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BY JEFF HELFRICH MANAGING EDITOR

OREGON — On the morning of Sept. 28 on the front lawn of the Old Ogle County Courthouse in Oregon, Chad Horner

of Rochelle formally announced his Republican candidacy for the office of

Ogle County Coroner. The

2024 Republican Primary

will be held on March 19.

his fifth year as Ogle Coun-

ty's deputy coroner. He is co-owner of Unger Horner

Funeral Home in Rochelle

and a graduate of Illinois

State University and Wor-

sham College of Mortuary

without the support of my

wife and children, my ex-

tended family, my friends

and many elected officials,"

Horner said Thursday. "I

am running because of my

qualifications, my experi-

ence and my roots in Ogle

County, which make me

the best candidate for this

office. My experience as a

"I would not be here

Science.

Horner is currently in

Ogle County's most widely read weekly newspaper!

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Horner has served nearly five years as deputy coroner



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funeral director, a business owner and my educational background and my nearly five years of service as your full-time deputy coroner combine to make me the candidate ready to hit the road running once I'm elected."

Current Ogle County Coroner Lou Finch will not be seeking reelection. Horner said Thursday that the office under Finch has played "a significant role" in the criminal justice system in the county preserving evidence and finding

causes of death.

"Our office of dedicated and knowledgeable people have worked to develop procedures that work with other aspects of law enforcement," Horner said. "During my five years of service, I have strengthened those relationships, and that's why I have the endorsement of the county's top law enforcement officers, Sheriff Brian Van-Vickle and State's Attorney Mike Rock."

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Sheriff details operations since SAFE-T Act changes took effect Sept. 18

'We're down about 15 inmates, which is fairly significant in a jail of our size'

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OREGON — Since Sept. 18, local law enforcement has been operating under the new standards put in place by the SAFE-T Act criminal justice reform legislation that eliminated cash bail.

An individual's wealth no longer plays a role in whether they are incarcerated while awaiting trial. Judges can still order someone to be detained as they await trial, but the new system is instead be based on an offender's level of risk of reoffending or fleeing prosecution. Illinois is the first state to fully eliminate cash bail. The SAFE-T Act also reformed police training, certification and use-of-force standards, expanded detainee rights, and gave the attorney general's office authority to investigate alleged civil rights violations by law enforcement. It also required body cameras at all police departments by 2025.

Ogle County Sheriff Brian VanVickle said Sept. 28 that his office was prepared for the elimination of cash bail and that it has gone as expected since. For arrests post Sept. 18, charges can be in either must-detain or non-detainable categories. Those in the must-detain category go to jail and usually within 48 hours on business days they'll appear in front of a judge for a detention hearing and the judge will make the ruling on whether they'll remain in jail or not.

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Ribbon cutting ceremony held for Sarah Phelps Community Plaza

'So many people got their hands involved to make it work'

BY GEORGE HOWE

CORRESPONDENT

OREGON — On a warm, sunny picturesque fall Saturday afternoon Sept. 30, the long-anticipated ribbon cutting ceremony took place for the new Sarah Phelps Community Plaza. Government officials, civic leaders and local organizations gathered at the site of the old Harvest Bank Drive-Up located at Fifth

and Washington Streets in Oregon.

The property was originally purchased five years ago and phase one of the project was to create public washrooms and move the John Phelps kitchen from the west end of town from the old Phelps farmstead to the other end of the property. The kitchen building is part of a brick shed that dates back to the 1860s.

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On non-detainable offenses, there's 17 different questions that determine whether an individual can be detained or not.

"So we have to go through a process of determining the answers to those questions and then speaking with the state's attorney's office to get their approval to hold those people on a non-detainable offense," VanVickle said. "So it's complex. There's a lot of leg work that had to be done on the front end, but we've used electronic tools to ease the reporting piece of that. Those 17 questions are all done electronically and forwarded to the state's attorney. We've put a lot of forethought into the process and while it seems tedious, it hasn't really slowed our process."

Arrest warrants issued to prior Sept. 18 are still being treated under the old format, VanVickle said, and those are still handled in the same manner. If cash bail is assigned to them, people can still post bond on them and be released from jail. If they can't post bond, they appear in court in front of a judge.

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LOCAL NEWS PHELPS: Community plaza ribbon cutting held recently in Oregon

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Phelps is given credit for establishing the City of Oregon, where he built a Saw Mill by the Rock River on Pine Creek, and along the way erected the first double log cabin in 1836 and frame house in 1838. According to records, Phelps stated that his wife Sarah was a very exemplary woman, and her kindness of disposition endeared her to many.

A combination of donated funds, including \$7,500 from the Illinois Realtor's Association, grants and ARPA funding totaling approximately \$60,000 helped complete the project that had a price tag of around \$80,000.

The interior of the building has been renovated with a sink and refrigerator that can used by the public for events and special occasions. The new green space in the heart of downtown features a beautiful assortment of flowers, plants and trees. Picnic tables with umbrellas, chess and checker stations and benches will provide a comfortable setting where residents, visitors and families can have lunch or



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gather for an outing.

City Manager Darin DeHaan was the emcee and welcomed and thanked many individuals and organizations including the Lions and Rotary Clubs who volunteered to help assemble the tables and benches. He also explained the process for picking out the foliage.

"We worked with our city tree board and Hagemann Horticulture who are here in town to make sure that we have the right flowers, plants and trees that will provide color and shade while also being able to handle the weather elements", DeHaan said.

John Lindhorst of Oregon Together, a grassroots community planning organization, also shared a vision for the plaza.

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HORNER: Official announcement made

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Horner is also endorsed by Lee County Coroner Jesse Partington, DeKalb County Coroner Dennis Miller, Stephenson County Coroner Todd Welch, Carroll County Coroner Matt Jones and Winnebago County

Coroner Jennifer Muraski.

"Their confidence in me means a lot," Horner said. "I am a sixth generation funeral director. My family and I have served the people of Ogle County at their hour of need since 1861. I am also very proud that I'm the third generation of my family

to serve the people of Ogle County through the coroner's office. Public service and working with people is a hallmark of my business and it is a critical part of the content of my character. I would be honored to be elected by the people of Ogle County and to serve as their coroner."



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Acoupleof dedications also took place. The Rotary of Oregon dedicated a bench marking the 85th year as a club. The Lion's Club named a bench in honor of longtime member and former President Dave Stenger who passed away this past spring.

"We wish to dedicate this bench for all to enjoy and to remember this great man," current Lion's President Lori Peterson said.

Mayor Ken Williams spoke to the crowd about the culmination of this plaza as a result of community efforts.

"We had a vision when we first bought the property of what it could become," Williams said. "This is such a special moment and a rich community event because so many people got their hands involved to make it work. That's why it's called the community plaza."

From page 1 VanVickle was outspoken against the elimination of cash bail and various aspects of the SAFE-TAct, and was involved in the legislation through the Illinois Sheriffs Association and testified before lawmakers

operation changes

JAIL: Sheriff discusses

in Springfield. Among his biggest concerns was those charged with crimes such as battery being back out in the community shortly after being arrested. "We've had people that

have been arrested for aggravated domestic battery in which the victim was choked and they were released from jail," Van-Vickle said. "That was a concern.Allofthe concerns that we've talked about with people not being in jail and being back in the public have happened. That's going to be a concern moving forward. We're 10 days into this. Obviously we have people that have been arrested and have been in front of a judge and have been released and how long is it until they're going to reoffend? That's a concern. What we predicted was going to happen has so far held true. Those people are not being held in jail and they're back out in our community. That has happened in Ogle County already in cases involving battery."

The Ogle County Jail's inmate population is down since the Sept. 18 changes, the sheriff said, which was expected. There are now about 15 less inmates since Sept. 18, which VanVickle called "fairly significant" for a jail of Ogle County's size. That number could continue to decrease, he said.

Inmates arrested prior to Sept. 18 are able to petition the court system to be moved over to the new format, and the sheriff said a number of those filings have been made by inmates in Ogle County. Winnebago County's jail population has seen an increase since Sept. 18, and not all counties have seen the same impacts of the SAFE-T Act changes. Shorter-term jail stints could be seen in Ogle County. "What I think we're going to see more than anything is that while our jail population may go up, it's going to be a higher number of people that are just there for the 48 hours. That's something that we're watching closely because obviously that's a lot of work when you're constantly booking people in and releasing people. That takes a lot of time and manpower to do. That's something that we're definitely monitoring because that's something that I can definitely see happening down the road." The new Ogle County Jail opened in early 2021. VanVickle said the 42,000 square-foot, 154-bed facility potentially seeing less use under the new conditions is "obviously a concern." Ogle County does have contracts with the federal government to house inmates and Van-Vickle said inmates from those contracts could be increasing soon after the numbers have been down in recent years due to COVID-19. "Whilewewon'thaveas many of our own inmates, we should definitely see a potential increase in contracted inmates," Van-Vicklesaid. "But again, the

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Sheriff Brian Van Vickle

pendulum always swings. You look at the population of the jail in the 1980s and 1990s and it fluctuates up and down. It's just a product of society and time and when we did our needs assessment, there was some consideration for the future, but also knowing what's happened in the past. We've seen the fluctuations based off of the past and looking forward with our potential population growth moving forward, that was how the determination was made for those beds. While we don't have the people there today, it was cost effective to build the size jail we did looking forward." The Ogle County Jail is currently run at minimum staffing of three correctional officers and a supervisor. Staffing could only see an increase due to more inmates. Having fewer inmates going forward due to the elimination of cash bail would mean a cost savings to the county with it having to spend less on things like meals, water and sewer. The sheriff said his goal was to make the SAFE-T Act changeover process as "status quo for deputies as possible." They continue to bring people to jail to be processed, whether they'll be released shortly afterwards or not. "To be honest, it's a concern that people are getting in and out of jail on a battery charge before the reports are evendone,"VanVicklesaid. "The deputies are spending a couple of hours finishing up reports and getting evidence processed and these people are already out of jail and on their way home. It's not a surprise. We knew this was going to happen and we tried to explain it to the legislature prior to the new law passing and being implemented. There's not been really many surprises for us. Everything that we said was going to happen has come true."

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> 11:10am & 12:10pm "Take a Seat" and (located in Game Room) Get to Know Chair Yoga with Jennifer Pierce, EdD

LOCAL NEWS Ogle County youth participate in Ag Awareness Days

OREGON — Two hundred eighty-seven Ogle and Carroll County fourth and fifth graders descended upon the Ogle County Fairgrounds on Sept. 7 and 8 to harvest information about modern agriculture and its influences on daily living. Hosted by University of Illinois Extension, Ag Awareness Days '23 took youth on a fast-paced, interactive, guided tour of the science, engineering, and technology that drives today's farm operations.

Students engaged in 30-minute workshops led by a variety of agricultural professionals throughout the experience for opportunities to mingle with livestock; explore different ag careers, chat with a traveling vet; discuss basic biotechnology concepts; learn about different crops: navigate way points, and discuss how much soil it takes to grow crops.

This was the 21st consecutive year for U of I Extension's award-winning Ag Awareness Days program. It is intended that participants will think twice the next time they fry an egg, pass a corn field turned subdivision, put on their leather boots, wrap up in a wool blanket, drink a glass of milk, or eat a bowl of cereal. The Midwest has long been heralded as a top agricultural production site. It is logical that tomorrow's leaders understand how they fit into it.

Many students reported that they most enjoyed hearing firsthand the daily events of a livestock vet, getting up close to a combine, and using a GPS unit to find hidden



"Doctoring the Barnyard" presentation led by Taryn Pfeiffer of Polo Animal Hospital.

Pfeiffer, Polo Animal Hospital; "Ag Careers," led by John Heisner, FCAE; "Cracking Up Over Eggs," led by retired U of I Poultry Specialist Ken Koelkebeck; "Dairy Production," led by Kristi Snodgrass, Oregon; "Bite into Beef," led by Annette and Allisa Martin, Ogle County Beef Association; "Engineering Ethanol" led by CHS staff, Rochelle; "Growing Up Grain"

led by Justin Ebert and Highland Community College Ag Club; "Horses on the Farm" led by Bryan Hollewell and Family; "Weeds and their Needs" led by Extension Educator Kathryn Seebruck; "Magic of Modern Equipment" led by staff from Prairie State Tractor in Dixon; "Water. Pure and Simple" led by Extension Program Coordinator Marian Termini, Extension Educator

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Martha Ebbesmeyer, and Extension Educator Danielle Gapinski; Insect Heroes and Villains" led by Master Gardeners Phil Bratta and Marcia Heuer; "Hydroponics" led by Chelsea Eden and Oregon Ag students; "Harnessing the Wind" led by Extension Educator Johnna Jennings and Orion and Raiden Zimmerman; "Going Whole Hog" led by Deb Ohlwine, Polo and Brady Shank, Sterling FFA student; and "Layers of Land," led by Brian Lindquist, Ogle County Soil and Water.

Participating classrooms represented Chadwick-Milledgeville School, Kings School, Monroe Center Grade School, Oregon Elementary School, and West Carroll Primary School.

MT. MORRIS POLICE DEPARTMENT Resident issued village ordinance citation

MT. MORRIS — On Sept. 18 at approximately 6:45 a.m. Mt. Morris Police were sent to the area of the 10 block of North Wesley Avenue. At that time, Justin W. Coltrain, 43, Mt. Morris, was issued a village ordinance citation for trash/rubbish/junk blocking the sidewalk.

On Sept. 21 at approximately 3 p.m. Mt. Morris Police were sent the area of the 10 block of East Front Street for an ordinance violation. Richard Haan, 81, Mt. Morris, was issued a citation for trash/container violation.

On Sept. 24 at approximately 12:45 p.m. Mt. Morris Police responded to an ordinance violation complaint in the 10 block of North Wesley Avenue. Justin W. Coltrain, 43, Mt. Morris, was issued a village ordinance citation for trash/container violation.

On Sept. 24 at approximately 4:25 p.m. Mt. Morris Police responded to a two-vehicle crash at the intersection of East Hitt Street and North McKendrie Avenue involving a vehicle driven by Megan A. Fuentes, 44, Mt. Morris, and a second vehicle driven by David Gervase, 47, Naperville. Fuentes was issued a citation for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident.

On Sept. 24 at approximately 4:48 p.m. Mt. Morris Police were sent to the 10 block of West Center Street for the report of a disturbance. After an investigation, Ernest J. Munyon, 32, Mt. Morris, was issued a village ordinance citation for disorderly conduct.

On Sept. 27 at approximately 4:35 p.m. Mt. Morris Police were sent to the 10 block of Emily Street for the report of a disturbance. After an investigation, Ernest J. Munyon, 32, Mt. Morris, was issued a village ordinance citation for disorderly conduct.

On Sept. 29 at approximately 9 p.m. Mt. Morris Police located a subject in the 400 block of East Hitt Street that was wanted on an Ogle County warrant. Justin T. Bennett, 30, Mt. Morris, was arrested on an Ogle County warrant for a traffic offense. Bennett was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

On Sept. 29 at approximately 10:20 p.m. Mt. Morris Police responded to the 10 block of East Front Street. Police made contact with Connie S. Kise, 56, Mt. Morris, was arrested on an Ogle County warrant for failure to appear on a false police report case. Kise was transported to the Ogle County Jail where she was held in lieu of bond.

These charges are merely an accusation, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless proven guilty.

Are you looking to make a future plan for you or your loved one with a disability?

coordinates in a scavenger hunt. Students also had fun collecting cool fact cards at each of the workshop stations.

Special thanks to the Ag Awareness Day teaching team for volunteering their time and talents, and in some cases, their critters. Workshops and presenters included: "Harvesting Honey," led by Jeff Ludwig, Byron; "Doctoring the Barnyard," led by Taryn



"Growing Up Grain" presentation by Justin Ebert and Highland Community College Ag Club.



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Obituaries

Frieda Irene Grennan

ROCHELLE—Frieda Irene Grennan, 93, passed away Sunday, October 1, 2023. She was the youngest of five children born to John and Nova (John-

son) Jenkins in a farmhouse near Kings, Illinois. She grew up in Rochelle, Illinois and graduated from Rochelle Township High School. In high school, she worked as a soda jerk at Hayes Drug Store and also at Morgan Dye Company.

Frieda married the love of

her life, Doran Grennan on August 19, 1950 in Rochelle. She worked at the phone company before having children and then later worked 33 and a half years at the Ogle County Courthouse in various jobs including Justice of the Peace, and the Circuit Clerk, Public Defender, and Coroner's offices. She was preceded in death by her husband, Doran, her parents, John and Nova, one brother, Everette, and three sisters: Ruth, Helen, and Bette.

Frieda loved celebrating birthdays and Christmas, and they were always big family events. She loved to sew, knit, and made hundreds of quilts through the years. Everyone



in the family has several of her beloved quilts and it was her favorite hobby. Frieda and Doran enjoyed many trips to Las Vegas, The Grand

Ole Opry, Hawaii, and Palm Springs. When their children were young, they took many road trips including west to the Grand Canvon, Jackson Hole, Wyoming, and a train ride home from California. She loved picnics and boating at the river, and Sunday trips to Ladd for Ripp's Chicken. Her

time spent with her children and grandchildren were her happiest moments.

Frieda is survived by her two children: Jeanne (Jack) Leamanczyk, Jim (Kim) Grennan; four grandchildren: Chad Broderick, Brittany Broderick, Seth (Meggan) Grennan, and Carri (Craig) Tommey; and seven great grandchildren: Alexandra, Sean, Liam, Shea, Finn, Madison, and Archie. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews that were very dear to her heart. Private services will be held in Rochelle, Illinois with private burial. Visit www.ungerhorner.com to sign the online guest book.

William 'Bill' Suneson

OREGON — William "Bill" Suneson, also known as "Senior", age 67, passed away at Pinecrest Terrace on August 31, 2023. He was born on April

10, 1956 in Waupun, WI the son of Theodore J. and Mary E. (Gray) Suneson. He graduated from Oregon High School class of 1974. He then attended Rock Valley College where he earned his Associate's degree in 1977. On June 25, 1977 he married the love of his life, Jean Lundquist and together they built a beautiful life.

He was a man of faith and was a member of the Oregon United Methodist Church. Bill worked for Rockford Morning Star and then moved on to work at E.D. Etnyre for 19 years before working at Endries International for 9 years.

Bill believed in working hard and after working for those companies he worked for G&S and WGS Handman along with his son and also as maintenance for Oregon United Methodist Church. He was musically gifted and enjoyed playing guitar and had a beautiful singing voice singing with the Rockford Barbershoppers and Spirits Harmony.

In his spare time, he enjoyed fishing, cheering on the Green Bay Packers, and was an avid reader. Bill enjoyed

playing the slot machines in town and travelling to Vegas with the boys, earning the nickname "Vegas Bill". But, the most important thing in Bill's life was

his family. There was nothing he loved more than spending time with his wife, children, grandchildren, and dogs.

He is preceded in death by his grandparents, parents, special uncle, William Gray, and brother, Theodore Suneson.

He is survived and missed by his wife of 46 years, Jean of

Oregon; sons William (Sara) Suneson, Jr of Rochelle and Timothy (Kristyn) Suneson of Aurora, CO; sister, Ann (Lorenzo) Gantzer of Erie, CO; grandchildren: Margaret Suneson, Katherine Suneson, Quinn Suneson, Tanner Suneson, and Theodore Suneson; special in-laws Mark and Annette Johnson who were Bill and Jean's traveling partners. dinner companions, and friends; and many nieces and nephews who were all very special to him.

A memorial service was held at the Oregon United Methodist Church at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 16, 2023. Memorials are established for The Alzheimer's Association, Serenity Hospice and Oregon United Methodist Church.

Virgil "Vick" Lloyd **Richardson**

OREGON — Virgil 'Vick' Lloyd Richardson, age 85, passed away in his home with his loving wife of over 67 years by his side holding his hand. Virgil was born on March 21, 1938 in the

family farmhouse in Polo, Illinois. He is the son of Lloyd C Richardson and Helen (Folkers) Richardson. Virgil married his sweetheart Beverly Mumford on November 5, 1955 at St. Paul Lutheran Church, where they have been members ever since.

Virgil was a tradesman

with a strong work ethic. He worked at Coalmasters and Helle's Lumber during his early married life. He then spent many years doing maintenance for the Oregon School District. He also owned his own HVAC & Refrigeration repair business called Richardson Refrigeration.

Vick then spent many years work-



Oregon, IL and Rhonda (Tim) Duffy of Stillman Valley, IL; Grandchildren: Lacynda (Tony) Morris, Tim (Marie) Richardson, April (Mike) Dickey, Chad (Angie) Harrolle, Dustin (Heather)

Harrolle, Tanya (Neil) Cox, Chet Harrolle, Lucas (Tish) Hart, Matthew (Mercedes) Rutherford, Tom (Lindsey) Broadway, Kristen Broadway (Earl Mohame), Clay Duffy, and Connor Duffy. He is also survived by many great grandchildren, and many great great-grandchildren and even a couple on the way!

Virgil and his family were so thankful for all who helped and cared for him, especially Jill Carr (Mercyhealth physical therapy), who became like another daughter, and always made Virgil smile AND sit up straight; the entire amazing Oregon ambulance crew who helped many times and Virgil loved to chat with as they were picking him up; the entire dedicated Serenity Hospice staff who lovingly cared for the entire family, but especially our dear Chloe, who brought a smile and peace every time she entered the home. A special thanks to caregiver Wendy who got one of the last smiles out of Virgil with her silliness. And finally, a heartfelt thanks for Pastor Rasmussen who prayed, read scripture, gave communion, and visited Virgil regularly since he was unable to attend church. All of you were a blessing. A visitation is being held from 10-11 am on Thursday October 5, 2023 at St. Paul Lutheran Church of Oregon, IL, 114 S. Fifth St. A funeral service will follow at 11 am with Pastor Carl Rasmussen officiating and musician Jamey Young. Virgil will be laid to rest at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens in Dixon, IL. Memorial donations can be made to the family to be determined at a later date. To offer an online condolence or plant a tree in Virgil's honor, please visit www.farrellhollandgale.com

Linn W. Weber

BYRON – Linn W. Weber, age 94, passed away at home surrounded by his family on September 25, 2023. He

was born on January 27, 1929 in Rockford the son of William and Margaret (Linn) Weber. He attended Rockford schools and graduated from West High School. Linn married Josephine "Jo" Love on April 19, 1951.

He was a proud veteran who served his country in the United States Army during the Korean War. He worked in sales for Eclipse in Rockford. He was a member of the United Church of Byron.

Linn spent many years raising and racing thoroughbred horses. In his spare time, he enjoyed socializing with his friends and family over a good meal or playing golf. Linn was an active member of the Byron Lion's Club and was a Melvin Jones Fellow Award recipient.



Virgil of Oregon, Morgan (Bill Clift) Hoover of Loveland, CO, and Kyle (Kate) Hoover of Johnstown, CO; 12 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorials are established for the United Church of Byron, the Byron Lion's Club, and Mercyheath Hospice. Please visit www.farrellhollandgale. com for updated service information or to leave an online condolence.



ents, wife, and brother, Robert Weber. He is survived and missed by his children, Richard (Kathleen) Weber of Lanark, David (Deborah) Weber of Winnebago, and Polly (Keven) Hoover of Loveland, CO; grandchildren, Layla (Nate) Atherton of Lanark, Nicole (Jon) Palmer of Winnebago, Amanda (Todd) Jennings of

Linn is preceded in death by his par-

ing as a pipefitter at Quebcor Printing Company in Mt. Morris, IL where he eventually retired from. Virgil then went on to obtain his G.E.D. and realtor license in his 60s!

Virgil was a devoted family man. He loved his wife and was never afraid to show it. Their marriage was a true example of the love and commitment they promised before God. He supported his children in any way he could through the ups and downs of life. He loved watching his grandchildren and great grandchildren grow. He gave tractor rides, taught them how to build things, teased them, and made them each feel special in their own way.

Virgil loved woodworking, westerns, and this country. Most of all, he loved The Lord.

Virgil was welcomed to Heaven by the loving arms of his parents and his three children Tony and Jeff Richardson and Cindy Stocker.

Virgil is survived and missed dearly by his soulmate and wife Beverly, his two daughters Brenda Harrolle of

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Mix Park tree removal and replacement underway

been diagnosed with Oak

Wilt and is also being re-

moved to prevent disease

from spreading to the

remaining oak trees in

tree is already half dead,

and we hope by removing

it now, we can prevent the

disease from spreading. A

priority of the park district

is preventing any damage

to Lorado Taft's "Fish

Brent added, "The oak

the park.

OREGON — Mix Park tree removal and replacement is underway. In late September all existing ash trees were removed by Oregon Park District staff. All trees were infested with Emerald Ash Borer. The ash trees were starting to shoot suckers up from the trunks of the trees, branches were dying off, bark was full of holes created by the Emerald Ash Borer and falling from the trees.

Brent Suter, superintendent of parks and facilities explained the situation, "Unfortunately all the ash trees at Mix Park were hit by the Emerald Ash Borer, and they needed to be removed. With the removal we are replacing the trees with a variety of trees native to Northern Illinois. The species are disease resistant and will provide a variety of fall colors. In addition, we are choosing variety to eliminate being in the same situation in the future. Unfortunately, with the ash borer we lost all of the trees because they were the same species."

In addition, an oak tree located by Lorado Taft's "Fish Boys" fountain has

in a court of law.

Any arrests listed in this paper are

Please note that all police reports

merely charges and the defendants are

presumed innocent unless proven guilty

received from the Oregon Police, Byron



The oak tree was removed this week. Within the next few weeks all stumps will be ground out, grass seeded, and 20 new

trees will be added to the park to replace removed trees and add additional foliage to the park.

Executive Director Erin Folk said, "Under Brent's direction, a plan has been implemented to offer variety in the parks and hopefully prevent disease from spreading to trees in the future. The district is committed to fulfilling our tree replacement needs and will be installing a new tree for every tree removed on park property due to disease or

Mix Park is located at 701 S. 4th Street, Oregon. Park amenities include a shelter, playground, open play area, pickleball courts and "Fish Boys" located in the center.

Report policy

Police, Polo Police, Mt. Morris Police, the Ogle County Sheriff's Department and the Illinois State Police, will be printed without exception.

Requests to omit particular reports will not be considered or honored at any time.



OGLE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Man arrested for aggravated domestic battery

OREGON—On Sept. 27 at 9:30 p.m. deputies with the assistance of the Oregon Police Department were dispatched to Daysville Road and Main Street for a shooting complaint. After a brief investigation, deputies arrested, Corey Stone, 28, of Oregon, for aggravated domestic battery. Stone was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held pending an appearance before a judge.

On Sept. 27 at 7:03 p.m. deputies were dispatched to Lowden State Park (1444 North River Road) for the report of a domestic. After a brief investigation, it was learned that Christopher Zewatski, 47, of Clinton Township, Michigan, was in violation of an order of protection. Zewatski was arrested for violation of order of orotection and was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held pending a court appearance before a judge.

On Sept. 27 at approximately 11:37 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 7,000 block of North Illinois Route 2. Upon investigation, Michelle P.M. Eckhardt, 27, of Franklin Grove, was placed under arrest for driving under the influence of alcohol. Eckhardt was also cited for improper lane usage and illegal transportation of alcoholic liquor as a driver. Eckhardt was transported to the Ogle County Jail, processed and released on a notice to appear. The sheriff's office was assisted by the Byron Police Department.

On Sept. 30 at approximately 8:12 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 2,000 block of South

sponded to the intersection of Marrill Road and Holcomb Road for a report of a possible crash, indicated by an Apple iPhone crash notification. A preliminary investigation by the sheriff's deputies determined that a blue 2007 Chrysler Town and Country van was traveling south on Marrill Road and failed to stop at the posted stop sign. The van continued south on Merrill Road, lost control, and entered the east ditch, where it struck a creek embankment, coming to rest a short distance later. The driver, Matthew Frank, 26, of Byron and passenger, James Collard, 55, of Rockford were pronounced deceased at the scene by the Ogle County Coroner's Office. Deputies were assisted by Oregon Fire, Stillman Fire, and the Ogle County Coroner's Office. The incident remains under investigation.

On Oct. 1 at approximately 1:13 p.m. deputies, along with Stillman EMS, responded to a two-vehicle accident at the intersection of Big Mound Road and White Rock Road. After an investigation, it was learned that Diane Winters, 54, of Kings, entered the intersection, striking an oncoming vehicle. Winters was cited for failure to yield at a stop intersection. Maggio's towing removed all the vehicles from the location. All parties involved refused medical treatment.

On Oct. 1 at approximately 12:05 a.m. deputies initiated a traffic stop on Interstate 39

OREGON POLICE DEPARTMENT Officers investigate two-vehicle crash

Sept. 20

At 4:04 p.m., Oregon Police responded to a two-vehicle traffic crash in the 300 block of Jefferson Street, involving a 2008 Chevrolet driven by Aaron M. Land, 49, Naperville, and a 2016 Ford driven by Aza Dauti, 77, Sterling. No citation issued.

Sept. 25

At 9:06 a.m., Oregon Police investigated a two-vehicle accident in the McDonald's restaurant parking lot, 211 S. 4th St., involving a 2014 Ford driven by Taylar R. Rufer, 19, Oregon, and a parked 2021 Buick belonging to Patrick A. Rahn, 64, Sycamore. No citations were issued.

At 3:30 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Rosalino Santiago, 29, DeKalb, for driving while license suspended. Santiago was also issued citations for operating a vehicle with an expired registration and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. Rosalino was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was processed and released with a notice to appear. These violations occurred in the 200 block of East Washington Street.

At 6:58 p.m., Oregon Police issued Moses J. Gurvindapalli, 25, of

POLO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Bloomington, a citation for speeding 48 miles per hour in a 30 miles per hour zone. This violation occurred in the 600 block of North 4th Street.

Sept. 26

At 10 a.m., Oregon Police issued Imelda Nevarez, 49, Rochelle, a citation for operating a vehicle with a suspended registration for non-insurance. This violation occurred in the 300 block of West Washington Street.

Sept. 27

At 5:09 p.m., Oregon Police responded to a two-vehicle crash in the parking lot of the Dollar General Store, 1050 Pines Road, involving a 2005 Ford driven by Tony C. Spears, 54, Peoria, and a 2010 Toyota driven by Barbara A. Greene, 77, Oregon. No citations were issued.

Sept. 28

On Sept. 28, Brian G. Cash, 60, Oregon, was issued a citation for illegal squealing of tires while leaving a call on Sept. 28 in the 300 block of North 7th Street.

Sept. 29

At 8:47 a.m., Oregon Police issued Theresa A. Carter, 50, Rockford, a citation for operating a vehicle with an expired registration. This violation occurred in the 300 block of West Washington Street.

At 5:04 p.m., Oregon Police issued Mark A. Theurer, 56, Polo, a citation for operation of a vehicle with an expired registration. This violation occurred in the 300 block of Jefferson Street.

Sept. 30

At 1:12 a.m., Oregon Police responded to a one-vehicle traffic crash with damage to property in the 300 block of North 5th Street involving a 2012 Hyundai belonging to Tanya D. Evans, 45, Oregon that had struck a fence and damaged landscaping on property owned by Patsy Mahoney, 84, Oregon. Evans was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol. Evans was also issued a citation for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident. Evans was transported to the Ogle County Jail where she was processed and released.

Four parking citations and 12 verbal warnings were issued during the week of Sept. 25 through Oct. 1

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

Man arrested for criminal trespass to residence

On Sept. 25 at 10:30 p.m. Zackery X. Johnston, 18, Forreston, was arrested for criminal trespass to a residence.

On Sept. 25 at 10:30 p.m. a 17-year-old female juvenile, Polo, was taken into limited custody for criminal trespass to a residence. The 17-yearold female juvenile was released to a parent.

On Sept. 25 at 10:30 p.m. a 17-year-old male juvenile, Polo, was taken

On Sept. 28 at 5:50 an uninsured motor vehicle. Bradshaw was given a notice to appear.

On Sept. 28 at 8:28 p.m. Valerie A. Bartnick, 61, Polo, was cited for

operating a motor vehicle with no proof of insurance. Bartnick was also issued a written notice for operating a motor vehicle with an expired registration and one headlight. Bartnick was given a notice to appear.

On Sept. 30 at 6:40 p.m. Christine R. Doyle, 30, Sterling, was cited for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended registration and operating an uninsured motor vehicle and driving with an expired driver's license less than a year. Doyle was given a notice to appear.

General calls for service for the weeks of Sept. 18-Oct. 1: Citizen Complaints/Assists: 25. Juvenile: 2. Animal Complaints: 2. Disturbance/ Domestics: 5. Fire/Medical Assists: 5. Alarm/ Open Door: 1. Lock Outs: 3. 911 Hang Ups: 1. Traffic Stops: 14. County Assists: 2.





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into limited custody for criminal trespass to a residence. The 17-yearold male juvenile was

released to a parent. p.m. Leslie M. Bradshaw, 45, Polo, was cited for driving with a revoked registration and operating

Illinois Route 2. After a brief investigation, deputies arrested Cristian Manuel Tinoco-Hernandez, 25, of Durango, Mexico, for no driver's license. Tinoco-Hernandez was taken into custody without incident and released on a notice to appear with a return court date set. Tinoco-Hernandez was additionally cited for no splash guards.

On Sept. 30 at about 10:39 a.m. deputies renorthbound at mile marker 105 for a traffic violation. Upon further investigation, deputies arrested a 16-year-old juvenile of Rockford for driving with no valid license. The juvenile was additionally cited for following too closely. The juvenile was released on a notice to appear and transported to the custody of a legal guardian.

All individuals are considered innocent until proven guilty.

PET OF

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or

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LOCAL NEWS Encore! Mt. Morris to host fall art classes

MT. MORRIS — Learning to create original art for your own use and enjoyment or to give as gifts to those you care about is a joy! And think of the new friends you will meet while learning new skills! Encore! Mt. Morris is hosting five art classes this fall, including: Personalized Jewelry Making (Oct. 17, 6-8 p.m.), The Art of Drawing with Colored Pencils (Oct. 24 and Nov. 1, 6-8 p.m.; two-session class), Penny Rugs: A Traditional American Folk Art (Nov. 6, 6-8 p.m.), Scherenschnitte-The Art of Paper Cutting (Nov. 9, 6-8 p.m.), The Art of Wheat Weaving (Nov. 13, 6-8 p.m.)

For course details (descriptions, fees, instructors, Mt. Morris locations) and to

register for one or more of the classes, go to the Encore! Mt. Morris web site (encoremtmorris.com) and click on the "Art Classes" button. All supplies are included in the course fees. Classes are held either in the Old Sandstone Gallery, 122 S. Wesley Ave., Mt. Morris or the Mt. Morris Senior and Community Center, 9 Front St. Contact Molly Baker at mollyb@ encoremtmorris.com if you have any questions or need help registering online.

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

Pegasus Special Riders 'Mane' Event is Nov. 4

MT.MORRIS—Pegasus Special Riders will host its annual "Mane" Event to raise support for its riders on Saturday, Nov. 4 at White Pines Lodge, 6172 W. Pines Road, Mt. Morris.

Entertainment will be provided by the Greenfield Station Band. Tickets are \$75 per person. There will be a silent auction and cocktails starting at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m. and alive auction starting at 7:30 p.m.

For ticket purchases, call 815-973-3177 or email

admin@pegasusspecialriders.org.

Pegasus Special Riders is a nonprofit organization in Oregon that provides equestrian therapy for individuals with physical, emotional, and cognitive disabilities — a crucial service forOgleCounty and surrounding communities. It reopened our doors in May2023 following a threeyear shut down (two-year COVID-19 shut down, followed by a one-year delay due to the destruction of its riding facility during a storm in March of 2022). This summer, it supported our clients in its outdoor arena, but construction is now complete on a new building and riding arena. Next season, it will be able to hold events rain or shine.

The cost of rebuilding exceeded the insurance funding. Thus, the annual fundraising event is crucial to sustained operations. Following a three-year pause, the annual fundraiser is being resumed.

Protect Illinois Communities Act endorsement affidavit now available

SPRINGFIELD – People can now submit an endorsement affidavit online for assault weapons, assault weapon attachments, .50 caliber rifles, and .50 caliber cartridges. On Jan. 10, 2023, Gov. JB Pritzker signed into law Public Act 102-1116, the Protect Illinois Communities Act, regulating the sale and distribution of these items in Illinois, along with large capacity ammunition feeding devices.

The act went into effect immediately upon signing. Individuals who possessed assault weapons, assault weapon attachments, .50 caliber rifles, and .50 caliber cartridges before the Act took effect are required to submit an endorsement affidavit through their Firearm Owner's Identification (FOID) Card account prior to Jan. 1, 2024. Large-capacity ammunition feeding devices are regulated, but do not require and endorsement affidavit.

As of Oct. 1, 2023, individuals are able to submit their endorsement affidavits online. Affidavits must be submitted online through a FOID Card account. Individuals can access their FOID Card account from the ISP Firearms Services Bureau website, or going directly to www.ispfsb.com/ Public/Login.aspx. If you have forgotten your username or password, links on the login page will help you recover or reset your information. The same Firearms Service Bureau links can be used to create an account for those who do not have one. You will need an email address, and driver's license or State ID to create an account. A tutorial video on how to create an account can be found on the ISP FOID webpage under Application Help. A tutorial video on how to submit an endorsement affidavit through your FOID account is also available on the ISP website and can be found on the Protect Illinois Communities Act, Regulation on Assault Weapons page. Individuals who need help submitting an endorsement affidavit can refer to the FAQ page or visit one of the ISP FOID Kiosks, both of which can be found on the ISP website at https://isp.illinois.gov/ Home/AssaultWeapons. Do not bring your weapon, ammunition, or accessories if you visit a Kiosk.





Blanche Jones Charitable Trust donates to library, senior center

POLO-The Blanche Jones Charitable Trust recently donated \$16,000 each to the Polo Senior Center and the Polo Library. Shown is Trustee Advisor Paula Faivre presenting checks to Polo Senior Center Director Kathy Wragg and Polo Library Director Marie Monaco.

The Blanche Jones Charitable Trust was created by Blanche Jones in 2002 to be used for charitable purposes upon her death. Blanche personally picked the Trustee Advisors: Perry Byers, Mike Davis and Faivre. Blanche also listed the priorities of the trust to be the Polo Area Senior Center and the Polo Library. The trust began distributing funds in 2007.

As of 2023, The Blanche Jones Charitable Trust has donated \$256,075 to the library and \$287,419 to the senior center.



County recycling event is Oct. 14

OREGON — The Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department (OCSWMD) will be hosting a residential electronics recycling, aerosol can recycling, document shredding event, and food drive on Saturday, Oct. 14 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 for the recycling of electronics. To obtain a free permit call 815-732-4020 or email solidwaste@oglecountyil. gov and provide your name, address, phone number and email address by 4 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 13. No permit is needed, identification only, is required for document shredding and aerosol can recycling.

For questions about accepted electronics items call the OCSWMD. 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.

Aerosol cans, small 14-16-ounce propane cylinders, and small butane cylinders will also be accepted by Flatcan Recycling. There is no cost for up to 10 containers. Most aerosol spray products will be accepted for recycling. Flatcan Recycling will also accept alkaline batteries for recycling for \$4 per pound and one child car seat at no charge. Additional child car seats will be \$20 per seat.

Secure, on-site document shredding will be conducted by Freeport

Recycling's Shred-Beast truck 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-Beast truck and staff.

Also, in conjunction with this event, we are again this year hosting a food drive. All donations will be distributed by OCSWMD to local food pantries across Ogle County. Items accepted include non-expired can goods and jars of food, boxed food items, as well as household essentials such as sealed toothpaste, soap, cleaning supplies, laundry supplies, paper towels and toilet paper.

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

Highland Community College sees doubledigit percentage enrollment increase

FREEPORT — Highland Community College, home of the Cougars, welcomed a dramatic double-digit percentage increase in students attending classes this fall, with holistic growth across populations.

Highland Community College's new and continuing student body of 1,369 is 15.6 percent larger than it was last year. Cougars are enrolled in 12,417 credit hours, also a significant increase of 9.4 percent over 2022. These totals reflect the institution's official 10-day count report figures, captured as of early September.

"With close to 200 more students enrolled in a thousand-plus additional credit hours over last fall, HCC's campus has been abuzz with life," President Chris Kuberski said. "It is truly thrilling to see our Cougars participating at unprecedented levels in student activities, and our classrooms full of engaged learners."

The majority of this fall's enrollment growth is among female and part-time students. However, more Cougars across a variety of backgrounds and pathways chose to start or continue at Highland this fall, with increases in all age groups. 61 percent of Cougars are first in their families to attend college.

Student increases were also consistent across white, black and all additional race/ethnicity categories. Beyond serving as an open-door institution to the largely rural communities spread across a 1,640-square-mile swath of northwest Illinois, HCC is home to international students from 13 countries.

Enrollment growth of 1,070 credit hours in new and high-demand programs reflects the interests of HCC's traditional and nontraditional Cougars alike including nearly 400 high school students earning dual credit, participating in College Now programs or otherwise pursuing courses at the college level.

The most drastic shift in enrollment was a triple-digit leap of 115 percent in Early Childhood Education, followed by a 50-percent jump in Business courses. Additional academic areas seeing roughly 20-30 percent credit-hour increases include Criminal Justice Economics, Humanities, Sociology and Physical Education.

Highland kicked off this academic year with a handful of new programs — a Cannabis Studies certificate in Agriculture, Marketing and Small Business Management/Entrepreneurship certificates and associate's degrees in Business, and emphasis areas toward Mathematics Education or Science Education degrees.

For more information on Highland's new programs, visit highland.edu/academics. Spring enrollment opens on Oct. 23. Students can schedule an appointment with HCC advising by calling 815-599-3573.

COMMUNITY CALENDA

Oct. 18

is a fun and diverse church with a heart for mission! a variety of hand-crafted items, including Christmas ornaments and decorations, candles, wreaths, quilts, dolls, baskets, birdhouses and much more! Along with handcrafted items, home based businesses will be selling their items such as Avon, Color Street, Pampered Chef and more! Admission is free and reservations are not required to attend the event. The Jarrett Prairie Center is accessible to the physically challenged. There will be an affordable concession stand open all day. A cash bar serving wine and mimosas will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. If would like more information, please call 815-234-8535 ext. 224.

Basics of Medicare Byron: An educational and informational presentation on the Medicare insurance program will be presented for the community at 6-7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 18 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 Endowment Committee of The United Church of Byron as a community service. The United Church of Byron

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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.

Nov. 4

The Byron Forest Preserve's 32nd Annual Holiday Gift Sale features many unique items. The event takes place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 4 at the Jarrett Prairie Center, 7993 N. River Road, Byron. With over 35 vendors, the show features exhibitors who offer



VIEWPOINT

"Congress shall make no law. . . abridging the freedom of speech or of the press" Published every Monday Mike Feltes, General Manager Jeff Helfrich, Managing Editor

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Court actors must implement SAFE-T Act for crime survivors

N mid-September, Illinois will move one step further in the pursuit of justice by exchanging risk for wealth as

a determinant of safety when making pretrial release decisions. As someone with

25 years of experience as an advocate for = survivors, most

spent working in our federal criminal legal system that has long operated without money bail, I know riskbased decision making can keep survivors of gender-based violence and the public safe.

Since the Pretrial Fairness Act was passed in 2021, opponents have used fearmongering and misinformation to derail its success. Over recent months, it has become clear that some public officials are still not ready for this new system, nor are they doing enough to prepare for these changes.

We routinely saw survivors used as pawns during the political debate over this bill, and sadly that continues. Misinformation continues to come from state's attorneys themselves or their allies in law enforcement who oppose the law. In a recent story published by WGLT, McLean County State's Attorney Erika Reynolds falsely claimed that some people charged with domestic violence couldn't be jailed under the new law. In fact, all people charged with domestic violence, both as a misdemeanor or felony, can be held in jail pretrial when there are public safety concerns. No one charged with an offense of domestic violence will be released without a hearing. Notice to survivors, along with an offer to petition for a domestic violence order of protection, is required before an initial hearing. These are all powers given to states' attorneys to keep survivors safe and informed of all their options at each stage of their case. The Pretrial Fairness Act will be implemented Sept. 18 after years of advocacy by organizations combatting gender-based violence. Our community specifically drafted provisions in the law to require notice from states' attorneys' offices to victims ahead of the initial hearings, when that hearing was previously exempted from the list of hearings requiring victim notification by states attorneys. We also drafted language to ensure offenses like sex crimes, trafficking and domestic

violence are on the list of offenses that require police, prosecutors and judges to take extra time with these cases. With more

 time, survivor safety will be at the forefront of every decision, rather than having cases moved as quickly as possible. We also worked to

ensure that all states' attorneys must file a petition to detain a defendant for any violation of protective order, knowing the potential lethality and safety issues at play when a protective order is violated. These are the critical provisions that, coupled with the end of wealth-based incarceration, will create a more survivor-centered pretrial system.

The time has come to ensure our court actors understand the law and will fully implement this law to protect survivors. Any failure to implement including notice to survivors of initial hearings, provision of a protective order when requested, or completion of a risk assessment when needed — will put individual survivors and communities at greater risk for repeated harm. By reducing pretrial jailing for most offenses, court actors can finally turn their attention to where it should be: on higher level offenses like domestic violence and sexual assault that affect public safety and survivors. When our elected officials and law enforcement perpetuate misinformation about the law, they put survivors at risk by misstating their rights under this new system. Survivors deserve to know how exactly their county state's attorney and local law enforcement will enforce the new law, and ensure it upholds public safety for all people. It is imperative we set aside political differences and implement the law correctly so all survivors across Illinois can get the rights and opportunities afforded to them under the SAFE-T Act. Illinois should be proud to be the first state in the country to abolish money bail, and center survivor-centered practices into its pretrial system. We call on states' attorneys and law enforcement to join us to prepare our communities and survivors for this new and improved system.

Net farm income expectations drop

U SDA'S most recent Farm Sector Income Forecast dropped net farm income expectations for 2023 lower than initial February estimates to \$141.3 billion, down

23% from 2022's \$183 billion. This \$41.7 billion decline nearly erases the \$42.9 billion increase that was forecast between 2021 and 2022 but is smaller than the \$46 billion gain between 2020 and 2021 following the COVID-19 pandemic. When adjusted for inflation, net farm income, a broad measure of farm profitability, is expected to decrease \$48 billion (25.4%) in 2023. The forecast also shows farm and ranch production expenses continuing to increase, rising by \$29.5 billion (7%) in 2023 to \$458 billion, following a record increase of \$56 billion in 2022.

Direct government payments are estimated to decrease by \$3 billion, or 19%, between 2021 and 2022 to \$12.6 billion. This marks the third consecutive decrease in government payments for producers since the peak of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020 but is higher than the \$10.2 billion in payments forecasted in February. The decrease corresponds to near total reductions in both USDA pandemic assistance, which included payments from the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program and other pandemic assistance to producers, and non-USDA pandemic assistance programs, such as the Small Business Administration's Paycheck Protection Program.

Commodity insurance indemnities were adjusted down slightly for 2023 for an expected \$21.85 billion. This a 9%, or \$1.79 billion, increase over 2022's \$20.06 billion, marking the highest payout of indemnities since the data series began in 2005. This increase is likely the result of increased crop insurance enrollment by those who received a Wildfire and Hurricane Indemnity Program-Plus or ERP payment and are required to purchase crop insurance or Noninsured Crop **Disaster Assistance Program** coverage (when crop insurance is not available) for the next two available crop years. The largest decrease in net farm income is tied to a projected fall in cash receipts from livestock due to lower prices for all major categories except cattle and turkeys. The value of livestock production (in nominal dollars) is expected to decrease nearly 5%, or \$11.9 billion, in 2023. This is a slightly smaller drop than forecasted in January when a 6%, or \$14.7 billion, decline was estimated. Chicken eggs, broilers and milk are responsible for the largest percentage decreases, with cash receipts for chicken eggs projected to slip by \$6.26 billion or 32%. Highly pathogenic avian influenza has affected nearly 59 million birds in commercial and backyard flocks in the U.S., including over 43 million egg layers, pressuring supplies and pushing up prices. As the flock continues to recover, egg production increases and consumer demand fundamentals recalibrate prices lower. A similar dynamic has resulted in a \$6.52 billion, or 13%, drop in expected cash receipts for broilers. Milk receipts are expected to decline nearly \$12 billion (21%) as milk prices have faltered throughout the year.

Cash receipts for cattle and calves are estimated to increase

by \$15 billion or 18%. Tighter cattle supplies have pulled both cash and futures prices higher, leading to continued growth in cash receipts. Notably, weather conditions continue to be a problem for cattle operations. Excessive heat in

the Southwest and along the Gulf Coast has contributed to the direct deaths of livestock associated with heat exposure as well as forced liquidations and early calf weaning due to forage problems. These conditions only push cattle prices up further.

Cash receipts for hogs are estimated to decline by 10% or \$3 billion. It is important to note that hog farmers have experienced considerable losses in 2023. Losses for farrow-to-finish farms in Iowa were estimated to be \$18.81 per head in June, the eighth consecutive month of losses in these operations. Lower hog prices have been the main cause for negative returns but prices have recovered and provided farmers with better profitability in July.

On the crops side, receipts for major row crops like corn, soybeans, cotton and wheat are expected to decline while receipts for vegetables, melons and hay are expected to increase. Receipts for corn are expected to fall by 10% (\$8.4 billion), while soybeans are expected to be down 8.6% (\$5.4 billion). Both commodities have faced declining prices since their peaks in 2022. Cotton receipts are expected to fall 27% from \$7.5 billion to \$5.4 billion. Wheat is expected to be down \$420 million to just over \$13 billion. Fruits and nuts are expected to hover close to \$26 billion in receipts, while vegetables and melons are poised to rise from \$22.4 billion to \$25.9 billion (+27%). Hay receipts are expected to increase for the fourth consecutive year as livestock producers continue to recover from drought-impacted low-quality forage in the central part of the nation. As always, weather and climate conditions will have strong impacts on the true outcome of this year's price outlook. Global political factors continue to cast a shadow on commodity markets. Flare-ups in the Russia-Ukraine conflict could affect farm-level prices. High production out of competing suppliers to our south, such as Brazil and Argentina, further contribute to price volatility. On the cost side, production expenses, including operator dwelling expenses, are forecast to increase for a sixth consecutive year, growing in 2023 by \$29.5 billion, or 7%, to reach a record \$458 billion. And while it's little consolation, some major input items such as cumulative fertilizers and fuels and oil are expected to decline from record highs. Fertilizers, lime and soil conditioners are expected to decrease \$420 million, or 1%, from \$36.85 billion to \$36.43 billion. Fuels and oils are expected to experience the largest percent decline – 13% – from 2022, moving from \$18.46 billion to \$16.07 billion. These drops, however, are easily outpaced by increases in other expense categories including

marketing, storage and transportation, which are forecast to increase 5%. Feed costs, which represent the largest single expense category, are expected to increase \$2.71 billion to \$86.37 billion (+3%). Labor costs are expected up across all subcategories with cash labor forecast to move from \$41.16 billion to \$43.35 billion (+5%). Heightened periods of inflation have pressured interest expenses. Between 2022 and 2023, interest expenses, including operator dwellings, are expected to jump 38%, going from \$24 billion to \$33.28 billion, making it more difficult for farmers and ranchers to acquire lines of credit to purchase inputs and equipment this year. Livestock, seed, electricity, and repair and maintenance are among the other categories expected to increase in price.

USDA's Farm Sector Income Forecast also provides expectations of farm financial indicators that can give insight into the overall financial health of the farm economy. During 2023, U.S. farm sector debt is projected to increase \$24 billion, or 5%, to a record \$520 billion in nominal terms. Nearly 70% of farm debt is in the form of real estate debt, for the land to grow crops and raise livestock. Real estate debt is projected to increase \$19.6 billion to a record-high \$354 billion, largely due to an increase in land values across the country. Non-real estate debt, or debt for purchases of things like equipment, machinery, feed and livestock, is projected to increase by \$4.5 billion to a record \$165.7 billion.

Based on 2023 debt and asset levels, USDA expects the debtto-asset ratio to be 12.72% for 2023, which sits marginally below the prior five-year average (13.5%), meaning farmers are borrowing slightly less to finance the purchase of assets. Higher interest rates will likely act as a barrier for farmers to finance new assets moving forward. Another metric that highlights the concern about farmer profitability in 2022 is the rate of return on assets. For 2023, the rate of return on assets is projected at 9.1%. This is a drop from 2021 and 2022 when returns were up over 12.5% but remains above returns experienced between 2014 and 2020. Compared to 2021 and 2022, farmers and ranchers are seeing smaller revenues or returns for the investments made in the cost of production and in assets used to produce a farm product. For 2023, USDA anticipates a 23% decrease in net farm income, moving from \$183 billion in 2022 to \$141 billion in 2023. Much of the forecasted decline in 2023 net farm income is tied to lower crop and livestock cash receipts, continued increases in production costs and a decrease in ad hoc government support. At the very least, these estimates show the relationship between, on average, falling commodity prices and rising production costs and the ultimate impact on farmers' bottom lines. "A billion here, a billion there, and pretty soon you're talking about real money." -Everett Dirksen



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Amanda Pyron is executive director of The Network, an anti-gender-based-violence organization in Chicago that helped draft and pass the Pretrial Fairness Act. Ron Kern is the manager of the Ogle County Farm Bureau.

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Criticism of individuals or organizations that is not broached tactfully will jeopardize the publication of a letter. Letters will be published in the order that they are received, unless there is a time factor involved, space permitting.



OES names September 2023 Students of the Month

Oregon Elementary School recently recognized the following students as September Students of the Month: Mia Burns-Flaharty, Claire Raper, Adeline Nolasco, Adleigh Wehmhoefer, Esther Skoumal, Laurel Guinn, Cohen Smith, Jameson McCleary, Sawyer Menges-Olson, Paisley Plock, Brielynn Grote, Kairi Comins, Jonas Kalnins, Morgan Baatz, Landon Rasner, Sofia Quintana, Joey Nesemeier, Charles Key, Lauren Laurent, Kiley Foster, Sebastian Murphy, Henry Nobis, Christopher Antczak, Andrew Stumpenhorst, Hattie Johnson, Wesly Garnett, Adalia Warren, Mike Lewis, Mackenzie Manees, Shelby Harbaugh, Lexi Sarver, Harper Johnson, Tanner Smice, Anthony Nava-Hernandez, Jackson Drozd, Brittany Plescia, Kinley Carlson, Rashaun Mctizic, Dakota Nelson and Matty Emmons.

KSB Hospital Foundation Flu Shot Clinic dates set for Oct. 12, 13

OREGON —KSB Hospital Foundation Drive Thru Flu Shot Clinics will be held in Oregon (Oct. 12) and Mt. Morris (Oct. 13) this month.

The flu shot clinic is free. No appointment is necessary and no insurance information is needed. The events are for ages nine and up. While supplies last.

The Oregon event is at the KSB Oregon Clinic main entrance at 1307 W. Washington St. on Oct. 12 from 1-3 p.m.

The Mt. Morris event is at Allure of Pinecrest's main entrance at 414 S. Wesley Ave. from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Oct. 13.

Download your consent form at www.ksbhospital. com/flu-clinic

No high-dose vaccines are available at the clinics. Please contact your primary care provider for high-dose vaccines. High-dose flu vaccines are preferentially recommended by the CDC for people 65 years and older, and may be more effective for this age group.

In particular, data indicates that patients older than 72 or with respiratory conditions may benefit from high-dose flu vaccine. KSB recommends that patients 65 and older talk to their provider about their flu vaccine.

Puzzle Palooza is Nov. 4 at Cork & Tap

OREGON — Grab your team of four people and get ready to compete against other teams to see who can complete the same 500-piece puzzle the fastest within a two-hour time frame. Space is limited so sign up and join in the fun on Nov. 4 from 6:30-10 p.m. at Cork & Tap!

Rules & regulations:

Contestants will be assigned their table at check in, the puzzle will be in a bag on each table, and all contestants will open their bags at the same time.

Hands only! The use of any puzzle tools, cutting devices, flashlights or phones is grounds for disqualification. (Puzzle sorting containers will be allowed, but will not be provided)

Judges will be monitoring the area and watching as teams get close to finishing. When your team is close to finishing, raise your hand and a judge will come to your table to watch you finish and record your time. If a judge is unable to get to your table when you finish, please record your own time on the timecard provided at your table.

Winners will be announced immediately following the competition.

Cash-only tickets are \$20 per person and include one beverage from the bar. Tickets can be purchased at Cork & Tap.

Puzzle Palooza is Sponsored by P.E.O., a philanthropic organization where women celebrate the advancement of women; educate women through scholarships, grants, awards, loans and stewardship of Cottey College and motivate women to achieve their highest aspirations.





Byron Hairy Cow Farmer's Market thanks vendors for 2023 season

The Byron Hairy Cow Farmer's Market would like to thank all of its vendors and customers for a very successful 2023 season. Oct. 7 was the last market for the season. For more information or to become a vendor, please contact Taryn Bradley at (815)985-6042, by email at craftlab23@gmail.com or through the Byron Hairy Cow Farmer's Market Facebook page.

September From the Heart winners announced

September 2023 From The Heart Calendar Winners

Sept. 1 - Rochelle Area Community Foundation,

Sept. 2 - Emily Lopez-Perez, Rochelle, \$25

Sept. 3 - Mandi Morris, Rochelle, \$50 Sept. 4 - Brittany Olszewski, Rochelle, \$1,000

Sept. 5 - Ben Heck, Chana, \$25

Sept. 6 - Mariah Wyrobek, Rochelle, \$25

Sept. 7 - Linda Schreiber, Leaf River, \$25

Sept. 8 - Jason Burdin, Rochelle, \$25 Sept. 9 - Zekelman Employee, Rochelle, \$25

Sept. 10 - Rochelle Area Community Foundation, \$50

Sept. 11 - Alexis Barbosa, Newark, \$25 Sept. 12 - Rochelle Area Community Foundation, \$25

Sept. 13 - Zekelman Employee, Rochelle, \$25

Sept. 14 - Rochelle Area Community Foundation, \$25

Sept. 15 - Katherine Slattengren, Rochelle, \$25 Sept. 16 - David Bills, Port Byron, \$25 Sept. 17 - Norna Seaworth, Lindenwood, \$50

Sept. 18 - Therese Fenwick, Winchester, VA, \$25

Sept. 19 - Elizabeth Bontz, Amboy, \$25

Sept. 20 - Rochelle Area Community Foundation, \$25

Sept. 21 - The Kitchen Table, Rochelle, \$25

Sept. 22 - Teresa Schlesinger, Compton, \$25

Sept. 23 - Mark - Meyers Furniture, Rochelle, \$25

Sept. 24-Thelma Geske, Steward, \$50 Sept. 25 - Brenda Bickerman, Mc-Nabb, \$25

Sept. 26 - Dave Pest, Rochelle, \$25

Sept. 27 - Steve Howell, Dixon, \$25 Sept. 28 – Jodi Jacobs, Panama City,

Fla., \$25 Sept. 29 – Juan Martinez, Rochelle,

\$25

Sept. 30 – Hope of Ogle County, Rochelle, \$25

Checks to winners will be mailed out at the end of each month.

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MCUSD earns Great Place to Work Certification for 2nd consecutive year

STILLMAN VALLEY — Meridian Community Unit School District 223 is thrilled to announce that it has again earned the prestigious Great Place to Work Certification for the second consecutive year.

This achievement underscores the dedication and commitment of our exceptional staff and highlights our unwavering pursuit of excellence in education. Great Place to Work Certification is a testament to the positive and collaborative work environment that Meridian CUSD 223 has cultivated, reflecting our core values, mission, and vision. This recognition affirms our commitment to fostering a supportive atmosphere where students can thrive, and staff members can excel.

The certification is based on comprehensive surveys and assessments that gauge employee satisfaction, engagement, and the overall workplace experience. Meridian CUSD 223 not only met but exceeded the stringent criteria required for this prestigious certification, making it a true testament to the district's ongoing commitment to its staff and the communities it serves.

Dr. Caposey expressed his gratitude for the hard work and dedication of the district's staff, stating, "Earning the Great Place to Work Certification for the second year in a row is a remarkable achievement. It is a testament to the extraordinary dedication and professionalism of our staff members who work tirelessly to provide the best possible education for our students."

Caposey continued, "Our district's vision statement, 'Small Town Values With World Class Results,' reflects our commitment to maintaining the values that make our community special while also striving for excellence that is truly world-class. This certification demonstrates that we are on the right path."

Dr. Mullikin added, "I believe that our job is to provide the best environment for kids to become the best version of themselves, whatever that may be, and to be as successful as possible. This distinction indicates that we are creating and growing a culture and environment to be able to do that. While we have work to do, this is an affirmation that we're moving forward."

Meridian CUSD 223 takes immense pride in its mission to provide a supportive and enriching environment for both students and staff. This recognition reaffirms the district's commitment to continually improving and ensuring that it remains a great place to learn and work.

The district would like to extend its appreciation to all staff members for their dedication, hard work, and unwavering commitment to the students and community. This achievement would not have been possible without their continued efforts. Quite simply, this amazing district is what it is because of every single person who walks into the doors, onto buses, on mowers, in cafeterias, or in classrooms.

Meridian CUSD 223 looks forward to continuing its tradition of excellence in education and maintaining its status as a Great Place to Work for many years to come.

For more information about Meridian CUSD 223, please visit www.meridian223.org



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2 Oregon girls golfers advance to sectionals

Oregon High School recently congratulated golfers Sarah Eckardt (fifth place) and Aniyah Sarver (ninth place) for advancing out of the Byron Regional to qualify for the Sectional Golf Meet in Lake Carroll.

Oregon football defeats Stillman Valley 28-7

'Our mission coming in was physical domination'

BY ANDY COLBERT

CORRESPONDENT

STILLMAN VALLEY -With 13 wins in its last 14 games against Oregon, a former rivalry had turned into complete domination by Stillman Valley. That changed Friday night as a vastly-improved Hawk program became the dominators in a 28-7 win, its first over the Cardinals since 2014, which coincidentally was the final year Oregon made the playoffs.

You can tell they are coming on," SV Hall of Fame Coach Mike Lalor said. "They're strong and tough up front. They handled us inside and we couldn't get outside. There weren't many options."

How dominating was Oregon's performance?

Stillman Valley was held to 22 yards of total offense in the first half. It did not have any gains longer than six yards until 1:46 remained in the third quarter when back-up quarterback Ryan Rueff connected with Noah Latham on a 59-yard pass play, which led to a nine-yard touchdown catch by Jacob Rhodes.

Those two plays were the only significant offense, as the run-heavy Cardinals were held to 42 yards rushing on 26 carries. Meanwhile, Oregon finished with an efficient mix of 100 yards on the ground and 150 in the air.

"Our passing spread them out and opened up the middle," receiver Austin Egyed, who opened up the game for Oregon with two straight receptions on professional-grade routes, said.

Then it was the Logan Weems attack on the ground, as he rambled through the Cardinal defense to set up Oregon's first touchdown. From seven yards out, Jack Washburn hit 6-foot-5, 245-pound tight end Josh Crandall for the 7-0 lead.

"When they stacked the box to stop the run, it opened up the pass," lineman Briggs Sellers said.

It was the Washburn-Crandall combination that got Oregon rolling on its next possession. On third-and-11, Crandall broke up the middle for a 46-yard catch. Three plays later, it was Weems scoring from 11 yards out for the 14-0 lead.

"Our mission coming in was physical domination. We were locked in all week on defense," Sellers said.

That was evident as Hawk lineman Seth Rote broke into the backfield and stopped John DeKlerk for no gain on a fourthand-two at midfield. Taking over at the 50. Washburn completed passes to Egyed and Hunter Bartel to make it seven-for-seven passing. In one of the only mistakes of the game, Crandall was penalized for a late hit to stall the drive.

A few plays later he made up for that by stringing out Keenan McDevitt for a nine-vard loss on a jet sweep, with Ouentin Berry joining Crandall in the pursuit. Coming out of the second half, it was Egyed doing the same thing for a five-yard loss to force a SV three-and-out.

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804 Jackson Street, Oregon \$275,000 Call Casey

Step into a completely updated home that boasts a fully renovated kitchen (2021), updated bedrooms (2022, bathrooms (2023), basement (2023), 90% of the home has new plumbing (2023), met water hote (2023), new water heater (2022), water softener connected to laundry and drinking water (2023), new back porch and cover (2023), new exterior ann interior doors, and new deck (2022). All appliances stay! Plenty of room for entertaining in the open concept kitchen and living room as well as bonus space in the completely updated basement. This completely updated 4 bedroom home is ready for its next owners!

736 E. Third Street, Dixon \$189,900 Call JD

Welcome to this stunning two-story home filled with character and modern finishes. This beautiful residence boasts 3 bedrooms, 1.5 bathrooms, and a two-car detached garage. The full walkout basemen offers additional space and possibilities. Enjoy the convenience of a fenced-in backyard, providing privacy and outdoor enjoyment, while multiple fireplaces throughout the home add warmth and charm. Don't miss the opportunity to make this property your own!

403 Birch Lane, Dixon NOW \$229,900 **Call Taylor**

Previous buyer submitted an offer site unseen and got cold feet. Welcome to 403 Birch Lane located just outside of Dixon. This home is nestled in the gated Lost Lake communi with a sturning view of the 88 acre lake. This community also includes access to ternia/ basketball courts as well as an 18 hole ogli Course. This home features 3 bedrooms and 2 1/2 bathrooms. Both full bathrooms are freshly updated with tile tub and shower surrounds. The large backyard boasts a fenced in patio area with an in-ground pool and pool shed that includes a bathroom. The in-ground pool features a deep end of 9 feet and a newer liner. Enjoy your morning coffee out on the front porch as you watch the beautiful surrise over the lake. This home includes the convenience of first floor laundry with a newer washer. The full basement has been completely waterproofed with a transferable warranty from Dry Otter Waterproofing. Don't miss the opportunity to make this elegant home yours, call today!

407 N. Division Avenue, Polo \$80,000 Call Rebecca

DUPLEX! Double the income at this duplex located near downtown Polo One side is currently vacant and can easily be shown with 2 bedrooms, I bathroom and laundry hooks up in the upstairs of unit. The other side is currently rented and has 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms and laundry in unit. Each tenant pays gas and electric, mows their portion of the yard and does their own snow removal. Landlord pays sever and water bill. There is also a detached garage that gives each tenant one stall for additional storage. If you are looking for a great investment, call for a showing today! DUPLEX! D showing today



320 Vermillion Lane, Dixon \$8,000 Call Lori

2 adjoining lots for sale are great for the construction of a single family residence. Located on the corner of Vermillion and Mississippi. This development has fantastic appeal to the nature enthusiasts looking for a serene setting. You will find a lake, beaches, playgrounds and a club house within the community. Nearby are state parks, state forests, fishing, hiking Nachusa Grasslands with a herd of bison, and the Rock River. Great place for your permanent residence or your weekend



000 S. Maple Avenue, Byron \$45,000 Call Jenn

BYRON SCHOOLSI Buildable .34 acre tot in the city of Byron. Walkin distance to schools, athletic fields, parks and downtown. This beaut lot already has a garden shed towards the back of the property. City water and sewer. Build your dream home here!



118 S. Main Street, Leaf River \$75,000 Call Boone

ntroducing the perfect opportunity to own a prime 1600 sq ft commercial property in the neart of downtown Leaf River. Located at 118 Main St, this timeless brick building offers an Introducing the perfect opportu ideal location for any business looking to establish its presence in this bustling community With a spacious frontage, large windows that allow for natural light to flood in, attached 2 car garage, and a highly visible location right on Main St, this property provides excellent exposure and endless potential. The interior offers plenty of versatile space to customize o your specific needs, with high ceilings, and an open floor plan providing plenty of room for creative modifications. This building is zoned for commercial use, making it an excellen option for a wide range of businesses such as offices, retail shops, cafes, and much more Join the ranks of entrepreneurs in this thriving small town that's strategically located just 20 minutes from Rockford and 1 hour from Chicago. Don't miss out on this unique opportunity to own a commercial property in an unbeatable location. Book your showing today!

1302 Lincoln Street, Rock Falls

\$159,900 Call JD

BRAND NEW INSIDE & OUT! This 3 bedroom, 1 bathroom, ranch home offers a mix of comfort and elegance; featuring a spacious backyard, oversized 2 car garage, and full basement. Updates include, but are not limited to, brand new metal roof and siding, windows, doors, flooring, kitchen and bathroom, concrete driveway, furnace, air conditioner, and water heater! Updates are endless...This home is fully turn key and made for work.



710 E. Oregon Street, Polo \$259,900 Call Carla

Check out this one-of-a-kind listing located on the edge of PoloI This 3.3 are properly include a unique, killy remodeled 50ft disameter Monolitic come home, a 28 x20 barn, a 32 x14 barn, 24x30 Wick pole building with concrete floor, lovely park like front yard including a seasonal pond with goldfish and frogs, and even a treehouset. Fall in love with this rustic, cozy home th features all main floor kingy with an enclosed loft area. Entering the home you are greeted with warm great rooms flasturing space for lowing and dining with an open floor plan into a kitchen an live edge bar with hand hewn Pine posts. This home includes 4 bedrooms, 2 full baths, a great oron, a beautiff bapacious kitchen, an office room, and a recreational room upstatis with an



000 Cambridge Drive, Stillman Valley \$24,000 Call Becky

Time to build your dream home!! Gorgeous country views on this 1 acr lot for sale in the Whitmore Reserve Subdivision in rural Stillman Valley. This lot has a tree lined backyard for the wildlife to hang out. Meridian School district and Ogle County taxes. Well & septic are required. Not builder exclusive but plan must get developer approval. Just minutes from town and also close to Rockford and 139.



000 S. Andrew Drive, Oregon \$45,000 Call Jenny

Look no further! This beautiful 1.5 acre lot is the perfect building site for your new home. It has a country feel, yet is conveniently located just outside of Oregon off of Daysville and Lowden roads. The Sinnissippi Point Subdivision has large lots providing ample distance from neighbors. The covenants allow for swimming pools, fences, and out buildings. Get your house plans ready and build your new home this vear!



207 N. Seminary Street, Mt. Morris \$82,500 Call Mark

\$82,500 Call Mark Very Affordable 2 Bedroom, 1 Bath, Ranch home in Mt. Morris is being offered for sale! Galley style kitchen has dishwasher, gas stove and refrigerator that will all stay. There is a dining room off the kitchen for family dinners or entertaining! Beautiful new laminate flooring throughout! Roof is only 10 years old and home has new windows and fresh paint. 1 car attached garage has upper loft storage area. Green backyard space for the kids and pets! Need a place to retire? Starter home? Investment home? Come find out!



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OHS: Oregon wins

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"Our defense was flying to the ball and really stopped the outside game," Oregon coach Broc Kundert said.

A pass knock down by linebacker Jackson Glendenning stopped another SV fourth down attempt later in the third quarter. The Cardinals were hampered a bit with starting quarterback Braden Engel idled due to an injury suffered at the school's pep rally the night before.

Taking over at their own 36-yard line, it was Washburn to Crandall (three-for-95 receiving) for 41 yards and to Egyed for 20 on consecutive plays. Weems finished off the drive with a four-yard score. All three are juniors, as are a majority of the Hawk starters.

"Jack was throwing absolute dimes," Egyed said. "I made one mistake when I didn't catch one that should have been a touchdown."

Egyed did score a touchdown on defense with a fourth-quarter interception. However, it was called back for a clip. The final Hawk score was by Weems on a five-yard run after toting the ball all six times on a short 28-yard drive. Gavin Morrow, Oregon's top soccer player, converted all four extra points to allow Oregon to have a genuine threat on special teams.

"Weems ran hard and we had opportunities in the passing game," Kundert said. "Just as importantly, we were more physical.'

With the win, favored Oregon (3-3) needs only to win two of its last three games against Rock Falls, Rockford Lutheran and Rockford Christian to reach the playoffs after a nine-year drought.

BNC all conference golf honorees named

OGLE COUNTY — The Big Northern Conference recently named its 2023 all-conference honorees for boys and girls golf.

County boys golfers named to the list included Mason Brandt (Byron, first team), Noah Klaren (Stillman Valley, first team), Aaron Lorenz (Byron, first team), Davis Baker (Byron, second team), Ryan Tucker (Byron, second team), Kyler Early (Oregon, honorable mention) and Andrew Gibbs (Stillman Valley, honorable mention).

County girls golfers named to the list included (Amelia Dunseth (Stillman Valley, first team), Alayna Brandt (Byron, first team), Abbie Baker (Byron, first team), Aniyah Sarver(Oregon, first team), Sarah Eckardt (Oregon, first team), Sophia Cross (Byron, second team), GinaBaker (Byron, second team), Emma Schlichtmann (Oregon, honorable mention) and Payge Barger (Stillman Valley, honorable mention).

The BNC determined these selections based on a formula of match play throughout the season and performance at the conference tournament (Sept. 20-21).

A program coming of age

FTER nearly two weeks away from home, it was nice to be back on the local football beat and cover the Oregon-Stillman Valley game. The crowd on the Stillman side was about as large as I've ever seen in 20-

plus years of covering games there. In a stark contrast to

so many titillating playoff victories I've had the pleasure to witness, it was very quiet, as the upstart Hawks con-**Andy Colbert** trolled things from start to finish. Yes, Stillman is down this year and doesn't have the same physical prowess and athleticism as in years past, but I don't think anyone truly expected

Oregon to erase its losing stigma against SV in such convincing fashion. And, it wouldn't have made a

different in the win/loss column if SV had been at full strength. Oregon came out and looked as impressive in the first half as anytime in past 10 years.

Receivers ran crisp routes, defenders pursued like gazelles and the line created holes for Logan Weems. The straw stirring the drink was quarterback Jack Washburn with his precision passing.

For as long as most of us remember, Oregon was a groundand-pound attack. Passing was an afterthought.

That's fine if you have athletic linemen and backs like perennial state title contenders Byron and Forreston, and for that matter – Stillman Valley.

If you don't have that type of proficiency in running the ball, it is imperative in today's game to have a passing attack. Oregon has developed that and it sure opens up the running game, besides putting points on the scoreboard.

Unfortunately for SV and their homecoming celebration, they happened to bear the brunt of a Hawk program coming of age in week six. If Oregon can keep the same level of play up, they will be a dark horse in the 2A play-

offs, where they currently reside as the largest school in week six.

Each week, the Hawks will teeter between 2A and 3A until the final announcements are made by the IHSA Oct. 21. SV is solidly in 3A, but needs to get by G-K to virtually assure a berth.

One impressive tidbit about the Cardinals was 45 varsity players on the roster and about the same for fresh-soph. That's probably more than anyone in the BNC.

What else is there to say about Byron other than they roll over every team they face, winning by an average score of 63-5. I've been reluctant to cover one of their games because of the blowout factor.

Maybe undefeated 4A Dixon can give them a decent warm up before the playoffs.

In what could be the most competitive 1A bracket in recent memory, Forreston was listed No. 1 in the week six playoff outlook. That doesn't mean they are ranked as the top team, but would have been seeded No. 1.

From this point forward, things get very competitive for the Cardinals with games against three teams with a combined two losses. Then, it is on to the playoffs with challenges galore in both the north and south brackets.

Besides favored Le-Win from the north bracket, Morrison has been playing lights out. Look out for Bloomington Central Catholic in the south bracket, a program similar to Belleville Althoff in that they are a private school that has been successful at upper levels.

Likewise, I thought Sterling Newman would be a concern in 1A, but four of their wins were by six points or less. This doesn't appear to be the same powerhouse it once was.

Then there are Chicago Hope and Aurora Christian, teams with big-play capability. Holding up against NUIC physicality is another story, though.

In putting in many hours of hiking on my trip, canyon country of Utah and mountains of Colorado can't be beat. I also want to tout a couple of less-scenic locales which were just as enlightening in a different way.

Pioneer Village in Minden, Nebraska, an unassuming smalltown museum, has a selection of artifacts from American history that is mind-blowing.

It was 20 miles off Interstate 80 and well worth the detour to spend most of the day viewing some 50,000 items that chronicled our growth as a country in the 20th century.

Closer to home, I finally made it to the annual World War II reenactment at Midway Village in Rockford on Saturday. Talk about authenticity. This largescale display of everything one would ever want to see from the 1941-45 war era was also mind-blowing. Hundreds of men and women were dressed in uniforms of the day, be it American, German, Japanese, Polish, Canadian, French, etc.

Tanks, jeeps, sidecars, some worth over \$100,000, were also a part of the event which featured skirmishes and battles. Fascinating time seeing it all.

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



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YOUTH PROGRAMS Fall Story Time

Thursdays at 10:00 AM Join Miss Stacey for fun stories for your toddlers and preschoolers!

BINGO

Monday, October 23rd, 5:00 PM BINGO is back! Join us for a variety of free, fun BINGO layouts, including a goal post round for football season. A choice of prizes for all ages will be available for the winner of each round.

ADULT PROGRAMS **October Book of the Month**

The Silent Patient by Alex Michaelides

BYRON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Ogle County Dixie 6

Tuesday, Oct. 24. 2 – 3:00 pm. Once again, we are privileged to host the Ogle County Dixie Six at the Byron Public Library. Come for a relaxing and enjoyable afternoon of music. Youdon'twanttomissit! Please call 815-234-5107 or go online to Byron.evanced.info/signuptoregister.

Creative Studio Open

Our Creative Studio is now open to the public! During staffed open hours, adults may come into the maker space area for projects. 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

is a psychological thriller about a woman, Alicia Berenson who kills her husband, then refuses to speak again. Theo Faber is a therapist who gets the opportunity to work with Alicia and he is determined to get to the truth. Stop by the circulation desk and pick up your copy today.

October Take & Make Craft

Stop by the circulation desk and pick up the monthly take and make craft while supplies last. This month features a spooky spider web.

Create-a-Card

an adult, or during Teen Time. Visit

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be able to view your checkouts and

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Check out Our Mobile

Saturday, October 21st, 9:00 AM Stop in for our last official card making session for the season. Card supplies will be

library card! StoryWalks at the **Byron Forest Preserve**

StoryWalks® are up at the Byron Forest Preserve for another season! Stroll the 1/2-mile Indigo Trail while reading «Creepy Pair of Underwear" by Aaron Reynolds, or read "That Pup!" by Lindsay Barrett George while walking to the Heritage Farm Museum. The StoryWalk® is a joint project of the Byron Public Library and the Byron Forest Preserve. The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. Story-Walk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson.

available and refreshments will be served to show our appreciation for Jessie's dedication. We will resume in the spring, but supplies will be available year round for independent access.

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

Dead On Target by M.C. Beaton Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus Night Watch by Jayne Anne Phillips

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 vour due dates will be included with your items.

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MT. MORRIS PUBLIC LIBRARY

Book sale September 23rd through October 13th!

Our annual book sale will run through Friday, October 13th! Nothing will be priced. All sales will be by donation.

Story Time!

Mrs. Donna will be reading books and children will create a craft this Wednesday, 9/20. Story time is every Wednesday @11:15, bring your little ones to enjoy stories and a craft at the Mount Morris Library!

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book are available at the library. This group will meet in-person at 3:30pm on Monday, October 30th at the library.

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Cookbook Club! **Next Meeting No**vember 7th!

Join us as we explore The Cookbook Club! Wonderful recipes combined with friendship creates something both beautiful and delicious! Stop by to choose your recipe from this month's book, and bring your dish to pass at our next meeting! Join us on the first Tuesday each month, 6pm at The Senior Center for another exciting a friend and build some fun with Lego bricks! All children and parents are invited every third Thursday of the month. Children under 8 need to bring a parent with them.

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.

Display Case Showings

We are always looking

Adult Programming

We are trying to get back into the swing of offering monthly programs for adults. We would love to hear from you. Do evenings or weekends work better? Do you have any program ideas? Do you have a program you would like to share? Contact library through email at mmlib@mtmorris-il.org or

is available!

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

AREA SPORTS

Oregon boys soccer ties Indian Creek

On Sept. 28, the Oregon varsity boys soccer team tied Indian Creek 2-2. The Hawks were led by goals from Gavin Morrow and Danny Chisamore and an assist by Deryk Withers. Dylan Vegliando had 11 saves in goal for Oregon. The draw brought the Hawks' record to 8-10-2 (3-4 conference).

Byron football defeats Genoa-Kingston

On Sept. 30, the Byron varsity football team defeated Genoa-Kingston 52-12. Caden Considine rushed for 138 yards and three touchdowns for Byron, which had 444 yards and seven touchdowns on the ground as a team. The win continued Byron's undefeated season.

Oregon girls volleyball falls to Rockford Lutheran

On Oct. 3, the Oregon varsity girls volleyball team fell on the road to Rockford Lutheran 25-17, 25-21. The Hawks were led by Rylie Robertson (11 digs, two kills), Kenna Wubbena (seven kills, one ace) and Anna Stender (seven digs, six assists, one kill. The Oregon junior varsity team won 25-15, 25-16. Lutheran did not have a freshsoph team.

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ing to BOUND-LESS

Your library's Axis 360 digital service will be upgraded to Boundless in September 2023. The library can provide you with information about the date of the transition to Boundless. All your user info and history, including holds position, bookmarks, notes, and other saved data will be seamlessly transitioned to the new Boundless platform. Please make sure that you have updated to the latest version of the Axis 360 app on your devices. Beginning a few weeks before the library's Boundless transition, Axis 360 users will be directly notified about the transition through the Axis 360 apps and website.

Adult Book Club

The October book is "Dear Fahrenheit 451" by Annie Spence. Described by Goodreads.com as "A Gen-X librarian's snarky, laugh-out-loud funny, deeply moving collection of love letters and breakup notes to the books in her life." Everyone is welcome to join this book club group! Copies of the



meal! Ink with a Friend: **Card Making at** the Library

Thanksgiving will be here before we know it and what a great time to make some lovely home-made cards to send to family and friends. We will be offering a card-making class from local crafter, Liz Gullett. She will be here on Thursday, November 9th from 5-7! You will get all the materials to make two beautiful cards to take home. Stop by to see the samples, fees are by donation. Registration is limited so call the library or stop by to save your spot before November 2nd!

Lego Club

Our next Lego night is Thursday, October 19th, from 6:00-6:45pm. Bring



for collectors or artists who are willing to share their treasures in our display cases. If you are interested, please call, 815-734-4927.

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!

Explore More Illinois

Explore More Illinois users can access and reserve passes from any of our attractions on their participating library's website. Explore More Illinois is easy to use with your library card. Visit the library's website to browse attractions. You can find the information on our

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FORRESTON LIBRARY NEWS

Chess Club

Wednesday, October 11th, 4:00 pm

It's a new day for Chess Club! Beginners to experts and everyone in between are welcome to stop in and play one game or several. The competition can be fierce, but it's always friendly!

Toddler/Preschool Storytime

Tuesdays at 10:00 am Bring your favorite toddler or preschooler for a time of stories, songs, crafts, and fun! This relaxed program is a great way for little ones to meet new friends and discover the joy of reading. Please call the library to register or if you have any questions.

Snow Removal Bids

The library is currently

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seeking bids for snow removal from our sidewalks, ramp, and front steps/porch. Following an overnight snowfall, snow will need to be removed by 8:00 am and some daytime removal may also be necessary. Please submit your written proposal to the library in person or by email to forrestonpubliclibrary@gmail.com. Bids must be received by Monday, October 16th. For more information, contact Julie at (815)938-2624.

Community Room

Looking for a place to hold your event? Our community room (with a small kitchenette) is available for meetings, parties, showers, family reunions, and more. Please call the library at (815)938-2624 for additional information.

MT. MORRIS SENIOR & COMMUNITY CENTER

Potluck & Program

On October 10th we will have The Economic Growth Corporation – which is part of the Illinois Housing Development Authority - here to share their insights. Do you know someone who may need some accessibility help in their home – have them join us. Bring a dish to pass and your own table service.

Euchre Tournament

Do you like to play Euchre? Join us on October 12th at 6:00 pm at The Center. Bring a snack to share and have some fun. Prizes to be awarded.

Pizza and a Movie! On October 16th at 10:30 am we will be showing "M3GAN". Cost is \$8.00 for the movie and the pizza.

Auschwitz Virtual Live Tour

On October 17th at 4:00 pm. Join us for this once in a lifetime experience! Dr. Jerzy

Wojcik of Poland will take us on a LIVE tour of Auschwitz. See this tour on The Center's Virtual Display. You will be able to ask questions and participate in the tour. The cost is \$15. Be sure to call 815-734-6335 with questions and to sign up.

Trivia & Tacos

On October 19th bring your team, or come on your own, and be ready to complete a challenge of random knowledge. Tacos are served at 6:00 pm for \$2.00 each and trivia will begin shortly after. Trivia is also \$2.00. Prizes for the winner and all ages are welcome.

Krafts with Kerri

On October 20th at 11:15 am join Kerri in the Coffee Shop at The Center for a fun and free craft. Call 815-734-6335 to sign up.

Art for Relaxation

Our Card

On October 25th at 6:00 pm relax and make art with us at the Center! Each class is only \$5.00 and we will make a complete project each time.

Join us for our Witches Tea!

All witches and warlocks are welcome at the Witches Tea on October 30th at 6:00 pm at the Mt. Morris Senior & Community Center. Little Girl Scout witches will be helping to serve a four-course meal, including dessert, and we will enjoy a story from Jennifer Garden from the Milledgeville Public Library. Come in your best witch's attire and be ready for a spooky evening. There will be door prizes and lots of fun and the cost will be \$15.00 each. This event has a limit of witches and warlock so be sure to reserve your spot today. Call 815-734-6335 to make your reservation.

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BYRON

ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH 624 Luther Drive, Byron IL 61010 815-234-5277 Pastor: Janet Wold

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

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FORRESTON

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MT. MORRIS CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN 409 W. Brayton Road, Mt. Morris, IL 61045 Phone 734-4573

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CHANA UNITED METHODIST

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

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LINDENWOOD

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All are welcome here! 9:30 a.m. - Sunday Worship with Communion open to all, followed by fellowship hour

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

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 EOCCOGministries@gmail.com 107 N Daysville Rd. Oregon, IL Phone: 815-732-2960

Sunday School 9:30 a.m. with Sunday Worship following at 10:30 a.m. Breakfast is served every fifth Sunday beginning at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday evenings both Adults (all year) & Youth (during the school year) meet

weekly beginning at 6:30 p.m.

In the event that Oregon Schools are not in session the Youth group does not meet on Wednesdays.

Thursday morning Women's Bible study meets at 10:30 a.m. We look forward to meeting you!

EBENEZER REFORMED CHURCH

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

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

LIGHTHOUSE UNITED METHODIST

Pastor Dave Rogula 4962 S. Daysville Rd., Oregon, IL 61061 lighthouseUMC@ yahoo.com

Worship at 11:00 a.m. Holy Communion celebrated the first Sunday of each of month. Lighthouse will lite up your life!

OREGON CHURCH OF GOD

860 W. Oregon Trail Road Oregon, IL Phone: 732-6847 or 732-2604 Pastor Michael Hoffman; Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.; Morning worship, 10:30 a.m.; Wednesday activities: Adult, Children, and Youth Groups 7 p.m. At the church.

OREGON FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

505 Hill St. Oregon, IL 61061 Phone: 732-2642 Pastor: David Snow "A Christ-centered, Bible-believing, family-oriented ministry." Sunday School 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Morning Service 10:30 a.m.; Sunday Evening Service 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Night Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

OREGON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

200 S. 4th St, Oregon, IL 61061 • 815/732-2994 www.oregonumc.org • Pastor Rev. Megan Smick 9:00am Fellowship/Sunday School; 10:00am Worship with music, meditation & Fellowship; 10:15am Announcements begin

RIVERSTONE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

609 S. 10th Street , Oregon, IL 61061 Pastor Craig Arnold ~ 812-236-1213 Sunday Service @ 10:45 AM ~ contemporary style worship with coffee and doughnuts in our cafe! Online worship is also available via Facebook. We believe in sharing Communion every Sunday as an act of worship. RiverKids Service @ 10:45 AM for nursery-6th grade ~ provides a safe and fun environment where kids can learn about who God is and who they are because of Him.

Encounter Youth Ministry for kids in 7th-12th grade meets on Sunday afternoons. Please see our Facebook page for scheduled dates and times. For complete ministry info and events, visit us online at Riverstonecc.com or on Facebook at facebook.com/RiverStoneChristianChurch

ST. BRIDE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

1000 Highway 64, West (Hwy 64 W & Mongan Drive on Liberty Hill), Oregon • 732-7211 – Office Rev. Eldred George Webpage: saintbrides.org • E-mail:saint.bride.church@gmail.com • Worship Services: Sunday 10 am Holy Communion with Hymns Christian Education Available

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH, NALC

114 S. 5th St. Oregon, IL Phone: (815) 732-2367 Website: stpaulnalcoregonil.weebly.com 10:15 a.m. Fellowship/Education hours 11:30 a.m. Worship

Meeting Sundays @ 10AM Service 205 N. Jefferson Avenue, Polo ~ 815.837.5255 polo@crossroadscn.com

We offer contemporary worship and relevant Bible teaching through engaging messages and powerful video. Join us after services for coffee, snacks & fellowship. Kidzlink Children's Ministry (nursery-Sth grade) ~ during 10AM service

Crave Youth Group (6th-12th grade) ~ Wed. 6:30PM - June 1st . Visit our website: www.crossroadscr

FAITH DISCOVERY CHURCH

801 W. Oregon St., Polo • 815-946-3588 • Jeremy Heller, Pastor Sunday School 9:00 a.m., Worship Service 10:00 a.m., Nursery Available, Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m. We Are an independent non-denominational Christian church. Visitors are always welcome.

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

702 E. Dixon Street, Polo, IL 61064 • Tel:815-946-3212 Sunday School for all ages 9am followed by Worship at 10am Pastor Brian LeBaron Website: www.faithumcpolo.com • facebook.com/Faithumcpolo

STILLMAN VALLEY

RED BRICK CHURCH OF STILLMAN VALLEY

Pastor Rev. Dr. Chris Brauns | Associate Pastor David Bogner 207 W Roosevelt Road (Rte 72), Stillman Valley. 815-645-2526 | www.theredbrickchurch.org Sunday: Worship at 9:00 and 10:30 am. Sunday School at 9:00 am. Wednesday: AWANA (Sept – April) from 6:00 to 7:30 pm. Men, women, youth Bible Studies throughout the year See website for all activities or contact the church office.

KISHWAUKEE COMMUNITY EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

8195 Kishwaukee Road, Stillman Valley, IL 61084 / 815-965-1940 Rev. Nick Garner, Pastor www.kishchurch.org Sunday Schedule: Discipleship Hour 9:00 AM, Coffee Fellowship 11:15 AM Gathered Worship 10:00 AM For complete ministry schedule check out our website or call the church office.

VALLEY EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH

Lead Pastor Barry Norris 103 S Maple St, Stillman Valley, IL 815-645-8872 | www.valleycov.org Sunday Morning 9am 'Gather' for learning & conversation, 10:15am Worship both onsite and online at facebook.com/VECCfSV Home of Valley Covenant Preschool 815-645-8882 Director Jill Huber Bible Studies, Youth Group, Bread of Life Food Pantry Please visit website for more information or contact the church office M-F 9am-2pm

GRACE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH DAVIS JUNCTION

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

WINNEBAGO

MIDDLE CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

12473 Montague Road, Winnebago, IL 61088 Located West of Tower Road on Montague Rd. Sunday: Worship Service at 9:30 am. Office Hours: Mon., Tues., Thurs. & Friday 9am-2pm. Phone: 815-335-2609. Email: middlecreekchurch@gmail.com

ROCK RIVER CENTER ACTIVITIES

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.

Center for Sight & Hearing Device Update

October 9 at 10:00 a.m. Advance registration is required so we can be prepared. Call 815-732-3252 to sign up.

How High Do You Bounce?

October 11 at 10:00 a.m. Advance registration is required so we can be prepared. Call 815-732-3252 to sign up.

Android & Apple Phone Lab

October 16 at 10:00 a.m. Appointments required. Call us at 815-732-3252 to schedule your time.

AARP Smart Driving

Class

When: Mon. & Tues., Oct. 16 & 17. Time: 9:00 am – 1:00 pm. Registration Required.

Activities with Mary

When: October 17. Laughter Yoga: 1:00 p.m. Drumming 1:45 p.m. Call 815-732-3252 to sign up.

Senior Information Services Provided By Rock River Center

Do you need help with Benefit Access Application, housing, personal care, homemaking, heating assistance or other things? Rock River Center's Information & Assistance Specialists are available at various locations throughout Ogle County. If you are unable to come into a site, please call Rock River Center toll free 1-800-541-5479 to schedule an appointment.

Byron- Jarrett Prairie Center Oct 9 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Forreston-Library Oct 18 11:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. Mt. Morris Senior Center Oct 12 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Polo Senior Center Oct 26 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Rochelle - Hub City Senior Center Oct 4, 11, & 25 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

JULIA HULL DISTRICT LIBRARY STILLMAN VALLEY

Storytime at the Library

Join us at the library, every Wednesday at 10 a.m., for songs, stories and crafts! Ages 2-5. Space is limited: call to register: 815-645-8611.

The Haunted Page with William Pack

Award winning magician and storyteller, William Pack, returns for a fun and spooky evening of performance and storytelling. Experience spine-tingling magic and spellbinding stories inspired by Edgar Allen Poe, Mary Shelley, Bram Stoker, M.R. James and Shirley Jackson. Thursday, October 12, 6 p.m. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

Life Through the Lens of Kodak

By 1895, Eastman Kodak was producing 90% of all the film in the world, His little yellow box could be found in stores from California, to Russia, France, Egypt and beyond. In this Zoom presentation, historian RJ Lindsey portrays George Eastman, founder of the Eastman Kodak Company, and explains the events that changed his life and the world of photography forever. Monday, October 23, 6:30 p.m. Email Joanna at jkluever@mail.meridian223.org to register for this Zoom program.

Teens: Haunted Gingerbread Houses

Just like Jack the Pumpkin King, we're taking a Christmas tradition and twisting it to spooky perfection this Halloween. Join Kelly in the library, at 3 p.m. Thursday, October 26, to make some gruesome haunted houses out of gingerbread and candy. All supplies provided. Ages 13-18. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

Italian Travel: The Ancient, the Loud, the Lovely

It's clear why Italy is on most travelers' bucket list. Italy boasts gorgeous, diverse landscapes; a divine culinary scene and an embarrassment of riches when it comes to history and culture. Join frequent fliers Joanna and Wayne as they take a closer look at Italy; its regions, favorite travel itineraries and suggestions for living like a temporary local. Monday, October 30 at 6 p.m. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

Trick or Treat at Julia Hull District Library

Stop by the library from 4-7 on Halloween to show off your costume, and treat yourself to a goodie from our librarian's cauldron! All Ages.

Toddler Time: Legos

Indulge your little one's curiosity with a hands-on event just for them. Join us for some play with the classic and ingenious Lego Duplo. Friday, November 3 at 10 a.m. Ages 1-4. Registration required: 815:645:8611.



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by Linda Thistle

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OREGON PARK DISTRICT WEEKLY HAPPENINGS

Butternut Squash Lasagna

Lasagna is a perfect full family meal for the fall season, and butternut squash adds even more flavor. Join Lynn Kaufman of Lynnie's Kitchen on Thursday October 26th at 6:00PM at Cork & Tap for a fun and flavorful cooking class. Lynn will supply all ingredients and instruction, and participants can come with some dishes and supplies from home and leave with a completed dish ready to take home and bake. Gluten free option available! Registration is 38R/, and the Deadline to Register is October 19th. A full supply list will be sent to participants by email after registration closes.

Fall Luncheon at the Lorado Taft Field Campus

Sunday, October 29th, from 2:00-4:00 PM, enjoy a traditional Thanksgiving-style meal at the Lorado Taft Field Campus. Great social outing perfect for a relaxing get-together with friends and family before the busyness of the holidays. Luncheon will be served buffet style, with famous Taft turkey, pork roast, and favorite side dishes specially chosen by the fantastic kitchen staff. We will enjoy a tour of the scenic and historic campus after our meal. Registration is \$18R/\$22NR, children 2 and under are free. The deadline for registration is October

^{22nd.} Howl-O-Ween Canine Costume Contest

Wine Bottle Succulents

Succulents are an ideal low-maintenance plant for the winter season. Join Ashley and the Grungy Roots LLC team to plant your own miniature succulent garden in a decorative wine bottle planter. The perfect blend of eye-catching and low maintenance. Class will take place at Grungy Roots LLC in Grand Detour at 5:30 PM on November 10th. Registration is 44R/, and the deadline for registration is November 3rd.

Savory Sweet Potato Casserole

Lynn Kaufman of Lynnie's Kitchen is coming to Cork & Tap for one last class this fall season. With the Holidays right around the corner, let Lynnie's Kitchen help with your preparations with a savory sweet potato casserole sure to please all your guests. Assemble this dish in class, then freeze to bake on your gathering day. Class takes place on Wednesday November 15th at 6:00 PM. Registration is \$38R/\$45 NR, and the registration deadline is November 8th. Participants will need to bring some dishes and utensils from home, and a full supply list will be distributed by email after registration closes.

Zombies VS Humans Jr High Game Night

Zombies Vs Humans is the perfect game for Halloween weekend. Kids in grades 6-8 can come to Park West on Saturday October 28th to complete a fun registers will need their own gun (no rival series guns) and safety glasses. The park district will provide the bullets. Cost for each event is \$5/\$6 NR and everyone who attends must register. Nerf Night for kids is on October 26, and deadline to register is 10/20. Grown up Nerf Night is November 3, and deadline to register is 10/27. Family Nerf Night is November 17, and deadline to register is 11/10.

No School Events

Winter Break Camp is back at Nash. We will spend time making crafts, swimming, going on field trips and having active play This program time. is for kids aged 5-12. Week one is December 27-29 and includes a field trip to DuPage Children's Museum in Naperville on 12/28. Cost is \$120/\$144NR and registration deadline is 12/14. Week two is January 3-5 and includes a field trip to the Discovery Center in Rockford on 1/4. Cost is \$120/\$144 NR and registration deadline for week 2 is 12/27.

Toddler Drop in and Play

This popular event from last spring is back. Bring your child aged 0-5 to Nash to play and meet friends in the River Room at Nash on Fridays from 9 AM to Noon. Cost will be free for passholders and only the daily fee for others. Children under 5 are free. Children must be accompanied by an adult who remains in the River Room the entire time. This program runs from 9/8/23 through 5/17/24.

Wednesday

Beginners Pickleball Open Gym

Have you been interested in trying out Pickleball? . This game is fast, fun, addictive, and can be played by people of all ages and athletic abilities! Join us for a new beginners time on Mondays, when you can learn to play with other beginners in a relaxed environment. A few of our regular pickleball players may even be around to give you some tips! To learn more about pickleball you can visit the USA Pickleball Association at: usapa.org.

Nash has a limited number of paddles and balls that you can borrow to play. Mondays starting October 2nd from 12pm- 1:30pm. Free for members, or daily admission fee. **Womens Volley-**

ball League Are you ready for some volleyball this fall? This league is played on Thursday nights and is open to all women who are at least 18 years old and out of High School. This is a great opportunity for all skill levels to exercise and have fun with friends and others from surrounding communities. A tournament will be played at the end of the regular season. Mandatory captains meeting will be held on 11/2 at 5:30 pm at Nash Recreation Center. Season runs November 2nd through January 18th-No games on November 24th, Fee \$225 per team. Deadline for registration is October 25th.

Doubles Pickleball League

Join us for our new doubles Pickleball League. Sign up as a pair for this fast paced 6 week League on Tuesday mornings in the Nash Gym. Every week, each team will play 2 different teams in a best of three games format. Prizes will be awarded to the top league finishing team. Sign up soon, as there is a limited number of team slots. Deadline is Thursday, October 19th with the league starting Tuesday, October 24th. Fee \$50 per team.

DIRECTORY OF AREA HUMAN SERVICES

Alcohol Abuse Counseling & Recovery

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

Domestic Abuse Agency and

24-Hour Shelter and Helpline

HOPE of Ogle County562-8890 or 732-7796Counseling Services, Court Advocacy, Latina Advocacy, andShelter programs

Education

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

732-2191

Low Income Housing

Ogle County Housing Authority 200 W Washington, Oregon

732-1301

Come to the Park West bandshell on Wednesday October 25th at 4:00 PM to watch your favorite canine companions compete for best dressed this Halloween season. Each contestant will be able to do a "runway walk" across the bandshell to show off their costume and will even be able to pick their own song to walk to. All dogs must be vaccinated for rabies, remain on a leash, and be accompanied by an adult to compete in the contest. Families can also get posed pictures with their dog. Registration is \$5R/\$6NR and the deadline is October 11th.

Owl-O-Ween Nightwalk

Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Center has invited us to explore the forest for an evening of the real-life birds that have probably inspired many ghost stories. We will meet at LOMC Friday October 27th at 6:30 PM for a short educational program on owls in Northern Illinois, then a hike to listen for wild owls. Please dress for the weather and be prepared to walk roughly 1.5 miles. Registrations are free but required as we will be guests on LOMC property. Deadline to Register is October 23rd.

team survival challenge while fighting zombies. Game night will run from 6:30-8:30 PM, and will feature prizes for winning teams. Players can request to be on a team with friends, otherwise teams will be randomly selected. Registration is \$5R/\$6NR, and the deadline for registration is October 21st.

2nd-5th Grade Basketball Girls and Boys

Boys and Girls will be given the opportunity to improve their skills in a positive environment. Practices are held during the week at Nash Recreation Center or Oregon Elementary. Games are played on Saturday at Nash Recreation Center or Byron Park District. If you are interested in coaching please contact Lesley at lesley@oregonpark. org. Head Coaches will set practice times. Practices are scheduled to start the first week in November with games in December and January. Deadline for registration is October 18th. Fee \$70/ \$84NR.

Nerf Fun for Everyone!

The park district has planned three Nerf events for people of all ages. Each event will feature target shooting and capture the flag as well as all out free for all war. Everyone who

Afternoon Crafting Classes

On October 25 we will be doing pumpkin crafts including painting a pumpkin to resemble a donut. This class is for kids aged 5-12 and takes place on October 25 from 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm. The cost is \$3/\$4NR and deadline to sign up is October 18.

Gingerbread Workshop

It is time again for our annual Gingerbread Workshop. Join us on November 29 from 2:30-3:30 to make and decorate a gingerbread house. Each registration includes one house kit. WE will have extra candy to make you house extra sweet. Also included is crafting a clothespin reindeer ornament. Focus on making memories and leave the mess behind. This event is for all ages and the cost is \$3/\$4 NR and deadline to sign up is November 22.

Open Volleyball Gym

Thursdays from 3:30-5:30pm starting October 5th at Nash Recreation Center. Continue to develop your volleyball skills with a new weekly open gym at Nash Recreation Center. One court will be set up with balls for you to practice and play. Free for members, or daily admission fee.

Habitat for Humanity of Ogle CountyP.) Box 628Oregon, IL 61061732-6855

Mental Health

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

Senior Citizens Services

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

Sexual Assault/Abuse

Rockford Sexual Assault Counseling	
24-hour hotline	636-9811
412 W Washington, Oregon	732-0000
<u>Therapeutic</u>	
Pegasus Special Riders	973-3177
<u>Veterans' Services</u>	
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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Kimberly A. Stahl, Clerk of the Circuit Court, 15th Judicial Circuit, larly scheduled City Council meeting held Ogle County, Illinois PREPARED BY: on November 1, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall, Matthew M. Hevrin (ARDC #6256083) 232 W. Second Street. Byron, IL 61010. In ormhevrin@aghllaw.com der to be considered, a Cassandra M. Crandall bid must be received by (ARDC #6335736) the City by no later than ccrandall@aghllaw.com 4:00 p.m. on November ALLEN GALLUZZO HEVRIN LEAKE, LLC 1, 2023. Any bid which 839 N. Perryville Road, is not received by the Suite 200 City by said deadline Rockford, Illinois 61107 shall not be considered P: 815-265-6464 The City may accept No. 1007 the high bid or any oth-

(Oct. 2, 9 and 16, 2023)

NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Valley will hold a Public Hearing before the Planning and Zoning Commission on Thursday, October 26, 2023 at 6:00 pm at the Stillman Valley Village Hall located at 120 N Walnut Street, Stillman Valley, IL. The purpose of the public hearing is to hear the proposed terms and conditions of a rezoning request filed by Kyle Watson, for a Zoning Map Amendment for the Property commonly known as "227 E Roosevelt". That the said requests are as follows: 1) Owner/applicant is requesting to rezone from R-1, Single Family to classification R-2, Two Family, said property is legally described as:

ADDRESS: 227 E Roosevelt Road. Stillman tral Bank, 340 May Mart Dr., Rochelle, IL 61068, Byline Bank, 180 N. Lasalle St. #400, Chicago, IL 60601. That the six paragraphs

next about, giving the names of the owners, stockholders, if any, contain not only the list of stockholders and security holders as they appear upon the books of the company as Trustee or in any other fiduciary relation, the name of the person or corporation for who such trustee is acting, is given; also that the said two paragraphs contain statements embracing Affiant's full knowledge and belief as to the circumstances and conditions under which stockholders and security holders who do not appear upon the books

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Water Street, Prairie

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PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLICATION NOTICE OF COURT DATE FOR REQUEST FOR NAME CHANGE (MINOR CHILDREN) STATE OF ILLINOIS **CIRCUIT COURT** OGLE COUNTY CASE NUMBER 2023 MR 34 REQUEST OF JENNIFER GAYLE HARNESK

TO CHANGE NAMES OF MINOR CHILDREN Publication is not necessary if both parents, confiirmed on birth certificate, agree to the name change or have been given notice. There will be a court date on a Request for Name Change (Minor Children) for these children: Jaxon Wade Harnesk to the new name of Jaxon

Wade Hood Eli Jeffrey Harnesk to the new name of Eli Jeffrey Hood. Court date will be October 18, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. at 106 S. 5th St., Oregon, Ogle County, Courtroom 304. Jennifer Harnesk. No. 0926 (Sept. 25, Oct. 2, and 9, 2023)

NOTICE

NOTICE OF PRO-POSAL TO SELL CITY OF BYRON, ILLINOIS OWNED REAL ESTATE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Byron, Illinois ("City") proposes and intends to sell the following City owned real estate: A. Property commonly known as 412 E. 2nd Street, Byron, Illinois,

bids should be directed to the City Clerk, 815-222-5938. /s/ Caryn Huber, City Clerk No. 1003 (Oct. 2, 9 and 16, 2023)

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er bid determined to be

in the best interest of

the City. The City may

by the City.

NOTICE NOTE:

PURSUANT OWNERS, TO THE FAIR DEBT dents. COLLECTION PRAC-2023 MR 22 PUBICATION NOTICE ACT, YOU ARE ADVISED THAT TO: Terence J. Connel, THE LAW FIRM OF 3747 W. Route 64, #24, GALLUZZO Mt. Morris, IL 61054; HEVRIN LEAKE, LLC, Unknown Occupants IS DEEMED TO BE and/or Unknown Own-DEBT COLLECers, 211 North McKen-TOR ATTEMPTING drie St., Mt. Morris, IL TO COLLECT A DEBT 61054 AND ANY INFORMA-An Affidavit for Publica-TION OBTAINED WILL tion having been filed, BE USED FOR THAT because upon due in-PURPOSE quiry you cannot be STATE OF ILLINOIS found so that process can be served upon

you.

and/or

Notice is hereby giv-

en you, TERENCE

J. CONNEL and UN-

KNOWN OCCUPANTS

OWNERS, Respondent

in the above-entitled

action. that an action

was commenced in the

Circuit Court of the Fif-

teenth Judicial Circuit,

Ogle County, Case No.

2023 MR 22, by Pe-

titioner VILLAGE OF

MT. MORRIS, an Illinois

Municipal corporation

against you, in which

the Petitioner seeks

an Order command-

ing the cure, repair, or

abatement of Code and

Nuisance violations for

Property located at 211

North Mckendrie Street,

Mt. Morris, IL 61054.

UNKNOWN

and/or

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF OGLE BYRON BANK, an Illinois State Bank, Plaintiff,

COREY M. ARN; UN-KNOWN OWNERS, UNKNOWN TENANTS, UNKNOWN SPOUS-UNKNOWN ES. HEIRS, and NONRE-CORD CLAIMANTS. Defendants. Case No. 2023FC62 NOTICE ТО UN-KNOWN OWNERS; UNKNOWN TENANTS; UNKNOWN SPOUS-ES; UNKNOWN HEIRS NONRECORD AND CLAIMANTS FOR PUBLICATION The requisite Affidavit having been duly filed

in my office, NOTICE Consequently, unless is hereby given you, you file your answer to UNKNOWN OWNERS; the Petition in the ac-UNKNOWN TENANTS; tion or otherwise make UNKNOWN SPOUSyour appearance in the Circuit Court of the Fif-ES; UNKNOWN HEIRS NONRECORD teenth Judicial Circuit, and CLAIMANTS. Ogle County, Illinois, at Defendants in the above-enthe Ogle County Courttitled suit, that the said house, 106 S. 5th Stret, suit has been com-Oregon IL, 61061, on menced in the Circuit or before November Court of Ogle County, 6, 2023, A DEFAULT

OGLE COUNTY. Vallev ILLINOIS LEGALLY DESCRIBED

VILLAGE OF MT. MOR-AS: RIS, an Illinois munic-Rng/Blk: Twp:0 Sect/ Lot: Lot 11 & E 33 Ft Lot ipal corporation, Petitioner, vs. TERENCE J. CONNEL and UN-10 Block 8 Vil of Stillman Valley, situated in KNOWN OCCUPANTS the township of Marion UNKNOWN and the County of Ogle, Responin the Recorder's Office in Ogle County, Illinois PARCEL NUMBER: 10-01-309-009 Dated this 2nd day of October, 2023 Submitted by Yvonne Dewey, Village Clerk Village of Stillman Valley No. 1016 (Oct. 9, 2023)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on October 2, 2023 a certificate was filed in the Ogle County Clerk's Office setting forth the names and post office address of all of the persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as: Wild Roots Boutique 6942 W. Wagner Rd. German Valley, IL 61039 Dated October 2, 2023 Laura J. Cook, Ogle County Clerk No. 1017

(Oct 9, 16 and 23, 2023)

PUBLIC NOTICE

State of the ownership, management, circulation, etc.; required by the act of Congress of October 23, 1962, Section 4369, Title, 39 United States Code of Ogle County Life/Rock Valley Shopper published weekly at 211 Hwy. 38 E., Rochelle, IL, for Sept. 11, 2023. State of Illinois, County of Ogle. Before me, a Notarv Public in and for the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared Mike Feltes who, having been duly sworn to law, depos-

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The Board of Commissioners of the Byron Forest Preserve District, Ogle County, Illinois will hold a public hearing on October 16, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. The hearing will be held at the Jarrett Prairie Center, 7993 North River Road, Byron, Illinois 61010. The purpose of the hearing will be to receive public comments on the proposal to sell general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$1,775,000 to finance the costs of (i) acquiring land and developing forest preserve lands in and for the District, and (ii) certain costs of issuance of the Bonds. By: /s/ Chris Remhof

Title: Secretary No. 1020 (Oct. 9, 2023)

BINA Notice

The President and Board of Park Commissioners of the Byron Park District, Ogle County, Illinois will hold a public hearing on October 17, 2023, 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 \$550,000 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 Dis-

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101 LEGAL NOTICE

Annual Treasurer's Report for Monroe Township Road District for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2023 Revenue Summary: 155,017.93 Property Tax 28,370.88 Replacement Tax 859.04 Interest 38,442.24 \$ Misc 222 600 00 Total Revenue Expenditures: Compensation under \$10,000 Bryce Edwards, Kerri Hall, Matthew Hickey, Brandon Jones. and Jeffrey Payne Cardmember Services Consey FS Crossroads Repair Ferellgas LP Fund Transfer Greenfield Contractors IRS Koenig Body & Equipment Montavon Tree Service Nicor Gas Noble's Grove Land Management Ogle County Hwy. Department RT Repairs The Auto Hub TOIRMA Vendors under \$2,500 Total Expenditures Summary Statement of Condition of Monroe To Beginning Balance 4/1/2022 Revenue Expenditures Ending Balance 3/31/2023 Submitted by Treasurer -Tom Lichty No. 1022 Oct. 9, 2023 Annual Treasurer's Report for for the fiscal year ending Ma Revenue Summary: Property Tax **Replacement Tax** Interest Misc. Income **Total Revenue**

Expenditures:

Compensation under \$10,000

Alan Alderks, Larry Baxter, Scott Bearrows, Will Lincoln Lichty, Thomas Lichty, Joan Morphey, L

Compensation over \$10,000

ORDINANCE 23-1

ANNUAL COMBINED BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR THE BYRON MUSEUM DISTRICT, OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2023 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BYRON MUSEUM DISTRICT, OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS:

SECTION 1. That the following be and the same is hereby declared to be a budget containing an estimate of receipts and expenditures of the Byron Museum District, Ogle County, Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024:

GENERAL FUND

	\$	222,690.09	OBREATETOND	
	T		Estimated Receipts General Cash on Hand at Beginning of Fiscal Year Deferred Tax Revenue from Prior Fiscal Year Amount to be Raised by Levy for Fiscal Year Anticipated Receipts from Rent Anticipated Receipts from Interest Other Income Total Estimated General Receipts	\$188,065.90 67,719.53 141,000.00 6,600.00 300.00 <u>5,000.00</u> \$408,685.43
	* * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *	3,407.00 9,845.02 5,823.30 5,092.32 20,000.00 2,682.66 5,895.00 3,950.00 2,912.51 6,445.00 32,970.43 3,000.00 39,962.00 6,830.00 13,848.88	Estimated Operating Expenditures Museum Equipment & Operations Museum Supply/Materials Purchased Services Insurance Total Operating Expenditures Estimated Corporation Expenditures Administrative Salaries Payroll Taxes Dues & Fees Education Taxes Board & Staff Development Accounting Legal Printing/Advertising Postage	\$1,500.00 2,000.00 5,000.00 \$16,500.00 \$16,500.00 1,000.00 3,000.00 6,500.00 4,500.00 3,000.00 1,665.00
Township Road D	\$ District	199,194.61	Utilities Office Equipment Exhibits Acquisitions Total Corporation Expenditures	14,000.00 2,000.00 1,000.00 <u>1,000.00</u> \$124,665.00
	\$ \$ \$	533,717.18 222,690.09 199,194.61 557,212.66	Estimated Capital Expenses Capital Expenses – General Total Capital Expenditures	\$ <u>15,000.00</u> \$15,000.00
			Total General Estimated Receipts Total General Estimated Expenditures Estimated Cash at End of Fiscal Year in General Fund	\$408,685.43 <u>156,165.00</u> \$252,520.43
			CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS/GRANTS	
Monroe Tov arch 31, 20		ip	Read House Project Cash on Hand at Beginning of Fiscal Year Read House Project Estimated Loan Receipts Total Read House Project Estimated Receipts	\$0.00 <u>116,000.00</u> \$116,000.00
			Read House Project Estimated Expenditures Total Read House Project Estimated Expenditures	<u>\$116,000.00</u> \$116,000.00
	\$ \$ \$	87,036.99 14,822.88 406.54	Estimated Cash at End of Fiscal Year in Read House Project Fund GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND FUND	\$0.00
	\$ \$	1,300.96 103,567.37	G.O. Bond Cash on Hand at Beginning of Fiscal Year G.O. Bond Estimated Receipts Total G.O. Bond Estimated Receipts	\$54,491.06 <u>54,491.06</u> \$108,982.12
			G.O. Bond Estimated Repayment Expenditures Total G.O. Bond Estimated Expenditures	<u>\$108,982.12</u> \$108,982.12
			Estimated Cash at End of Fiscal Year in G.O. Bond Fund	\$0.00
lliam Hunt, Lynn Warner			Total Estimated Receipts from All Funds Total Estimated Expenditures from All Funds Estimated Cash at End of Fiscal Year in All Funds	\$579,176.49 <u>326,656.06</u> \$252,520.43

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SECTION 2. That the amounts set forth opposite the objects and purposes listed under

Justin Thibodeau

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Total Expenditures	\$	89,946.43

Summary Statement of Condition of Monroe Township

Beginning Balance 4/1/2022 Revenue Expenditures Ending Balance 3/31/2023	\$ \$	264,900.60 103,567.37 89,946.43
Ending Balance 3/31/2023	\$	278,521.54

Submitted by Treasurer -Tom Lichty No. 1023 Oct. 9, 2023

estimated expenditures in Section 1 herein, the aggregate thereof, are deemed necessary to defray all necessary expenses and liabilities of said District, and are hereby appropriated for the corporate purposes of said District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024, the purpose for which appropriations are made and the amounts appropriated for the various objects being as set forth and specified under the various estimated expenditures in Section 1 herein, and hereby incorporated by reference thereto as part of Section 2 which shall be and is the Appropriation Ordinance of said District for the aforesaid fiscal year.

SECTION 3. To the extent permitted by law, all unexpended balances of any item or items by this Ordinance appropriated may be expended in making up any deficiencies in any item or items aforesaid.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall be published one time in The Ogle County Life, a newspaper having a general circulation in said District, and shall be posted in a public area of the museum building within three (3) days after its enactment and shall remain posted for fourteen (14) days. Certified copies of this Ordinance shall be made available to the public for inspection. This Ordinance shall take effect ten (10) days after being so published.

REVIEWED, APPROVED, ADOPTED, AND ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of the Byron Museum District, Ogle County, Illinois, on the 26th day of September, 2023.

Ayes: 4 Nays: <u>0</u> Absent: 1

> BYRON MUSEUM DISTRICT OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Randy Stukenberg RANDY STUKENBERG, President

ATTEST

Brenda Crabel BRENDA CRABEL Secretary, Board of Commissioners, Byron Museum District

No. 1024 (Oct. 9, 2023)

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