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WORDS

- BOWL
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- CAT
- COMPANION
- DOG
- FAMILY
- FEEDING
- HELP
- HOME
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- WALKS
- WELFARE

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

CLUES ACROSS

1. Cut a little bit off
5. State with confidence
11. River in NE Scotland
14. Not narrow
15. Lacking social polish
16. Amount of time
17. Frame
19. Automobile
20. Toadstools
21. High school dances
22. Utilize
23. Challenged
25. One-sided
27. Showing extreme greed
31. Potted plants
34. Everyone has one
35. Lake in Botswana
38. E.T. rode in one
39. Juniors' parents
41. Small amount
42. Mother of Perseus
44. Ornamental box
45. Gov't investigators
46. Uncertain
49. A cotton fabric with a satiny finish
51. The vast grassy plains in S. America
55. Your consciousness of your own identity
56. Noted consumer advocate
60. Spanish sports club
61. Body part
62. Tractability
64. Woman (French)
65. Ready and willing to be taught

CLUES DOWN

1. Brushed aside
2. Water sprite
3. Ones to look up to
4. Monetary units
5. A number everyone has
6. Marine invertebrate
7. One who takes you to

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8. Indicates outer
9. Parallelograms
10. Strains
11. Cross
12. A way to remove
13. Some pages are dog-__
18. Ukraine city
24. A citizen of Denmark
26. Summer month (abbr.)
28. Hindu queens
29. Jewelry brand
30. Fictional rider of Rohan
31. Wet dirt
32. Russian city
33. Observed
36. Furious
37. Drivers' licenses
39. Musical composition

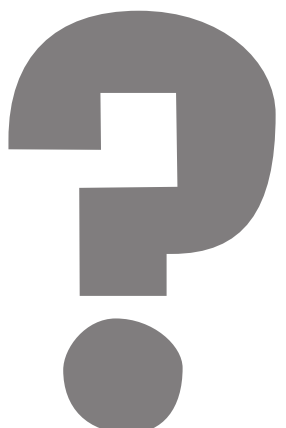
40. Auction

43. They ___
45. Women
47. Inspire with love
48. Japanese ankle sock
49. Appears
50. Old World lizard
52. The leading performer
53. Type of protein
54. Pennsylvania town
57. Art ___: around 1920
58. ___ Blyton, children's author
59. Abnormal breathing
63. A place to sleep
66. Muslim ruler title
67. Depressed
68. Gradually gave way
69. Clear-thinking

Riddle me this...

Riddle: What begins with the letter P, finishes with the letter E and has over a thousand letters in it?

Answer: The post office.



— Puzzle answers on page 4 —

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Solve the code to discover words related to pet sitting. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 10 = R)

A. 26 22 10 4 12 2 9 4 10
Clue: Babysitter

B. 6 21 6 6 8
Clue: Young dog

C. 16 14 22 10 13 2 7 12
Clue: Overnight animal care

D. 1 10 22 9 4 24
Clue: Vacationing

Answers: A. caregiver B. puppy C. boarding D. travel

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PUZZLE 2

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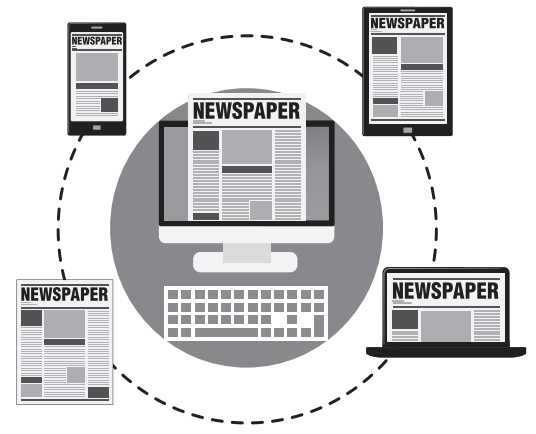
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March Senior News

International Environmental Archaeologist, Dendrochronologist, set to be the guest speaker at NLI's Annual Dinner March 20

Natural Land Institute (NLI) will hold their Annual Dinner and Presentation of the George and Barbara Fell Award on Thursday, March 20, at The Radisson Conference Center, 200 S. Bell School Rd., Rockford.

The event starts with a social hour and silent auction at 5:30 p.m., dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. and the program begins at 7:15 p.m.

Conservationists and community leaders from around the region gather at this annual event to celebrate the achievements of NLI, a non-profit land trust, and to join in congratulating the recipient of the George and Barbara Fell Award.

The program includes comments from Alan Branham, NLI's Executive Director, about the past year's land protection achievements and the presentation of the award, which will be presented to Ed Collins.

Collins retired from McHenry County Conservation District in September of 2024 after serving 38 years at the agency.

He dedicated his career to developing a deep understanding of the ecology and conservation of the woodlands, prairies and wetlands of McHenry County.

The award recognizes outstanding achievements in land conservation and is named after the founder of NLI, George B. Fell, and his wife, Barbara.

Guest speaker will be Dr. Brita Lorentzen, a professor in the Department of Anthropology and director of the Tree-Rings and Archaeological Wood Analysis Lab at University of Georgia (Athens).

Dr. Lorentzen's research



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Above: Natural Land Institute's Annual Dinner guest speaker will be Dr. Brita Lorentzen. Right: Ed Collins will receive the George and Barbara Fell Award (recognizing land conservation achievements).

as a dendrochronologist (tree-ring scientist) and environmental archaeologist has taken her to international locations including Canada, Cyprus and Greece.

In her research she studies wood remains both on land and under water to learn how humans impacted forest ecosystems in the past and present. Her keynote address is entitled: "Out of the Woods: Environmental History Lessons from Ancient Tree Rings."

Cost to attend NLI's Annual Dinner is \$65 per person (\$60 for NLI members). Tables of eight are also available for purchase. Reservations are due by March 13. For more information about the event, Ed Collins, Dr. Brita Lorentzen, and to make reservations, visit www.naturalland.org/event/natural-land-institutes-annual-dinner-2025 or call 815-964-6666.

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Dr. Lorentzen will lead the tree coring demonstration for the community to see how this interesting and important research works. Event attendees will get to learn about old growth trees in this preserve and watch the tree coring process, as well as have a chance to participate in it themselves.

Brita will take the cores back to her lab at the University of Georgia in Athens, GA to analyze the samples and report her findings to NLI at a later date.

This is a unique opportunity to observe the tree coring process and witness old growth trees in NLI's private Colman Dells Nature Preserve.

Tree Coring Event

In addition to the Annual Dinner, NLI is pleased to offer a bonus program with Dr. Brita Lorentzen during the

afternoon prior to the dinner on March 20 at 1:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend a tree coring event at NLI's Howard D. Colman Dells Nature Preserve.

Attendees should dress for the weather and wear boots or sturdy shoes for this moderate

to difficult hiking event. This event is subject to weather conditions.

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tute, an accredited conservation land trust, is a 501(c)3, non-profit organization based in Rockford. The current service area covers 12 counties in northern Illinois. NLI's mission is to create an enduring legacy of natural land in northern Illinois for people, plants and animals. Since 1958 NLI has protected nearly 19,000 acres of land, primarily in Illinois with some in southern Wisconsin. NLI currently owns 3,471 acres (25 preserves) of protected land and holds 52 conservation easements (voluntary land protection agreements) on 4,589 acres of land owned by individuals and other conservation organizations. For more information and to donate visit NaturalLand.org

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Reagan MTD, Winnebago County to provide rural public transportation services

The Winnebago County Board approved a resolution authorizing County Board Chairman Joseph Chiarelli to enter into a contract with Reagan Mass Transit District (Reagan MTD) to provide public transportation services for rural residents of Winnebago County. The new agreement will operate under the Rural Winnebago County Public Transportation (RW-CPT) program, which aims to improve mobility and access

to resources for rural residents.

"Ensuring that every resident of Winnebago County has access to reliable public transit has been a key goal of my administration," said Chairman Joe Chiarelli. "Thanks to the support of the County Board and funding from state and federal grants, we're making meaningful progress in enhancing mobility and improving the quality of life for our rural communities."

Service Launch and Operations

Starting July 1 this year, Reagan MTD will provide daily, demand-response transportation from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. The service will be available to all rural residents, ensuring equal access to essential destinations such as medical appointments, shopping, and community services.

Program Funding and Support

The program will be funded through the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), utilizing the Federal Transit Administration's 5311 program and IDOT's Downstate Operating Assistance Program. This ensures continued service sustainability and accessibility.

Operational Oversight and Vehicle Maintenance

Reagan MTD will oversee operations, vehicle maintenance, and insurance. Three grant-funded vehicles will be used for the program, and Reagan MTD will ensure the fleet is properly maintained, with full insurance coverage for liability and other risks.

Training and Accountability

Reagan MTD will provide ongoing driver and dispatcher

training in safety protocols, including defensive driving and passenger assistance. The district will also submit regular reports to the County for compliance and transparency.

About Reagan MTD

Reagan Mass Transit District offers curb-to-curb service in Lee, Ogle, and soon Winnebago County, providing transportation to community resources, including medical appointments, schools, and local businesses. The district's vehicles are equipped with lifts for individuals with disabilities.

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