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Body pulled from Rock River Tuesday identified as missing 23-year-old Rockford man

McGowan went missing in January 2024

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

OREGON — A body found and pulled from the Rock River outside of Oregon on Tuesday morning has been identified as a missing 23-year-old Rockford man, Ogle County Sheriff Brian VanVickle said.

At approximately 11 a.m., Tuesday the Ogle County Sheriff's Office received information from an individual that was searching for fossils along the river who said they had located a body in the water. Deputies, the Oregon Fire Protection District and the Ogle County Coroner's Office responded to the area and a body was located in the 4,300 block of North Illinois Route 2 (Oregon



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address).

On Wednesday, a forensic review of dental records was conducted by the Ogle County Coroner's Office, and the individual was identified as Carter McGowan, who was reported missing from Rockford in January 2024.

"The individual was in

the water and had clearly been there for some time," VanVickle said Tuesday.

The area McGowan was found in is just north of Roadside Park. There are no homes in that area for "quite a ways," VanVickle said. The person who located the body was walking the banks.



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Sundae Social opened on July 10 and its hours are noon to 9 p.m. through Labor Day. It will stay open until Oct. 1 and its hours will be 3-8 p.m. after Labor Day.

Sundae Social now open in Byron through September

'It's been a hit and it's been busy...'

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

BYRON — A Pecatonica family has opened up a new soft serve ice cream trailer located at 204 E. Blackhawk Drive in Byron. Sundae Social opened on July 10 and its hours are noon to 9 p.m. through Labor Day. It will stay open until Oct. 1 and its hours will be 3-8 p.m.

after Labor Day.

The business is owned by Pete and Katryna Kirby. Katryna grew up in Byron and after the closure of Sam's Drive-In in the city, the couple wanted to do something with ice cream to fill the void.

"In the spring we explored it and talked to other people that work out of trailers like we do," Katryna said. "We talked to

the city and some private property owners and found a spot. We added tables and lighting. We wanted to make it a destination for kids and families. It's been a hit and it's been busy. It's been great. We have two young kids that we want to teach about business and entrepreneurship."

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(COURTESY PHOTO)

Rochelle sculptors Mark and Danica Rogers again entered the U.S. National Straw Sculpting Competition in Mt. Morris, held Aug. 9-25 this year.

Rochelle father-daughter duo make another entry into Mt. Morris straw sculpting contest

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

MT. MORRIS — Rochelle sculptors Mark and Danica Rogers again entered the U.S. National Straw Sculpting Competition in Mt. Morris, held Aug. 9-25 this year.

The father-daughter sculpting duo have a history of competing locally in both straw and snow competitions. They've entered the Mt. Morris competition for a number of years and have entered snow sculpting competitions in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin and Rockford.

The Rogers' entry to this year's straw competition is named "Merry Summerweenmas", and is a summertime-themed Jack Skellington from The Nightmare Before Christmas hanging a carved watermelon on a Christmas tree.

"This summer there was a trend on social media where people were celebrating Summerween, Halloween during the summertime, by watching Halloween movies outside or in the pool, carving

watermelons instead of pumpkins, or making snacks that are Halloween themed," Danica Rogers said. "Oregon had a downtown Summerween event with activities and trick or treating downtown. I loved the idea of it, but unfortunately didn't get around to celebrating it. So to tie in more summer elements we gave Jack shorts and flip flops and he's hanging a jack o' lantern watermelon on his tree."

Mark and Danica enjoy planning out which parts of the sculpture need to be a different texture to stand out. They glue chipped straw to styrofoam for parts where a lot of detail is needed. Other parts are made of straw that's put over a chicken wire form and wrapped with twine, straw put over a form and stapled down with chicken wire, and bundles of straw tied onto the chicken wire form.

"This year we had to tie a lot of bundles together for the tree to give it a pine needle look," Danica said.

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LOCAL NEWS

Zoning change for Byron Nuclear Plant property approved

‘This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to engage in this. It will generate millions of dollars’

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

OREGON — At its monthly meeting Tuesday, the Ogle County Board voted 18-4 with one member abstaining to approve a zoning map amendment that will see 524 acres of land owned by Constellation Energy Generation rezoned from agricultural to industrial. That land is around the Byron Nuclear Plant.

Board Members Dean Fox (R-District 7, German Valley), Marcia Heuer (R-District 8, Oregon), Jackie Ramsey (R-District 4, Rochelle) and Ryan Reeverts (R-District 6, Byron) voted against the change. Board Member Benjamin Youman (R-District 1, Davis Junction) abstained from the vote.

Board Member Dan Janes (R-District 5, Stillman Valley) led the proceedings Tuesday. The map amendment passed the county’s zoning board of appeals 3-2. Due to it being within 1.5 miles of the City of Byron, the city held a 5-0 vote in favor of the change. Marion Township voted 5-0 against the change.

“I checked all of the comprehensive plans, and Ogle County, Marion

Township and the City of Byron denote this area as economic development areas in our comprehensive plan with an industrial application,” Janes said.

Janes cited examples of data centers that have located in the region that have brought economic windfalls such as Meta and Microsoft as examples of development that the land’s rezoning could yield in the future.

A potential data center could help with expanding fiber optic access in the county, which has been a project the county board has been working on for some time.

“This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to engage in this,” Janes said. “It will generate millions of dollars. To equate it to agriculture, it would take 434,000 new acres of farmland at \$50 an acre to equate one year of a data center. We want to enhance economic development and generate new income. We have two dying landfills. The viability of that nuclear plant could probably go 40-60 years if it had a continuous industry to feed that energy to.”

Board Member Jeff Billeter (R-District 6, Byron) discussed the county’s current financial situation



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that is causing it to seek out more income from economic development. Billeter said too much debt and not enough income is being seen, with the primary problem being outstanding debt of \$2.8 million per year in bond payments for the new Ogle County Jail for four more years.

The county has income challenges due to a deal it recently made with Constellation that saw

the Byron Nuclear Plant’s equalized assessed value (EAV) reduced by 2.9 percent until 2027 which reduces county income. That deal was made to settle a property tax dispute with Constellation. The county has also seen a shortfall in income due to not housing as many federal prisoners at the Ogle County Jail as it expected to. Billeter said another issue being seen is a shortfall in landfill

tippling fee revenue.

“This opportunity we have with Constellation, from a financial standpoint, is an answer to a prayer,” Billeter said. “It won’t help immediately. But it won’t take long, and that income stream could come in to address our issues with the jail and future projects that are much needed.”

Byron Nuclear Plant Government Affairs Manager Ryan Tozer thanked

the board on behalf of its 700 employees for voting for the zoning change.

Board Chairman John Finfrock (R-District 7, Mt. Morris) thanked those that voted for the zoning change as well.

“It’s a win-win for every taxpayer in this county,” Finfrock said. “There are some that do not feel that way, but the majority of the people here have spoken. Thank you to everyone who worked on this.”

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LOCAL NEWS

Kalnins sworn in as new Oregon Police Department chief

OREGON — At the Aug. 13 Oregon City Council meeting Mayor Ken Williams swore Matthew Kalnins in as Oregon's new chief of police.

Kalnins graduated from Oregon High School and earned an associate's degree from Rock Valley College. He is currently pursuing a bachelor's degree in criminal justice.

Kalnins began his career in law enforcement in 2005 as a correctional officer at the Ogle County Jail. A year later, on April 10, 2006, Oregon hired him as a patrol officer for OPD.

"Over the years, Matt has held various roles that highlight his commitment to public safety and community engagement, including serving as a Taser instructor, OC instructor, control tactics instructor, and field training officer," a press release from Oregon City Manager Darin DeHaan said. "Matt has also been an active member of the ILEAS Mobile Field Force."

Kalnins has worked as a school resource officer, where he "helped foster positive relationships between law enforcement and students."

"I most recently was told another story of his direct positive impact on a student while he was in this role," DeHaan said. "He has also been involved with instructing at the Sauk Valley Community College Police Academy."



(COURTESY PHOTO)

At the Aug. 13 Oregon City Council meeting Mayor Ken Williams swore Matthew Kalnins in as Oregon's new chief of police.

Kalnins was promoted to sergeant 2022 and promoted to deputy chief in 2023. Most recently he has served as interim chief of police and led the department during the extended absence of Chief Joe Brooks, who recently reached a separation agreement with the city.

"I have watched Matt's career develop over the past 18 years," DeHaan, who previously served as OPD chief, said. "I know he holds the police department and the community in the highest regard. Matt has dedicated himself to making Oregon a safe place for our citizens, businesses and visitors. I am confident that Matt

will continue to make great strides in his career development, and he will provide a positive leadership role for our esteemed police department. I look forward to working closely with Chief Kalnins as he leads the department in its day-to-day operations. 2024 brings challenges and complexities in law enforcement but I am extremely confident in Chief Kalnins' abilities to be overcome these with his team."

In his spare time, Kalnins enjoys being with his wife and three kids. He is a sports enthusiast and loves watching his kids play softball, basketball and flag football.



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ROGERS: Father-daughter duo enters straw sculpting contest

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"Jack is also one of the thinnest pieces we've made so we had to make up for it in the detail. The biggest difficulty that we run into every year is time. We had a couple vacations planned for the weeks leading up to the due date so we had a lot of work to get done in the several days we were home before we were supposed to have it delivered."

The Rogers originally planned to make a Medusa piece for both the Mt. Morris event and the drive thru Halloween light display in Sinissippi Park in Rockford. They ran short on time and decided to do something simpler. After the new idea started with a Christmas tree, Jack Skellington was added in to meet themes of summer and Halloween.

Mark and Danica's entry is among five new sculptures displayed on the Mt. Morris campus.

"It's a fun festival that

we enjoy seeing bring in a crowd and we would hate to see it end because of lack of participation," Danica said. "Encore! Mt. Morris does a great job and makes it a really special time. The outdoor gallery of sculptures they have set up at the campus looks really cool and they also run it alongside their Jamboree concerts that bring in people to the band shell so they can enjoy the sculptures as well."

Entries made by Mark and Danica Rogers over the years have included Oscar the Grouch from Sesame Street, Baby Yoda, a 1970s troll doll, King Kong, the Headless Horseman, and the Ghostbusters Stay Puft Marshmallow man.

Danica said her favorite piece would have to be the Stay Puft Marshmallow Man, due to it being their biggest, most impressive piece because of its size alone. "A lot of hours" go into the making of each piece, even before

the work with straw starts. The Rogers try to come up with pieces that will work in their timeframe that audiences will enjoy, and then comes the planning, sketching and scaling. Mark handles the framing stage and then chicken wire is added to give the frame its shape. Then comes foam sculpting, before the straw is finally applied in different techniques.

Mark and Danica enjoy the process because it allows them to spend quality time together and bond over a task.

"It's a lot of fun to joke around and bounce ideas off each other of things we should do or would be funny to add," Danica said. "My dad has four daughters and art and these sort of building projects are something that are more specific to me and him. My other three sisters aren't as artistically inclined as we are so we bond over that. We joke around that I'm my dad's favorite son."



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The "Those Were The Days" program, Saturday, Aug. 31 at 10 a.m. at the Oregon Depot Museum will be "The Chana School 1883 to 2003 and Beyond" presented by Connie Stauffer.

Oregon Depot presentation Aug. 31 to cover historic Chana School

OREGON — The "Those Were The Days" program, Saturday, Aug. 31 at 10 a.m. at the Oregon Depot Museum will be "The Chana School 1883 to 2003 and Beyond" presented by Connie Stauffer. A new power point will show a collection of pictures from the beginning efforts to save the old 1883 Chana School from destruction, the moving of the school to Oregon Park East, the restoration of the schoolhouse and the use of the school today.

The Chana two-room schoolhouse stands as an example of rural education in Midwest America. It is

a pure style of Italianate architecture. The building was included on The National Register of Historical Places in 2005. It is the only two-room wooden school from Illinois on the National Register. Less than one percent of all sites on the National Register

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LOCAL NEWS

Obituaries

Linda Kay Bechtold

MT. MORRIS—Linda Kay Bechtold, 76, of Mt. Morris, Illinois, went to be with her Lord on Sunday, August 18, 2024.

She was born on April 4, 1948, in Oregon, IL to Kenneth and Mildred (Pettinger) Messer. She married Clarence E. Bechtold at Mt. Morris EFC on September 17, 1967. She loved the Lord; her personal Savior, was an avid reader, and as a devoted wife and mother, she loved to spend quality time with her family and grandchildren. She had a heart for children and served them as Mother, Grandmother "Grammie", Sunday School teacher, Awana leader/director, and as a Paraprofessional em-

ployed by the Ogle County Co-op.

Linda is survived by her devoted husband Clarence; her sons, Ken (Michelle) of Freeport, IL, and Daniel (Rebecca) of Merritt Island, FL; 7 grandchildren Jacob, Nicole, Solomon "Kwame", and Vivian of Freeport, IL, and Hope, Faith, and Nora of Merritt Island, FL; and one great-grandson, Jace of Freeport, IL; a Brother-in-law Robert of Rockford and sisters-in-law; Betty of Stillman Valley, SanDee of Rockford, and Thelma of Mt. Morris; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and 9 brothers, Gene, Bill, Arnie, Glenn, Charles, Darrell, Jim, Doug, and



Tom.

Memorial services will be held on August 31, 2024 at 11:00 A.M. in the Mt. Morris Evangelical Free Church, with Rev. Bruce McKenna officiating. Burial will be held in Oakwood Cemetery, Mt. Morris, IL. Visitation will be held on August 31, 2024 from 10:00 A.M. until service time in the church.

Memorials to be established.

David L. Hendrickson

STILLMAN VALLEY — David L. Hendrickson, 89, passed away at St. Vincent Hospital of Green Bay WI, in the late hours of Wednesday, August 14, 2024. He was born on July 19, 1935, at Rockford Memorial Hospital of Rockford, IL, the son of Ernest & Evelyn (Shaw) Hendrickson. He graduated Stillman Valley High school in 1953.

David served in the Navy reserves from 1953 to 1955. He then went on to take college classes in machinery to further his career at Sunstrand of Rockford, IL. He worked as inspector, testman, and millwright for 43 years before retiring in 1999. He married the love of his life Wanda Ludwig on April 24, 1955, at the First Presbyterian Church of Ashton, IL. Over the next 57 years they built a life together and had 4 wonderful children. Throughout his life David enjoyed his work as a mill-rite, square-dancing

with his wife Wanda, and fishing. He worked as a volunteer firefighter for the Stillman Valley Fire Protection District, was an avid Bears fan, and was a member of the Wally Byam Caravan Club International (Airstream). He is preceded in death by his parents, wife, brother Dale (Amy) Hendrickson, sister Bonnie (Bob) Stremmel, and brother-in-law Don (Julia) Fromkin. He is survived and missed dearly by his children Susan Morris of Rockford, IL, Douglas (Judy) Hendrickson of Dekalb, IL, Karen (Arnie) Leitzinger of Algoma, WI, Jeffery (Amy) Hendrickson of Byron, IL; grandchildren Crystal, LeAnna, Micaela McKenzie; great-grandchildren Giana & Remi; step-great-grandchild Chelsea great-great-grandchild Forrest; sister Juila Fromkin of FL; brother-in-law Hiram Ludwig Jr.; and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation hours will take place between the hours of 10:00 AM and 12:00 PM on Friday, August 23, 2024, at Farrell Holland Gale Funeral Home of Stillman Valley, IL. A funeral service has been scheduled for Friday, August 23, 2024, at Farrell Holland Gale Funeral Home of Stillman Valley, IL, beginning at 12:00 PM with Pastor Joy Meyers presiding. David will then be laid to rest alongside his wife at Stillman Valley Cemetery. Memorial donations are established in his name and may be directed to the Stillman Valley Fire Protection District. To leave an online condolence or plant a tree in his memory please visit www.farrellhollandgale.com.



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Eileen Vera Myers

FORRESTON — Eileen Vera Myers, 76, of Forreston, IL, passed away Friday August 16, 2024 in her home. She was born June 11, 1948 in Clinton, IA, the daughter of Henry and Gertrude (Petersen) Landon. Eileen married Eugene Myers on October 19, 1968 in Clinton, IA. Eugene passed away May 9, 2019. Eileen loved to connect with people and she was loved by everyone that crossed paths with her. She and Eugene had a love for flowers and fruit trees. Her children remember having all kinds of fruits around the house growing up. She also enjoyed working farmers markets. Most importantly to Eileen was her faith and family. She loved raising her

children and got great joy from her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Eileen is survived by daughters, Ronda (Jeff) Lindsay of Lanark, IL and Sheila (Mike) Piper of Ohio, IL; son, Christopher (Sarah) Myers of Hartford, WI; sister, Lois McMahan of Bella Vista, AR; brothers, Richard (Mary Jo) Landon of Clinton, IA and Henry (Grace) Landon of Albemarle, NC; sister-in-law Cindy (Larry) Schultz of Clinton, IA; eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Preceding Eileen in death are her parents, husband, daughter Angela; brothers Everett Landon and Robert Landon; sisters Wilma Cochran and Mary Jane Cochran; and three brother-



in-law's, Howard Cochran, Mike Cochran and Don McMahon.

Funeral services will be 11:00 A.M. Saturday August 24, 2024 at Burke-Tubbs Funeral Home in Forreston, IL. A visitation will be held from 9:30 A.M. until the time of service. Burial will be at North Grove Christian Cemetery. A memorial has been established for the American Heart Association.

Carol C. Frericks

CHANDLER, Ariz. — Carol C. Frericks, 78, formerly of Stillman Valley, Illinois, passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family at her home in Chandler, Arizona on Wednesday, August 14, 2024. She was born on December 23, 1945, in Rockford, Illinois to Hugh and Marlys (Anderson) Johnson. Carol graduated from East High School in Rockford in 1963. She earned her bachelor's degree from Northern Illinois University, a master's degree from Lewis University, and completed post-graduate studies at Northern Illinois University. Carol was a teacher for the Rockford School District for 2 years and Stillman Valley School District for 27 years. She married Eugene "Gene" Frericks on January 27, 1967, at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Rockford.

They enjoyed 57 years of marriage together and raised two children. Carol most enjoyed spending time with her family, and throughout her life had a great love for reading. She was a member of the Illinois Education Association and National Education Association. She is preceded in death by her parents. She is survived and missed by her husband Gene of Chandler, Arizona; daughter Amy (Jose) Ortiz of Chandler, Arizona and son Ted (Kristen) Frericks of Fort Collins, Colorado; grandsons Jakob Frericks, Alex Ortiz, Xavier Ortiz, Theo Frericks, and Charlie Frericks; sisters Nancy (Bill) Parkinson of Springfield, Tennessee, and Mary (Donald) Olson of the Florida Keys. A memorial service will take place at Desert Cross Lutheran Church in Tem-



pe, Arizona on Sunday, September 8, 2024, at 3pm. A live stream will be available at the following: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yzBtXh0AO-o>. A graveside service will take place at Emmanuel Lutheran Cemetery in Paynes Point, Illinois on Sunday, September 15, 2024, at 3pm with Chaplain Bill Lucas presiding. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you purchase a book and donate to a library of your choice. Visit www.farrellhollandgale.com to leave a condolence or memory of Carol.

Herman Hartle

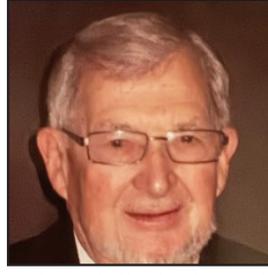
MT. MORRIS — Herman Hartle, age 89, passed away peacefully in his home surrounded by his family, on Wednesday August 14, 2024. Herman was born on the family farm in Oregon, IL on June 1, 1935 the son of Earl & Mae (McKee) Hartle. Herman married Gloria Stouffer on May 19, 1956 in Mt. Morris, IL, where they raised 3 loving daughters, and Gloria preceded him in death on April 30, 2023.

Herman was preceded in death by his parents, brother: Walter Hartle, and sisters: Mary Dohse and Lois Hartle. He is survived by his Daughters: Cindy Plac (Reggie), granddaughters Amanda Reed (Ryan), Alyssa Plac, Ashley Shearrow (Caleb) and Allison Plac; Peggy Flerick, granddaughters Nicole Flerick, Andria Corlew (Carl), and Jacqueline Carmody (Kyle), great-grandchildren Makena, Addison, Declan and Kenneth-John, Colton, Corbin, Charlie & Joelle; Julie Borgmann (Dave),

grandchildren, KelliAnn Baker, Nicholas Baker, Alec Anderson (Cinthia), and great-grandchildren Kathryn, Lillian, Aria, and Orianna; brothers: Dale Hartle, and Dewayne Hartle; sister: Arlene Riggs.

Herman was an active member of West Branch Church of the Brethren for 60 years. He then transferred to Mt. Morris Church of the Brethren until the time of his passing. He was an active member of the Mt. Morris Loyal Order of Moose. Brother Herman was a 32nd degree to the fraternal members of the Scottish Rite of Free Masonry since 2014. For most of his career he worked for and retired from Rockford Blacktop. He was also employed by the Village of Mt. Morris, as well as a number of local employers and a long-time tree trimmer.

Throughout his life he saved many animals including squirrels, racoons, owls, ducks, turtles, of which some became pets. From a young age, he had a love of motorcycles, in particular Harleys. He part



took in hill climbs and even reached the pinnacle during 1 event. He took pride and pleasure from being with his daughters, grand children and great-grand children.

Visitation will be held Saturday August 24 from 10:30 A.M. until service time in the Mt. Morris Church of the Brethren. Memorial service will be held on Saturday August 24, 2024 at 12:00 P.M. in the Mt. Morris Church of the Brethren, with Rev. Rodney Caldwell officiating. A private family burial will be held in Oakwood Cemetery, Mt. Morris, IL.

In Lieu of flowers please send all donations directly to Serenity Hospice and Home (serenityhospiceandhome.org) 1658 IL-2, Oregon, IL 61061.

Janet Marie Meyers

FORRESTON — Janet Marie Meyers, 61, of Forreston, IL passed away Monday August 19, 2024 at home surrounded by her family. She was born March 9, 1963 in Freeport, IL to Herbert and Lorraine (Thobe) Marsh. On April 11, 1992 she married William "Bill" Meyers at First United Methodist Church in Forreston. Janet was employed at FHN Memorial Hospital as a billing representative for 20 years. She was a

member of First United Methodist Church in Forreston. Janet enjoyed cooking, reading, crafts, and shopping. Christmas was really special to Janet and she always looked forward to decorating the house and giving gifts. Most of all, Janet enjoyed spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren.

She is survived by her husband of 32 years Bill of Forreston, IL; son Joshua (Kristine) Stevens of



Streamwood, IL; daughter Emily (Fiancé Nate Conder) Meyers of Freeport, IL; two brothers Greg (Cindy) Marsh of Livingston, WI and Jeff (Diane) Marsh South Wayne, WI; two grandchildren Zachary and Marcus Stevens; brother-in-law Joe Herrmann; and nieces and nephews, Tyler and Megan Herrmann, Daniel and Jason Marsh, and Austin and Jenna Marsh.

Preceding Janet in death are her parents and sister Deborah Herrmann. Per Janet's wishes, a private graveside service will be held at West Grove Cemetery in Forreston, IL. Cremation rites have been accorded. A memorial has been established in Janet's memory.

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LOCAL NEWS

Obituaries

Loretta A. Uhlar

BYRON — Loretta A. Uhlar, peacefully went home to her Lord and Savior on August 15, 2024, in Byron, Illinois, at the age of 78. Born on September 23, 1945, in McConnell, IL the daughter of Leroy and Nancy (McQuerry) Stabenow. Loretta lived a life filled with love, faith, and an unwavering commitment to her family. She graduated from Freepport High School. She married the love of her life, John Uhlar on October 3, 1964 and they spent 57 beautiful years together until he preceded her in death on February 1, 2022. For over 26 years, Loretta dedicated herself to the Meridian School District as a custodian at the Junior High. Loretta's culinary skills were legendary among her family and friends, and she was particularly known for her cheesy potatoes and even though she loved cookbooks most of her recipes were in her heart and cannot be recreated. A woman of profound faith, Loretta found solace and strength in her church community at First Baptist Church in

Oregon where she stayed active and was the head of the social committee for many years. Her strong belief in the Lord guided her actions and inspired those around her. She embodied selflessness and kindness, always putting the needs of others before her own; living her life as testimony to the Lord. In her spare time, she enjoyed being outdoors; especially at their cabin in Minnesota where she could watch the birds and fish with her family. She loved shopping on QVC and enjoyed crafting and painting. The most important thing in her life was her family and she loved being a devoted wife, dotting mother, and involved grandmother. She was someone her family could always count on, and she enjoyed every moment she had with them. She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, and siblings, Howard and Delores. She is survived and missed by her children, Jeff (Rhonda) Uhlar of Rainbow City, AL and Luann (Marvin Capps) Chapman of Byron; grandchild-



dren, Ashlee (Ashis) Jana, Chelsea Uhlar, Collin (Karlee) Uhlar, Zachary Chapman, Taylor (Fiancé Ayden Whaley) Chapman, Addison Chapman, Julia Capps, Jodie Capps, Jordan Capps, Madison McGee, and Malachi McGee; great grandchildren, Caroline and Kennedy and one on the way; and several nieces and nephews. Visitation will be held from 5:00 – 7:00 PM on Monday, August 19, 2024 at Farrell Holland Gale Funeral Home in Stillman Valley. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, August 20, 2024 at First Baptist Church in Oregon with Pastor David Snow and Pastor Jerry Clark officiating. Grave Side at 2:45 PM at Kishwaukee Cemetary. Memorials are established in her name.

Vaida June (Cain) Yelinek

LEAF RIVER — Vaida June (Cain) Yelinek, 94, of Leaf River, died Friday, August 16, 2024 at Allure of Pinecrest, in Mount Morris, IL. Vaida was born April 19, 1930 in Adeline, Illinois the daughter of Shelby and Olive (Kretsinger) Cain Sr. She graduated from Leaf River High School class of 1947. On July 8, 1949 Vaida married Delbert E. Yelinek in Adeline. They celebrated 50 years of marriage. Delbert died November 12, 1999.

office. They retired from farming in 1995. She was a member of the Adeline Zion Evangelical Church and she enjoyed doing crossword puzzles and Sudoku.

Survivors include; one nephew Kenneth (Nickie) Lingbeck of Leaf River, and four nieces Debra (Thomas) Svoboda of Iowa, Dana Maxwell of MO, Donna (Scott) Moffitt, Raeford NC, and Diane (Mike) Hemmersbach of Leaf River and several great nieces and great nephews.

Vaida was preceded in death by her parents, husband, brother Shelby Cain Jr. and two sisters Patricia Lingbeck and Virginia Maxwell and two nephews Gordon and Gregory Maxwell.



Funeral services will be 11:00 A.M. Wednesday August 21, 2024 at Adeline Zion Evangelical Church, 9106 N Cedar St, Leaf River, IL 61047, Pastor Larry Jameson officiating. A visitation will be held from 10:00 A.M. until the time of service. Burial will be at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens in Freeport, IL. In lieu of flowers a memorial has been established for Serenity Hospice and the Adeline Zion Evangelical Church.

Teddy Swims to perform at Hard Rock Casino Rockford Sept. 20

ROCKFORD — Hard Rock Casino Rockford announces genre-blending sensation Teddy Swims will perform live Sept. 20 at 8 p.m. in the casino's 2,000-seat concert venue. Hard Rock Casino Rockford is located immediately off the Interstate 90 State Street exit in Rockford. The public can purchase tickets beginning Friday, Aug. 23 at HardRock.com/Rockford/Events and at TicketMaster.

Earlier this year, Swims released I've Tried Everything But Therapy (Part 1.5), the deluxe edition of his acclaimed debut album. It includes four new songs plus his chart-conquering smash hit "Lose Control," which recently claimed the top spot on the Billboard Hot 100 chart, hit #1 at Top 40 and Hot AC radio, and has surpassed one billion streams across all platforms.

Swims recently performed "Lose Control" on American Idol and rolled out the dazzling video for his new viral track "The Door." On top of all that, Swims is currently making his way through the U.K. and Europe on his mega-successful I've Tried Everything But Therapy tour.

Putting in real work for years, a quiet, yet steady grind brought Swims to the forefront of popular culture as a tried-and-true star without comparison. Teddy started to gain notoriety after posting covers online in 2019 — such as Michael Jackson's "Rock With You" and Shania Twain's "You're Still The One" — gaining hundreds of millions of views, leading to his signing to Warner Records in 2020. He tirelessly honed his voice and songwriting across EPs such as Unlearning [2021], Tough Love [2022], and Sleep Is Exhausting [2022]. He showcased his sky-high range by collaborating

with artists such as Maren Morris, Meghan Trainor, X Ambassadors, ILLENIUM, Tiësto, Armin Van Buuren, and Matoma. He made a statement with I've Tried Everything But Therapy (Part 1) in 2023, and wrapped up a prolific run by releasing a Live Version of the album alongside his band Freak Freely at the top of 2024.

Swims is currently on the road, continuing his I've Tried Everything But Therapy Tour and will perform in Hard Rock Live, the event venue inside the new Hard Rock Casino Rockford. The new casino boasts more than 175,000 square feet of gaming, entertainment and hospitality space, featuring a diverse array of attractions including nearly 1,300 slots, 50 live table games including a poker room, a sportsbook, seven unique restaurants, and a Rock Shop offering authentic Hard Rock merchandise and more.

Phillip E. Frey

POLO — Phillip E. Frey, age 85, of Polo, IL passed away August 19, 2024, at Serenity Home in Oregon, IL surrounded by loved ones after a courageous battle with multiple myeloma.

Born July 21, 1939, he was the eldest of three children of Ervin and Lavonne (Bird) Frey. He married Jean (Frey) Frey on July 2, 1966, at Emmanuel UMC and recently celebrated 58 years together.

After graduating from Polo High School in 1957, he began a 55-year career in farming. He enjoyed a life of service through serving on multiple committees including Emmanuel UMC, Faith UMC,

Lions Club, Polo School Board, and the Ogle County Farm Bureau. He also served in the U.S. Army from 1962-1964.

He is survived and dearly missed by his wife Jean, son Jeff (Melissa), and daughter Jennifer (Lonny) Davison, grandchildren Jared (Karley) Frey, Seth Bothe, Karlea Frey, Lindsey and Wyatt Davison, great grandchildren Paisley and Cooper Frey, sister Elaine Kilday, brother Tom (Lawana) Frey, and many cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Services are scheduled for August 30th at 11:00am at Faith UMC, Polo. Visitation is from 9:30 to 11:00am with



burial following at Chapel Hill Gardens, Dixon.

Memorials may be directed to Ag in the Classroom (Ogle County FB), Polo Schools Foundation, Serenity Home and Hospice, and Faith UMC, Polo.

Polo Family Funeral Home is assisting the family. Please visit polofamilyfuneralhome.com for a complete obituary.

Baluch joins Stillman Bank board of directors

ROCKFORD — The Board of Directors of Stillman BancCorp, N.A. is pleased to announce Laura A. Baluch has joined its Board of Directors, according to Martin C. Larson, chairman of Stillman BancCorp N.A.

Laura currently serves as a distinguished attorney and partner at Barrick, Switzer, Long, Balsley, & Van Evera, LLP. She graduated with a bachelor's degree in communications from Northern Illinois University and a Juris Doctor in Litigation from Thomas M. Cooley Law School. As the first female partner in the 85-year history of her firm, Laura has been recognized as a Leading Lawyer by Leading Lawyers Magazine and was named one of Rockford's "40 Leaders Under 40" in 2016.

Born and raised in the northern Illinois area, Laura currently serves as the president of the Stalentine



Laura A. Baluch

Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. She has also served on the Executive Leadership Team for the American Heart Association, was a former board member for United

Way, and was heavily involved with Club Blue.

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

Plescica receives sustainable agriculture grant

CHANA — John Plescica of Hazel Hill Orchard in Chana was awarded \$22,276 for the project, "Leaf Pellets as Soil Amendment, Weed Control, and Revenue Stream in Agroforestry."

"We are going to collect fallen leaves in the autumn from our agroforestry plantings as well as local municipalities. These leaves will be pelletized and used as a soil amendment and weed control mulch at the project farms. Excess pellets can be sold to neighboring farms and homeowners," Plescica said.

This grant was awarded as part of NCR-SARE's Farmer Rancher Grant Program, a competitive grant program for farmers and ranchers who want to explore sustainable solutions to problems through on-farm research, demonstration, and education projects.

The focus for each of the NCR-SARE grant programs is on research and education. Funding considerations are based on how well the applicant presents the problem being addressed, the project's relevance to sustainable agriculture in the 12-state North Central region, and how well it aligns with NCR-SARE's goals, among other factors specific to each grant program.

NCR-SARE's Administrative Council (AC) members decide which

projects will receive SARE funds. The AC includes a diverse mix of agricultural stakeholders in the region. Council members hail from regional farms, ranches, the Cooperative Extension Service, universities, federal agencies, and nonprofits.

Since 1988, the SARE program has helped advance farming systems

that are economically viable, environmentally sound, and good for communities through a nationwide research and education grants program.

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Letter: Shining Star receives mental health funds

DEAR editor, Shining Star Children's Advocacy Center has served children and teens affected by child abuse and violent crimes in Ogle and Lee Counties since 2002. Shining Star CAC utilizes a multidisciplinary approach to assist law enforcement and DCFS on child abuse investigations. Shining Star CAC provides child forensic interviews, court and community advocacy services, as well as individual and group therapy services. We are fortunate to receive Ogle County 708 Mental Health funds to help provide mental health services in Ogle County. Our Ogle County office allows children and teens

a close location to be able to receive mental health services that are trauma focused, and allow children to heal from what they have experienced. We encourage everyone to follow the Ogle County Community Mental Health 708 Board Facebook page for updates from all the agencies Ogle County 708 Mental Health provides funding for. For more information on Shining Star Children's Advocacy Center please visit our Facebook Page "Shining Star Children's Advocacy Center" or our website at www.shiningstarcac.org.



Jessica Cash
Executive director,
Shining Star Children's
Advocacy Center

Letter: Put on your seatbelts

DEAR editor, Christmas in July indeed! In many more ways than one. Jim Durand has an interesting perspective - he admits that Trump is a liar and science denier, but so are Biden and Democrats? I do agree that my letter and Mr. Harp's piece were beautifully timed. I would also add that in the same paper there was a great piece by Ron Kern spelling out in wonderful detail some great government programs for farmers. My goal here isn't to convince Mr. Durand or others whose opinions are set. What I can do is provide my opinion, supported by facts, for others to read and do what they want with.

free election. There were 61 lawsuits filed by the Trump campaign - 60 were lost by Trump (one was an administrative issue). Chris Krebs, director of cybersecurity for the Trump administration, made a public statement about the security of the election, then was fired for contradicting Trump (dictatorial behavior).

When I was 15, I read a book called 1984 (this would have been back in 1971). At that time it seemed like classic science fiction - a good read, but nothing else. Who could imagine a world where people were monitored, history was changed to match the "reality" the leader wanted everyone to believe, and dissidents were punished - even killed. And yet, here we are.



I've reread 1984 a few times since, and it now seems to be much more of a warning to me. It was written in 1949 by George Orwell following World War II. The rise of Hitler was not an overnight thing - it took a few years and he won people over. There were warning signs that were ignored.

We now have a distinct contrast in this upcoming election - joy vs. anger, facts vs. lies, the future vs. the past. I didn't think we would see a choice (or a contrast) like this in my lifetime. Put on your seatbelts - the next 11 weeks are going to be a wild ride!

Linda Pottinger
Oregon

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Concise letters are most likely to be chosen for publication, but the use of any material is at the discretion of management. All letters must be signed or they will not be considered for publication. During election times, no letters written by the candidates endorsing themselves will be considered for publication. Editing may be necessary for space, clarity or to avoid obscenity or libel, but ideas will not be altered. Writers are urged to use discretion and refrain from sarcasm or personal attacks. Criticism of individuals or organizations that is not broached tactfully will jeopardize the publication of a letter. Letters will be published in the order that they are received, unless there is a time factor involved, space permitting.

MOMENTS IN TIME

* On Sept. 9, 2021, Tom Brady became the first player in NFL history to start 300 regular season games as he guided the Tampa Bay Buccaneers to an opening day 31-29 win at home over the Dallas Cowboys.
* On Sept. 10, 1813, U.S. Captain Oliver Hazard Perry led a fleet of nine American ships to victory over a squadron of six British warships at the Battle of Lake Erie during the War of 1812, in the first unqualified defeat of a British naval squadron in history.
* On Sept. 11, 1885, British author, essayist and poet D.H. Lawrence made his debut on the world stage. Best known today for his novels "Sons and Lovers," "Women in Love," "The Rainbow" and "Lady Chatterly's Lover," Lawrence was

also once notably accused of being a British spy, while "Lady Chatterly's Lover" stood trial with its publisher for obscenity (both were acquitted).
* On Sept. 11, 1941, Charles Lindbergh's Des Moines speech, which advocated a position of nonintervention and was met with outrage in many quarters, accused the British, Jews and FDR's administration of pressing for war with Germany.
* On Sept. 12, 1977, Steve Biko, a strong anti-apartheid activist and founder of the Black Consciousness Movement in South Africa, was killed in an African prison while in police custody. Two decades later, five former police officers confessed to the murder and applied to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission for amnesty, but their request

was denied in 1999.
* On Sept. 13, 1926, the Post Office Department sent a memo to its 25,000 railway mail clerks containing an order to shoot to kill any bandits attempting to rob the mail, following an ever-increasing number of thefts. They also issued a statement saying that if the robberies continued, the Marines would be again called in to protect the mail.
* On Sept. 14, 1985, "The Golden Girls," a popular American sitcom about the adventures of four single, older women sharing a home in Miami, premiered on NBC. The series ran for six seasons -- with each of its titular characters earning an Emmy for their role -- and also won two Primetime Emmy Awards for Outstanding Comedy Series and three Golden Globe

Awards for Best Television Series.
* On Sept. 14, 1741, George Frideric Handel completed his oratorio "Messiah," which was originally an Easter offering. Mesmerizing audiences ever since its first performance in Dublin, Ireland's Musick Hall the following April, it remains a beloved feature of the Christmas season more than two centuries later.
* On Sept. 15, 1830, William Huskisson, a British statesman, financier and member of Parliament, was run over and fatally injured by Robert Stephenson's pioneering locomotive Rocket. Though he's commonly known as the world's first widely reported railway passenger casualty, the actual first such death had occurred nine years earlier.

Collaboration key to moving the needle on conservation

ENVIRONMENTAL challenges have always driven innovation and advancement in agriculture. From extreme drought leading to enhanced seed genetics and flooding resulting in prescriptive fertilizer applications, farmers have pivoted their practices and adapted their operations to continue producing food, fiber and fuel.

We face another driving force with nutrient runoff and the hypoxic zone in the Gulf of Mexico, and producers have responded by deploying a range of conservation practices across their farms.

Practices like no-till, strip-till, cover cropping, buffer strips, wood chip bioreactors and others are all playing a significant role in keeping nitrogen and phosphorus in the soil and out of our freshwater supplies.

Environmentally-sound practices like these are the foundation of Illinois farmers' continued commitment to implement long-term solutions that protect our nation's water supply and improve soil health.

Illinois Farm Bureau has supported that commitment by distributing more than \$1.17 million for 150 conservation projects in 75 counties through its Nutrient Stewardship Grant Program, which began in 2015.

In fact, farmer conservation efforts in Illinois have led to measurable progress in reducing total nitrate loss and shrinking the size of the Gulf of Mexico's hypoxic zone.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Hypoxia Task Force reported last December that Illinois was one of 12 states to meet interim nitrogen goals for 2025 by reducing total nitrogen loss by 20%. The 2023 Illinois Ag Retail Survey also found that in 2022, across 917 Illinois fields, 24% of corn and 44% of soybeans were no-till. Cover crops were found on approximately 9% of fields in fall 2021, and while 49% of respondents reported fall application of anhydrous, 97% of the producers reported use of an inhibitor to reduce the potential for leeching.

These indicators suggest significant progress toward meeting the goals outlined in the Illinois Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy. While the conservation efforts of individual farmers are important, we cannot overlook the value of moving the needle through a collaborative approach.

A leader in this space has been Ohio Farm Bureau, which partnered with the state's environ-

mental community and government agencies in 2019 to launch H2Ohio, a statewide initiative aimed at improving the water quality of Lake Erie and the surrounding Western Lake Erie Basin by reducing nitrogen and phosphorus loads.

Backed by \$270 million in state money, and with the support of groups like the Ohio Environmental Council, one element of the H2Ohio program is a mix of financial incentives for farmers in the basin to deploy conservation practices that align with specific field conditions.

For each on-farm practice, like planting cover crops and developing a nutrient management plan, farmers can earn a per-acre payment that stack together on the same acre. Specific practices, such as strip tilling or applying manure in lieu of chemical fertilizer, can also result in higher payments.

The flexibility within H2Ohio for Ohio farmers to use a menu of voluntary conservation practices tailored to their farms led to 2,400 producers enrolling 1.4 million acres in voluntary nutrient management plans in fiscal year 2023, representing about 35% of the basin.

Altogether, those ef-

orts have resulted in reducing phosphorus loads in Lake Erie by 232,000 pounds in 2022, and by more than 315,000 pounds in 2023.

The willingness and understanding of all parties in Ohio to take ownership and investment in the responsibility and value of clean water and healthy soil leaves some of us green with envy - and not just algae.

A similar opportunity for this kind of collaboration exists in Illinois, where producers have demonstrated their serious commitment to conservation practices and made meaningful investments to protect the environment. The state-level \$5-per-acre crop insurance discount for planting cover crops has proven an effective first step. Illinois farmers across the program's five years have enrolled nearly half-a-million total cover-cropped acres and annually exceed the program's acreage cap.

Imagine the progress we could make if armed with additional state conservation incentives.

Evan Hultine is the Illinois Farm Bureau vice president. 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.



Evan Hultine

Protecting Illinois workers from heat is a hot topic

IN most of the nation, all you need to do is to step outside to feel one of the deadliest hazards: extreme heat. So far in 2024, the dangers of heat illness have killed 34 workers nationally both indoors and out.

In July, the U.S. Department of Labor announced publication of a proposed rule to reduce the significant health risks for workers exposed to hazardous heat in outdoor and indoor settings.

As heat sets new records across the nation, the risks people face on-the-job are also on the rise, especially in summer months. Each year, dozens of workers needlessly lose their lives and thousands more suffer illnesses related to hazards that, sadly, are most often preventable.

As OSHA moves through the required regulatory process to develop a new regulation that

keeps workers safe from the dangers of heat, the agency will use its current authority to hold employers responsible when they fail to protect workers. It includes OSHA's power to stop employers from exposing workers to imminent workplace dangers.

Since 2022, the agency has conducted heat-related inspections under its National Emphasis Program - Outdoor and Indoor Heat-Related Hazards. The program allows OSHA to proactively inspect workplaces where heat-related hazards are common to prevent workers' needless injuries, illnesses or deaths. Since it began, the program has led to more than 7,000 federal heat-related inspections. So far in 2024, the dangers of heat illness

have resulted in over 100 heat related inquiries from workers both indoors and out for the U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration's Chicago Region that includes Illinois.

OSHA is also making inspections a priority in agricultural industries where temporary, nonimmigrant H-2A workers are employed seasonally. These workers can be especially vulnerable, often with language barriers, less control over living and working conditions and lack of time to acclimatize to the heat.

Federal law requires employers to protect people from all workplace dangers, including heat exposure. When heat is a concern, employers must - at a mini-

mum - provide adequate cool water, rest breaks and shade or a cool rest area. New employees or those returning to a high-heat workplace should be given time to gradually get used to working in hot temperatures.

As we celebrate Labor Day, let's remember that these protections must be applied equally to every worker. A safe and healthy workplace is every worker's right, regardless of the color of their skin, the language they speak, socio-economic status, or their gender. No one should have to risk their safety, health, or life for simply going to work. America's workers deserve to return home at the end of their shift in the same condition they began it.

Bill Donovan is the OSHA Regional Administrator for the Chicago Region.



Bill Donovan

LOCAL NEWS

Neighbors band together to return loose bull to its trailer in Hillcrest ‘We’ve never seen anything like it in our neighborhood’

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

HILLCREST — A miniature bull got loose on a neighborhood street in Hillcrest on the afternoon of Sunday, Aug. 18, Dave and Brenda Wetzel of Hillcrest Avenue said.

The Wetzels were home when they saw a neighbor was being visited by a friend with a livestock trailer. The bull started to get upset in the trailer when something got stuck on his head. When the owner opened the small door to the trailer to help him, the bull pushed him out of the way and got out of the trailer and into the street and later into a neighbor’s yard, Dave Wetzel said.

“There were three sides of fence there and a few of us got out there with the trailer and eventually got the bull calmed down and got him back into the trailer,” Dave Wetzel said. “He charged me twice, but he didn’t get me. The first time he almost got me. It was close, probably a couple inches. We finally got him calmed down and eating grass and we talked to him and got a little rope around his neck.

Three of us got him in the trailer and back home. It was pretty exciting have a big bull out there running around in a backyard.”

Nobody was hurt in the incident, including the bull, a Belted Highland Cross mini bull named Bentley.

“He probably weighed close to 1,000 pounds,” Dave Wetzel said. “The owner lives in Amboy. They sent us a picture when they got home and unloaded him. They were really happy we were there to help when he got out. It was kind of a freak thing. He got something on his head and the owner wanted to make sure he didn’t hurt himself or the trailer. The bull saw the door open and thought he was home.”

Brenda Wetzel said nine neighbors in total got involved to try to help with the loose bull. The owner was only in the village with the trailer and bull for a few minutes to show it to a friend’s family.

The Wetzels have lived at their Hillcrest Avenue home for 41 years. They’ve had an experience with a deer running through their yard and a



(COURTESY PHOTO)

A miniature bull got loose on a neighborhood street in Hillcrest on the afternoon of Sunday, Aug. 18, Dave and Brenda Wetzel of Hillcrest Avenue said.

chicken in their garage, but nothing like a loose bull.

Dave Wetzel said the neighbors didn’t get police or animal control involved, because, “there wasn’t really any time for

that.”

“There were three of us in the backyard,” Dave Wetzel said. “I was pretty much the only one he actually chased after. He was just running around for a while and then calmed

down. I’m from Southern Mississippi so I kind of understand the language bulls have. We could tell he was really upset to start with. We just kept talking to him and got him calmed down and led him back to

the trailer. And then we all took a big breath. The owner had just bought it that day. That was his first experience with that bull. It’s a mini bull, but he was full grown and had a full-grown attitude.”

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The cost for the ten

meals is \$195 cash/check or \$200 credit card. Proceeds will benefit the Ogle-Carroll Ag in the Classroom Program. There are two ways to order:

1. Mail your name, phone number, number of meal sets (they come in a set of 10 meals), and payment to 811 S. Clay St., Mt. Carroll,

IL 61053. Make checks payable to Ogle-Carroll Ag Partnership (OCAP).

2. You can order online at go.illinois.edu/freezermeals

Place your order by noon on Friday, Sept. 6. Meal pick-up is Sept. 26 from 3-5 p.m. at the University of Illinois Extension office, 421 W. Pines Road, Oregon. Please

contact the office at 815-732-2191 or e-mail charbm@illinois.edu with any questions.

Agriculture in the Classroom (AITC) is a statewide educational program with lessons offered to kindergarten through eighth grade. Its goal is to help students, teachers, and the general public gain greater

awareness of the role of agriculture in the economy and society. Ag in the Classroom is offered through the University of Illinois Extension Ogle County in partnership with Ogle County Farm Bureau, Carroll County Farm Bureau, Ogle County Soil & Water, and Carroll County Soil & Water.

Chesney to bring Community Connections Tour to Freeport on Aug. 28

FREEPORT — State Senator Andrew Chesney (R-Freeport) is bringing his Community Connections Tour to Stephenson County on Aug. 28 with an event in Freeport. Joining the Senator as a co-host for the meeting is Stephenson County Board Chairman Scott Helms.

“This will be my fifth Community Connections meeting in the 45th Senate District, with previous events held in Genoa, Rockton, Machesney Park, and Savanna,” Chesney said. “Every event has been well-attended and I am expecting another large turnout in

Freeport on the 28th.”

The meeting will run from 5:30-7 p.m. at the Stephenson County Farm Bureau Building at 210 W. Spring St., Freeport. Co-hosted by Stephenson County Board Chairman Scott Helms. A town hall meeting format will be utilized. Chesney will provide a brief update on the completed 2024 legislative session, but the majority of the time will be reserved for a question and answer session.

“I will talk about the budget and some other bills that passed this year, and then Chairman Helms and I will field questions

from those who attend the forum,” Chesney said. “I look forward to talking with community members about issues that are important to them and invite everyone who lives in and around Freeport to attend.”

Additional Community Connections meetings have been scheduled for Sept. 11 in Elizabeth (Jodaviss County), and on Oct. 12 in Oregon (Ogle County). For additional information about these meetings, please contact the Chesney office at (815) 232-0774 or email Lori at lyates@sgop.ilga.gov.



Evangelical Free Church of Mt. Morris donates to firehouse project

Bruce McKanna, pastor of the Evangelical Free Church of Mt. Morris, left, presents a check for \$2,230.01 to Mt. Morris Fire Foundation President Sue Druschel and Foundation Treasurer Bob Dewolfe. The church hosted concessions at the Friday Night Jamboree on Aug. 9, with 100 percent of the proceeds going to the Fire Foundation toward a new firehouse. At far right in the front row is firefighter/paramedic Frank Harenza. In the back row, left to right are Lt. David Hoffman, Foundation Trustee Ed Baker, FF/EMT RG Hough, Deputy Chief Mark Lewis, and Paramedic Andy Bostic. (Courtesy photo)

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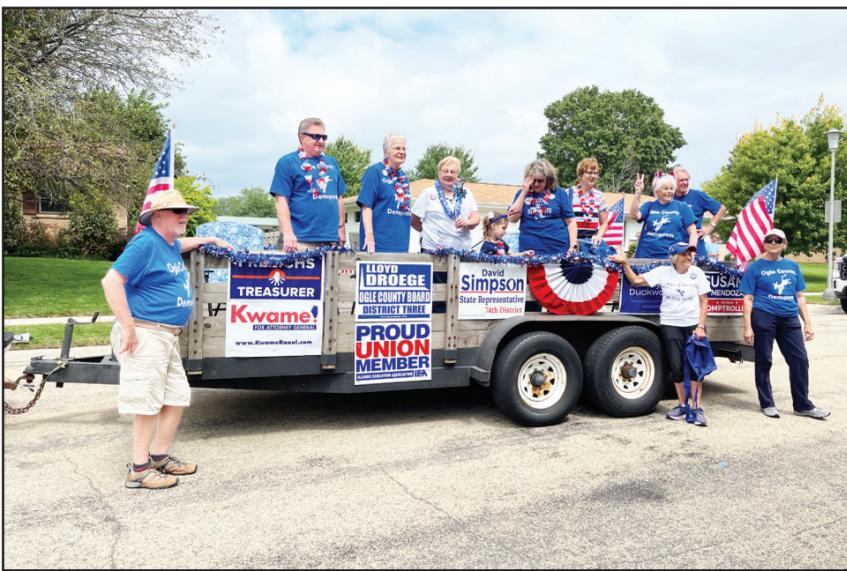
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Ogle County Democrats participate in parade

The Ogle County Democrats enjoyed participating in the Lincoln Highway Heritage Festival Parade on Sunday, Aug. 18. We gave out American flags and candy to children enjoying the parade. The crowds were wonderful with lots of cheers and clapping. (Courtesy photos)



(COURTESY PHOTO)

Annette Martin was recently honored by Illinois 4-H for her selfless dedication to the University of Illinois Extension 4-H youth development program. Ogle County 4-H volunteer Martin inducted into Illinois 4-H Hall of Fame

OREGON — Illinois 4-H volunteers empower and prepare youth for success as the program relies on over 6,000 volunteers to fill key leadership and mentoring roles. Annette Martin was recently honored by Illinois 4-H for her selfless dedication to the University of Illinois Extension 4-H youth development program. In 2024, 70 individuals were inducted into the Illinois 4-H Hall of Fame. Illinois 4-H honors and celebrates extraordinary 4-H alumni, volunteers, and former 4-H staff. Those inducted have a track record of exemplary service to 4-H or outstanding career and community achievement and were nominated by

county University of Illinois Extension staff. Each inductee receives a commemorative Hall of Fame medallion at the Illinois State Fair 4-H Alumni & Volunteer Celebration events. "Annette's commitment to Ogle County 4-H is exceptional, as she has taken on the leadership role of the Carefree 4-H Club while also volunteering extensively. She teaches a beef session at Ag Awareness Day, encourages kids to participate in local and state fair carcass shows, and graciously hosts 4-H Federation and club campfires at her home. Annette is always willing to lend a helping hand at events, and her family is a familiar

presence in the beef barn. Recently, she has joined the goat committee and assisted with shows," said Jodi Baumgartner, 4-H program coordinator in Ogle County. "Volunteers are the heart of the Illinois 4-H Youth Development program, embodying the spirit of dedicated service that nurtures the growth of our future leaders," said Patricia McGlaughlin, University of Illinois Extension specialist. "Their unwavering commitment and selfless contributions empower our youth to learn, thrive, and make a positive impact on their communities. Volunteers help youth find their spark and help build our next generations."

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Aug. 29: The Polo Farmer's Market will be held at South Division Avenue just north of Knie's Appliance and TV on Thursdays 3-6 p.m. Vendors include Death Meats, Earl-E Green Gardens, Ewe and Me Acres, Ferguson Farm, Ivan's Farm

(Marian), Vera's Crafts, and more! (through October during good weather). **Aug. 31:** Come and join us at Byron's Hairy Cow Farmers Market on Saturday, Aug. 31 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. **Oct. 5:** The Oregon High School Class of 2004 will hold its 20-year class reunion on Oct. 5 at The Hunt Club in Oregon from

5-8 p.m. **Oct. 27:** AKidsPumpkin Hunt will take place at the Rochelle Wildlife Conservation Club on Oct. 27 at 2 p.m. Join in for a pumpkin hunt throughout the club for pumpkins of all shapes and sizes and enjoy a pumpkin

decorating table at the end of the hunt. Admission is free, but please RSVP. There's pumpkins for everyone to enjoy. The event is open to the public. RSVP by calling 815-761-9809 or emailing rwcc_bod@hotmail.com.

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Premier Creedence Clearwater Revival tribute band Fortunate Sons return to the Mt. Morris Band Shell on Aug. 30 at 7 p.m.

Fortunate Sons to play Mt. Morris Aug. 30

MT. MORRIS — Premier Creedence Clearwater Revival tribute band Fortunate Sons return to the Mt. Morris Band Shell on Aug. 30 at 7 p.m. to take us on a nostalgic ride back in time to the heyday of CCR. Based in Chicago, The Fortunate Sons tour nationally and internationally to keep the tradition of CCR's timeless music alive. Using original vintage gear and instruments, accurate costumes, and spot-on musical ability, The Fortunate Sons instantly conjures up the full experience of seeing Creedence in their prime. Anyone for-

tunate enough to see them perform here the last three years will heartily agree that this truly is a do not miss concert!

Concessions for the night are provided by vendors including Maxson's Manor, who will be serving chili, hot dogs, nachos, pulled pork sandwiches, coleslaw, chips, hand-crafted fudge, cookies, and drinks.

Grandpa's and Just 4 Fun Ice Cream will be there as well, all starting at 6 p.m.

The Campus will be extra festive with many straw sculptures on display from the ninth annual com-

petition.

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

Serenity to host 3-week grief class Sept. 10-24

OREGON — This free three-week grief class led by Pastor Dana Cox will be held Sept. 10, 17 & 24 from 10-11:30 a.m. at Serenity Hospice & Home, located in Oregon at 1658 S. Illinois Route 2. Please call 815-732-4111 to register.

Following a significant loss, it's normal to feel overwhelmed and disoriented due to the sudden absence of a loved one. The initial one to two years of grieving can be incredibly painful and bewildering. During this time:

weeks or months, causing a distorted sense of time.

Feelings of powerlessness, confusion, and ineffectiveness may arise.

Difficulty concentrating and accomplishing tasks may be experienced.

Mood swings and erratic behavior might occur.

Crying and clinging to the belongings of the deceased person may happen.

Vivid dreams and perceived communications from the departed person may be encountered.

Doubts about the future

and the ability to move forward may arise.

Despite these challenges, it's crucial to recognize that these reactions are part of the grieving process. While the early stages of a significant loss can be daunting, this class can provide support. Based on the book of the same name by renowned grief counselor, Dr. Alan Wolfelt, we will learn six essential steps that can help make our days during deep grief a bit more manageable. Please call 815-732-4111 to register.

OGLE COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

OREGON — On Aug. 14 at approximately 12:18 a.m. deputies initiated a traffic stop at the intersection of North Illinois Route 251 and Dutch Road for a traffic violation. Upon further investigation deputies arrested Dilxon Usiel Jiminez Roda, 19, of Rockford, for driving with no license. Roda was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was booked, released, and provided a notice to appear.

On Aug. 15 at 8:54 a.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop on South 4th Street at Webster Street in the town of Oregon. As a result deputies arrested Ryan D. Holifield, 34, of Rockford for aggravated driving while license revoked, driving while license revoked, two counts of possession of controlled substance, possession of ammunition with no FOID, and improper container/driver. Holifield was additionally issued citations for a taillight violation and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. Holifield was transported to the Ogle County Jail. Due to the Pretrial Fairness Act, Holifield did not meet the criteria to be detained, and was released on a notice to appear with

a future court date.

On Aug. 15 at 10:50 a.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop at the intersection of Main Street and North Street in Creston. As a result of the stop, Pedro Roberto Basulto Loera, 41, from Rochelle was arrested for no valid driver's license, no vehicle insurance, and suspended registration. Basulto was given a notice to appear for a later court date.

On Aug. 17 at approximately 10:29 p.m. deputies attempted to stop a purple Kawasaki 500R sports bike traveling southbound on North Mulford Road from East Crill Road. The Kawasaki fled at speeds in excess of 90 miles per hour and disregarded a stop sign. After a short pursuit, the Kawasaki lost control and crashed at the intersection of North Kilbuck Road and East Royster Road. Deputies made contact with the driver, Anthony J. Doyle, 20, of Lindenwood. Doyle was treated by Monroe Center EMS and New Milford EMS personnel and transported to a local area hospital with minor injuries. Doyle was placed under arrest for aggravated fleeing and eluding and was released on a notice to appear with

a court date set for early September. Doyle was additionally cited for fleeing and eluding, operating an uninsured motor vehicle, disregarding an official traffic control device, failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident, and speeding 35+ miles per hour over the speed limit.

On Aug. 18 at approximately 8:03 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop near the intersection of West Illinois Route 64 and North Illinois Route 26. After an investigation, Larry D. Parsons II, 55, of Polo, was placed under arrest for driving under the influence of alcohol. Parsons was also cited for speeding. Parsons was transported to the Ogle County Jail before he was released on a notice to appear.

On Aug. 19 at 2:28 p.m. the Ogle County Sheriff's Office responded to the Rolling Meadows Trailer Park in regards to a domestic disturbance. As a result, Raul Alexander Rivera-Gomez, 20, of Davis Junction, was arrested for domestic battery. He was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

All individuals are considered innocent until proven guilty.

POLO POLICE REPORT

POLO — On Aug. 19 at 2:56 p.m. Austin R. Klapp, 22, Mt. Morris, was cited for

operating an electronic communication device while driving. Klapp was issued

a citation and released. All individuals are considered innocent until proven guilty.

Petitions for Byron Fire Protection District's Board of Trustees available

BYRON — Persons interested in seeking a position as a trustee for the Byron Fire Protection District should pick up a candidate packet at 123 N. Franklin St., during the hours of 8-4 p.m., Monday through Friday, or print the required documents from the Ogle County Clerk's website: https://www.oglecounty.org/departments/coun-ty_clerk/elections.php.

Trustee terms are six-years and two positions are available; additionally, two four-year positions are also available. Packets will be available Aug. 20. Completed packets are to be filed in the same location beginning Nov. 12 through Nov. 18 during the hours of 8

a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday (office is closed Saturday and Sunday). Packets will be accepted until 5 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 18. For more information, please contact Michele Trzcinski-Ramos in the District Office at 815-234-4911, ext. 4470 or contact the Ogle County Clerk's Office at 815-732-1110.

Byron Forest Preserve announces board of commissioner openings

BYRON — The Byron Forest Preserve Board of Commissioners has two upcoming board commissioner openings; the openings are four-year terms. Persons interested in seeking a position as a member of the Byron Forest Preserve District Board of Commissioners should go online to www.oglecounty.org, click on Departments, County Clerk, Elections (on left side of page), Consolidated Election - April 2, 2025, Petition Packets and Forest Preserve to get the necessary forms or pick them up at the Jarrett Prairie Center, 7993 N. River Road, Byron. The board consists of five

members. Petitions must be filed between Nov. 12-18, from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, in the office of Kitra Ross, Local Election Official, located at the Jarrett Prairie Center, 7993 N. River Road, Byron. The office will be open until 5 p.m. on the last day of filing.

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Polo's Velez accepted for enrollment at Palmer College of Chiropractic

DAVENPORT, Iowa — Braelyn Velez of Polo has been accepted for enrollment for the 2024 summer trimester in the General Science, Bache-

lor of Science program at Palmer College of Chiropractic's Main Campus in Davenport, Iowa.

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(COURTESY PHOTOS)

Cooper Alderks (top left), Carefree 4-H Club showing his steer at the Master Showmanship Contest on Saturday, Aug. 3 during the Ogle County Fair. Above at right, Garrett Hackbarth, with Hackbarth Farms, LLC provides the Junior Division winner, Grady Poliska, Ogle Jolly 4-H Club his award at the 2024 Master Showmanship Contest on Friday, Aug. 3. Below at left, Hackbarth provides Gwen Hall, Ogle Jolly 4-H Club, her cash prize as the Ogle County 4-H Master Showmanship Contest for her second-place win in the senior division. Below at right, Hackbarth provides Cooper Alderks, Carefree 4-H Club his first-place award and cash prize for winning the 2024 4-H Master Showmanship Contest.

Master Showmanship Contest held at Ogle County 4-H Fair

OREGON — The 2024 Ogle County 4-H Senior Master Showman winner was Cooper Alderks from Carefree 4-H Club. The runner-up was Gwen Hall of Ogle Jolly 4-H Club. Other senior participants ages 14-18 included Ayden Alderks, Ogle Jolly 4-H Club; Boone Alderks, Carefree 4-H Club; Max Thurow, Ogle Jolly 4-H Club; Levi Eden, Carefree 4-H Club;

Blakelynn Swanson, Ogle Jolly 4-H Club; and Robbie Thurow, Ogle Jolly 4-H Club.

The 2024 Ogle County 4-H Junior Master Showman winner was Grady Poliska of Ogle Jolly 4-H Club. The runner-up was Addison Yordy, Leaf River Busy Beavers. Other junior participants ages 8-13 included Eralynn Wiltfang, Leaf River Busy Beavers 4-H Club; Emree

Wiltfang, Leaf River Busy Beavers 4-H Club; Blake Frisbie, Ogle Jolly 4-H Club; Jaxon Alderks, Ogle Jolly 4-H Club; Lucas Thurow, Ogle Jolly 4-H Club; Katelynn Adams, Ogle Jolly 4-H Club; and Joey Thurow, Ogle Jolly 4-H Club.

Each participant had to show a pig, steer, and sheep to earn the title. Showmanship is based on the knowledge of the spe-

cialties; how the participant shows the animal, following directions, moving the animal, setting up, stopping, control and safety of the animal, and the attention given to the judge and animal; and the appearance of the club member, clean and neat, prompt, alert, confident, and courteous.

Congratulations to each of these individuals. The winner of the Senior

Master Showmanship winner won a belt buckle, a \$100 cash award, and the opportunity to attend the Master Showmanship contest at the Illinois State Fair. The senior runner-up won a \$50 cash award. The Junior Master Showmanship winner won a belt buckle and a \$50 cash award. The junior runner-up won a \$25 cash award.

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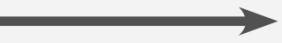
sponsored cash awards. Maplehurst Farms, Inc. sponsored belt buckles.

4-H is an informal youth education program conducted by University of Illinois Extension. U of I Extension provides equal opportunities in programs and employment. If you need reasonable accommodations to participate in 4-H, contact the Ogle County Extension staff at 815-732-2191.

Stranger Danger

School has started, and with all of activities going on, there is no better time to discuss the danger of strangers with your kids. Telling them not to talk to strangers is not enough. You want to make sure they know what a stranger is and how to deal with them.

Here are some safety tips to include in your discussion.



- Do not mistake a friendly face for someone you know. Anyone you do not know is a stranger, regardless how nice they seem or what they have to offer. Just because the person has a cute dog or tons of candy does not mean you can trust them. Ask for identification from anyone in uniform.
- Do not walk to school or play outside alone, if you can help it. Strangers are less likely to approach groups of kids.
- Do not go places where strangers could be lurking, such as empty playgrounds or abandoned buildings. Stay in busy areas.
- Do not let your guard down. Always be on the lookout for strangers.
- Do not make contact with strangers. Be quiet and take their questions and pleas for help to an adult you know and trust.
- Do not panic should a stranger approach. Run to a reliable adult and let them know what is going on, whether a teacher in the parking lot, a clerk in a store or a neighbor down the street. If possible, take down the stranger's license plate number. Should the stranger grab you, do whatever it takes to get away from them and attract the attention of any reliable adults that may be around.
- Do not keep any incidents with strangers to yourself. Let your parents know as soon as possible so they can contact the police.

Tailor your discussion to your kids' ages and use role-playing to help them understand the gravity of the situation. Their safety is at stake!

LOCAL NEWS



(COURTESY PHOTOS)

The business is owned by Pete and Katryna Kirby. Katryna grew up in Byron and after the closure of Sam's Drive-In in the city, the couple wanted to do something with ice cream to fill the void.

SUNDAE SOCIAL: New ice cream shop open in Byron through September

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“One day they’ll help with it. We have some high school and college kids that staff it for us now. We’re grateful to have such a great crew.” Sundae Social will be in the same location with the same hours next summer

as well and plans to be a mainstay at its venue for the community. The work is being done by the Kirbys on top of their regular full-time jobs. Katryna works in public relations and social media and Pete works in construction. “It’s a lot with our kids and our full-time jobs,” Ka-

tryna said. “We want it to be a learning opportunity for our kids. I’m hoping they get entrepreneurial spirit out of it. We just started it this year and we were able to get it open.” Katryna said the feedback from the community on Sundae Social has been positive. With her work

background, she wanted to make the business something that attracts social media attention and word of mouth. “We’ve heard great comments from the community,” Katryna said. “They like having a spot to go with their families besides bars. We’ve heard

good responses and met some great people. We’re so grateful.” Sundae Social chose to stick with soft serve ice cream due to the community being used to it with Sam’s Drive-In. It has a special Sundae of the Week that it announces each Sunday.

“The support from the community means a ton,” Katryna said. “It takes a lot of time, tears and frustration to start a business. We’ve learned a lot and we’ve met great people. We wanted something unique for the community and something to make people happy and keep them coming back.”

Pedal Bike Ride announces grand opening of party bike rentals in Winnebago and Byron

BYRON – Get ready to pedal into fun with Pedal Bike Ride, the newest addition to Winnebago and Byron’s entertainment scene. We are thrilled to announce the grand opening of our party bike rental service, offering an innovative and exciting

way to celebrate special occasions and enjoy the company of friends and family. Pedal Bike Ride provides a unique and eco-friendly party experience with our custom-designed party bikes. These fully-equipped bikes feature comfortable seating, a built-in sound

system, and ample space for refreshments, making them perfect for birthdays, corporate events, and casual get-togethers. Whether you’re planning a festive ride through downtown Winnebago, Byron or a leisurely tour of local hotspots, our par-

ty bikes are designed to deliver fun and laughter. “We are excited to bring this new and vibrant activity to the Winnebago and Byron communities,” Robb Firch, owner of Pedal Bike Ride, said. “Our goal is to offer an unforgettable experience where people

can connect, celebrate, and explore their town in a whole new way.” Pedal Bike Ride offers flexible rental packages to suit a variety of needs, from hourly rates for spontaneous outings to full-day rentals for larger events. Our friendly and profes-

sional team is dedicated to ensuring each ride is enjoyable and hassle-free. For more information on rentals, pricing, and availability, please visit our website at <https://pedal-bikeride.com> or contact us at (815) 289-6666 / pbr@pedalbikeride.com.

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All who knew Fred are welcome to attend to share stories and memories. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in Fred’s name to Natural Land Institute, a cause important to Fred.

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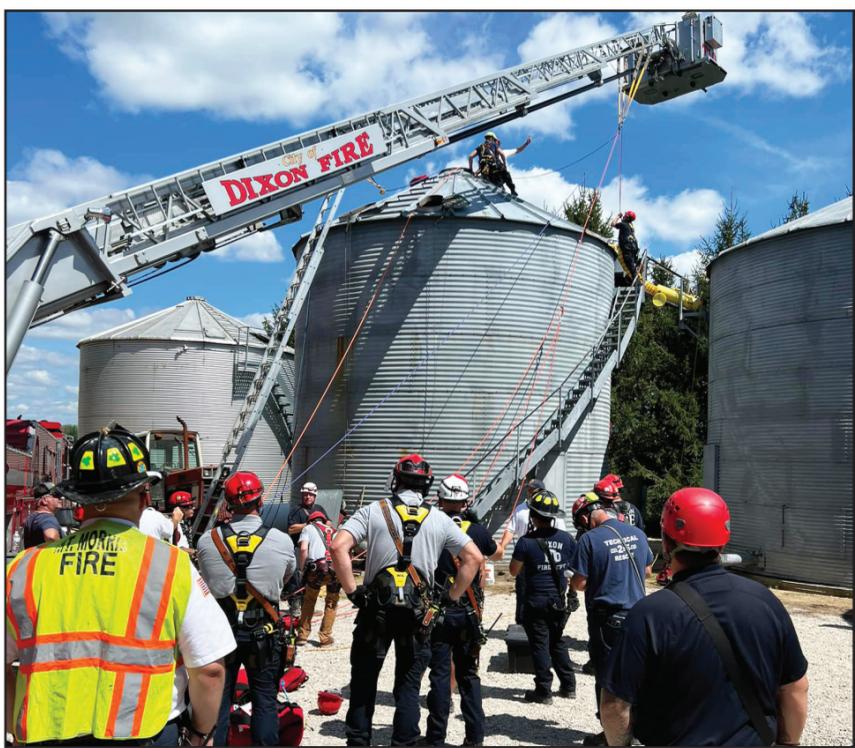
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LOCAL NEWS



Impromptu SVHS Class of 1955 reunion held

An impromptu reunion of the Stillman Valley High School class of 1955 was held on Aug. 7. Present were: Richard Strohmman, Millie (Groenhagen) McCoy, Richard Yankus, Dolores (Blobaum) Brooks and Judy (Kuntzelman) Kuntzelman. Unable to attend were Wes Lewis, Gene Schulze, Richard Van Vleet and Les Grueben - who passed away on Aug. 16. (Courtesy photo)



(COURTESY PHOTO)

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Man rescued from grain bin in Sublette Aug. 21

SUBLETTE — A man was rescued from a grain bin in Sublette on Aug. 21, a Sublette Fire Department press release said. On Wednesday, Aug. 21, at 11:59 a.m., Sublette Fire and EMS were dispatched to 1519 Sublette Road for a male trapped in a grain bin. While enroute, the department requested assistance and equipment from MABAS TRT Teams 18

(Lee/Ogle) and 25 (La-Salle/Bureau), along with Amboy Fire Department, Advance EMS of Dixon, Inc., OSF Life Flight, Sublette Farmers Elevator Co., Maplehurst Farms, and Althaus Brothers Farms. "Upon our arrival we found the patient trapped up to his waist in corn approximately 10-15 feet down in a 25-foot grain bin," the press release said. "The

incident was very technical and dangerous in nature and took approximately two hours and 48 minutes to successfully and safely rescue the patient." Once rescued, the patient was taken by OSF Life Flight Helicopter to Saint Anthony Medical Center for evaluation and released later on. "Thank you to all of the first responders, law enforcement, dispatchers and local farmers who seamlessly worked together to help ensure a successful operation," the press release said. "We have trained for these types of incidents and thank you for the community support in providing us the equipment needed to succeed. We are lucky to live in a small community with so many caring people and neighbors."

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Oregon girls golfers win Eastland Invitational, boys compete at Byron Tiger Shootout

The Oregon High School varsity girls golf team carded a 438 and won the Eastland Invitational at Lake Carroll Golf Course on Saturday, Aug. 17. Sarah Eckardt earned medalist honors with a 95, while Aniyah Sarver fired a 100 to finish as the runner-up. Above at left are members of the Oregon girls golf team. Above at right is Oregon golfer Tucker O'Brien taking a swing during the Byron Tiger Shootout, where the Hawks finished seventh with a score of 370. (Courtesy photos)

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NEW LISTING

9201 N Raven Crest Lane Byron \$675,000 Call Boone or Jamie
Welcome to an exquisite retreat nestled on 1.76 acres of beautifully landscaped property. This stunning 4-bedroom, 3.5-bathroom home offers nearly 5,000 square feet of luxurious living space, blending modern updates with timeless charm. Located in the peaceful and sought-after Cascio Crest neighborhood of the Byron area, this property promises the ultimate in comfort, convenience, and style. As you step inside, you're greeted by gleaming wood floors that flow throughout the main level, setting the tone for the impeccable craftsmanship and attention to detail found in every corner. The updated kitchen is a chef's dream, featuring a bevy of high-end GE Monogram appliances including a range, a warming tray, and a panel-ready refrigerator. Large Peachtree windows surround your delightful breakfast nook, offering a view of the playful wildlife as you enjoy your morning coffee and allowing natural light to flood into the home. While the four season room offers a cozy space to relax year-round, a gas fireplace adds warmth and ambiance to the main living area, creating an inviting atmosphere for gatherings or quiet evenings at home. The primary bathroom boasts dual sinks, a tile shower, and a soaking tub, leading directly into spacious his-and-hers closets. In the lower level, you'll discover a fully equipped wet bar and plenty of space for recreation, along with three additional bedrooms. A spacious concrete patio extends along the entire length of the fully exposed basement, offering seamless indoor-outdoor living. The exterior of this property is equally impressive. A spacious composite deck overlooks the meticulously maintained grounds, with mature oak trees providing shade and privacy. The lower patio is wired for a hot tub, offering the perfect spot to unwind and enjoy the serene surroundings. For those who require ample storage or workspace, the property features an oversized three-car attached garage with durable Polyaspartic/polyurea flooring, as well as a 30x60 detached heated garage with a 10-foot door-ideal for storing recreational vehicles or setting up a workshop. A new roof has been installed on both the house and the detached building, ensuring durability and peace of mind. Whether you're looking for a tranquil retreat or a place to entertain in style, 9201 N Raven Crest Lane is a rare find that offers the best of luxury living in a picturesque setting.

NEW LISTING

751 Golden Prairie Drive Davis Junction \$249,900 Call Erin
Stunning home in Harvest Glen Subdivision! This spacious 3-bedroom, 2-bathroom gem offers a sprawling layout perfect for both relaxing and entertaining. Step into the heart of the home—a bright and airy open kitchen that flows seamlessly into the living area, making it ideal for gatherings. The charm continues with a separate formal dining room, perfect for hosting those special occasions. The primary features an en suite with double vanity and walk in shower and closet. The massive unfinished basement offers tons of storage and endless potential—think extra living space, a home gym, or even a personal theater. Don't miss your chance to make this fantastic property your own! With a new roof in Oct 2023, all cracks in the foundation recently epoxy sealed, driveway, garage and sidewalk lifted and resealed and each repair having a transferable lifetime warranty, you are free from worry and can focus on making the home yours!

NEW LISTING

307 N Seminary Street Mt Morris \$117,000 Call Jenn Goley
BEDROOMS UPSTAIRS UPDATED! HUGE BACKYARD! This beautiful 3 bedroom with 1.5 baths is close to downtown Mount Morris. Located on a big lot this property boasts a well-maintained yard, two car garage and a shed. Both shed and garage are wired for 220 usage. Inside there is a cute kitchen attached to a large family room with an eat in area. The first floor also has a den, bedroom and half bath. Upstairs has a huge bathroom and 2 bedrooms that have been updated with new white trim, new lights, fresh paint and outlets.

NEW LISTING

403 N 6th Street Oregon \$189,000 Call Rebecca
Welcome to Your New Home in Quaint Oregon, Illinois! Discover the charm of this well-maintained 3-bedroom, 2-bathroom ranch-style home, nestled in highly sought-after north Oregon. This one-owner home offers an open-concept living space, perfect for both everyday living and entertaining. The kitchen is the heart of the home, featuring beautiful oak cabinets, a pantry closet, dishwasher, and all essential appliances. A door from the kitchen leads to a covered back porch, where you can relax and enjoy your partially fenced backyard-ideal for outdoor grilling and peaceful mornings. The main floor master suite includes a walk-in closet and an en suite bathroom with double sinks. Two additional cozy bedrooms and a full bathroom offer ample space for family or guests. The full basement includes a rough-in for a third bathroom, providing endless possibilities for expansion-whether you envision a home theater, gym, or extra storage. This home is equipped with central air, new water softener, new roof, and new garbage disposal. The manicured, weed-free lawn has been professionally maintained. The attached 2-car garage, with side service door, adds to the convenience. The prime location means you're just a short walk or bike ride away from downtown Oregon and the beautiful Fairgrounds Park. Enjoy the best of community living in this vibrant neighborhood.

NEW PRICE

2144 Swarts Road Dixon NOW \$260,000 Call Jessica
Welcome to your own private paradise on this sprawling 3-acre farmette. This stunning property features a spacious 2600 square foot home with 4 bedrooms and 2 full baths, perfect for growing families or those who love to entertain. Outdoor enthusiasts will delight in the included motocross track, detached garage, carriage house, and machine shed - providing ample space for all of your hobbies and storage needs. The farm animal pasture is ideal for those looking to raise livestock or simply enjoy the peace and tranquility of country living. After a long day of work or play, unwind in the hot tub on the back patio, schedule your showing today!

NEW LISTING

1107 E Route 64 Oregon \$449,000 Call Rebecca
NEW ROOF WITH 50 YEAR SHINGLES, GUTTERS AND SOME FRESH EXTERIORE PAINTING AT THIS COMMERCIAL PROPERTY WITH OVER 9,000 SQUARE FEET OF FINISHED SPACE ON A 1.36 ACRE LOT! Prime real estate location located on Route 64 just east of beautiful, downtown Oregon. Currently used as a retail space, this property has fresh neutral paint and epoxy coated flooring throughout. The main floor is open and has a great deal of square footage along with a his and hers bathroom. There is a finished loft area that previously served as office space. Partial basement with a half bathroom and egress windows. There is a large parking lot with plenty of parking spaces along with additional land for expansion of the building or parking area. Currently well & septic with city water/sewer at the lot line. Bring your ideas as the possibilities are endless with this building and location!

NEW PRICE

420 W Meadows Drive Freeport NOW \$100,000 Call Rebecca
OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS! Over 5,000 finished square feet in this Morton building plus an attached 2,000 square feet greenhouse that has an above ground pool! Formerly, Brooke's Barks & Recreation, the possibilities are endless with this location which includes front reception area, several offices, kitchenette, 2 bathrooms, and a laundry area. There is also a large room with TSR floor coating that is open and could easily be divided into additional workspace or storage space. Another bonus is that the property is ADA compliant. 1.07 acre lot that includes large fenced in area off the front of the business and a parking lot with parking for 20+ cars. A quick closing is possible. Call for your showing today!

NEW LISTING

720 Mission Court Freeport \$185,000 Call Jamie
Discover the charm of this 3-bedroom, 3-bathroom ranch, tucked away in a peaceful cul-de-sac within an established neighborhood. This centrally situated home boasts a generous amount of living space. The main level features a spacious living room complete with a beautiful stone wood-burning fireplace, all three bedrooms, convenient main floor laundry, and two bathrooms. The lower level presents a sizable family room, another wood-burning stone fireplace, a full bathroom, and an extra kitchen that's ideal for hosting gatherings. Storage is plentiful throughout this residence. New Furnace/AC 2020, Siding and Gutters replaced in 2022; Roof replaced in 2016. The backyard provides a serene, park-like environment, perfect for savoring your morning coffee or watching the children play in the expansive yard.

NEW PRICE

703 S Second Street Oregon NOW \$99,000 Call Carla
Enjoy your summer days on your own covered front porch! Tons of character throughout in this stately three bedroom one bath 2 story in Oregon. Large bedrooms, large living room with huge dining room! Easy back alley access for your outdoor projects. Close to city parks!

NEW LISTING

803 Gale St Oregon \$184,900 Call Carla
Stop the car and check this one out! This true 4 bedroom ranch with 1.5 baths offers a huge family room, gorgeous kitchen, hardwood flooring throughout. Loads of living space plus additional room in the full basement. This delightful move in ready home is just a few blocks from Oregon schools and conveniently located close to parks and trails.

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LOCAL NEWS

OGLE COUNTY SPORTS ROUNDUP

Oregon golf teams take on Hinckley-Big Rock

The Oregon High School varsity boys golf team defeated Hinckley-Big Rock 183-232 on Thursday, Aug. 15. Brogan Wilkinson led the Hawks with a team-low 42 to earn medalist honors. Nole Campos and Jackson Messenger each fired 44 in the win.

Oregon's JV boys and varsity girls golf teams played a nine-hole scrim-

mage since Hinckley-Big Rock did not have a team for either match. Sarah Eckardt led the girls with a 52 and Toni Withers followed with a 53. Tucker O'Brien led the JV boys team with a 50.

Ogle County boys golf teams battle at Byron Tiger Invitational

Byron High School hosted the Byron Tiger Invitational at Prairie View Golf Club on Saturday, Aug. 17. Byron finished second with 337, while

Forreston finished fourth with 345, Stillman Valley took fifth with 352 and Oregon placed seventh with 370.

Oregon golf teams face Erie-Prophetstown and Indian Creek

The Oregon High School varsity boys golf team took down Erie-Prophetstown and Indian Creek at Silver Ridge on Monday, Aug. 19. Jackson Messenger scored 40 to earn medalist honors, while Nole Campos totaled a 43 to

finish as one of the two meet runner-ups. Oregon won the meet with 175, while Erie-Prophetstown shot 186 and Indian Creek recorded 237.

The Oregon High School varsity girls golf team lost a close match against Erie-Prophetstown 205-209. Aniyah Sarver scored a team-best 45 to earn runner-up honors for the Hawks.

Oregon golf teams take on Genoa-Kingston

The Oregon High School varsity boys golf team fell 168-171 against Genoa-Kingston at Swan Hills Golf Course on Tuesday, Aug. 20. Nole Campos was the runner-up finisher with a 39, while Brogan Wilkinson and Jackson Messenger each shot 43 and Landon Anderson added 46.

The Oregon High School varsity girls golf team won 198-242 over Genoa-Kingston, with Aniyah Sarver shooting 44 to earn medalist honors.

Sarah Eckardt was the runner-up finisher with a 46 and Hailey-Jane Becker added a 50.

Forreston boys golf team beats LWPC

The Forreston High School varsity boys golf team scored a 176-184 win over LWPC on Tuesday, Aug. 20 at Sunset Golf Course. Kaden Brown led the Cardinals with a 38 to earn medalist honors, while Kendall Erdmann added a 43 and Dayle Rahn fired a 46.

BERTOLET LIBRARY NEWS

CLOSED August 30th-September 2nd

Bertolet Memorial Library and the parking lot will be closed to traffic over the Labor Day weekend. We will be having the parking lot sealed. We will re-open for regular business hours on Tuesday, September 3rd at 10:00 AM. We apologize for any

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

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

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

August Craft
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 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 ziploc-type seals and paper/sticker labels. Thank you

for your cooperation.
NEW RELEASES Adult Books
Flashback by Iris Johansen
A Traitor In Whitehall by Julia Kelly (LP)
Old King by Maxim Loskutoff
Chapter Book
A Galaxy of Whales by Heather Fawcett

BYRON PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

Special Hours

The Byron Public Library will be closed Monday, September 2 in observance of the Labor Day holiday. The library will re-open for regular business hours on Tuesday, September 3. We wish all of our patrons a safe and happy Labor Day!

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.

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.

Passport Fair
Saturday, Sep. 14. 10:00 am - 1:00 pm. Are you applying for your first passport or is yours about to expire? The Byron Public Library District is once again partnering

with the Oregon Public Library District to help you through the application process. Applicants must bring their original birth certificate and a valid photo ID. The cost is \$130 for adults and \$100 for children under the age of 16, plus \$35 processing fee and \$13 for a picture. After the application process, please allow 8-11 weeks for delivery. Passport application forms are available at the Byron Public Library, or online at travel.state.gov. Walk-ins are welcome; no registration is required.

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 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!

JULIA HULL DISTRICT LIBRARY NEWS

Storytime at the Library

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

Labor Day Closure

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

Tween Scene: 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! Friday, September 6, 10 a.m. Ages 1-4. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

Cricut Lab: Infusible

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

Doughnuts and Game Shows

Tuesday, August 27th - Doughnuts and Game Shows with Jared at 10:30

Ink Tote

Experienced Cricut users will learn how to cut and position a multi-layered design using different colors of infusible ink. BYO Cricut machine (Explore or Maker), and cords, cutting mat, and blade. Thursday, September 12, 6 p.m. Adults only. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

Outdoor Games!

We're indulging our competitive spirit and enjoying the great outdoors all at the same time! Come

play fun games like cornhole, ring toss and more out on the library lawn. Saturday, September 14, 10 a.m. Ages 5-9. 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 only. While supplies last.

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

Puzzle Palooza

Because... we just fit! In our second Puzzle Palooza, teams of 2-4 will face off to see who can assemble the same 500-piece jigsaw puzzle in 90 minutes. Prizes will be given to first, second and third-place team finishers. Saturday, October 5, 2 p.m. Space is limited. Register your team early by calling the library at 815-645-8611.

Sponsor a Chair!

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

MT. MORRIS SENIOR & COMMUNITY CENTER NEWS

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

Bingocize!

August 23rd and 26th - Try something new - Bingocize! This is a unique solution that mixes exercise, health education and Bingo to help overcome health

am. Wednesday, August 28th - Jam Session at 10:30 am. Enjoy music with local musicians followed by lunch.

Retirement Challenges

Consumer Credit Counseling Service is holding a workshop on Retirement Challenges. Join us on August 29th at 11:00 am to

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 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.

get information on ways to stretch a retiree's dollar and how to budget during retirement. Call The Center at 815-734-6335 to sign up.

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LOCAL NEWS

OREGON LIBRARY NEWS

Oregon Public Library

The Library will be closed on Monday, September 2 in observance of Labor Day.

Friends Trivia Night 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 10am. Our guest reader on the 9th is from the United Way Of Ogle County and will be sharing information about Dolly Parton's Imagination Library! 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.

Ink with A Friend Monthly Card Club

Monday, September 16th 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 <http://www.oregonpubliclibrary.com>

Try It Tuesday

Tuesday, September 17th at 1:30pm or 5:30pm (Choose your time slot)-Lavender Soap. Learn to make soap, sim-

ple DIY project. This an adult only class, 18 and up. Registration required, please call (815) 732-2724 or visit www.oregonpubliclibrary.com.

Lego Club

Wednesday, September 25, 2:30 pm (2nd grade & up) (Early school dismissal). Get together and spend some recreational time building! The club is designed to provide an enjoyable activity (FUN) that stimulates and develops spatial intelligence.

Book Clubs

The 2WBC meets Wednesday, September 11 at 12:30 to discuss The Secret Lives of Book-sellers and Librarians by James Patterson & Matt Eversmann. Cocktails & Crimes will meet Sunday, September 15 at Chrissy's Corner at 2 pm. Books on Tap Book Club meets Thursday, September 26 at 6 pm at Cork & Tap to discuss When the Jessamine Grows by Donna Everhart. Is This Just Fantasy? Book Club will meet in September to discuss Lightlark by Alex Aster. The Afternoon Book Club meets Wednesday, September 18 at 1 pm to discuss Caramelo by Sandra Cisneros.

Functional Movement Type Yoga

Wednesdays at 9:30am. In this class, we use exercises based on whole-

body movements to restore posture, improve body mechanics, build strength and endurance, and fine-tune balancing skills. We start with a slow warm-up followed by core exercises – then explore how to utilize these tools based on real situations in daily life. Bring your yoga mat! All levels are welcome. - OREGON PATRONS ONLY - Registration required, this class fills quickly. Please call (815) 732-2724 or visit www.oregonpubliclibrary.com.

Knit & Crochet is BACK!

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

Find A Character Ticket!

What is a Character Ticket? A character Ticket represents an image of a character from that specific book. Character Tickets will be hidden in various books in the children/youth book collection.

After you check out a book and find a character ticket in the book, you may adopt that character doll and take it home. Open to Oregon Public Library cardholders only.

Oregon Writers Group

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

Passport Services

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

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

Call 815-732-2724, follow the prompts and presto...a story! Current story-The Boy Who Said Wow by Todd Boss. At the StoryWalk is The Enormous Carrot by Vladimir Vagin.

MOUNT MORRIS LIBRARY NEWS

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!

Display Case Showings

New display at the Mount Morris Library! Thank you cards from students who were given books from the 9x9x9 Mount Morris Library Foundation program! The 9x9x9 Program collects donations so that every first-grade student can receive a new book every month of the school year! Stop by the library for more information. **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.**

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, September 19th

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, September 19th 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.

Explore More Illinois Welcomes Doudna Fine Arts Center

Eastern Illinois University's Doudna Fine Arts Center is a cultural beacon for all of central Illinois. Designed by Antoine Predock, the building stands as a stunning example of modern architecture, uniting form and function, and provides a state-of-the-art home to EIU's School of the Arts (comprising the Departments of Art + Design, Music, and Theatre). The Doudna presents performances by EIU students and faculty, by school and community groups in our region, and by artists from around the world who engage diverse audiences and work with our faculty, students, and community members in master classes. **Doudna Fine Arts Center is offering \$5 Off General Admission Ticket to Doudna Premiere Per-**

formances.

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.

Hot Spots available at Mount Morris Library

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

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.

Axis360 is now

when the Center is closed. Please plan accordingly. Rock River Center wishes you a safe and happy holiday.

September Yoga Classes

Class Dates: September 6, 13, 20 and 27. YOGA: Friday, from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. CHAIR YOGA: Friday, from 11:15 – 12:00 Noon. COST: \$5 per class*

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.

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Newspaper Available!

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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

ROCK RIVER CENTER NEWS

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

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

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Mondays, 12:15 – 3:00 p.m.

VA Rep on September 6

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Rock River Center Holiday Hours

Rock River Center will close on Monday, Sept. 2, in recognition of Labor Day. No transportation or activities will take place

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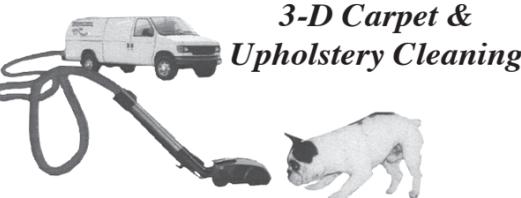
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LOCAL NEWS

Highland Agriculture Research Plot breaks ground on new building

FREEPORT—Highland Community College's Agriculture program continues to grow with the addition of an irrigation system this summer at the institution's Research Plots — and broke ground on a new pump house on Wednesday, Aug. 7.

Highland Agriculture is supported by numerous public and private partnerships. Illinois Sen. Andrew Chesney helped Highland obtain an Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) grant for \$150,000, and those funds comprised the lead gift in a fundraising effort that has netted more than \$600,000 so far through the Highland Foundation's Legacy Campaign, local bonds and community members' contributions.

"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 Highland President Chris Kuberski. "The sub-irrigation system and related pump house are 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 new pump house, which will include an upstairs meeting space, is phase one for developing the 15-acre research plots further, and will serve as a central operation hub for the new sub-irrigation system installed across the research plots. A second adjacent building to the pump house will provide additional room to house farm equipment. Together, these facilities will result in more experiential spaces for Highland students to learn and conduct field work with instructors.

"We are very excited about this project. It is a key phase to our overall plan for our agriculture program, specifically the underground irrigation system," said Scott Anderson, vice president, Business, Technology and Community Programs.



(COURTESY PHOTO) **Left to right: HCC Agriculture Instructor Justin Ebert, HCC Board of Trustees Chair Jim Endress, HCC President Christina Kuberski, and State Senator Andrew Chesney break ground at the Highland Agriculture Research Plot for a new building at the site west of Freeport.**

"I look forward to the building being completed this fall and the fully functional irrigation system for next year's crop studies."

The DCEO grant was secured by Chesney while he served in the Illinois House of Representatives. Chesney was elected to the

Illinois Senate in late 2022 and said he is pleased to see the results of the grant coming to fruition.

"This investment in agriculture in Northwest Illinois was led by Senator Chesney," said Highland Foundation Director Dan 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 students."

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John Denver Tribute by Chip Messiner
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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 Bryanton 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!

EBENEZER REFORMED CHURCH

2997 N. German Church Rd., 815-732-6313
3 miles east of Oregon on Rt. #64 then 2 miles north on German Church Rd. • Rev. Josiah Youngquist
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LIGHTHOUSE UNITED METHODIST

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

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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.

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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: saintrbides.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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11:30 a.m. Worship

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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

Ogle County 2024 4-H Fair announces Livestock Project winners

OREGON — The Ogle County 4-H Fair was held July 31-Aug. 4 at the Ogle County Fairgrounds in Oregon, where 689 4-H livestock exhibits were judged on and showcased by Ogle County's 284 4-H members in 13 clubs.

4-H fairs are held nationally to allow youth to exhibit a product that has resulted from an in-depth yearlong study in an area of interest to them. As part of the exhibition, non-animal exhibitors meet one-on-one with project judges to receive feedback about their displays and gather ideas for future project expansion.

At the Ogle County 4-H Fair, competition exists at two levels. 4-H'ers first compete against themselves for exhibit ratings. Every exhibit—animal or non-animal—is assigned a rating of blue, red, or white. Blue ratings are awarded to youth with entries that meet class guidelines and represent high-quality work. White ratings are assigned when entries do not meet class guidelines or exhibits are of low quality. Red ribbons are assigned for exhibits falling somewhere in between.

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

Many thanks go to the hundreds of 4-H leaders, helpers, fair committee members, judges, auctioneers, and supporters

who make this annual educational extravaganza possible!

Beef Department

Champion Junior Showmanship: Jaxon Alderks, Ogle Jolly 4-H Club (Monroe Center). **Champion Intermediate Showmanship:** Ayden Alderks, Ogle Jolly 4-H Club (Monroe Center). **Champion Senior Showmanship:** Cooper Alderks, Carefree 4-H Club (Chana). **Champion Angus Steer:** Mazy Queckboerner, Blackhawk Crossing 4-H Club (Polo). **Reserve Champion Angus Steer:** Kodi Hubbard, Carefree 4-H Club (Chana). **Champion Hereford Steer:** Katelyn Rockwood, Pine Creek Valley 4-H Club (Polo). **Reserve Champion Hereford Steer:** Mazy Queckboerner, Blackhawk Crossing 4-H Club (Polo). **Champion Shorthorn Steer:** Robbie Thuro, Ogle Jolly 4-H Club (Davis Junction). **Reserve Champion Shorthorn Steer:** Beckett Alderks, Ogle Jolly 4-H Club (Chana). **Champion All Other Breeds Steer:** Allissa Martin, Carefree 4-H Club (Oregon). **Reserve Champion All Other Breeds Steer:** Boone Alderks, Carefree 4-H Club (Chana). **Champion Market Heifer:** Cian Grygiel, Blackhawk Crossing 4-H Club (Oregon). **Champion Crossbred Market Steer:** Wyatt Swanson, By-Y-Badgers 4-H Club (Oregon). **Reserve Champion Crossbred Steer:** Cooper Alderks, Carefree 4-H Club (Chana). **Champion Pair of Heifers:** Brooke Allen, Leaf River Busy Beavers 4-H Club (Leaf River). **Reserve Champion Pair of Heifers:** Jaxon Al-

derks, Ogle Jolly 4-H Club (Monroe Center). **Champion Bred & Owned Steer All Breeds:** Wyatt Swanson, By-Y-Badgers 4-H Club (Oregon). **Reserve Champion Bred & Owned Steer All Breeds:** Cian Grygiel, Blackhawk Crossing 4-H Club (Oregon). **Champion Angus Female:** Brooke Allen, Leaf River Busy Beavers 4-H Club. **Reserve Champion Angus Female:** Ayden Alderks, Ogle Jolly 4-H Club (Monroe Center). **Champion Hereford Female:** Alex Grygiel, Blackhawk Crossing 4-H Club. **Reserve Champion Hereford Female:** Katelyn Rockwood, Pine Creek Valley 4-H Club (Polo). **Champion All Other Breeds Female:** Cooper Alderks, Carefree 4-H Club (Chana). **Reserve Champion All Other Breeds Female:** Brooke Allen, Leaf River Busy Beavers 4-H Club (Leaf River). **Champion Crossbred Female:** Ellie Schier, Carefree 4-H Club (Mt. Morris). **Reserve Champion Crossbred Female:** Ellie Schier, Carefree 4-H Club (Mt. Morris). **Grand Champion Female Overall:** Brooke Allen, Leaf River Busy Beavers 4-H Club (Leaf River). **Reserve Grand Champion Female Overall:** Cooper Alderks, Carefree 4-H Club (Chana). **Champion Pair of Steers:** Wyatt Swanson, By-Y-Badgers 4-H Club (Oregon). **Reserve Champion Pair of Steers:** Cooper Alderks, Carefree 4-H Club (Chana). **Champion Pair of Heifers:** Brooke Allen, Leaf River Busy Beavers 4-H Club (Leaf River). **Reserve Champion Pair of Heifers:** Jaxon Al-

derks, Ogle Jolly 4-H Club (Monroe Center). **Champion Bred & Owned Heifer:** Alex Grygiel, Blackhawk Crossing 4-H Club (Oregon). **Reserve Champion Bred & Owned Heifer:** Katelyn Rockwood, Pine Creek Valley 4-H Club (Polo). **Rate of Gain:** Mazy Queckboerner, Blackhawk Crossing 4-H Club (Polo). **Quality Beef 2000: (1st)** Skyler Holmes, Pine Creek Valley 4-H Club (Polo); **(2nd)** Mazy Queckboerner, Blackhawk Crossing 4-H Club (Polo); **(3rd)** Addison Yordy, Leaf River Busy Beavers 4-H Club (Leaf River); **(4th)** Wyatt Swanson, By-Y-Badgers 4-H Club (Oregon); **(5th)** Skylar Holmes, Pine Creek Valley 4-H Club (Polo); **(6th)** Kodi Hubbard, Carefree 4-H Club (Chana); **(7th)** Mazy Queckboerner, Blackhawk Crossing 4-H Club (Polo); **(8th)** Katelyn Rockwood, Pine Creek Valley 4-H Club (Polo); **(9th)** Max Thuro, Ogle Jolly 4-H Club (Davis Junction); **(10th)** Kodi Hubbard, Carefree 4-H Club (Chana). **Dr. John Clayton 4-H Herdsman Award:** Allissa Martin, Carefree 4-H Club (Chana).

Dairy Department

Champion Junior Showmanship: Shelby Harbaugh, Carefree 4-H Club (Chana). **Champion Intermediate Showmanship:** Tessa Bruns, Carefree 4-H Club (Oregon). **Champion Senior Showmanship:** Anna Marquardt, Carefree 4-H Club (Oregon). **Champion Purebred Female:** Shelby Harbaugh, Carefree 4-H Club (Chana). **Reserve Champion Purebred Female:** Ashley Harbaugh, Carefree 4-H Club (Chana). **Champion Grade Female:** Pyper Bruns, Carefree 4-H Club (Oregon). **Supreme Champion Female Overall Breeds:** Shelby Harbaugh, Carefree 4-H Club (Chana). **Reserve Supreme Champion Female Overall Breeds:** Emily Harbaugh, Carefree 4-H Club (Oregon).

Goat Department

Champion Junior Showmanship: Alyse Rogers, Ogle Jolly 4-H Club (Chana). **Champion Intermediate Showmanship:** Jenna Alexander, Summerhill Huskies 4-H Club (Forreton). **Champion Senior Showmanship:** Braden Rogers, Ogle Jolly 4-H Club (Chana). **DAIRY GOATS:** **Champion Dairy Purebred Dry Doe:** Jenna Alexander, Summerhill Huskies 4-H Club (Forreton). **Reserve Champion Dairy Purebred Dry Doe:** Alyse Rogers, Ogle Jolly 4-H Club (Chana). **Champion Dairy Purebred Milker:** Kodi Hubbard, Carefree 4-H Club (Chana). **Reserve Champion Dairy Purebred Milker:** Ellie Schier, Carefree 4-H Club (Mt. Morris). **Champion Dairy Goat Purebred Dam & Daughter:** Kodi Hubbard, Carefree 4-H Club (Chana). **Reserve Champion Dairy Goat Purebred Dam & Daughter:** Shelby Harbaugh, Carefree 4-H Club (Chana). **Champion Dairy Crossbred Dry Doe:** Jenna Alexander, Summerhill Huskies 4-H Club (Forreton). **Reserve Champion Dairy Crossbred Dry Doe:** Bethany Akins, Grand Detour Greens 4-H Club (Polo). **Grand Champion Dairy Dry Doe:** Jenna Alexander, Summerhill Huskies 4-H Club (Forreton). **Reserve Grand Champion Dairy Dry Doe:** Jenna

Alexander, Summerhill Huskies 4-H Club (Forreton). **Grand Champion Dairy Milker:** Kodi Hubbard, Carefree 4-H Club (Chana). **Reserve Grand Champion Dairy Milker:** Ellie Schier, Carefree 4-H Club (Mt. Morris). **Grand Champion Dairy Goat Dam & Daughter:** Kodi Hubbard, Carefree 4-H Club (Chana). **Reserve Grand Champion Dairy Goat Dam & Daughter:** Shelby Harbaugh, Carefree 4-H Club (Chana). **Grand Champion Dairy Goat Wether:** Braden Rogers, Ogle Jolly 4-H Club (Chana). **Reserve Grand Champion Dairy Goat Wether:** Katelyn Rockwood, Pine Creek Valley 4-H Club (Polo). **PYGMY GOATS:** **Grand Champion Pygmy Doe Kid:** Alexandra Sarver, Carefree 4-H Club (Mt. Morris). **Reserve Grand Champion Pygmy Doe Kid:** Ellie Schier, Carefree 4-H Club (Mt. Morris). **Reserve Grand Champion Pygmy Doe:** Ellie Schier, Carefree 4-H Club (Mt. Morris). **Grand Champion Pygmy Goat Dam & Daughter:** Ellie Schier, Carefree 4-H Club (Mt. Morris). **Reserve Grand Champion Pygmy Goat Dam & Daughter:** Alexandra Sarver, Carefree 4-H Club (Mt. Morris). **Grand Champion Pygmy Goat Wether:** Allissa Martin, Carefree 4-H Club (Oregon). **Reserve Grand Champion Pygmy Goat Wether:** Alexandra Sarver, Carefree 4-H Club (Mt. Morris). **OTHER CLASSES:** **Grand Champion Pet Goat:** Jase Truckenbrod, Carefree 4-H Club (Chana). **Reserve Grand Champion Pet Goat:** Delaney Byers, Summerhill Huskies 4-H Club (Forreton).

Horse Department

Champion Junior Showmanship: Adalyn Bocker, Leaf River Busy Beavers 4-H Club (Leaf River). **Reserve Champion Junior Showmanship:** Addison Yordy, Leaf River Busy Beavers 4-H Club (Leaf River). **Champion Senior Showmanship:** Molly Ziegler, Carefree 4-H Club (Oregon). **Grand Champion Horse at Halter:** Adalyn Bocker, Leaf River Busy Beavers 4-H Club (Leaf River). **Reserve Grand Champion Horse at Halter:** Kenzie Hongsermeier, Leaf River Busy Beavers 4-H Club (Leaf River). **Junior Grand Champion Performance Horse:**

Alyse Rogers, Ogle Jolly 4-H Club (Chana). **Reserve Junior Grand Champion Performance Horse:** Addison Yordy, Leaf River Busy Beavers 4-H Club (Leaf River). **Junior Grand Champion Performance Horse:** Molly Ziegler, Carefree 4-H Club (Oregon). **4-H Grand Champion Horsemanship:** Alyse Rogers, Ogle Jolly 4-H Club (Chana). **Reserve Junior Grand Champion Horsemanship:** Addison Yordy, Leaf River Busy Beavers 4-H Club (Leaf River). **Senior Grand Champion Horsemanship:** Molly Ziegler, Carefree 4-H Club (Oregon). **Junior Equine Sportsmanship Award:** Piper Johnson, Ogle Jolly 4-H Club (Rochelle). **Junior Performance High Point Award:** Alyse Rogers, Ogle Jolly 4-H Club (Chana). **Senior Performance High Point Award:** Molly Ziegler, Carefree 4-H Club (Oregon). **Junior Horse Speed Award:** Addison Yordy, Leaf River Busy Beavers 4-H Club (Leaf River). **Senior Horse Speed Award:** Molly Ziegler, Carefree 4-H Club (Oregon).

Llama/Alpaca Department

Champion Junior Showmanship: Harmony Coy, Blackhawk Crossing 4-H Club (Mt. Morris). **Champion Intermediate Showmanship:** Elizabeth Kennedy, Hub Hickory Nuts 4-H Club (Davis Junction). **Grand Champion Obstacle:** Elizabeth Kennedy, Hub Hickory Nuts 4-H Club (Davis Junction). **Reserve Grand Champion Obstacle:** Harmony Coy, Blackhawk Crossing 4-H Club (Mt. Morris). **Grand Champion Public Relations:** Elizabeth Kennedy, Hub Hickory Nuts 4-H Club (Davis Junction).

Poultry Department

Champion Junior Showmanship: Shelby Harbaugh, Carefree 4-H Club (Chana). **Champion Intermediate Showmanship:** Kate Costello, Ogle Jolly 4-H Club (Stillman Valley). **Champion Senior Showmanship:** Levi Eden, Carefree 4-H Club (Oregon). **Large Fowl Classes:** **Top of Class American Hen:** Grant Johnson, Leaf River Soaring Eagles 4-H Club (Forreton). **Top of Class American Cock:** Kodi Hubbard, Carefree 4-H Club (Chana). **Top of Class American Pullet:** Kaden Lingbeck, Leaf River Soaring Eagles 4-H Club (Leaf River). **Grand Champion American:** Kodi Hubbard, Carefree 4-H Club (Chana). **Reserve Grand Champion American:** Kaden Lingbeck, Leaf River Soaring Eagles 4-H Club (Leaf River). **Top of Class Asiatic Hen:** Delaney Byers, Summerhill Huskies 4-H Club (Forreton). **Top of Class Asiatic Pullet:** Wesley Eckerstrom, Ogle Jolly 4-H Club (Stillman Valley). **Grand Champion Asiatic:** Delaney Byers, Summerhill Huskies 4-H Club (Forreton). **Reserve Grand Champion Asiatic:** Wesley Eckerstrom, Ogle Jolly 4-H Club (Stillman Valley). **Top of Class English Hen:** Grace Costello, Ogle Jolly 4-H Club (Stillman Valley).

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LOCAL NEWS



(COURTESY PHOTO)

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Etnyre Foundation announces grant to Ogle County Fair Association

OREGON — The Etnyre Foundation recently announced a grant of \$1,986.65 to the Ogle County Fair Association. The funding was used to replace and add approximate-

ly 260 feet of six-foot-tall fencing on the fairgrounds. The project helped ensure the safety of 4H animals, the children involved, and all spectators during events. “We are excited to support

this initiative, as it plays a key role in maintaining the well-being and security of our local community,” a foundation Facebook post said. “Together, we are making the Ogle County

Fairgrounds safer for everyone! Congratulations to the Ogle County Fair Association on this important project. We look forward to seeing the positive impact it will have.”

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, extracurricular 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 Cirksema 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@oregonrotary@gmail.com.

Weekly Brain Busters

King Crossword

ACROSS

1 Costa —
5 Crib cry
9 Gal. fractions
12 Colorado resort
13 Russian river
14 Motor City labor org.
15 Alike (Fr.)
16 Eyelid woe
17 Lyricist Gershwin
18 Santa's runway
19 Sly chuckle
20 Per person
21 British verb ending
23 Right angle
25 Exaggerated pride
28 Affliction
32 Look of disdain
33 Edition
34 Agreed silently
36 Goddess of wisdom
37 Half of bi-
38 Mont. neighbor
39 Army transport
42 Cagers' gp.
44 Till bills
48 Internet address
49 Eye drop

DOWN

1 KOA patron
2 Shakespeare villain
3 Pisa farewell
4 Super-motivated
5 Urges dogs on snow
6 Museo display
7 Chaos
8 Ginger —
9 Witticism
10 Poi base
11 Trade
20 #1 Elvis Presley song
22 Ambulance sound
24 Non-clergy
25 QVC alternative
26 Popular card game
27 Nap site
29 Enzyme suffix
30 Press for payment
31 Verily
35 Moolah
36 Prizes
39 Burlap fiber
40 Messes up
41 Power co. supply
43 Lure
45 Central point
46 Black, in verse
47 Dispatched
49 Smidgen

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MAGIC MAZE

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Unlisted clue hint: KING OF THE ROUND TABLE

- Aleta
- Arn
- Cormac
- Galan
- Ingrid
- Karen
- King Aguar
- Maeve
- Merlin
- Mordred
- Nathan
- Sir Gawain
- Sligon
- Ulfran
- Vanni

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

- ♦ Moderate
- ♦♦ Challenging
- ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

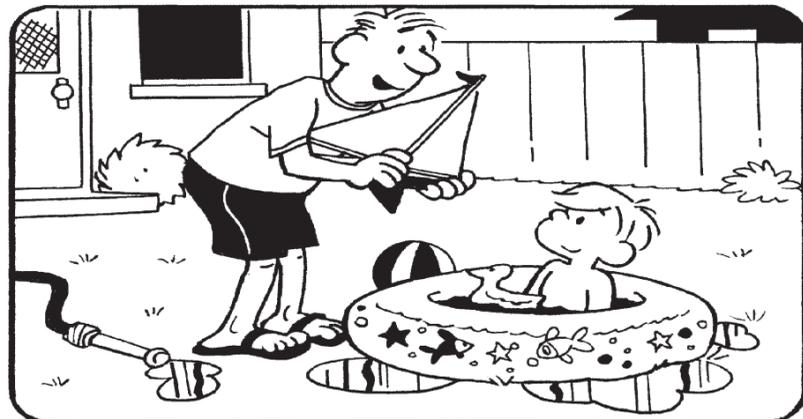
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Ball is moved. 2. Sailboat flag is moved. 3. Puddle is added. 4. Hose is moved. 5. Window is wider. 6. Stripe on shorts is moved.

Answers

King Crossword

Solution time: 21 mins.

PRINCE VALIANT CHARACTERS

Answers

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Weekly SUDOKU

Answer



9 Biggest Benefits Of Shopping Ogle County First

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Sealed bids will be received for the following section by the Ogle County Highway Department, Oregon, September 6, 2024: 2024-2025 Ice Abrasives. Proposals are available on the Ogle County 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 No. 0816
The Road and Bridge Committee reserves the right to accept or reject and or all bids.

NOTICE

WHITE ROCK TOWNSHIP
ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1 APRIL, 2023 THROUGH 31 MARCH, 2024

SUPERVISORS FUND-REVENUE SUMMARY

Property Taxes- \$98,687; Property Replacement Taxes- \$19,889.; Interest- \$5,589; Miscellaneous- \$427;
TOTAL REVENUE- \$124,592

SUPERVISORS FUND, COMPENSATION SUMMARY

Range: Under-(\$25,000)- Tom Smith, Jim Milligan, Lorraine Hubbard, Dennis Probasco, Tim Reints, Jamie Herring,..... \$25,000 to \$49,999- Heath Strohmman,
TOTAL COMPENSATION; \$43,162

SUPERVISOR FUND EXPENDITURE SUMMARY

IRS Taxes- \$12,804; IL. Dept. of Revenue- \$2,660; Toirma- 2,551; Accounting Services- 1,125; Donations-\$5,700
All other disbursement less than (\$2,500.00)- \$4,154
TOTAL VENDORS- \$28,994

GENERAL ASSISTANCE FUND-REVENUE SUMMARY

Property Taxes- \$0; Interest- \$80; TOTAL REVENUE- \$80

GENERAL ASSISTANCE FUND-EXPENDITURE SUMMARY

All other disbursements less than (\$2,500.00)- 0; TOTAL VENDORS- \$0

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND-REVENUE SUMMARY

Property Taxes- \$38,143; Replacement Taxes- \$10,640; Interest- \$2,247; Toirma \$583; Village of Hillcrest \$690; Ins. Payment 13,289
TOTAL REVENUE- \$65,592

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND-COMPENSATION SUMMARY

Range: Under \$25,000: Jeff Johnson, \$6,315; TOTAL COMPENSATION- \$6,315

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND-EXPENDITURE SUMMARY

TOIRMA- \$3,991; Johnson Tractor-;\$65,167; Helm-13,094
All other disbursement less than (\$2,500)- \$14,109; TOTAL VENDORS- \$96,361

SPECIAL ROAD TAX FUND-REVENUE SUMMARY

Property Taxes- \$42,408; Interest- \$1,506; TOTAL REVENUE- \$43,914

SPECIAL ROAD TAX FUND-EXPENDITURE SUMMARY

Conserv FS \$9,306; Steve Benesh & Sons - \$8,910; Ogle Cty. \$11,584; Martin & Co.- \$3,543; Timberman Tree - \$10,500, All other disbursements less than (\$2,500)- \$1,877
TOTAL VENDORS- \$45,720

CBHB FUND-REVENUE SUMMARY

Property Taxes- \$10,756; Interest- \$2,347; TOTAL REVENUE- \$13,103

CBHB FUND- EXPENDITURE SUMMARY

All other disbursement less than (\$2,500)-308; TOTAL VENDORS- \$308

SPECIAL EQUIPMENT FUND-REVENUE SUMMARY

Property Taxes- \$8,611; Interest- \$1,289 TOTAL REVENUE- \$9,900

SPECIAL EQUIPMENT FUND-EXPENDITURE SUMMARY

All other disbursement less than (\$2,500)- \$0.00; TOTAL VENDORS- 0

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF CONDITION
WHITE ROCK TOWNSHIP
1 April, 2022 through 31 March, 2023

	Supervisors Fund	General Assistance Fund	Road and Bridge Fund	Special Road Tax	CBHB Fund
Beginning Balance	\$199,050	\$3,620	\$135,424	\$55,615	\$82,079
Total Revenue	\$124,592	\$81	\$65,592	\$43,914	\$13,103
Less Disbursements	(\$72,156)	(0)	(\$102,676)	(\$45,720)	(\$308)
Ending Balance	\$251,484	\$3,701	\$98,340	\$53,809	\$94,875

	Special Equipment			
Beginning Balance	\$50,783			
Total Revenue	\$9,900			
Less Disbursements	(\$0)			
Ending Balance	\$60,684			

Thomas K. Smith, Supervisor/Treasurer

NO. 0824 (Aug. 26, 2024)

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Moving Sale
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Furniture, small antiques, porcelain dolls, tools, 2007 Kawasaki Vulcan Classic 900, antique hand tools and much more.
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White Eagle Storage
11627 Rt 72, Forreston
Aug. 30th & 31st | 8am to 5pm
Three units full of merchandise.
3 Aluminum eight foot heavy duty loading ramps, 3 cases of Eldorado CliffStone for fireplace, Honda and a Suzuki motorcycle for parts, 4 aluminum 17" rims, new electric snowblower, shop vac, movie screen, 2 lawn spreaders, tools, tool boxes, speakers, shelves, 14" child's bike, wooden baby cradle, antique lamps, cast iron pans, Danielle Steel books, dishware, stools, toy train with tracks in box, bean bag toss, milk cans, steel wheels, school desk, miscellaneous furniture, walking plow and much more.

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AUCTIONS

PERSONAL PROPERTY AUCTION – SALE #2
307 S. ASH AVENUE, FORRESTON, IL 61030
Thursday, Aug. 29 8AM to Sunday, Sept. 1 5PM
This is an Online Auction.
Please visit <https://aandtauctionservices.hibid.com/> for full sale viewing beginning 8/28/2024. 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, & pipe, including PVC, metal, and more; outdoor furniture; work benches, rolling carts, & storage shelves; lots of hardware—nuts, bolts, etc.; garden carts; Spare tires (various sizes); lawn mowers (running and non-running); Snow blowers (walk behind & front mount); bicycles—vintage & modern; Some memorabilia & antiques; lots of miscellaneous; and more. This is a huge collection of many different items—too much to list individually! **This is sale #2 of a multi-part sale.**
Item Viewing: Items will be available for online viewing no later than 8am on 8/28/2024. 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 multi-part sale with a combined pick up date. Due to a schedule conflict, the pick-up date has been adjusted from our previous ad. Pick up for both sales will be held on Wednesday, September 4th from 4:30-7:30pm 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. Follow A & T Auction Services on Facebook for the Online Sale Link and additional sale information, including pictures, how to register for online bidding, and complete sale terms and conditions. Follow A & T Auction Services on Facebook for the Online Sale Link and additional sale information, including pictures, how to register for online bidding, and complete sale terms and conditions.
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To submit an application

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 PREORDERED Live Lobsters can be picked up from 9am - 5pm in Sullivan's Foods Meat Departments
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