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Rochelle mayor presents at County Board meeting

OCEDC contribution presented, engineering agreement for lake study approved

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

OREGON — At its monthly meeting Tuesday, the Ogle County Board heard a presentation from Rochelle Mayor John Bearrows, who talked about the relationship between the city and the county and presented Rochelle's \$50,000 contribution to the Ogle County Economic Development Corporation to Board Vice-Chairwoman Pat Nordman.

The OCEDC was officially established recently representing all of Ogle County, its communities, employers and citizens. The OCEDC's vision statement is "Ogle County, Illinois: An economic destination for growth and prosperity." Since 2019, more than a dozen communities, utility companies, state and regional economic agencies have come together to make the OCEDC a reality.

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county. New officers elected at the July 20 meeting are Randy Schoon - president (Polo), Darin DeHaan - vice president (Oregon), Paula Diehl - secretary (Mt. Morris) and John Rickard

- treasurer (Byron). Each officer represents a community that has pledged startup funds for the new organization. Ogle County has pledged funds as well. "Last week, our city

council voted unanimously to contribute to the OCEDC," Bearrows said. "We're extremely pleased to contribute. Because we feel very strongly that the entire county is our region.

As mayor, I know I speak for the entire city council when I say Rochelle is very proud to be a part of that endeavor."

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52nd annual Autumn on Parade festival held

Yearly celebration took place in downtown Oregon from Oct. 7-8

OREGON — The 52nd annual Autumn On Parade festival Oct. 7-8 was a huge success, thanks to your Spooktacular Spirit, the fall sunshine, and hugely because of efforts contributed by our all-volunteer crews!

Tourists and locals alike descend on downtown Oregon annually (the first full weekend of October) to partake in this free and family-friendly festival that brings people together for quality time. We have attendees coming not only from the suburbs and the state lines, we even know of a handful of attendees who hopped planes many states away to be with us this year!

From shopping to snacks to petting zoos to live music to classic auto shows to a 5K to a fabulous parade, we truly offer something for everyone.



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LOCAL NEWS

Ribbon cutting held for Kishwaukee College welding lab

President Borowicz: "This space is an example of how a college evolves"



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MANAGING EDITOR

MALTA — On Tuesday, an open house and ribbon cutting were held for Kishwaukee College's new welding lab on campus.

The event included a welcome by Kish College President Dr. Laurie Borowicz and remarks by College Board of Trustees President Bob Johnson, Dean of Office of Instruction Chase Budziak, Enbridge Community Ambassador Jerry Smith and Kish Welding Program Student Donovan James.

Borowicz said that welding has been a staple of the college's offerings for a long time, but it was previously done in "a very small space."

"This new space is an example of how a college evolves," Borowicz said.

"And how when the needs change, we change. We used to have auto collision in here, and the industry changed. We no longer needed this space and it turned out to be the perfect opportunity to expand a program that could use expansion like welding. It's a need for our community and businesses."

Welding is one of Kish's career & technical education program offerings. Johnson said the new welding lab project took "quite a while" due to the COVID-19 pandemic and supply chain problems. The new lab is four times larger than the previous lab.

"We have room to grow," Johnson said. "Well-trained welders are needed by many employers in our area."

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Illinois Epilepsy Support and Resources

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BYRON POLICE DEPARTMENT

BYRON — On Oct. 2 Perry S. Widergren, 63, of Byron was issued a citation for operating a motor vehicle when registration is suspended.

On Oct. 3 Cindy Lawson, 65, of Byron was issued a citation for speeding.

On Oct. 4 Arthur H. Hall, 24, of Dixon was issued a citation operating a motor vehicle when registration is suspended.

On Oct. 4 Benjamin Shabuni, 27, of Rockford was issued citations for operating a vehicle while registration is suspended, no proof of valid insurance and driving while license suspended.

On Oct. 5 David B. Clarke, 69, of Byron was issued citations for improper lane use and driving under influence of alcohol. Clarke was transported to Ogle County Jail.

On Oct. 7 Gavin M. Aniszewski, 25, of Loves Park was issued a citation for speeding.

On Oct. 7 Erick L. Owens, 32, of Byron was issued citations for operating a motor vehicle when registration is expired and failure to notify the secretary of state of an address change.

On Oct. 7 a 16-year-old of Byron was issued citations for disobeying a traffic control device and operating a motor vehicle when regis-

tration is suspended.

On Oct. 8 Melissa Garcia, 33, of Byron was issued citations for no proof of valid insurance and speeding.

On Oct. 8 Luma Hadije, 33, of Byron was issued a citation for speeding.

On Oct. 8, Devona L. Harms, 50, of Byron was issued a citation for speeding.

On Oct. 11 Rebecca L. Goner, 46, of Byron was issued a citation for operating a motor vehicle when registration is suspended.

On Oct. 11 Darcy R. Nelson, 52, of Rockford was issued a citation for speeding.

On Oct. 12 Amanda J.K. Brauer, 40, of Leaf River was issued citations for operating a vehicle with expired registration, operating a vehicle with suspended registration and operating a vehicle with no valid proof of valid insurance.

On Oct. 15 Anthony J. Winsor, 24, of Marion, Illinois was issued a citation for speeding.

On Oct. 16 Faith A. Beasley, 19, of Belvidere was issued a citation for speeding.

On Oct. 17 Al W. Koen, 45, of Frankville, Alabama was issued a citation for speeding.

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Spring Check Out is Saturday, March 23, 2024, 9 - Noon.

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LOCAL NEWS



The 52nd annual Autumn On Parade festival was held Oct. 7-8. Pictured are cornstalking volunteers prepping by decorating for festival weekend; Lucy Beckman and band mates with the Oregon Junior High Marching Band; BOSS Roofing shows off their Spooktacular Spirit; an antique Case IH tractor; the Gales turn the 5K & Fun Run into a family event.

PARADE: Annual autumn event held in downtown Oregon earlier this month

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Children enjoyed our bounce houses, sensory, friendly activities, and “touch a truck” displays, while kids of all ages enjoyed shopping at our market, which hosted more than 180 vendors!

Some new, and many returning, our vendors repeatedly share how they specifically look forward to joining the Autumn On Parade market each year because it is so well organized and more profitable than other shows they attend.

Our food trucks offer a variety of items covering breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Coffee? Pulled pork? We’ve got it all. Even elotes! And we couldn’t forget about the hungry crowd at our classic auto & antique tractor shows – we station food trucks on site at Park East as well!

Did someone say live music? With shoppers shopping and a tractor parade rolling by, three high-energy acts graced our Entertainment HotSpot stage this year, keeping the excitement hopping into the early hours of the evening.

The 5K & Fun Run brings out both folks running for kicks or competing for first place, and leaves plenty of time for a snack and shopping before the Harvest Time Parade steps off. Streets line with excited festival goers ready to receive candy and watch more than 120 parade entries perform. Job well done by all!

Our 60/40 raffle winner is drawn at close of festival, and was announced after the banking holiday. Thank you to all who participated in growing the 60/40 pot to five figures! Our winner is an Oregon local, who is currently planning her wedding. What perfect timing!

60/40 fundraising and generous sponsorships from area businesses help fund the many expenses incurred to provide the Autumn On Parade festival as you know it. In-kind sponsorships and time donated by those willing to do the heavy lifting and behind-the-scenes grunt work are what pull this festival together. Without these volunteers, our festival would not be possible. Please consider donating your time and resources to the Autumn On Parade festival so it can continue to flourish and provide so many memories and opportunities to those who cherish this piece of Oregon history. Email your name and phone number to: autumnnonparadeinfo@gmail.com, subject line “Volunteer.”

For more information + festival merch visit autumnnonparade.com &/or Facebook/Instagram @ [autumnnonparade](https://www.instagram.com/autumnnonparade). See you next year!

(COURTESY PHOTOS)

Need help dealing with grief?

All are welcome to GriefShare, where you will find comfort and support. It's being offered at St. Mary Church in Byron on Monday nights, starting Monday, November 20, 2023 from 6:00 pm. to 8:00 pm.

If you're interested, please call the church at 815-234-7431 or visit GriefShare.org for more information.

GriefShare

NOTICE OF PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX INCREASE FOR MONROE TOWNSHIP FIRE AND AMBULANCE PROTECTION DISTRICT

I. A Public Hearing to approve a proposed Property Tax Levy Increase for Monroe Township Fire and Ambulance Protection District for 2023 (payable in 2024) will be held on November 2, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Monroe Township Fire Station, 104 West Street, Monroe Center, Illinois. Any person desiring to appear at the Public Hearing and present testimony to the Taxing District may contact Attorney Nathan J. Noble, attorney for the District, 504 North State Street, Belvidere, IL 61008, telephone no. (815) 547-7700.

II. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended or abated for 2022 (payable in 2023) were \$296,500.83. The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 2023 (payable in 2024) are \$362,078.00. This represents a 22.2% increase over the previous year.

III. The property taxes extended for debt service and public building commission leases for 2022 (payable in 2023) were \$00.00. The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for 2023 (payable in 2024) are \$00.00. This represents a 0% increase over the previous year.

IV. The total property taxes extended or abated for 2022 (payable in 2023) were \$296,500.83. The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 2023 (payable in 2024) are \$362,078.00. This represents a 22.2% increase over the previous year.

John Johnson, Monroe Township Fire and Ambulance Protection District Treasurer

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LOCAL NEWS

Obituaries

Bradley Allen Ingram

BYRON — Bradley Allen Ingram, devoted husband and father, age 53, passed away suddenly at home on Friday, October 13, 2023. He was born in Rockford on November 11, 1969 the son of Jim and Sandra (Burns) Haynes.

Brad spent his life in Byron and graduated from Byron High School Class of 1987. He worked many years as a mason then at Collins Aerospace in Rockford. He married the love of his life Jeannine (Steffa) on July 29, 2000, and together they built a life they loved. His family was his world, and he spent every day making sure his kids felt love and supported in all they did.

He did not believe in just being a father to his kids but to extend his kindness and love to any of the kids in his life; making sure they all knew that they had a place, that they belonged, and that they could all accomplish anything they dreamed. He spent much of his free time coaching Byron Middle Scholl Wrestling, Extreme Wrestling, Byron Jr. Tackle Football, and Roy Gayle baseball.

When he wasn't coaching, he could be found grilling and smoking meat. He loved to tail gate and was an excellent cook. He was a good friend who you could always count on to help you out with whatever he could. He is preceded in death by his parents and sisters, Glenda and Joyce.

He is survived and missed by his wife, Jeannine; children, Colton, Eli, Nickolas, and Aubrey; siblings, Sandy (Terry) Gobin, David (Kathy)



Ingram, Penny Hammer, Joe (Tina) Haynes, and Matt Haynes; and numerous nieces, nephews, and friends.

Visitation will be held from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm on Thursday, October 19, 2023, at Cornerstone Church in Byron. A funeral service to honor his well lived life will be held at 10:00am on Friday, October 20, 2023, at Cornerstone Church in Byron with Pastor Randy Snider officiating. In lieu of flowers memorials may be directed to the family.

Patricia Ann Lofquist

STILLMAN VALLEY — Patricia Ann Lofquist, age 86, passed away peacefully at Generations at Neighbors in Byron. She was born in Iowa City, IA on July 14, 1937 the daughter of Joe and Susie (Reed) Dole. She married the love of her life, Michael Lofquist on December 15, 1962.

her career in catering for the Palmetto Club. In her spare time; she enjoyed playing bridge with her friends and board games with her family. She loved warm weather, the beach, and fishing.

More than anything, she loved spending time with her family and adored being a mother and grandmother. She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, and 10 siblings. Patricia is survived and missed by her children, Doug Lofquist of Newnan, GA, Deb (Darrin) Castle of Stillman Valley, IL, and David (Mary Lisa)



Lofquist of Atlanta, GA; and grandchildren, Steven Lofquist, Mireille Lofquist, Alyssa Castle and James Castle; and a special dog, Duke.

Patricia will be laid to rest in Daytona Beach, FL with her husband. The family would like to thank the staff at Genera-

Alois L. Miller

STERLING — Alois L. Miller, 93, of Sterling, died Friday, October 13, 2023 at CGH Medical Center.

her sons, William (Maureen) Miller and Tony Miller; her daughter-in-law, Marilyn Miller; 13 grandchildren; 26 great grandchildren; 26 great great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband; her parents; two sisters; three brothers; two sons, Michael and Wallace Miller, Jr.; and son in law, Patrick Hicks.

A visitation will be held on Friday, October 20, 2023 from 2:00 – 5:00 PM at the McDonald Funeral Home in Rock Falls. The funeral will be on Saturday, October 21, 2023 at 10:00 AM at the funeral home with



Reverend David Andermann of Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church in Dixon officiating. Burial will conclude the services at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens in Dixon.

A memorial has been established. Online condolences may be sent to www.mcdonaldfuneralhomes.com.

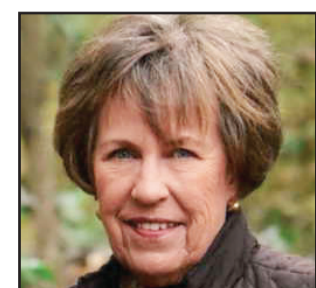
Carla N. Singley

POLO — Carla N. Singley, 75, of Polo, passed away Monday, October 16, 2023, at Freeport Hospital. Carla was born September 23, 1948, in Dixon, Illinois, the daughter of Richard and Dorothy (Dennis) Kjolsing. On March 25, 1967, in Polo, she married Michael Singley.

she was so blessed to teach. Carla and her husband started Singley Construction in 1969 and still operates today.

Survivors include husband Michael Singley; mother Dorothy Kjolsing; sons Steven (Cheryl) Singley of Vernon Hills, IL, Jeffery (Dawn) Singley of Forreston, IL; brother Wyman (Cindy) Kjolsing of Fort Dodge, IA; grandchildren Jordan (Jason) Piske of South Elgin, IL, Michael Singley and Hayden Singley both of Forreston, IL; great grandchildren Hudson and Collins.

She is preceded in death by her father Richard.



Visitation will be Friday from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. with family present from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. at Polo Family Funeral Home, 110 E. Dixon St. Polo. Private family services will be held with burial at Fairmount Cemetery in Polo.

Visit www.polofamilyfuneralhome.com to send condolences.

Janine Halsne Spychala

Janice Halsne Spychala was Promoted to Glory October 4, 2023. Born December 20, 1938 to Burton and Pearl Halsne. Married Gerry Spychala December 14, 1986.

most proud of being the only female in the department. However, her most satisfying job came years later when she and Gerry were placed in charge of the Salvation Army's Adult Rehab Center (ARC) in Rockford.

Predeceased by her parents and grandson Brian.

Survived by; Gerry husband, Jim brother, Jayne (Serge) sister, sons Brad, Jeff (Becky), Doug, step sons Mark, Scott (Mary), five grandchildren, six great grandchildren, and special friend Lyn (dog Jaxx) along with numerous nephews and nieces.

Jan's early working career included spray painting industrial lawn mowers. A job she was

enjoying all the grandchildren, great grandchildren plus sewing/quilting and helping place rescue dogs (her passion). And of course giving hugs. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Salvation Army. Services will be October 28 at the Salvation Army 500 S Rockford Ave. Rockford IL beginning at 10 am



Dorothy G. Coffman

POLO — Dorothy G. Coffman, 95, of Polo, passed away Thursday, October 19, 2023, at Polo Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center. Dorothy was born, November 30, 1927, in Brooklyn, IL, the daughter of Frank and Grace (Gigous) Vincent. On November 10, 1948 in Champaign, IL. Dorothy attended Benardin Grade School in near West Brooklyn, IL. She graduated from Lee Center Community High School in Lee Center, IL in 1945.

playing cards, quilting and baking. She was a member of the Faith United Methodist Church and the Polo Senior Center. Dorothy said, "I believe that all that I am and all that I have comes from God, I am very thankful everyday."

On November 10, 1948 in Champaign, IL, she was united in marriage to Harold L. Coffman of Polo. Dorothy enjoyed

Survivors include son Alan Coffman of Polo; grandsons James (Shannon) Coffman and Aaron Coffman; great grandsons Matthew and Carson Coffman.

She was preceded in death by husband Harold; brother Raymond Vincent, sisters Norma L. Owen and Shirley Carlson; nephew Craig Owen.

The funeral service will



be at 11:00 AM, Tuesday, October 24, 2023 at Polo Family Funeral Home, 110 E. Dixon St, Polo. Burial will be at Fairmount Cemetery in Polo following the service. Visitation will be from 10:00 to 11:00 AM, one hour prior to the service, at Polo Family Funeral Home. Visit www.polofamilyfuneralhome.com to send condolences.

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September 2023 Byron Middle School Students of the Month named

Byron Bank is proud to announce the Byron Middle School Students of the Month for September 2023. Students are selected by teachers based on criteria of: work habits, positive attitude, good manners, cooperation with faculty and peers, and a good role model for other students. Byron Bank presents the students with a cash prize and a certificate of award. The September 2023 Students of the Month are: (pictured left to right) Mr. Mike Sand Byron Middle School Principal – sixth grade, Cohen Considine – seventh grade, Addy Hardy – eighth Grade, Easton Burris-Omni, Hayden Hall – and from Byron Bank, Mr. Sean Considine.

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LOCAL NEWS



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KISH: Open house and ribbon cutting held for new welding facility

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"Thanks to all of the companies that have provided employment for our graduates. Thank you for joining us today and spread the word that Kish can now train more and better welders."

Budziak thanked the board of trustees, Borowicz and the "countless people" that worked on the new welding lab project. The project has been going on for two years. Enbridge is an international energy company that has a crude oil pipeline in the region that runs from Superior, Wisconsin down through Boone, DeKalb and LaSalle counties. Enbridge reached out to Kish during pipeline work and donated pipe to its welding program.

Since then, the college and the company have had a relationship that has allowed Kish students to use the same equipment that master welders in the field use, Smith said.

Over the past several years, Enbridge has provided over \$40,000 in scholarships for Kish students.

James spoke from a student's perspective on the lab upgrade. He thanked the administration, his instructors and those that helped the lab come to be.

"It's a very expensive profession," James said. "I know a lot of other departments make sacrifices to make sure we have what we need to practice. I don't think that should go unnoticed."

Oregon Rotary Club awards three scholarships

OREGON — Oregon Rotary Club Foundation is excited and honored to be able to award scholarships to three exceptional college students this year. Isaac Brooks, Grant Cermak and Lydia Cermak are the applicants whom the board agreed best represent the ideals of Rotary International this year. Brooks was also given the distinction of being named as the 2023 recipient of the "Helen and Andrew Cirksema Scholarship."

The annual Oregon Rotary Club Foundation scholarship program began in 1984, thanks to the Cirksema family's generous donation to the club. The club awarded one \$500 college scholarship that first year. Foundation members nurtured the scholarship program and it continued to develop. In 2014, the program expanded to include graduating high school seniors due to a generous donation from Catherine Ehnen.

Over the course of these 39 years, the program has awarded over \$450,000 to more than 200 students who best manifested the ideals of Rotary International. The yearly decision process is a very difficult yet rewarding experience because of the large number of outstanding applicants that apply each year. The Oregon community should be very proud of these individuals who are not only excellent students but participate in activities geared toward helping others as well.

The Oregon Rotary Club Foundation, Inc. appreciates the many applicants to the scholarship program. Our district is fortunate to have so many scholars of distinction. The board members would like to thank all the students for taking the time to apply and for sharing their talents and leadership in our community. Their hope is that these financial awards will help the students pursue their college education and enable them to continue to support our fine community. A separate scholarship opportunity will be given to graduating OHS seniors in the spring.

Rotary is a service club whose mission is serving. Rotarians provide community service, both locally and internationally. Becoming a Rotarian provides the opportunity to do something for someone else and to sense the highly rewarding self-fulfillment that comes with the process.

Oregon Rotary Club is always looking for new members. For additional information or to apply for membership visit their website at <https://portal.clubrunner.ca/5761> or email Rotary Club President Erin Folk at Erin@oregonpark.org.

Polo Lions Club meat raffle runs until Monday, Nov. 20

POLO — Polo Lions Club will be sponsoring their annual Polo Lions Club Meat Raffle through Nov. 20. A total of five winners will be drawn on Nov. 20 in time for the holiday season. Prizes include two quarter beefs; both with freezers, two half hogs and one \$100 gift certificate to Polo Fresh Food Market. Tickets are \$10 a piece or three for \$20.

Tickets can be purchased at several community businesses including First State Bank Shannon Polo at their Polo Branch Location as well as Koeller Hardware in Forrester. Proceeds and Donations will benefit Polo through several community projects. On behalf of the Polo Lions Club, they would like to thank their generous donors for their contributions, including Johnson

Processing of Chadwick, Deuth Family Farms of Polo, Greg Cross, Polo Fresh Food Market, Knie Appliance & Furniture and Stone Seed.

For more information call: Winton Bocker at 815-238-0078 or Aaron Miller at 815-994-1599.

We would like to thank you for the cards, calls, Memorial gifts, food, and any way you have reached out to us since our mother's death. Thank you to the staff at Pinecrest who cared for Mom, Serenity Hospice, Pastor Janet Wold, and Lou at Finch Funeral Home. We were blessed with a wonderful, loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother and are blessed with you, our friends, for your love and support.

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Members of the Oregon Woman's Club with fellow member and speaker Beth Simeone at the Oregon Depot Museum "Those Were the Days" lecture about the origins of the Oregon Park District. Pictured from left to right are Rosemary Underwood, Johanna Hahne, Beth Simeone, Sandi Chasm, Valdean Fletcher, Jan Steward, Audrey Taylor and Nancy Bartels.

Oregon Depot Museum lecture tells story of the Oregon Park District

OREGON — On the last day of September as part of the "Those Were the Days" lecture series at the Oregon Depot Museum, three past members of the Oregon Park District Board gave a presentation of the history and development of the Park District. Former board members, Chris Martin, Beth Simeone, and 32-year board veteran Steve Pennock, shared their unique perspectives. Current Executive Director Erin Folk explained the financial management developments during the district's history. Pennock developed and displayed a timeline of the park district's development from 1966 to the present time. This timeline is up on the Oregon Depot Museum's website, www.oregondepot.com. Martin and Simeone went on to describe the development of the park district from small beginnings into its present form and the court battle that enabled much of its growth. Folk shared the vision of the district moving forward.

The Oregon Park District grew out of the desire on the part of a small group of citizens interested in having a community swimming pool, but there was no way for such a small group to finance the project. They decided instead that the best way to move forward was to form the Oregon Park District. Anne Geiken, president of the Oregon Woman's Club at that time, and active in these groups, persuaded the OWC to bear the costs of holding an election, and in December of 1966, the formation of the park district was approved by the voters. Geiken served on the first district board for a number of years. She also persuaded the OWC to contribute \$4,000 toward the construction of the pool. But it was not until after several failed pool referendums and the acquisition of the Nash School property in 1982 that construction on the Nash Recreation Center began. The Nash Center provided a site for the indoor pool which opened in 1986. Prior to that, however, in the late 1970s, the construction of the Byron

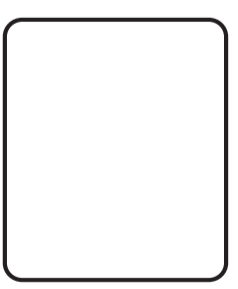
Nuclear Power Plant began, and a forward-thinking park district board realized the opportunity its location presented. After a court battle with the newly-proposed Byron Park District over which park district would receive the benefits of the revenue stream from the power plant taxes was settled in Oregon's favor. That revenue has enabled many of the park district's later projects, including the Nash Recreation Center, the Blackhawk Center, and the acquisition of several smaller parks in the city and the refurbishment of some of the older parks. The park district currently manages over 140 acres of parkland, including playgrounds, a splash park, baseball diamonds, basketball, volleyball and tennis courts, a concert area and a river fishing area. The next "Those Were the Days" program on Oct. 28 at the Depot will cover Ronald Reagan and his brother's time in Dixon. Don't miss this look at part of the early life of the late president. For more information, contact Roger Cain at 815-757-9715.

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Veteran's Day, Nov. 11 is a special day to honor America's Veterans, living and deceased. Honor your veteran with a photo to be published on Monday, November 6th, 2023.

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LOCAL NEWS

COUNTY: Nordman provides update on west fiber project

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"The economic development success we've seen in Rochelle in the past years has been amazing to say the least. When one of us benefits, the whole county does."

Rochelle is the only city in the county with its own dedicated economic development department.

Bearrows said he hopes to continue the relationship between the city and county in the future. The county recently contributed \$50,000 in federal American Rescue Plan Act funds to the city's fire training facility project which it recently broke ground on. An intergovernmental agreement was also approved recently for improvements to the Flagg Road and 20th Street intersection in Rochelle.

"In the past, there's been talk about the east side and west side of the river," Bearrows said. "Ladies and gentlemen, we are all Ogle County. If we're not in this for the good of the

entire county, then we're in the wrong position. I'm here to tell you that the City of Rochelle is here to work with Ogle County."

The fire training facility in Rochelle will be available to be utilized by organizations in the county for training, Bearrows said.

"Many times we've called it a fire training facility," Bearrows said. "It's going to start out that way, but it will be for police officers, SWAT teams, K9 units, the county and the city and it's going to be open as a regional training facility. We want to provide all of the tools possible for all of our folks in the health and safety departments to make sure they get home at night."

Lake Mistake

The board unanimously approved a preliminary engineering agreement with Chastain & Associates, LLC for \$60,843 for the Lake Mistake drain hydraulic study.

Board Member Lyle

Hopkins said "Lake Mistake" is near Pines Road in southwest Oregon. The project will be done jointly between the county and the City of Oregon to study the flooding. Hydraulic modeling will be used to assess future mitigation projects as well as sizing and replacement of culverts beneath Pines Road. The study will be primarily funded through a grant from FEMA.

Chastain & Associates will assist with public outreach, topographical surveys, cultural & environmental reviews, hydraulic modeling & report preparation and an IDNR/OWR review.

Fiber

Nordman said the county's west fiber project has been completed. Two years ago, the county allocated ARPA funds to do the project from Oregon to Mt. Morris and then up Illinois Route 64 to Forreston and Polo.

"As of last week, that



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has been accomplished," Nordman said. "We accomplished 31 miles. We appropriated \$1.2 million for the project and it's come in under cost. The savings will go back into the next fiber project. It's part of building our broadband infrastructure. We just need to keep going and eventually we'll have everyone served in Ogle County. Thank you all for the support."

BEST

Apresentation was made at the meeting by Business Employment Skills Team (BEST) Executive Director Carrie Folken during the meeting. BEST serves Ogle County residents and administers the federal Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act.

Folken talked about success stories of Ogle County residents that have been helped by BEST.

"Each opportunity is as unique as the individuals we serve," Folken said. "We come up with a career plan and try to fit it to the services that those individuals need."

ARPA

The board unanimously approved the use of \$1,196 in federal ARPA funds for the training of county zoning department employees by Teska & Associates.

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LOCAL NEWS

OGLE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

OREGON — On Oct. 10 at approximately 6:30 p.m. deputies responded to the 800 block of West Flagg Road in Lost Nation for a reported violation of bond conditions. After investigation, deputies arrested Albert Brooks, 40, of Dixon for two counts of violation of bond conditions. Brooks was transported to the Ogle County Jail and must appear before a judge. Brooks was additionally charged with aggravated assault on a peace officer.

On Oct. 10 at approximately 10:40 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 2,000 block of West Illinois Route 64. After a brief investigation, deputies arrested Trevor M. Barber, 23, of Chicago, for driving while license suspended and improper container of cannabis as a driver. Barber was additionally issued citations for suspended registration and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. Barber was issued a notice to

appear and released on scene.

On Oct. 12 at approximately 8:24 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 1,000 block of West Pines Road in Oregon. After an investigation, Christopher D. Miller, 31, of Oregon, was placed under arrest for aggravated driving under the influence of alcohol, driving under the influence of alcohol, operating a motor vehicle with no valid driver's license and a valid in-state warrant. Miller was also cited for improper traffic lane usage. Miller was transported to the Ogle County Jail, where he was held in lieu of bond.

On Oct. 13 at approximately 8:06 p.m. deputies responded to a one-vehicle accident with injuries near the intersection of Twombly Road and Illinois Route 251. After investigation, deputies learned Denise Reisinger, 67, of Rochelle, was traveling southbound in a black Ford SUV just north

of the intersection. The vehicle then failed to negotiate a curve before traveling across the northbound lane and off into the west side ditch. The vehicle then struck two signs and an electrical box before coming to rest in the southeast ditch of the intersection. The back seat passenger, Frederick Reisinger, 82 of Rochelle, was transported to Rochelle Community Hospital for non-life threatening injuries. The driver was issued a citation for too fast for conditions.

On Oct. 14 at 10:27 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop at the intersection of East Illinois Route 64 and South Woodlawn Road. As a result, Jacob C. Doyle 33, of Kingston was arrested for driving while license revoked. Doyle was transported to the Ogle County Jail, where he was released on a notice to appear with a future court date.

All individuals are considered innocent until proven guilty.

POLO POLICE DEPARTMENT

POLO — On Oct. 10 at 6:50 a.m. Allen J. Hayenga, 26, Mt. Morris, was cited for driving 44 miles per hour in a 30 miles per hour speed zone. Hayenga was released on a notice to appear.

On Oct. 10 at 6:16 p.m. Austin W. Yocum, 30, Dixon, was cited for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended registration and operating an uninsured motor vehicle and issued a written warning for an expired driver's license. Yocum was released on a notice to appear.

On Oct. 10 at 7:48 p.m. Tod L. Binkley, 60, Forreston, was cited for operating an uninsured motor vehicle. Binkley was released on a notice to appear.

On Oct. 10 at 8:23 p.m. Ralph G. Hemesath, 67, Savanna, was cited for operating an uninsured motor vehicle. Hemesath was released on a notice to appear.

On Oct. 14 at 7:56 p.m.

Amanda J. Smith, 37, Rock Falls, was cited for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended driver's license and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. Smith was released on a notice to appear.

General calls for service for Oct. 2-15 – Citizen complaints/assists: 15. Juvenile: one. Animal complaint: one. Disturbance/domestic: three. Fire/medical assists: four. Alarm open door: one. 911 hang up: one. Traffic stops: 21.

MT. MORRIS POLICE DEPARTMENT

MT. MORRIS — On Sept. 23 at approximately 7:11 p.m. Mt. Morris Police conducted a traffic stop in the 100 block of North McKendrie Avenue. The driver, Shayann L. Stone, 29, Rockford, was issued a citation for no valid registration. Stone was given an I-Bond.

On Sept. 30 at approximately 11 p.m. Mt. Morris Police responded to the 10 block of North Wesley Avenue for a warrant service. Police located the subject, Cornelius Sandoval, 51, Rochelle, and placed him into custody on an Ogle County warrant for criminal damage to property. Sandoval was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

On Oct. 1 at approximately 5:45 p.m. Mt. Morris Police were sent to the 200 block of Barbara Street for the report of a domestic dispute. After an investigation, Mackenzie L. Hardesty, 23, Mt. Morris, was arrested and charged with domestic battery. Hardesty was

transported to the Ogle County Jail where she was held in lieu of bond.

On Oct. 1 at approximately 7 p.m. Mt. Morris Police were contacted in regards to a dog vs. dog attack in the 300 block of East Brayton Road. After an investigation, Shane C. Nelson, 55, Dixon, was issued a village ordinance citation for dog running at large. The report was forwarded to Ogle County Animal Control.

On Oct. 2 at approximately 10 p.m. Mt. Morris Police responded to the 400 block of North McKendrie Avenue and arrested Joe A. Short, 49, Mt. Morris, and Cody Simmons, 38, Mt. Morris, for Ogle County warrants for the original charge of burglary. These charges stem from an investigation of a burglary incident that took place in the 500 block of North Wesley Avenue in Mt. Morris in August. Short and Simmons were transported to the Ogle County Jail where they were held in lieu of bond.

On Oct. 5 at approx-

imately 10:25 a.m. Mt. Morris Police conducted a foot patrol in the 10 block of East Front Street, where police made contact with, Heather L. Heathcott, 42, Mt. Morris. Heathcott was wanted on an Ogle County warrant for failure to appear. Heathcott was transported to the Ogle County Jail, where she was held in lieu of bond.

On Oct. 9 at approximately 8:45 p.m. Mt. Morris Police conducted a traffic stop in the 3,000 block of West Illinois Route 64. The driver, Jonathan A. Cook, 22, Freeport, was issued citations for driving while license is suspended and operating a vehicle with no insurance. Cook was released on an I-Bond.

Other September police activity – Check welfare: four. Citizen assist: six. Traffic stops: 17. Total calls for service: 193.

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

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LOCAL NEWS



Polo Lions collect donations at Polo High School's Homecoming football game

Polo Lions Club President Greg Cross, Second Vice President Keith Chesnut and Lions Member Irene Short stood at the gate of Polo's Homecoming game on Friday, Oct. 6 in the wind and chilly temps handing out candy for a donation to the Lions Club Candy Day.

UCB's Harvest Feast Turkey Dinner scheduled for Nov. 4

BYRON — UCB Fellowship of the United Church of Byron is having their annual Harvest Feast Turkey Dinner on Saturday, Nov. 4 from 4-7 p.m. Tickets are now on sale! Tickets can be purchased through the church office during the week, before or after the 10:30 service

on Sundays or at <https://givebutter.com/UCBturkeydinner2023>.

This year the meals will be done in a drive-thru manner again. To pick up a meal, please enter the church driveway via Second Street and pull up at the marked designated area, and then exit onto

Colfax/Tower. There will be signs and people directing traffic as needed and we will get meals out as quickly as possible.

To avoid congestion and to smooth serving we will split serving into three different time periods; 4-5 p.m., 5-6 p.m., 6-7 p.m. You must select

your pick-up time when purchasing tickets. You must have your tickets (either printed or on your phone) when picking up your meals.

The church is located at 701 W. Second St. in Byron. The dinner will include turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes with

gravy (gravy will be in separate container), green beans, cranberries, coleslaw and dessert.

All tickets must be purchased in advance either in person at the church or online. The last day to purchase tickets will be Tuesday, Oct. 31. Tickets are limited so get yours

early! Tickets purchased in person at the church will be \$15

Tickets purchased online will be \$16

For more information, please call the church office at 815-234-8777. Website: www.unit-edchurchofbyron.org

Grants promote ag literacy for county youth through Ag in the Classroom

OREGON — The Illinois Agriculture in the Classroom (IAITC) program continues to thrive as a resource for educating Ogle and Carroll county children about agriculture. This week the program received funding to continue classroom lessons thanks to IAA Foundation grants to local county coalitions.

Eighty coalitions serving 89 Illinois counties were awarded \$647,000 in grant dollars which can be used for materials, training, educational lessons, and ac-

tivities taking place during the 2022-2023 school year.

"Providing these grants ensures teachers have the right resources to integrate accurate agricultural content into their classrooms," Kevin Daugherty, education director, IAITC, said.

Last school year, 582,594 students and 40,046 teachers engaged in ag literacy lessons through IAITC. County AITC programs presented 28,848 individual programs throughout the state. Classroom presentations, farm field trips, and

agriculture expos add a new dimension to existing curricular standards.

"IAITC continues to help highlight Illinois' number-one industry. Student reach increased 182 percent, showing a positive trend as we adjust to post-pandemic education," Daugherty reflected.

During the 2023-2024 year there were 21,967 student contacts made through 1099 programs. Program activities included students making butter, kneading bread, studying

soil, enjoying pumpkin pie and much more.

County coalition grants are made possible through funding from the IAA Foundation, the charitable arm of the Illinois Farm Bureau. The IAA Foundation raises funds for the IAITC program each year, and in addition to county grants, provides funding for Ag Mags, teacher grants, Summer Ag Academies and more.

"Consistent and sustainable funding is key for IAITC to have great

results," Susan Moore, director, IAA Foundation, said. "And knowing that so many Illinois students are making stronger connections to agriculture drives our donors to keep making ag literacy a priority, and we are grateful for that."

Partner organizations of IAITC include Illinois Farm Bureau, Facilitating Coordination in Agricultural Education, University of Illinois Extension, Illinois Beef Association, Illinois Corn Marketing Board, Illinois Pork Producers

Association, Illinois Soybean Association, Midwest Dairy Association, Illinois Department of Agriculture and the Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

In addition, annual donors include agribusiness partners and individuals with an interest in supporting the future of agriculture. For information on how individuals can contribute, visit www.iaafoundation.org. For information on IAITC, visit www.agintheclassroom.org.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Oct. 26: Loaves & Fish Food Pantry alongside Northern Illinois Food Bank is hosting a Mobile Food Pantry on Thursday, Oct. 26 from 10-11:30 a.m. The truck will be located at Mt. Morris Church of the Brethren, 409 W. Brayton Road, Mt. Morris. Food is distributed on a first-come, first-served basis, while supplies last. Food is free to neighbors in need; no ID, proof of address or income is

required. Loaves & Fish Food Pantry is located on the lower level of the Mt. Morris Church of the Brethren, 409 W. Brayton Road, and is open on the first and third Thursdays from 3:30-6 p.m. and second and fourth Mondays from 2-4:30 p.m. Anyone experiencing food insecurity is eligible to receive food. You do not need to have a referral, and no proof of income is required. If you have any

questions, call 815-613-8776 and leave a message.

Oct. 28: All Saints Lutheran Church, located at 624 Luther Drive in Byron, will again host our "Halloween Hallway" on Saturday, Oct. 28. "Halloween Hallway" will take place from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. rain or shine! To enter the "Halloween Hallway", just follow the signs in the parking lot to the Sunday School wing doors. After trick-or-treating, everyone

is invited to stay for a free chili supper, which will be offered in our Fellowship Hall from 5-7 p.m. Chili is provided by All Saints Lutheran Church Members. Our annual event is open to the community, and all are welcome and invited to come and enjoy a safe and warm way for children of all ages to experience trick-or-treating. Treats are provided by members of All Saints Lutheran Church and Family

Dollar in Byron. Pastor Janet Wold and the members of All Saints Lutheran Church are excited to once again host this annual event and look forward to seeing many children from our community in their Halloween costumes.

Oct. 29: The German Valley Historical Museum, 805 Church St., will be open from 1-4 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 29. At 1:30 p.m. local resident, Donna Smith will present, "Those

Were the Days: History Highlights of German Valley". She will transport her audience back in time by talking about the Pleasant Prairie Academy, local businesses, early German settlers, bank robbers, motorcycle races, band concerts, local personalities and more. There is no admission charge but donations are appreciated. For more information call 815-362-3671 or go to www.gvmuseum.org.

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MOMENTS IN TIME

* On Nov. 6, 1869, Rutgers beat Princeton, then known as the College of New Jersey, 6-4 in the first college football game. Played with a soccer ball before roughly 100 fans in New Brunswick, New Jersey, it more resembled rugby than today's version of football.

* On Nov. 7, 2016, American lawyer and public official Janet Reno, who was the first female attorney general of the United States from 1993-2001, died at age 78 from complications related to Parkinson's disease.

* On Nov. 8, 1994, Salvatore "Sonny" Bono was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives. Best known as the pop-singer husband of Cher, after their divorce he left the music world behind to launch several successful restaurants, until frustration with bureaucratic hurdles around one of his construction projects in Palm Springs, California, sparked his foray into politics.

* On Nov. 9, 1971, John List murdered his family in their Westfield, New Jersey, home before disappearing. Though police quickly identified the Sunday School teacher and Boy Scout troop leader as the most likely suspect in the case, it would take another 18 years for them to locate him and bring

him to justice.

* On Nov. 10, 1808, the Osage tribe agreed to abandon their lands in Missouri and Arkansas in exchange for a reservation in Oklahoma. The decision eventually made them the richest surviving Native American nation in North America after they amassed enormous wealth in the 20th century from oil and gas deposits.

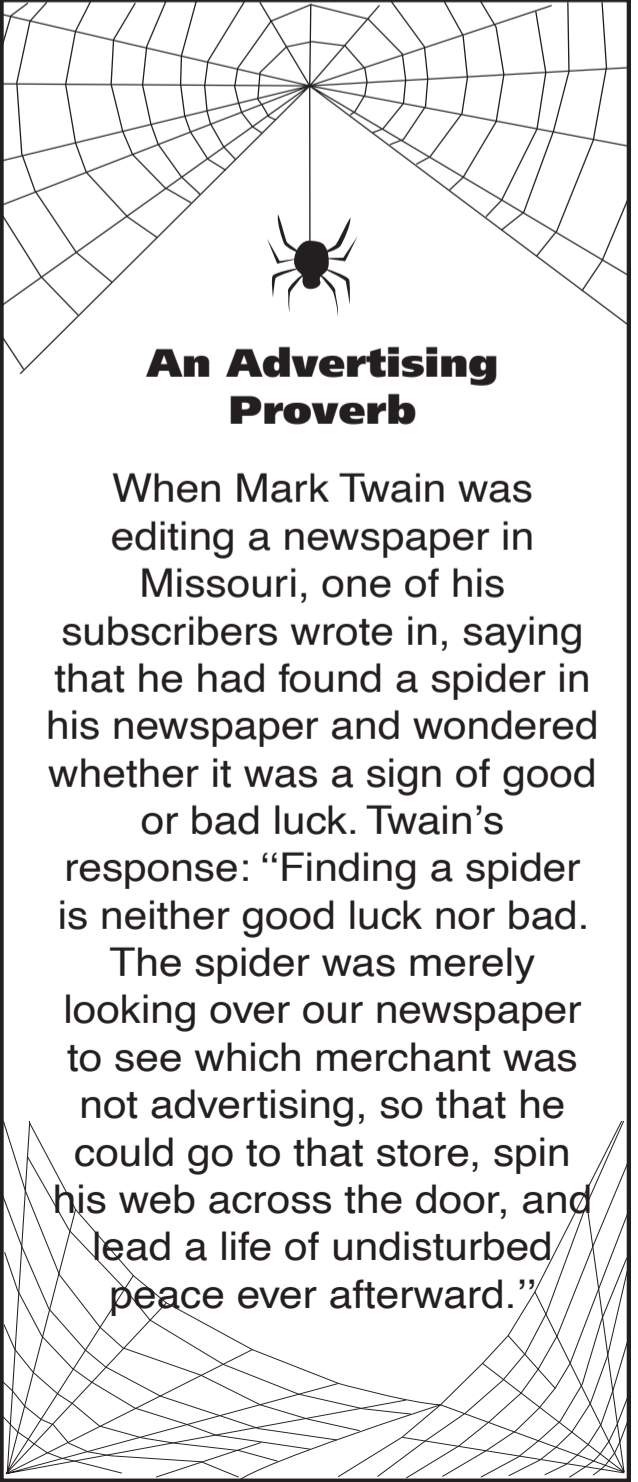
* On Nov. 11, 1942, Congress approved lowering the draft age to 18 and raising the upper limit to age 37, though initially Black citizens were passed over because of racist assumptions about their abilities and the viability of a mixed-race military. As World War II progressed, however, they were included and finally allowed to serve in combat.

* On Nov. 12, 1799, American astronomer Andrew Ellicott observed the Leonids meteor shower from a ship off the Florida Keys. In the first recorded instance of such an event in North America, he wrote that the "whole heaven appeared as if illuminated with sky rockets, and I was in constant expectation of some of them falling on the vessel. They continued until put out by the light of the sun after day break."

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An Advertising Proverb

When Mark Twain was editing a newspaper in Missouri, one of his subscribers wrote in, saying that he had found a spider in his newspaper and wondered whether it was a sign of good or bad luck. Twain's response: "Finding a spider is neither good luck nor bad. The spider was merely looking over our newspaper to see which merchant was not advertising, so that he could go to that store, spin his web across the door, and lead a life of undisturbed peace ever afterward."

Remembering Bill Black

BILL Black was a lawmaker who alternated between being outraged and outrageous.

The former Danville high school history teacher died Sept. 9. He was one of my favorite people in the Illinois General Assembly.

Humor was a big part of how Black legislated.

When he sponsored the legislation that ultimately outlawed bestiality he told me: "I'm from farm country. I've heard all the jokes: 'Honest, officer I was just trying to help the sheep over the fence.' But until recently, I didn't know that this stuff actually goes on. But I've seen police reports that show that dogs and cats have died while having sex with humans."

He later added, "I think it is the type of behavior that would be very hard for someone to say, 'What I do in the privacy of my own pasture is only my business.'"

Another time during a House debate on a bill to allow alcohol to be served for formal events in the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum, he suggested that men would be staggering back into the replica of the Lincoln log cabin to urinate.

Former State Rep. Tom Ryder, who now lives in Springfield, said Black was his guiding star.

"I got there in August of '83. Bill came a few years later. We matured through

the General Assembly together. He eventually became the floor spokesman. His responsibility was to tell (Republican members) on the floor about each and every bill, ask questions where appropriate and sometimes to slow down the process to keep things from moving along.

"He loved to give speeches. Sometimes they were fiery and sometimes they were eloquent. But he always knew what he was doing — even in his worst moments — like when he threw a Kleenex box at the speaker, which by the way didn't go more than about two rows. He had the worst pitching arm in the General Assembly."

Despite being of different political parties and having had a Kleenex box hurled at him, Black maintained a friendship with longtime House Speaker Michael Madigan.

"I can say pretty safely that of all the folks on the Republican side with whom I've served, Bill Black was the only one who was welcomed into Mike Madigan's office whenever he wanted to talk to him," Ryder recalled.

In the hyper-partisan environment of Springfield, such friendships are becoming increasingly rare. And Black paid a political price for breaking with his party on a signif-

icant bill.

In 2010, House Republican Leader Tom Cross demoted Black from his leadership position after Black voted for a Democratic-backed pension borrowing measure.

It was not only the ultimate slap in the face that a leader could give a subordinate. It also was a significant cut in pay.

Black was no fool. He knew the consequences of voting against his party's leadership. But he considered his boss to be the voters of east-central Illinois, not some caucus leader in a fancy statehouse office.

"Sometimes he'd get mad and he'd say, 'I'm done with this' and head back for Danville and we have to talk him out of it," Ryder recalled. "But he was my rock. He was my North Star. I did appropriations for over a decade, which (during debates) a lot."

"And occasionally they'd call us back to the floor on a particular vote. I always looked to see how Bill Black was voting because I knew he knew the issues. And most of the time, if Bill was voting that way, that's the way my vote should be as well. There were a few occasions in which he said to me, 'I gotta be this way, but you should be the other way.'"

In an environment where politicians are of-

ten obsessed with position, Black was ambivalent.

After serving 25 years in the House, he returned to Danville where he again held elective office, first as an alderman and later as a Danville Area Community College Trustee.

Neither was as prestigious as serving in the legislature from which he resigned. But Black valued service more than status.

Former Gov. Jim Edgar added, "We all have egos in this business. But he had his under control. He liked to be in the middle of things, but he always wanted to get something done. There are some people who like power for power's sake. There are others who like power to be able to get things done. And he liked to get things done."

Edgar added that the political process is producing fewer politicians like Black today.

"I think today we've got a lot of legislators who would just rather be right in their own minds than to get things done for their district. Bill had strong opinions and he'd voice them. But at the end of the day, he knew he had to work with other people if he was going to get anything for his people. Unfortunately, that is not as abundant in Springfield as it used to be."

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Scott Reeder

Finding candor, compassion and fun in politics

IT'S a curious sign of our times that one of the best places that I've found to witness candor, compassion, and fun in American politics is the Illinois State Archives' website. I suspect it is not the first place that most people would go to feel good about politics.

The Archives celebrated Illinois' bicentennial in 2018 with an online exhibit called, "The 100 Most Valuable Documents at the Illinois State Archives." It was created to inform, stimulate and even provoke discussion about Illinois history and is still available on its website.

The documents are a wonderful blend of the profound and the prosaic, the uplifting and the disappointing. For example you can view Illinois' 1818 Constitution, the first Black Law which in 1819 severely limited the rights of African Americans in Illinois, one of the first maps for what became the Illinois & Michigan Canal, an 1840 House resolution announcing that William Ewing of Vandalia defeated Abraham Lincoln of Springfield to be Illinois House speaker, the Illinois Central Railroad's 1851 charter, the Suffrage Act of 1913 which made Illinois the first state east of the Mississippi River

to give women the right to vote for president, and a December 1941 resolution convening a special session of the General Assembly following the attack on Pearl Harbor.

This exhibit could — and I think should — be the basis of a terrific college or high school class on our state's history. Two documents in particular caught my attention. Not because of their gravity and consequence, but because they remind us that politics can be human and fun.

The first is a March 1858 letter from Abraham Lincoln to Illinois Governor William Bissell requesting that he pardon a man and his son who had been convicted of stealing six small hogs. The convicted man, Samuel Jones, was a widower with seven children.

It's worth recalling that 1858 was a busy year in Lincoln's life. He was building the Republican Party, delivered his "House Divided" speech, and later crisscrossed Illinois by train and coach for seven historic debates with his opponent for the U.S. Senate, Stephen Douglas. Though he had a lot on his mind, Lincoln took the time to write a brief letter that is a master class in candor,

concision, and compassion. He acknowledged that he did not know the man convicted nor had he reviewed the evidence from the trial. However, he observed that Samuel Jones' neighbors "appear more anxious that he and his son should be pardoned, than I have known in any other case. This is really all I can say." The note is a modest and gentle request for mercy and commonsense. Governor Bissell pardoned the man and his son.

The second uplifting document is a 1949 veto statement by Governor Adlai Stevenson. The Illinois General Assembly had passed a bill, presumably playfully, requiring Illinoisans to keep

their outdoor cats on leashes to prevent them from killing birds. Stevenson decided to veto the bill but not without having some fun. "I cannot agree that it should be the declared public policy of Illinois that a cat visiting a neighbor's yard or crossing the highway is a public nuisance. It is in the nature of cats to do a certain amount of unescorted roaming," he wrote, no doubt with a smile on his face.

"The problem of cat versus bird is as old as time. If we attempt to

resolve it by legislation who knows but what we may be called upon to take sides as well in the age-old problems of dog versus cat, bird versus bird, or even bird versus worm. In my opinion, the State of Illinois and its local governing bodies already have enough to do without trying to control feline delinquency. For these reasons, and not because I love birds the less or cats the more, I veto and withhold my approval from Senate Bill No. 93."

I cannot imagine there exists a more delightful veto message in Illinois history.

Lincoln's letter and Stevenson's veto message provide small examples of candor, compassion, and delight in public life. We need more of these qualities in person and now, not just online and from history.

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John T. Shaw

Letter: Wonderful people in this world

DEAR editor,
On Friday, Oct. 6 at noon, my friend and I had lunch

at Sunrise in Byron. When we went to pay our bill, it had already been paid by a couple who was sitting

beside us.

I hope they see this, or a friend does, to thank them for their kindness. There

are wonderful people in this world!

Helen

LOCAL NEWS

County recycling event and food drive set for Nov. 17

OREGON — The Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department (OCSWMD) will be hosting a residential electronics recycling event and food drive on Friday, Nov. 17 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 909 Pines Road in Oregon. This event is for Ogle County residents only and a free permit is required in advance of the event. To obtain a free permit call

815-732-4020 or email solidwaste@oglecounty-il.gov and provide your name, address, phone number and email address by 4 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 16. Accepted items include all televisions and computer monitors, computers, computer hardware and cables, laptops, tablets, cell phones, printers, FAX machines, scanners, shredders

(no tubs), copiers, video gaming equipment, DVD/VCRs, cable/satellite boxes, stereo equipment, radios, digital clocks, cameras, calculators, phone systems, holiday light strands, extension cords, rechargeable batteries, printer ink cartridges, CD/DVDs and CFL bulbs. Microwave ovens accepted for \$5 per unit. Cash or check accepted.

Limit seven large or bulky items per permit and one permit per county household per month. Business or institutional electronic materials not accepted at these events. Business or institutional electronics are accepted by the OCSWMD via a separate program. Call the number above for more information and pricing for business electronic

recycling, and to make an appointment for drop off of the materials to be recycled. 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.

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LOCAL NEWS

CFNIL accepting applications for In Youth We Trust grants

OGLE COUNTY — The Community Foundation of Northern Illinois is now accepting applications for the In Youth We Trust (IYWT) youth grant program until 5 p.m. on Nov. 16. Applications must be submitted by youth-led groups or organizations serving youth in Boone, Ogle, Stephenson or Winnebago Counties, using the forms

found at <https://cfnil.org/grants/youth>. Applications will be reviewed by the In Youth We Trust Council, a group of local high school students who convene monthly at the Community Foundation of Northern Illinois to learn about grant-making, volunteerism, and community leadership. Applicants can request a maximum of \$3,000.

Recent recipients include Auburn Key Club, Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois, Rochelle Interact Club, and Winnovation FIRST Robotics.

The IYWT Council looks for projects that: Promote collaboration and teamwork, Provide creative solutions to community issues, Help youth recognize the important role they plan

within their communities, Have a clear, practical plan for implementation and a realistic budget, and have measurable and meaningful results.

Applicants must be part of a 501(c)3 nonprofit, public institution (such as a school), and/or an organized group carrying out a charitable purpose for the public good. Additionally,

youth should be involved in every aspect of the grant process, including project planning, grant writing and project implementation.

For complete program details and to access the application, visit <https://cfnil.org/grants/youth>.

The Community Foundation of Northern Illinois has been a regional leader in philanthropy since 1953,

inspiring endowment and promoting philanthropy for the current and future needs of the people of Northern Illinois. CFNIL established In Youth We Trust in 1994 with a grant from the Ford Foundation. In Youth We Trust teaches grantmaking and volunteerism to today's youth, preparing them to be the positive change of tomorrow.

Holiday Brunch Pairing and Holiday Market scheduled for Nov. 11

OREGON — Join the Oregon Park District and Oregon businesses on Nov. 11 to kick off the Holidays!

The Oregon Park District will be hosting a brunch pairing at River's Edge Experience by registration and in addition our first Holiday Market that will be open to the public!

The market will be open from 9 a.m. to noon at Oregon's newest venue, River's Edge Experience. Market vendors include Painted by Chloe, Jen's Artisan Breads, CheeseKake Ko., Amber+Smoke, Bonded by Babes + Bros for your permanent jewelry, J. Byrd Creations, Hometown Local

and Carmels, Cards and Jelly Oh My. In addition to the market, local businesses will be open for holiday shopping including Merlin's Greenhouse, White Pine Mercantile, The Noble Cakery, Little Blue Cottage, The Collective and A&M Floral.

To start your morning

off right join us for a brunch and cocktail pairing. Brunch will include quiche from Jen's Artisan Breads, chocolate croissant from Jen's Artisan Breads, Kabob from Ralfie's BBQ and a cheesecake square from CheeseKake Co. These breakfast fairs will be paired with four specialty

cocktails including a hot chocolate drink, mimosa, bloody mary and apple cider drink created from Cork & Tap. Non-alcoholic versions of the drinks will also be available. Also included will be coupons for discounts or specials from local businesses for brunch visitors only.

Brunch must be pre-registered by Nov. 2 at Oregon Park District. Cost is \$27R/\$32NR and includes brunch, drinks and shopping discounts. Register at www.oregonpark.org or call 815-732-3101. Don't miss this fun day out in Oregon to enjoy shopping, the market and brunch!

Ogle County Fair Association annual meeting is Nov. 4

OREGON — The Annual Meeting of the Ogle County Fair Association will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 4 in the

Farm Bureau Auditorium, Pines Road, Oregon.

All fair members are invited to attend. Membership to the associ-

ation is accomplished through contribution or volunteering of time for improvement of the fair. All members vote on the

election of the board of directors.

This year we are having a potluck dinner, with the board providing meat

dishes, coffee, and water. Please bring a dish to pass and your own table service. The meeting will include review of the

year and election of three board directors. Please RSVP if you plan on attending or if you have any questions.



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Let's kick the holidays off with a brunch pairing featuring breakfast and cocktails created by **Cork & Tap!**

Non-alcoholic versions are available upon request!

Each registration will also receive a coupons to shop local and visit our many Oregon businesses including **Merlin's Greenhouse, White Pine Mercantile, The Noble Cakery, Little Blue Cottage, The Collective** and **A&M Floral.**

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- What brunch isn't complete with meat? Enjoy a kabob prepared by **Ralfie's BBQ** paired with a bloody mary
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Blue Ribbons all around for Village Friends 4-H club projects

OREGON — The Village Friends 4-H club are all smiling and happy to have won top prize for their projects completed

throughout this past year. The club was formed early in 2023 with 12 members; all of whom attend the Village of Progress. Members

with ranging abilities meet twice a month and work on projects and learn about things like tractors and chickens. The four projects

being judged were the Art Journals, Embryology, Ceramic Pens, and All About Me Citizenship books. Some of these projects had

many hours of work into them, spanning several meetings and even some work done outside of meeting time. The group is very

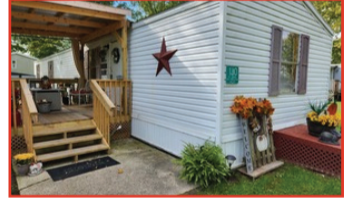
proud of what they have accomplished and excited to continue meeting and trying new things at future meetings.



NEW LISTINGS!



605 N 6th Street Oregon \$124,900 Call Stephanie
You will love the spacious rooms and tall ceilings in this 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath home. This home is complete with an eat-in kitchen, formal dining room, living room and large bathrooms. Updates include a new roof to be put on the home in 2023, new furnace in 2022, some new windows, linoleum flooring in the kitchen and bathrooms, and central air conditioning unit in 2016. Large back yard and 2 car garage! Don't miss this one!



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Welcome to this meticulously maintained 3-bedroom, 1.5-bathroom ranch home, ideally situated on the edge of town. This move-in ready residence offers a full finished basement and an attached 2-car garage, complete with a brand new concrete garage floor and driveway installed in 2023. The beautiful open kitchen is well-equipped with appliances and provides ample pantry space, ensuring meal prep is a breeze. Enjoy the addition of an above-ground swimming pool, added in 2021, creating a perfect outdoor retreat. Stay comfortable year-round with a new furnace and A/C installed in 2019. Other noteworthy features include main floor laundry, an abundance of natural light, and a bathroom remodel in 2018. This home combines comfort, practicality, and style, making it the perfect place to start the next chapter of your life. Don't wait to make it yours!



411 Woodrow Street Winnebago \$139,000 Call Rebecca
3 BEDROOM, 2 BATHROOM HOME IN WINNEBAGO! Move quickly to call this home on the edge of town yours. Tri-Level layout that has a living room along with a family room offering additional living space. Kitchen is open to the living room and also includes an eat in area. Patio doors from the kitchen to your large deck overlooking the fully fenced yard. Attached two car garage is great for the colder months. Call for your showing today!

PRICE CHANGES!



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3452 Main Street Polo now \$295,000 Call Merri
Welcome Home to this charming 4 (potentially 5) bedroom ranch in a little country subdivision just north of Polo. This property gives you the opportunity to enjoy country living while still having a sense of community. It sits on approximately 3/4 of an acre lot and features a peaceful front and back patio areas. As you enter the home, you are welcomed into the open layout of the dining room, living room and kitchen which boasts a generously sized granite island and all updated appliances. Enjoy relaxing in the living room with the gas fireplace or while the sun beams in through the skylights. The office on the main floor is perfect to work from home or as a 3rd bedroom on the main level. The lower level features a great space for entertaining with the rec room and wet bar all set up and ready for use. There are two additional bedrooms with an other oversized bathroom. Don't forget about the attached 3-car garages with oversized bay and the additional detached 1-car garage perfect for additional storage. This home has it all! Solar Panels- 2019, 11,000 watt Generac Generator 2019. Furnace and Water heater replaced in 2018.



112 State Road Franklin Grove \$97,500 Call Carla
New Listing in Franklin Grove! This adorable 2 bedroom, 1 bathroom home offers so much with loads of charm throughout! 2 bedrooms up with a large 2nd level bathroom plus loads of storage, Super large kitchen with eat in area plus separate formal dining room with built-in china cabinets! Entering the front door from the large enclosed front porch you'll notice the exceptionally spacious living room with newer carpeting throughout and ceiling fans! All appliances will stay including the washer and dryer! The oversized concrete block wall garage sits next to the gravel driveway with a deep rock base plus access to the street frontage and access to the back alley!! Located in the rural community of Franklin Grove.



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Oregon girls volleyball defeats Winnebago
The Oregon varsity girls volleyball team defeated Winnebago 25-12, 25-20 on Oct. 12 at home. The Hawks were led by Rylie Robertson (five digs, three kills, three aces), Kenna Wubbena (five kills, two aces, seven digs) and Anna Stender (seven digs, four assists, one kill). The win raised Oregon's record to 10-11-2 (3-5 conference). Oregon won the junior varsity match 25-17, 25-14. Oregon won the fresh-soph game 25-14, 25-13.

Oregon football falls to Rockford Lutheran
On Oct. 13, the Oregon varsity football team fell to

Rockford Lutheran 22-14. Both Oregon touchdowns were scored by Logan Weems on two and six-yard runs. Weems ran 26 times for 139 yards. Jack Washburn went 5-16 through the air for the Hawks with 78 yards and one interception. Austin Egedy caught four passes for 70 yards for Oregon.

Byron football routs Dixon
On Oct. 13, the Byron varsity football team defeated Dixon 49-6. The Tigers jumped out to a 35-0 halftime lead in the contest. Byron ran for 461 yards and seven touchdowns on the ground and was led by Caden Considine (23 carries, 236

yards, four touchdowns) and Braden Knoll (nine carries, 110 yards, one touchdown).

Oregon volleyball defeats Byron
On Oct. 17, the Oregon varsity volleyball team defeated Byron 25-21, 25-14. The Hawks were led by Kenna Wubbena (eight kills, seven digs, one ace), Lexi Ebert (eight assists, two digs, one block, three aces), Anna Stender (two kills, seven assists, four digs, two aces) and Madi Shaffer (15 digs, one assist). The junior varsity game was won by Byron 25-19, 25-15. The fresh-soph game was won by Oregon 25-20, 13-25, 15-12.

GUEST COLUMN

Looking towards playoff football

WITH the last week of regular season football upon us, I've given up on trying to forecast how the different classes will shake out. However, one certainty that had been reinforced is Lena-Winslow and Byron looking unstoppable.

Byron has put up a running clock on each opponent played in the first eight games, a feat rarely accomplished. This column went to press before Byron and Stillman Valley played and also Le-Win vs. Forreston.

Traditionally, SV plays Byron as tough as anyone, likewise with Forreston against Le-Win. The bigger

question is whether anyone in the 1A and 3A playoffs can match up with Byron and Le-Win.

The 1A bracket appears to be a tough as it's ever been, but we really won't know exactly how it will shake out until the pairings are announced. The only wild card in 3A will be Lombard Montini, which might come in at 5-4 with its tough Catholic League schedule.

For now, the Tigers are the runaway favorite to join the 1999 team as state champs.

Oregon, likely to be slotted in 3A, was dealt a blow to a higher seed with a loss to Rockford Lutheran.

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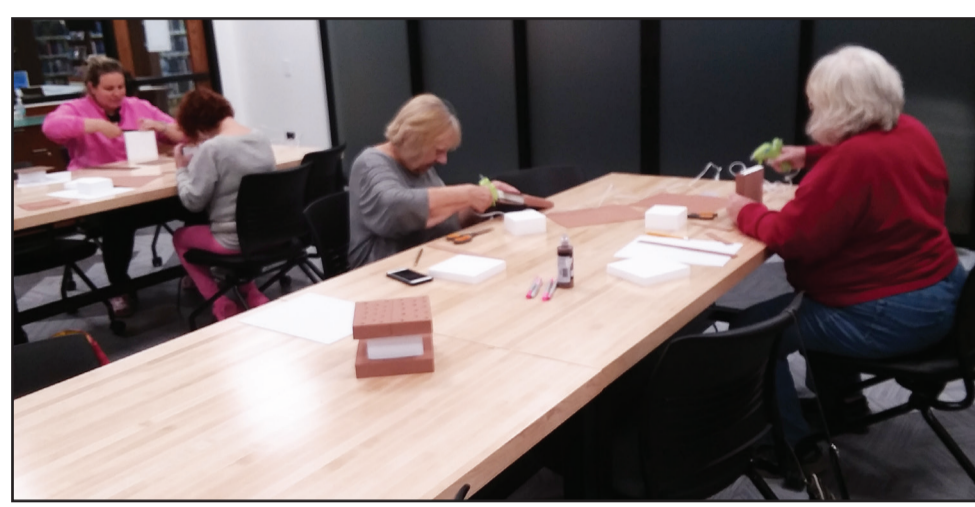
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Patrons at the Byron Public Library had fun creating s'mores decor to decorate for the fall season.

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From page 2

Though inclement conditions existed, the Crusaders were hungrier for a win than Oregon. Watching the game, it was apparent how valuable the passing game is for Oregon in opening up an opponent's defense. It is very hard to run the ball when the other team has 10 guys at the line of scrimmage.

tough loss, though they nearly equaled Pec-Durand in total offense. Needing four downs multiple times to get first downs proved costly to the Cardinals. The NUIC continued to impress with Fulton taking down 2A state-ranked and undefeated Knoxville 42-0. A real test comes the final week of the season with Pec-Durand traveling to Illinois Wesleyan to

take on Belleville Althoff, who should be Le-Win's biggest challenge in 1A. Unfortunately for Polo, its week eight football game against Peoria Quest was cancelled due to a forfeit by Quest. Could it have been because Quest was tired of going on the road for every single game this season and losing by wide margins? Its closest contest was the previous week against

River Ridge, a 50-28 loss and a five-hour round trip. Of its final five games, Polo was the nearest locale to them. For this newly-formed charter school, fielding an inexperienced roster without a home field became too daunting of a proposition. A growth impediment for eight-man has been schools like Quest that have tried to establish a football program, only to

discover they are woefully inadequate. Blowouts in eight-man are more the norm than are closely-contested games. The only real competition Polo had was against Milledgeville, Cambridge and Amboy. And, travel still remains a concern. Finally, did you know that this fall marks the 50th anniversary of the greatest movie ever made on post high school life - «American Graffiti»? I

distinctly remember sitting in a theatre and the impact the George Lucas film had on me. It truly depicted a point in time (1962) with historical accuracy, had brilliant casting and a soundtrack that melded perfectly with the action on the film. Andy Colbert is a longtime Ogle County resident with years of experience covering sports and more for multiple area publications.

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LOCAL NEWS

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technical mastery. The goal is to raise the bar of what films for children and teens can achieve.

Explore More Illinois users will receive 15% off tickets to in-person and online showings during the festival. 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 website, www.mtmorris-il.org under the resources page.

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

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Julia Hull District Library News

Storytime at the Library

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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

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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

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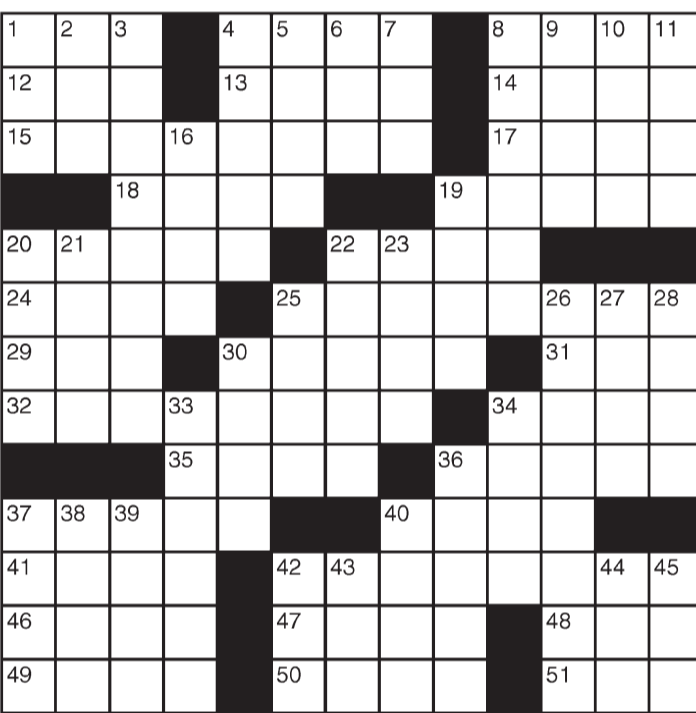
Nostalgia Entertainment returns with a reenactment of a 1940s radio hour featuring Andrews Sisters-style tunes and choreography, and Abbott and Costello comedy sketches. This costumed trio perform popular songs from the era and offer a touching tribute to Veterans of the United States Armed Forces. Thursday, November 16 at 6:30 p.m. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

Weekly Brain Busters

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Lass
- 4 Choose
- 8 Beans
- 12 Historic time
- 13 Actor's quest
- 14 Theater award
- 15 Contingency funds
- 17 Goddess of victory
- 18 Orange veggies
- 19 Pursuing
- 20 Cellist Casals
- 22 Innocent one
- 24 New York canal
- 25 Misfortune
- 29 Balloon filler
- 30 Pal
- 31 Big D.C. lobby
- 32 Melancholy melodies
- 34 Alike (Fr.)
- 35 Aftermath
- 36 Condition
- 37 Of the Arctic
- 40 Chinese dynasty
- 41 Egg
- 42 Believed
- 46 Ganges wrap
- 47 Skip
- 48 Apprehend



- 49 BPOE members
- 50 Lectern locale
- 51 Sticky stuff
- 7 Lock opener
- 8 Have a huddle
- 9 Slightly
- 10 Toll road
- 11 Crystal gazer
- 16 Like ganders
- 19 "Dear —"
- 20 Stew veggies
- 21 Operatic solo
- 22 Police ID
- 23 Tosses in
- 25 Nonsense
- 26 Attractive
- 27 "I smell —!"
- 28 Hardy cabbage
- 30 Sow's mate
- 33 Hindu teachers
- 34 Sicilian volcano
- 36 Prepares flour
- 37 Sit for a photo
- 38 Ellipse
- 39 Hide in the bushes
- 40 1502, in Old Rome
- 42 Brick carrier
- 43 "I — Rock"
- 44 Eastern "way"
- 45 "Game of Thrones" aier

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MAGIC MAZE ● HALLOWEEN DECORATIONS



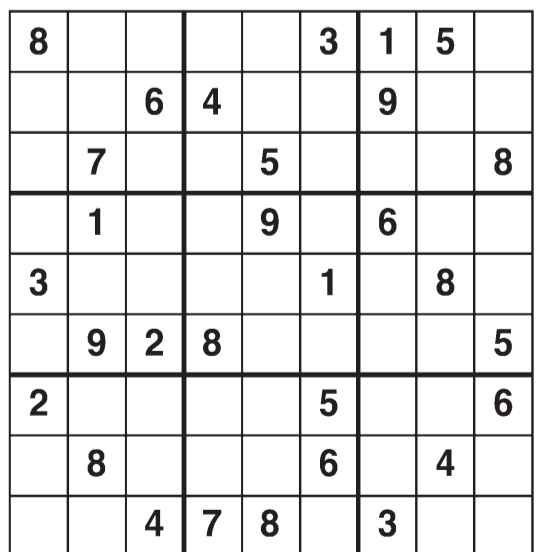
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Unlisted clue hint: JACK-O- —

- Bats
- Black roses
- Gauze
- Ghosts
- Hay bale
- Inflatables
- Lighting
- Skeletons
- Skulls
- Slime
- Spiders
- Tombstones
- Webbing
- Witch
- Yard signs

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



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

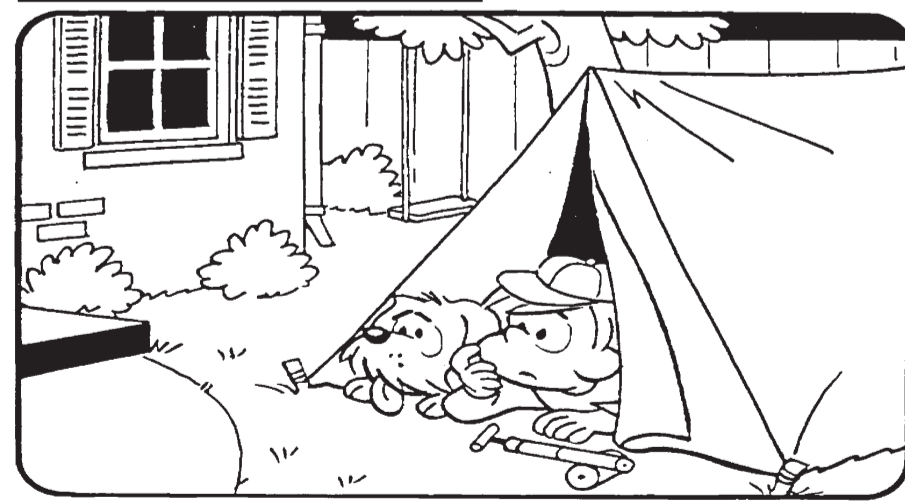
DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆

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

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HOCUS-FOCUS

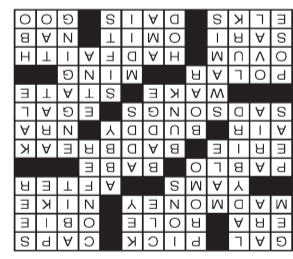
BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

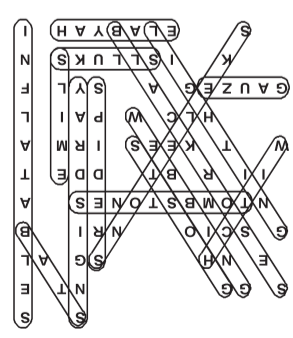


Differences: 1. Shutters are missing. 2. Swing is missing. 3. Dog's tongue is hidden. 4. Cap is missing. 5. Bug sprayer is missing. 6. Flap is smaller.



Solution time: 26 mins.

Answers



HALLOWEEN DECORATIONS

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

Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

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101 LEGAL NOTICE

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Laura J. Cook, Ogle County Clerk
No. 1017
(Oct 9, 16 and 23, 2023)

PUBLIC NOTICE

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No. 1029
(Oct. 23, 30 and Nov. 6, 2023)

NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF OGLE

In the Matter of the Estate of:
DONALD P. WERNER, Deceased.
IN PROBATE No. 2023 PR 57

CLAIM NOTICE

NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of DONALD P. WERNER of Mt. Morris, Illinois. Letters of office were issued on September 27, 2023, to PAUL SILVIUS of Milledgeville, Illinois as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Jennifer L. Birkholz of SMITH, BIRKHOLZ & MORROW, P.C. at 129 S. Fourth Street, P. O. Box 10, Oregon, Illinois, 61061.

CLAIM NOTICE

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No. 1032
(Oct. 23 and 30, 2023)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Sealed bids will be received by the Ogle County Health Care Planning Committee, Oregon, Illinois, until 4:00 P.M. November 23rd, 2023: Employee Benefits Brokerage / Consultant Services.

Proposals are available on the Ogle County Website and in person at 105 S. 5th Street in the Treasurer's office between the hours of 8:30 A.M. and 4:30 P.M. Monday - Friday.

The Ogle County Health Care Planning Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

No. 1033
(October 23, 2023)

NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF OGLE

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:
WANDA L. HOLLEWELL, deceased.
NO. 2023-PR-56

CLAIM NOTICE
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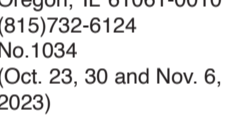
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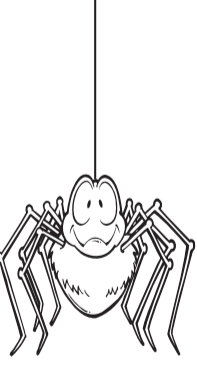
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HEALTH & WELLNESS



Groups at elevated risk for breast cancer

THE number of women diagnosed with breast cancer in 2020 exceeded two million. That figure, courtesy of the World Health Organization, underscores the significance of the threat posed by the disease.

Though no one is immune to breast cancer, researchers have concluded that certain groups have a higher risk of developing the disease than others. Women who recognize their personal risk for breast cancer may not be able to change certain factors that increase their chances of

developing the disease. However, recognition of their personal risk could put women in position to lower that risk in other ways. According to the WHO, the following are some groups who are at elevated risk of developing breast cancer.

- **Women:** Johns Hopkins Medicine reports that less than 1 percent of all breast cancer cases occur in men. Though it's still important for men to recognize they're not immune to the disease, women must also recognize that nearly all of the more than two million annual breast cancer di-

agnoses across the globe are found in women.

- **Women 50 and older:** The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that most breast cancers are found in women who are 50 years old or older. A report from the National Cancer Institute indicates that a 30-year-old woman has a 1 in 204 chance (0.49 percent) of being diagnosed with breast cancer, while a 40-year-old has a 1 in 65 chance (1.55 percent) of being diagnosed. By the time women reach age 60, their risk is 1 in 28 (3.54 percent), while a 70-year-old has a 1 in 24

chance (4.09 percent) of being diagnosed. Though women of any age can get the disease, the risk clearly increases as women get older.

- **Women who meet the criteria for being overweight or obese:** The non-profit organization Susan G. Komen®, which helps to raise funds for the fight against breast cancer, notes that women who are overweight or obese after menopause have a 20 to 60 percent higher risk of developing breast cancer than women who are not overweight or obese. The American Cancer Society reports

that having more fat tissue increases breast cancer risk because it raises estrogen levels. However, the ACS notes the link between weight and breast cancer risk is complicated, so it's worth it for women concerned about their cancer risk to open a dialogue with their physicians.

- **Women who consume alcohol:** The MD Anderson Cancer Center reports that alcohol consumption and breast cancer risk are linked. Though the precise cause of the link is unknown, one theory suggests that consuming alcohol can

increase estrogen levels as well as the levels of other hormones associated with breast cancer. However, the MDACC warns that the risk is very low, particularly for women who limit their consumption to one drink or less per day. Routinely consuming more than one alcoholic drink per day is a cause for concern.

It's vital that women recognize their risk for breast cancer. Though any woman can be diagnosed with breast cancer, certain factors, including some that can be avoided, can increase a woman's risk for the disease.

Important facts to know and understand about bone marrow

INDIVIDUALS may have heard about bone marrow and know that it is an important part of the body, but may not understand its purpose unless they become ill with a serious condition, such as cancer or anemia. The following is some general information about bone marrow and the role it plays in the body.

- Bone marrow is a soft, spongelike, gelatinous tissue that fills the centers of bones called medullary cavities.

- There are two types of bone marrow: red, known as myeloid tissue; and yellow, which is known as fatty tissue.

- Bone marrow manufactures bone marrow stem cells and other substances that produce blood cells. Bone marrow is instrumental in the production of red blood

cells, platelets and white blood cells.

- The Mayo Clinic says stem cells are cells from which all other cells with specialized functions are generated. No other cell in the body has the natural ability to generate new cell types. Stem cells can be guided into becoming specific cells that can be used to repair tissues or regenerate tissues, whether damaged or affected by disease.

- In adults, the highest concentration of red bone marrow, which produces all red blood cells and platelets, as well as 60 to 70 percent of lymphocytes in the body, is found in the bones of the vertebrae, hips, breastbone, ribs, and skull, as well as the ends of the long bones of the arm and leg, indicates Medical News Today.

- The absence of bone



marrow can be fatal, as can any diseases that affect bone marrow. Leukemia forms when a cell mutation occurs in the

bone marrow and mutated cells reduce the production of healthy, normal cells in the bone marrow.

- Bone marrow can be

donated to help treat certain conditions like aplastic anemia or non-Hodgkin lymphoma. Many people can donate, but

those age 60 and older or individuals who have certain chronic conditions may not be eligible to donate.

Oregon's Cates speaks at the American College of Chiropractic Consultants

OREGON — Dr. Jeffrey R. Cates was a featured speaker at the American College of Chiropractic Consultants (ACCC) and the Council on Forensic Sciences. He presented data regarding resources and tools to evaluate scientific literature quality. The ACCC is an educational intuition that acquires and disseminates information for the application of best evidence for chiropractic practice.

Dr. Cates has served as

past president American College of Chiropractic Consultants and is active the academic world. He has been appointed to several scientific commissions and expert panels which review research used in the construction of practice guidelines. He has written numerous articles which have been published and referenced in several scientific journals around the world, and has lectured widely around the United States.



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HEALTH & WELLNESS

Seven lifestyle choices to reduce cancer risk

TO date there is no definitive cure for cancer, nor any one preventative treatment. But individuals should not resign themselves to the fact that cancer is inevitable. There are plenty of lifestyle modifications that can go a long way toward reducing cancer risk. Here's a deeper look at some of the more effective.

Not only does smoking cause between 80 and 90 percent of lung cancer deaths, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, it also contributes to many other forms of the disease, including cancers of the pancreas, liver, bladder, and cervix. Quitting smoking and avoiding secondhand smoke can reduce cancer risk.

Physical activity can lower estrogen levels, reduce levels of insulin in the blood, help a person lose weight, and reduce inflammation — all factors that contribute to the formation of cancer. Experts recommend 150 minutes of moderate-intensity or 75 minutes of vigorous-intensity exercise a week.

The American Institute for Cancer Research indicates certain minerals, vitamins and phytochemicals can produce anti-cancer effects. Many foods, namely fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and legumes, can boost health and contribute to lower cancer risk.

Drinking alcohol regularly increases the risk of cancers to the mouth, voice box and throat, according to the CDC. Furthermore, alcohol consumption is a primary risk factor for liver cancer. By limiting alcohol consumption, individuals can



reduce their cancer risk.

Individuals should avoid behaviors that put them at risk of contracting hepatitis C, which causes inflammation of the liver. Hepatitis C can be contracted by receiving a piercing or tattoo in an unsanitary environment, through injecting or inhal-

ing illicit drugs, through unsafe sex, or if you are a healthcare worker exposed to infected blood through an accidental needle prick.

Protect the skin from exposure to ultraviolet rays from the sun and tanning beds, as skin cancer is the most common form of

the disease in the United States. Simply reducing exposure can help prevent skin cancers and other damage. This includes wearing wide-brimmed hats, applying sunscreen with an SPF of at least 30, avoiding the sun between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., and wearing sun-protective

clothing. Tanning beds are not safer for the skin than being out in the sun, so they should be avoided.

The importance of sleep to overall health is easily overlooked. Lancaster General Health says, while there is no specific data for sleep on cancer prevention, sleep

deprivation can lead to harmful behaviors, such as overeating, drinking too much alcohol or being too tired to exercise, each of which increases cancer risk.

Relatively easy lifestyle changes can go a long way toward reducing cancer risk.



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HEALTH & WELLNESS

Important reasons to visit a primary care physician

IT is vital to make personal health a priority. Despite that widely accepted truth, far too often people delay trips to see their doctors. The coronavirus pandemic only compounded this issue. An April 2020 report from Modern Healthcare found roughly one in three Americans delayed medical care as they coped with the financial loss and stress caused by COVID-19. A report from

CTV indicated Canadian cancer diagnoses were down 16 percent from 2018 to 2020 due to closed facilities or fear of getting COVID-19 from medical offices.

Concerns about the pandemic are not the only reasons individuals may skip doctor visits. Some avoid going to the doctor due to fear of the unknown. Dr. Barbara Cox, a psychologist based in San Diego, told NBC

News that it's common to feel reticent and anxious about going to the doctor. Around 3 percent of the population actually suffers from iatrophobia, the medical name for fear of doctors. Most just worry about getting bad news.

A refresher course on the benefits of visiting a primary care doctor may compel millions to schedule appointments and get back on top of their overall health.

Chronic disease management: An individual with a chronic disease, such as kidney disease, diabetes or hypertension, should consult with a doctor about the ideal frequency of visits and to coordinate medication and testing with specialists.

• Vaccines and shots: Primary care providers (PCPs) offer routine vaccinations and can ensure that individuals are up-to-date on the immunizations they need to stay safe. Tetanus, diphtheria, shingles, pertussis, flu, and now COVID-19 vaccines are vital to overall health.

Medical referrals: A PCP can assess a health situation and refer a patient to the correct specialist if more extensive care is needed. However, many chronic conditions can be

monitored and addressed by a PCP.

Cancerscreenings: UW Medicine, which specializes in patient care, research and physician training in Seattle, says most people will need a few cancer screenings as they age, including colonoscopies, Pap smears, mammograms, and other important diagnostic tests for cancer. PCPs are usually the first line of defense against cancer and can ensure patients receive the screenings they need.

Non-life-threatening illnesses or injuries: Unless a situation is life-threatening or severe, thereby warranting a trip to the emergency room, most people can visit their PCPs for help treating a variety of conditions. When in doubt, individ-

uals should first consult with their general practitioner about the right course of treatment.

Routine lab work: Blood and urine tests often are part of annual well visit checks. Many PCP offices have phlebotomists on staff so that lab work can be conducted in the convenience of one place and then sent out for testing.

• Work or sports physicals: Certain employers require physical examinations, as do schools and recreational sports leagues. PCP offices are the place to go for these types of examinations, which are generally recommended annually.

Primary care physicians are often the first people to turn to for a bevvy of health and wellness needs.





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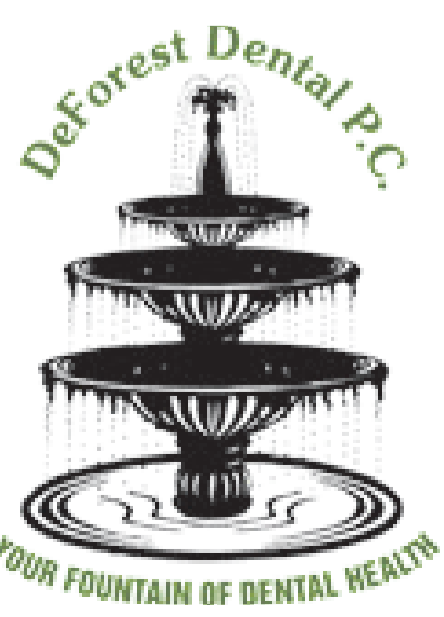
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