

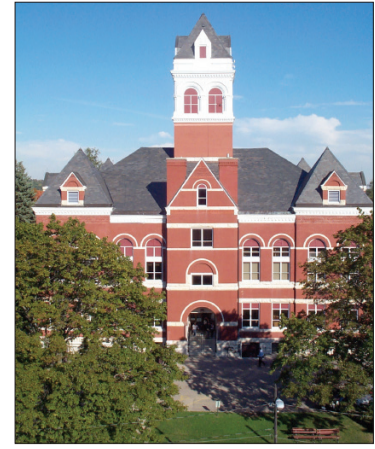


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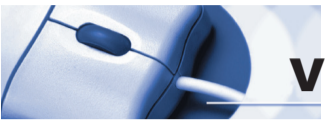
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Sheriff's Office implements body cameras

VanVickle: 'The cameras have proved to be a great tool for the deputies'

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

OREGON — In mid-June, the Ogle County Sheriff's Office officially implemented body cameras for its deputies. The wide-ranging SAFE-T Act criminal justice reform legislation in the state required law enforcement organizations of the sheriff's office's size to have body cameras by Jan. 1, 2024.

Sheriff Brian VanVickle called the implementation "quite the process," due to in-car cameras deputies had before body cameras that had to be integrated with the new system.

"Once that happened, then the car cameras didn't work until the body cameras were implemented," VanVickle said. "So we had a very short window of implementation. We really had two days to get about 25 vehicles or so switched over. Once we did that, the integration was seamless and it was ready to go. But getting all the equipment changed over was the dif-



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When the legislation came out, law enforcement had concerns over how

the cost of body cameras, software and data storage would be covered. The sheriff's office received

a camera grant from the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board, which will fund 80

percent of expenses for the cameras.

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K9 Comfort Dog Peace visits Ogle County

LCC K9 Comfort Dogs respond to schools, hospitals, disaster areas

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE — Last week, Paul Soost of Lutheran Church Charities K9 Comfort Dog Ministry brought Peace to Rochelle Community Hospital employees.

Soost grew up in Rochelle. He now lives in Orlando and was back in the area for the national LCC K9 Comfort Dog Ministry Conference in Northbrook, Illinois. Peace, of course, is a 6.5-year-old purebred golden retriever service dog who has worked to bring comfort to those that need it for five years.

"We went to see the staff," Soost said of the July 25 visit to RCH. "We know that healthcare providers and first responders have very stressful jobs. We wanted to be able to

provide some comfort and relief to the staff at RCH. We went from department to department spending time with the staff in each of the areas. Two of the LCC comfort dogs that are more local have visited RCH in the past. We wanted to take the opportunity to bring Peace to them."

LCC K9 Comfort Dog Ministry started in 2008. It currently has about 130 dogs in 27 states that do what Peace does. The national human care ministry embraces the nature and skills of golden retrievers.

On a day-to-day basis, Soost and Peace will visit schools, nursing homes, hospitals, fire and police stations and anywhere else that they're invited to provide comfort.

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LOCAL NEWS



Westside Park concession stand work nearly done

The Polo Lions' renovation work on the inside of the concession stand at Westside Park is 95 percent done. Just some odds and ends to be done. What remains are all the dispensers in the concession stand and in the bathrooms, then it will be done, Polo Lion Jeff Short said.

OCEC STEP Work Program appreciative of local support

BYRON — The Ogle County Educational Co-operative and the STEP Work Program want to extend appreciation to the area employers, schools and organizations who have supported our student workers throughout the 2022-2023 school year. We look forward to continuing our partnerships with these local organizations during the upcoming school year 2023-2024. Many local businesses participate by helping train students about building good work habits, communication skills and being a reliable employee in the workforce.

Thank you to those that participated this year. They include: Alfano's Pizzeria - Oregon and Rochelle, Allied-Locke Industries, INC, Am-boy Central School, Am-

boy High School, Ashton-Franklin Center High School, Benny's Corner Market - Rochelle, Blue Beacon Truck Wash - Rochelle, Casey's - Byron, Cass Chiropractic Clinic, Chana Education Center, Changes Counseling, LLC - Rochelle, Classic Cinemas Lindo Theatre, Cornett's Chana Tap, Country School Restaurant, Danlee Wood Products, Double-O Saloon and Grill, Elite Services, European Service at Home, EZ-Drops, Fearer Nye & Chadwick, LLC - Rochelle, Fibbers Bar and Grill, First and Main Makers Market, Fitness Junction, Fritz's Wooden Nickel, Godfather's Pizza Express - Monroe Center, Hardee's - Rochelle, Hidden Timber Gardens, Highland Elementary School, Holiday Inn Express - Rochelle, Hope Chest Thrift Store,

Jonamac Orchard, Julia Hull Library, Ken Nelson Auto Group, Koeller Forrester Hardware, La Vigna Restaurant, Loescher Collision Center, McDonald's - Dixon, Oregon and Rochelle, Meiborg Brothers, INC, Meridian Jr. High School, New Hope Fellowship Church, Ogle County Circuit Clerk Kimberly Stahl's office, Oregon Park District Children's Center Program, Oregon SuperValu, Pinecrest Community, Polo High School, Polo Rehab and Health Care Center, Reign XT, Rochelle Township High School, Royal Blue General Store, Seward Screw, LLC, Stillman Valley Auto Care, Stillman Valley High School, St. Paul Lutheran School - Rochelle, Subway - Forrester, The REC Center-Flagg Rochelle Park

District, The Serenity Shed, The Village Bakery, Tilton Elementary School, Valley Covenant Church, Vince's Pizza, Walgreens - Rochelle, Wendy's - Rochelle and Chana Winterland Excavating.

Employers, schools and organizations work in cooperation with OCEC and the STEP Work Program to help students learn all aspects of employment while gaining valuable work experience. Students may also receive credit and a grade for participating in the STEP Work Program. The program has specific criteria for eligibility as it relates to students with Individual Education Plans.

For more information, please contact Toby Luxton, OCEC STEP Work Program coordinator at 815-234-2722 ext. 1011 or tluxton@ocecil.org.

Local Girl Scouts receive \$1,750 grant from RACF

ROCHELLE - Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois (GSNI) received a generous \$1,750 grant from the Rochelle Area Community Foundation on May 1, 2023. Funds from this grant are being

used to support programming designed to engage and empower current and future Latina and Hispanic members within the organization, especially volunteers in the Rochelle area by

translating current lesson and activity documents, as well as welcome documents, into Spanish.

GSNI would like to thank Rochelle Area Community Foundation for joining in the Girl

Scout Mission where our future community leaders have a space all their own, where their interests, their experience, and their leadership — today and tomorrow — is the top priority!

Oregon Park District end-of-summer event is Aug. 8

OREGON — The Oregon Park District would like to invite the community to our end of summer Family Fun and Volunteer Appreciation event on Tuesday, Aug. 8. The event will be held at River's Edge Experience, Oregon from 5:30-8:30 p.m. and will conclude with fireworks show at dusk.

"The family fun night is the park district's thank you to the community and our volunteers who support our programs and events. Five Alarm Fireworks has donated a fireworks show for dusk on the same night," Erin Folk, executive director, said. "Staff has a fun evening planned and with our generous sponsors, there will be something for all ages."

The Oregon Park District will be grilling hot dogs and serving chips and drinks while supplies last that evening. In addition, GG's Ice Cream, Kona Ice and Cork and Tap will be onsite with additional items for purchase.

Well Strung, a Byron-based acoustic band,

will provide music from 6:30-8 p.m. Music is sponsored by Circle G Farms.

In addition, there will also be inflatables, fairy hair, face painting, bingo, and yard games at no charge for families to enjoy! The fun is sponsored by E.D. Etnyre and Company and the Oregon Park District.

"The event is open to the public and we hope all will join us to celebrate," Folk said. "We offer the programming we do because of dedicated staff and volunteers. Volunteers for the park district were also personally invited, and we hope they will join us for this fun night. We would also like to thank the Hagemann family for their generosity in donating River's Edge for the event. With both indoor and outdoor space and the beautiful view of the river, we couldn't pick a more perfect location for this event."

Join the Oregon Park District on Tuesday, Aug. 8 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. to celebrate the end of the summer!

Pickleball tournament at Stillman Valley Fall Festival

STILLMAN VALLEY — The Stillman Valley Fall Festival will hold its first-ever pickleball tournament at the Stillman Valley Fall Festival. The Rally in the Valley pickleball tournament will take place Saturday, Sept. 23.

There will be a double elimination tournament for mixed doubles as well as two round robin competitions, one for beginners to the sport and one for more experienced players. The round robin competitions will take place in the morning and the double elimination tournament will be in the afternoon.

Due to court limitations, entries will be limited to the first 16 teams, and first 16 individuals in each of the round robin competitions to register. Registration fees are \$40 per team and \$20 per individual in the round robin

competitions. There will be cash prizes of \$100 for first, \$80 for second and \$60 for third place in the team tournament, and \$50 for first, \$40 for second and \$30 for third in each of the round robin competitions.

Entry forms can be obtained from the Stillman Valley Fall Festival website (stillmanvalley-fallfestival.com) as well as at the Village Hall in Stillman Valley, any of the Stillman Bank locations, the Marathon Gas station in Stillman Valley and the Byron Park District office front desk. Checks can be made to SVFF.

Forms can be mailed to PO Box 216, Stillman Valley, IL 61084. The deadline for getting entries in is Aug. 31. Remember registration is limited to the first 16 entries in each category, so get them in early.



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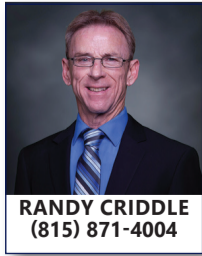
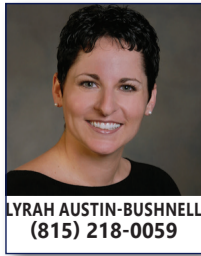
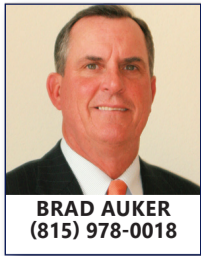
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LOCAL NEWS

Encore! Mt. Morris offers three summer opportunities for artists

MT. MORRIS — Encore! Mt. Morris has three summer opportunities for artists.

Fine Art in Straw, imagine what you could create. Encore! has openings for entries in the Eighth Annual US National Straw Sculpting Competition. Registration and acceptance are required to compete. Create a Straw Sculpture individually or with a team. The sculpture must be at least 90 percent straw on the surface. Sculpture Size: minimum— 6.5 feet (in height, in length, or in width). Create your piece at home and transport it to Mt. Morris by 4 p.m. Aug. 11. The 2023 U.S. National Straw Sculpting Competition runs from Aug. 11-27, Straw Fest Day is Saturday, Aug. 26. See information regarding rules and registration at StrawUSA.com.

Art on Fire 2023. Interested artists may “adopt” fire hydrants within the Village limits of Mt. Morris and paint creative, artistic designs. Registration and acceptance are required before painting may begin. The goal of this program is to embrace local artistic talents while displaying creative artwork throughout the community. Photos of each newly painted hydrant will be displayed online at EncoreMtMorris.com. The public will be asked to vote for their favorite new hydrant. There is no cost to apply for the program. Participating artists will receive an Encore ‘Art on Fire’ tee shirt. Artists are responsible for providing their own materials, brushes, etc. Registration is open through Aug. 7 and painting must be finished by Aug. 13. Information is available online at En-

coreMtMorris.com and at Mt. Morris Village Hall.

Encore has extended the call for entries open for their third Old Sandstone Gallery Show of the 2023 season, this juried show invites original art of all kinds, Artists may register and submit 1-3 images of their original works for consideration. Artists must be 18 years old or older. Only registrations and images received by the July 17 extended deadline will be considered. Additional information and on-line registration is available at EncoreMtMorris.com

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



(COURTESY PHOTO)

Stan Eden (left) presented Lauren Carlson of Byron (right) with the Stan Eden 4-H Scholarship.

Ogle County 4-H Foundation and Stan Eden Scholarship winners named

OREGON — The Ogle County 4-H Foundation offers college scholarships to 4-H members who are planning to pursue or are already engaged in further education beyond high school. Any area of study may be pursued whether that is at a college or vocational institution. Winners selected by the Ogle County 4-H Foundation will receive scholarships

amounting to \$400 per year of full-time course work for a maximum of four years (max of \$1,600). In addition, the Ogle County Farm Bureau offers the “Stan Eden 4-H Scholarship” which is a one-time award of \$1,000 to one 4-H member to pay tribute to Stan Eden who dedicated over 32 years to serving Ogle County Extension and 4-H. These scholar-

ships are offered because both organizations believe in the importance of continuing education.

The 2023 scholarship winners were Courtney Bushman, Polo; Lauren Carlson, Byron; Levi Eden, Oregon and Blake-Lynn Swanson, Stillman Valley. The 2023 “Stan Eden 4-H Scholarship” was awarded to Lauren Carlson, Byron.



(COURTESY PHOTO)

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Banks joins Stillman Bank as senior VP and commercial loan officer

ROCKFORD — Stillman Bank is pleased to welcome Donald J. Banks as senior vice president and commercial loan officer, according to Thomas R. Hughes, president & CEO. In his position, Don will primarily be involved with new business development and commercial lending. He will work from the Rockford office at 8492 E. State St.

With 36 years of banking experience, Don earned his bachelor’s degree in business management from Western Illinois University. He is also a graduate of the Graduate School of Banking Madison, the Community Bankers Association of Illinois Com-

munity Bankers School, and the American Bankers Association Commercial Lending School. Don also earned his Executive Leadership Certificate through the Wisconsin School of Business Center for Professional and Executive Development.

“We are thrilled to welcome Don to Stillman Bank,” Hughes said. “With his industry experience and expertise, he is committed to helping local businesses grow and succeed. Don is also passionate about serving our communities through his involvement and volunteerism and understands what it means to be a true community banker.”

Don is very active in the community serving on several boards of local organizations. Currently, he serves as a board member for the Rockford Symphony Orchestra and the Community Building Complex of Boone County. He also sits on the Rockford Local Development Corporation (RLDC) and Flora Cemetery boards. Additionally, Don is the Flora Township clerk and a member of the IOU Club of Belvidere.

Banks can be reached directly at 815.332.8846 or donb@stillmanbank.com. To find out more about Stillman Bank’s products and services, please visit www.stillmanbank.com.

County recycling event is Aug. 12

OREGON — The Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department (OCSWMD) will be hosting a recycling event for used motor oil, anti-freeze, used oil filters, liquid latex paint, aerosol spray cans, single-use propane cylinders, alkaline batteries and child car seats on Saturday, Aug. 12 from 8 a.m. to noon at the County Annex Building located at 909 Pines Road in Oregon. No permits are required for this recycling event.

Liquid latex paint will be accepted for recycling. There is a fee per container of \$1/quart, \$2/gallon, and \$10/pail for the first 10 containers. Paint should be brought to the event in its original container and not be bulked together so it can be properly recycled. The OCSWMD will subsidize a portion of the cost to recycle your latex paint up to

10 containers. The full cost of \$3/quart, \$6/gallon, and \$20/pail will be charged for additional containers over the first 10. Oil-based paint and stains can be recycled for \$6/quart, \$10/gallon, and \$25/pail. Cash, credit card or checks payable to “EarthPaint” will be accepted for payment of paint recycling.

Aerosol spray cans and single-use propane tanks will also be accepted at this event. Aerosol products such as paints, lubricants, cleaners, insecticides, personal care products and food products can be recycled, along with the single-use (14-16-ounce) propane cylinders. The first 10 items are fully subsidized by the OCSWMD and any additional aerosol cans will be charged at \$1/can and \$3/propane cylinder. Not all aerosol products will be able to be

accepted. Please call the OCSWMD at 815-732-4020 for specific questions or see the county website. Flatcan Recycling is also accepting alkaline batteries for recycling for \$4 per pound and one child car seat at no charge. Additional child car seats will be \$20 per seat.

Used oil, anti-freeze and used oil filters will also be able to be recycled at the event. There is no fee for this service. Small containers of used oil and/or anti-freeze will be bulked together and your containers returned to you for future use. Large drums also accepted and will be vacuum-pumped out. Limit 200 gallons, if you have more than 200 gallons please call the number above for recycling options. No fuels, cooking oils or other automotive fluid will be accepted.

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8-10 PM - NEVERLY BROTHERS

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LOCAL NEWS

Obituaries

Robert (Bob) Thomas Tuten

BYRON — Robert (Bob) Thomas Tuten, 78, of Byron, passed away peacefully at home on Sunday morning, July 30, 2023, with family at his side and while listening to his granddaughter singing during the Grace Valley CRC worship service.

Bob was born on Jan. 19, 1945 in Philadelphia to the late Jesse and Ruth (Haddy) Tuten. He graduated from Eddystone High School in Pennsylvania and The King's College in New York. After college, he attended Westminster Theological Seminary in Philadelphia. On Sept. 7, 1968, Bob married his high school sweetheart, Nancy Comer, and they began their married life in Philadelphia while

Bob completed seminary. While Bob was in seminary, he was an assistant minister at Grace Chapel Reformed Episcopal Church. Following his graduation from seminary, Bob moved with his wife to Cherry Hill, New Jersey, where he worked as a minister at Providence Chapel Reformed Episcopal Church.

In 1972, Bob left the ministry to begin what would be a 40+ year career in publishing, beginning with a position as an Associate Editor at Garden State Publishing in Sea Isle, New Jersey. After Garden State Publishing was sold to WATT Publishing in 1977, Bob did some freelance work until he accepted a full time position with WATT Publishing as Editor of Industria Avicola and moved with his wife and three children, his wife's parents, as well as their friend, Keefe, to the Midwest in the middle of the brutal winter of 1979.

They settled in a home in Mt. Morris, where they raised their (soon to be) five children and resided until October of 2021 when he and Nancy moved in with their daughter and her family in Byron. As the Editor of Industria Avicola, Bob traveled throughout Latin America, an endeavor which was audacious in

its own right, but even more so given he did not write or speak fluent Spanish when he took on this role! To remedy this, Bob spent time in Bolivia living with a family and learning the language after accepting this position. In addition to Industria Avicola, at various times Bob was also Editor of Industria Porcina (a pork production magazine), WATT Poultry Yearbook, and Who's Who.

In 1995, Bob added the position of Marketing Director to his responsibilities. Early on he recognized the potential for the internet to revolutionize the publishing industry. He took a big leap out of the editorial side of the print business to develop an online presence for Watt Publishing as Director of Electronic Media Services, a position he held until his retirement in 2014.

At the time of his retirement, Bob had worked for WATT Publishing for more than 35 years. Bob's faith was the foundation of his life. He knew the unconditional, sacrificial love of his Heavenly Father and he sought continually to model that for his own family.

Bob was an active member of Grace Valley Christian Reformed Church for over 40 years, serving as Superintendent of Sunday Schools, a deacon, an elder, and editor of the church newsletter. He was also a representative to the denomination's Classis Northern IL and to Synod, as well as a delegate to the Home Missions team. Lest anyone worry that

Bob's seminary degree was put to waste, all of his children and many friends and family benefited from his vast Biblical and theological knowledge and knew his enthusiasm for a good theological debate! Some of Bob's other hobbies included photography, gardening, and cooking. Bob was also a life-long Chicago Cubs fan, and relished in their 2016 World Series



victory.

Bob is survived by his wife of nearly 55 years, Nancy; daughters, Kristin Tuten of Wheaton and Laura (Chris) Harland of Byron; sons, Matthew (Kelly) Tuten of Pagosa Springs, Colorado, Stephen (Elisabeth) Tuten of Conifer, Colorado, and Joel (Maria) Tuten of German Valley; his nine grandchildren, Benjamin, Kaitlyn, and Madison Harland, Alice and Jesiah Tuten, Micah and Jonah Tuten, and Elena and Olivia Tuten; his two sisters, Carol Eskridge and Hope (Alan) Bretherick of PA; his sister-in-law, Antoinette (Philip) Vella of Dixon; many nieces, nephews, and cousins; and a whole lot of grand-dogs, grand-cats and grand-chickens!

Bob was preceded in death by his parents and his brother-in-law Jack. A visitation will be held at Grace Valley CRC, 8210 E. Edwardsville Rd German Valley, IL, on Aug. 5, 2023, from 10 A.M. until service time. A celebration of Bob's life will be held at 11 A.M. in the church. Following the service an extended visitation and meal will be shared.

The burial will take place in Plainview cemetery in Mt. Morris. The family would like to express their gratitude for the care Bob received through Serenity Hospice and Home. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Serenity House in Oregon.

(The contents of this obituary have been edited, revised, rewritten, edited again, revised again, and rewritten for a second time, in accordance with how Dad edited EVERY paper we had to write growing up)

Cheryl Terese (Houghton) Merchant

EFFINGHAM — On the morning of July 26, 2023, Cheryl Terese (Houghton) Merchant of Effingham, passed away peacefully at home, surrounded by her family. Cheryl was 65 years old.

Cheryl was born in the city of Beloit in Rock County, Wisconsin on May 15, 1958. She was the third child, and the second daughter of Harley David Houghton and Joyce Yvonne (Hovland) Houghton.

On Dec. 27, 1980, she married Douglas Paul Merchant at Trinity Lutheran Church in Mount Morris. Cheryl was an alumna of Mount Morris High School (class of 1976); Augustana College in Rock Island (A.B., Speech Pathology, 1980); and Northern Illinois University (M.A., Speech Pathology, 1984).

She was a passionate caregiver and nurturer not only to her family, but also to the many children and adults she had the privilege of serving during her long career as a speech-language pathologist for public schools in the Lanark, Chadwick, Milledgeville, Dakota, and Effingham school districts, and later in skilled nursing settings at facilities throughout southern and central Illinois. She retired from Odin Care Center in Odin, Illinois in 2021, after nearly 20 years of service to that community.

In addition to her career as a speech-language pathologist, Cheryl also had the joy of spending several years as a stay-at-home

mom in Lena, Illinois, caring for her young children and providing in-home daycare for many families in and around the community during that time.

She was an avid gardener, golfer, skier (both snow and water), scrapbooker (slush "wine enthusiast"), and traveler. Memorable trips include visits to Spain, France, Germany, Switzerland, Mexico, the Virgin Islands, and Hawaii; as well as frequent golf trips to Arizona and visits with family in Colorado. Her warm-hearted personality, sparkling smile, and boundless love for life, family, and friends will be dearly and deeply cherished by all who had the pleasure of knowing her.

Cheryl is survived by her husband, Doug; children Aaron Merchant of Urbana; Cliff Merchant (Susan Weston) of Avon/Eagle-Vail, Colorado; Jacquelyn (Jackie) Merchant-Abdar (Omid Abdar) of Champaign; Alex Merchant of St. Louis, Missouri; siblings Debby (Richard) Johnson, Robeline, Louisiana; Kris Houghton, Berthoud, Colorado; Craig (Renee) Houghton, Rock City; Angela Ochoa, Bolingbrook; Scott (Sherrie) Houghton, Golden, Colorado; sisters-in-law Susan Bracken, Ocala, Florida; Betsy (Ron) Myatt, Herrin; Patricia (Jim) Elliott, Frederick, MD; Debra Merchant, Mt Carroll; brothers-in-law David Merchant, Lanark; Donald Merchant (Mary Woods), Freeport; Jose Ochoa, Jr., Batavia; step-mother-in-law Virginia



Merchant, Bettendorf, Iowa; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents; father-in-law Paul K. Merchant; mother-in-law Elizabeth J. (Fuchiek) Merchant; and sisters-in-law Sara (Daehler) Merchant and Rebecca (Holland) Houghton.

Memorial services will be held on Saturday, Aug. 19, 2023, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Mount Morris, Illinois. A visitation will be held from 10 am to noon, with memorial services beginning at noon, immediately followed by a luncheon in the church fellowship hall.

A Celebration of Life gathering/open house will be held on Saturday, Aug. 26, 2023, at Village Wine & Spirits in downtown Effingham, Illinois from 1 pm to 5 pm. Cheryl's family invites you to be with them and share in her memory. Arrangements are being made through Johnson Funeral Home in Effingham, Illinois.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to The American Cancer Society or the Carle Health Center for Philanthropy. Online condolences may be shared at www.johnsonandsonsffh.com.

Report policy

Any arrests listed in this paper are merely charges and the defendants are presumed innocent unless proven guilty in a court of law. Please note that all police reports received from the Oregon Police, Byron Police, Polo Police, Mt. Morris

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LOCAL NEWS

Ogle County Sheriff's Report: July 11-July 24

OREGON — On July 11 at 4:05 p.m. Marcy Devaney, 32, of Stillman Valley, was stopped for suspended registration and subsequently taken into custody for driving on a suspended license. She was released on an I-Bond and given an August court date in Oregon.

On July 12 at approximately 12:10 a.m. deputies initiated a traffic stop on Baileyville Road near the intersection with Pit Road. After further investigation Stanton Green Jr., 39, of Freeport, was placed under arrest for driving while license suspended. Green was released on an individual bond.

On July 12 at approximately 1:36 a.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop near the Winnebago County line at Illinois Route 251. After investigation, deputies placed Jaden Purifoy, 20 of Rockford, under arrest for no valid driver's license, possession of a controlled substance crack/cocaine less than 15 grams (class four felony) and improper container driver. Purifoy was transported to the Ogle County Jail, where he was held pending a court appearance in front of a judge.

On July 12 at approximately 12:43 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 16,000 block of East Illinois Route 38. After investigation, deputies placed Jose Guzman Garcia, 28, of Rochelle under arrest for no valid driver's license. Guzman Garcia was additionally issued citations for an expired registration sticker and operating an uninsured vehicle. Guzman Garcia was released on an I-Bond at the scene and given a future court date.

On July 12 at 7 p.m. deputies were dispatched to the Mt. Morris Motel for a citizen assistance call. While attempting to help the caller, they called 911 a total of six times while deputies were at the location speaking with them. As a result of the misuse of 911, George Landowski, 50, of Mt. Morris was arrested for disorderly conduct and resisting arrest. Landowski was transported to the Ogle County Jail and will appear in court at a later date.

On July 13 at 9:02 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop at the intersection of North Mount Morris Road and West Illinois Route 72. As a result, Derverz T. Collins, 18, of Loves Park was arrested for no valid license. Collins was additionally cited for driving without head lights/two head lights required and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. Collins was released on an I-Bond with a future court date.

On July 13 at approximately 1:10 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop on a tan Chevrolet Trailblazer near the 6,000 block of East Illinois Route 72. After a brief investigation, Geoffrey Connell, 70, of Byron, was arrested for aggravated driving while license revoked, driving while license revoked and issued a citation for illegal transportation of alcohol. Connell was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he is held without bond pending a court appearance.

On July 14 at approximately 6:02 p.m. deputies investigated a driving complaint in the area of the Rock River Terrace community. Through the course of the investigation, deputies located a motorcycle driven by Dylan Wallace, 19,

of Rockford. Wallace was taken into custody for no valid driver's license. Wallace was also cited for no registration and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. Wallace was released on an individual bond.

On July 15 at about 12:01 a.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop at the intersection of Illinois Route 251 and Big Mound Road. After a brief investigation, deputies arrested Gordon Yancey, 45, of Rockford for driving while license revoked. Yancey was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he is held in lieu of bond. Yancey was also issued a citation for operating a vehicle with loud music.

On July 15 at approximately 3:15 p.m. deputies responded to the 1,000 block of Northwestern Avenue, Davis Junction for the report of a physical domestic. After a brief investigation deputies arrested Arianna Boyd, 18, of Davis Junction, for domestic battery. Boyd was transported to the Ogle County Jail pending an appearance before a judge.

On July 17 at approximately 8:53 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop at East Illinois Route 64 and Illinois Route 251. After a brief investigation, deputies arrested Lucio Sanchez-Alvarez, 26, of McHenry for no valid driver's license. Sanchez-Alvarez was taken into custody without incident and released on scene on a \$2,500 individual bond with a return court date set.

On July 18 at approximately 6:46 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop on Interstate 39 near mile marker 106. After investigation, deputies arrested Diamond Brown, 27, of Savoy, for driving while license suspended. Brown was issued additional citations for suspended registration, operating an uninsured motor vehicle and a violation of the child passenger protection act. Brown was given an I-Bond on scene with a return court date later next month.

On July 19 at 10:28 a.m. deputies along with Polo Fire and Forrester

Fire ambulance, responded to Freeport Road and West Illinois Route 64 for a two-vehicle crash with minor injuries. Upon arrival, it was determined that Susan Barajas, 66, of Sterling failed to yield at the stop intersection and pulled into the path of Lou Morse, 63, of Saint Charles. Robert Barajas, 71, of Sterling and his wife were both taken to CGH Hospital in Sterling for minor injuries. Morse was not hurt. Susan Barajas was cited for failing to yield at a stop intersection.

On July 19 at 5:56 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop at Illinois Route 251 and Illinois Route 64. After a brief investigation, Deputies arrested Jaqlyn White, 26, of Rochelle, for driving while license revoked and an outstanding Cook County warrant. White was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond. White was also issued citations for operating an uninsured motor vehicle and suspended registration.

On July 20 at approximately 12:03 a.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop within the 14,000 block of East Illinois Route 72. After investigation, deputies placed Amber N. Lovejoy, 31, of Rockford, under arrest for driving unlicensed, in addition to an active Rockford warrant. Lovejoy was transported to the Ogle County Jail, where she was held in lieu of bond.

On July 20 at 8:35 a.m. deputies stopped Christopher Northrup, 28, of Rockford, for speeding in the 5,000 block of North River Road. Upon further investigation it was learned that Northrup's driving privileges were revoked. Northrup was cited for speeding, driving while license revoked and operating a motor vehicle without insurance. He was taken to the Ogle County Jail in lieu of bond.

On July 21 at approximately 10:50 p.m. deputies responded to the 6,000 block of North River Road for a one-vehicle accident. After examining the scene, it was determined that a black 2005 Acura, driven by Doh Say, 22, of Rockford, was traveling southbound on North River Road.

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
(IT IS ADVISED THAT INTERESTED PARTIES CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEYS BEFORE BIDDING AT FORECLOSURE SALE.)
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE entered by the Court in Keith Beckingham v. Kerry Beckingham, Unknown Owners and NonRecord Claimants, Case No. 2023FC1 Ogle County, Illinois, on June 9, 2023, the property hereinafter described will be sold to the highest bidder.
(A) The name, address, and telephone number of the person to contact for information regarding the real estate is Courtney E. Kennedy, Ehrmann Gehlbach Badger & Considine, LLC, 114 E. Everett Street, Suite 300, Dixon, Illinois 61021 (815) 288-4949.
(B) Both the legal description of the real estate and the common address is as follows: Part of the Northwest Quarter (NW¼) of the Northwest Quarter (NW¼) of Section 35, in Township 24 North, Range 9 East of the 4th P.M., bounded and described as follows: Beginning on the West line of said Section at a point 719 1/8 feet South of the Northwest corner of said Section, running thence East 28 ¼ rods, thence South 56.58 feet, thence West 28 ¼ rods, and North 56.58 feet to the Point of Beginning; situated in the Township of Mount Morris, County of Ogle and State of Illinois. PIN: 08-35-103-005 Common address or location of premises: 1823 South McKendrie Street, Mount Morris, Ogle County, Illinois.
(C) The improvement on the real estate is a shed.
(D) The real estate may not be inspected prior to the sale.
(E) The time and place of the sale are as follows: The Ogle County Sheriff's Office, 202 S. First Street, Oregon, Illinois 61061, at 10:00 a.m. on September 22, 2023.
(F) The terms of the sale are ten percent (10%) down at the time of the sale, payable in certified funds, and the full balance within seven (7) days.
(G) The case title, case number, and the Court in which the foreclosure was filed are specified above.
(H) No other information is required to be disclosed.
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Rochelle Legion donates to HOPE and Serenity

On July 14, HOPE of Ogle County received a donation check from the Rochelle American Legion Post 403. Steve Korth (adjutant) is presenting the donation check to Vann K. (on the left) and Marissa B. (on the right). That same day, Serenity Hospice and Home received a donation check from the Rochelle American Legion Post 403. Steve Korth (adjutant) is presenting the donation check to Lynn Knodle, CEO of Serenity Hospice and Home.

East Oregon Chapel VBS begins Aug. 8

OREGON — East Oregon Chapel invites you to join us for Keepers of the Kingdom Vacation Bible School. The fun begins on Aug. 8 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. and continues through Aug. 12. Ages four through any children who completed the eighth grade are welcome to attend. Each day the children will hear a story, create a craft and participate in games and enjoy a delicious snack!

There is a battle that has begun. It is a battle between Good and Evil. We are putting together an army to fight for the good kingdom. You will need special armor such as a belt of truth, a breastplate of righteousness, a helmet of salvation, a shield of faith, shoes of peace and a sword of the spirit to fight in this battle. You will learn how to be a knight and how to use your armor against

the kingdom of darkness. We hope to see you there. Please invite other villagers to join you!

Please register at: <https://eocvbs2023.myanswers.com/keepers-of-the-kingdom>. Friday will be open to the whole family to enjoy the closing program and a cook out. Our address is 107 N. Daysville Road. Please call 815-732-2960 for more information or to pre-register. See you there.

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OHIO:
Harry's Pub & Grub

DIXON:
Shamrock Pub

For more information, check out Amboy Depot Days 50/50 Drawing on Facebook

LOCAL NEWS



CHS Rochelle donates to HOPE of Ogle County

CHS Rochelle recently made a \$4,000 donation to HOPE of Ogle County for new computers. "A huge thank you to CHS Rochelle for their generous support towards improving technology at HOPE of Ogle County," a HOPE Facebook post said. "We are so grateful for your kindness!" From left to right: Mark Zaccaria, Samantha Zaccaria, Steve Truckenbrod, Kelly Kempson and Ruth Carter (HOPE of Ogle County), Tyler Angell, Michelle Harrell and Matt Wolf.

Mt. Morris' Fox named to dean's list at Iowa

IOWA CITY, Iowa — Josey Fox of Mt. Morris was among the undergraduate students at the University of Iowa named to the dean's list

for the 2023 spring semester.

Fox is a undergraduate fourth year student in Iowa's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and is majoring in

Sociology.

Dean's list status was earned by 968 first-year undergraduates during the 2023 spring semester

at Iowa, only 1,604 second-year students, only 1,922 third-year students and only 2,630 fourth-year students.

City of Polo receives grant for EV charging station

POLO — The City of Polo recently received a grant to support the deployment of the community's first public electric vehicle charging station in the downtown area to help promote the use of green transportation.

To accelerate the adoption of electric vehicles (EVs) and other clean energy technologies and to support local public safety initiatives, ComEd and the Metropolitan Mayors

Caucus (MMC) recently announced the 21 winners of the 2023 Powering Safe Communities grant program. The grants, totaling \$169,500, will help support a variety of projects in communities across northern Illinois.

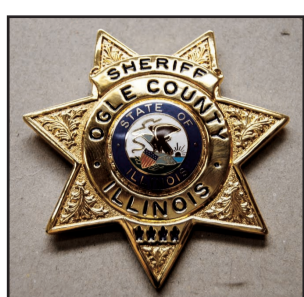
"ComEd is proud to work with the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus to support community-led plans to promote the adoption of EVs and other clean energy technologies that

will enhance air quality throughout the region," Louie Binswanger, senior vice president of government, regulatory and external affairs at ComEd, said. "With the clean energy transition underway in Illinois, ComEd's partnership with cities and towns is critical to ensuring all residents have an opportunity to unlock the benefits of clean energy and the jobs and economic opportunity that come with it."

The 2023 Powering Safe Communities awards mark the ninth year of the program, which has awarded 178 grants totaling \$1.8 million to communities across northern Illinois since its launch in 2015. To support the growth of EVs, recent years have placed an increased focus on critical infrastructure like EV chargers; in fact, eight of the 21 grants awarded this year will support transportation electrification.

COUNTY: Sheriff's deputies respond to disabled vehicle

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Say lost control of the vehicle and entered the east ditch, striking a telephone pole before coming to rest. No injuries were reported as a result of the accident. After further investigation, deputies arrested Say for driving under the influence of alcohol. Say was issued additional citations for improper lane usage and failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident. Say was transported to the Ogle County Jail, where he was held in lieu of bond.

On July 21 at 10 p.m. following a traffic stop on Interstate 39 at mile marker 103, northbound deputies arrested Maclany Gerson, 39, of Waupaca, Wisconsin for driving without a valid driver's license. Gerson was also issued citations for no insurance and an equipment violation. Gerson was released on scene and will appear in court at a later date.

On July 22 at approximately 5:10 p.m. deputies responded to a disabled vehicle in the roadway, in the 13,000 block of East Illinois Route 38. After investigation, Deputies arrested Manuel Fajardo-Rodriguez, 45, of Rochelle, for driving while license revoked. Fajardo-Rodriguez was subsequently transported

to the Ogle County Jail, where he was held in lieu of bond.

On July 23 at approximately 10:23 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop on Interstate 39 near mile marker 104. After a brief investigation, deputies arrested Kenny White, 33, of Indianola, Mississippi, for driving while license suspended. White was issued an additional citation for an equipment violation. White was given an I-Bond on the scene, with a return court date later next month.

On July 24 at approximately 5:21 p.m. deputies initiated a traffic stop near the intersection of Fairmont Road and Valentine Road. After further investigation Skyler Miller, 19, of Polo, was placed under arrest for driving while license revoked. Miller was also cited for operating an uninsured motor vehicle and an equipment violation. Miller was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

All individuals are considered innocent until proven guilty.

Lumpia a big hit at Polo Senior Center's monthly 'cooking thing'

POLO — On Wednesday, July 12, attendance was high at the Polo Senior Center for their monthly "Cooking Thing." This month, Nancy Plachno was showing everyone how to make Lumpia Shanghai.

Kathy Wragg, director of senior services, said that the Polo Senior Center typically has one "Cooking Thing" demonstration or presentation each month. While they can include main courses and desserts, there have been many interesting dishes including homemade poppy seed dressing, mini cheddar loaves meatloaf, smoothie recipes and even dump cake.

Lumpia are fried spring egg rolls that are found in Filipino cuisines. The rolls

traditionally feature a thin pastry shell (also known as the lumpia wrapper) and are often stuffed with a savory mixture of ground meat and vegetables. It is considered a staple at Filipino celebrations.

Nancy had previously offered her egg rolls at church fellowship meetings and at other pot luck events. Several people have asked for her recipe that prompted her invitation to do a demonstration at the Polo Senior Center.

She started by showing how to mix the ingredients for the filling. Then, Nancy explained about the different kinds of wrappers and where to buy the better ones. Although more difficult to find, the thinner egg roll shells give better results. She

also showed two different ways to wrap. Everyone was given a chance to roll the filling into the shells so they could see how to do it.

From there, Nancy showed how to deep-fry the lumpia and had a tray of previously cooked lumpia to show how they should look. She answered questions while everyone had a chance to sample the just-cooked egg rolls as well as the ones she brought. None were left over.

Kathy Wragg mentioned that in addition to the monthly "Cooking Thing" demonstrations, the Polo Senior Center offers a wide range of other activities. Movies are shown and both exercise and Chair Yoga sessions are scheduled. There is a



(COURTESY PHOTO)

Nancy Plachno (right) shows Betsy Carbaugh (left) how to roll the filling into the lumpia shell while Lydia Kenney watches.

breakfast club, occasional travel to different places and even a library within the Senior Center.

Kathy is looking for

suggestions and ideas for future "Cooking Thing" presentations. In particular, she should like to hear about traditional family

recipes that are handed down from generation to generation. You can contact her by phone at (815) 946-3818.

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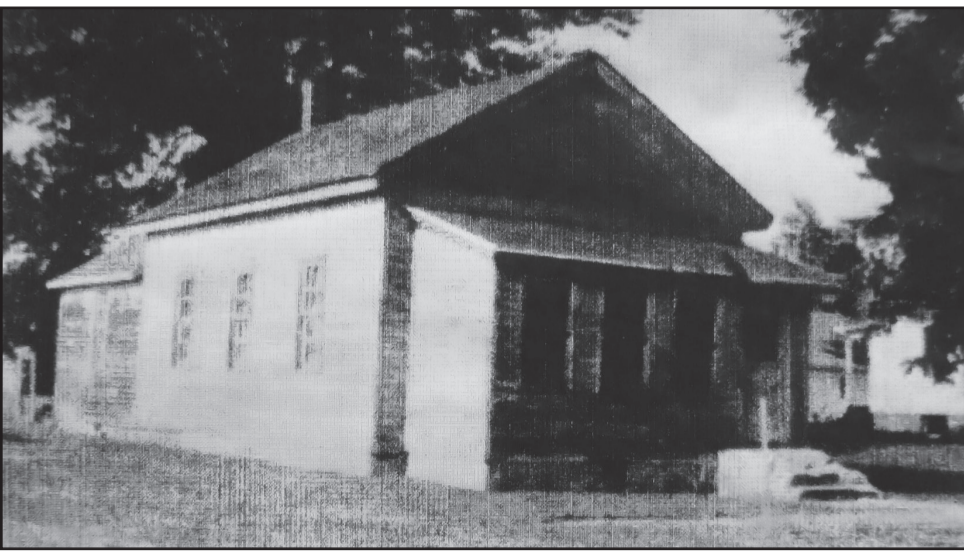
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LOCAL NEWS



Kings School alumni picnic scheduled for Sunday, Aug. 27

(COURTESY PHOTOS)

Kings School is having an Alumni Picnic. We are celebrating over 140 years of educating students. It is open to all current and former Kings School students or staff and their families. We are providing one grilled pork chop with bun, potato salad, coleslaw and cake. We ask everyone to bring their own table service and non-alcoholic drink, a dish of their choice to share, and lawn chairs. And bring memories and any memorabilia they would like to share. It will be held at Kings Consolidated School, 100 First St., Kings, IL, Sunday, Aug. 27, 12:30-5 p.m. If anyone would like to donate money for our event, there are several posters around the area that give information where to donate.

Highland Community College announces 2023 spring graduates

FREEPORT — Highland Community College recently announced its 2023 spring graduates. Graduates were awarded academic credentials including associate degrees and certificates.

Associate of Science; Rachel Kultgen, Associate of Science; Morgan Salisbury, Associate of Arts.

Davis Junction: Skyler Schmidt, Equine Riding Instructor-Certificate, General Equine Science-Certificate.

Forreston: Paityn Broshous, Associate of Science; Ethan Cain, Associate of Science.

German Valley: Ashlee Smice, Accounting-Associate of Applied Science, Accounting-Certificate, Account Clerk-Certificate,

Quickbooks Professional-Certificate, Professional Tax Preparer-Certificate.

Leaf River: Abbey Brooks, Agricultural Production-Certificate, Agricultural Management-Associate of Applied Science, Horticulture-Certificate.

Mt. Morris: Ariel Beeter, Nursing-Associate of Applied Science; Mia Ortega, Associate of Arts.

Oregon: Austin Ebert, Associate of Arts; Rheannon Plock, Nursing-Associate of Applied Science; Kyle Strite, Agricultural

Production-Certificate, Agricultural Management-Associate of Applied Science; Shelia Vanderkolk, Nursing-Associate of Applied Science.

Polo: Parker Taylor, Nursing-Associate of Applied Science

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Aug 10: Serenity Hospice & Home's Lunch group will be at 11:30 a.m. at Mullarkey's, 12 W. Main St., Mt Morris. Please call 815-732-4111 by 10 a.m. to register. This group is open to all adult bereaved in the community.

Aug. 10: The Polo Farmer's Market takes place on Thursdays, 3-6 p.m., in the parking lot south of the Shell Station (Division Avenue/Illinois Route 26). Current participating vendors: Death Farms Meats, Earl-E Green Gardens, Ferguson Farm, Ivan's Farm. The market

will run through the end of October (weather permitting).

Aug. 11: Serenity Hospice & Home's C.A.F.E. will meet from 9-10 a.m. at The Serenity Home, 1658 S. Illinois Route 2, Oregon. Please call 815-732-4111 by 4 p.m. on Aug. 10 to register. This group is open to all adult bereaved in the community.

Aug. 12: Come and join us at Byron's Hairy Cow Farmers Market on Saturday, Aug. 12 from 8 a.m. to noon! Featuring seasonal produce, baked goods, perennials, honey

and a large variety of crafts. We have more vendors than ever before this season. We look forward to seeing everyone! For more information or to become a vendor, please contact Taryn Bradley at (815)985-6042, by email at craftlab23@gmail.com or at the Byron's Hairy Cow Farmers Facebook page.

Aug. 24: A GriefShare Support group begins on Thursday, Aug. 24 at Disciples United Methodist Church, 102 Maple Ave., Mt. Morris. Sessions will run from 6-7:30 p.m. in the Fireplace Room. The

sessions will run through Nov. 16, to conclude before Thanksgiving. All meetings will be on Thursday evenings.

GriefShare is a support group that features faith-based teaching focusing on grief topics associated with the death of a loved one. The DVD portion features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories of people, followed by quiet listening and sharing in a safe small group. Past participants have related how helpful the information and follow up fellowship were to them. Many grieving

people find they are only beginning the work of healing when friends or family have already returned to their daily life routines.

Confidentiality is very much a part of this program. The participant's bereavement experience may be recent or years ago. The group offers will find encouragement, comfort and help in grieving the death of a spouse, child, parent, sibling, other family member, or friend. No matter what the cause of a loved one's death, this is an opportunity to be around people who understand

and may have the same feelings. The program teaches how to recognize the symptoms of being stuck in grief as well as receive valuable information about facing a new normal in life and renewing hope for the future.

GriefShare is available to anyone who would like to attend. The cost is \$20 to cover the fee for the workbook/study guide. Call the church office at 815-734-4853 with any questions.

Registration online at www.griefshare.org, or at the first session.

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MOMENTS IN TIME

* On Aug. 21, 1888, American inventor and former bank clerk William Seward Burroughs patented the adding machine. Two years earlier, Burroughs had co-founded the American Arithmometer Company to produce and sell the device, but the early models had to be recalled since he was the only person who could actually operate them.

* On Aug. 22, 1849, the first-ever air raid took place when Austria launched 200 unpiloted hot-air balloons carrying timed-release bombs against enemy defenses in Venice, Italy. Few casualties resulted, however, due to the unpredictable wind currents.

* On Aug. 23, 1990, Chancellor Helmut Kohl decided to prosecute women seeking abortions in East Germany. While the procedure was only carried out if the mother's life was endangered in West Germany, it had been considered a reproductive right in East Germany and could be performed on anyone after the 12th week of pregnancy.

* On Aug. 24, 2013, Broadway actress Julie Harris died at age 87. The winner of several Emmy Awards, Harris was also one of the record-holders for most Tony Awards and was known for her roles in movie and television productions, including

"East of Eden" and the series "Knot's Landing."

* On Aug. 25, 1985, 13-year-old Samantha Smith, dubbed an "ambassador" to the Soviet Union, died in a plane crash. Samantha had achieved notoriety by penning a letter to Soviet leader Yuri Andropov in 1982 expressing her worry about the possibility of nuclear war between his country and the U.S., and by visiting the Soviet Union as his guest the following year.

* On Aug. 26, 1794, President George Washington decided it was necessary to subdue the Whiskey Rebellion, an insurrection of 6,000 men in a field near Pittsburgh that originated from the resentment of grain farmers after a federal tax was attached to their distillery products. While he originally led the responding procession of 13,000-plus soldiers, mastermind Alexander Hamilton took over early on.

* On Aug. 27, 1934, thousands of Chicago teachers finally received their back pay after working with no wages for long periods because the city did not have the funds to compensate them. Many lined up outside the bank well before it opened, with most teachers receiving more than \$1,000.

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How the EPA views renewable fuels

NO doubt that biofuels like soy diesel and ethanol add tremendous value to the crops farmers produce. That is why we keep negotiating with EPA to expand the use of these clean-burning renewable fuels. It has been a struggle mainly because of politics, not facts. With all the hype about moving vehicles towards electric it's no wonder farmers are worried. In the meantime let's look at how the EPA views the renewable fuels industry compliments of American Farm Bureau.

In December, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued a proposed multi-year rule on renewable fuel requirements for the liquid fuel industry. On June 21, they issued a final version of that rule that establishes RVO targets and percentage standards for 2023 to 2025 and modifies the RFS program. This market intel provides an analysis of the changes to the RFS standards and their potential impacts on farmers.

The RFS program was established in 2005 and expanded under the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007, which specified mandatory volumes of renewable liquid fuel use only through 2022 and required EPA to set levels after that. In this rule EPA is establishing final Renewable Volume Obligations (RVO) for 2023-2025—volumes of fuels of various categories that the liquid fuel industry is required to incorporate into their supply to replace petroleum-based fuel for all categories under its authority. When determining RVOs for years after 2022, EPA must consider a variety of factors specified in the statute, including costs, air quality, climate change, implementation of the program to date, energy security, infrastructure issues, commodity prices, water quality and supply.

EPA was required by statute to release its 2023 RVO levels by November

2021. Pushed by legal action by Growth Energy, a national biofuels association, and a consent decree agreement reached in federal court between EPA and Growth Energy, the final rule was finally published on June 21.

The final rule increases total renewable fuel volumes to 22.33 billion gallons by 2025, up 1.7 billion gallons, or eight percent, from 2022. This includes an increase of 120 million gallons in 2023, another 600-million-gallon increase in 2024, and a final increase of 790 million gallons in 2025.

Biomass diesel: The final rule increases biomass-based diesel RVOs (which includes biodiesel, renewable diesel, heating oil and jet fuel) by 60 million gallons to 2.82 billion gallons in 2023, by 220 million gallons to 3.04 billion gallons in 2024, and by 310 million gallons to 3.35 billion gallons in 2025. The RVO is calculated by subtracting total advanced biofuel from total renewable fuel. According to a report by USDA's Economic Research Service, the United States had the capacity to produce over four billion gallons of biodiesel and renewable diesel from 83 plants on Jan. 1, 2022.

Advanced biofuel: The final rule increases the RVO for advanced biofuel (made from qualifying biomass other than cornstarch) by 310 million gallons in 2023, 600 million gallons in 2024, and 790 million gallons in 2025. The majority of growth in total renewable fuel comes from increases in the RVO for advanced biofuel.

Renewable Fuel: refers to biofuel, including ethanol, derived from starch feedstocks. The implied conventional biofuel requirement finalized by EPA is 15.25 billion gallons for 2023, and 15 billion gallons for 2024 and 2025. This was reduced from the proposed rule's 250-million-gallon

implied conventional fuel supplement through 2025.

Renewable Identification Number (RIN) are attached to each gallon of renewable fuel produced. This is a measure of energy contained in each gallon of renewable fuel produced relative to the energy contained in one gallon of ethanol. One gallon of biomass-based diesel contains about 150% of the energy contained in one gallon of ethanol, so each gallon produced yields 1.5 RINs. For the final rule, EPA adjusted the conversion factor for biomass-based diesel to 1.6.

The rule proposed by EPA in December 2022 included the addition of a RIN-generating pathway for electricity made from renewable biomass and used as transportation fuel. The system was intended to provide greater beneficial use of landfills and digesters as a source for renewable energy. EPA decided not to move forward with e-RINs in the final rule, citing varied comments from stakeholders as the reason for this decision. EPA further attributes reductions in the cellulosic biofuel RVO to this decision.

On the soybean side, U.S. biomass-based diesel supplies (including imports) were about 3.1 billion gallons in 2021 and about 3.2 billion gallons in 2022. USDA now projects 12.5 billion pounds of soybean oil will be used to produce biodiesel during the 2023/24 marketing year, up nearly eight percent over 2022. The use of soybean oil for biodiesel production as a percent of total consumption surpassed the use of corn for ethanol production in 2020 and has continued to climb.

EPA's proposed rule sets RVOs for biomass-based diesel at 2.82 billion gallons for 2023, 3.04 billion gallons in 2024, and 3.35 billion gallons in 2025. According to the final rule, the 3.35-billion-gallon RVO for 2025 would be about 7.7 percent above 2022 supply levels

and 3.7 percent above projected supplies for 2023/24.

The 5.95-billion-RIN RVO falls far short of the U.S. capacity of 14.3 billion RINs. The RVO is increased significantly compared to the proposed rule, but it promises to lag behind renewable fuel production capacity, so it will limit the RFS' short- and medium-term positive price impact on RINs and biofuels and curb the biomass-based industry's policy-based incentive to grow. In the proposed rule, EPA included a 250-million-gallon supplemental increase over the 15-billion-gallon RVO for implied conventional fuel for 2024 and 2025. EPA did not include these additional gallons in the final rule, putting implied conventional fuel at 15 billion gallons for 2023, 2024 and 2025.

Renewable fuels have provided a significant and steady market for American growers. In the 2023/24 marketing year, 5.3 billion bushels of corn, nearly 37 percent of total U.S. consumption, are projected to be used by ethanol producers. At the same time, 12.5 billion pounds of soybean oil, the oil from over one billion bushels of soybeans, is projected to be used in biodiesel production.

The final volume increases raise the floor for demand in the biomass-based diesel and advanced biofuel sector, but as long as they lag behind capacity, they will not incentivize continued growth in a sector that has made a substantial contribution to corn and soy demand for American farmers, and to the overall sustainability of American energy supplies. The rule further reduces this floor through the removal of the 250-million-gallon supplemental conventional fuel requirement for 2023, 2024 and 2025, leading to lower corn demand and the implications that come with that.

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

Letter: Gasmund family sends thanks

DEAR editor, The family of Brad Gasmund would like to extend our sincerest appreciation and gratitude to everyone that called, sent cards and kept us in your thoughts and prayers.

We were shocked by this sudden loss but your

comforting words have helped us through this difficult time in our lives. Thank you.

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Scott Reeder: A politician's past

THE congressman was a crack addict.

When I heard those words, I was flummoxed. It's not that I found it difficult to believe that someone in public life had a substance abuse problem.

During my 35 years covering politics, I've seen politicians drunk while debating legislation. And I've seen them holed up in their offices drinking when they were supposed to be legislating.

But the phone call I had last week from Terry Schilling, a son of former U.S. Rep. Bobby Schilling, left me stunned. He said his dad spent much of the 1980s hooked on crack cocaine.

I was astonished because I had never heard even a whisper of this when he was running for and holding public office. And campaigns are when the klieg lights come on and skeletons come dancing out of the closets.

"My dad was a recovering drug addict and a recovering alcoholic. He was always very private about it because he didn't want to be defined by the mistakes of his past. He wanted people to judge him for what he had become and his accomplishments," Terry said.

I can appreciate the

congressman wanting to keep his past quiet. But what amazes me is that he succeeded. In 2010, Bobby Schilling, a Republican, defeated incumbent Democrat Phil Hare by 10 points in the 17th Congressional District, which then twisted across western and central Illinois. Two years later Schilling lost reelection to Democrat Cheri Bustos and she beat him again in a 2014 rematch.

Every campaign has whispers. Labels like "skirt chaser," "drunk" or "in the closet" are affixed to candidates as if they were third graders with "kick me" signs stuck to their backs. But with Schilling the only whisper I heard was "family guy." Schilling presented himself to voters as a hardworking father of 10 who owned a Moline pizzeria.

At the time I thought Schilling was smarmy. But if smarminess were an impeachable offense, Congress would never have a quorum. My dad once heard him speak and thought he was the most swell politician ever. He won him over by telling him how much he admired his son's column. (So maybe he should have worn the label "shameless.") Neither I, nor as far as I know, any other reporter,

had a clue about Schilling's darker past.

"He was in high school when the crack epidemic was happening and they really suckered these young guys into it. . . . This is before we really knew how bad crack was for people and how addictive it was. And he just got caught up."

A pregnant Christie Schilling, would haul Terry and two of his siblings from tavern to tavern looking for her husband, Bobby. He'd go missing for three days. Finally, she gave Bobby an ultimatum: Her or the drugs. Christie filed for divorce in Rock Island County but didn't follow through after he cleaned up his act. She credited his recovery to a treatment program at the former Mercy Hospital in Davenport, Iowa, his Catholic faith and Narcotics Anonymous. The Narcotics Anonymous meetings were a worry. What if someone attending a meeting broke a confidence?

"He had a lot of Democrat friends from NA. And politics makes people irrational and do things that they wouldn't normally do," Terry said.

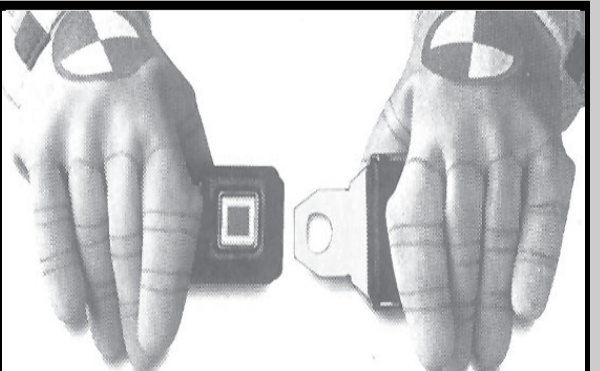
While working on his father's campaign Terry asked what their contingency plan should be if word of his past drug use leaked.

"I said, 'You know, you could do the George (W.) Bush route where he really talked about this openly and used it as a positive thing for how he turned his life around. And he just, didn't want to make (the campaign) about that. I said, 'Well, what are you going to do if it gets brought up anyway?' And he said we'd just acknowledge it, we'd tell the truth and we'd say, you know, that was stuff that I struggled with in my 20s and I turned my life around."

After moving to LeClaire, Iowa, Bobby Schilling made another bid for Congress in 2020, this time in Iowa's Second Congressional District. But he was defeated in the GOP primary. He died in 2021 of intestinal cancer at age 57. Both Christie and Terry said they want to inspire others with Bobby's life. They are considering writing a book.

"He gave his life to God and his family," Terry said. "And he died a former member of Congress, a successful business guy who everyone really loves. And he has ten kids surrounding his bedside praying for him and thanking God out loud for him when he dies."

Scott Reeder, a staff writer for Illinois Times can be reached at sreeder@illinoistimes.com.



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PEACE: Rochelle's Soost brings K9 comfort dog to Ogle County

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In times of natural or man-made disasters, Peace and dogs like her are deployed in small groups or as part of a team to provide comfort on a larger scale. Rochelle had comfort dogs that came to town in 2015 after the EF4 tornado hit the area.

Peace and Soost has responded to three hurricanes, twice in Florida and once in Elberta, Alabama, to provide comfort to families affected by them. Most recently, they were in Ft. Myers, Florida after Hurricane Ian hit.

In July 2021, the pair were in Surfside, Florida after a condo collapse. Peace was part of a team of dogs there to provide comfort. She and Soost primarily focused on first responders, and met with fire and rescue teams after their 12-hour shifts in recovery efforts.

Peace was also deployed twice to Uvalde, Texas following the school shooting that took place there.

"We deployed last September when the kids were getting ready to go back to school," Soost said. "We went for one week and were part of a three-week mission to provide comfort to the students as they came back to school for the first time after the shooting. We were just back in Uvalde in May for the one-year remembrance of the school shooting."

Soost's church, Trinity Lutheran Church in downtown Orlando, learned about the LCC K9 Comfort Dog Ministry after the shootings at Pulse nightclub in Orlando where 49 lives were lost. Soost



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and his church saw the 12 comfort dogs that came to the city for two weeks to provide comfort, as they were home based on their campus.

"We saw the dogs and teams in action and were able to talk with and learn from them," Soost said. "We could truly see the impact that the dogs had with people that were grieving. We wanted to get involved with this ministry. We put in a request to get a dog and Peace came in on July 1, 2018 at 18 months old.

I have five members on my team and seven on my ministry team for a total of 12."

Soost called his and Peace's work "a real blessing" and said he enjoys helping to provide a moment of relief for those going through tough times. He said LCC K9 Comfort Dog Ministry loves developing relationships with communities that have gone through tragedies and the support doesn't end when dogs and handlers leave.

"At our conference one of our surprise guests was our primary contact from the Uvalde school district," Soost said. "She had come in to thank the teams that had deployed and just to share a little bit of the progress and the steps they've made in recovering and healing. They'll never be completely the same, but knowing that we're a small part of their healing and helping them get through on a day-to-day basis is so meaningful and rewarding."

Soost believes the work was a calling for him. He recalled a day when he took Peace to a school in Ft. Myers where a student's father had recently passed away.

"We went into the second grade classroom and the kids were sitting in a circle in the middle of the room," Soost said. "Peace kept trying to get into the circle and I kept trying to slow her down. She walked in between two kids and laid down and put her head on one boy's lap.

I saw the teacher had tears in her eyes, and she said that was the student who lost their father. The dogs just have this natural sense of who needs them. To see that boy smile, knowing the grief and pain that he'd gone through, was so heartwarming and confirms why we do what we do on a day-to-day basis."

For more information on LCC K9 Comfort Dog Ministry, visit www.LutheranChurchCharities.org or www.K9comfort.org.

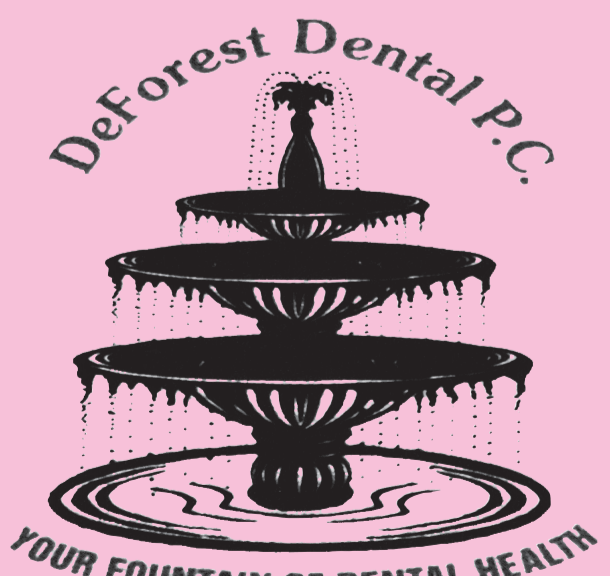
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SHERIFF: VanVickle discusses implementation of body cameras

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The rest of the cost will be paid for by federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds that Ogle County has.

At its July 18 meeting, the Ogle County Board approved \$32,381 of ARPA funding for the Motorola body cameras, which it will be reimbursed for from future grant funds once they're received.

VanVickle said the body cameras turn on when a deputy activates their emergency lights or siren or reaches a certain speed, or the deputy can activate it by pushing the button on the camera. By statute, the cameras must be activated when a deputy is having a "law enforcement-type interaction with the public."

"So if the deputy is out having lunch at the grade school with the kids, their camera doesn't have to be activated,"

VanVickle said. "Now if something would happen at the school and they were starting to take law enforcement action, at their earliest convenience they need to activate the camera. There are some good guidelines there and we've given that to our staff. It's been very positive. It's been a good process for us. I think that it does nothing more than help our deputy prove not only their cases in court, but also negates a lot of complaints because the camera sees everything."

VanVickle said the cameras have proved to be "a great tool" for deputies. Previously, they were only equipped with an audio microphone, and the change has been "a learning curve," he said.



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"The nice part is we've used it as a training tool," VanVickle said. "Not that anybody has been reprimanded for their actions, but we can take it as a teaching moment. I think that's been one big benefit that wasn't realized early on, the ability to use it as a teaching moment."

The sheriff said he believes the current biggest unanswered question with the body cameras is redaction in the case of parts of video that will have to be digitally removed before it can be seen by the public.

A special software to do video redaction had to be purchased by the sheriff's office.

"I think that's going to be the biggest hurdle we have, just the amount of time that the redaction piece takes," VanVickle said. "It's not an easy topic to broach. You could think about going into a bar where there's a lot of people there and you have to get consent from all of those people to provide the video. If you don't get their consent, then they need to be redacted out of the video. Things like that will

be very difficult and very time-consuming."

VanVickle said he's spoken to other agencies with body cameras that have had to spend about 40 hours of an employees' time to redact video in a similar situation where body camera footage had a deputy working in a crowded place.

So far, the body camera work has required extra time of sheriff's office staff to import the data and send it to the state's attorney for court cases. No additional staff has been hired for the work,

and barring an increase in hours for something like video redaction work, there are no plans to hire additional staff due to the body cameras, VanVickle said.

The sheriff said the data storage aspect of the body cameras will be manageable, due to technology improving and storage limits in the legislation changing after its inception. Early on, VanVickle had issues with since-changed pieces of the body camera legislation, but never had issues with Ogle County deputies

wearing them.

"Because quite honestly we have some of the best-trained deputies and law enforcement professionals around," VanVickle said. "I see them day in and day out working in a professional manner, so I'm very comfortable with what they do and I knew all along that there weren't going to be issues with doing inappropriate things on the cameras. They're true professionals and very highly-trained. It shows the great job that they do for the most part more than anything."

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Foundation for Focus House and Community Programming exists to receive and administer contributions, gifts, memorials and bequests for the exclusive purpose of enhancing programming at Focus House, and offering community programs that enhance, enrich and supplement youth involved in court services. The foundation also allows court services to apply for grants and participate in forms of fundraising otherwise not available.

The funds raised go completely to enhance the programming at Focus House. The youth that reside there often come with little clothing and often they have to be given clothes and provided with shoes and seasonal appropriate items. Funds are also used for training



(COURTESY PHOTO)

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materials needed for the counseling team who does individual, group, and family counseling with each of their residential

youth as well as outpatient youth. Funds are also used to keep their Alternative to Suspension program running as well. The youth

get counseling and help with homework.

100 Women Who Care exists to donate funds to charities in Ogle County.

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For more information about 100 Women Who Care, contact Deanna Forrest at forrestdede5@gmail.com

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<p>240 S. West Street, Byron \$489,000 Call Rebecca RIVERFRONT BEAUTY! Vacation at home at this stunning, custom-built ranch with fully exposed lower level located on the Rock River yet steps from downtown Byron. This home features an expansive addition with stunning craftsmanship along with many large windows throughout showcasing your serene river views. With over 5,000 square feet of living space, there is plenty of room indoors for your family or guests. Custom kitchen featuring a butler's pantry with granite counter tops and custom cabinetry throughout. Oak hardwood flooring throughout the spacious dining room that is open to both the kitchen and great room. Great room includes marble surround fireplace, crown molding and doors leading your private terrace. There are 4-6 bedrooms and 4.5 bathrooms in this rocky ranch. Master suite boasts 2 sitting areas, 2 master bathrooms and large closets. Walk out lower level has 3-4 additional bedrooms, family room, second kitchen and 2 bathrooms. There are doors leading out to the stamped concrete patio with hot tub. The yard is gorgeous and professionally landscaped. A one of kind riverfront property, call for your showing today!</p>	<p>1118 Shadow Wood Dr., Byron \$254,900 Call Becky This beautiful 4 BR, 3 BA Tri-level has so much space to spread out and entertain! Main level includes a LR, DR and kitchen with all appliances staying (fridge new March '23) and has a wood backsplash, pantry and the island/2 stools stay. Upstairs has MBR with double closet and MBA attached. 2 other bedrooms up with a full BA. Lower level has large family room with brick fireplace (wood) along with a 4th BR and another full shower with a higher vanity top and stylish barn door. 4th level has family room/office area with faux brick walls & wood ceiling, and 2 built in desk areas. Laundry area has paneled walls and washer/dryer stay. Sump pump with battery backup. Partial fenced yard with 15ft above ground pool, pool shed, stamped concrete patio with an additional paved patio, firepit, basketball hoop, deck box stays. 3 car garage with 2 openers and finished inside, wood burner (as-is), fridge in garage stays, gas water heater '23, water softener tank only, laundry sink.</p>	<p>3041 N. Silver Ridge Drive, Oregon \$285,000 Call Rebecca VACATION AT HOME! 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom home located on Silver Ridge Golf Course with an expansive outdoor area including a fenced yard, above ground pool, composite decking, patio, and pergola! A stamped concrete sidewalk invites you into this home with a vaulted ceiling in the living room leading into the dining and kitchen area. Kitchen has beautiful wood cabinets, gorgeous tile backsplash, granite counter tops and new black stainless-steel appliances. Off of the kitchen is a spacious 4 season room with views of your backyard including the pool area and golf course. There are 3 bedrooms and a full bath on the upper level. Master has vaulted ceilings and a walk-in closet. Lower level boasts a family room with fireplace that has new stone surround along with a large storage room, full bathroom and laundry room. Many updates including composite decking, central air, water heater and additional deck. 2 storage sheds and pergola are included with the sale. Call today for your private showing!</p>	<p>202 S. West Street, Byron \$179,900 Call Becky This cute 3 BR, 2 BA, 2 car ranch home is located in the heart of Byron and close to shopping, schools, medical and restaurants. This home has a front living room, a large family room with a brick gas fireplace and then patio doors to an oversized 4 season room in back overlooking the backyard. The kitchen has updated light oak raised panel cabinets & Corian countertops with a breakfast bar in the peninsula. All appliance stays. Laundry is currently in kitchen area for easy access and has an electric dryer hookup & washer stays. 3 bedrooms, main bath and MBA. Large basement with plenty of potential and a workshop area. House is being sold AS-IS.</p>	<p>301 Main Street, Morrison NOW \$99,900 Call JD Discover the potential of this spacious 4 bedroom, 2-story home on a corner lot. With 2 full bathrooms, a detached garage, and multiple living spaces, this property offers endless possibilities. Whether you're looking to renovate and customize or simply add your personal touch, this home provides the perfect canvas to make it your own. Don't miss this opportunity to create your dream home in a desirable location just off of downtown.</p>	<p>17160 Timber Dr., Sterling NOW \$444,900 Call JD Presenting a magnificent brick home set on a sprawling 1.5-acre wooded lot in the tranquil Hickory Hills subdivision. This residence offers 5 bedrooms, 4 full and 2 half baths, and one-of-a-kind features that speak for themselves. 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LOCAL NEWS

Bertolet Library News

Pack the Pantry: July 13th - August 12th

Food is an immediate and tangible way to help someone. Every donation of food helps. We are collecting donations of unexpired, non-perishable food in jars, cans, and sealed packets for New Life Community Center in Forreston. Toiletries are welcome as well. From Summer Reading Program to Create-a-Card, LEGO Club to Mississippi River Life. Bring a food donation when you stop in for a program and help support our local community!

YOUTH PROGRAMS

LEGO Club: Monday, August 7th, 5:00 PM

LEGO enthusiasts are invited to create a work of art from an assortment of provided bricks. We've had ships, sports fields, and more set out for display from our LEGO patrons creativity. Join us!

Mississippi River Life: Saturday, August 12th, 10:00 AM

The Mississippi River Museum Returns! Mus- sels, snakes, and beavers: each species has a niche

or role in the environment. Through the use of pelts and other hands-on items, participants will explore animals that call the Mississippi River home! All ages, kids and adults, are welcome.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Adult Summer Reading Program

Adult Summer Reading Program runs June 5th through July 31st. The more books you read, the better your chances at winning prizes at the end. Goodie bags handed out for signing up while supplies last. Stop by

the circulation desk for more information and sign up today.

August Take & Make Craft

If you're not looking forward to school starting back up, pick up a kit to make a wish bracelet and make a wish to see if summer sticks around. Kits are available at the circulation desk while supplies last beginning August 2nd.

August Book of the Month

Pheby Delores Brown lives on a plantation awaiting the day she turns 18 and becomes a free woman. Fate throws her

a cruel twist and she ends up living as a slave with the jailor of "Devil's Half Acre." There she must face the atrocious deeds of the jailor and learn to survive the harshness. A novel about a little known side of slavery and how one woman sacrificed everything to survive. Stop by the circulation desk to pick up your copy today.

Create-a-Card

Saturday, August 19th, 9:00 AM Getting ready to send your new adult off to college? Prep some cards to help fill those care packages! All supplies included.

Plastic Recycling

We ask that you make sure plastic is clean with no debris in the donation. *No animal feed bags are allowed* Also please remove any zip-loc-type seals and paper/sticker labels. Thank you for your cooperation.

NEW RELEASES:

Adult Books

Forged In Love by Mary Connealy
The Collector by Daniel Silva

Picture Books

Pets: A Can-You-Find-It Book by Lauren Kukla
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Byron Public Library News

Check out Our Mobile App

Did you know that there is an easy way to use the library from your phone? Just download the PrairieCat app to your phone or mobile device and log in with your library card number and PIN! You'll be able to view your checkouts and holds, renew renewable

materials, and search the library catalog. There's even a digital copy of your library card!

Did you know?

That you can scan documents and pictures at the Byron Public Library? At the Byron Library's scan station, you can scan your documents or pictures and save them to a flash drive, send them as an email at-

tachment, to a fax number, or to our printer. There is no charge to email or save. The library charges \$.10 per page for black and white print outs and \$.25 per page for color. Faxing costs \$1 for the first page and \$.25 for each additional page.

Summer Blood Drive with RRVBC
Monday, August 7. 1 -

6:00 pm. Join us as we host a community blood drive in partnership with the Rock River Valley Blood Center. Register for an appointment by calling the library at 815-234-5107 or visiting https://donor.rrvbc.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/55076. Walk-ins are also welcome! Prospective donors must be at least 17 years old (16 with parental consent) and weigh at least 110 lbs. It is recommended that donors eat a meal within 3-4 hours before donating and drink plenty of fluids.

The Beatles - Their History in One Hour

Thursday, August 17. 6 - 7:00 pm. Thanks to a treasure chest of memorable songs and an uncanny ability to chart fresh musical direction with each new album, The Beatles remain one of the world's most popular and iconic bands. With performance and interview clips we'll trace the arc of the Beatles career from their development in Liverpool,

through Beatlemania, into their psychedelic phase and finally their dissolution. "A splendid time is guaranteed for all." Gary has lectured at over 100 libraries across the country. Gary's Beatles presentation was deemed "The Best of The Best" by the Library Administrators Conference of Northern Illinois. Please call 815-234-5107 or visit Byron. evanced.info/signup to register.

StoryWalks at the Byron Forest Preserve

StoryWalks® are up at the Byron Forest Preserve for another season! Stroll the 1/2-mile Indigo Trail while reading «On Account of the Gum» by Adam Rex, or read "That Pup!" by Lindsay Barrett George while walking to the Heritage Farm Museum. The StoryWalk® is a joint project of the Byron Public Library and the Byron Forest Preserve. The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne

Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. StoryWalk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson.

Curbside Delivery

The library is open for browsing, but patrons can still use our curbside service! Place your holds online at byronlibrary.org or call us at 815-234-5107. Not sure what you want? Call us for help! We will call or email you with a confirmation when your holds are ready to be picked up. Call us when you arrive at the library, and we will bring your items out to you, already checked out. A receipt with your due dates will be included with your items.

Visit the Byron Library Facebook page, or subscribe to our newsletters at byronlibrary.org, to keep up to date on library news and programs! Be sure to also check out the Byron Library and Byron Library Teen Instagram pages.

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Children enjoyed a variety of fun activities at the Byron Library's summer programs.

Words cannot convey my thanks to all who attended Robert Bennett's celebration of life.

To those who were unable to make it, you were there in spirit.

The love surrounding me and my family was overwhelming. One never realizes how much love and respect is given. It was wonderful to hear stories and see so many friends and family. My family is so fortunate to have so much support. Please forgive me if I missed seeing and speaking to you.

Many, many thanks! Our loved one is gone but not forgotten.

Carol Bennett

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LOCAL NEWS

Julia Hull District Library News

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

Teens: Paint & Pizza
Stop by the library after school for the ultimate hang out. Get your paint brushes ready for an afternoon of friends, creativity and pizza (of course)! Friday, August

25 at 3 p.m. Ages 13-18. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

Barbie: The History of America's Most Famous Doll
She might be the most famous doll in the world. For more than sixty years, Barbie has been played with, analyzed, collected, criticized and loved. In this illustrated lecture, historian Leslie Goddard delves into the history of Barbie and her

inventor, the passionately creative—and intensely competitive—Ruth Handler.

Learn what inspired Handler to develop Barbie in 1959, how Barbie helped make Mattel one of the world's most successful toy companies and what Barbie's impact has been on American culture. Monday, August 28 at 6:30 p.m. Call to register: 815-645-8611.

Tween Scene:

Caramel Apple Party
Ready for the perfect fall evening? We've got the fool proof formula: apples + caramel + BIN-GO=awesome. Tuesday, September 5 at 6 p.m. Ages 10-12. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

Toddler Time: Have a Ball
Indulge your little one's curiosity with a hands-on event just for them. Join us Friday, September 8 at 10 a.m.,

for some play with tunnels and rainbow balls. Ages 1-4. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

Library Renovation Closure
The library's getting a facelift and we couldn't be more excited! During this short-term project, the library will be intermittently closed to browsing. However, mobile holds pick-up, personal shopping, library card renewal, email print-

ing, scanning, faxing and reference services, etc. will be available by email and telephone. Please stay tuned to our library Facebook & Instagram for the most up-to-date information.

Library programming will continue, as scheduled - with some changes to location, TBA. Program participants will be notified directly of any changes to program meeting locations.

Mount Morris Library News

Summer Reading Program Celebration!
Thank you to everyone who joined in the fun of "Finding Their Voice" throughout our summer reading program! We found out how we can share our voice using music, art, storytelling, community service, theater, gardening, and food! It was wonderful to see you all!

Rock Painting Drop-In
Conner the Caterpillar has arrived at the Mount Morris Library! You can visit him outside our doors. We would love to see Conner grow through our flower beds! Everyone is welcome to add a painted rock (positive message or picture) to watch Conner get longer and longer! We will be having a rock painting drop-in activity on Saturday, August 26th from 10-2. You can bring a rock to paint or we will have some available! Supplies will be provided, a great activity for all ages!

Story Time!
Mrs. Donna will be reading books and children will create a craft this Wednesday, 8/9. Story time is every Wednesday @11:15, bring your little ones to enjoy stories and a

craft at the Mount Morris Library!

Adult Book Club
The August book is "The Good Neighbor; The Life and Work of Fred Rogers" by Maxwell King. Everyone is welcome to join this book club group! Copies of the book are available at the library. This group will meet in-person on Monday, August 28th at the library.

Cookbook Club! Next Meeting September 5th!
Join us as we explore The Cookbook Club! Wonderful recipes combined with friendship creates something both beautiful and delicious! Stop by to choose your recipe from this month's book and bring your dish to pass at our next meeting! Join us on the first Tuesday each month, 6pm at The Senior Center for another exciting meal!

Ink with a Friend: Card Making at the Library
September is time to make some lovely homemade cards to send to family and friends. We will be offering a card-making class from local crafter, Liz Gullett. She will be here on Thursday, September 14th from 5-7! You

will get all the materials to make two beautiful cards to take home. Stop by to see the samples, fees are by donation. Registration is limited so call the library or stop by to save your spot before September 7th!

Lego Club!
Our next Lego night is Thursday, August 17th, from 6:00-6:45pm. Bring a friend and build some fun with Lego bricks! All children and parents are invited every third Thursday of the month. Children under 8 need to bring a parent with them.

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

Display Case Showings
We have 2 great display case showings this month! Come visit our display of dolls from around the world! This collection was donated to the library and we are so excited to share it with everyone! We will also have a display case of Mount Morris Memorabilia on loan from Lenny

and Barbara Wells. Come see all this historical collection! We are always looking for collectors or artists who are willing to share their treasures in our display cases. If you are interested, please call, 815-734-4927.

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

Explore More Illinois Welcomes The Insect Asylum!
Explore More Illinois, RAILS' online cultural and recreational pass program for Illinois libraries, welcomes its newest attraction, The Insect Asylum in Chicago!

The Insect Asylum is a safe and welcoming space for people from all walks of life to explore natural history in all of its splendor. Whether by appointment or just walking in. We are excited to provide a safe and sensory-sensitive space for our neighbors to use their eyes, hands, and hearts to fall in love with the wonders of our world. We are excited to share our new art with the world starting with the residents and visitors to the beauti-

ful city of Chicago. The Insect Asylum is perfect for birthday parties, art events, conservation expos, home school groups, boys and girls clubs, photo shoots, paint nights, taxidermy classes, and the list goes on! The fact is everyone bugs out about our awesome collection.

The Insect Asylum is offering \$2.00 Off Admission for students/seniors/educators (already 1/2 off general admission) and \$5.00 Off General Admission. 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 you have a program you would like to share? Contact Mary Cheatwood at the library through email at

mmlib@mtmorris-il.org or call 815-734-4927.

Curbside Service is available!
We want to remind everyone that you still have the option of having your materials delivered to your vehicle. If you have holds waiting for you, call us to tell us you are on your way, and we will bring them out to your vehicle when you arrive. Call us if you need more information.

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

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

Oregon Public Library News

Adult Summer Reading Program
Through August 11th 2023. Follow us on Facebook, join our e-newsletter and visit our website for more information about programs. All brain game packets and book logs must be turned in by the end of the business day on August 11, 2023.

2023 Summer Reading Program
Find Your Voice! June 1- July 28. Elizabeth, Nelson, Addie and Asher (readers in the summer reading program) were so excited to win Ogle County Fair tickets donated by the Ogle County Fair Association. Congratulations to Mia, McKenna, Shelby, Emily, Landon, Nicolas, Charlie, Lexi, Owen, Colin, Isaac, and Kay for being the lucky winners of the Raffle ticket prizes! Goal completion prizes will be available soon and everyone will be notified. Thanks again to our sponsors, participants and supportive family members who make the summer reading program possible!

Stateville Calling: Screening and Discussion
Wednesday, August 9th at 6:00pm. Is rehabilitation a right? Stateville Calling is an Emmy-nominated documentary exploring parole reform and the struggle of aging incarcerated people in Illinois. A screening of the documentary will be followed by a panel discussion with the Illinois Prison Project's Community Navigators and Ambassadors, a team of formerly incarcerated

people working to transform Illinois' criminal legal system. Registration required (815) 732-2724 or www.oregonpubliclibrary.com.

Try It Tuesday
Tuesday, August 15th at 1:00pm or 5:30pm (Choose your time slot). Sunflower Painted Shoes - Bring a pair of Ked type shoes (preferably white) and make a customized sunflower painted shoe. All supplies, except the shoes, are provided. Registration required, www.oregon-

publiclibrary.com.

Ink with A Friend Monthly Card Club
Monday, August 21st at 6:00pm. Sending personal cards to your friends and family is a way to let them know you care and are thinking about them. All designs include beautiful colored cardstock, gorgeous designer series paper, detailed stamped images, die cut pieces,

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

Produce Swap

August 22nd from 10am - 6:00pm. Food Swaps are local gatherings where people swap excess home-grown produce and gardening extras. Items may include fruit, vegetables, herbs, eggs, seeds, seedlings, gardening tips and worm juice, but may easily extend to skill shares, stories and seasonal recipes.

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LOCAL NEWS

Rock River Center Activities

Rock River Center is a resource center located at 810 S. 10th Street, Oregon. Do you need help with Benefit Access Application for a license plate discount, Medicare, housing, homemaker service, heating assistance or other things? Our Information & Assistance Specialists are available at various locations throughout Ogle

County. Our activities and trips are open to all ages. Call our office at 815-732-3252 with any questions. Visit us on the web at www.rockrivercenter.org and like us on Facebook.

August Craft Class
Project: Beaded Bookmarks. Dates: Monday, August 7 & August 14. Time: 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. Cost: No charge / All ma-

terial provided.

Croquet
August 9 at 10:00 a.m. Sign up by 8/8

Outing of the Month - Thursday, August 10, 2023

Ellwood House, DeKalb. Guided Decorated Mansion Tour. Admission: \$10pp/\$8pp Seniors (payable at Ellwood House). Activity Fee: \$8.00. LUNCH:

The Junction Eating Place (on your own). SEATS STILL AVAILABLE ON FIRST COME BASIS

Activities with Mary
August 15 at 1:00 pm - Laughter Yoga. August 15 at 1:45 pm - Drumming. Sign up by August 14.

SUPPORT GROUPS @ ROCK RIVER CENTER
CANCER SUPPORT

GROUP
Meets: 4 t h Wednesday of March, June, Sept. & November. Time: 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP - NEW SCHEDULE
Meets: 3 R D Tuesday of month. Time: 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

DIABETIC SUPPORT GROUP

Meets: 1st Wednesday of the month. Time: 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

LOW VISION GROUP
Meets: 2nd and 4th Tuesday of month. Time: 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

For more information on any of our Support Groups, call Rock River Center at 815-732-3252 or 1-800-541-5479.

June 2023 From The Heart Calendar Winners

OGLE COUNTY — The following individuals were named winners of the From the Heart Calendar cash payments for June.

June 4 - Liquor 'n' Wine, Rochelle, \$50
June 5 - The Kitchen Table, Rochelle, \$25
June 6 - Erica Sachs, Rochelle, \$25
June 7 - Zekelman Employee, \$25
June 8 - Britt Zick, Rochelle, \$25
June 9 - Lindsey Miller,

Steward, \$25
June 10 - From the Heart, \$25
June 11 - RACF, \$50
June 12 - Rebecca Milburn, Rochelle, \$25
June 13 - Gwen Marie, Rochelle, \$25
June 14 - John Huera-mo, Rochelle, \$25
June 15 - Christina

Neale, Rochelle, \$25
June 16 - From the Heart event auction, \$25
June 17 - Matt Mom's, Kingston, \$25
June 18 - Zekelman Employee, \$500
June 19 - Tyler Jahn, Rochelle, \$25
June 20 - Tina Fletcher, Westville, IN, \$25

June 21 - HOPE of Ogle County, \$25
June 22 - Jill Gallagher, Rochelle, \$25
June 23 - Jennifer Thompson, Rochelle, \$25
June 24 - RACF, \$25
June 25 - Paula Albers, Rochelle, \$50
June 26 - Nancy Carr, Davis Junction, \$50

June 27 - Calvin Jacobs, Rochelle, \$25
June 28 - HOPE of Ogle County, \$25
June 29 - Charlee Call, New Berlin, Wis., \$25
June 30 - Hope of Ogle County, \$25
Checks to winners will be mailed out at the end of each month.

Local residents invited to pave the way to Rock River Center

OREGON — Rock River Center invites you to join our community wire fundraising effort to raise money to repave our entryway and entire parking lot. Our ability to provide

access to the many services, supports, programs and activities start at our curb. The Rock River Center parking lot is in dire need of replacement. Repaving will make the surface smooth and easy

to traverse for both pedestrians and vehicles, resulting in a safe and inviting path to the Rock River Center.

The total project cost could be covered with only a \$35 donation from each

of our patrons. All donors/ sponsorships will be posted in our newsletter and on our website. In addition to the above, sponsorship levels of bronze, silver, gold and platinum will be listed

on our PAVE THE WAY Sponsorship Recognition Board permanently displayed in the Rock River Center Lobby. PAVE THE WAY donor/sponsorship levels: FRIEND: \$1 - \$999.

BRONZE: \$1,000 - \$2,499. SILVER: \$2,500 - \$4,999. GOLD: \$5,000 - \$7,499. PLATINUM: \$7,500 and up. *All sponsorships are tax deductible, as allowed by law.

Weekly Brain Busters

King Crossword

ACROSS

1	Glasses, slangily
6	Acid type
11	"Cut that out!"
12	Alphas' opposites
14	He loved Roxane
15	Not certain
16	PC key
17	Blue Grotto isle
19	Hearty quaff
20	Floral rings
22	Vat
23	Peevish fit
24	Song of praise
26	Olympic skater Brian
28	"Certainly!"
30	Away from SSW
31	Mexican chili pepper
35	Labrador explorer
39	Nashville venue
40	"A spider!"
42	"— Breckinridge"
43	Fib
44	King of Judea
46	Taunting laugh
47	Captivate
49	Comic Ray

DOWN

1	Fashions
2	Shakespearean heiress
3	Ecol. watchdog
4	Title akin to POTUS
5	Brown ermine
6	Kentucky brew
7	Hotel chain
8	In medias —
9	Big lizard
10	Comedian George
11	Overcharge for tickets
13	Handle
18	Tavern
21	In a sneaky way
23	Fulton's power
25	— culpa
27	Business mag
29	Showed scorn
31	Fishing rods
32	Speaks one's mind
33	Chicken serving
34	"— the ramparts ..."
36	Manually
37	Arboreal apes
38	Western resort lake
41	Imam's holy book
44	Abode
45	Peace symbol
48	Astronaut Jemison
50	Mal de —

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MAGIC MAZE

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Unlisted clue hint: DRINK CONTAINING HOPS

F	N	K	I	F	C	A	X	V	S	S	Q	M	O	L
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O	N	L	C	E	E	N	L	J	L	H	I	T	N	E
G	F	D	R	C	L	G	I	A	P	A	Y	H	A	K
X	W	V	O	U	T	L	R	W	I	N	C	I	R	C
S	R	P	W	O	T	N	I	U	L	K	L	E	T	A
K	J	Y	N	N	A	R	G	M	S	I	G	F	S	P

TYPES OF KNOTS

Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

TYPES OF KNOTS

Solution time: 21 mins.

Answers

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

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. Butterfly is missing. 2. Fence rail is missing. 3. Jar is smaller. 4. Net is different. 5. Arm is moved. 6. House is missing.

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Answers

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101
LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE
STATE OF ILLINOIS,
CIRCUIT COURT
OGLE COUNTY
PUBLICATION
NOTICE OF COURT
DATE FOR REQUEST
FOR NAME CHANGE
(ADULT)

Request of Jessica Nicole Saltz Rowland Case Number 2023MR000027
There will be a court date on my Request to change my name from: Jessica Nicole Saltz Rowland to the new name of: Jess Anthony Saltz
The court date will be held on September 20th, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. at 106 S. 5th St., Oregon, IL 61061, Ogle County, in Courtroom #304
/s/ Jessica Rowland
Attested to this 24th day of July 2023 By Kimberly A. Stahl, Clerk of the Circuit Court, 15th Judicial Circuit, Ogle County No. 0750
(July 31, Aug. 7 and 14, 2023)

NOTICE
THE BOARD OF
EDUCATION OF
BYRON COMMUNITY
UNIT SCHOOL
DISTRICT NO. 226,
OGLE COUNTY,
ILLINOIS
NOTICE OF
AVAILABILITY OF
TENTATIVE BUDGET
FOR PUBLIC
INSPECTION AND
PUBLIC HEARING

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY the Board of Education of Byron Community Unit School District No. 226, Ogle County, Illinois, that the tentative budget for said School District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024, will be on file and conveniently available for public inspection at the District's Administrative Offices located at 696 North Colfax Street, Byron, Illinois in this school District from 8:00 a.m. through 4:00 p.m. each weekday, excluding public holidays, beginning August 1, 2023.
Notice is further given that a public hearing on said budget will be held on September 28, 2023 at 5:45 p.m. The public hearing will be held at the Byron High School Board of Education Room, 696 Colfax Street, Byron, Illinois in this School District. The purpose of the hearing will be to present the tentative budget and receive public comments on the budget.
By order of the Board of Education of Byron Community Unit School District No. 226, Ogle County, Illinois.
Dated this 28th day of July, 2023
Phil Kesler
Secretary, Board of Education
Byron Community Unit School District No. 226
Ogle County, Illinois
No. 0801
(Aug. 7, 2023)

NOTICE
INVITATION FOR BIDS

The Village of Davis Junction, Illinois, will receive bids for a Box Culvert Structure Replacement Project contract until 10:00 A.M. on the 22nd day of August 2023 at the Davis Junction Village Hall, located at 106 Elm St, Davis Junction, IL 61020 at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.
The proposed work for which the Village of Davis Junction, Illinois, is soliciting bids consists of one Contract, "NORTH JUNCTION ROAD STRUCTURE REPLACEMENT PROJECT," and in-

cludes the following:
"Removal of an existing single span bridge and construction of a reinforced concrete single 12'w x 5.75'h x 44' long single box culvert, bituminous concrete paving, erosion control, and other miscellaneous items."
Copies of the Contract Documents, including the Project Manual and the Construction Drawings, shall be obtained electronically in PDF format from the Willett, Hofmann & Associates, Inc. website at www.willetthofmann.com. Contractors shall click "Bid Login" on the website's homepage and follow the instructions. The eBidDoc# (project number) is 8622765 for this project. The Project Manual, Construction Drawings, and Bid Documents PDF can be downloaded from the website by depositing twenty-two dollars (\$22.00) by credit card. Said deposit is NON-REFUNDABLE.

A certified check or bank draft, payable to the order of the Village of Davis Junction, or a satisfactory Bid Bond executed by the Bidder and an acceptable surety in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the total bid shall be submitted with each bid. Attention is called to the fact that not less than the minimum salaries and wages as set forth in the Contract Documents must be paid on this project and that the CONTRACTOR must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex or national origin.

The Village of Davis Junction is an equal-opportunity employer. The Village of Davis Junction does not discriminate based on handicapped status in the admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its programs or activities.
The Village of Davis Junction reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informality in the bidding. Bids may be held by the Village of Davis Junction for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days from the date of the opening of bids for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the qualifications of bidders, prior to awarding the Contract.
BY ORDER OF
VILLAGE OF DAVIS JUNCTION, ILLINOIS
No. 0803
(Aug. 7, 2023)

and telephone number of the person to contact for information regarding the real estate is Courtney E. Kennedy, Ehrmann Gehlbach Badger & Considine, LLC, 114 E. Everett Street, Suite 300, Dixon, Illinois 61021 (815) 288-4949.
(B) Both the legal description of the real estate and the common address is follows: Part of the Northwest Quarter (NW¼) of the Northwest Quarter (NW¼) of Section 35, in Township 24 North, Range 9 East of the 4th P.M., bounded and described as follows: Beginning on the West line of said Section at a point 719 1/8 feet South of the Northwest corner of said Section, running thence East 28 ¼ rods, thence South 56.58 feet, thence West 28 ¼ rods, and North 56.58 feet to the Point of Beginning; situated in the Township of Mount Morris, County of Ogle and State of Illinois. PIN: 08-35-103-005
Common address or location of premises: 1823 South McKendrie Street, Mount Morris, Ogle County, Illinois.
(C) The improvement on the real estate is a shed.
(D) The real estate may not be inspected prior to the sale.
(E) The time and place of the sale are as follows:
The Ogle County Sheriff's Office, 202 S. First Street, Oregon, Illinois 61061, at 10:00 a.m. on September 22, 2023.
(F) The terms of the sale are ten percent (10%) down at the time of the sale, payable in certified funds, and the full balance within seven (7) days.
(G) The case title, case number, and the Court in which the foreclosure was filed are specified above.
(H) No other information is required to be disclosed.
KEITH BECKINGHAM, Plaintiff
By EHRMANN GEHLBACH BADGER & CONSIDINE, LLC
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NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on June 21, 2023, a supplemental certificate of ownership of business was filed in the Ogle County Clerk's Office setting forth the names and post office address of all of the persons owning, conducting and transacting business known as:
Ceased Doing Business As:
Byron Barber Shop
238 E Blackhawk Dr.
Byron, IL 61010
Dated July 3, 2023
Laura J. Cook, Ogle County Clerk
No. 0805
(Aug. 7, 2023)

NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT
COURT OF THE
FIFTEENTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
OGLE COUNTY,
ILLINOIS
KEITH BECKINGHAM, Plaintiff,
v.
KERRY BECKINGHAM, UNKNOWN OWNERS, and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.
No. 2023FC1
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE (IT IS ADVISED THAT INTERESTED PARTIES CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEYS BEFORE BIDDING AT FORECLOSURE SALE.)
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE entered by the Court in Keith Beckingham v. Kerry Beckingham, Unknown Owners and NonRecord Claimants, Case No. 2023FC1 Ogle County, Illinois, on June 9, 2023, the property hereinafter described will be sold to the highest bidder.
(A) The name, address,

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Friday, Aug. 11
Saturday, Aug. 12
8:30 am to 4:30 pm
Something for everyone!
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Justice Lannerd launches campaign for full term

QUINCY — Fourth District Appellate Court Justice Amy Lannerd has officially launched her campaign for a full term. Illinois Supreme Court Justice Lisa Holder White and her colleagues on the Supreme Court unanimously assigned Lannerd to the Illinois Appellate Court and she was sworn in on Dec. 5, 2022. She filled the vacancy created by the decision of Justice John W. Turner to not seek retention.

Lannerd has been a trial court judge since 2016 when the Illinois Supreme Court unanimously appointed her to the Eighth Judicial Circuit Court. She was elected to that position in 2018. Prior to her Appellate Court assignment, she was presiding over a felony docket in Adams County. Lannerd began her legal career in private practice nearly 22 years ago in Quincy. She became a partner in the law firm of Lewis,

Longlett & Lannerd, LLC. She also served as a family and divorce mediator and guardian ad litem.

She has been actively involved in legal education. She has been presenter at the 2020 and 2022 Educational Conference for judges. Over the years, Lannerd also taught various courses for continuing legal education for attorneys.

“This assignment to the appellate court has been the honor of a lifetime,” Lannerd said. “Since my first day on the bench as a circuit judge, my goal has been to serve with integrity, fairness and a strong work ethic. I want to continue those values on the Illinois Appellate Court where I have sworn to faithfully uphold the Constitutions of the United States and the State of Illinois.”

Supreme Court Justice Lisa Holder White said, “Justice Lannerd is a bright, hardworking, community-minded person who is

highly respected by her colleagues and the legal community. She has extensive experience in the law and has handled a multitude of different types of cases since taking the bench in 2016. I have every confidence that she will use her experience, common-sense reasoning, and knowledge to faithfully follow the rule of law as written and not legislate from the bench.”

The Fourth District Appellate Court is composed of 41 counties in Illinois: Adams, Boone, Brown, Calhoun, Carroll, Cass, Ford, Fulton, Greene, Hancock, Henderson, Henry, Jersey, Jo Daviess, Knox, Lee, Livingston, Logan, Macoupin, Marshall, Mason, McDonough, McLean, Menard, Mercer, Morgan, Ogle, Peoria, Pike, Putnam, Rock Island, Sangamon, Schuyler, Scott, Stark, Stephenson, Tazewell, Warren, Whiteside, Winnebago and Woodford.



Justice Amy Lannerd

Mother and son-owned business instructs 3,500 students

OGLE COUNTY — Northern Illinois CPR and First Aid, co-owned by the mother-and-son team of Lori Jasper and Zach Oltmanns, has successfully taught over 3,500 students CPR.

For every minute that CPR is not done the chance of survival can go down as

much as

10 percent. With no bystander CPR and no AED, a person has a less than 10 percent of survival. However, when local citizens are empowered to do bystander CPR and have access to an AED the chance of survival is close to 40 percent.

“We have traveled to many counties throughout Northern Illinois and Southern Wisconsin and we are proud to provide this service,” Jasper said. “My daughter was saved by CPR and I am happy to provide this service to the community.”

“Since coming into

business in 2017 it has been our pleasure to get out in the community to give people the tools, they need to help save a life,” Oltmanns said.

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Byron Bank's Baker named community champion for BHS's INCubatorEdu course

BYRON — Byron Bank President Brent Baker has accepted the position of community champion for Byron High School's upcoming INCubatorEdu program.

In his role, Brent will work with INCubatorEdu high school teacher Rich Wessel to generate support from the local community by connecting business leaders with the brand-new entrepreneurial program. Commenting on his new role, Baker shared how important it is for him, as well as the entire Byron Bank organization, to support BHS and the students in this new program.

INCubatorEdu is a significant course addition to the high school's curriculum and an excellent learning experience for students at BHS. The program offers students an entrepreneurial experience and empowers them to develop business plans with the guidance of local business owners and community leaders.

The course focuses on teaching the lean startup business model while developing soft skills professionals are looking for graduates to possess.

The ultimate goal is to create a product which could be invested in, and mass produced. Student teams create prototypes and pitch their ideas to investors at two different points during the school year. The course teaches students how to turn their

ideas into reality and prepares them for life after high school.

This new program will debut at BHS for the 2023-2024 school year and is currently in the process of revamping a computer lab into a modern collaborative workspace for students, mentors, and coaches to share ideas.

Wessel said, “I am absolutely thrilled to teach INCubatorEDU at Byron High School. Students will learn real-world

skills working in collaboration with community business owners and community leaders, experiences that help shape students' future goals and aspirations. This is a true authentic learning experience.”

The program is currently looking for business owners and business professionals to help mentor students' teams, teach on specific entrepreneurial topics, and play a part on the “board of directors” during

itches. If you would like more information on how you could become a part of the program, please contact Wessel at rwessel@byron226.org.



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LOCAL NEWS



Work ongoing at Polo's Westside Park

Polo city employees recently removed the cement pad in front of the bathrooms and the walkway from the parking lot at the concession stand at Westside Park. Polo Lions members then poured replacement concrete. Lions members Ellen Ebert, Mark Ebert, Tim Rockwood, Chris Casper, Winton Bocker, Nate White, Keith Chesnut and Jim Adams took on the work.



Leaf River Lions to host Holocaust presentation Sept. 17

LEAFRIVER—More Holocaust information is coming to Leaf River. The Leaf River Lions will be hosting a second presentation on the Holocaust on Sunday, Sept. 17. The presentation will be in the Bertolet Memorial building with doors opening at 1 p.m. with the presentation beginning at 1:30 p.m.

There will be displays on hand for viewing before and after the presentation. This presentation will cover the rounding up of Jews and taking them to various concentration camps to await extermination. Come prepared to hear some graphic detail during the presentation. The presenter is Susan

Schinleber from the Chicago area and has been doing Holocaust presentations for several years and has done extensive research to substantiate her facts. Here is a little background on Ms. Schinleber. Dr. Schinleber has supplemented her teaching with extensive seminars at the International School

for Holocaust studies at Yad Vashem in Israel, with Echoes and Reflections and with Facing History both in Chicago and virtually. There is much more that could be said here but come to her presentation. You will find her presentation to be remarkably interesting. If you are too young to

know what the Holocaust was you will find this presentation to be highly informative and graphic at times. The program is scheduled to end at 3:30 p.m. but could run longer depending on questions. The Holocaust is a sad part of world history and something that should not be forgotten. Join the Leaf

River Lions on Sunday, Sept. 17 for an interesting and informative afternoon. There is no admission charge but donations will be accepted. There will be light refreshments available. Seating is somewhat limited so you may want to call Paul at 815-738-2761 to reserve a seat.

State's Attorney releases statement on SAFE-T Act ruling

OREGON — Ogle County State's Attorney Mike Rock has issued the following statement on July 20 regarding the

Illinois Supreme Court decision regarding the SAFE-T Act: "I am very disappointed with the Illinois Su-

preme Court's decision finding the SAFE-T Act Constitutional. From its inception this legislation was irresponsibly

passed during a lame duck legislative session at 4 a.m. without meaningful debate. My office will continue

to do everything within our power to ensure dangerous offenders remain in custody. Unfortunately, I believe once this law

goes fully into effect, it will have a negative impact on the safety of communities throughout the state."

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