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Focus House holds 2nd Annual Golf Play Day

Foundation executive director: 'Every penny goes to the kids'

BY JEFF HELFRICH
 MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE — On Friday, Aug. 9, Focus House held its second annual Golf Play Day Fundraiser at Fairways Golf Course in Rochelle. The event was sold out for the second year in a row and the course was filled with community supporters of the Rochelle organization that provides a continuum of quality services for at-risk youth.

The event began with food and a shotgun start, along with a welcome by Focus House Director of Operations Brenda Mason and Foundation for Focus House Executive Director Jeni Hardin, who both thanked the golfers that took part on Aug. 9.

"Things have gone amazing today," Hardin said. "Everything has been very smooth. It can be scary to put together a huge event like this and not know how it will all go. Every team showed up, which is exciting. We can't do



(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)

On Friday, Aug. 9, Focus House held its second annual Golf Play Day Fundraiser at Fairways Golf Course in Rochelle.

what we do without our sponsors and the support of the community. Rochelle and all of Ogle County

really comes together to help Focus House and the foundation. We're pleased and thankful. Any time we

ask for something, someone in the community steps up. We had a lot more sponsors this year. That and selling

out the event again means a lot to me."

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Joe Parks Athletic Complex renovations planned

Plans include restroom repairs, concessions stand work, press box

BYRON — Byron Community Unit School District 226 is planning a comprehensive renovation of the Joe Parks Athletic Complex, which is home to the Tigers' baseball, softball, and soccer teams.

Parks was a longtime educator in the Byron School District. He graduated from Byron High School in 1947 and went on to attend Northern Illinois State Teachers College. After his freshman year, he returned to his hometown to teach, coach, and mentor the students and athletes of the Byron community for 35 years. Joe coached football, basketball, baseball, and track. In his "spare" time he owned and operated Park Sports, was clubhouse manager at Prairie View Golf Course and was recognized in 1970 as Byron's Citizen of the Year.

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LOCAL NEWS

Encore! Mt. Morris sponsors bus trip Sept. 25

MT. MORRIS — Encore! Mt. Morris is announcing its fifth arts-oriented chartered bus trip on Sept 25, traveling north to Spring Green, Wisconsin this year.

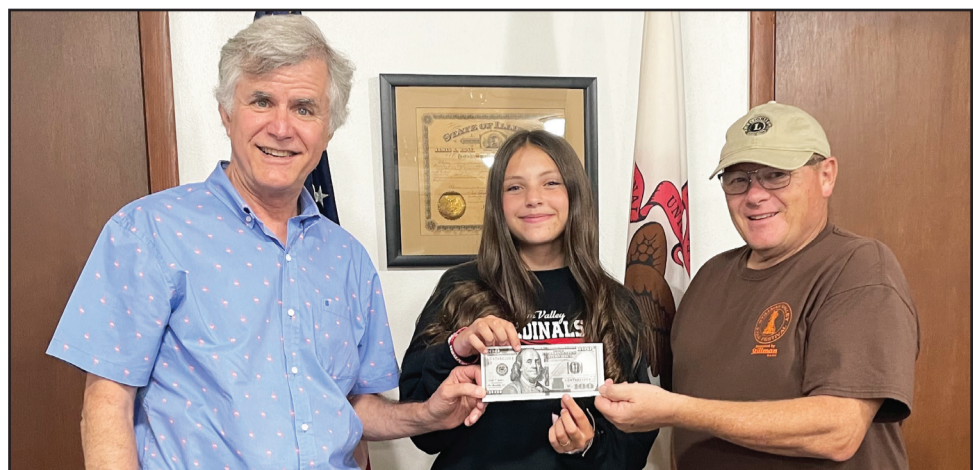
All seats are open to the public. Highlights include: A tour of Taliesin, Frank Lloyd Wright's (famous architect) home and surrounding estate (outside Spring Green). The No Rules Gallery (over 80 artists in multiple mediums) and Bird of Paradise Tea Room (75 teas and homemade pie and other baked

goods). Gallery Art on 23 (blown glass art objects by 35 artists). Assorted "artsy" shops in Spring Green such as ones with silk and woven clothing, vintage jewelry, homemade ice cream, fabulous bookstore, etc.

Cost is \$112 that covers the bus and all entry fees. A sack lunch at Taliesin and dinner will be on your own at one of the several delicious and varied restaurants in Spring Green, including vegetarian, vegan and gluten-free options. Registration can be completed online at encoremtnorris.com.

click the Taliesin Bus Trip button, or stop by the Mt. Morris Village Hall at 105 W. Lincoln St. Registration deadline: Sept. 15 because tickets for some of the events must be purchased in advance to secure a group rate.

Questions? mollyb@encoremtnorris.com. Encore! Mt. Morris is composed of volunteers committed to developing Mt. Morris into a unique, thriving rural and cultural arts destination in northwest Illinois. Learn more at EncoreMtMorris.com.



Committee presents \$100 cash prize to Swick

The Stillman Valley sesquicentennial committee, represented by members Rick Lindholtz and Mayor Marty Typer, awarded student Neveah Swick the \$100 cash prize for her graphic design, which will be featured on t-shirts and promotional material through 2025. (Courtesy photo)

Stillman Valley pickleball tournament is Sept. 28

STILLMAN VALLEY — Kishwaukee Community Church is sponsoring Stillman Valley Fall Festival's second pickleball tournament. The Rally in the Valley Part 2 pickleball tournament will take place Saturday, Sept. 28.

The round robin competitions will take place in the morning and the double elimination tournament

will be in the afternoon. Due to court limitations, entries will be limited to the first 16 teams, and first 16 individuals in each of the round robin competitions to register.

Registration fees are \$42 per team and \$22 per individual in the round robin competitions. There will be cash prizes of \$100 for first, \$80 for second and

\$60 for third place in the team tournament, and \$50 for first, \$40 for second and \$30 for third in each of the round robin competitions.

This year an online entry form is available at <https://forms.gle/cHukjC-cq64rLvoNR7>. Payment options are available when completing the registration online. Online registration is encouraged, but for those who are unable to use that entry forms can be obtained from the Stillman Valley Fall Festival website (stillmanvalleyfallfestival.com) as well as at the Village Hall in Stillman Valley.

Checks can be mailed to SVFF. Forms can be mailed to PO Box 216, Stillman Valley, IL 61084. The deadline for getting entries in is Sept. 10.

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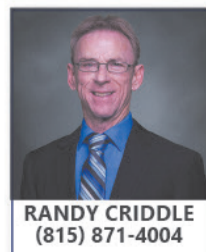
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LOCAL NEWS

Ribbon cutting held for 4-C's new satellite office in Rochelle Nonprofit organization advocates for quality, affordable and accessible childcare

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE — On Wednesday, Aug. 7, a ribbon cutting was held for the new Rochelle satellite office of 4-C (Community Coordinated Child Care) at 1201 S. 7th St.

4-C is a nonprofit agency serving Carroll, DeKalb, Lee, McHenry, Ogle and Whiteside counties. The 4-C mission is to promote children's wellbeing by advocating for quality, affordable, accessible childcare. 4-C offers a childcare assistance program, a family enrichment program, childcare resource and referral, professional development assistance for providers, a child and adult food program and provider support consultants.

"We have been so welcomed and so warmed by Rochelle," 4-C Executive Director Susan Petersen said. "We're excited to have a satellite office here in this part of our service area. We make sure children are in safe places. We make sure the teachers that children are working with every day are professionally trained and that they have professional development, support, and a place to come and talk with us. We want to be where families are.

We're now a step closer to families who have barriers like transportation. We're so excited to be embraced by this community."

Petersen said 4-C is looking forward to partnering with local agencies, the City of Rochelle, Rochelle Chamber of Commerce and local businesses. The nonprofit wants to make sure children are supported so their educational trajectory is positive.

4-C works with childcare providers and teachers, and partners with families on the job of parenting.

"We make sure children and their voices are heard at tables where they're sometimes not invited," Petersen said. "We advocate with elected officials and try to listen for voices and stories that are hard to hear. We want to encourage providers, families and community members to tell us what they need so we can improve. We're an excellent agency because of the staff you see. We've been providing this service for 52 years."

"We're very aware of representing the diversity of our communities. We have a board of directors that actively participates in the agency's plans. I can't tell you how excited we are to be in Rochelle



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and we look forward to the partnerships. Great things are going to happen."

The ribbon cutting event was led by Rochelle Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Tricia Herrera, who said she's excited that 4-C will have a local presence. 4-C has always served the area, but hasn't had a local office in the past.

"What is more important than our youth and

its education and getting them ahead while they're young?" Herrera said. "If we want to have a great future, we want our youth to get what they need when they're young and provide those services. We thank you for choosing Rochelle. We're here to help. We know promotion for nonprofits is a big issue and we can help with that."

Mayor John Bearrows spoke at the event as well.

He and the city made efforts in recent years when Rochelle was without a daycare center to bring one back to town before the opening of Little Hubs Learning Center.

"Our youth are our future," Bearrows said. "This is another step to help them. I thought today about years ago when we had no childcare in Rochelle. We scrambled trying to make things happen

and I'm happy to see how we've been able to achieve that within our community. It's important because kids are our future and for economic development and attracting and keeping businesses. Their workers have to have childcare. It's a double-edged sword and both edges are shined up real great now within our community. We appreciate that. Welcome to Rochelle."



Ribbon cutting ceremony held for new playground at Centennial Elementary School in Polo

On Monday, Aug. 12 at 4:30 p.m. at Centennial Elementary School in Polo, the Centennial Parents Organization (CPO) held a ribbon cutting ceremony along with representatives from the school district, the Polo Lions Club, along with the kids of Centennial and their parents. There were four speakers starting with Joey Kochsmeier, Dr. Melody Huyett, CPO President Candy Johnstone and Polo Lions Member Mark Ebert, who was in charge of getting the new playground equipment assembled. There were three members of the CPO there: President Candy Johnstone, Vice President Lindy Diehl and Treasurer Dave Herndon. The Polo Lions members that were there: President Nate White, Vice President Mark Bocker, James and Cynthia Reynolds, Mark Ebert, Jon and Kelly Mandrell, Irene Short-Boelkens, Tom Suits, Margaret Tyne and Jim Adams. (Courtesy photo)

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/Clerk; Ogle County Farm Bureau; Nancy & Don Etnyre Farm; Hanes Centennial Farm; Schier Bros Centennial Farm; and Patricia Day of

Split Decisions in Conover Square.

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rie Farmer.

Good Conduct: Jeremy & Amy Ciesiel, Ogle County Highway Dept.; John Finfrock, Ogle County Board chairman; Tiffany O'Brien, Ogle County treasurer; and Sullivans Foods, Mt. Morris.

If the post missed any-

one 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. Fi-

nance Officer: Dave Schier. Chaplain: Robert Coulter.

Set-At-Arms: Clint Strouse. There is still time to donate. The minimum certificate level is \$40. Please send your one-time donation to: The American Legion, PO Box 597, Oregon IL.



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Best wishes to the Silver Fox Tavern as the owners continue serving the Ashton and surrounding communities.

Dave and Marilyn Balch

LOCAL NEWS

Obituaries

Cindy Sue Beitel

BYRON — Cindy Sue Beitel, age 71, passed away on Sunday August 11, 2024 in Generations at Neighbors, Byron, IL. She was born on February 6, 1953 in Milwaukee, WI the daughter of Leo Jerome & Elizabeth Louise (Truax) Duerson. Cindy graduated from Oconomowoc High School, WI.

Cindy loved her family time with her sons and her grandchildren, following them around to all their events, she had a love for music, she crocheted many things, and she loved her cat. She was in the choir and

Lydia Circle with, United Church of Byron.

Cindy is survived by her sons: Chad Beitel, Eric Beitel, grandchildren: Mykenzie Beitel, Chase Beitel, Nicholas Beitel, Braelynn Beitel, Averi Beitel, brothers: Tim (Leslie) Duerson, Stu Duerson, Kevin (Christy) Duerson, and Brad (Yolanda) Duerson, and many nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday August 17, 2024 at 11:00 A.M. at United Church of Byron,



701 West 2nd Street, Byron, IL, with Rev. Tyler Spellious officiating. Visitation will be held on Saturday August 17, 2024 from 10:00 A.M. until service time.

In lieu of flowers, memorials to United Church of Byron and/or Generations at Neighbors.

POLO POLICE REPORT

POLO — On Aug. 7 at 3:25 p.m. Leonard Anthony Tandarcic, 64, Aurora, was cited for disobeying a stop sign. Tandarcic was released with a notice to appear.

On Aug. 12 at 7:15 p.m. Lacharies J. Pryor, 35, Carbon Cliff, was cited for operating an uninsured motor vehicle, no insurance and improper display of

registration. Pryor was released with a notice to appear.

All individuals are considered innocent until proven guilty.

RRVBC to host mobile blood drive at Stillman Bank's Byron office

BYRON — The Rock River Valley Blood Center will be hosting a mobile blood drive at Stillman Bank's Byron office, located at 608 W. Blackhawk Drive in Byron on Friday, Sept. 6. Staff from the Rock River Valley Blood Center will present from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

If you are at least 17 years old (16 years old with parental consent), weigh at least 110 pounds, are in general good health, and haven't donated whole blood

in at least eight weeks, you should be eligible to donate blood. The entire process takes about an hour with the actual blood donation usually taking less than ten minutes. Just one hour of your time can help save a life!

The Rock River Valley Blood Center is the sole supplier of blood products and services to 14 hospitals in the Northern Illinois and Southern Wisconsin regions, so when you donate with RRVBC, your dona-

tion stays local, helping your neighbors directly. One in three people will need blood and you never know when you or someone you love might be the one.

Walk-ins are welcome but scheduling an appointment is encouraged. To schedule an appointment, visit www.rrvbc.org or call 815.965.8751. For more information on Stillman Bank or to find out more about Stillman's products or services, visit www.stillmanbank.com.

Salinas named to the Dean's List at Palmer College of Chiropractic

DAVENPORT, Iowa — Britney Salinas of Lindenwood has been named to the 2024 spring trimester Dean's List at Palmer

College of Chiropractic's Main Campus in Davenport, Iowa.

Palmer College of Chiropractic, the first and

largest college in the chiropractic profession, has campuses in Davenport, Iowa; San Jose, California; and Port Orange, Florida.

Oregon Rotary Club Foundation scholarships available

OREGON — The Oregon Rotary Club Foundation is excited to offer their 39th annual college scholarship opportunity!

The Foundation requests that all applicants submit an essay and/or a résumé which includes why they believe they qualify to receive a scholarship. Please keep in mind the following criteria:

Applicants must be residents of the Oregon Community Unit School District.

Applicants must have completed at least one year at a college or university or one semester at a trade school

Applicant application must include: name and contact information of student, name of school, major area of study, class standing (sophomore, junior, senior), cumulative grade point average, extra-curricular activities while in college, and other information the student feels relevant to being chosen as a 2024 ORF Scholarship recipient.

Application résumés can be accepted via email to the scholarship chairperson, Hollie Guist, Jr. at hguistjr@gmail.com or mailed to the Guist Agency at P.O. Box 296, Oregon,

IL 61061 from now until Sept. 30, 2024.

The amount of scholarship applications received, and the number of scholarships awarded each year varies. Traditionally, the Foundation honors at least one student of distinction as the "Helen and Andrew Cirksena Scholarship" recipient in addition to an assortment of students who best demonstrate the ideals of Rotary itself. Financial need will not be a deciding factor in award distribution.

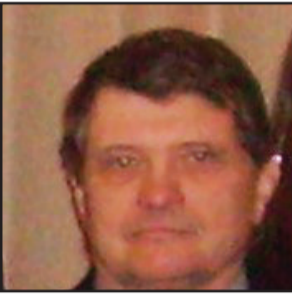
The Rotary Foundation is a not-for-profit organization which strives to encourage world understanding of the world through humanitarian actions, education, and cultural exchanges. The Oregon Rotary Foundation is always looking for new members.

For additional information or to apply for membership visit their website at <https://portal.clubrunner.ca/5761> or email them at them at oregonrotary@gmail.com.

Gerald Lee Griffin

ROCHELLE — Gerald Lee Griffin, 78, passed away at Advocate Lutheran General of Park Ridge, IL on Wednesday, August 7, 2024, surrounded by family. He was born on February 4, 1946, in Pecatonica, IL, the son of Donald & Clara (Whaley) Griffin. Gerald worked for E.D. Etnyre Co. for years before moving to Ipsen of Rockford. He spent the next 38 years with Ipsen as a proud journeyman welder, until his retirement at the age of 63. After his retirement he would spend his time at home tinkering with projects around the house and garage. He loved to spend time outdoors

gardening and feeding animals that would find themselves near his home. He is preceded in death by his parents Donald & Clara. He is survived and missed by his three children Daniel Griffin of Chana, IL, Drew Griffin of Madison, WI, Nancy Eve of Harveysburg, OH; brothers Garry Griffin of Oregon, IL, Larry (Judy) Griffin of Haines, OR; grandchildren Tabitha (Brandyon) McMillian, Smantha Rice and Alayna Carson; great-grandchild Vada; step-great-grandchildren Skyler and Ryann; nieces Sally and Sarah; and nephews Rick, Gabe, and Ron Griffin. A visitation

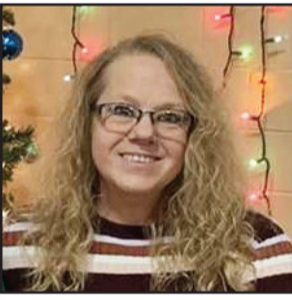


will take place at Farrell Holland Gale funeral home of Oregon, IL on Friday, August 16, 2024, between the hours of 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM. After the visitation, a celebration gathering will take place to honor Gerald's memory. Gerald will then be laid to rest near his parents, at Oakwood Cemetery of Mt. Morris, IL.

Kimberly S. Kubly

DAVIS JUNCTION — Kimberly S. Kubly, age 53, died Tuesday, August 13, 2024 at Swedish American Hospital in Rockford following a courageous battle with cancer. She was born Oct. 19, 1970 in Rockford the daughter of Dennis and JoAnne (Swanson) Shearer. Kim graduated from Stillman Valley High School in 1989 and attended Rock Valley College. She married Jeffrey Kubly on August 16, 1997 near Stillman Valley. Kim worked over 23 years as a medical receptionist for Swedish American Hospital. She was a loving wife, mother, and grandmother who loved to spend as much time as possible with her family and friends. Kim loved to

dance. She loved to travel and be outdoors as much as possible. She also liked to be with her favorite little dog companion "Mini". She was predeceased by her parents Dennis and JoAnne Shearer, sister Tammy Wetzel; aunts and uncles: John (Marge) Shearer, Larry (Marlene) Shearer, Shirley Shearer, Judy Allen, Diane Spray, and Great Aunt Florence Winterland. She is survived by her loving husband Jeff of Davis Junction; her 3 children: Autumn (Owen) Morse, Tamra Kubly, and Jacob Kubly all of Davis Junction; her 2 grandchildren Oakley and Westin Morse; aunts and uncles: Forest (Bev) Shearer, Kenneth Shearer, Luanna (John) Jennings,



and Janice Olson; nephews Brandon (Kayla) Wetzel and Blake (Alina) Wetzel; and many cousins. A celebration of Kimberly's life will be held Saturday, September 7, 2024, at the Monroe Center Fire Station from 1-4 PM. A memorial fund is established in her name and may be directed to her family. Visit www.farrellhollandgale.com to leave a condolence or memory of Kimberly.

Palmer College of Chiropractic accepts local students for enrollment

DAVENPORT, Iowa — The following students were accepted for enrollment for the 2024 summer trimester in the Doctor of Chiropractic degree program at Palmer College

of Chiropractic's Main Campus in Davenport, Iowa: Grace Pfeiffer of Davis Junction and Jacob Sigwards of Stillman Valley.

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Celebration of Life
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LOCAL NEWS



Fuller takes flight of his dreams in Boeing Stearman biplane via Waukesha County Dream Flights
 Donald Fuller, formerly of Oregon, experienced the flight of his dreams in a stunningly-restored Boeing Stearman biplane, courtesy of Waukesha County Dream Flights. This remarkable initiative pays tribute to veterans living in Capri Communities. (Courtesy photos)

Fall art classes sponsored by Encore! Mt. Morris

MT. MORRIS — Encore! Mt. Morris and Highland Community College's division of Lifelong Learning are collaborating to host five art classes between Oct. 2 and Nov. 5, most 6-8 p.m. or all day on a Saturday: Clay Vases, Oct. 2 and a second date chosen by the students (two-session

class), 6-8 p.m. Intro to Watercolor Painting, Oct. 12, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Working with Color: Mixing and Blending in Watercolor Painting, Oct. 26, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Rug Hooking Techniques, Oct. 7 and 21 (two-session class), 6-8

p.m. Linocut Printmaking, Oct. 14 and Nov. 5 (two-session class), 6-8 p.m. All supplies are included in the course fees. Classes are held in several locations around Mt. Morris. For course details (descriptions, locations, fees, instructors, photos of projects) and to

register for one or more of the classes, go to the Encore! Mt. Morris web site (encoremorris.com) and click on the "Fall 2024 Art Classes" button. On the courses page, click on the title or photo of the class that

interests you. That will take you to the Highland Community College Lifelong Learning page to register. Contact Molly Baker at mollyb@encoremorris.com if you have any questions.

Encore! Mt. Morris is composed of volunteers committed to developing Mt. Morris, IL into a unique, thriving rural and cultural arts destination in northwest Illinois. Learn more at EncoreMtMorris.com.

ISP announces monthly activity for July

OGLE COUNTY — Illinois State Police Troop 1 Commander, Captain Joseph Blanchette, announces the enforcement figures and activity for July. Illinois State Police Troop 1 troopers issued 698 citations, 743 written warnings, and made 16 criminal arrests during the

month of July. Troopers issued 283 citations for speeding, 24 citations for distracted driving violations, and 24 citations for occupant restraint violations. Troopers investigated 102 traffic crashes, assisted 271 motorists, and conducted 539 commercial motor vehicle

inspections, of which 70 were placed out of service for safety reasons. There were 19 arrests for driving under the influence. ISP Troop 1, which encompasses Boone, Carroll, Jo Daviess, Lee, Ogle, Stephenson, Whiteside and Winnebago counties, investigated no fatal crashes in July.

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Secret Service failures

THE Secret Service is the agency charged with protecting the president, former president, and others. So what the heck happened to security that resulted in the near assassination and the killing of an attendee at the July 13 Butler, Pennsylvania rally? It is difficult to sort out facts at this early stage, but here is what is out there. The potential assassin (shooter) was using an AR-15 rifle, which usually has an effective range of about 400 to 600 yards, depending on the ammunition used and rifle configuration. AR stands for ArmaLite Corporation, the original manufacturer, and does not stand for "assault rifle." The shooter was on a roof approximately 164 yards from the former president's podium, well within the range of a typical owner of such a rifle, as can be seen by the near-fatal headshot grazing the former president's ear.

The Secret Service did not secure the roof from which the shooter fired. This location, which was so close to the former president and left unsecured, was a huge Secret Service failure. The first excuse for not securing this roof was that the roof was too steep. Several congressional members walked on the roof without difficulty. Since that did not work, the next excuse was that local law enforcement was supposed to secure the roof

but failed to do so even though the Secret Service was responsible for the overall safety of the former president. After all the excuses had been exhausted, it was admitted that the fact that the shooter was not detected on the roof 164 yards from the former president was a colossal Secret Service mission failure.

The Wall Street Journal first reported that the shooter used a drone to scope out the rally area before the assassination attempt. There is some controversy whether the FAA had restricted drone flights in the rally area before the event. The only available details of the drone were that DJI, a Chinese company, manufactured it. If a drone is equipped with Standard Remote ID (SRID), which is now required on drones, the FAA can track the drone. It is uncertain why more details of the drone have not been released. DJI also keeps flight records of its drone flights. The federal government owns many drone systems for air-to-ground surveillance. The Secret Service did not avail itself of typical drone technology to observe the terrain around the rally

area, which was another security failure.

When an incident like this occurs, the Secret Service bodyguards are supposed to physically cover the protected person and then remove the person from the area after the threat has been reduced. The former president is a tall person, and at least one of the bodyguards was too short to cover the former president.

Videos taken by attendees of the rally show the shooter getting on the roof of the building, which was reported immediately to law enforcement. It is not clear why the Secret Service allowed the former president to enter the podium with this possible threat developing. Other reports state that the Trump staff requested additional Secret Service protection, but were denied.

The FBI director suggested that the former president may have been hit by shrapnel and not a bullet. A New York Times reporter photographed the bullet passing by the former president's head. This was definitely a bullet and not shrapnel. Shrapnel is typically characterized by an irregular shape, usually resulting from an explosive or impact event and accompanied by other pieces of shrapnel. The FBI has backed off from this statement.

The discussions go on and on, illustrating problems with transparency amongst the affected government agencies. Gas-lighting (lying with a straight face) is endemic vis-a-vis "the roof was too steep." It is likely that much more information exists on the events related to the assassination attempt but is not being disclosed. Government agencies claim to be transparent but often block information to cover their butts, an aversion to any accountability when they screw up.

There is some information relating to the Kennedy assassination in 1963 that has still not been disclosed. The FBI is investigating the Trump assassination attempt. FBI credibility has been diminished based on the Durham report showing an improper investigation of the now-debunked Russian collusion theory and comments suggesting that shrapnel caused the injury to the former president. A congressional investigation may be more independent, but subpoenas to federal agencies for more information often go unanswered. Full disclosure of the facts involved in this matter may not appear during our lifetime, and there is no guarantee that our descendants will learn about the truth either.



Chuck Roberts

LIFE letters' policy

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Ron Kern: The trade outlook for agriculture

TRADE it's something we've all done in our lives. I remember as a kid trading baseball cards, marbles or anything else you had as value that you could transform into new riches. And as often the case, sometimes both parties won, sometimes on party lost; it's how the game gets played.

One thing for certain, global trade is a big deal for US agriculture. Besides domestic demand for commodities, exports are what truly drives the price. I gleaned the following from the American Farm Bureau Federation and unfortunately the trade outlook for agriculture does not look good. Let's see how we fare in the world market.

After decades of substantial U.S. agricultural trade surpluses, staggering agricultural trade deficits over the past two years have caught the nation's attention. For fiscal year 2024 (October 2023 – September 2024), USDA's Economic Research Service estimates that there will be a record \$32 billion agricultural trade deficit. The fiscal year 2024 deficit follows the current record deficit of \$16.7 billion set in fiscal year 2023 and would be only the fourth agricultural trade deficit in the last 50 years. This trend reversal leaves many people scratching their heads.

Agricultural trade is essential to our nation's food security, and benefits both farmers and consumers alike. Farmers find export markets eager to buy U.S. products that we grow in abundance such as grains, oilseeds, meat and more. Consumers have become used to eating fresh fruits and vegetables year-round, much of which would be impossible without imports from our southern trading partners. Many cannot live without their daily cup of coffee, a tropical import we do not grow in the continental United States.

Some of our seasonal fruit and vegetable producers have been squeezed by imports from our southern neighbors; but much of what we import does not directly compete with domestic agricultural products, and some of those imports are value-added products produced with raw agricultural products exported from the

U.S. In fact, 16% of total forecasted fiscal year 2024 imports consist of coffee, cocoa, distilled spirits and beer. Other imports complement U.S. domestic production. For example, much of the beef imported to the U.S. are lean cuts that are blended with fattier, U.S.-raised beef for desired levels of leanness in ground beef. Without imports of lean beef, U.S. ranchers who focus on growing the highest quality beef in the world for premium cuts for delicious steaks would miss out on the market demand for ground beef.

The category with the largest trade deficit is horticultural products – predominantly made up of specialty crops including fresh fruits and vegetables. Accounting for 49% of all imports by value, it has increased by \$22 billion (+31%) since fiscal year 2020. In part, the increase in horticultural products reflects a thriving U.S. economy. As real income per capita increases, consumers are demanding more fresh fruits and vegetables. This also reflects the strong U.S. dollar and a focus on healthy diets.

However, rising imports are both a cause and effect of the reduction in U.S. fresh fruit and vegetable production, which has declined in volume by 10% and 23.1%, respectively, since 2000. U.S. fresh fruit and vegetable production is declining due to a multitude of factors, including land loss due to urban encroachment, diseases such as citrus greening, and, probably most importantly, a lack of affordable and available farm labor. Production of many fresh fruits and vegetables is extremely labor intensive. For U.S. agricultural production broadly, labor accounts for about 10% of expenses. For fruit and vegetable production – labor costs account for 38.5% and 28.8% of input costs, respectively.

Seasonal agricultural producers have access to the H-2A temporary worker visa program, a generally reliable but pricy option to bring in workers from other countries. Farmers are increasingly using the H-2A visa program, under which 378,000 jobs were certified in fiscal year 2023 – three times the number certified only 10 years ago. With the

H-2A visa program, producers must pay an hourly rate set by the government called the "Adverse Effect Wage Rate," which is established regionally based on local rates for field and livestock workers. The AEWR has risen precipitously in recent years, climbing an average of 5.9% annually since 2019.

In 2024, the national AEWR is \$17.55 per hour. In California, the largest fresh fruit- and vegetable-producing state, the AEWR is \$19.75. In addition to the required AEWR, employers provide housing, food, transportation, visa fees, insurance and other expenses for every worker. At the same time, agricultural workers in Mexico are estimated to make almost the same amount in an entire day than for one hour of work in California paid at the AEWR rate.

While high labor costs are raising the cost of producing specialty crops domestically, increasing imports during the growing season are lowering prices and potential revenue for U.S. producers. Increasing costs and decreasing revenues make for an unprofitable business, and a further reduction in U.S. fruit and vegetable production. This is especially prevalent in the months just before and just after peak domestic production, when producers often made their highest profit margins.

Two major factors have contributed to the decline of the value of U.S. exports since 2021: falling commodity prices and the strong U.S. dollar. As corn and soy prices fell, the export value naturally decreased. The strong U.S. dollar is making U.S. products less competitive on currency exchange alone. For instance, Japan is consistently a top-five market for U.S. agricultural products. The Japanese yen is the lowest it has been against the U.S. dollar since 1990 and half of its value from only 12 years ago, in 2012. While this exchange rate is great for U.S. tourists visiting Japan, it is very difficult for Japanese consumers seeking to purchase quality U.S. products.

Worryingly, U.S. corn and soybean export quantity has not picked up in conjunction with declining commodity prices, which

fell by 30% and 12% respectively between fiscal years 2023 and 2024. U.S. grain and oilseed exports are seeing headwinds from rising competition from Brazil. Efforts by China to become less dependent on agricultural imports from the U.S. are also having an impact. In fact, fiscal year 2024 is forecasted to be the first year that Mexico is the top destination for U.S. agricultural exports. There is also a growing trade deficit in animal fats and vegetable oils spurred by rapid market- and policy-driven growth demand for feedstocks for renewable diesel production.

It does not help that the U.S. has not entered any new free trade agreements with new trading partners since 2012. At the same time – the rest of the world has continued to sign more FTAs. The Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP), formed by the other partners in the aftermath of the U.S. abandoning the negotiated but unratified Trans-Pacific Partnership, is quickly slashing tariffs for other exporters in major U.S. export markets on the Pacific Rim and causing U.S. market shares to shrink for products ranging from frozen fries to blueberries to pet food.

Fiscal year 2019 was the first U.S. agricultural trade deficit going back to at least 1967. We have subsequently faced an agricultural trade deficit in four of six years, with a record \$32 billion deficit forecasted in fiscal year 2024.

In aggregate, we import and export complementary products, so that a trade deficit in agricultural products is not inherently a problem. However, the expanding trade deficit reflects some serious challenges imposed on U.S. agriculture, including lower commodity prices, stress in domestic specialty crop production, and less competitive access to many traditional U.S. export markets, among other factors.

"For the only way in which a durable peace can be created is by world-wide restoration of economic activity and international trade." -James Forrestal

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

Chesney: How the sausage is made in Illinois

MOST of us know the process of how a bill becomes a law. While that process directs the flow of bills that are filed, just how do thousands of policy ideas each year become bills in the first place? As of this writing, just under 3,000 Senate and House bills have been filed this year alone. Generally, these policy ideas come from one of four places.

Many good bills are the result of a constituent who contacts their elected Senator or State Representative with an issue that cannot be resolved through existing systems. In those cases, a lawmaker writes a bill that provides a solution. The legislator files the bill, talks with colleagues to gain support, and the bill moves through the legislative process of hearings and votes in both chambers of the General Assembly. Some of our very best laws begin as ideas brought forward by Illinoisans.

Other laws are the result of a legislative agenda pushed by individual lawmakers.

Most people get involved with politics because there are specific issues that are very important to them. For example, I am a vocal advocate for Second Amendment rights, ethics, traditional family values, and support for our men and women in blue. As such, every year my legislative agenda is comprised of bills that address these ideals and seek to improve or safeguard protections.

Additionally, advocacy groups that hire lobbyists to push an agenda are responsible for a large number of the bills that are filed each year. These groups have their place, and their lobbyists form relationships with lawmakers in an effort to build support for their policy ideas. Lobbyists can also be good sources of information on issues for which they have a depth of knowledge.

Unfortunately, there are also many instances when leaders from special interest groups come to lawmakers and ask them to legislate issues that do not and should not require legislative involvement. In these instances,

those representing these large groups are being disingenuous and are asking the legislature to pass legislation that could be viewed as unpopular. We saw the perfect example of this during the 2024 spring session when the Illinois Hotel & Lodging Association asked lawmakers to pass a bill that prohibits the use of small single-use plastic bottles of products like shampoo, conditioner, and body lotion in hotels with more than 50 rooms. The Association partnered with two environmental advocacy groups to seek passage of Senate Bill 2960.

Many hotels have already moved away from the small bottles as a way to save money. The decision was made internally and without legislative assistance. The only reason to involve the legislature is to provide cover when patrons complain about ridiculous state mandates that limit consumer choice.

Nevertheless, the Association asked for a legislative mandate and received it through Senate Bill 2960.

And now, the same group that lobbied for the change will say "Illinois law prohibited our ability to provide these products" when patrons ask why they no longer have access to popular single-use bottles. The Association limited consumer choice and used a fake vehicle to make it happen. It was clearly about their financial bottom line and had nothing to do with the environment.

The legislature should be focusing its efforts on issues like tax relief, reducing regulations on job creators, improving ethical standards, and realigning priorities so that Illinois citizens come first. We should not be in the business of adopting private industry regulations like prohibiting the use of single-use shampoo bottles all in the name of protecting the environment.

Folks, this is how the sausage is made. Welcome to your state government and the operations of the General Assembly.

Andrew Chesney (R-Freeport) is the Illinois State senator for the 45th District.

LOCAL NEWS

OGLE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

OREGON—On Aug. 6 at approximately 11:28 p.m. deputies, with the assistance of the Byron Police Department, conducted a traffic stop at Illinois Route 2 and Illinois Route 72. After a brief investigation, deputies arrested Samuel Helms, 27, of Mendota, for an outstanding warrant from Henry County. Deputies also arrested Christopher Cloe, 42, of Dixon, for an outstanding Lee County warrant. Helms was also issued citations for suspended registration and operating an uninsured motor vehicle.

On Aug. 9 at approximately 4:32 a.m. deputies responded to the 11,000 block of East Fisher Road in reference to a 911 hang up. After investigation, deputies placed Lindsey White, 32, of Rochelle under arrest for domestic battery. White was transported to the Ogle County Jail where she was held in lieu of bond.

On Aug. 9 at 7:13 a.m. deputies were dispatched to the 100 block of East Wilson Street in Stillman Valley for a report of a stolen vehicle. During the course of the investigation, deputies arrested Nolan M. Wortman, 25, of Stillman Valley for motor vehicle theft (class-two felony), burglary to mo-

tor vehicle (class-three felony), theft under \$500, and driving while license suspended. Wortman was transported to the Ogle County Jail. Due to the Pretrial Fairness Act, Wortman did not meet the criteria to be detained, and was released on a notice to appear with a future court date.

On Aug. 9 at 3:33 p.m. deputies responded to the intersection of North Union Street and East Blackhawk Drive in Byron for a three-vehicle accident. During the course of the investigation it was determined a red 2000 Ford Ranger, operated by Holden J. White, 30, of Mt. Morris was westbound on East Blackhawk Drive, when it struck the back of a white 2024 Hyundai Palisade, operated by Laura Clinite, 61, of Byron. The white Hyundai then struck the back of a gray 2023 Toyota Tacoma, operated by a 15-year-old juvenile, with his adult female passenger, of Byron. White was issued a citation for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident. Deputies were assisted on scene by the Byron Fire Department/EMS.

On Aug. 9 at 8:57 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop at Illinois Route 251 and Illinois Route

64. After a brief investigation deputies arrested a 16-year-old male juvenile of Rochelle for driving while unlicensed. The juvenile was also issued a citation for inoperable brake lamps. The juvenile was released with a notice to appear. Additionally, two passengers were arrested for outstanding Ogle County warrants. Armando Orozco-Ramos Jr. was arrested for warrants for failure to appear on driving while license suspended and driving while under the influence. Jesus Orozco was arrested for warrant for failure to appear on driving while license suspended.

On Aug. 10 at approximately 6:12 p.m. deputies initiated a traffic stop near the intersection of Freeport Road and West Grove Road. After further investigation Everette Benton, 30, of Freeport, was placed under arrest for driving while license suspended. Benton was also cited for speeding. Benton was released on a notice to appear.

On Aug. 10 at approximately 11:39 p.m. deputies investigated a vehicle in the 100 block of West Merchant Street in Byron. After further investigation Michael Gamboa, 34, of Freeport, was placed under arrest

for driving while license suspended and an outstanding Rockford PD arrest warrant. Gamboa was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held pending an appearance before judge.

On Aug. 10 at 2:24 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop on East Flagg Road at the intersection with South Prairie Road. As a result, Lindsay N Haas, 35, of Dixon was arrested for driving while license revoked. Haas was transported to the Ogle County Jail, and released on a notice to appear with a future court date.

On Aug. 11 at 4:45 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop at the intersection of North Stillman Road and East Holcomb Road. As a result of the stop, Michael D. Pontnack, 46, of Oregon, was arrested for no valid driver's license and speeding 90 miles per hour in a 55 miles per hour zone. Pontnack was released on a notice to appear at the scene.

On Aug. 11 at 10:51 p.m. deputies checked a vehicle parked in the roadway near East Ash Road and North German Church Road. After a brief investigation, deputies arrested Staci Todd, 45, of Oregon, for an outstanding Lee County warrant for contempt of court.

Todd was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

On Aug. 11 deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 5,000 block of North Illinois Route 2. After an investigation, deputies arrested Josiah McManis, 21, of Dekalb, for unlawful use of a weapon. McManis was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was released on a notice to appear with a future court date. McManis was also issued additional citations for improper passing and speeding.

On Aug. 11 at approximately 9:43 p.m. deputies responded to a welfare check at German Church Road and East Walden Road for a vehicle parked in the roadway. After a brief investigation, Stephen Leonard, 39, of Amboy, was placed under arrest for driving under the influence of alcohol. Leonard was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he received citations for driving under the influence of alcohol and illegal parking in the roadway. Leonard was processed and released on a notice to appear.

On Aug. 12 at approximately 12:58 a.m. deputies performed a motorist assist in the 500 block of North 4th Street in Oregon. After a brief investiga-

tion, John Kennedy, 68, of Brooklyn, Wisconsin was placed under arrest for possession of methamphetamine. Kennedy was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was released on a notice to appear.

On Aug. 12 at approximately 6:02 p.m. deputies responded to 126 Harvest Glenn Drive in Davis Junction for the report of a suicidal subject. Upon further investigation deputies arrested Richard Newman, 34, of Davis Junction for domestic battery. Newman was later transported to the Ogle County Jail in lieu of proceeding before a Judge.

On Aug. 12 at approximately 12:58 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 1,000 block of South Illinois Route 2. After an investigation Amber Talab, 44, of Rochelle, was arrested for driving on a suspended license. Talab was also cited for operating a vehicle with no insurance, operating a vehicle with expired registration and operating a vehicle with suspended registration. Talab was given a notice to appear and released at the scene.

All individuals are considered innocent until proven guilty.

OREGON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Aug. 5
At 9:05 a.m., Oregon Police issued Lubomir Dostal, 48, of Melrose Park, a citation for operation of a vehicle with a suspended registration. This violation occurred

in the 100 block of North River Road.

At 6:29 p.m., Oregon Police issued Diana M. Holland, 45, Oregon, a citation for use of a cell phone while driving. This violation occurred in the

area of the 5th and Hill Street intersection.

Aug. 10
At 6:32 p.m., Oregon Police issued Jonathon D. Stewart, 36, Leaf River, citations for operating a motor vehicle when reg-

istration suspended for non-insurance and operating an uninsured vehicle. These violations occurred in the 200 block of West Washington Street.

At 8:53 p.m., Oregon Police issued Dane A.

Camling, 40, Oregon, a citation for operating an uninsured motor vehicle. This violation occurred in the 400 block of West Washington Street.

Ten verbal warnings and one parking citation

were issued during the week of Aug. 5-11.

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

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Aug. 22: Loaves & Fish Food Pantry alongside Northern Illinois Food Bank is hosting a Mobile Food Pantry on Thursday, Aug. 22 from 10-11:30 a.m. The truck will be located at Mt. Morris Church of the Brethren, 409 W. Brayton Road, Mt. Morris. Food is distributed on a first-come, first-served basis, while supplies last. Food is free to neighbors in need; no ID, proof of address or income is required. Anyone experiencing food insecurity is eligible to receive

food. You do not need to have a referral, and no proof of income is required. Loaves & Fish Food Pantry is located on the lower level of the Mt. Morris Church of the Brethren, 409 W. Brayton Road, and is open on the first and third Thursdays from 3:30-6 p.m. and second and fourth Mondays from 2-4:30 p.m. Mobile pantries will be held on the fourth Thursday of every month through October, and will be held at Church of the Brethren, 409 W. Brayton Road, Mt. Morris for the

remainder of the year. These are an "extra" food distribution - food that comes on the truck is distributed that day. If you have any questions, call or text 815-613-8776 and leave a message and we will return your call/message.

Aug. 24: Come and join us at Byron's Hairy Cow Farmers Market on Saturday, Aug. 24 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 craftlab23@gmail.com or at the Byron's Hairy Cow Farmers Facebook page.

Aug. 25: The German Valley Historical Museum, 805 Church St., will be open from 1-4 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 25. At 1:30 p.m. Daniel Wykes, educator with the Byron Museum of History, will present "Outhouse Archaeology". From

the late 1990s to the mid 2000s, the Byron Museum helped coordinate a series of "pit digs" structured to explore and mine several Victorian to Edwardian era outhouse sites for artifacts. There is no admission fee but donations are appreciated. For more information go to www.gvmuseum.org.

Sept. 6-7: The 55th annual Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll drive in Oregon and Mt. Morris will be held Sept. 6 & 7. Last year it raised \$6,000 with the

help of a few businesses and from Knight families and friends. The funds that were raised help to support the Knights of Columbus programs in Illinois, such as Special Olympics and homes for some intellectually disabled. Local organizations who also split \$4,700 were: Village of Progress, Oregon School District special education program, and Stouffer Terrace. The KOC thanked people in Oregon and Mt. Morris for their generous support again this year.

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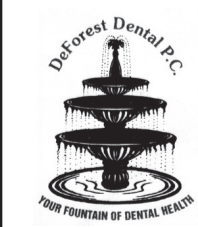
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LOCAL NEWS

State grant secured by Chesney helps HCC enhance Student Agriculture Program

FREEPORT — As participation in Highland Community College's (HCC) Agriculture program continues to grow, a grant secured by State Senator Andrew Chesney helps ensure students will have access to enhanced hands-on learning and field work.

On Wednesday, Aug. 7, Chesney joined HCC President Chris Kuberski, HCC Foundation Director Dan Dick, and other college representatives for the official groundbreaking for a high-tech pump house at the school's research plots. The building will include an upstairs meeting space and will serve as a central operation hub for a new sub-irrigation system installed across the school's research plots earlier this year. A second building near the pump station will provide additional storage space for equipment.

"Through the generosity of donors and supporters such as Senator Chesney, Highland continues to

invest in our academic programs and support services to ensure that we are providing a quality education and exceptional learning experience for our students," said Kuberski. "The sub-irrigation system and related pump house are Phase I of a multi-layered project to enhance and expand our Agriculture program. This project positions us to be the agriculture hub of Northwest Illinois which is our ultimate goal."

The agriculture program at HCC is supported by numerous public-private partnerships, and Chesney's assistance in obtaining a \$150,000 grant from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) ignited a successful fundraising effort that has netted more than \$600,000 so far through the Highland Foundation's Legacy Campaign, local bonds, and private donor support.

"This investment in agriculture in NW Illi-

nois was led by Senator Chesney," said Dick. "These public funds he secured from the State of Illinois, combined with private support from the Legacy Campaign, has created an investment of hundreds of thousands of dollars into Highland Agriculture."

Dick continued, "The estate of Steve Switzer has also played a transformative role as we bring the first community college sub-irrigation system online later this year. This visionary concept utilizing public-private partnership will greatly benefit educational opportunities for Highland students."

The DCEO grant was secured by Chesney while he served in the IL House of Representatives. Chesney was elected to the IL Senate in November of 2022, and said he is pleased to see the results of the grant coming to fruition.

"It was a privilege to join officials from HCC for Wednesday's



(COURTESY PHOTO)

On Wednesday, Aug. 7, State Senator Andrew Chesney joined HCC President Chris Kuberski, HCC Foundation Director Dan Dick, and other college representatives for the official groundbreaking for a high-tech pump house at the school's research plots.

groundbreaking for the new state-of-the-art pump house," said Chesney. "I work extremely hard to bring state grant funds to Northwest Illinois and the 45th District, and this

investment into HCC will benefit students for years to come. It also positions the agriculture program at HCC as the best in the region and state."

Above from left to

right: HCC Agriculture Instructor Justin Ebert, HCC Board of Trustees Chair Jim Endress, HCC President Christina Kuberski, and State Senator Andrew Chesney.

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 Sinissippi Centers, Inc.
 Oregon **732-3157**
 Rochelle **562-3801**

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 Counseling Services, Court Advocacy, Latina Advocacy, and Shelter programs

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

Low Income Housing

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

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P.O. Box 628
 Oregon, IL 61061 **732-6855**

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

Senior Citizens Services

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

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Rockford Sexual Assault Counseling
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 412 W Washington, Oregon **732-0000**

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Pegasus Special Riders **973-3177**

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 Medical Transportation **677-6515**

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Farmers should brace for even tighter margins and implement applicable risk management practices based on the latest crop price estimates from the University of Illinois.

Crop price projections increasingly pessimistic

BY DANIEL GRANT
 FARMWEEK

FARMERS should brace for even tighter margins and implement applicable risk management practices based on the latest crop price estimates from the University of Illinois farmdoc team.

Current levels of futures contracts suggest appropriate budgeting for 2024 crop production is down to \$4 per bushel for corn and \$10.50 for soybeans.

Those prices would result in low returns for 2024, much lower than the most recent low-price period from 2014 to 2019, according to ag economists on the U of I farmdoc team.

"I think we've now entered a period of lower returns to farming just like we did in 2013 and 2014," Gary Schnitkey, U of I soybean industry chair in ag strategy, previously told FarmWeek. "The big

thing that we see right now is that just like in 2013 and 2014, cash rents are high relative to the return potential for farmland."

The national marketing year price for corn is currently forecast at \$4.65 per bushel (the 2023 marketing year ends in August) compared to \$6.54 in 2022. If it drops to \$4 for 2024, it would be the lowest since 2019 (\$3.56).

It's a similar story for soybeans with a current projected price of \$11.55 per bushel for 2024 compared to \$13.76 in 2023.

Meanwhile, cash rents increased from an average of \$277 per acre statewide from 2014 to 2019 to a projected \$359 per acre in 2024, an increase of \$82. Non-land costs during the same time increased by \$185 per acre for corn and \$149 for soybeans, according to Illinois Farm Business Farm Management data.

"Current market price indicators of \$4 per bushel

for corn and \$10.50 for soybeans are above the 2014 to 2019 averages," the U of I economists noted. "Still, return levels likely will be much lower than from 2014 to 2019 because of higher costs."

And don't look now, but current futures prices suggest cash prices at harvest could dip to around \$3.80 for corn and below \$10 for soybeans.

Beyond that, futures prices suggest market year average prices for 2025 of around \$10.80 per bushel for beans while cash corn prices at harvest in 2025 could be in the low-\$4.30-range.

Visit the website, farmdocdaily.illinois.edu, to read the U of I's latest report and crop budget projections.

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

Rep. Fritts to host hunter safety course

DIXON — State Rep. Bradley Fritts (R-Dixon) is hosting an upcoming Hunter Safety Course. This two-day event will take place on Sept. 7 and 8 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Both days are required.

"I am thrilled to offer my second annual Hunter Safety Course this Sep-

tember," said Rep. Fritts. "With hunting season right around the corner, I want to offer my constituents a way to learn more about how to keep themselves and others safe while enjoying the outdoors."

The event will take place at the Rochelle

Masonic Lodge located at 500 Lincoln Highway, Rochelle. Reservations are required and spots are limited. To secure your spot, contact Representative Fritts' office at 815-561-3690.

For more information about Representative Fritts, visit RepFritts.com.

Ogle GOP's annual Lowden Dinner is Aug. 21

BYRON — The Ogle County Republican Party's 2024 Governor Lowden Day Dinner is coming up soon on Wednesday, Aug. 21 at the Jarrett Prairie Center at the Byron Forest Preserve.

This year's keynote speaker will be Congressman Darin LaHood.

Tickets and sponsorships are available online at oglecountygop.org or by mailing a check to Ogle GOP; 6680 S. Anterior Road; Dixon, IL 61021.

Ogle County GOP Chairman Mike Koolidge: "We cannot wait to get together for our annual dinner, celebrating our

beautiful county in one of the most exciting political years in all of our lifetimes. I'm sure the national Democrats clustering down the street in Chicago will make for some good fodder for the evening. We have never been more motivated to save this great Republic. Fight fight FIGHT!"

LOCAL NEWS



(COURTESY PHOTO)

The Jimmys make their triumphant return to the Mt. Morris Band Shell on Aug. 23.

The Jimmys to play Mt. Morris Aug. 23

MT. MORRIS — The Jimmys make their triumphant return to the Mt. Morris Band Shell on Aug. 23. One of the hottest tickets on the summer festival circuit and recent recipients of many more Madison Area Music Awards, Jimmy and his stellar group bring their high energy show back to the Mt. Morris Jamboree for a two-hour performance starting at 7 p.m.

The Jimmys have been ripping up stages with their unique blend of blues, soul, funk and R&B for 12 years. Award-winning keyboardist/singer/songwriter Jimmy Voegeli has put together an all-star lineup: Perry Weber, veteran blues guitarist/singer/songwriter; Chris Sandoval on drums; John Wartenweiler with his powerful bass lines and deep groove; Amateur Horn Stars - Pete Ross, saxophone; Mike Boman,

trumpet; and Joe Goltz on trombone.

With multiple awards under their belts, and a growing legion of fans, the band will give everyone a good time to remember for a good long time. Get yourself to this next performance and see what all of the fuss is about.

The campus is 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 the Mt. Morris Firefighters Association, serving walking tacos with all the toppings, Pepsi products, water and Berryvich Orchard's famous aronia berry lemonade slushies. All proceeds stay in Mt. Morris and benefit the Firefighters Association, serving you since

1889. The LFR Committee will be serving sloppy joes, hot dogs, chips and drinks. Grandpa's and Just 4 Fun Ice Cream will be there as well, 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 features a show and the new location of the Mt. Morris Historical Museum will also be open in the newly renovated College Hall.

Please 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 blues concert.



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DFS first started as a group that was to be a rockabilly Christmas band called "Ted & The Mistletones." The idea exploded into something much bigger, wanting to take the band further than playing just the holidays. A setlist of ten was made, then twenty and so on, now they play over 50 songs every

show for you to swing to all night long! The band is made up of four agents that love and live the rockabilly lifestyle, including lead singer, Ted O'Donnell, Harry Euhus on lead guitar and vocals, Rick Nolting on up-right bass and vocals and Bill Englund on drums.

DFS was proud to be inducted into the Rockford Area Music Industry's Hall of Fame.

This high energy band brings a show of rousing favorites from the 50s, 60s and more. Always a good time, make sure you don't miss this event!

The campus will be extra festive all day as we celebrate the ninth Annual National Straw Sculpting Competition Straw Fest Day. Featuring many family-friendly attractions, including live music all day, starting at noon with five new sculptures and many others from past years on display. Voting for the competition ends at 4 p.m.

Concessions for the day are 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 starting at noon.

Saint James Lutheran Church will be serving BBQ, hot dogs, chips, homemade pies and apple dumplings, with soda and

water to drink, starting at 5 p.m.

Grandpa's ice cream truck will be there most of the day as well.

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 noon-8 p.m.

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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 Straw Fest Day and the free rockabilly concert.

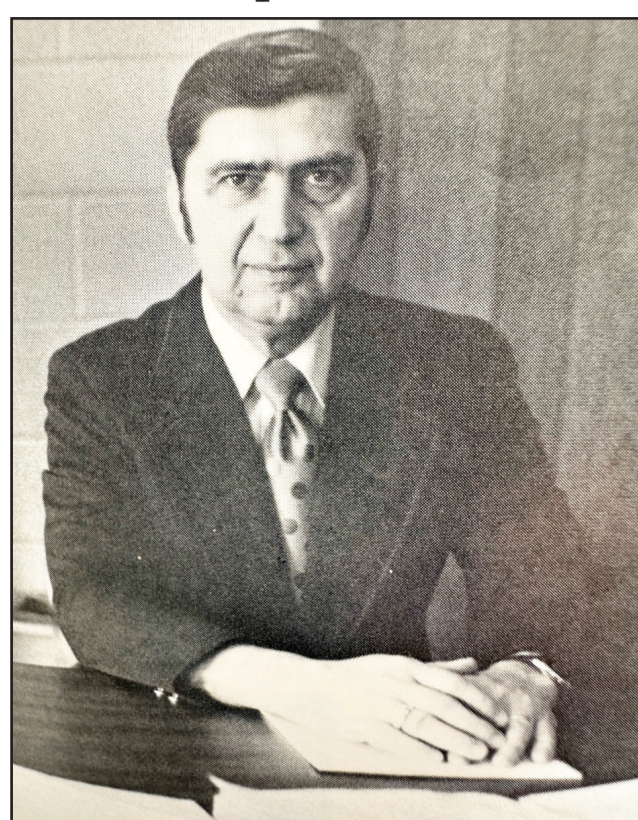
BYRON: CUSD 226 planning renovations to Joe Parks Athletic Complex

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Joe was part of the inaugural class of recipients to the Byron Hall of Fame in 2012. Bob Boyer, a longtime resident of Byron, recalls, "I was fortunate to have had Joe as my elementary school basketball coach. My dear friend Roger Reeverts and I were in seventh grade when Joe promoted the two of us to the Heavyweights. It was a great time, and soon, thanks to Joe, we had the team with little guys, like Roger and me, dominating the basketball season." Bob also remembers how he and a group of friends would drive to Mt. Morris to cheer on their coach when Joe played basketball for the Kable Colts AAU amateur basketball team. Joe Parks was an outstanding individual with a strong character. He made a positive and lasting impression on numerous students; his commitment to the Byron schools and athletic programs is why the district proudly named the sports complex after him.

Plans for the ballpark include repairing the restrooms, revamping the concession stand and entryway, rebuilding the softball dugouts, relocating and replacing the batting cages, and building a maintenance-free press box for both softball and baseball. The current pavilion will also be relocated. Over at the soccer field, the current dugouts will be replaced by a maintenance-free press box and new dugouts.

The school district gathered input from community members, staff, and students through their Strategic Planning process. Members of the Community Focus Groups and the Buildings and Ground Task Force helped identify and prioritize essential projects throughout the entire district. Members were asked to consider a variety of criteria such as: cost effectiveness, return on investment, handicap accessibility, safety conditions, and the potential for multi-use. Through this process it was also discovered that replacement parts and support services for much of the older equipment and mechanics were no longer available, rendering them obsolete. An extensive list was generated



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and after narrowing it down, the district began to formulate a comprehensive plan to address the most critical areas of concern.

The Board of Education has approved the list of long-awaited repairs and renovations in part because of the school district's multi-year tax agreement with the Byron Nuclear Generating Station. The six-year tax agreement ensures a consistent revenue for the district, which provides a level of financial security for the Board of Education to confidently move forward with their long-term Capital Improvement Plan. The Board of Education has worked to drop its tax rate from \$4.03 in 2018 to its current rate of \$3.89. The board intends to keep their tax rate stable despite selling bonds to finance the district's capital projects. The repayment schedule for the totality of the bonds being sold for capital projects coincides with the timeframe of the long-term tax agreement.

Recently completed projects at the high school include the Sunderman Theater renovation, restroom expansion, locker room refurbishment, and pickleball/tennis court restoration. Renovations at the high school library/media center are underway and scheduled to be completed by the end of August. Future projects contained in the district's multi-year plan will affect the Aquatics Center,

Everett Stine Stadium, and the PE Center. In addition to the areas utilized by the community and athletes, the Capital Improvement Plan includes the high school student services office and lower commons food service area, along with numerous safety improvements throughout the district.

Work at the Joe Parks Athletic Complex is slated to begin in mid-August. The district is planning a rededication ceremony in the spring for the community and family of Joe Parks. Karen Shiver, daughter of Joe Parks, stated, "Having been born and raised in Byron, my dad participated as a student athlete, coached, taught, and directed many athletic programs here throughout his lifetime. I know that he would be thrilled and proud to see these facilities improved and thoughtfully designed for future generations of athletes and community members to utilize for years to come. Thank you to the Board of Education for making this possible."

For more detailed information regarding the school district's Capital Improvement Plan and Financing Strategy, please consider attending one of the scheduled Community Conversations to be held in the Byron High School Theater Meeting Room on Aug. 27 at 10 a.m. and on Aug. 29 at 7 p.m.

Did Jesus Really Mean That?

Ye have heard that it hath been said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth: But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also. And if any man will sue thee at the law, and take away thy coat, let him have thy cloke also... Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy. But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you... (Matthew 5:38-40 KJV) My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight. (John 18:36 KJV) Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord. (Romans 12:19 KJV)

These words of Jesus are the basis for the doctrine of nonresistance. Taken literally, as we believe Jesus intended, this means that Christians do not resist evil that is done to them. They also ought not to take part in war. We believe that Jesus' kingdom is a kingdom of peace and love. It is impossible to love your enemies, as Jesus clearly teaches, and then fight with them, or take them to law.

To understand this teaching of Jesus, we must understand two things. First, there is a difference between the Old and the New Testaments. In the Old Testament, God related to his people as a nation. They killed those who fought them, as well as anyone of themselves who committed capital offences. But when Jesus came and died on the cross, the New Testament came into effect. Now God works with the church, and our focus is on saving the souls of men, not killing transgressors.

The second thing to understand is the "two kingdom concept." The kingdom of the world includes all world governments and any people or organizations that do not deliberately acknowledge God as their king. God's kingdom is the church and is composed of people who are saved by Jesus Christ and are committed to doing God's will. We believe, based on the teaching in the New Testament, that we cannot have one foot in each kingdom. We are either a part of one or the other. Therefore, we accept the teachings of the New Testament as our guide for life, and they clearly teach the doctrine of nonresistance. While the kingdoms of the world fight with each other, we as Christians are part of Christ's kingdom, and so we do not join in war efforts.

This is not a naïve position. God watches over His people carefully, "and we know that all things work together for good to them that love God". Following God's plan brings a rest and freedom found nowhere else!

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LOCAL NEWS

GOLF: Focus House hosts annual play day at Fairways in Rochelle

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Every dollar raised at the golf outing and in Focus House's other fundraising work goes directly to the youth services. Expenses fundraisers help cover include school supplies, costs of activities, and gas cards and food for visits with families.

"Every penny goes to the kids," Hardin said. "They sometimes come to us with nothing and no clothes or seasonal wear. Some from broken homes and their parents aren't active in their lives. Sometimes their clothes are too small or their shoes have holes in them. We always make

sure they get everything they need. Pretty much anything a kid needs to get through our program successfully, that's where the money goes."

Hardin said seeing so many of Focus House's supporters in the same place at the same time meant a lot to her.

"Last year I cried when I was thanking everyone," Hardin said. "It's just so cool to look out and just see all of these people here because they want to help the kids. All of these people are here because they support Focus House. A lot of them aren't even golfers and they come out for just a fun day. I love seeing it."



(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)

The event began with food and a shotgun start, along with a welcome by Focus House Director of Operations Brenda Mason and Foundation for Focus House Executive Director Jeni Hardin, who both thanked the golfers that took part on Aug. 9.

Ogle County Democrats holding 26th Annual Fundraiser and Luncheon Sept. 22

OREGON — 2024 is an election year like no other. Democracy and freedom are on the line and our candidates are bringing a joyous feeling to this election. We are all looking forward to our Democratic National Convention in Chicago!

We are holding our 26th annual Fall Fundraiser and Luncheon on Sunday, Sept. 22 at the scenic NIU Lorado Taft Field Campus Dining Hall, and we would love

to have all the seats filled. If you share in our Democratic values please join us this year – we really want to hear about what is important to you. And if you can't make it to the luncheon, consider donating what you are able to so that we can continue our work in Ogle County.

We have great guest speakers:

Sara Bingaman – Delegate for Democratic National Convention,

Action for a Better Tomorrow.

David Simpson – Candidate for State Representative 74th District.

Lloyd Droege – Candidate for Ogle County Board.

We've also invited Susana Mendoza, Illinois state comptroller and Maurice West, state representative 67th District (Rockford).

Based on the 2024 Primary Election results, we have 31,601 registered

votes. Of those, 4.8% (1,531) people voted with a Democratic ballot. The overall turnout for the primary was 28.6% of registered voters.

The Ogle County Democrats will be working hard this fall to get a big voter turnout during both early voting (which starts on Sept. 26) and on election day, Nov. 5.

We also want to encourage more people to join us at our monthly meetings, held on the first

Tuesday of each month at the Oregon VFW, 1310 W. Washington St., Oregon – everyone is welcome! The more people we have the more we can accomplish:

Help get more Democratic elected officials at the local and county level in Ogle County.

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needs from both state and federal governments.

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We hope to see you there!

Petition packets will be available Aug. 20 for April 1 election

Ogle County Clerk Laura J. Cook recently announced that Petition Packets for the upcoming Consolidated Election on April 1, 2025 will be available Aug. 20, 2024, on the Ogle County website. Petition Packets may

be accessed on the website www.oglecountyil.gov. Click on "County Clerk" under Departments, then "Elections." Next select "Consolidated Election - April 1, 2025" and "Local Election Official (Petition Packets)." The necessary

forms and information are available to print.

Petition packets for cities, villages, park districts, forest preserves, fire protection districts, library districts, and townships will be available at the local district offices.

Packets for school board will be available at the County Clerk's Office. Candidates may begin circulating their petitions on Tuesday, Aug. 20, 2024.

Filing of petitions: School board candidates will file petitions with the

County Clerk's Office in Oregon from Nov. 12-18, 2024 at the Ogle County Clerk's office at the Courthouse in Oregon. Office hours for filing will be:

Nov. 12-15 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Nov. 18 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

All other candidates must file their petitions from Nov. 12-18 with their local election official.

For further information, contact County Clerk Laura J. Cook at 815-732-1110.



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DRIVE TIME

How to protect your vehicle's paint job

DRIVERS go to great lengths to ensure what's under the hood of their vehicles is well taken care of. But it's equally beneficial to tend to the exterior of a vehicle, including its paint job.

According to Popular Mechanics, oxidation can adversely affect iron-based metals. That can put vehicles in jeopardy and take significant time off their life expectancy. The good news is that rust and other issues that can affect a vehicle's paint job and appearance are typically avoidable. That should be music to the ears of new vehicle owners, who likely need no reminder of the sizable financial investment required to drive off the lot with a fresh set of wheels. Drivers who want their cars and trucks to maintain their looks over the long haul can consider these simple strategies to protect their paint jobs.

• **Make car washes part of your vehicle maintenance routine.** Seasoned drivers are undoubtedly familiar with the conventional wisdom surrounding oil change intervals, but those same motorists may not recognize the importance of routine car washes. Over time, con-

taminants such as pollen, dust and pollution can settle on a vehicle's exterior, potentially jeopardizing the paint job. Routine car washes can prevent such damage and help a car look like it was just driven off the lot.

• **Wax the exterior of the vehicle.** The automotive experts at Carfax® report that waxing is a significant and simple way to protect vehicle paint. Carfax® notes that certain paste waxes contain mild abrasives that help remove fine scratches from painted surfaces. Wax also can protect paint jobs from fading related to exposure to ultraviolet rays. That's especially noteworthy for drivers who do not routinely park their cars in a garage.

• **Use a car cover.** Car covers may or may not be practical for cars drivers use every day, but they are an effective way to protect a paint job from the elements. Drivers who have a spare car they rarely drive or even those who do not drive their primary vehicle a lot each day can purchase a universal-fit car cover or a premium cover designed specifically for their vehicles. Car covers protect paint jobs from ultraviolet rays and the elements and



may reduce the need for more frequent trips to the car wash.

• **Park in the shade,** but choose spots wisely. Parking in the shade may protect vehicles from the ultraviolet rays of the sun, but it's important that drivers pick the right shady

spot to park their cars and trucks. A shade tree might seem like a great ally to vehicle owners, but if birds nest or rest in the tree, drivers could be exposing their cars to bird droppings. That's no small threat, as bird droppings are high in uric acid,

which quickly damage a vehicle's exterior. Parking directly beneath a tree also might expose the paint job to sap or fallen leaves or berries, each of which can adversely affect exteriors. If you plan to park in the shade to protect the paint job, ideally choose

a spot that is not directly beneath the tree.

A well-maintained paint job can improve the appearance and life expectancy of a vehicle, which is something drivers should keep in mind as they hope to get the most out of their automotive investment.

Why regular car washes are important

TAKING care of a vehicle involves more than just maintaining the equipment under the hood. There are a number of steps involved in keeping a car or truck in top form, and that includes regular car washes.

Car washes keep a vehicle shiny and clean, which can help it look good while sitting in the driveway or cruising the highway. However, regular car washes are more than cosmetic.

• **Protection from the sun:** A car that is routinely and properly washed and waxed is less vulnerable to damage from the sun's ultraviolet rays.

• **Extend the life of paint:** Dirt and debris can build up on the paint surface and eventually lead to scratches and other damage. Bird droppings and sap can be corrosive. Washing will help remove grime and protect the paint in the process.

• **Preserve the vehicle's value:** Drivers who plan to sell or trade in their vehicles in the future should realize that a well-maintained car can bring in as much as 20 percent more for above-average condition, according to Kelley Blue Book. Maintaining a clean and shiny vehicle can protect its long-term value.

• **Remove salt:** Drivers who live near the ocean or in areas where roads are salted in the winter to



melt snow may have cars with high salt corrosion rates. Unless it's washed off frequently, salt can take its toll, leading to damage.

• **Improve fuel efficiency:** Drivers have felt pain in their wallets at the fuel pump in recent years. Dirty cars may be less aerodynamic and less fuel-efficient as a result. Keeping a car clean may improve its fuel efficiency.

• **Maintain the interior:** Car washes are not only about the exterior. Keeping a clean and tidy interior can help improve the air quality inside of the vehicle and prolong the life of upholstery, mats

and interior components.

Car washes should be a routine part of vehicle maintenance. Professional car washes tend to be

more eco-friendly than washing a car at home, so drivers are urged to investigate their service plans and features.

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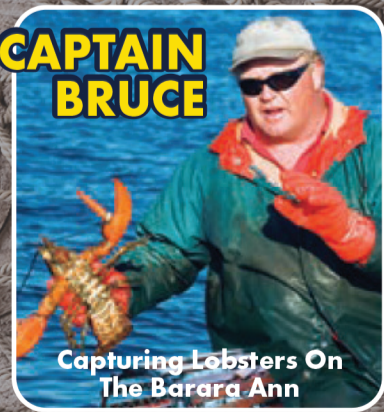
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Stillman Valley football has been a tradition in our community for a long time and will celebrate its 75th anniversary of playing the game this fall.

Stillman Valley High School football program celebrating 75 years

STILLMAN VALLEY — Stillman Valley Football has been a tradition in our community for a long time and will celebrate its 75th anniversary of playing the game this fall. Countless players have gone before us, as the first football game was played during their first season in 1950. These 75 years of play on the gridiron have created so many remarkable memories and developed numerous treasured friendships.

The Stillman Valley football program would like to invite all former players and coaches back on Friday, September 6th, for our home opener vs. Rock Falls to be recognized at halftime. Game time is 7 p.m. We are hoping for a huge turnout and a chance to catch up with old friends and support our current group of young men. Unfortunately, we've

also lost former players over the years. We would like to invite a family member of any of our deceased players to also be a part of the night and have their former player recognized. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our Athletic Director, Henry Robison, at hrobison@mail.meridian223.org or Coach Mike Lalor at mlalor@mail.meridian223.org.



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NEW LISTING

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7985 S. Green Street, Dixon
\$299,000 Call Rebecca

SHOWSTOPPER WITH A BRAND NEW ROOF! Welcome to this 4 bedroom, 2.5 bathroom home in historic Grand Detour. Many updates throughout, you will fall in love with this move in ready home. Laminate flooring on the main floor with the updated kitchen featuring granite counter, beautiful cabinets, black stainless appliances and a large eat up island. Living room and dining room boast large windows overlooking your inviting front porch. Main floor master bedroom with large jacuzzi tub, spacious vanity and walk in closet. Upstairs you will find laminate flooring throughout 3 bedrooms, full bathroom, additional room with potential and a laundry room! 2 of the upper bedrooms feature walk in closets. Lower level could be finished for additional living space, too. Attached over-sized 2 car garage and a detached 1 car garage offer plenty of parking space and room for toys. Large concrete patio off the back of the house leading to the pool makes for great entertaining space. Updates include: new roof installed just last week, flooring, Anderson windows, AC, radiant floor heat, tankless hot water heater and septic.

606 N. 4th Street, Oregon
\$399,900 Call Carla

HISTORICAL TREASURE! This crown jewel is a Jesse Barloga masterpiece. Rockford's famed architect, who studied under prominent architect, Frank A. Carpenter, designed this elite home in 1940. Located in the riverside community of Oregon, Illinois, it is 4,200 sq ft with 4 bedrooms and 3 bathrooms of wonderful living space! This rare offering, situated in the north end of Oregon, will captivate you. Upon entering the front foyer with its wood appointed staircase, to your right you will enjoy the formal dining room with crown molding, wainscoting and gleaming hardwood floors. To your left is the finely appointed living room with symmetrical, built-in shelves, a gas fireplace, and a perfectly placed bay window. A dutch door will take you to a second sun room with sliders opening up to a huge deck! There's a cozy study with a gas fireplace. The beautiful, contemporary kitchen offers quartz countertops, butcher block island, stainless appliances and loads of light filling the breakfast nook! The main floor primary en suite has its own fireplace and a luxurious private primary bath. It, too, opens to a glass-filled sun room. The upper level hosts 3 bedrooms, a full bath, and properly placed built-ins. The finished lower level provides a family room with a fireplace - number four! The craftsmanship is highly detailed inside and out! All this and so much more sitting on nearly a 3/4 of an acre with a fenced yard and inviting brick paver patio and firepit! Don't miss out on this custom, one-of-a-kind, move-in ready Cape Cod beauty.

338 S. Pine Street, Stillman Valley
\$145,000 Call Rebecca

CHARMING HOME ON CORNER LOT! 2-bedroom, 1 bathroom home located near schools and downtown in Stillman Valley. This home boasts a beautifully updated full bathroom and a kitchen with eat in area. Hardwood floors can also be found in some rooms. This home has an unfinished, walk-up attic space that could easily be converted into more livable square footage. Laundry is located in the lower level and also offers additional square footage that could be finished. Outside you will find a large deck and oversized 2 car garage with workshop. Tons of perennials throughout the landscaped yard. Above ground pool and hot tub sold as is.

105 N. Congress Avenue, Polo
\$99,900 Call JD

Charming two-story brick home brimming with character! This inviting property features three bedrooms, plus a den on the main floor that could be a fourth, two bathrooms, and an oversized two-car attached garage. Enjoy the convenience of main floor laundry and the added storage space of a full basement. With many replacement windows, and a brand new roof in 2023, this home offers a solid foundation and plenty of potential for you to make it your own. Don't miss the chance to bring your vision to life in this timeless beauty!

NEW LISTING

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2859 S. Brooks Island, Oregon
\$159,900 Call Carla

What a find! This Rock River 2 bedroom comes completely furnished and turn key!! You'll fall in love with its Northwoods feel with prime river frontage! Fantastic views from every window! You have your own boat launch with a slice of heaven for fisherman or anyone wanting to unwind and relax on the inviting shores of the Rock River. New steel roof and loads of storage! You'll love the enclosed porch overlooking the water with a state park across the river!

1448 N. Walker Road, Dixon
\$289,900 Call JD

Welcome to this meticulously kept and inviting 2-story farmhouse, nestled on approximately 1.5 acres of serene countryside. This charming home features 4 bedrooms, multiple living spaces bathed in natural light through replacement vinyl windows, and beautiful hardwood floors scattered throughout. Enjoy the outdoors from the lovely porch, and take in the picturesque rural views. The modernized kitchen blends seamlessly with the rustic appeal of the home, offering the perfect mix of old-world charm and contemporary comfort. Additional highlights include a full basement, she-shed, detached 2-car garage with 220 amp electrical service, and recent updates such as a whole home generator (2020), vinyl siding (2017), and new carpeting upstairs (2023). Move-in ready and perfect for those seeking country living with a touch of modern flair!

315 E. 4th Street, Byron NOW \$229,000
Call Rebecca

RARE FIND! 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom home on a large lot located near downtown Byron. Loads of potential in this spacious home with kitchen adjacent to dining and living rooms. Attached and oversized 2 car garage with entrance into the mudroom and laundry room. Main floor also features 2 bedrooms. One of which is the master with a grand walk in closet and large en suite bathroom. Upstairs you will find two roomy bedrooms and a bonus room that could be another bedroom or office. All of this on an oversized lot in town. Call for your showing today!

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BERTOLET MEMORIAL LIBRARY

A to Z Reading Challenge

If you're reading in order and are stuck on a title for "Q", we would be happy to find some great options for you to choose from!

August Book of the Month

Texas during the Great

MT. MORRIS SENIOR CENTER

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

Diamond Painting

August 16th - 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

ROCK RIVER CENTER

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

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

sale in various price ranges.

Bingocize!

August 19th and 23rd - 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

and like us on Facebook.

Brain Health on August 19

10:00 - 11:30 A.M. Advanced Registration Requested.

Activities with Mary

Tuesday, August 20. Fall Painting: 1:00 - 1:45. Drumming: 1:45 - 2:30.

Quilters

Monday, August 26 9:00 a.m.

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

August Craft

Wrap up summer with one last adventure! Stop by the circulation desk and pick up a kit to make a bear.

Card Making

Card Making supplies

week program meets twice a week at 1:00 pm for about 1/2 an hour each time. Sign up today!

Community Game Night

Thursday, August 22nd - Join us for Community Game Night! 6:00 at The Center for all ages. We have games but you are welcome

Magic of Brian Holt

August 29; 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. Registration Requested by August 27.

Michigan Rummy

Wednesdays, 12:30 - 3:15 p.m.

NICORGAS "SHARING" PROGRAM

NICOR GAS sharing program is available to assist those NICOR customers whose income is

are always available for you to create with. Call ahead for room availability.

Plastic Recycling

We ask that you make sure plastic is clean with no debris in the donation. *No animal feed bags are allowed* Also please remove any zip-

to bring your own. Popcorn is provided but you can also bring a snack of your choice.

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 7th. We are looking for hole

above 200% of poverty level and less than 300% of the poverty level. For a 1-person household the 30-day income limit is \$3,645; 2-person household, \$4,930, 3-person household, \$6,215, etc. You can apply for the NICOR GAS Sharing program at the Rock River Center. For more information or to make an appointment

loc-type seals and paper/sticker labels. Thank you for your cooperation.

NEW RELEASES Adult Books

A Novel Proposal by Denise Hunter

All We Were Promised by Ashton Lattimore

Hard To Kill by James Patterson

Everyone On This Train Is a Suspect by Benjamin Stevenson

Chapter Book

Ferris by Kate DiCamillo

Picture Book

Shiloh's Story by Darcie Eisele

Go and Get With Rex by David LaRoche

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!

call 800-541-5479 or 815-732-3252.

Benefit Program

The Benefit Access Program allows you to get a discount on your license plate sticker. The cost of your sticker could be as low as \$10.00. To qualify, you must meet income guidelines as follows: You must be 65 years of age or older by December 31 of

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!

the current year; or You must be 16 years of age or older and totally disabled before January 1 of this year. Your annual income* must be less than: \$33,562 for a 1-person household, \$44,533 for a 2-person household, \$55,500 for a 3-person household. You must live in Illinois at the time you file your application.

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BYRON PUBLIC LIBRARY

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!

No Longer 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.

Love the Oldies?
Tuesday, Aug. 27. 1:30 – 2:30 pm. The Byron Public Library is privileged to be hosting Ron Kroger playing oldies on the clarinet and saxophone. Join us for a harmonious afternoon! 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 will incur a cost depending on materials. Middle school and high school youth can use some of the materials while with an adult, or during Teen Time. Creative Studio hours: Sunday 1 - 5:00 pm, Monday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm & 5 - 8:00 pm, Tuesday 9 am - 1:00 pm & 5 - 8:00 pm, Wednesday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm, Thursday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm, Friday & Saturday closed.

Check out Our Mobile App
Did you know that there is an easy way to use the library from your phone? Just download



Teens created magnetic bookmarks in a recent sewing class at the Byron Public Library, perfect for the new school year!

(COURTESY PHOTO)

the PrairieCat app to your phone or mobile device and log in with your library card number and PIN! You'll be able to view your checkouts and holds, renew renewable materials, and search the library catalog. There's even a digital copy of your

library card!

Curbside Delivery
The library is open for browsing, but patrons can still use our curbside service! Place your holds online at byronlibrary.org or call us at 815-234-5107. Not sure what you want? Call us for help!

We will call or email you with a confirmation when your holds are ready to be picked up. Call us when you arrive at the library, and we will bring your items out to you, already checked out. A receipt with your due dates will be included with your items.

Visit the Byron Library Facebook page, or subscribe to our newsletters at byronlibrary.org, to keep up to date on library news and programs! Be sure to also check out the Byron Library and Byron Library Teen Instagram pages!

OREGON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Adult Summer Reading Program

The Adult Summer Reading Program concluded on August 10th, with 18 readers and 275 books read. Congratulations to Christa B Young for our 1st place prize basket from Merlins & The Other Side, Janet Snow for our 2nd place prize basket from Snyder's Pharmacy/ACE Hardware and Jessica Anderson for reading the most books this summer! Way to go readers!

Ink with A Friend Monthly Card Club

Monday, August 19th 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

Try It Tuesday

Tuesday, August 20th 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 an adult only class, 18 and up. Registration required, please call (815) 732-2724 or visit www.oregonpubliclibrary.com.

Friends Trivia Night

FORRESTON LIBRARY

New Materials

New adult fiction titles include: Lost Coast by Jonathan and Jesse Kellerman and Calder Country by Janet Dailey.

Community Room

Looking for a place to hold your event? Our community room (with

at Cork N Tap

Wednesday, August 28th 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. Teams of 6 ONLY. There is a limited number of teams, so don't wait to register.

Preschool Story Time

(18 months - 6 years). Sessions begin again on Monday, September 9 at 10 am. Registration is required.

We Didn't Start The Fire

Wednesday, September 11th. The History of Billy Joel - Though Billy Joel has not released a new rock album in over 27 years, he remains one of the world's most popular live performers. Using performance and interview video clips we'll trace the arc of Billy's career from his humble beginnings in Hicksville, NY...to his slow rise to fame...to his long string of hits including "Just The Way You Are", "It's Still Rock N Roll To Me", "Uptown Girl" and "River Of Dreams"...to his love life including his marriage to supermodel Christie Brinkley...and finally to his current status as one of the world's most successful touring acts. "If you're in the mood for a melody...the Piano Man will make you feel alright." Registration required, visit www.oregonpubliclibrary.com or call (815) 732-2724.

Passport Fair

Saturday, September 14th, 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 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

Cocktails & Crimes will meet Sunday, August 18. The Afternoon Book Club meets Wednesday, August 21 at 1 pm to discuss The Lacuna by Barbara Kingsolver. Books on Tap Book Club meets Thursday, August 22 at 6 pm at Cork & Tap to discuss The Clinic by Cate Quinn. Is This Just Fantasy? Book Club will meet August 20th to discuss Even Though I Knew the End by C. L. Polk. The 2WBC meets Wednesday, September 11 at 12:30 to discuss The Secret Lives of Book-sellers and Librarians by James Patterson & Matt Eversmann.

Functional Yin-Yasa

Wednesdays, 9:30 am Functional Yin-Yasa - This class is a hybrid

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

Knit & Crochet is BACK!

Mondays at 1:00pm. This group meets every Monday at 1 pm and is open to anyone. From beginner to expert, all skill level are welcome to join. Bring any handcraft and work on it while socializing. Need help getting started with your

knitting project, stop in on a Monday. Registration is requested, visit 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

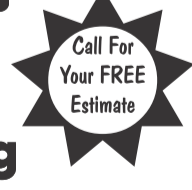
The Oregon Public Library offers Passport Application Processing. Patrons seeking Passport Services should call the Library prior to their visit to ensure that an official processor is available at that time and for a checklist of items, you will need for the appointment.

OPLD Dial-A-Story & Oregon Public Library StoryWalk @ Oregon Park West

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LOCAL NEWS

JULIA HULL DISTRICT LIBRARY

Storytime at the Library

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

Lucille Ball: Comedy Legend

In the 1950s, comedienne Lucille Ball captured the hearts of television audiences across the nation. Off-screen, she and her real-life husband, Desi Arnaz, launched their own television studio and pioneered new technologies. But what does it mean when a TV star's on-screen legend clashes with her off-screen relation? In this portrayal, historian and actress Leslie Goddard brings Lucy to life: paying tribute to both the true comic legend and the real woman behind the myth. Monday, August 26, 6:30 p.m. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

TweenScene: Tie-Dye & Friendship Bracelets

Get ready for the ultimate tween hangout! Gather with your friends in making tie-dye and friendship bracelets. Tuesday, September 3, 6 p.m. Ages 10-12. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

Toddler Time: Lego Painting

Indulge your little one's curiosity with a hands-on event just for

them. Join us this month for something messy and fun: painting with Legos! Ages 1-4. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

Cricut Lab: Infusible Ink Tote

Experienced Cricut users will learn how to cut and position a multi-layered design using different colors of infusible ink. BYOCricutmachine (Explore or Maker), and cords, cutting mat, and blade. Adults only. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

European Travel: Pack Light. Pack Right!

Overpacker, underpacker, backpacker. Whatever your style, packing for a European vacation can be overwhelming. But, it doesn't have to be. Join frequent flier, Joanna, as she talks about packing for your European vacation: what to leave, what to bring, plus tips, tricks and a packing demonstration. Monday, September 30, 6 p.m. Adults only. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

Bagged Book Sale

Books for children, teens and adults will be pre-packed by library staff with a surprise assortment! Each bag will include a selection of gently used books, labeled by genre. Bags will be sold (as is) for \$5 each. Cash and exact change



(COURTESY PHOTO) Last week, at Julia Hull District Library, tweens played Savannah Banana BINGO and tried Coca-Cola Pie while learning about the historic city of Savannah, Georgia.

only. While supplies last. Saturday, September 28, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. **Labor Day Closure** The library will be closed Saturday, August 31 - Monday, September 2 for Labor Day.

AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

BYRON

ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

CORNERSTONE FAMILY CHURCH

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

BYRON ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

226 E. 2nd St, Byron, IL 61010 - Phone 815-234-7431 - Fr. Richard Rosinski.
Weekday Masses: Tuesday - Friday 7:30am, Weekend Masses: Sat. 5:00 pm, Sun. 8:00 am and 9:30 am, Reconciliation: Fri. 8:00 am - 8:30 am; Sat. 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm or by app. Eucharist Adoration Fri. 8-9am
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UNITED CHURCH OF BYRON

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

BEACON HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD

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

CHANA

CHANA UNITED METHODIST

Pastor Josh Brown, 606 Main Street, Chana, IL 61015. Church office 815-732-7683. (E-mail address: chanoumc@gmail.com Adult & Children's Education 9:00 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion celebrated the first Sunday of each month. At Chana Church you will find Open Hearts-Open Minds-Open Doors.

DAVIS JUNCTION

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DIXON

LOST LAKE COMMUNITY CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Pastor Bob Clardie 8:30am Sunday School
815-535-6990 9:30am Church Service
90 W. Flagg Road www.lostlakechurch.org
Dixon IL 61021

FORRESTON

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

402 First Ave., Forreston, IL Phone: 815-938-2380
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Pastor Karen Tews
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ADELINE ZION EVANGELICAL CHURCH

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

LEAF RIVER BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor Billy Hardy
Live Stream Streaming: Sundays at 10:00 AM at www.facebook.com/LEAFRIVERBC/
Archived Sermons on our YouTube channel: Leaf River Baptist Church (Until further notice)
9:30 Church Service. Nursery available, 11:00 Sunday school for all ages.
Nursery available
6941 N Mt Morris Rd, Leaf River, IL 61047
815-738-2205 leafriverbc@gmail.com

LINDENWOOD

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH - LCMS

immanuel-lindenwood.org (for sermons, events, etc.)
16060 E. Lindenwood Road, Lindenwood, IL 61049
815-393-4500 • office@immanuel-lindenwood.org
Sunday Mornings: Divine Service @ 9am; Food & Fellowship @ 10am; Sunday School and Adult Bible Study @ 10:30am
Food Bank: 1st and 3rd Saturdays, 9am-12pm
Pastor: Rev. Dr. Matthew Rosebrock
pastor@immanuel-lindenwood.org

LINDENWOOD UNION CHURCH

101 N Galena st, P.O box 67, Lindenwood IL
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140 S. Church Road, Kings, IL 61068 • Pastor Marv Jacobs
Phone 815-562-6811 E-mail: goelimchurch@gmail.com
Website: www.goelimchurch.org
Sunday morning worship 10:00 am

MOUNT MORRIS

DISCIPLES UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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10:45 a.m. Sunday School (Sep. - May)
102 N. Maple Ave., Mt. Morris, IL 61054
815-734-4853 secretary@disciplesumc.org
www.disciplesumc.org
Pastor Marcia Peddicord

EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH OF MT. MORRIS

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

MT. MORRIS CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

409 W. Brayton Road, Mt. Morris, IL 61045 Phone 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

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

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www.EBENEZERREFORMED.com • Sunday school 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m.

LIGHTHOUSE UNITED METHODIST

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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
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 or on Facebook at 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: saintribides.org • E-mail: saint.bride.church@gmail.com
Worship Services: Sunday 10 am Holy Communion with Hymns Christian Education Available

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114 S. 5th St. Oregon, IL Phone: (815) 732-2367
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polo@crossroadsccn.com
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Crave Youth Group (6th-12th grade) ~ Wed. 6:30PM - June 1st.
Visit our website: www.crossroadsccn.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.
815-645-2526 | www.theredbrickchurch.org
Sunday: Worship at 9:00 and 10:30 am. Sunday School at 9:00 am.
Wednesday: AWANA (Sept - April) from 6:00 to 7:30 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
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
Sunday Morning 9am "Gather" for learning & conversation, 10:15am Worship both onsite and online at facebook.com/VECCFSV
Home of Valley Covenant Preschool 815-645-8882 Director Jill Huber
Bible Studies, Youth Group, Bread of Life Food Pantry
Please visit website for more information or contact the church office M-F 9am-2pm

GRACE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH DAVIS JUNCTION

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

WINNEBAGO

MIDDLE CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

12473 Montague Road, Winnebago, IL 61088
Located 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



LOCAL NEWS

MT. MORRIS PUBLIC LIBRARY

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!

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!

Lego Club Thursday, August 15th

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 15th 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.

Adult Book Club Cancelled for August

Join us in September for the new book! 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 September 30th at 3:30pm.

Cookbook Club Next Meeting September 3rd

Join us as we explore The Cookbook Club! This month we will be using "Ten Dollar Dinners" by Food Network chef, Melissa d'Arabian. 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 3rd, 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 hold-

ers and will be checked out for fourteen days. Get more information from a librarian if you would like to use this free service!

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.

Explore More Illinois

Explore More Illinois users can access and reserve passes from any of our attractions on the Mount Morris Library website, mtmorris-il.org, under the resources page. Visit the website to browse attractions.

Axis360 is now BOUNDLESS

Your library's Axis 360 digital service has been upgraded to Boundless. The library can provide you with information about the transition to Boundless. All your user info and history, including holds position, bookmarks, notes, and other saved data will be 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 Cheatwood at the library through email at mmlib@mtmorris-il.org or call 815-734-4927.

Memorial Gifts

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

Newspaper Available!

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

Curbside Service is available!

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

to your vehicle when you arrive. Call us if you need more information.

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

Library Board Meetings

This month's board meeting will be held on August 14, 2024, rather than August 21 as usual. Monthly board meetings are the third Wednesday of the month at 7pm at the library unless otherwise noted. The public is welcome to attend.

The Mount Morris Public Library is located at 105 S. McKendrie Ave. Mt. Morris IL 61054 - 815-734-4927 Fax-815-734-6035 www.mtmorris-il.org

BYRON POLICE REPORT

Aug. 1

At 7:31 a.m. Byron Police Department issued Simeon J. Atlee, 43, of Byron a citation for driving while driver's license to operate a motor vehicle is revoked. Atlee was transported to Ogle County Jail processed and later released on a notice to appear. This violation occurred in the 500 block of 3rd Street.

At 7:31 p.m. Byron Police issued Zackary T. Wilson, 31, of Byron citations for operating a vehicle with suspended registration, operating a vehicle with a suspended driver's license, and no proof of valid insurance. Wilson was transported to Ogle

County Jail processed and later released on a notice to appear. This violation occurred in the 100 block of North Union.

Aug. 2

At 10:35 a.m. Byron Police Department issued Michael F. Peterson, 50, of Byron a parking ticket for allowing vehicle to stand within 20 feet of an interception and 30 feet of a traffic sign. This violation occurred at the intersection of Chestnut and Merchant.

Aug. 3

At 2:54 p.m. Byron Police issued Maxwell L. Scher, 23, of Washington, DC a citation for illegal use of electronic device. This violation occurred

in the 700 block of West Blackhawk.

At 4:42 p.m. Byron Police issued Vincent J. Schaefer, 31, of Machesney Park a citation for speeding. This violation occurred in the 700 block of West Blackhawk.

At 7:38 p.m. Byron Police Department issued Cory E. Olalde, 47, of Rock Falls a citation for speeding. This violation occurred at the 700 block of West Blackhawk.

At 11:22 p.m. Byron Police Department issued Nicholas A. Drake, 18, of Byron a citation for operating a vehicle with expired registration. This violation occurred in the 100 block

of North Walnut.

Aug. 7

At 6:52 a.m. Byron Police arrested Tyler H. Stubblefield, 35, of Byron for assault and disorderly conduct. Stubblefield was transported to Ogle County Jail processed and later released with a notice to appear. This arrest occurred at the 900 block of Crest Court.

Aug. 9

At 2:59 p.m. Byron Police issued citations to Fredy N. Herrera, 31, of Dixon for operating a vehicle with suspended registration, operating a vehicle with no proof of valid insurance, operating a vehicle with no valid driver's license, and

an in-state warrant. Herrera was transported to Ogle County Jail processed and later released on a notice to appear.

At 7:50 p.m. Byron Police responded to a single-vehicle crash with property damage at the 300 block of Blackhawk Drive involving a 2013 Hyundai driven by Robert E. Codrington, 85, of Mt. Morris. There were no injuries, and no citations were issued.

Aug. 10

At 3:37 p.m. Byron Police responded to a two-vehicle accident at North Illinois Route 2 and Creekside Drive involving a 2012 Nissan driven by Logan J. Linker, 21, of Byron II and

a 2019 Honda driven by Luther G. Braziel, 50, of Park Forest. A passenger was transported by EMS for minor injuries. No citations were issued.

At 6:30 p.m. Byron Police responded to a two-vehicle accident at West 2nd Street and North Lafayette involving a 2018 Kia driven by Kelli N. Hale, 46, of Byron and a 2020 Volkswagen driven by Jacob J. Breitbach, 28, of Stillman Valley. 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.

Oregon Fire and Police Departments respond to water rescue calls

OREGON—On Aug. 9 at 11:32 a.m., the Oregon Fire Department and the Oregon Police Department were dispatched to an area just east of Clay Street on the Rock River following a report of a canoe tipping over after hitting debris in

the water. The canoe had two passengers go into the water. Fortunately, both individuals were able to swim safely to shore without injury. The Oregon Fire Department deployed their rescue boat and successfully brought the canoe back

to shore. Both passengers reported that they were unharmed and did not require medical attention.

Later in the day, at 12:42 p.m., the Oregon Fire Department and the Oregon Police Department responded to a second call

involving a tipped canoe with passengers in the water in need of assistance. Once again, the Oregon Fire Department deployed their rescue boat and was able to rescue both the passengers and the canoe from the water.

All individuals involved in both incidents were wearing life vests, which contributed significantly to their safety.

As a reminder, we encourage everyone who plans to enjoy the river to do so safely. Always wear a

life vest and remain vigilant of debris or other hazards in the water. Your safety is our top priority.

The Oregon Police Department would like to thank the Oregon Fire Department for their dedication and quick response.

Ogle County Sheriff's Office releases speed enforcement numbers

OREGON—The Ogle County Sheriff's Office conducted a traffic safety campaign throughout the month of July reminding

motorists to slow down to save lives.

The speed enforcement effort was conducted by Sheriff's deputies and

other state and local law enforcement agencies across Illinois to reduce highway fatalities.

During the campaign,

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LOCAL NEWS

LSSI Prevention programs beginning the school year strong

OGLE COUNTY — The Youth WORKS (Wellness, Opportunities and Resources for Key Services) and Project LEAD (Leaders Encouraging Abstinence from Drugs) programs are grant funded through Illinois Department of Human Services (DHS) and were established with Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (LSSI) in 2016 and 2017. Since then, the programs have worked tirelessly to provide youth violence and substance use prevention services to parents, teachers, youth, and community members in Ogle, Whiteside, Carroll,

and Lee Counties. The Project LEAD team has been utilizing the summer months to make plans for the upcoming school year and continuing the connections at a number of Ogle County community events. Some of the team's favorites included the River's Edge Farmer's Market in Oregon and the Byron Fest parade. During these events, staff were able to link with community members while providing needed program and advocacy information. Providing youth and the community with factual information and the ability to make

appropriate decisions for themselves is an essential part of the program's success. The Project LEAD team is looking forward to the school year and beginning to teach the evidence-based substance use prevention curriculum to the youth in many Ogle County schools. The Youth WORKS Prevention Team is also looking forward to the new school year and hopes to have a presence at even more Ogle County schools this year. Over the summer, the Youth WORKS Prevention Team attended and provided resources and activities at a num-

ber of community events including the Ogle County National Night Out event in Oregon. But, as the summer comes to an end, restarting the junior high and high school Youth Committees is one of the highlights. Prevention Specialist Danielle Horst looks forward to the most. The Youth WORKS team is extremely optimistic about the year ahead and is excited for another great school year in Ogle County. This summer the LSSI Prevention Team has been focused on updating and upgrading the "Hidden In Plain Sight" parent forum.

This exhibit showcases a mock teenager's bedroom in which participants will walk through and see if they can pick out what high risk behaviors are being demonstrated within the exhibit. New items and ideas have been included to represent an accurate view of preteen and teen life in today's world. The new set up allows those attending to walk into, pick up, touch, and otherwise examine items to make connections to topics including various substance use and mental health concerns. The Prevention Team will be present within the exhibit for

conversations, questions, and to provide information and resources on the topics discussed. Exhibits have already been set up at many schools over the next few months, and the team is hopeful to add many more to the calendar soon. The Prevention Team looks forward to the continued connection and impact they are able to make in Ogle County. If you are interested in learning more about the LSSI Prevention Team, have questions, or would like to get involved or volunteer, please contact the team at Prevention-Services@lssi.org.

Illinois Route 2 bridge repairs in Oregon began Aug. 12

OREGON — The Illinois Department of Transportation announced today that weather permitting, construction will begin on Monday, Aug. 12, on the bridge carrying Illinois Route 2 over the BNSF railroad in Oregon. The bridge is located south of

Pines Road. Work will patch the approaches and repair the bridge. Traffic will be reduced to one lane controlled by temporary traffic signals during the project, which is expected to be completed by the end of August.

Motorists can expect delays and should allow extra time for trips through this area. To avoid the work area, when feasible, use of alternate routes should be considered. Drivers are urged to pay close attention to changed conditions and signs in the

work zones, obey the posted speed limits, refrain from using mobile devices and be alert for workers and equipment. Over the next six years, IDOT is planning to improve more than 3,200 miles of highway and nearly 9 million square

feet of bridge deck as part of Rebuild Illinois, which is investing \$33.2 billion into all modes of transportation. Accomplishments through Year Five of Rebuild Illinois include approximately \$16 billion of improvements statewide on 6,541 miles

of highway, 686 bridges and 986 additional safety improvements. For IDOT District 2 updates, follow us on X at [@IDOTDistrict2](https://twitter.com/IDOTDistrict2) or view area construction details on IDOT's traveler information map on GettingAroundIllinois.com.

Weekly Brain Busters

King Crossword

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ACROSS
 1 Apt. coolers
 4 Fishing rod
 8 Choir voice
 12 New Deal agcy.
 13 "Zounds!"
 14 Chiefs coach Andy
 15 Boring types
 17 Tear
 18 Bad habit
 19 Woodland walks
 20 Computer problem
 22 Swedish auto
 24 Spartan queen
 25 Dijon products
 29 Tokyo's historic name
 30 Quick looks
 31 Hasten
 32 Sends on, as an email
 34 Kick back
 35 Bee's home
 36 Comic Hedberg
 37 Suitor
 40 Shakespeare villain
 41 Reedy
 42 Birds of prey
 46 Queue
 47 Yankee nickname
 48 Debtor's letters

DOWN
 1 Moreover
 2 French vineyard
 3 Surrealist Dali
 4 Fuzzy fruit
 5 Shrek, for one
 6 Young fellow
 7 Sheeran and Harris
 8 Mexican shout of joy
 9 Onion relative
 10 Fork part
 11 Probability
 16 Kudrow of "Friends"
 19 Millinery
 20 Staff symbol
 21 Decorate anew
 22 Soft leather
 23 Requests
 25 TV mogul Griffin
 26 Art of speaking
 27 Platter
 28 Third son
 30 Ache
 33 Bellyaches
 34 Latvia's capital
 36 Tribute maker
 37 Normandy battle site
 38 Use an egg-beater
 39 "— She Sweet"
 40 Sport shirt brand
 42 Cote cry
 43 Internet address
 44 Scooby- —
 45 Heat source

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MAGIC MAZE

COMMON GERMAN WORDS

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

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Unlisted clue hint: NO IN GERMAN

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| Einfach | Guten tag | Machen | Sonntag |
| Fisch | Hallo | Montag | Wasser |
| Gute nacht | Kalender | Nahe | |

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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.

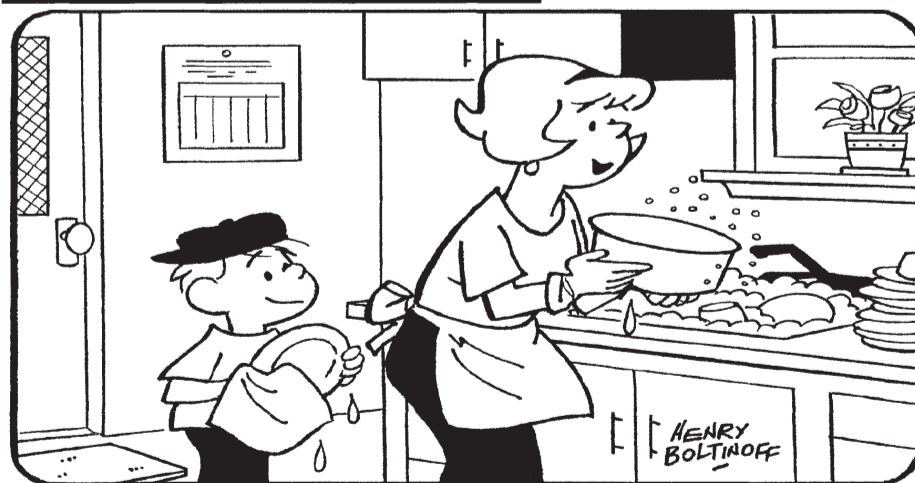
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- ◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
 ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

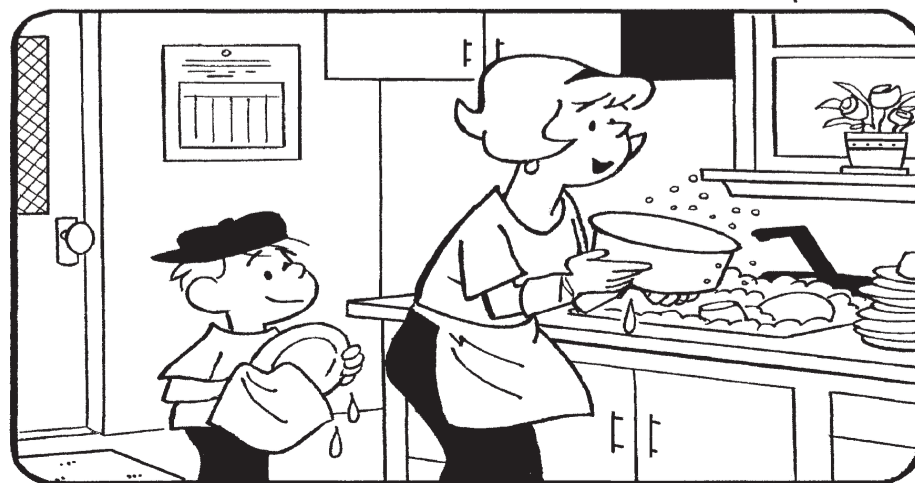
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Apron bow is missing. 2. Faucet is different. 3. Water drop from dish is moved. 4. Cabinet is wider. 5. Doormat is moved. 6. Glove is longer.

Answers
 King Crossword
 Solution time: 26 mins.

Answers
 COMMON GERMAN WORDS

Answers
 Weekly SUDOKU

LOCAL NEWS



The Ninth Annual US National Straw Sculpting Competition opened Friday, Aug. 9 with five new sculptures on the Mt. Morris Campus. New 'Fine Art in Straw' sculptures include: 'Freedom' by Doreen White, 'Peek A Boo' by Steve Lentz, 'Some Towns are Worth Melting For' by Jenna Springer, 'Chateau Castor canadensis' by Chris & Cecilia Mann, 'Peek A Boo' by Steve Lentz, and 'Merry Summerweenmas' by Danica & Mark Rogers.

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Jenna Springer, 'Chateau Castor canadensis' by Chris & Cecilia Mann, 'Peek A Boo' by Steve Lentz, and 'Merry Summerweenmas' by Danica & Mark Rogers. Public voting for 2024 is available at the event and on-line at StrawUSA.com through 4 p.m. Aug. 24. The new sculptures are on display

along with sculptures from previous years for all to enjoy each day through Aug. 25. Mark your calendar for StrawFest weekend opening Friday, Aug. 23, Jambo-ree features 'The Jimmys' (blues, funk, soul, R&B) 7-9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 24 will include: food, blacksmith demos, straw jam music,

round straw bale races in the street, Old Sandstone Gallery, Mt. Morris Historical Museum, straw sculpting awards, and more. A great band on the band shell stage, 'Dirty Fishnet Stockings' (rockabilly) wraps up the evening from 7-9 p.m. There will be pop-up live music on the straw jam stage

next to the straw sculptures on Saturdays and Sundays. 'We Live In The Middle' is the featured art show for the month of August in the Encore! Old Sandstone Gallery open on Friday and Saturday evenings from 6:30-9 p.m., and during special Straw events during the month of August.

Visit StrawUSA.com for the latest schedule and follow Encore Mt. Morris on Facebook for additional information. All events are free and open to the public. ENCORE! Mt. Morris is a cultural initiative of Mt. Morris Economic Development Corp. Learn more at EncoreMtMorris.com.

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE BONDS AND RIGHT TO FILE PETITION AND HEARING ON PROPOSED ISSUANCE

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Ordinance No. 2024-07, adopted on August 7, 2024, the City of Byron, Ogle County, Illinois (the "City"), intends to issue alternate bonds, being general obligation bonds, in one or more series (the "Bonds"), payable from the hereinafter identified revenue sources, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$2,800,000, and bearing interest per annum at not to exceed the maximum rate authorized by law at the time the Bonds are sold, has determined that it is necessary to issue bonds to (i) finance various capital improvements within the City including, but not limited to, the construction of a new public works building, and (ii) pay certain costs of issuance of the Bonds. The Bonds shall be payable from (a) all collections distributed to the City from Retailer's Occupation Taxes, Service Occupation Taxes, Use Taxes and Service Use Taxes, and (b) ad valorem property taxes levied against all of the taxable property in the City without limitation as to rate or amount. The ordinance authorizing the issuance of bonds is attached hereto and appears below this notice. Notice is hereby further given that if a petition signed by 200 or more registered voters of the City is submitted to the City Clerk of the City (the "City Clerk") within thirty (30) days after the date of publication of this Notice and the ordinance, asking that the question of the issuance of the Bonds (the "Proposition") be submitted to referendum, then the Proposition shall be submitted to the electors of the City at the general election to be held on the 5th day of November, 2024. If no petition is filed with the City Clerk within said 30-day period, the Bonds shall be authorized to be issued. A form of petition is available from the City Clerk at the principal office of the City at 232 West Second Street, Byron, Illinois.

Caryn Huber
City Clerk
City of Byron, Ogle County, Illinois
ORDINANCE NO. 2024-07

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the issuance of General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), in one or more series, of the City of Byron, Ogle County, Illinois, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$2,800,000 for the purpose of financing the costs of various capital improvements within the City including, but not limited to, the construction of a new public works building and paying for costs related thereto.

WHEREAS, the City of Byron, Ogle County, Illinois (the "City"), is a municipal corporation and body politic of the State of Illinois (the "State"), duly created, organized and existing under the Illinois Municipal Code, 65 ILCS 5/1-1-1, et seq. (the "Municipal Code"), and having the powers, objects and purposes provided by said Municipal Code; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City (collectively, the "Corporate Authorities") has determined

that it is necessary to issue bonds to (i) finance various capital improvements within the City including, but not limited to, the construction of a new public works building (the "Project"), and (ii) pay certain costs of issuance of the Bonds (as such term is hereinafter defined), all for the benefit of the inhabitants of the City; and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost of the Project, including legal, financial, bond discount, if any, printing and publication costs, capitalized interest, if any, and other expenses (collectively, the "Costs"), will not exceed \$2,800,000, and there are insufficient funds on hand and lawfully available to pay such costs; and

WHEREAS, up to \$2,800,000 of alternate bonds need to be issued at this time pursuant to the Local Government Debt Reform Act of the State, as amended, 30 ILCS 350/1 to 350/18 (the "Act"); and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the best interests of the City that the Project be completed, and in order to raise funds required for such purpose it will be necessary for the City to borrow an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$2,800,000 and in evidence thereof to issue alternate bonds, being general obligation bonds payable from all collections distributed to the City from Retailer's Occupation Taxes, Service Occupation Taxes, Use Taxes and Service Use Taxes (the "Pledged Revenues"); and

WHEREAS, if the Pledged Revenues are insufficient to pay the alternate bonds, ad valorem property taxes levied against all of the taxable property in the City without limitation as to rate or amount (the "Pledged Taxes") are authorized to be extended to pay the principal of and interest on the alternate bonds; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of Section 15 of the Act, the City is authorized to issue alternate bonds, in one or more series, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$2,800,000 for the purpose of providing funds for the Project and to pay the Costs.

NOW THEREFORE, Be It Ordained by the Council of the City of Byron, Ogle County, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1. Incorporation of Preambles. The Corporate Authorities hereby find that all of the recitals contained in the preambles to this Ordinance are full, true, and correct and do incorporate them into this Ordinance by this reference.

Section 2. Determination to Issue Bonds. It is necessary and in the best interests of the City to complete the Project, and pay the Costs, and, in order to do so, alternate bonds, in one or more series, of the City are hereby authorized to be issued and sold in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$2,800,000, and known as "General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source)" (the "Bonds") of the City, said Bonds being payable from (i) all collections distributed to the City from Retailer's Occupation Taxes, Service Occupation Taxes, Use Taxes and Service Use Taxes (the "Pledged Revenues"), and (ii) ad valorem property taxes levied against all of the taxable property in the City without limitation as to rate or amount (the "Pledged Taxes").

Section 3. Publication. This Ordinance, together with a notice in the statutory form, shall be published once in the Ogle County Life, being a newspaper of general circulation in the City, and if a petition, signed by 200 electors (said number being the greater of (i) seven and one-half percent (7½%) of the registered voters in the City or (ii) the lesser of 200 registered voters or 15% of registered voters), is filed with the City Clerk within thirty (30) days after the date of the publication, asking that the question of the issuance of the Bonds (the "Proposition") be submitted to referendum, then the Proposition shall be submitted to the electors of the City at the general election to be held on the 5th day of November, 2024. If no petition is filed with the City Clerk within said 30-day period, then this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect and the Bonds shall be authorized to be issued. The Circuit Court may declare that an emergency referendum should be held prior to said election date pursuant to the provisions of Section 2A-1.4 of the Election Code of the State, as amended. A petition form shall be provided by the City Clerk at the principal office of the City, located at 232 West Second Street, Byron, Illinois, to any individual requesting one.

Section 4. Additional Ordinances. If no petition meeting the requirements of applicable law is filed during the petition period hereinabove referred to, then the Corporate Authorities may adopt additional ordinances or proceedings supplementing or amending this Ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of the Bonds and prescribing all the details of the Bonds, so long as the maximum amount of the Bonds as set forth in this Ordinance is not exceeded and there is no material change in the purposes described herein. Such additional ordinances or proceedings shall in all instances become effective in accordance with applicable law. This Ordinance, together with such additional ordinances or proceedings, shall constitute complete authority for the issuance of the Bonds under applicable law.

Section 5. Additional Proceedings. If no petition meeting the requirement of applicable law is filed during the petition period hereinabove referred to, then the preparation and distribution of a preliminary official statement relating to the Bonds is hereby approved, and the Mayor is hereby authorized to deem the preliminary official statement nearly final.

Section 6. Severability. If any section, paragraph, clause, or provision of this Ordinance shall be held invalid or unenforceable, the invalidity or unenforceability of such section, paragraph, clause, or provision shall not affect any of the other provisions of this Ordinance.

Section 7. Repealer. All ordinances, resolutions or orders, or parts thereof, in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are to the extent of such conflict hereby repealed.

Section 8. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval in the manner provided by law.

PASSED this 7th day of

August, 2024.

APPROVED by me this 7th day of August, 2024.

John Rickard
Mayor, City of Byron,
Ogle County, Illinois

ATTEST:
Caryn Huber
City Clerk, City of Byron,
Ogle County, Illinois

The City Council of the City of Byron, Ogle County, Illinois will hold a public hearing on September 4, 2024, at 6:20 p.m. The hearing will be held in the City Hall located at 232 West Second Street, in Byron, Illinois. The purpose of the hearing will be to receive public comments on the proposal to sell (A) alternate revenue source bonds in an amount not to exceed \$2,800,000 for the purpose of (i) financing various capital improvements within the City including, but not limited to, the construction of a new public works building, and (ii) paying certain costs of issuance of said alternate bonds, and (B) general obligation bonds in the amount of not to exceed \$400,000 for the purpose of (i) financing certain capital expenditures in and for the City, and (ii) paying certain costs of issuance of the bonds

Caryn Huber
Title: City Clerk
No. 0811
(August 18, 2024)

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Commissioners of the BYRON MUSEUM DISTRICT, Ogle County, Illinois, has adopted a Tentative Budget and Appropriations Ordinance which is open for inspection, at any time during the regular hours of museum operation, at the Byron Museum operated by the District at 110 North Union Street, Byron, Illinois, and that a Public Hearing on said Ordinance will be held at the Museum at 110 North Union Street, Byron, Illinois on September 24, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

BYRON BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BYRON MUSEUM DISTRICT
BYRON, ILLINOIS
No. 0814
(August 19, 2024)

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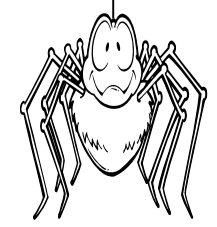
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Proposals are available on the Ogle County Highway Department website and in person at 1989 South IL Rte. 2, Oregon, IL between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 3:30 P.M. Monday - Friday.

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No. 0816
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PERSONAL PROPERTY AUCTION – SALE #1

307 S. ASH AVENUE, FORRESTON, IL 61030
Thursday, Aug. 22 **8AM**
to Sunday, Aug. 25 **5PM**

This is an Online Auction.
Please visit <https://aanctauctionservices.hibid.com/> for full sale viewing beginning 8/21/2024. Pictures will be uploaded prior to that date as they are available.

Personal Property: Many garage items—hand tools, power tools, garden tools; lumber & metal, including metal siding/roofing/pieces; outdoor furniture; work benches, rolling carts, & storage shelves; lots of hardware—nuts, bolts, etc.; garden carts; Spare tires (various sizes); aluminum pieces & diamond plate; lawn mowers (Allis-Chalmers, John Deere, and more—running & non-running); Snow blowers (walk behind & front mount); Semi bumper; Truck hitches; and more. This is a huge collection of many different items—too much to list individually! **This is sale #1 of a two-part sale.**

Item Viewing: Items will be available for online viewing no later than 8am on 8/21/2024. If you wish for more information on an item or an appointment to view an item, please contact A & T Auction Services directly.

Item Pick-up: This will be a two-part sale with a combined pick up date. Pick up for both sales will be held on Thursday, September 5th from 4:30-7:00pm at the sale site listed above.

Terms & Conditions: This is an absolute sale. There will be a 10% Buyer's Premium added to all items sold. Items can be purchased with cash, GOOD check, or credit card. There will be a 3.5% fee added to any credit card transaction.

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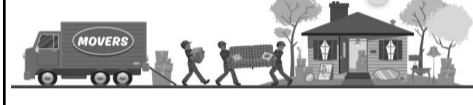
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SENIOR LIFESTYLES

Changes that could arise from the “silver tsunami”

A report from the International Monetary Fund in the summer of 2023 indicated that a new challenge awaits the world in the coming years. The global population increased by one billion people between 2010 and 2022. That remarkable increase saw the world surpass the eight billion people mark in November of 2022.

Despite a sharp increase in the global population in such a short period of time, the IMF asserts that the population boom is not the most formidable demographic challenge facing the world. The IMF defines population aging as the most formidable challenge. Widely referred to as the “silver tsunami,” a term credited to the AARP, the increase in the number of individuals age 65 and older could lead to some unique changes in countries across the globe.

• Increased recreation spending: Sixty-five has traditionally been viewed

as retirement age, and that remains an unofficial bar for individuals living in countries like the United States that have increased their official retirement age. Though an uptick in the aging population is often framed in terms of the challenges countries will face, that increase also could present some opportunities. For example, a recent AARP Longevity Economy Outlook report noted that people 50 and older account for the most spending on recreation and culture of any demographic. That could prove beneficial to businesses and regions that cater to consumers interested in recreation.

• Employment opportunities: The AARP also noted the role the 50 and older population plays in supporting jobs. In 2020, the demographic of people 50 and older supported roughly one-third of the world’s jobs and generated \$23 trillion in labor income with its spending on goods and services. Estimates from



the AARP indicate that individuals age 50 and older will support 1.5 billion jobs across the globe by 2050. The labor income impact by then will more than double to \$53 billion.

• Employment challenges: Though the silver

tsunami could help to maintain existing jobs and create plenty of new ones, employers might find it difficult to fill those positions. As more of the global population reaches retirement age, it bears noting that more work-

ers will retire. Deloitte and the Manufacturing Institute note that the manufacturing sector will need to fill 2.5 million job openings related to retirements between 2020 and 2030. That could prove a sizable challenge, as

the aging population is increasing at a time when the young population is decreasing.

The aging population is increasing, which could lead to a number of opportunities and challenges in the decades to come.

Senior-friendly interior renovations

HOME is where the heart is. That sentiment may be especially true for seniors who have spent decades living in their homes. A lot of hard work goes into home ownership, and seniors who have lived in the same space for a while undoubtedly have countless memories within the walls of their homes.

A lifetime of experiences in a home can make it hard to leave, but many seniors experience dimin-

ished mobility as they age. Mobility issues can make it hard for seniors to traverse their homes, but aging homeowners can make various renovations to make a home more accessible.

• Revamp entryways and staircases. A 2020 study of 1,000 adults in the United Kingdom found that 28 percent of individuals age 65 and older who don’t exercise regularly struggle with activities like walking up stairs. The

study, commissioned by Total Fitness, also found that 14 percent of men and women over 65 who regularly engage in moderate exercise still find it challenging to climb up and down a flight of stairs. Seniors facing similar challenges can install a ramp at their home’s entryway so they can comfortably go in and out. Inside, a chair lift can ensure seniors are not struggling to move from one floor to another.

• Raise the outlets

throughout the home. They’re easily overlooked, but outlets, particularly those outside the kitchen, tend to be close to the floor. AARP notes that’s no accident, as outlets are generally placed at a height equal to the length of a hammer to save time with measuring when buildings are being constructed. Outlets close to the floor can be difficult for seniors with mobility issues to reach. Relocating the outlets a little higher off the floor is not an expensive renovation, but it can make a home more accessible for seniors who have difficulty bending down or getting down on one knee.

• Install door knob extensions. Verywell Health notes that nearly half of all people age 65 and older have arthritis or another

rheumatic condition. Arthritis can make it difficult for seniors to grip and turn door knobs. Door knob extensions can make it easier for seniors with arthritis to open the doors in their homes. Such extensions are roughly five-inch levers that can be installed over an existing door knob, making it easier to grab and pull down. Extensions save seniors the hassle of turning the knob, which some may find painful and almost impossible.

• Renovate the bathroom. Bathroom renovation projects can be costly, but seniors with mobility issues should know that bathrooms can pose a particularly dangerous threat. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention notes that roughly three

million older adults are treated for fall injuries in emergency departments each year. A 2019 analysis published in The Journals of Gerontology noted that 22 percent of in-home falls resulted in a change in the person’s walking ability. Replacing a step-over shower with a zero-step alternative can make it easier for seniors with mobility issues to get in and out of the shower, thus reducing their risk for falls. Grab bars along shower walls and a chair inside the shower can make it easier to bathe and towel off safely.

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3 questions to ask before beginning a new fitness regimen

EXERCISE is widely recognized as a vital component of a healthy lifestyle. Despite that, a recent analysis of data from the 2020 National Health Interview Survey found that more than two-thirds of individuals are not getting enough exercise. Though the survey was conducted amid the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, which suggests the overall figures might be somewhat lower than they might have been had the data been collected in a more typical year, just 28 percent of respondents were meeting the physical activity guidelines established by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Routine exercise is beneficial for people of all ages, and seniors are no exception. Aging adults who want to be more physically active but think they are among the 72 percent

meeting CDC exercise guidelines can speak with their physicians and ask these three questions to ensure the transition to a less sedentary lifestyle goes smoothly.

1. Should I get a heart checkup?

Doctors may already be monitoring aging individuals' hearts even if they have not exhibited symptoms of heart problems in the past. However, it's best to discuss heart health in greater detail prior to beginning a new fitness regimen. In an interview with Penn Medicine, Neel Chokshi, MD, MBA, medical director of Penn Sports Cardiology and Fitness Program, noted the risk of heart attack or cardiac complications slightly increases when individuals begin to participate in a moderate or intense activity. So a physician might want to conduct a heart checkup in order to determine if a patient has an underlying



heart condition.

2. Which types of activities should I look to?

A physician also can recommend certain activities depending on a person's age and medical background. Though exercise is beneficial for everyone, certain activities may not be. For example, AdventHealth notes that high-impact activities like jogging and jump rope may not be suited for individuals with arthritis. In addition, aging individuals

with physical limitations that require them to use a wheelchair should not write off their ability to exercise, as physicians can recommend exercises for patients with mobility issues as well.

3. Should I take extra caution while on medication?

Prescription medication use is another variable that must be taken into consideration before beginning a new exercise regimen. The CDC notes that roughly 84

percent of adults between the ages of 60 and 79 use one or more prescription medications. Each medication produces different effects, and a 2016 study published in the Methodist DeBakey Cardiovascular Journal noted that certain medications evoke an acute drop in blood pressure, which can disturb balance and increase fall risk, while others actually facilitate greater improvements in health outcomes. That means the dynamic

between medications and exercise is unique to each medication, which underscores the importance of speaking with a physician whenever a fitness regimen is started or tweaked and/or a new medication is prescribed.

These are just three of the questions seniors can ask when discussing exercise with their physicians. Seniors are urged to ask any additional questions they might have during such discussions.



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