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Ogle County ERT team ruled justified in June Lost Nation shooting incident with barricaded Dixon man

No criminal charges will be filed against law enforcement

BY JEFF HELFRICH
 MANAGING EDITOR

OREGON — The Ogle County Emergency Response Team's use of deadly force in a June 12 incident at a home in Lost Nation that left a barricaded Dixon man and three officers shot has been ruled justified, a Sept. 27 press release from Ogle County State's Attorney Mike Rock said.

Jonathon Gounaris, 32, of rural Dixon is currently in custody due to the incident and his next scheduled court appearance is Oct. 17. He faces charges of four counts of attempted first degree murder, three counts of aggravated discharge of a firearm, three counts of aggravated battery and two counts of possession of a firearm without a Firearm Owner's Identification (FOID) card.

The Ogle County ERT team was called to Gounaris' home in Lost Nation on June 12 after a report of someone threatening to commit suicide, when police entered the home, Gounaris and Ogle County ERT Members



(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)

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Tyler Carls (Rochelle Fire Department), Lt. Jason Ketter (Ogle County Sheriff's Office) and Sgt. Tad Dominski (Oregon Police Department) were shot. ERT members were transported to area hospitals and later discharged. Gounaris underwent surgery and survived his injuries.

The use of force by law enforcement was reviewed by Winnebago County State's Attorney J. Hanley due to the Ogle County State's Attorney's Office handing the prosecution

of Gounaris.

The Illinois State Police, Zone 2, Major Crimes Investigation Unit conducted an investigation into the use of force and on Sept. 27, Hanley issued a memorandum concluding that the officers acted reasonably and lawfully.

Dominski, Ketter, Ogle County Sheriff's Office Sgt. Justin Diehl and Deputy Jon Shippert were ERT members that fired weapons in the incident.

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(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)

The Rochelle Police Department's Pink Patch Project fundraiser for Breast Cancer Awareness Month during October is taking place again this year and sales of t-shirts and patches are underway.

Pink Patch Project sales underway

Fundraiser has raised \$16,000

BY JEFF HELFRICH
 MANAGING EDITOR

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The department is selling t-shirts for \$25 and pink RPD patches for \$10. To make a purchase, call or visit RPD at 416 N. 6th St. 815-562-2131 (cash/check only, payable to Ro-

chelle PD Pink Project) or 926 Custom Embroidery at 404 Lincoln Highway 815-561-9500 (cash/credit card). Sweatshirts and hoodies are also available through 926 Custom Embroidery.

All proceeds will be donated to the Living Well Cancer Resource Center in Geneva, in honor of RPD Officer Ryan Kovacs' late mother, Tammy Kovacs, who passed away from breast cancer in December 2015.

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RCH holds annual cookout for employees and community

'It's a way to say thank you to our employees and the community...'

BY JEFF HELFRICH
 MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE — On Thursday, Sept. 26, Rochelle Community Hospital hosted its annual cookout for employees and the community. The event is in its third year and is hosted by RCH's Food and Nutrition department.

Offerings included burgers, footlong hot dogs, polish sausages, ribs, veggie burgers, mac and cheese, coleslaw, loaded potato salad, and brownie or banana sundaes.

"This is our annual event for our employees and the community to come out and have lunch," RCH Food and Nutrition Manager Ross Pullom said. "We grill for them and we have sides and

dessert. It's a good price. It's a way to say thank you to our employees and the community for supporting us all year."

Pullom said the event takes a lot of preparation and has gotten larger each year. RCH wants to provide tasty, nutritious food to the community, more than just its employees and patients. The RCH Food and Nutrition department offers a catering service and opens its cafeteria to the public for lunch and dinner. It also has hosted a farmer's market in the past and offers nutrition initiatives for employees.

"We like doing outreach to the community," Pullom said. "A lot of people in the local community come here for lunch and dinner. People in the apartments



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LOCAL NEWS

ERT: Ogle County team ruled justified in June Lost Nation shooting

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The investigation into the incident consisted of interviewing witnesses, and reviewing police radio transmissions, police in-car cameras, body cameras, private surveillance video, photos of the scene, police reports, and results of forensic evaluations.

The memorandum issued by Hanley lays out a timeline of the June 12 events. At 9 a.m., the Ogle County Sheriff's Office was dispatched to the west entrance of Lost Lake to speak with Gounaris' mother, who was concerned about her son's mental state and wanted deputies to perform a welfare check at her home where he resided.

Gounaris' mother told law enforcement that her son threatened suicide and harm to her and others that would try to talk with him, the memorandum said. She also said that Gounaris carried two pistols with him and she believed he had barricaded himself inside the home. It was learned by the responding deputy that Gounaris' FOID card had been revoked as he had been designated a clear and present danger. The incident was turned over to the Ogle County ERT team.

After delivering a "throw phone" into the home, a total of 75 calls were made to that phone and Gounaris' cell phone by law enforcement without any answer. The ERT team made the decision at 11:50 a.m. to enter the home, one team from the front and one team from the back.

The front door was breached with a ram and a flash bang was thrown by law enforcement, and at that point multiple shots were heard in video reviewed. Shots were fired at law enforcement and they returned fire, before finding cover and assessing their injuries.

The ERT team members at the back entered the residence after shots had been fired and their body cameras show Gounaris on the ground wearing a bulletproof vest, and saying "Thank you" to law enforcement while being handcuffed and secured. ERT members determined Gounaris had been shot at this time and remained with him until EMS arrived. None of the ERT members that entered through the back of the house fired their weapons.


Two firearms were recovered from the residence. One 9mm handgun was recovered from the living room floor with an empty magazine and was determined to be the firearm Gounaris used to fire at officers, the memorandum said. A 9mm handgun was found in another room and wasn't believed to have been fired.

The memorandum outlined the conclusions drawn after fully reviewing the incident.

"The officers only fired their service pistols into the home after being fired upon by Gounaris," the memorandum said. "The body cam video clearly shows this and the officers' statements are corroborated by the video evidence. Further, the evidence demonstrates that Gounaris knew, or should have known, that officers were outside his home."

The memorandum also mentions the fact that Gounaris was wearing a bulletproof vest and his statements to officers after the shooting, which played into the shooting by officers being ruled justified.

"Based upon the totality of the circumstances, the officers' belief that shooting at Gounaris was necessary to protect each of them and others from death or great bodily harm was reasonable," the memorandum said. "Certainly, Gounaris posed an actual threat of death or great bodily harm to the officers nearby as he fired upon and struck officers. An officer may respond to that actual or imminent threat of death or great bodily harm to himself or others with equal force - in this case, by firing his gun."



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The officers only fired their service pistols into the home after being fired upon



Megan Clift Memorial fund donates to BHS theater and choral programs

Jeff Milburn recently presented Jen Wygant and Amy Harn with a check received from the Megan Clift Memorial Fund established at the Community Foundation of Northern Illinois. The grant purpose is to provide resources to the Byron School District Theater and Choral programs for trip scholarships, festival and competition fees, extra-curricular group activities, and equipment to enhance the theater and choral programs. (Courtesy photo)

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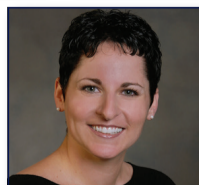
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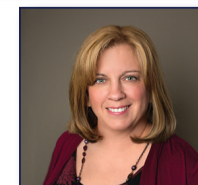
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Obituaries

Joseph 'Dirty' Roth

BYRON — Joseph "Dirty" Roth, age 48, unexpectedly passed away on October 1, 2024. He was born in Elgin on November 20, 1975. He grew up in Gilberts, Illinois before moving to Hampshire where he enjoyed playing sports during his time attending Hampshire High School - which is also where he made many, many life long friends.

Joe married the love of his life Amanda Chapman on April 5, 2003. Together they built a beautiful life and family. He was the life and soul of every party and enjoyed spending time with his friends and family every chance he could get. He was a man you could count on and always made time to help those in need. He was passionate about motorcycles and riding them out on the open road - especially when it came to leaving smiley face shaped burn outs.

He was a member of ABATE and believed in bikers having all the rights

and freedoms they deserve. He enjoyed music and could often be found playing on his guitar or attending concerts. Most of all he was a family man who cherished the time he spent with his wife, being a devoted girl dad to his four daughters, and spending time with his dogs.

Joe is preceded in death by his father, William Nally, his grandparents, Walter Sr. and Dorothy Roth, step-father, Gary Greve, uncles, James Roth and William Roth, and brother-in-law, John Jamison. He is survived and deeply missed by his loving wife of 21 years, Amanda Roth of Byron; mother, Patricia Greve of Hampshire; daughters, Autumn (Matthew Ray) Roth of Poplar Bluff, MO, Kennedy (Jacob Harshman) Roth of Oregon, Josie Roth of Poplar Bluff, MO, and Bella Roth of Byron; granddaughter, Clementine Ray; sister-in-law, Jennifer Jamison of Byron; brother-in-law, William Nielson of Schaumburg; and



numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nephews, nieces, and friends who were all special to him.

Visitation will be held from 10:00 AM until 1:00 PM on Saturday, October 5, 2024 at Farrell Holland Gale Funeral Home in Byron. A funeral will follow beginning at 1:00 PM at the funeral home with Pastor Gary Cortese officiating. Burial will be held at Byron Cemetery following the service. The family would like to invite anyone who is able to ride their motorcycles to the services in honor of "Dirty". Memorials may be directed to the family. To leave an online condolence please visit www.farrellhollandgale.com

RPD investigating suspicious death after 41-year-old man found Sept. 27 in downtown area

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE — The Rochelle Police Department is currently investigating a suspicious death after a 41-year-old Rochelle man was found deceased at 101 N. Washington St. the morning of Sept. 27, RPD Chief Pete Pavia said.

RPD and the Rochelle Fire Department were called to that location around 8:15 a.m. Friday morning, Sept. 27, for a report of an unresponsive male, who was later declared deceased and identified as Manuel Penaran, 41, of Rochelle. The Illinois State Police crime scene unit was called and processed the scene. The investigation, which Pavia said is still in its early stages, is being conducted by RPD and ISP.

Penaran was found outside behind the Ornament

Plasterwork Services building at 101 N. Washington St. Pavia said he was unable to comment on whether or not Penaran's body showed evidence of foul play.

Several witnesses have been interviewed in relation to the case, Pavia said. As of now it is not a homicide investigation, just a suspicious death, he said. RPD and ISP are waiting on autopsy and toxicology reports.

"Our detective came in and took a look at the body and after speaking with individuals in the area it became suspicious that it could potentially be more than a natural cause death and that's when the investigation started," Pavia said. "We then called the ISP crime team to process the whole scene. We did everything we could to preserve the scene and get all the evidence we could and now the case is running

its course. I anticipate there will be more information upon completion of the autopsy."

Pavia said there is video footage of Penaran in the area from the night before he was found, but a timeline has not yet been set in the investigation. The Ogle County Coroner's Office did not provide investigators with a time frame of how long Penaran had been deceased for before he was found.

"The ISP and our detective division are out now doing neighborhood canvasses and looking for additional camera footage and things like that," Pavia said. "We're looking at this as an isolated incident. As far as we're concerned, there's no danger to the public. We'll continue to work the case."

Anyone with information about the incident is asked to contact RPD at (815) 562-2131.

Habitat for Humanity of Ogle County groundbreaking on Davis Junction home scheduled for Oct. 26

DAVIS JUNCTION — On Saturday, Oct. 26 Habitat for Humanity of Ogle County will break ground on its 15th home build since 2002. This will be the affiliate's first build in Davis Junction. The home, which will be built primarily by Habitat construction volunteers and board members, will help a well-deserving partner family achieve the dream of homeownership.

Habitat for Humanity of Ogle County's groundbreaking ceremony will take place on Saturday, Oct. 26 at 10:30 a.m. at the lot located at 117 Prairie Moon Drive, Davis Junction. Sponsored/decorated studs from Habitat's Stud-a-thon will be on display and light refreshments will be served. The build, which had initially been planned to begin late this summer, will take place early 2025 due to some delays in construction planning. Many community organizations, businesses and individuals have donated to the build as well as to Habitat for Humanity

of Ogle County's many Brush with Kindness projects (critical home repairs) for the year. Major donors for this year's housing programs include the Village of Davis Junction (lot donation), the Community Foundation of Northern Illinois, Rochelle Area Community Foundation, the Blazer Foundation, CHS, Woodward Foundation and

Etnyre Foundation.

The public is invited to the groundbreaking ceremony to celebrate the build as well as Habitat's continued mission to build homes, community and hope. For more information regarding Habitat for Humanity of Ogle County, please call 815-222-8869, or visit the website at www.habitatofoglecounty.org.



(COURTESY PHOTO)

All proceeds will be donated to the Living Well Cancer Resource Center in Geneva, in honor of RPD Officer Ryan Kovacs' late mother, Tammy Kovacs, who passed away from breast cancer in December 2015.

KOVACS: Fundraiser in honor of RPD officer's late mother enters fourth year

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Kovacs started the fundraiser in 2021. About \$16,000 has been raised since.

"It's meant a lot to me," Kovacs said. "We couldn't do this without the support of the community and the fact that they're willing to invest their money and time to support a cause that's near and dear to my heart means the world to me. It means other people care and want to support the people that need it the most."

RPD officers will also be wearing hats with pink badges on the front and ribbons on the back while on duty. Officers and dispatchers help Kovacs during the month of October by making sales and raising awareness. Rochelle Township High School Resource Officer Jim Jakymiw and Kovacs are also working to establish a scholarship at RTHS in honor of Tammy Kovacs.

"It's awesome to know that my coworkers care and that they're invested in something as much as I am," Kovacs said. "It means everything to me. It's great when one of them comes in and tells me they sold 15 shirts for me without me even asking. It's more money we can give. It means a lot."

Over the years with the fundraiser, Kovacs has seen people reach out with interest in t-shirts and patches from all 50 states, which he couldn't believe. When he first started the fundraiser, he hoped to raise \$500-1,000. October

is now his busiest month with organizing sales and awareness.

"It's definitely a labor of love," Kovacs said. "I start planning in June and July and talking with 926 Custom Embroidery and figuring out a t-shirt design and getting stuff ordered and getting promotional material. I never thought I would raise \$16,000. I can't put it into words. I just wanted to do it for my mom and it's grown and more people are helping me and it's getting bigger and we're talking about scholarships and other things. Every year it gets bigger and it's more work. But I'm willing to do it if it helps people. We appreciate everyone's support."

The Living Well Cancer Resource Center is near and dear to Kovacs' heart because his mother spent time there taking part in its services during her treatment. The center offers cooking classes, art classes and therapy classes and drives those fighting cancer to their doctor and chemotherapy appointments.

Kovacs said he's enjoyed seeing The Living Well Cancer Resource Center expand its services over the years as he's given donations.

"They offer all sorts of services to people that need it so they don't have to go through it alone," Kovacs said. "Because cancer sucks to go through. My mom was sick a lot and didn't want to leave the house. They'll go pick people up and get them involved so they don't have to suffer alone. Sometimes

you donate to places and have no idea where it's going. When I go there, I can see how they're spending the money on helping people. They were great to my mom and helped her with everything so she didn't have to deal with it alone. She loved that place, so I wanted to repay them for the love and support they showed her."

Kovacs said along with t-shirt and patch sales and donations, he hopes he and RPD can raise awareness during October so maybe someone is moved to get a mammogram, or someone going through breast cancer knows that they're not alone.

While October means raising funds for a good cause and spreading positivity for Kovacs, the month brings up emotions and memories of his mother each year. Next year will be 10 years since her passing. He hopes he's making her proud.

"I hope she's looking down from above and saying, 'My son is doing a good thing and I raised him right,'" Kovacs said. "It's a happy time because I get to help people, but at the same time it's emotional. Because I miss my mom. I'd trade anything in the world to have my mom come back. This is my way of keeping her memory alive and showing her that she raised a good son who wants to help people. My mom's thing was always, 'Be kind to others.' She believed what you put into the world is what you get back. I hope to put some good into the world."



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Obituaries

Judy Camplain

EDWARDSVILLE— Judy Camplain, age 80, of Edwardsville, IL passed away on Thursday, September 19, 2024. Judy was born in 1943, the daughter of the late Clark & Mary Thompson. Judy married John W. Camplain on September 21, 1963, in Oregon, IL.

After 15 years of marriage, John preceded Judy in death on April 11, 2016. Judy is survived by her two daughters, Sandy (Steve) Holmes, of Edwardsville, IL, and Beth (Josh) Sonneborn of Springfield, IL; three grandchildren, Curt (Lau-

ra) Primas, Cody (Katie) Primas, & Lexi Sonneborn; three great grandchildren, Graysen, Luca, & Nolan; a brother, Merle (Jane) Thompson, and her extended Camplain family including numerous sister and brother in-laws as well as many nieces and nephews. Judy enjoyed line dancing and traveling with her girlfriends. She was an avid reader, loved working on puzzles, and anything to do with frogs.

In lieu of traditional mourning, we request the joy of your company at a Celebration of Judy's vibrant spirit on Saturday,



October 19, 2024, at The Hall, 7132 Marine Rd, Edwardsville IL., from 1:00 pm until 5:00 pm. Memorial donations may be made to the American Lung Association. Condolences may be expressed online at webfuneralhome.com.

Diane Kay Terviel

STILLMAN VALLEY — Diane Kay Terviel, age 76 of rural Chana, joined her Heavenly Father on Friday, September 27, 2024 at the Serenity Hospice and Home, Oregon, Illinois with family at her side after a long battle with diabetes.

She was born on January 14, 1948 in Rockford, IL, the daughter of Edsill and Dolores Lowery Harrolle. Diane grew up on a dairy farm north of Shirland, IL and attended grade school in Shirland and Hononegah High School in Rockton. She moved to Byron in 1967 and went on to become a Licensed Practical Nurse. When working at Rockford Hospital she was in surgery, then went to work at Rochelle Nursing Home and finally worked as a Home Health care nurse until her retirement.

Helping take care of others was her passion. She married the love of her life, Marvin Terviel on July 1, 1978 at Elim Reformed Church Kings, IL. They lived on a farm together in rural Chana until his passing in 2014. The two of them helped each other on the farm with the chickens and beef cattle as needed, until they went to straight crops. Diane and Marv were avid baseball fans.

Even though it was a split household (she was a Cubs fan and Marv was a White Sox fan) they enjoyed going to many games each year and teasing each other depending on the outcomes of the games. Diane was a Sunday School teacher and deaconess at Elim Reformed Church, generously giving of her time and resources. She enjoyed bowling and traveling with teammates to tournaments. She often bowled with or against her mom and sister Debbie.

Also, during downtime at tournaments, she liked to play the one-armed bandits and often won while in Reno and Las Vegas. She loved Longaberger baskets and chocolates. Hobbies included crocheting and shopping for gifts for family and friends. She spent many happy hours playing cards and board games. She could be very competitive whenever she was playing. Diane is preceded in death by her parents, husband Marv, and brother Dale Harrolle.

She is survived and missed dearly by her loving son, Michael (Chasity Nance) Harrolle, Chana, IL; grandchildren: Devin Harrolle, Ottawa, IL; Drake Harrolle, Des Moines, IA; Storm Harrolle, Chana, IL; great



grandson Clayton Harrolle, Forest, VA; her sisters Darlene (David) Saam, Chana, IL; Debbie (Dennis) Grove, Oregon, IL and many nieces, nephews and cousins. Visitation will be held from 5-7 PM on Friday, October 4, 2024 at the Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home, 136 West Roosevelt Road in Stillman Valley, Illinois.

Visitation will also be held from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM on Saturday, Oct. 5, 2024 followed by a 11:00 AM funeral service at Elim Reformed Church, 140 S Church Rd, Kings, IL with Pastor Marvin Jacobs, presiding. Diane will be laid to rest next to her husband in White Rock Cemetery, Kings, IL.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to Elim Reformed Church, Diabetes Foundation or Serenity Hospice and Home. Visit www.farrellhollandgale.com to leave a condolence or memory of Diane.

Charles Emory Buser

MT. MORRIS — Charles Emory Buser, Chuck to all, passed away on September 7, 2024 in the loving care of his wife, Deborah and daughters, Anne and Amy. Chuck was born August 7, 1948 to Gail Jacob and Harriett Conrad Buser in Rockford, IL.

With his ball glove slipped over the handlebar, Chuck spent his youth riding his bicycle through his hometown of Mt. Morris, IL in hope of locating friends for a pick-up game of baseball. He often regaled a favorite memory from his youth when he hit a grand slam against the Polo team and his team won: 16-0. A devoted Milwaukee Braves fan, as a boy he often fell asleep listening to that night's game on the radio broadcast. He was also dedicated that for years he would proudly rattle off their 1957 World Series starting lineup.

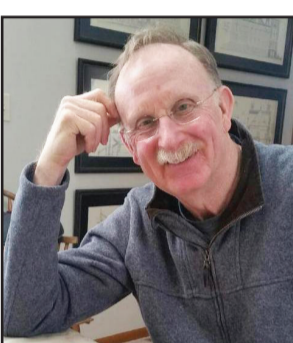
During high school, his desire was to play football for his beloved Mounders. Unfortunately, his parents didn't share the passion and wouldn't allow it. Perhaps that was the seed that planted his love for the Green Bay Packers. A die-hard season ticket holder, he religiously made the trek to cheer on his beloved 'Pack' at LLLLLLammmmmmbeauuuuuu for over 40 years. He made many mem-

ories (some of them academic) during his years at Mt. Morris High School with his "Twigs and Sticks of '66". He continued on to Western and later attained his degree from NIU. Chuck greatly enjoyed spending time and spinning stories with his fellow '66ers.

Like his brothers, Chuck was found working at the family lumber yard at an early age, whether he was sweeping the saw shed, delivering loads of coal, or his "favorite": cleaning coal furnaces. He learned that "lumber was in his blood" and spent the rest of his career guiding his loyal team in building numerous structures – homes, pole barns, garages, and even the fire stations in Leaf River and Seward. He was proud of his crew, diligently working to keep projects going during the harsh winter months, and thankful for the support of his customers.

Chuck's love of the water began during childhood family vacations to Devil's Lake, WI, a place he cherished. It was there he learned to swim – a preferable alternative to being "drowned" by his older brothers. As his daughters became swimmers, they would often try to win races with their Dad – either in the pool or across the bay.

And then one day, life took a turn. An even-



tual dementia diagnosis of Primary Progressive Aphasia (PPA) set the course for the next few years. The pandemic lockdowns interfered with a timely diagnosis of yet another dementia, Frontotemporal Degeneration (FTD) which targets the executive functions of the brain and claims total independence.

Chuck was predeceased by his parents and brother, Robert Edward. He leaves behind his loving wife of 53 years, Deborah, daughters Anne (Michael) and Amy (James) and dearest brother Frederic (Rita), their families, bonus grands and greats, a dozen cousins, numerous nieces and nephews, a multitude of in-laws and "outlaws", and the angels who walked with us during this journey.

Visitation with the family will be Saturday, October 12, 2024 from 1pm – 3 pm at Finch Funeral Home, Mt. Morris. As per Chuck's request, a private burial will be in Adeline Evangelical Cemetery. A Hui Hou.

David Eugene Porter

BYRON — David Eugene Porter unexpectedly passed away in his home on September 19, 2024 at the age of 70 in Byron, IL.

He was born to Max Sr. and Shirley Porter on July 19, 1954 in Bloomington, IL. David married the love of his life Christine Porter on December 12, 2012. David retired at the age of 62 from Lowes Distribution Center in Rockford, IL.

David is survived by his wife Christine Porter of Byron, IL., his brother Doug (Sandy) Porter of Towanda, IL, and his sisters Diane Porter of Bloomington, IL and Debbie (Robert) Fogal of Normal, IL. His sons Tom Porter and his son Austin of Clinton, IL, Derrick (Paula) Porter their children Kahlan, Vivyan, Wyatt, and Brad-

ley and their grandchild Luna of Oregon, IL., Rob (Rachel) Porter and their children Tyler, Matthew, and Savannah of Weldon, IL, Josh Porter and his daughter Ashlyn of Bloomington, IL, Justin (Andrea) Porter and their children Keegan, Ellie, and Huxley of Kansas City, KS. His sons Jamie (Karriane) McCarty and their children Britany, Lucas, Everly, and Hudson of Byron, IL and Josh (Amber) McCarty and their children Addison, Annalyse, Morgan, Griffin, and Knoxleigh of Sheridan, IL. His daughters Danay (John) Voiles and their children Grace, Ryker and Stella of Florida, and Chelsea O'Brien of Milwaukee, WI. His son Taylor (Cristina) O'Brien and their children Jaylee, Ashton, Brantley, Archer,



Huxley, and Weslynn of Grand Ridge, IL. His daughter Mariesa O'Brien and her children Waylon and Colt of Byron, IL.

David is preceded in death by his parents Max Sr. and Shirley Porter, his Brother Max Porter Jr., his 2 nephews Jesse Porter and Shane Porter, and his grandson Caden Fritz.

There will be a Celebration of Life on November 16, 2024 from 2pm-5pm at the Prairieview Golf Course in the Pavillion in Byron IL.

ISP announces monthly activity for September

STERLING— Illinois State Police Troop 1 Captain Joseph Blanchette has announced enforcement figures and activity for September.

Illinois State Police Troop 1 Troopers issued 1,297 citations, 881 written warnings, and made 21 criminal arrests during the month of September.

Troopers issued 458 citations for speeding, 37 citations for distracted driving violations and 146 citations for occupant restraint violations.

Troopers investigated 96 traffic crashes, assisted 247 motorists, and conducted 685 commercial motor vehicle inspections, of which 67

were placed out of service for safety reasons. There were 22 arrests for driving under the influence.

Troop 1, which encompasses Boone, Carroll, Jo Daviess, Lee, Ogle, Stephenson, Whiteside and Winnebago counties, investigated no fatal crashes in September.

Truck and Treat is Oct. 13 in Mt. Morris

MT. MORRIS — Truck and Treat will be a special feature at the Fall Family Festival on Sunday, Oct. 13 from 1 to 4 p.m. on the Mt. Morris Village Square.

Kids can get up close and personal with police and fire vehicles and road equipment, hosted by the

Evangelical Free Church of Mt. Morris.

The church is partnering this year with the Let Freedom Ring Committee, which annually sponsors the fall festival.

As always, the event will include plenty of candy, decorated trunks, and fun for kids and their

families.

Previously the church has held its annual Trunk or Treat on Oct. 31 at the church parking lot.

The Fall Family Festival will feature a craft show, penny carnival, costume parade, pumpkin carving contest, and concessions.

Entry fees for the pumpkin carving contest are \$2 for ages 5 and younger with a painted pumpkin, and \$5 for all other ages. Categories are ages 5 and younger, 6-10, 11-15, and 16 and up.

The rain location is the Mt. Morris Senior & Community Center, 9 E. Front St.

The Evangelical Free Church is located at 102 S. Seminary Ave., Mt. Morris.

Worship services are held each Sunday at 10 a.m. preceded by Sunday School for all ages at 8:30 a.m. Nursery care and Children's Church are available for youngsters up through age 9.

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Little Hubs Learning Center of Rochelle awarded \$15,000 grant through Stillman Bank

ROCHELLE – As a locally-owned and headquartered community bank, Stillman Bank values every opportunity to give back to their communities. In partnership with FHLBank Chicago and its Community First® Program, they are honored to award Little

Hubs Learning Center an Accelerate Grant for Small Businesses, totaling \$15,000.

Little Hubs Learning Center, an accredited and licensed daycare center, opened its doors on Jan. 3, 2023. The facility is owned by Ron and Joni Spartz and their daughter,

Kristin Spartz Barlow, serves as director of the learning center. Children ages 6 weeks to 12 years old are welcomed into the Little Hubs Learning Center off of 15th Street in Rochelle, which has a 142-child capacity.

Through FHLBank Chicago's member institu-

tions, like Stillman Bank, Accelerate Grants assist the growth and development of small businesses in Illinois and Wisconsin. All grant recipients are small businesses that make a difference in their community, and funds are intended for the following purposes:

The purchase or improvement of property; the purchase of machinery, tools, or equipment; the purchase of inventory, materials, or supplies; workforce development or training; and new or upgraded technology.

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out more about Stillman's products or services, visit www.stillmanbank.com. To learn more about FHLBank Chicago and their Accelerate Grants, visit www.fhlbc.com. For more information about Little Hubs Learning Center, you can follow them on Facebook.

2024 Crop marketing program is Nov. 20

ROCKFALLS—The Lee, Carroll, Ogle and Whiteside County Farm Bureaus along with COUNTRY Financial will host a crop marketing outlook on the evening of Nov. 20; at the Days Inn, Rock Falls. "Managing Tight Crop Profit Margins" is a two-hour seminar designed specifically for producers to help them manage risk associated with the current commodity markets and identify market conditions to capture profit margins through this year into next.

Dr. Steve Johnson, Iowa State University Extension farm management specialist, will facilitate the program. Steve has served as the farm & ag business management specialist in Central Iowa for Iowa State University Extension and Outreach since 1999.

Steve uses web sites such as ISU Ag Decision Maker and Polk County Extension Farm Management along with various print and electronic media. Annually he reaches more than 200,000 producers, landowners and other agribusiness professionals.

During the two-hour program producers will

examine the following topics: Global Supply/Demand & Crop Price Outlook, Utilizing Futures Price & Crop Insurance, Implications for US Elections & Farm Bill, Implementing a '24-'25 Marketing Plan, Estimating '24 Crop Profit Margins, and Feature 7 Strategies to Manage Tight Margins.

This presentation will assist producers in designing and implementing a marketing plan that is specific to their own operation. It will present producers with various options they can effectively utilize to capture market profits, manage market risks in this volatile market, minimize cost increases and make informed decisions on input pricing, storage options and position their marketing plan for profit protection. Market, global and recent economic factors will be examined and producers will learn to identify where profit opportunities and pitfalls lie for their farm operations.

Pre-registration is required. To register for the program call 815-732-2231 or email cfb@ogle.com Program begins at 7 p.m. on Nov. 20; Days Inn, Rock Falls.



(PHOTOS COURTESY OF DEPUTY CHIEF WILSON, MONROE TOWNSHIP FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT)

On Sept. 29, 2024, at 4:17 p.m. the Monroe Township Fire Protection District was dispatched for a reported structure fire involving a barn in the 3,000 block of Bennett Rd in Esmond.

Area departments respond to barn fire in Esmond

ESMOND—On Sept. 29, 2024, at 4:17 p.m. the Monroe Township Fire Protection District was dispatched for a reported structure fire involving a barn in the 3,000 block of Bennett Rd in Esmond. Monroe Township Fire Protection District responded with an engine, tender, and deputy chief. Ogle County Dispatch immediately upgraded the alarm to a second-level MABAS Box which requests additional resources from Kirkland with an

engine and chief, Lynn-Scott-Rock with a tender and chief, and Stillman Valley with an engine and chief.

The first unit on scene within 10 minutes was Monroe Township Fire Deputy Chief Richard Wilson reporting a barn on the ground with active fire and no exposures and keeping all units coming into the scene. Within three minutes of the first engine on the scene, water was applied to the burning pile. A supply line to the first engine on

the scene was established. As additional resources arrived, crews were assigned to extinguishment. After extinguishment, all crews aided in picking up the hose and tools and returned to service.

The roadway at the fire scene was closed so that crews could operate around the fire apparatus safely. An Ogle County Sheriff's Office deputy was on the scene to aid in any capacity needed.

The cause of the fire was due to a bonfire the night

before that the occupant had thought was burned out. Due to the elevated winds embers were blown into the collapsed barn from previous years and ignited unknown combustibles. The Monroe Township Fire Protection District advises all occupants to limit any fires during dry and windy days; if burning during any windy days to fully extinguish the burning area with water and not think it's completely extinguished due to not seeing any smoke.

Petitions available for Stillman Fire Protection District Trustee election

STILLMAN VALLEY—Persons interested in seeking a position as a member of the Stillman Fire Protection District Board of Trustees should pick up a petition packet at the Stillman Fire Protection District Station

200 S. Rural St., Stillman Valley, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. daily. Or contact Board Secretary Curt Werckle at (815) 979-1446 to pick up a packet.

One six-year position will be open on April 1,

2025. A minimum of 25 signatures of qualified voters residing within the district are required for a candidate to file a petition. Completed packets must be filed beginning Nov. 12-18, 2024, between the hours of 8 a.m. and

4:30 p.m. daily at the fire station.

In addition to the filing of the petition, prospective candidates must complete, sign and have notarized a loyalty oath, statement of candidacy and statement of economic interest.

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* On Oct. 22, 1797, the first parachute jump of note was made by Andre-Jacques Garnerin from a hydrogen balloon 3,200 feet above Paris.

* On Oct. 23, 1998, Dr. Barnett Slepian was shot to death inside his home in Amherst, New York, by anti-abortion radical James Charles

Kopp. His killing marked the fifth straight year that an abortion-providing doctor in upstate New York and Canada became the victim of a sniper attack. Kopp, whose defense argued that he only intended to wound Slepian, was convicted of second-degree murder in 2003.

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Key takeaways from 7 community connections meetings in Illinois

A recent series of town-hall-style events I hosted across the 45th Senate District, residents took advantage of the opportunity to voice their opinions on various topics. Events were held in Genoa (DeKalb County), Rockton (Winnebago County), Machesney Park (Winnebago County), Savanna (Carroll County), Freeport (Stephenson County), Elizabeth (Jo Daviess County), and Oregon (Ogle County). Local mayors, county board chairs, and other elected officials co-hosted these Community Connections meetings. All were well-attended, and each one provided an excellent opportunity for local leaders and me to hear directly from the people who represent the issues that are most important to them.

Other funding streams disproportionately benefit economically disadvantaged or underserved neighborhoods in Chicago. We understand these frustrations and are committed to addressing them to ensure a fairer allocation of state resources. Resource allocation was another central point of contention. Residents expressed deep concern over the increasing amount of taxpayer dollars being directed toward services for migrants and illegal aliens. They said that this redirection of funds and the significant increase in taxes Illinoisans pay to cover these services comes at the expense of support for vulnerable groups such as seniors, veterans, and the disabled. A call was also made for more stringent border security and better collaboration between local law enforcement and federal immigration officials.

Not surprisingly, most of these events were bipartisan. Almost everyone desired safe communities, good schools, and a state government responsive to their needs. Attendees expressed frustration with delays in the processing of FOID cards and Concealed Carry Licenses (CCL), as well as with significant wait times for professional license renewals through the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR). These are not partisan issues. They are issues that affect people in this region regardless of one's political preferences.

In addition to fiscal concerns, state policies on sensitive issues also surfaced in the discussions. The allocation of taxpayer money for abortion services and the influence of liberal ideologies in school curricula were topics that many residents found troubling. The debate over non-gender bathrooms and state mandates related to education further fueled these concerns.

One of the most prevalent concerns expressed at the meetings was the perceived bias towards urban-centric policies, particularly those favoring Chicago. Many residents felt that the current "big city" approach to policymaking does not take into account the unique needs of smaller towns and rural areas. They voiced a clear sentiment that what works in Chicago does not necessarily work elsewhere in the state. This frustration extended to the distribution of state revenues, with many feeling that the application processes for grants and

The engagement and feedback received during these Community Connections meetings have been enlightening. They underscore the importance of direct communication with constituents to accurately gauge their concerns and needs. This ongoing dialogue is not just essential, but it is the backbone of our work. It ensures that the voices of the 45th Senate District are not just heard, but also integral in shaping policy discussions at the Capitol. The input from these meetings will be instrumental in shaping future legislative efforts and addressing the challenges facing our communities.

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

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Kern: You can't fix stupid

My old boss Jack used to say, "The world would be a boring place if all folks were the same." Yep, all of us take our own journey and make our own choices; good and bad. You only hope that the bad choices you make can be mitigated and not fatal. But alas, for some the opportunity to exhibit incredible stupidity cannot be constrained.

grabbed the wheel and averted his own possible demise, thereby demonstrating the wisdom of learning from the mistakes of others. That passenger, by the way, easily earns an Honorable Mention himself, as he was arrested and charged with driving on a suspended license with improper registration and no insurance.

accustomed to the fence, and things settled down to normal, until Charles picked up a passion for gardening. Charles had a real nice set of tomatoes. One day he reached for a tomato, put his hand on the electrified wire, and there's really no need to explain what happened next.

holding the booster cable. Sizzle. He was found floating facedown beneath the dock later that evening.

And so I present to you some of the more interesting stories I've run across lately.

Summer is the most blissful of seasons, when our favorite summertime activity — do it yourself stupidity — kicks into high gear. Meet Charles, 34, a Denver masonry contractor who created brick and mortar edifices. Charles was in construction. He had worked on houses, he had watched electricians install wiring. He believed this qualified him as a member of the Junior Electrician Society. He figured he could handle any electrical issue that came up around his own home.

Why did this man die? Like other inexperienced people, he thought he knew what he was doing. But his design had two major flaws. Fences constructed for dogs use one-tenth the voltage of cattle fences. And he needed to install a repeater, which transmits 150-microsecond pulses, to hit a cow with a jolt of juice that cuts off in time to avoid creating a pile of rare steaks by the fence.

On Friday the 13th, Scott and his sister Kimberly had an electrifying experience while attempting to view the annual Perseid meteor shower. Scott, an aspiring young astronomer, set up his telescope for a closer view of the sky. Alas, poor Scott did not reflect on the merits of using a telescope for watching the Perseids. A telescope is really a hindrance. The wide field of vision of a naked eye will catch far more shooting stars than a telescope, particularly if that eye is taken away from city lights into the desert or mountains.

A cautionary tale for those who can't spare the time to slow down and do things properly.

One day on the job, Charles was apparently bonked in the head by his bricks. He had the great idea! He would build an electric fence in his own backyard. "An electric fence will keep the dogs in." Charles connected a wire to an extension cord, and managed to encircle his backyard with a 120-V strand of wire without mishap. His dogs will not be sued for puppy support with this security system in place!

The moral of this story is, as always, one of the guiding principles of common sense: if you don't know how to do something, don't do it!

Having already proven to be a poor astronomer, Scott proceeded to show that he was not much of an electrician, either. Bothered by the glare of a nearby streetlight, he broke into the base of the light pole and attempted to sever the 4,000-volt power cord. He was pronounced dead at Hoag Memorial Hospital shortly after his spectacularly aborted sky-watching attempt.

In Kentucky, Kelita was travelling "at highway speed" in her Chevy, cruising down Country Road 519 with the wind blowing through her hair, when she and her passenger decided to swap seats. In this situation, a less hasty person would stop the car for a "Chinese fire drill" but Kelita was a little more creative than that. Fortunately, you see, her car had an open T-Top. She stood up, pulled herself onto the roof, and she fell. And then Kelita was travelling solo "at highway speed" down that country road.

The household became

Rodney This story sounds like an urban legend, but it's true. Rodney was jet skiing around Lake Washington, enjoying the sun and the power between his knees. Then he noticed that his battery was beginning to fail. He idled over to a dock near Juanita Beach Park and tied up his craft, then ran to the car for his battery charger. When he returned, he plugged the charger into a 110-volt outlet, and jumped onto his watercraft while

At 1 a.m. on Friday, Scott used pliers to pry open an inspection plate at the base of the streetlight, then sawed into the two-centimeter wire. Kimberly saw a flash knock him onto his back. All which proves... You can't fix stupid.



Ron Kern

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

Consider this: Independence and impartiality

WHAT were your feelings or response to this statement made by former President Trump? "I'm not going to use the name anymore just one time," Trump said after mentioning the president. "Damage that he's done to this country is unthinkable, unthinkable. Together, we will restore vision, strength, competence and we're going to have a thing called common sense making most decisions." See: www.newsweek.com/trump-rnc-speech-key-quotes-big-moment-1927406 for more information. Do you know what damage he is talking about? How do you feel about the economy since COVID-19 is now mostly under control?

problem? Why are some staying so high, yet we are seeing everyday gas prices going down? I may be wrong, but I would ask why gas prices are going down if the biggest cause of rising costs for other needs is due to transportation costs?

experience some sort of hardship. It's inevitable. It's good that we did not experience a deep recession like we did back in the 1980s. Some of us were paying 12 to 15% for mortgages. These were the days I remember. Nor have we experienced the super high inflation rates of some other countries. Our country has gone through these situations many times in the past and has learned from each. In none of these situations has anyone that I remember said we have done unthinkable damage to this country and its economy.

presidential appointee, but that's where any control stops. Once appointed, the president can provide suggestions to their pick of attorney general, but that's the extent of any influence.

Is the high level of the stock market hurting you? Are your taxes higher than they have been? You'll probably mention the prices at the supermarket. They have certainly been much higher in the last few years. Even some other daily necessities are higher priced. Was this the fault of the current administration? If so, what did they change to cause this? Most say it was the blowback from COVID-19 and concerns about transportation costs. What could anyone have done differently?

Many may say that it is wages. However, history has shown that it is not necessarily true. The International Monetary Fund says, "We conclude that an acceleration of nominal wages should not necessarily be seen as a sign that a wage-price spiral is taking hold." See: www.imf.org/en/Publications/WP/Issues/2022/11/11/Wage-Price-Spirals-What-is-the-Historical-Evidence-525073 for more information. You would need to do more research on this to come to your own conclusion. I am, thankfully, not an economist.

Former President Trump had another comment in the article from Newsweek mentioned in the first paragraph. Newsweek: "With talks of unity coming from both sides of the aisle, the former president put blame on the Democratic Party for fueling political division "at a level that nobody has ever seen before" among the American electorate.

In their organization, mission, and functions manual for the Department of Justice (DOJ), it states: "Independence and Impartiality. The Justice Department works each day to earn the public's trust by following the facts and the law wherever they may lead, without prejudice or improper influence." This can be found at: www.justice.gov/doj/organization-mission-and-functions-manual#:~:text=The%20Justice%20Department%20works%20every%20day%20to%20provide%20the

Prices now are much more stable. Yes, they are still higher. I agree with Vice President Harris' concern, however, with price gouging and trying to manage that. Do you agree that some of these prices are due to gouging? If not, then what is causing the

One thing we do know is this is not an American event. It is a world event. COVID-19 pushed the world towards recession. America did better than most of the world's countries but not all. The stimulus checks did lessen the recession's effects but were also a part of the inflationary thrust. See: crsreports.congress.gov/product/pdf/R/R46460. This article is quite involved, but can give you a picture of how the stimulus checks affected the recession and inflation.

The article continues: "In that spirit, the Democrat Party should immediately stop weaponizing the justice system and labeling the political opponent as an enemy of democracy, especially since that is not true," Trump said. "In fact, I am the one saving democracy for the people of our country." I'm glad it isn't possible for the president to weaponize our countries assets in this way. The Justice Department is certainly led by a

There can be no weaponizing of the DOJ. However, if someone has been found to be breaking the laws of the United States, then they must not only be tried in court, but also have their day in court. So, the attorney general will not just say a person has been breaking the law and leave it at that. He will then assign his attorneys to develop a case and bring it to trial. They must then prove their case in front of a judge or jury, or the party charged is found innocent.



Reed Harris

If you do not agree with some or all this opinion, it is my hope that you will write your own response to this or write your own opinion. Therefore, in the true spirit of our great democracy, we can see both sides of the issue and make the important decisions we must make in November.

LOCAL NEWS

Ogle County sees bird test positive for West Nile Virus, first local case of 2024

OGLE COUNTY — The Ogle County Health Department (OCHD) has confirmed the first positive bird for West Nile Virus (WNV) reported in Ogle County for 2024. A dead crow found in Rochelle tested positive for WNV after being sent to the IDPH laboratory for testing.

Monitoring for WNV in Illinois includes laboratory tests for mosquito batches, dead crows, blue jays, robins and other perching birds, as well as testing humans with West Nile virus-like symptoms. People who observe a sick or dying crow, blue jay, robin or other perching bird should contact their local health department, which will determine if the bird will be picked up for testing. West Nile virus is transmitted through the bite of a Culex mosquitoes, commonly called a house mosquito, which has picked up the virus by feeding on an infected bird. Common

symptoms include fever, nausea, headache and muscle aches. Symptoms may last from a few days to a few weeks. However, four out of five people infected with WNV will not show any symptoms. In rare cases, severe illness including meningitis or encephalitis, or even death, can occur. People older than 50 and individuals with weakened immune systems are at higher risk for severe illness with WNV.

Precautions include practicing the three “R’s” – reduce, repel, and report.

Reduce- make sure doors and windows have tight-fitting screens. Repair or replace screens that have tears or other openings. Try to keep doors and windows shut. Eliminate, or refresh each week, all sources of standing water where mosquitoes can breed, including water in bird baths, ponds, flowerpots, wading pools, old tires, and any other containers.

Repel - when outdoors, wear shoes and socks, long pants and a long-sleeved shirt, and apply insect repellent that contains DEET, picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus, or IR3535 according to label instructions. Consult a physician before using repellents on infants.

Report – report locations where you see water sitting stagnant for more than a week such as roadside ditches, flooded yards, and similar locations that may produce mosquitoes. The local health department or city government may be able to add larvicide to the water, which will kill any mosquito eggs.

To learn more about WNV and other mosquito-borne diseases and prevention methods you can consult the Illinois Department of Public Health website or contact the IDPH WNV hotline at 866-369-9710, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

County residential electronics recycling and document shredding event is Oct. 19

OREGON — The Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department (OCSWMD) will be hosting a residential electronics recycling and document shredding event on Saturday, Oct. 19 from 8 a.m. to noon at 909 Pines Road in Oregon.

This event is for Ogle County residents only and a free permit is required in advance of the event. To obtain a free permit call 815-732-4020 or email solidwaste@oglecounty-il.gov and provide your name, address, phone number and email address by 4 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 18. Identification is required for document shredding, however a permit is only required for the electronics recycling.

Accepted items include all televisions and computer monitors, computers, computer hardware and cables, laptops, tablets, cell phones, printers, FAX machines, scanners, shredders (no tubs), copiers, video gaming equipment, DVD/VCRs, cable/satellite boxes, stereo equipment, radios, digital clocks, cameras, calculators, phone systems, holiday light strands, extension cords, rechargeable batteries, printer ink cartridges, CD/DVDs, and CFL bulbs. Microwave ovens accepted for \$5 per unit. Cash or check accepted.

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

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

Secure, on-site document shredding will be conducted by Illinois Valley Document Destruction from 9 a.m. to noon. There is a limit of three banker boxes per vehicle. There is no cost to residents for paper shredding, because the OCSWMD will cover the cost of the shred truck and staff.

SVHS’s Paff named Commended Student

STILLMAN VALLEY — Stillman Valley High School student Landon Paff has been named a Commended Student for the 2025 National Merit Scholarship Program.

The principal, Mrs. Leslie Showers of Stillman Valley High School announced today that Landon J. Paff has been named a commended student in the 2025 National Merit Scholarship Program. A letter of Commendation from the school and National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC), which conducts the program will be presented by the principal

to this scholastically talented senior.

About 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Although they will not continue in the 2025 competition for National Merit Scholarship awards, Commended Students placed among the top 50,000 students who entered the 2025 competition by taking the 2023 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT).

“Those being named

Commended Students have demonstrated outstanding potential for academic success,” commented a spokesperson for NMSC. “These students represent a valuable national resource; recognizing their accomplishments, as well as the key role their schools play in their academic development, is vital to the advancement of educational excellence in our nation. We hope that this recognition will help broaden their educational opportunities and encourage them as they continue their pursuit of academic success.”

Oregon Woman’s Club offers afternoon of fun and games for charity

OREGON — Oregon Woman’s Club welcomes the community to an afternoon of cards and board games on Friday, Oct. 18, at the Rock River Center, 810 S. 10th St., Oregon. Registration begins at 12:30 p.m., and the program starts at 1 p.m. Admission is \$5 per person. There will also be a 50/50 raffle, door prizes, and refreshments. Raffle tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5. At the end of the event, dessert slices will be available for sale.

Invite your friends to make up a table or come on your own. Bring your own games or use ones provided by the Woman’s Club members or the Rock River Center.

Proceeds from the afternoon will go to Winning Wheels in Prophetstown, an organization that pro-

vides comprehensive rehabilitation for people suffering from neurological impairment caused

by either diseases, such as cerebral palsy, epilepsy, and multiple sclerosis, or as a result of brain injuries.

ROCHELLE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION CLUB



Monthly Steak Fry

\$30 per person Starts at 6pm

Ribeye, baked potato, corn, beans and a salad

Pork chop or Hotdog option at reservation

GRILL YOUR OWN STEAK
over our charcoal pits!

Covered outdoor and indoor seating enjoy your meal surrounded by nature and good friends.



Please RSVP no later than 5pm the Friday before the steak fry and call Bob Grace - 815-622-8940

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Oregon Elementary School September Students of the Month named

Oregon Elementary School recently named its September Students of the Month. They include Diego Ramirez-Dzwierzynski, Nyelli Hardy-Espino, Myles Leber, Bridger Miller, Noah Bettner, Josie Pope, Harrison Carr, Laurel Guinn, Natalie Drozd, Lucy Deuth, Paisley Busser, Benny McNamee, Oliver Crosby, Layla Lewis, Oakleigh Withers, Lilah Bunch, Eva Burke, Hudson Albrecht, Annabelle Drozd, Morgan Baatz, Presley Oliver, Kaiden Skoff, Brantley Dettman, Jayella Moser, Georgia Guzman, Lennon Oliver, Maleenie Pham, Andrew Stumpfenhorst, Gage Diehl, Leo Ege, Emily Harbaugh, Lily Anderson, Gemma Prehn, Alexis Breeden, Drago Murrow-Smith, Cassidy Hoversten, Lexi Sarver, Harland Morse, Rashaun Mctzic, and Reese Probasco. (Courtesy photo)

Warrner hired as new Byron Park District executive director

BYRON — Nick Warrner was officially appointed as the Byron Park District’s new executive director at a special board meeting on Monday, Sept. 23.

Warrner brings over 20 years of experience in the parks and recreation field and most recently served as the district’s superintendent of recreation.

The park district board, which includes President Scott Jeffrey, Vice President Rachel Oracki, Treasurer Judd Griffith, Board Secretary Bruce Boyle and Commissioner Jeff Wilmarth, congratulated Warrner on his new position.

“Nick has shown through his years of service that he



(COURTESY PHOTO) Nick Warrner was officially appointed as the Byron Park District’s new executive director at a special board meeting on Monday, Sept. 23.

is well qualified to lead the district,” Jeffrey said. “The board and I have complete confidence in his abilities.” Warrner said he’s looking forward to the work. “I am extremely excited for this new chapter in my career in the town my family and I call home,” Warrner said. “I look forward to the opportunity to continue to serve the Byron community by offering quality facilities and programs to its residents.”

The 2025 From The Heart Cash Calendars are NOW AVAILABLE!!

The proceeds of the sale of the calendars benefit our From The Heart recipients:
Pegasus Special Riders, Rochelle Christian Food Pantry, HOPE, Focus House, Shining Star Children's Advocacy Center, CASA, Rochelle Area Community Foundation, Community Action Network, Hub City Senior Center & Rochelle Rotary.



For Just \$20 you have a chance to be one of **365 DAILY WINNERS - TOTAL CASH PRIZES EQUAL \$18,250** PLUS Each Calendar Has VALUABLE LOCAL COUPONS

Here are 3 Ways to Purchase Your 2025 From The Heart Cash Calendar!

- **ONLINE:** Go to <http://fromtheheartrochelle.org> and click on PURCHASE CASH CALENDAR.
- **IN PERSON:** You can pick up a 2025 From The Heart Cash Calendar TODAY at the following locations:
In Rochelle at: First State Bank, Stillman Bank, HOPE Chest and Hub City Senior Center
In Oregon at: Merlin's
In Dixon at: Shining Star
- **BY MAIL:** Fill out the form below and send it in to us and we will mail your cash calendar to you!

YES! Send me my 2025 From The Heart Cash Calendar!

(Please Print)

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 CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____
 PHONE: _____
 NUMBER OF CALENDARS: _____

Clip and mail this form along with \$23 (\$20 per calendar plus \$3 per calendar postage) to:
 Rotary Calendar, PO BOX 372, Rochelle, IL 61068

LOCAL NEWS

OGLE COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

OREGON—On Sept. 24 at approximately noon, deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 7,000 block of North River Road. After investigation, deputies placed Christy Oleson, 34, of Oregon under arrest for driving while license suspended. Oleson was released on a notice to appear at the scene and given a future court date.

On Sept. 25 at approximately 8:54 p.m. deputies, along with the Stillman Fire Department, responded to a one-vehicle rollover accident, near the intersection of Meridian Road and Weld Park Road. After an investigation, deputies learned that a maroon Cadillac driven by Michael J. Williams, 38, of Rochelle, left the roadway and overturned in the south ditch. Williams was transported to the hospital with minor injuries.

On Sept. 25 at approximately 11:44 p.m. deputies initiated a traffic stop near the intersection of Illinois Route 38 and Center Road. After further

investigation a passenger in the vehicle, William Mongan, 31, of Rochelle, was placed under arrest for an outstanding Hamilton County, Indiana arrest warrant. Mongan was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held pending extradition.

On Sept. 26 at approximately 5:18 p.m. deputies, along with Polo Fire Department, responded to a two-vehicle accident, at the intersection of Illinois Route 26 and Cavanaugh Road. After an investigation, deputies learned a silver Mercedes driven by Daniel I. Cerda, 18, of Asbury, Iowa disregarded the stop sign and struck a red Chevrolet pickup truck driven by Donald G. Engelbarts, 88, of Polo. All parties involved were uninjured. Cerda was cited for disobeying a stop sign and failure to reduce speed to avoid a crash.

On Sept. 28 at approximately 12:05 a.m. deputies and the Franklin Grove Fire Department responded to the 3000

block of East Dugdale Road for the report of a single-vehicle crash. After conducting an investigation, it was learned Clark Peden, 43, of Sterling, was traveling eastbound when he drove into a ditch striking a culvert. Peden was placed under arrest and cited for driving under the influence of alcohol. Peden was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was additionally cited for driving under the influence/BAC over .08, illegal transportation of alcohol, operating a motor vehicle with suspended registration, and improper lane usage. Peden was processed and released on a notice to appear.

On Sept. 29 at approximately 11:51 a.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 3,000 block of North Illinois Route 2. After investigation, deputies placed Kelly Manring, 43, of Belvidere, under arrest for no valid license. Manring was additionally issued a citation for speeding. Manring was released

on a notice to appear at the scene and given a future court date.

On Sept. 29 at approximately 4:07 a.m. deputies responded to Roy Avenue in Hillcrest for a domestic disturbance. After an investigation, Diana L. Silva-Ramos, 29, of Rochelle, was placed under arrest for domestic battery. Silva-Ramos was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of an appearance before a judge. Additionally, Dorian-Michael J. Reed, 28, of Rochelle, was placed under arrest for possession of a firearm with no FOID and for possession of ammunition with no FOID. Reed was transported to the Ogle County Jail before being released on a notice to appear and provided a future court date.

On Sept. 30 at 3:03 a.m. deputies responded to Casey's General Store in Hillcrest (215 Powers Road). After investigation, deputies placed Dealon J. Williams (age 45) under arrest for trespassing on real property. Williams was transported

to the Ogle County Jail before being released on a notice to appear with a future court date.

On Sept. 30 at approximately 10:26 p.m. deputies responded to the 1,000 block of North River Road for the report of a single-vehicle accident with unknown injuries. Deputies arrived and located a black Kia Sorento overturned in the north ditch approximately five to 10 yards off the roadway resting on its roof. The driver, Shaunda R. Thompson, 35, of Byron, was trapped inside of the vehicle. Oregan Fire Department and EMS personnel were requested to the scene to tend to Thompson. Thompson was transported to a local area hospital for further treatment. After investigation, it is believed that Thompson was traveling northbound on River Road and failed to negotiate the curve before crossing over the double solid yellow center line. Thompson exited the roadway, entered the north ditch, and overturned in the heavy

brush and trees. The Kia sustained totaling damage with multiple airbags deployed. Thompson was placed under arrest for driving under the influence of alcohol and released from custody on a notice to appear with a return court date set for mid-October. Thompson was additionally cited for improper traffic lane usage and failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident.

On Sept. 30 at 7:23 a.m. deputies responded to a two-vehicle accident at the intersection of North Mulford Road and Illinois Route 72. Upon arrival, it was determined that Brenda Rivera Alvarado, 20, of Rockford had failed to yield to an eastbound semi tractor trailer driven by Jose Romo, 23, of Stone Park, Illinois. No injuries were reported. Rivera Alvarado was issued citations for driving while suspended and failing to yield at a stop intersection. She was released at the scene on a notice to appear.

All individuals are considered innocent until proven guilty.

POLO POLICE REPORT

POLO — On Sept. 25 at 11:47 a.m. Keith A. Deering, 38, Hobart, Indiana was cited for operating an uninsured motor vehicle.

On Sept. 24 at 12:28 p.m. Max L. Rogin, 21, Polo, was cited for not stopping at stop or yield intersection.

On Sept. 28 at 1:57

p.m. Danielle D. Green, 44, Mt. Morris, was cited for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended registration.

On Sept. 28 at 1:05 p.m. Emma J. Turney, 90, Polo, was cited for leaving the scene of an accident. She was released on a notice to appear.

On Sept. 29 at 9 a.m.

Brittany A. Highbarger, 34, Oregon, was cited for speeding 50 in a 35 miles per hour speed zone and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. She was released on a notice to appear.

All charges are merely allegations, and the defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty.

BERTOLET MEMORIAL LIBRARY

LEGO Club

Monday, October 7th at 5PM: We can't wait to see everybody back at LEGO Club! Bricks are provided; you bring the imagination!

Pumpkin Decorating in October

Drop in this month and decorate a gourd with a variety of markers. Take your pumpkin home or show it off on display at the library for the season.

Pumpkin Carving Lecture & Demonstration

Saturday, October 26th at 10AM: Marc Solomon, Pumpkin Carver, will be here to demonstrate step by step how to carve unique designs, from selecting and preparing the perfect pumpkin, transferring the pattern, and finally carving the pattern on the pumpkin. This hour long program will have you inspired to transform your run of the mill jack-o-lantern this Halloween season! Check out pumpkin carver net to see more of Marc's creations.

Stories With Stacey

Thursdays at 10:00AM: Miss Stacey is back with

her fall story time sessions for your toddlers and preschoolers. No registration is needed.

A to Z Reading Challenge

Top that! Book titles that start with "T" are on display for you to choose from. Have you finished your list from A to Z? Bring it to the circulation desk for your entry into the prized drawing in January.

October Book of the Month

In *The Sun Down Motel* by Simone St. James, Viv Delaney takes a job at the Sun Down Motel to help pay her way to move to New York City. However, she feels there is something sinister at the motel. 35 years later, her niece Carly Kirk, visits the motel. She wants to discover what happened to her aunt and is drawn into the same mysteries as her aunt. Stop by the circulation desk and pick up a copy today.

October Craft

Enjoy Halloween all month long with this mummy candle. Stop by the circulation desk to pick yours up today.

MT. MORRIS SENIOR CENTER

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

Diamond Painting

Friday, October 4th – Diamond Painting! You are welcome to join our Diamond Painting Club. We have choices of paintings for sale (\$1-\$10) and there is no skill involved. We meet on the first and third Friday at 11:00 am.

Potluck and program

October 8th we will have a potluck at noon and the program will be a slide show about a member's trip to Abu Dhabi.

Euchre

Do you like to play euchre? Join us on Thursday, October 10th at 6:00 pm. Feel free to bring a snack.

Witches Tea – All are welcome so mount your broom and swiftly take flight on October 30th

Coloring Pages

Don't forget we have new coloring pages each week available for you to choose from. Enjoy a relaxing evening at home as the weather turns to fall.

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

Capture or Kill by Vince Flynn

The Briar Club by Kate Quinn

Chapter Book

Monster of Farallon Islands by Lane Walker

Picture Book

Peek-a-Flap Dirt by Jack Redwing

Bruce Is Not Going To Try That by Thomas Kingsley Troupe

at 6:00 pm. The cost is \$15.00. Please call The Center for more information.

Sponsor a Chair!

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

DIRECTORY OF AREA HUMAN SERVICES

Alcohol Abuse Counseling & Recovery

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

Domestic Abuse Agency and 24-Hour Shelter and Helpline

HOPE of Ogle County 562-8890 or 732-7796
 Confidential counseling services, court advocacy, Latina advocacy and shelter programs

Low Income Housing

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

Habitat for Humanity of Ogle County

P.O. Box 628
Oregon, IL 61061 815-222-8869

Mental Health

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

Senior Citizens Services

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

Sexual Assault/Abuse

Rockford Sexual Assault Counseling
24-hour hotline 636-9811
412 W Washington, Oregon 732-0000

Therapeutic

Pegasus Special Riders 973-3177

Veterans' Services

Ogle County Veteran's Assistance 815-255-9181
Veteran's Crisis Line 988 then press 1
Rock River Center 732-3252
Serenity Hospice and Home 732-2499
Medical Transportation 677-6515

Wellness Services

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



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LOCAL NEWS

JULIA HULL DISTRICT LIBRARY



Last week, at Julia Hull District Library, Joanna walked crafters through an introduction to dying and crafting with life-like, 3D wooden flowers.



(COURTESY PHOTOS)

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.

Fun Day Monday

Tales & Tails with National Mississippi River Museum. Why do some animals have tails and what do they do with them? The National Mississippi River Museum will help us discover how animals use their tails and other adaptations by introducing us to some live animals up close. We'll also share some animal tales along the way. Monday, October 14, 1 p.m. All ages. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

Young Critics Book Club
Join us for a discussion and hands-on craft/activity all about the book "Francine Poulet Meets the Ghost Racoon" by Kate DiCamillo. Tuesday, October 15, 6 p.m. Ages 7-9. Registration required. Copies of the reading available to borrow.

Instagram for Beginners

Help! I have an Instagram account, but I don't know the difference between a hashtag and a mention! Join library staff as they cover everything you need to know to get better acquainted with the platform. Bring your favorite mobile device (app installed and logged-into) for hands-on practice. Monday, October 21, 6 p.m. Adults only. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

Cricut Lab: Wood Sign with HTV

Did you know you can use heat transfer vinyl with more than just fabric? Learn how to apply HTV to a wood project in this class for experienced Cricut users. BYO Cricut machine (Explore or Maker), mat, cords and device with Cricut app installed. Thursday, October 24, 6 p.m. Adults. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

Bicycle Camping: An Introduction

Because getting there is

just as fun! Join local WNIJ contributor, writer and avid cyclist, Dan Libman, for an introduction to bicycle camping. He'll share advice and stories answering the what, why, where and how when it comes to inspiring and organizing your next (or, first!) trek on two wheels. Monday, October 28, 6 p.m. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

Teen Time: Haunted Cemeteriums

Stop by the library anytime during school hours to delight in all things

spooky with this perfect Halloween craft. Create your own terrifying terrarium or "cemetery" using fun and frightening craft supplies. Thursday, October 31, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. While supplies last. Grades 9-12.

Trick or Treat at the Library

Stop by the library to show off your Halloween costume and treat yourself to a goodie from our librarian's cauldron! Thursday, October 31 4-7 p.m. All ages.

OREGON PUBLIC LIBRARY

New Resource at the Library! EBSCO Databases has arrived!

Do you want to know more about arts and crafts, car repair, starting a business, or planning an estate? Maybe you need to prep for the GED or study for college-entrance exams. Have you ever wished you could research academic topics from home? Oregon Public Library patrons can now find full-text e-resource materials on a variety of topics. Follow the links from our website to access the new EBSCO databases from the library, or login remotely from home with your Oregon Public Library Card. What interests you?

Preschool Story Time

(18 months - 6 years). Story Time is on Mondays at 10am. Stories, crafts and friends to share books...all at your Library! Registration is required, visit www.oregonpubliclibrary.com. or call (815) 732-2724.

Hauntings in the Stacks

Wednesday, October 9th at 6:00pm. Local author Kathi Kresol has been collecting stories of haunted locations for two decades. This presentation will feature stories she has discovered of scary encounters and vengeful spirits and things that go bump in the night at your local library. Registration required, visit www.oregonpubliclibrary.com. or call (815) 732-2724.

Two Sentence Horror Story Contest

ROCK RIVER CENTER

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

OCTOBER YOGA

"It was a dark and stormy night. Witches slid down the lightning bolts and terrorized the town." Write a two-sentence horror story and enter it to win a prize. You can submit your story online at www.oregonpubliclibrary.com. All entries must be submitted by 4pm on October 29th. Winners will be posted on Facebook and Oregon Public Library's website on October 30th. You can visit the website for more information. Open to Oregon Library Patrons Only.

Take and Make

Vintage Ghost Painting - October 1st through October 15th. Beginning October 1st, stop by and pick up your vintage artwork and supplies to create a vintage ghost painting. You can enter your painting into a contest for a prize. All artwork must be returned by the end of the day on October 15th. Artwork will then be displayed in the library for judging October 18th through the 24th. Winner will be announced on the 25th of October. Kits will be available October 1st, first come while supplies last.

Lego Club

Monday, October 14 1:30 pm (2nd grade & up) (No School). Get together and spend some recreational time building! There will be a limited number of vintage kit instructions available, so if you make it, you take it! (First come, first serve) The club is designed to provide an enjoyable activity (FUN) that stimulates and develops spatial

intelligence. Registration is required.

Try It Tuesday

Tuesday, October 15th at 1:30pm - Book Witch. Fold an old paperback book into a witch's skirt, then make her bodice. This is a fun craft for Halloween decoration. This is an adult only class, 18 and up. Registration required, please call (815) 732-2724 or visit www.oregonpubliclibrary.com.

Spooktacular Game Night

Thursday, October 17th at 6:00 PM. Spooktacular is a tabletop game with an emphasis on roleplaying and ghost-catching. Players take the role of an eclectic mix of paranormal investigators tasked with capturing pesky poltergeists, all while playing up their character's eccentric personalities. Come for a night of spooky fun and adventure - bonus points if you are dressed like your favorite ghost hunter. Snacks will be provided. For ages Teen and up. Registration required, please call (815) 732-2724 or visit www.oregonpubliclibrary.com

Ink with A Friend Monthly Card Club

Monday, October 21st at 6:00pm. Sending personal cards to your friends and family is a way to let them know you care and are thinking about them. All designs include beautiful colored cardstock, gorgeous designer series paper, detailed stamped images, die cut pieces, matching ink, ribbon, and embellishments. All cards come

with matching envelopes. Whether you're a new card maker or a seasoned pro, our kits are suited to every skill level. Don't wait! Sign up today to reserve your spot. Oregon Patrons only. Registration required (815) 732-2724 or www.oregonpubliclibrary.com

Halloween Trivia Night at Cork N Tap

Wednesday, October 23rd at 6:30pm. Grab some friends and head down to Cork N Tap for a Spooky Halloween Themed Trivia night. Teams of up to 6 can compete for prizes and bragging rights. Program intended for 18 and over. Register your team of up to 6 people at (815) 732-2724 or visit www.oregonpubliclibrary.com. Prizes!

Book Clubs

The 2WBC meets Wednesday, October 9 at 12:30 to discuss The Picture of Dorian Gray by Oscar Wilde. Is This Just Fantasy? Book Club will meet Tuesday, October 15 to discuss Prison Healer by Lynette Noni. The Afternoon Book Club meets Wednesday, October 16 at 1 pm to discuss The Reformatory by Tananarive Due. Cocktails & Crimes will meet Sunday, October 20 at 2 pm Books on Tap Book Club meets Thursday, October 24 at 6 pm at Cork & Tap to discuss All the Broken Pieces by John Boyne.

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

New Photo Printer at the library!

The library now has a photo printer capable of printing 4 x 6, 5x7, 8x10, and 8.5 x 11. Stop in on a Tuesday from 9am to 4pm and see what it can print for you!

Community Seed Library

Harvesting your garden? Have extra seeds? Donate them to the community seed library. We have seed envelopes for you to fill for our collection. Seeds are FREE for anyone.

Oregon Writers Group

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Mt. Morris Senior Center Oct 10 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Polo Senior Center Oct 24 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Rochelle: Hub City Senior Ctr. Oct 3 & 17 12:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

REMINDER Medicare Open Enrollment Begins October 15

Review your Annual Notice of Change. Medicare plans change every year, so it's important to

ensure your plan continues to meet your needs. Assess your coverage needs. Contact Rock River Center by phone at (815) 732-3252 or in person to pick up a Medicare update form and update your list of prescriptions. Meet with one of our SHIP Counselors. After we receive your completed forms, one of our SHIP Counselors will contact you to review your Medicare Part D plan options for 2025

Yoga: Friday, from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. Chair Yoga: Friday, from 11:15 - 12:00 Noon. Dates: Oct 18 & Oct 25. Cost: \$5 per class.

OUTING OF THE MONTH - October 10

Edward's Apple Orchard West & Lunch. Register by Oct. 8.

Michigan Rummy

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

Activities with Mary

On Tues., October 15.

Murder Mystery Party: 1:00 - 1:45, Drumming: 1:45 - 2:30.

MS2016 Outlook Class

October 17 - 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. Limited Seating. Registration Required.

Senior Information Services Provided By Rock River Center

October 2024. Do you need help with Benefit Access Application, Medicare, housing, personal care, homemaking, heating

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LOCAL NEWS

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Book Sale September 21st through October 11th!

It's time to use those gift certificates you earned from Summer Reading Program-Our annual book sale will start on September 21st! All sales will be by donation. Nothing will be priced.

Credit Reports Tuesday, October 8th at 4pm

Have you ever wondered what is being reported on your credit report? Is there something on your report that is false and needs to be removed? Come in for this interactive program to answer all your questions about credit reports! You will get to talk with counselors from the Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Northern Illinois, download a copy of your credit report, and check for errors. They can assist you in navigating your credit report and answer any questions you have for them!

Mary Shelley Sunday, October 20th at 2pm

Mark your calendars to

meet 'Mary Shelley', the daughter of social revolutionaries William Godwin and Mary Wollstonecraft, wife of romantic poet Percy Shelly, and mother of Frankenstein and his monster. We call on Mary Shelley in the spring of 1848. Mary is financially secure at last, her most recent book has been well received, and her only living son is on the verge of marriage. Join us as we hear from Mary Shelley about her life, her book Frankenstein, and her aspirations as the Halloween season approaches!

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, October 17th

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 from 6 - 7pm! All children and parents are invited every third Thursday of the month. Children under 8 need to bring a parent with them.

Cookbook Club Tuesday, November 5th!

Come in, choose your recipe, and bring your dish to pass at our next meeting! Meetings held potluck style at the Senior Center at 6pm.

Display Case Showings

Princesses, Superheroes, and Villains! Oh My! STOP BY to see vinyl figurines from some of your favorite stories, movies, & shows! We are always looking for collectors or artists who are willing to share their treasures in our display cases. If you are interested, please call, 815-734-4927.

Explore More Illinois

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

under the resources page. Visit the website to browse attractions.

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.

Adult Programming
We would love to hear

from you. Do you have any program ideas? Do evenings or weekends work better? Do you have a program you would like to share/lead? Contact Mary Cheatwood at the library through email at mmlib@mtmorris-il.org or call 815-734-4927.

Memorial Gifts

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

Newspaper Available!

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

Curbside Service is available!

We want to remind everyone that you still have the option of having your materials delivered to your vehicle. If you have holds

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Library Board Meetings

Monthly board meetings are the third Wednesday of the month at 7pm at the library unless otherwise noted. The public is welcome to attend.

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

BYRON PUBLIC LIBRARY

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.

Local Ghostly Legends & Myths

Thursday, Oct. 3. 6-7:30

pm. Come enjoy a spooky evening with local historian and author Kathi Kresol. Kathi has been researching ghost stories, true crimes, and odd tales of the local area for almost two decades. She will share her newest stories of the hauntings and legends of the area. This presentation will include tales of vengeful spirits and strange encounters with the other side.

Did you know

That the Byron Public Library offers free notary services? Several of our staff members are

registered notaries, and can notarize documents during most library hours. Please call the library at 815-234-5107 for notary availability or to set up an appointment.

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!

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Oct. 1-Dec. 7: The Polo Lions Club Holiday Meat Raffle will run from Oct. 1 through Dec. 7. A total of five winners will be drawn on Dec. 7 in time for the holiday season. Prizes include two quarter beefs; both include freezers; two half hogs; and one \$100 gift certificate to Polo Fresh Food Market. Ticket are one for \$5 or three for \$10. Tickets can be pur-

chased at the First State Bank Shannon Polo at their Polo branch location as well as Koeller Hardware in Forreston. Proceeds and donations will benefit Polo through several community projects including new dugouts at the Westside Park in Polo, as well as the Sauk Valley Community College IMPACT program. On behalf of the Polo Lions Club they

would like to thank their generous donors for their contributions: Johnson Processing of Chadwick, Deuth Family Farms of Polo, The Hopkins and Rahn families, Polo Fresh Food Market, Greg Cross and Channel Seed. For more information, call Winston Bocker at 815-238-0078 or Aaron Miller at 815-994-1599.

Oct. 12: The Chana United Methodist Church

will host a Homemade Chicken and Noodles Drive-Up Dinner on Saturday, Oct. 12 from 4-6:30 p.m. Each dinner costs \$12 and includes chicken & noodles, squash and apple crisp.

Oct. 16: Basics of Medicare Byron: An educational and informational presentation on the Medicare insurance program will be presented for the com-

munity at 6-7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 16 at the United Church of Byron located at 701 W. Second St., Byron. The emphasis will be on the eligibility and enrollment periods, benefits, and options concerning all parts of Medicare. All are welcome. Presenter will be Greg Wills for the program. This program is sponsored by the Legacy and Endow-

ment Committee of The United Church of Byron as a community service. The United Church of Byron is a fun and diverse church with a heart for mission! Check us out at www.unitedchurchofbyron.org Disclaimer: This program is educational and informational only. Please contact Medicare.gov or 1-800-Medicare to get information on all of your options.

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TELLER APPRECIATION

Learn how to budget and save for big-ticket items

WHEN faced with making a significant purchase, or even financing an unexpected emergency expense, consumers are tempted to turn to credit to pay for the goods or services. While credit utilization maintains an important place in building a strong financial reputation, it can quickly put a person underwater financially, and interest fees can increase the price of big-ticket items by a significant amount.

The financial resource The Motley Fool says American households carried a total of \$17.1 trillion in debt as of the second quarter of 2023. A report from Equifax Canada indicated Canadian consumer debt rose to \$2.32 trillion in 2023. Substantial consumer debt can limit financial flexibility, so individuals who are looking ahead to new vehicles or vacations or even home renovations can first try to save for such expenses in lieu of borrowing. Budgeting and saving may not lead to immediate gratification, but it can help consumers avoid debt and ultimately create more financial flexibility down the road.

- Know exactly what you have. Too often people take a casual approach to their finances. At any given time they may not know whether the money they're making is actually



covering all of the bills, and how much money, if any, is left over. Spend a few months cataloging all credits and debits to your accounts. Pay attention to times of year when income is higher or when spending increases.

- Know your goal and price. Rayhons Financial, a financial services company, suggests identifying exactly how much you'll need for a purchase. Es-

timate on the high side of expenses so as not to go over budget. Treat a big-ticket item just like a utility bill.

- Create a separate expense account. When all of your funds are together in one bank account, it is easier to spend the money on other purchases rather than the larger one in mind. Open a separate account and move your "extra" earnings into

that account to save for your large expense. Automating the savings by setting up an automatic deduction deposited into this account on payday can make savings even easier.

- Review your budget periodically. Figure out if there are areas where you can cut back and allocate more money to your overall savings or the special savings for the big-ticket

item. For example, you may be able to downgrade to a more manageable mobile phone plan or dine out less frequently.

- Time the purchase right. In addition to only buying when you have the money saved, you can look at the calendar to figure out the best time to make that purchase. Does your state or province offer a sales tax holiday? Some times of year you

may get a bonus, tax refund or birthday gifts that can be earmarked for big-ticket items. Avoid purchasing big items during times when you must pay for other significant expenses, such as tuition, summer camp fees and insurance payments.

Some simple financial planning can help people save and budget for big-ticket items more readily.

Finding the right credit card for you

CREDIT cards are a preferential method of payment for millions of consumers. Credit cards make buying items online convenient and provide more security than debit cards, which are directly tied to a bank account.

The modern credit card was invented in 1950 and was known as the Diners Club card. The idea came from Frank McNamara and business partner Ralph Schneider, who conceived of a way to pay without carrying cash after McNamara had forgotten his wallet while out to dinner in New York. Since that fateful, forgetful night for McNamara, the credit card industry has boomed, and WalletHub notes that consumers now have more than 1,500 credit cards to choose from. Having so many options can make finding the right card somewhat challenging. Explore these methods to narrow down your prospects.

Know your score
Before applying for a new credit card, it is important to know your credit score. The better your credit score, the greater the chance of being approved for a card which offers strong perks.

Type of cardholder
The next step is to identify which type of cardholder you are. WalletHub says cards are designed for specific types of users and are geared toward partic-

ular groups' interests and financial needs. These can include cards for students, those for people with poor credit histories, small business cards, or cards for general consumers.

Define your goals
Credit cards also are broken down by their perks. Cardholders need to think about what they want out of a card. For example, some credit cards are marketed to travelers and enable cardholders to earn travel miles or points toward hotel stays. Other cards offer cash back on a percentage of purchases, like 2- to 5-percent back on qualifying categories. Some credit cards help you improve your credit when it's limited or damaged, says NerdWallet.

Balance transfer policies and interest rates
Another consideration on credit cards is whether they offer introductory low- or no-interest rates on balance transfers that enable you to transfer balances from high-interest cards to the new card. Although it's always best to pay off your credit card balance with each statement, that isn't always possible. When shopping for a card, it helps to find one with a low annual percentage rate (APR).

Additional features
Some credit cards will offer tools such as charts that can help you keep track of spending categories or will automatically advise you of your credit

score. Secured or student cards can incrementally raise your credit limit as you establish good credit

history. A card that has no late fees or penalty interest rate increases also can come in handy.

There are various factors to consider when shopping for a new credit card. By narrowing down

the major points of comparison, consumers can find a card that suits their specific needs.

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TELLER APPRECIATION

Tips to educate young adults to be smart about credit

CREDIT is a necessary component of doing business in the modern world. The credit reporting agency Experian defines credit as the ability to borrow money or access goods or services with the understanding that a person will pay later. Various creditors grant credit based on their confidence that a borrower will repay what is owed.

Many adults learn about credit through trial and error. Financial literacy is not taught in many schools, although lots of people feel it merits space alongside literature, math, science, and other subjects.

A recent NextGen study found only one in six high school students are required to take a personal finance class in the United States. In addition, a survey conducted in 2018 by Chase bank found only one-third of Americans were taught what a credit score is by their parents.

It is essential that guardians share information about credit with young adults to help them be financially solvent and successful later in life. Here are some ways to help young adults learn about credit.

Start with credit basics
Speak generally about credit and how it is used. Then explain credit scores, credit bureaus and credit reports. A credit history and



credit score is important information for young adults to have early on and check frequently, as having good credit improves the chances they will qualify for loans and earn acceptable terms in the future.

Help them build credit
Having one or more credit accounts can help a person establish and build

credit by making payments on time. Credit card companies often advertise student and secured credit card accounts that come with small or managed credit limits. Making purchases on the cards and paying them in full every month is the best way to improve a credit score or maintain a good one, says the Con-

sumer Financial Protection Bureau. Another way teens can build credit is through their student loans. Making small payments on the principal while in school can help establish a strong credit history.

Check their credit reports
The Federal Trade Commission recommends

checking a child's credit score around the age of 16 or 17. This will help families figure out if there are any anomalies that may indicate identity theft or inaccurate credit issues.

Know the formula for good credit
Forbes says there are five categories that add up to good credit:

1. Payment history (35 percent): Always pay bills on time.
2. Amounts owed (30 percent): Borrow a low amount compared to the total lines of credit. This also is known as credit utilization.
3. Length of credit history (15 percent): Keeping accounts open for a long time is a win.
4. New credit (10 per-

cent): Do not apply for too much new credit too often.

5. Credit mix (10 percent): Having a balance of different types of credit, such as car loans, credit cards and other types of debt, is advantageous.

Share your own experiences

Sometimes the best way to teach about credit is to be honest about what a parent or another adult did wrong with his or her finances, and use that as a "what not to do" scenario.

It is important for young adults to learn about credit so they can make smart choices that will positively affect their future. Although talking finances may be uncomfortable, it is vital for families to have these discussions.

Happy Teller Appreciation Week!

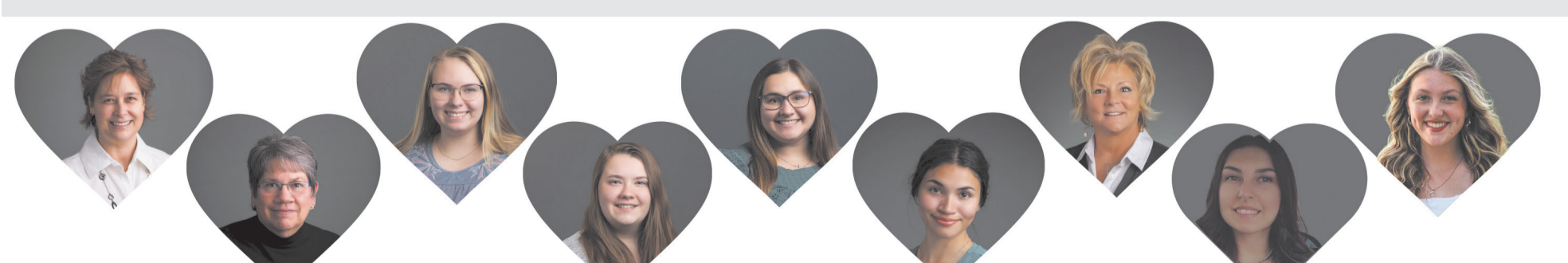
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Northern Illinois Football History: From struggling roots to state championship dominance

BY MIKE WICKAM
SPECIAL TO THE OGLE COUNTY LIFE

Editor's Note: This is the first of a two-part series highlighting the 1984 Leaf River Demons. The second part will run in the Monday, Oct. 14 edition of the Ogle County Life.

2024

Northern Illinois High School football has produced 11 state champions in the last 10 years in Class 1A, 2A or 3AA (Lena-Winslow 5, Forreston 3, Byron 2, Stillman Valley 1). In the 10 years prior to 1984, there were two (Genoa in 1977 and Freeport Aquin in 1981). To say that Northern Illinois has developed into the hotbed center of small-town football in Illinois is a huge understatement.

Three northern Illinois fathers who played in the 1984 season and their three sons from the current era have definitely bridged the gap.

Eric Badertscher, Todd Gentz and Mike Carr have

sons that wear four state championship rings on their fingers: Garrett Badertscher (Forreston 2016 & 2018), Sam Gentz (Byron 2023 and currently the favorite to repeat in 2024), and Aidan Carr (Forreston 2014).

Perhaps, for these three sons, the road to success started 40 years ago with their fathers; in a town that no longer has a football team or a school.

1984

40 years ago this October, these three fathers and 12 of their friends were on a (very) small town 11-man football team in its last year of existence; the football program would fold after the 1984 season and the school would soon follow in 1989.

The Leaf River High School Demons football team in 1984 ended that season with an 11-man varsity football team consisting of three seniors, six juniors, three sophomores and three freshmen. They had one player over 200 pounds. They finished one

game with only 10 healthy players on the field.

They had to forfeit two games because the school board wouldn't let them start a game with only 11 players. Because of the low number of players, coaches would bring in alumni all padded up to practices so they could run a full 11-on-11 scrimmage. It is rumored that a few coaches actually suited up too.

27-game

losing streak

Leaf River High School Football had not tasted victory in any fashion since the infamous 3-0 1981 victory over Pearl City when Barry "The Toe" Maxwell kicked them to their only win of the season (footnote: Pearl City had the majority of their team suspended for some kind of homecoming shenanigans, so a 3-0 win for Leaf River was probably a very generous win).

The 1984 season started with the team riding a 21-game losing streak, and



1984 Leaf River Demons

(COURTESY PHOTO)

In the above photo are Todd Gentz (second from left, back row, No. 86), Eric Badertscher (No. 40, second row far left) and Mike Carr (No. 66, top row, second from right).

the next nine games didn't look very promising after three different coaches in five years and dwindling participation while playing in a very competitive Northwest 8 conference. But they had two non-conference games.

A glimmer of hope

Somewhere in the halls

of power in Leaf River, in 1983 or 1984, some wise and forward-thinking person decided to try and get the football team a win by scheduling one of the non-conference games with Lake Forest Academy, a similarly situated program on a 20+ game losing streak of their own. This second game of the season was dubbed "The Oh Bowl" as in Zero wins

for either program. Some of the rather nasty fans called it "The Toilet Bowl".

After a relatively close first game of the season against Kirkland, a 22-8 loss where they were tied going into the fourth quarter, the Leaf River team braced themselves to go after that ever-elusive win in week two.

See FOOTBALL pg 3

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Byron girls swimming and diving team wins at Hononegah Invitational

The Byron varsity girls swimming and diving team placed first at the Hononegah Invitational on Saturday, Sept. 21. Among the top finishers were freshmen Lucy Gura (second place), Madelyn Capellan (third place), Nora Schneiker (fourth place) and Mikayla Ford (sixth place) as well as sophomores Abby Krueger (third place) and Ryan Smith (fourth place), junior Ady Basler-Heather (sixth place) and senior Bailey Vincer (third place). (Courtesy photo)



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At left are Sam Gentz, 2020-23 Byron State Champion OL/DL and Todd Gentz, 1984 Leaf River Demons DE/WR. In the middle are Mike Carr, 1984 Leaf River Demons OL/DL/K and Aidan Carr, 2014 Forreston State Champion OL/DL and two-time All-State honoree. At right are Eric Badertscher, 1984 Leaf River Demons RB/LB and Garrett Badertscher, 2015-18 Forreston two-time State Champion (2016 & 2018) RB/LB and All-State honoree.

FOOTBALL: Roots of local state champions traced back to Leaf River Demons

From page 1

Although the score went back and forth a few times on this rare Saturday game, the Demons ended up on the losing end 18-8. Euphoria reigned in Lake Forest. In Leaf River, it just rained. 0-23.

Seven games remained on the schedule amid the ever-present cloud of questions that swirled about the town and school: “Would they (should they) even play the rest of the games?” “What if the kids get hurt?” “This is probably the last year anyway for football in Leaf River, what does it matter?”

It wasn’t like these kids weren’t athletic. They fielded excellent baseball and track teams in Leaf River every year. One townsperon was heard to exclaim “they’re not the fastest football team in the conference, but they are the smallest.” There were some bright spots though.

Two close games to start the season definitely was better than the previous three seasons; blowouts all. The team had good skill players at quarterback, running back and

receivers and the defense (in the first three quarters of each game) was pretty good. Since most of the players never, ever stepped off the field during games, running out of steam in the fourth quarter was a foregone conclusion, even though half of all practice time consisted of conditioning for that very reason.

More disappointment

The third game brought back memories of the previous season(s). A 52-0 loss at the hands of Pearl City, with the Leaf River team finishing the game with only 10 players on the field. Then came the hammer from the school board: If they couldn’t field at least 15 players to start the next game, they would have to forfeit.

They couldn’t. Injuries and a few academic ineligibilities saw the next two games evaporate—Mt. Carroll and Durand would have most likely been competitive games. For two weeks, the remaining players held practice, but to practice with no promise of a game tested their spirits.

And spirits were lower than ever. Had they already played their last game?

As injured players rebounded and players with school issues brought their grades back up, they started the next week optimistic and excited that they would play, but knowing they would be playing the best team in the area — Milledgeville. Milledgeville pounded everybody and routinely won the conference title. They were undefeated and the Demons were going to play on Milledgeville’s home field.

Turning the corner

During pre-game activities, one of the Milledgeville players yelled to the team as they were warming up, well within earshot of their coaches, “You should have forfeited this one too so we could play a real team!”

Coach Bob Nelson, in the huddle in the locker room just before going out onto the field was completely unhinged at the comment. “Go out and play harder than you’ve

ever played before. Make them remember you.” And remember them, they would. With some amazing offensive plays and a swarming defense, Leaf River played them extremely close through three quarters, ultimately succumbing to their 70-man roster in the fourth quarter losing 37-14.

But it was a very competitive game until the mid-fourth quarter and Milledgeville was forced to compete in a close game. To the exhausted Demons, that loss was as close to a win as they’d had to that point. And they celebrated like they won. But they hadn’t. 0-6 with two forfeits, one blowout, and three close games. The last three games wouldn’t be any easier.

Homecoming saw Ashton run all over the Demons 33-0 for their second blowout of the season. Nothing went right and it wasn’t even close. Two games left and hope was waning.

Parent’s Night

For the last home game, and what turned out to be the last game ever played

on Leaf River’s field, the Demons played their second non-conference game against a Chicago school named Mooseheart.

As legend has it: in a stunningly rude gesture, this game was scheduled as Leaf River’s Parent’s Night, and Mooseheart was an orphanage founded by the Moose Lodge in 1913. Yes, they had ‘orphans’ that went there, but it was/is a place for any child in need. To their credit, some of the Leaf River players went to the athletic director and said they were concerned with this — would they please tell Mooseheart they would schedule Parent’s Night for a different game but Mooseheart said “no, go ahead with it”.

Oh well, it was and still is legendary. Orphans or not, Mooseheart was a perennial winning team in their conference, going to the playoffs in the following two seasons. They came into the game with a record of 4-2.

There wasn’t the pressure and excitement of playing Lake Forest earlier in the year; knowing their opponent hadn’t won

in three years either. The Demons prepared like they did all season and were grateful they had 15 healthy guys to play that night.

From the start of the game, the two teams somehow looked evenly matched. What was going on here? Mooseheart had a great quarterback who liked to take off and run with it, but the Leaf River patented 8-1-2 defense (eight players on the defensive line, which included two linebackers who could blitz or shift anytime they wanted to, one middle linebacker, and two defensive backs) held their offense in check and managed to go into halftime down 6-0.

Could this be the night? Could this be another major disappointment? Was someone going to jinx it? Would the Demons run out of gas in the fourth quarter again? Or was the great football coach in the sky going to let these boys have one? Just one. Pretty please.

Read the Oct. 14 edition of the Ogle County Life for the second part of this story.

Undefeated Byron defeats Oregon 49-7, Hawks drop to 2-3

BY ANDY COLBERT
CORRESPONDENT

BYRON — How decisive was Byron’s 49-7 BNC win over Oregon?

The Hawks were not able to convert a first down until a running clock had started midway through the third quarter.

“They’re phenomenal,” Oregon coach Broc Kundert said. “It will be tough for anyone in 3A to stop them.”

The only time Byron was stopped all night was when an inadvertent whistle negated a touchdown by sophomore quarterback Andrew Talbert, whose ball-faking confused an official. It didn’t matter, as the Tigers could score at will.

Talbert caught the Oregon defense off guard with a 43-yard touchdown pass to Brayden Knoll for a 7-0 lead. It was his only pass of the game and sixth all season.

But, when you can run the ball like Byron, there isn’t much need to pass. Tiger offensive linemen didn’t necessarily open up big holes, but drove Oregon defenders several yards downfield, creating numerous second-and-one or two situations.

“Considering who we were playing, I thought our defense played well,”

Kundert said. “We limited their long runs.”

True. Other than a 41-yard romp by Knoll, no other play by Byron went over a dozen yards.

“Oregon has great players. We had to work for this one,” Byron coach Jeff Boyer said.

After defeating Byron three years ago as freshmen, hopes sprang up for a Hawk football program that has long played in the shadow of their rivals a few miles up Illinois Route 2. While Oregon remains on a path to respectability and second straight playoff berth after a decade of down years, Byron is at an unprecedented level for small school football in Illinois.

“You also have to remember we have some pretty good players that weren’t here then,” Boyer said.

Hard as it may be to fathom, but the Tigers might be better than last year’s record-setting state champs. And this is without star RB/LB Caden Considine, who has been out after hand surgery and a hamstring injury. He is expected back soon, maybe in time against unbeaten Dixon.

“We’ve got a lot of depth and kids that can fill in,” Boyer said.

Byron is well set at

linebacker, with Brock Wagner recovering two fumbles and Dillon Shank supplying the hit of the game.

Shank drilled Oregon’s most physical back Logan Weems in a blow heard all over Everett Stine Field. Weems left groggy, but soon returned.

“Shank is a downhill linebacker,” Tiger defensive coordinator Sean Considine said. “A game like this is right up his alley.”

Filling in for Considine at fullback is freshman Kaden McGough. The six-foot, 195-pounder led Byron with 95 yards rushing and had a pair of touchdowns.

Knoll also had three rushing scores to go with his touchdown catch. The final Tiger score came on an 80-yard kickoff return by Liam Connell.

Special teams shined all night with Ben Denton going seven for seven on extra points and Wagner recovering a well-placed Denton kickoff. Additionally, Byron did not have a penalty until late in the game, laying credence to their high degree of mental discipline and execution.

Oregon’s lone score came from Cooper Johnson on a 41-yard run. It was Johnson’s first action since being injured in

week one.”

“Great to have Cooper back and that run was against their starters,” Kundert said. “We just

need to cut out mental mistakes and things that hurt us.”

Byron had 239 yards on 36 rushes and Oregon

124 on 35 attempts. Next week, the 2-3 Hawks host Stillman Valley in a crucial test for playoff viability for both teams.

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SPORTS



Byron cross country teams open season at Oregon Invitational
 The Byron High School varsity cross country team opened its season at the Oregon Invitational on Saturday, Sept. 7. The Tigers took eighth out of 21 schools and Tim Starwalt led the boys in the meet, finishing fifth out of 162 runners with a time of 16:16.2. Braden Dietrich took 41st with a time of 18:05.5 and Michael Muzzarelli placed 53rd with a time of 18:33.0. The Lady Tigers finished fourth out of 18 schools and Ashley Potter led the girls, taking 18th out of 131 runners with a time of 21:28.5. Emma Franchi finished 30th with a time of 22:39.0 and Elinor McHale placed 34th with a time of 22:49.4. Gabriella Northrup took 37th in 22:54.9 and Grace Burnes finished 40th in 23:11.5. (Courtesy photos)

Execution and discipline

ONE day after covering the Byron and Oregon football game, I was in Rice-Eccles Stadium in Salt Lake City for the Arizona and Utah game. In terms of execution, Byron was on par with anything done at the college level.

After observing Byron the last few years, this is the conclusion I've come to: Yes, they have some talented athletes, but what really separates them from everyone else is execution and discipline.

Someone whose judgment I respect is former coach Kevin O'Neil. He told me that Byron works as hard as any team in the state. That would explain why every aspect of its game operates as such a high level. That is contrary to what I hear from coaches all over the area in all types of sports and that is a general malaise and lack of commitment among today's young people.

As an advocate of sportsmanship and respect for officials, the Byron-Oregon game checked all the boxes. There was no chippiness on the field, fans were well-behaved and the opposing coaches chatted in unity afterwards.

There is no reason all of us, no matter whose side you're on, can't come together in harmony. After all, it's only a football game.

I say that partially in jest

because when I was growing up, there was nothing more important on a Friday than football.

Though I am an Oregon resident, I spent part of the game in the Byron bleachers watching it with coach Boyer's grandmother Rose and other family members. Interacting with people from other towns has always been gratifying.

Certainly, relationships between Byron and Oregon have thawed quite a bit from long ago when sports rivalries became quite intense at the youth level on up after Byron started receiving nuke plant monies.

It's another rivalry game this week for Oregon against Stillman Valley. You got to love the fact these three schools are so close to one another and have maintained such storied tradition together. After whipping North Boone and having winnable games upcoming with Bago and GK, 3-2 Stillman can afford a loss. Oregon's situation is much more tenuous with Lutheran still on the schedule.

No doubt, this will be the key game of the year for the Hawks. Even though they lost decisively to Byron, they played fairly well.

Don't forget about the huge match up at Milledgeville between Polo (5-0)

and the Missiles (5-0). With No. 1 Amboy's loss to Ridgewood, the winner between these two schools will have the inside track on the top seed in the 8-man playoffs.

It's going to be the most difficult Friday of the season for me to choose what game to attend, as Rochelle hosts Morris also.

Forreston appears to be the only Ogle County school to not have a chance for the post season. You can't get down on the Cardinals, though.

They have a small senior class this year and play tough opponents. Comparatively, they've had one of the best statewide runs over the past 13 years and that is something to celebrate.

The IHSA postseason has already started with golf regional this week. Congratulations to Amelia Dunseth of Stillman Valley for winning the girls Big Northern individual title. Last year, she shot an impressive 79 to finish fifth at the sectional and advance downstate.

I still believe high-school golf is the most mentally taxing of all the sports.

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



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 701 W. Second Street; PO Box 927, Byron, IL 61010, 815-234-8777
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 Youth Ministry Coordinator: Richard Simpson
 Sunday Schedule & Worship opportunities:
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 Coffee & Fellowship time: 10:00am-10:30am
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 6467 N. German Church Rd., Byron, IL - Ph. (815) 246-2685 - beaconhillbyron.org
 Mailing Address: P.O. Box 448, Byron, IL 61010
 Pastor: Gary Cortese
 Service Times: Sundays at 10AM; Wednesday night Faith-Lift at 6:30PM
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 Dixon IL 61021

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

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 Nursery available
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 815-738-2205 leafriverbc@gmail.com

LINDENWOOD

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH - LCMS

immanuel-lindenwood.org (for sermons, events, etc.)
 16060 E. Lindenwood Road, Lindenwood, IL 61049
 815-393-4500 • office@immanuel-lindenwood.org
Sunday Mornings: Divine Service @ 9am; Food & Fellowship @ 10am; Sunday School and Adult Bible Study @ 10:30am
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 Regular worship service Sundays at 10:00am with fellowship following.
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 815-734-4853 secretary@disciplesumc.org
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 Email: mtmorriscob@gmail.com

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308 E. Brayton Rd. Mt. Morris, IL Phone: 734-6354 Rev. Josh Ehler
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 Wednesday 6:00 PM

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

OREGON

EAST OREGON CHAPEL CHURCH OF GOD

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

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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
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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
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RIVERSTONE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

609 S. 10th Street, Oregon, IL 61061
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 Sunday Service @ 10:45 AM ~ contemporary style worship with coffee and doughnuts in our cafe! Online worship is also available via Facebook.
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 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

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STILLMAN VALLEY

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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
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Worship Service: Saturday at 5pm

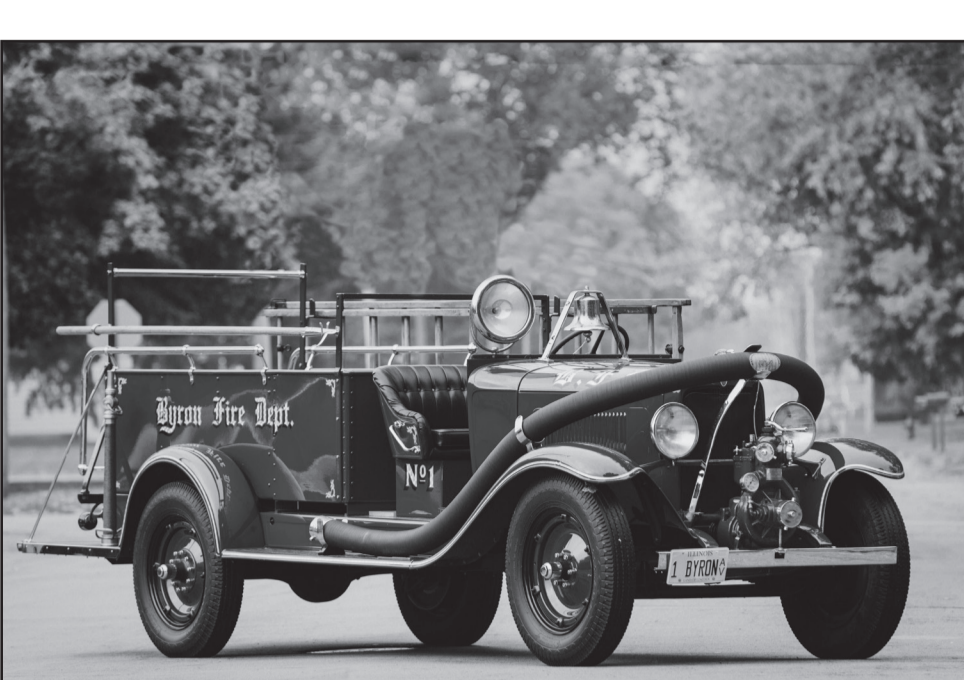
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FIRE PREVENTION WEEK



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 Michele Trzcinski-Ramos
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 Jody Rawson Account Manager
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 Brenden Kane
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 Denise Clothier
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Dana Sellers
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 Riley Lofgreen
 Freddy Lagos
 Jessica Walker
 Suzanne Stout - Chaplin



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 FF/Paramedic Timm DeVries
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 FF Doug Moser
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 FF Richard Tarara
 Paramedic Elizabeth Gay
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 FF/EMT Chase Wood



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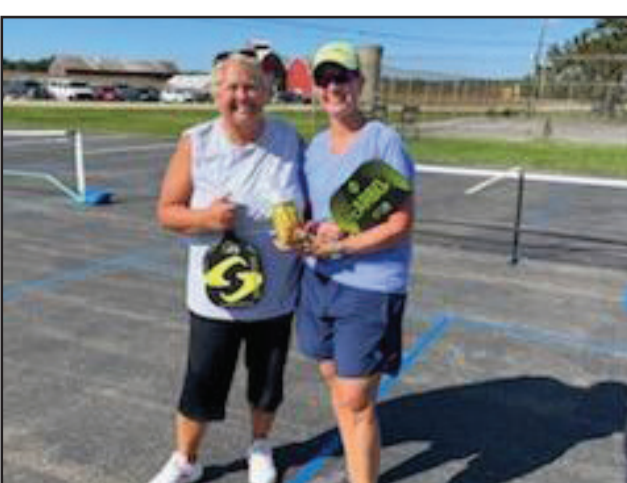
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SPORTS



Pickleball results from Stillman Valley Fall Festival

On Saturday Sept. 28, the Stillman Valley Fall Festival held its second pickleball event sponsored by Kishwaukee Community Church. This year the event was held in the Meridian Junior High west parking lot. There were 15 teams entered in the double elimination tournament, eight individuals in the advanced round event and five individuals in the beginner round robin event. The beginner level round robin competition winners were: first place prize of \$50 went to Carol Atchison, second place prize of \$40 to Cliff Bolt. The advanced level round robin competition winners were: first place prize of \$50 went to Russ Cordell, second place prize of \$40 to Steve Carbaugh and third place prize of \$30 to Cecilio Marquez. The double elimination team tournament winners were: first place prize of \$100 went to the DisPICKLEbles team made up of Russ Cordell and Steve Carbaugh, second place prize of \$80 went to the Day Dinkers team made up of Ethan Schau and Dylan Springer and third place prize of \$60 went to the No Backhand team made up of Cecilio Marquez and Logan Fertitta. There was also a jar of pickles awarded to the team of Dea and Barb who ended up in the Pickle Jar by losing their first two games and then winning their last two games. The Dea and Barb team is made up of Dea Connell and Barb Light. A good time was had by all and good sportsmanship was shown throughout the event. We look forward to seeing a third pickleball event at next year's Fall Festival. (Courtesy photos)

Weekly Brain Busters

King Crossword

ACROSS

1 "Kapow!"
 4 Makes a choice
 8 Release money
 12 Actress Merkel
 13 Boyfriend
 14 Celestial bear
 15 MSNBC rival
 16 Lawman Wyatt
 17 Some HDTVs
 18 James Caan's role in "The Godfather"
 21 Shoe width
 22 Aachen article
 23 Tire pattern
 26 LBJ's successor
 27 Faux —
 30 Shower bar?
 31 Chart format
 32 Shed
 33 Cauldron
 34 Hit show letters
 35 Symbol of freshness
 36 HBO rival
 37 Serena, to Venus
 38 Grammy-winning Shawn Colvin song
 45 Exotic berry

DOWN

1 Tampa Bay team, for short
 2 — Domini
 3 "Death in Venice" author
 4 Heeded
 5 Quiet partner?
 6 Tropical tuber
 7 Paramount
 8 Merident
 9 Not pizzicato
 10 "This — outrage!"
 11 Zap with a beam
 19 Tide variety
 20 Author Yutang
 23 Recipe abbr.
 24 Kanga's kid
 25 Have dinner
 26 Carnival city
 27 Luau dish
 28 Gore and Pacino
 29 Farm pen
 31 "Continue!"
 32 Prepare potatoes
 34 Bashful
 35 Truck fuel
 36 Marsh bird
 37 Lowercase
 38 Bag
 39 Pac-12 team
 40 Hammer target
 41 Woody's son
 42 Rice-shaped pasta
 43 Vegan's no-no
 44 Big fair, for short

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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: CERTIFICATES OF —

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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!

HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Dishcloth is larger. 2. Picture on wall is larger. 3. Stack of dishes is shorter. 4. Cabinet handle is missing. 5. Report card is smaller. 6. Upper cabinet is missing.

King Crossword
 Answers

Solution time: 21 mins.

Substitutes for Cash
 Answers

Weekly SUDOKU
 Answer

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

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101 LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE
Village Of Davis Junction, Illinois
Annual Treasurer's Report of Cash Receipts and Disbursements
For the Fiscal Year Ending April 30, 2024
Published in compliance with Chapter 65, Section 5/3.1-35-65 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes

Receipts: GENERAL FUND;
PROPERTY TAX 101,199; ROAD & BRIDGE TAX 32,897; TELECOMMUNICATIONS 18,097; LIQUOR / VIDEO GAMING LICENSES 9,750; ESCROW ACCOUNT 5,100; BUILDING PERMITS 70,344; LEIN REIMBURSEMENT 903; PLAT 10 FUTURE IMPR TIL 2025 3,000; ZONING PERMITS & FEES 750; STATE INCOME TAX 411,250; USE TAX 95,953; CANNABIS USE TAX 3,898; SALES TAX 148,649; STATE GRANT-EOC 10,020; OTHER GRANTS 356,505; INTEREST INCOME 12,142; MEDICOM 7,798; BALL FIELDS REVENUE 10,970; MERIDIAN YOUTH BASEBALL LEAGUE 13,345; RENTAL INCOME 35,413; VIDEO GAMING 60,645; MISCELLANEOUS INCOME 163,281; DONATIONS/SPONSORSHIPS 5,250; INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT 7,088; TOTAL 1,584,246 **MOTOR FUEL TAX;**
MOTOR FUEL TAX 110,217; INTEREST INCOME 1,616; TOTAL 111,833
TIF FUND;
REVENUE 24,631; INTEREST INCOME 11; TOTAL 24,642
WATER FUND;
ESCROW ACCOUNT 750; PENALTIES 5,751; WATER SALES 234,742; WATER BASE RATE 20,128; BULK WATER / POOL FILLS 352; WATER RECONNECT FEES 500; METER SALES 1,350; INTEREST INCOME 298; OTHER FINANCING SOURCES 13,792; TOTAL 277,663
SEWER FUND;
USE TAX 2,424; OTHER GRANTS 12,500; PENALTIES 5,910; WATER BASE RATE 41,417; BULK WATER / POOL FILLS 264,340; WATER CONNECTION FEES 15,000; INTEREST INCOME 774; TOTAL 342,365
GARBAGE FUND;
PENALTIES 3,096; WATER RECONNECT FEES 150,481; TOTAL 153,577
LANDFILL FUND;
HOST BENEFIT FEES 1,573,922; RENTAL INCOME 100,000; MISCELLANEOUS INCOME 4,839; TOTAL 1,678,761
PAYROLL: 0.01 TO 24,999.99
ALLVORD, ADRIENNE; BAGG, MALACHI; BLOOMINGDALE, GLENDA; CARR, NANCY; CHAVERS, KEVIN; CHRISTENSON, JENNIFER; CICOGNA, AIDEN; CONNORS, BRADY; COOK, BRODERICK; DIPPNER, MARK; FLEMING, CALEB; KLAREN, BENJAMIN; KLAREN, NOAH; LUCHSINGER, WILLIAM; MAAHS, JENNIFER; MAAHS, NATHAN; MAY, DAVID; MCCLENDON, GRANT; MERRIMAN, ANTHONY; MOIISI, WILLIAM; REINHOLD, KOEN; SAMPLES, CHRISTOPHER; SCHWANKE, GREGORY; SMITH JR, SETH; TALBOT, JOHN; WHITE, WILLIAM; WURM, RICKY; YAROLEM, PATRICK
PAYROLL: 25,000.00 TO 49,999.99
FLOYD, ERICA; MOODY JR, JAMES ; SENATRE, LUCAS
PAYROLL: 50,000.00 TO 74,999.99
GALLARDO, JORGE; HILL, NATHAN; MAAHS, SANDRA; MAGNUSON, KYLE; OGNIBENE, BRENDA; WEAVER, BRENT
PAYROLL: 75,000.00 TO 99,999.99
FERGE, BRET
TOTAL PAYROLL: 701,646.33

LIABILITY
457 PLAN - 134886 140,663; AFLAC INSURANCE 10,210; FEDERAL PAYROLL TAXES 182,829; PEKIN LIFE INSURANCE 484; STATE DISBURSEMENT UNIT 10,152; STATE PAYROLL TAXES 36,757; TOTAL 381,094

EXPENDITURES AND EXPENSES
ANCEL GLINK, P.C. 73,192; ARCHIVESOCIAL 2,988; B & F CONSTRUCTION CODE SERVIC 51,663; B & H OFFICE FURNITURE 4,043; BEACON ATHLETICS 4,318; BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD 73,384; BONNELL INDUSTRIES INC 3,801; BS&A SOFTWARE 4,016; Burris Equipment Co 25,409; CAPITAL ONE COMMERCIAL 9,742; CIVICPLUS LLC 10,497; CMJ TECHNOLOGIES 21,407; Comed 102,468; CONIN CONTRACTOR SERVICES, INC 9,428; CONSERVE FS 6,907; CORNERSTONE EMBROIDERY 3,850; DAHM ENTERPRISES, INC 20,233; EUCLID MANAGERS 3,606; FEHR GRAHAM 41,405; FRONTIER 5,203; GERSHMAN, BRICKNER & BRATTON, INC 13,380; HAWKINS, INC 14,851; HELM CIVIL 46,288; HP DJ REAL ESTATE LLC 25,000; ILLINOIS COUNTRIES RISK 89,110; Illinois EPA 10,000; ILLINOIS FIBER RESOURCES GROUP 3,000; ILLINOIS RAILWAY, LLC 3,630; INTEGRATED PUBLIC RESOURCES 44,865; JCK CONTRACTORS, INC 5,830; KELSO BURNETT CO 5,749; KEN-Z ROOFING, INC 25,500; LAI LTD 5,386; LAWRENCE LOEFFELHOLZ 6,284; LRS, LLC 2,896; MCGILVRA ELECTRIC, INC 3,218; MCMAHON ENGINEERS ARCHITECTS 17,415; MISSISSIPPI VALLEY PUMP, INC 13,121; MORTON SALT 10,804; NICOR GAS 5,732; NORTHERN ILLINOIS DISPOSAL SVCS 154,472; N-TRACK GROUP, LLC 136,371; O'BRIEN CIVIL WORKS, INC 230,291; PACE ANALYTICAL SERVICES 3,046; PDC AUTOMATION 52,104; PLAYPOWER LT FARMINGTON 4,949; PORTER BROTHERS 706,877; POSTMASTER 3,100; PRO COM SYSTEMS 6,678; RAYNOR DOOR AUTHORITY 11,018; RKM FIREWORKS COMPANY 17,500; RUSH POWER SYSTEMS, LLC 45,819; SHERWIN INDUSTRIES INC 7,550; SHOWTIME INSTALLATIONS INC 4,512; SignsNow 40,825; SIKICH LLP 11,370; SISSON'S TREE SERVICE, LLC 4,950; SMITH OIL 7,358; SPARTAN ATHLETIC CO 11,651; STENSTROM EXCAVATION & BLACKTO 92,806; TALLGRASS RESTORATION, LLC 3,485; THE SHERWIN WILLIAMS CO 2,871; THOMPSON GAS 4,449; TLD CONSTRUCTION LLC 9,440; TOM HARMER ATHLETIC INC 3,567; USA BLUE BOOK 10,308; VARSITY SCOREBOARDS 4,525; VERIZON WIRELESS 15,796; VISA 71,295; VISOCNIK CONTRACTING CO 5,550; WALTER WILLIS 2,600; WATER QUALITY INVESTIGATIONS 7,928; WILLET HOFMANN & ASSOCIATES, INC 261,164; XYLEM INC 2,640; ZORO 3,831; EXPENSE DISBURSEMENTS UNDER 2,500.00 90,750
TOTAL: 2,883,060

Subscribed and sworn to this 1st day of October, 2024
BRENDA OGNIBENE
TREASURER

VILLAGE OF DAVIS JUNCTION, ILLINOIS
STATEMENT OF REVENUES COLLECTED, EXPENDITURES PAID
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - MODIFIED CASH BASIS
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
For the Year Ended April 30, 2024

	General	MFT	TIF	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES COLLECTED				
Taxes	\$ 448,837	\$ -	\$ 24,631	\$ 473,468
Licenses and permits	84,747	-	-	84,747
Tipping fees	1,573,922	-	-	1,573,922
Intergovernmental	878,814	110,217	-	989,031
Charges for services	180,026	-	-	180,026
Investment income	163,583	1,616	11	165,210
Miscellaneous	79,680	-	-	79,680
Total revenues collected	3,409,609	111,833	24,642	3,546,084
EXPENDITURES PAID				
Current				
General government	777,768	-	-	777,768
Streets, alleys and bridges	340,512	159,407	26,750	526,669
Culture and recreation	378,908	-	-	378,908
Public health and welfare	46,240	-	-	46,240
Capital outlay	1,375,512	-	-	1,375,512
Total expenditures paid	2,918,940	159,407	26,750	3,105,097
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	490,669	(47,574)	(2,108)	440,987
FUND BALANCES (DEFICIT), MAY 1	7,074,347	200,731	(1,312,552)	5,962,526
FUND BALANCES (DEFICIT), APRIL 30	\$ 7,565,016	\$ 153,157	\$ (1,314,660)	\$ 6,403,513

VILLAGE OF DAVIS JUNCTION, ILLINOIS
STATEMENT OF REVENUES COLLECTED, EXPENSES PAID
AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION - MODIFIED CASH BASIS
PROPRIETARY FUND
For the Year Ended April 30, 2024

	Water	Sewer	Garbage	Total
OPERATING REVENUES COLLECTED				
Charges for services	\$ 262,810	\$ 326,655	\$ 153,557	\$ 743,022
Total operating revenues collected	262,810	326,655	153,557	743,022
OPERATING EXPENSES PAID				
Operations and maintenance	236,693	325,380	154,472	716,545
Depreciation expense	260,960	484,517	-	745,477
Total operating expenses paid	497,653	809,897	154,472	1,462,022
OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)	(234,843)	(483,242)	(915)	(719,000)
NON-OPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)				
Replacement taxes	-	2,424	-	2,424
Investment income	298	774	-	1,072
Grants	-	12,500	-	12,500
Miscellaneous income	14,542	-	-	14,542
Total non-operating revenues (expenses)	14,840	15,698	-	30,538
NET INCOME (LOSS) BEFORE TRANSFERS	(220,003)	(467,544)	(915)	(688,462)
CHANGE IN NET POSITION	(220,003)	(467,544)	(915)	(688,462)
NET POSITION, MAY 1	1,480,284	6,670,683	264,923	8,415,890
NET POSITION, APRIL 30	\$ 1,260,281	\$ 6,203,139	\$ 264,008	\$ 7,727,428

No. 1005
(October 7, 2024)

101 LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: VAIDA YELINEK, deceased. NO. 2024-P-45 CLAIM NOTICE
NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of VAIDA YELINEK of Leaf River. Letters of office were issued on September 11, 2024, to Kenneth Lingbeck of Leaf River, Illinois, whose attorney is David A. Smith, of Smith, Birkholz & Morrow, P.C. at 129 South Fourth Street, P.O. Box 10, Oregon, Illinois, 61061-0010. CLAIMS against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court at Ogle County

Judicial Center, 106 South 5th Street, Oregon, Illinois, 61061, or with the representative, or both, within 6 months from the first publication of this Notice, or within three months from the date of mailing or delivery of Notice to creditors, if mailing or delivery is required by Section 18-3 of the Illinois Probate Act, 1975, as amended, whichever date is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of claims filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the estate legal representative and to the attorney within 10 days after the claim has been filed. Kenneth Lingbeck Independent Executor No. 0918 (Sept. 23, 30 and Oct. 7, 2024)

NOTICE
STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OGLE COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CLIFFORD K. SWANSON, Deceased
Case No. 2024PR46
NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION
Notice is given of the death of CLIFFORD K. SWANSON. Letters of Independent Administration were issued on September 23, 2024, to KELLY K. EBERSOLE, whose attorney is Elliott, Trainor & Weller, P.C., 1005 West Loras Drive, P.O. Box 1149, Freeport, Illinois, 61032-1149. The estate will be administered without court supervision unless any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a Petition To Terminate to the Circuit Clerk and the attorney for the Independent Administrator at the address set forth below. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk, Ogle County Courthouse, 106 S. 5th Street, Suite 300, Oregon, Illinois 61061 or with the attorney for the Independent Administrator or both, on or before April 18, 2025, and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the attorney for the Independent Administrator within ten days after it has been filed. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp>, or talk with your local circuit clerk's office. KIMBERLY A. STAHL, Circuit Clerk No. 1003 (Oct. 7, 14 and 21, 2024)

NOTICE
The President and Board of Park Commissioners of the Byron Park District, Ogle County, Illinois will hold a public hearing on October 15, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. The hearing will be held at the Park District Conference Room, 500 N. Colfax Street, Byron, Illinois 61010. The purpose of the hearing will be to receive public comments on the proposal to sell general obligation park bonds in an amount not to exceed \$555,000 to

finance (i) the payment of land condemned or purchased for parks, for the building, maintaining, improving and protecting of the same and the existing land and facilities of the District, (ii) debt service on the District's outstanding General Obligation Park Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2020 that financed the payment of land condemned or purchased for parks or boulevards, for the building, maintaining, improving and protecting of the same and for the payment of the expenses incident thereto, and (iii) certain costs of issuance of the Bonds. Bruce Boyle, Secretary No. 1004 (October 7, 2024)

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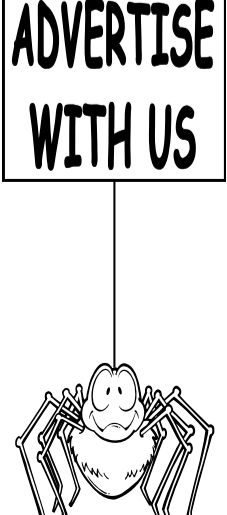
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Oregon boys soccer team beats Pecatonica

The Oregon High School varsity boys soccer team scored a 3-1 win over Pecatonica on Wednesday, Sept. 25. Cruz Hernandez tallied two goals and Irvin Acosta added one goal, while Danny Chisamore dished out two assists and Steven Guardado finished with one assist. Deryk Withers collected four saves for the Hawks (7-7-2, 2-4 BNC).

Oregon boys golf team finishes fifth at BNC tournament

The Oregon High School varsity boys golf team finished fifth out of 10 teams with 361 during the Big Northern Conference tournament at Timber Pointe on Thursday, Sept. 26. Nole Campos shot an 84 to take 15th individually for the Hawks.

Oregon volleyball team falls to Rockford Christian

The Oregon High School varsity volleyball team suffered a 15-25, 20-25 loss against Rockford Christian on Thursday, Sept. 26. Madi Shaffer

finished with nine digs and two assists, while Anna Stender recorded six assists and five digs. Grace Tremble collected five digs and two kills. The JV Hawks fell 23-25, 21-25 and the F/S Hawks lost 7-25, 19-25.

Oregon boys soccer team wins over Byron

The Oregon High School varsity boys soccer team scored a 2-1 win over Byron on Thursday, Sept. 26. Steven Guardado and Cruz Hernandez each scored goals, while Irvin Acosta added one assist

and Deryk Withers finished with 10 saves for the Hawks (8-7-2, 3-4 BNC).

Byron football team scores win over Oregon

The Byron High School varsity football team won 49-7 over Oregon on Friday, Sept. 27. Brayden Knoll rushed for 73 yards and scored four touchdowns, running for three and catching a 43-yard touchdown pass from Andrew Talbert. Kaden McGough rushed for 98 yards and two touchdowns for the Tigers, while Cooper Johnson rushed for 55

yards and a touchdown for the Hawks.

Polo football team rolls over Alden-Hebron

The Polo High School varsity football team rolled for a 54-6 win against Alden-Hebron on Friday, Sept. 27. Gus Mumford rushed for 127 yards and three touchdowns, while Noah Dewey rushed for 118 yards and two touchdowns. Billy Lowry rushed for 45 yards and a touchdown. Jordan Reed added 65 rushing yards and a touchdown in the win. J.T. Stephenson

rushed for 66 yards.

Forrester football team loses to Morrison

The Forrester High School varsity football team conceded a 28-12 loss against Morrison on Friday, Sept. 27. Dane Setterstrom rushed for 70 yards and two touchdowns, while Evan Boettner rushed for a team-high 84 yards for the Cardinals in the loss. Coehen Kirchner added 32 rushing yards and Eli Ferris added 30 rushing yards. Kayden Loomis had 26 rushing yards.

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