-H Club. Reserve Grand Champion Nature Exhibit: Lena Janoski, Ogle Jolly 4-H Club. Top of Class Paper 2D Art Exhibit: Anna Marquardt, Carefree 4-H Club. Top of Class Paper 3D Art Exhibit: Ella Beran, Grand Detour Greens 4-H Club. Grand Champion Paper Exhibit: Anna Marquardt, Carefree 4-H Club. Reserve Grand Champion Paper Exhibit: Ella Beran, Grand Detour Greens 4-H Club. Top of Class Scrapbooking, Beginning Level Exhibit: Alayna Doane, Mighty Clovers 4-H Club. Top of Class Scrapbooking, Intermediate Level Exhibit: Kaitlyn Adams, Ogle Jolly 4-H Club. Top of Class Scrapbooking, Advanced Level Exhibit: Anna Marquardt, Carefree 4-H Club. Grand Champion Scrapbooking Exhibit: Anna Marquardt, Carefree 4-H Club. Reserve Grand Champion Scrapbooking Exhibit: Kaitlyn Adams, Ogle Jolly 4-H Club. Champi-

on Three-Dimensional: Design/Mixed Media Exhibit: Briannah West, Blackhawk Crossing 4-H Club. Reserve Champion Three-Dimensional: Design/Mixed Media Exhibit: Lauren Hickman, By-Y-Badgers 4-H Club. Top of Class Wood Exhibit: Zakkary West, Blackhawk Crossing 4-H Club. Top of Class Wood—Non-Original Exhibit: Hunter Kreams, Blackhawk Crossing 4-H Club. Grand Champion Wood Exhibit: Zakkary West, Blackhawk Crossing 4-H Club. Reserve Grand Champion Wood Exhibit: Hunter Kreams, Blackhawk Crossing 4-H Club.

### Welding

Top of Class Welding Exhibit: Grace Costello, Ogle Jolly 4-H Club. Grand Champion Welding Exhibit: Grace Costello, Ogle Jolly 4-H Club. Reserve Grand Champion Welding Exhibit: Kate Costello, Ogle Jolly 4-H Club.

### Woodworking

Top of Class Woodworking I Exhibit: Kayden Barndt, Pine Creek Valley 4-H Club. Top of Class Woodworking II Exhibit: Dawson Mickley, Hub Hickory Nuts 4-H Club. Top of Class Woodworking III Exhibit: Braden Rogers, Ogle Jolly 4-H Club. Top of Class Woodworking IV Exhibit: Ella Beran, Grand Detour Greens 4-H Club. Grand Champion Woodworking Exhibit: Ella Beran, Grand Detour Greens 4-H Club. Reserve Grand Champion Woodworking Exhibit: Owen Smardo, Ogle County Clovers.



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# LOCAL NEWS

## Ogle County 4-H Fair clothing department winners announced

**OREGON** — This year's Ogle County 4-H clothing show was held on Saturday, July 20, at the Ogle County Farm Bureau Auditorium in Oregon. 4-H members participated in the Sewing and Fashion Review at the Ogle County Fair before the Queen pageant. Please see below for the results of the show.

**Sewing Classes:** Top of Class Clothing 1 – Sewn Non-Clothing Exhibit, Lauren Hickman, By-Y-Badgers 4-H Club (Byron). Top of Class Clothing 1 - Sewn Clothing Exhibit, Mallory King, Mighty Clovers 4-H Club (Monroe Center). Top of Class Clothing 2 – Sewn Clothing Exhibit, Anne Kennedy, Hub Hickory Nuts 4-H Club (Rochelle). Top of Class Clothing 3 – Sewn Clothing Exhibit, Ella Beran, Grand Detour Greens 4-H Club (Dixon). Reserve Grand Champion Sewn Clothing Exhibit, Ella Beran, Grand Detour Greens 4-H Club (Dixon). Grand Champion Sewn Non-Clothing Exhibit, Lauren Hickman, By-Y-Badgers 4-H Club (Byron). Reserve Grand Champion Sewn Non-Clothing Exhibit, Addison Yordy, Leaf River Busy Beavers 4-H Club (Leaf River). Grand Champion Non-Sewn Exhibit, Elizabeth Kennedy, Hub Hickory Nuts 4-H Club (Rochelle).



**Alayna Doane proudly displays her visual arts project.**

(Rochelle). Grand Champion Shopping in Style, Elizabeth Kennedy, Hub Hickory Nuts 4-H Club (Rochelle). Reserve Grand Champion Shopping in Style, Sawyer Stockton, Carefree 4-H Club (Oregon).

egon). Visual Arts: Top of Class Visual Arts Quilting – You Can Quilt, Emily Harbaugh, Carefree 4-H Club (Oregon). Top of Class Visual Arts Quilting – Quilting the Best Better,

Shelby Harbaugh, Carefree 4-H Club (Oregon). Grand Champion Visual Arts Quilting, Shelby Harbaugh, Carefree 4-H Club (Oregon). Reserve Grand Champion Visual Arts Quilting, Emily Har-

baugh, Carefree 4-H Club (Oregon).

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.

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