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Habitat hosts dedication and blessing for new home, Rochelle family

‘There were so many people involved in this project along the way’

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE — On Sunday, June 25, a house dedication and blessing was hosted by Habitat for Humanity of Ogle County for its latest completed build at 110 S. 9th St. Ashlie Minton, a mother of four, was chosen as the homeowner and helped build the home along with volunteers and her family.

The new home is the county organization’s 13th overall and third build in Rochelle. Work on the site began in early October.

“In November, we stood here at our groundbreaking and hoped to get the basement covered and closed in before a bad winter came,” Habitat Board President Gail Tuttle said. “Instead, we got a deck in, the walls up and the roof on and God was great in giving us great weather so we could get that done. This



allowed the interior work to continue throughout the winter and lo and behold, we stand here on June 25 dedicating the house finished. This house can be lived in today.”

The event began with a welcome by Tuttle and an

opening prayer by Pastor Rick Eldred, chaplain at Unity Hospice. The litany of life to dedicate the home was then read by attendees. Tuttle presented a Bible to the Minton family and Habitat Executive Director Sheri Anspaugh

presented a basket with symbolic items. Don & Barb Roberts of the Habitat Board presented keys to the Mintons, who spoke, along with Rochelle Mayor John Bearrows. Eldred then led a blessing of the home. After the closing of

the ceremony, attendees toured the home.

Posters were made for the event that recognized volunteers that helped with the build and businesses that donated time and services to it. Tuttle said the construction team’s attention to detail allowed it to finish in 6-7 months. She thanked the financial team, other volunteers, former Executive Director Vanessa White-Broome, Anspaugh, Bearrows and the city and local businesses.

“Make sure you look at these posters,” Tuttle said. “These are the people that built this house. I want to recognize our partner family: Ashlie and her four children. Our family selection committee worked to choose them. Thank you to all of you that made this day possible. It’s another family in another home.”

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HOPE of Ogle County sees federal funding cut: ‘It was disheartening’

‘I want to make sure people know that we still have all of our services’

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE—HOPE of Ogle County, a non-profit organization that helps survivors of domestic abuse, has recently seen its federal funding cut for the next three years, HOPE Executive Director Ruth Carter said.

HOPE of Ogle County provides safety planning, support, shelter and referrals while empowering survivors to build a safe and peaceful future. It offers counseling, assistance and resources to those who are contending with the effects of abusive relationships. The nonprofit is available

24/7 to listen and provide support and Order of Protection services are available as well. HOPE has offices in Rochelle, Oregon and Polo.

Earlier this year, HOPE received notification that organizations that are recipients of federal funds VOCA (Victim of Crime Act) and VAWA (Violence Against Women Act) would see at least a 52.7 percent cut. VOCA was previously one of HOPE’s largest funders. During the application process, HOPE reduced its application amount with the cut in mind, and two weeks ago found out there would

be even more of a cut than 52.7 percent.

“The cut for HOPE of Ogle County for VOCA and VAWA funding combined is \$228,441 for the next three years,” Carter said. “The message I’d like to send is that the community support that we have from our local grants and ongoing donations we get from the community all help us keep everything moving. I don’t think there’s anything we’re going to be able to do about the funding aspect of VOCA and VAWA. It was a surprise to many domestic violence agencies.”

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Byron PEO Chapter awards scholarship to SV's McCammond

BYRON —The PEO Sisterhood is one of the largest community-based organizations in North America with almost 250,000 initiated members. The organization provides loans, grants and scholarships for women through its six philanthropies. The PEO Sisterhood is committed to helping women achieve their educational goals.

The PEO STAR Scholarship recognizes the accomplishments of graduating high school young women planning to pursue post-secondary education.

In presenting this \$2,500 scholarship, the members of chapter NZ in Byron are pleased to recognize its honoree who demonstrates excellence in leadership, extracurricular activities, communi-



ty service, academics and potential for success. The PEO STAR Scholarship was presented to Madison McCammond from Stillman Valley.

HOPE: Cut prevents rehiring of counselor

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Carter said that while HOPE will continue to offer all of its programs, the funding cut prevented it from rehiring an adult counselor that it planned for, which will cause clients to wait longer before getting into counseling appointments. The cut also caused HOPE to move its children's counseling position to part-time (24 hours a week). HOPE also had to cut one of its offices as well, its outreach office at the Ogle County Services building.

"I wish I knew exactly why the funding was cut," Carter said. "Four-to-five years ago, we began receiving more VOCA funding. And now, sexual assault, domestic violence and child advocacy agencies all saw a cut. I think domestic violence had the biggest hit throughout the state. They said there's a good chance that there will be an increase after the next three years. They're optimistic that there will be more funds."

Carter said current employee layoffs have not had to occur due to the funding cuts. The nonprofit was also "blessed" that IDHS (Illinois Department of Human Services) funding saw an increase last year and HOPE was able to make renovations to its domestic abuse shelter ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliant.

"We were able to hold on to staff, but couldn't hire an additional shelter advocate like we wanted," Carter said. "The advocates that we have are doing a good job compensating for all of that. Our domestic violence

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advocates cover the shelter and hotline and the majority of them are part-time advocates. We're a 24/7 agency with a hotline and we always have to have someone here at the office and somebody always answering the hotline. Running an agency that is 24/7 that also shelters is a lot more expensive than the average social service agency."

In 2022, HOPE provided services to 457 clients, including 347 adults and 110 children. It provided 7,304 hours of services and sheltered 80 individuals, including 40 adults and 40 children throughout the year.

Carter said the need for domestic violence services "is always there" and has "never waned." Even throughout COVID-19, HOPE had to drop its shelter numbers due to restrictions, but numbers in general did not go down. Carter said her organization has seen "a real increase" in "more dangerous cases" of domestic violence in recent years.

Over the years with more funding and support, HOPE has been able to build up its services in Ogle County

and reach more people in the rural communities and more Latinx survivors, Carter said.

"This funding cut feels like we're still grasping for the funds that we need," Carter said. "It was disheartening. You really want all of the services to be available to everybody right away. Some folks are going to have to wait a little bit for counseling, but I want to make sure people know that we still have all of our services available. We'll continue to seek out grants and funding to make sure that we're always making. I want people to know we're here and that we can serve them if they need us."

HOPE of Ogle County is approaching its 40th anniversary and is planning a 40-year celebration in October, which is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The date is to be determined. Donations can be made to support HOPE of Ogle County online at <https://hopedv.org/donate.html>. If you would prefer to mail a monetary donation, please mail it to: HOPE of Ogle County, P.O. Box 131 Rochelle IL 61068.

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HOME: Family welcomed home

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As part of Habitat policy, Minton was required to complete a minimum of 200 hours of "sweat equity" work on the build and will have a mortgage on the home. Overall, 48 volunteers were on the site during the build. There were 2,284 construction hours.

Bearrows said Habitat for Humanity has always been special to him and that humanitarian work is "more important than ever" today.

"Whether it's building a house, building ramps or

doing repairs for those that can't, they do that work in our community and it's very welcomed by the city and we're happy to be a part of it," Bearrows said. "I'm thankful to those that donated property. They didn't want any recognition, and they did it for the right reason. I think that says a lot for our community. I hope we see more of these houses in Rochelle and congratulations to the family."

Don Roberts, the construction lead, said the build couldn't have happened without "great support from the community"

including many local businesses and "a lot of hard work from a dedicated volunteer base." He thanked those that were relied on routinely during the build before he presented the keys to the home to Minton.

"We've been using these keys a lot over the past several months to come and go through these doors as we've worked to turn all these materials into a house," Don Roberts said. "Now it's time to turn them over to you so you can hopefully spend many happy years coming and going through the same doors as you work to turn this house into a home for you and your family while creating many new and happy memories along the way."

Minton and family thanked the Habitat organization for the opportunity and presented gifts to volunteers. She thanked her own family and friends that helped along the way as well.

"This is huge for us," Minton said. "There's lots of different ways that this impacts us. This is monumental and life-changing for all of us. They've made it personal and have been here with us every step of the way involving us with the things that are going to benefit us at this house. It's made to fit us and they got personal with it. There's no way to say thank you all enough, but the kids and I put some gifts together. It really takes a village. Thank you for helping us take the next steps to the rest of our lives. There were so many people involved in this project along the way. Our family truly appreciates all of them."

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Traffic stop leads to arrest

OREGON — On June 27 at approximately 6:02 a.m. deputies initiated a traffic stop at the intersection of Illinois Route 2 and Pines Road. After a brief investigation, deputies arrested Heidi Cornelius, 34, of Dixon, for driving while license suspended. Cornelius was additionally cited for suspended registration/non-insured and released on a \$2,500 or 10 percent individual bond.

On June 27 at approximately 9:30 a.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop within the 18,000 block of East Illinois Route 64. After further investigation, deputies placed Mario A. Soto-Ortiz, 28, of Chicago, under arrest for driving unlicensed. Soto-Ortiz was additionally cited for speeding. Soto-Ortiz was released from the scene with an I-Bond and will appear in court on a later date.

On June 27 at approximately 7:53 p.m. deputies attempted to stop a vehicle in the 15,000 block of East Creston Road after observing several violations. The vehicle continued to flee southbound on Caron Road, before stopping in the 600 block of Wisconsin Drive. The driver, identified as Troy Neal, 35, of Rockford, was placed under arrest for aggravated fleeing to elude a peace officer and aggravated driving while license revoked. Neal was additionally cited for speeding, disobeying stop signs, improper lane usage and loud muffler. Neal was transported to Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond. Rochelle Police assisted with the incident.

On June 28 at 7:51 p.m. deputies responded to the 1,600 block of North Ridge Road for the report of a disturbance involving a knife. After an investigation, deputies located and arrested Jeremy Posey, 40, of Mt. Morris, for criminal trespass to real property

and disorderly conduct. Posey was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

On June 29 at approximately 9:35 p.m. deputies along with Polo, Oregon, Mt. Morris, Dixon Rural, Sterling and Milledgeville Fire Departments responded to the 6,000 block of South Lowell Park Road, Dixon for the report of a structure fire. Firefighters on scene contained the fire and no one was injured. The fire is still under investigation, but it appears to have been caused by a charging battery.

On June 29 at approximately 6:42 p.m. deputies and Rochelle EMS responded to the 15,000 block of East Twombly Road for a one-vehicle accident with injuries. After examining the scene, it was determined that a black 2019 Chevrolet Silverado, driven by Trevor Kelly, 35, of Troy, Illinois, was traveling eastbound on East Twombly Road. The Chevrolet entered the north ditch, striking a tree and causing the Chevrolet to overturn onto the passenger side. Kelly and a nine-year-old juvenile were transported to the Rochelle Community Hospital to be treated for minor injuries. Kelly was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol, failure to reduce speed, and improper lane usage. Kelly was given an I-Bond with a return court date later next month.

All individuals are considered innocent until proven guilty.

Illinois 4-H Foundation honors exceptional youth at scholarship awards ceremony

Prose, Carlson honored with scholarships

CHAMPAIGN — The career achievements of Illinois 4-H members were lauded at the Illinois 4-H Celebration of Excellence held April 1 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Champaign. The Illinois 4-H Foundation awarded \$45,000 in scholarships to 4-H youth.

“Our Celebration of Excellence event honors an amazing group of young people who have made 4-H and their communities the focus of their time and talents,” Lisa Diaz, University of Illinois Extension assistant dean and 4-H director, said. “4-H youth are making a difference in their communities by growing gardens, packaging meals for the hungry, educating peers about healthy choices, designing technological solutions to today’s issues, and extending a compassionate hand to those who need encouragement and support.”

The scholarships are awarded to five Illinois 4-H members in nine focus categories and are based on merit and a demonstrated standard of 4-H excellence.

“I personally look forward to the event every year,” Illinois 4-H Foundation board member Jenny Webb of McLean County said. “It is so energizing to see amazing youth in this room and what



At left, Gracie Prose of Ogle County received the Civil Engagement and Global Living award. Above right, Prose is pictured with Deb Stocker, received the Deb Stocker Illinois 4-H Youth Leadership Team Scholarship.

they are accomplishing.” Forty-five young adults were chosen as scholarship winners with each winner receiving a \$1,000 scholarship.

Civil Engagement and Global Living

The Civil Engagement and Global Living award recognizes youth that have focused on 4-H work in service to others. The winner from Ogle County 4-H was Gracie Prose, Oregon.

This award is sponsored by Nann Armstrong, Ron and Melanie Warfield, and Dee Murray.

Personal Growth

The Personal Growth

award recognizes youth that have focused on personal growth through their participation in the 4-H program. The winner from Ogle County 4-H was Lauren Carlson, Byron.

This award is sponsored by Pat Clickener, Barbara and George Clark, Janice Seitz, and the Illinois 4-H Foundation Legacy Endowment.

Scholarship support allows students to continue to follow their learning pathways for post-secondary education.

“I’ve always had a love for natural resources and wanted to pursue education and a career with it,” William Weber of Livingston County, natural resources and environmental science scholarship recipient, said. “Without the donors’ help,

I wouldn’t have been given the support to further my education.”

Prose, the winner of the Deb Stocker Illinois 4-H Youth Leadership Team Scholarship, was also celebrated at the event. This award honors an exceptional member of the 4-H Youth Leadership Team.

The scholarship program is supported through private donors and the Illinois 4-H Foundation.

“The Illinois 4-H Foundation works hand-in-hand with the statewide program, and our sole mission is to be able to provide private funding so that 4-H can do more,” Webb said. “We know that 4-H programming is leading the way nationally in a variety of ways, and we are so grateful for our donors’ support.”

Route 2 construction in Ogle, Winnebago counties begins July 10

BYRON — The Illinois Department of Transportation announced recently that weather permitting, construction on Illinois Route 2 in Ogle and Winnebago Counties will begin on Monday, July 10. The 10.6-mile work zone is from Illinois Route 72 in Byron to Beltline Road in Rockford.

Work will consist of patching the road and will require isolated complete road closures with a marked detour. Traffic between Byron and Rockford should follow the detour using Illinois Route 72, Kishwaukee Road and Beltline Road.

Illinois Route 2 will be accessible to local traffic. The \$1.4 million project is expected to be completed by Oct. 4.

Motorists can expect delays and should allow extra time for trips through this area. To avoid the work area, when

feasible, use of alternate routes should be considered. Drivers are urged to pay close attention to changed conditions and signs in the work zones, obey the posted speed limits, refrain from using mobile devices and be alert for workers and equipment.

Over the next six years, IDOT is planning to improve more than 3,535 miles of highway and nine million square feet of bridge deck as part of the Rebuild Illinois capital program, which is investing \$33.2 billion into all modes of transportation. Accomplishments through year two included approximately \$5.2 billion of improvements statewide on 3,020 miles of highway, 270 bridges and 428 additional safety improvements.

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LOCAL NEWS

Obituaries

Elaine Fae (Hummel) Haak

STERLING— Elaine Fae (Hummel) Haak, 96, of Polo, went to be with the Lord on June 30, 2023, while in her home, surrounded by her loving family.

Elaine and her twin sister Eleanor were born July 4, 1926 to Walter and Emma (Scholl) Hummel. Being born five minutes after Eleanor, Elaine liked to remind her sister that she was the younger twin. For years, the twins believed that the Fourth of July parades and celebrations were in honor of their birthday—until they finally learned the truth.

Elaine graduated from Polo High School in 1944 and began working at Northwestern Steel & Wire. She married Melvin Haak on August 12, 1945 in Polo, IL. Following her employment at Northwestern Steel & Wire, Elaine spent her time assisting Melvin in running the family farm. Known for being sweet and sassy and not afraid to herd cattle or drive a tractor; she was comfortable on the farm and in the house—while always keeping her manicure going.

Elaine and Melvin were active in the American Murray Grey Association and National Cattleman's Beef Association. They were lifelong members of East Jordan United Methodist and held various leadership positions throughout the years.

She loved to sing and shared her beautiful alto voice at church, local radio stations, and area retirement homes. Along with her daughter Melissa, Elaine enjoyed singing duets in church and calling friends and family on their birthdays and singing Happy Birthday to them.

Elaine was a devoted wife and mother. She always wanted to have many children of her own and will be remembered by many "bonus" children who called her mom and grandma. Her grandchildren and great-grandchildren were blessed to



have her support at all their extracurricular activities and in every other aspect of their lives.

She was a woman of many talents and master of all. She loved singing and dancing, handstands, baking banana bread, making tapioca pudding, Jello pinwheels, homemade dressing (the only kind that Grandpa would eat), and anything with rhubarb (to name a few).

She was small but mighty, a tough sweet woman; she had it all.

Elaine is survived by her three children: Melaine Rude of Harbor Springs, MI; Melissa Haak of Polo; Martin (Mally)

Haak of Polo; seven grandchildren: Tara (Joe) Guthrie of Harbor Springs, Michigan; Abby Haak of Milwaukee; Katie Haak of Prophetstown; Emma (Zac) Stull of Polo; Jasmyn (Cameron) Geerts of Sterling; Sydney Anderson and Cole Anderson of Polo; and three great-grandchildren: Henry Haak, Lillia Guthrie, and Lillienne Geerts.

Elaine was preceded in death by her parents; Melvin Henry Haak, her husband of 67 years; her sisters Geraldine Ebersole, Bernice Lapp, her twin sister Eleanor Koch, and twin sisters who died in infancy.

A visitation will be held Wednesday, July 5 from 4-7 p.m., at the Schilling Funeral Home in Sterling. A Celebration of Life will be held Thursday, July 6 at 10:30 a.m. at East Jordan United Methodist Church in Sterling. A burial will follow the Celebration of Life at East Jordan United Methodist Cemetery.

A memorial has been established to East Jordan United Methodist Church in Sterling and to Serenity Hospice & Home in Oregon. Condolences may be sent to www.schillingfuneralhome.com.

Helen M. Wales

POLO— Helen M. Wales of Polo, passed away, Monday July 3 at Heritage Square where she had made her home for the past 4 months. She was born Nov. 16, 1933 and was the daughter of Frank and H. Lucile Wales.

Helen grew up loving animals, especially horses, and spent many happy hours helping her Granddad on his farm. Graduating from Polo schools in 1951, Helen then graduated from Manchester College with an additional degree from Northwestern University. She worked as a physical therapist, specializing in infant and children's needs for over 57 years.

During that time, she designed several devices to help in the care of the children she served. Her career took her to Rockford Memorial Hospital, Dixon State School, Children's Development Center of Rockford, Swedish American Hospital home care, and the Ogle Co. School system.

Helen spent her adult life living on the farm that once belonged to her Grandmother and Granddad. She enjoyed raising purebred collies, Pomeranians, cattle, sheep, goats, horses and even canaries. She also enjoyed working on family genealogy.

Helen was a life-long active member of the Polo Church of the Brethren, serving in many capacities including teaching children's Sunday school for many years. Helen also enjoyed playing

dominoes with her church friends, and her genealogy get-togethers with her family group.



Helen traveled the world, often with the Church of the Brethren mission programs and cherished the memories of those times. Throughout her life, Helen was always caring, kind, and generous. Her mindset was to always make life better for others.

Helen is survived by sisters, Joyce Person and Adrienne Hiatt, brother-in-law, Don Deardorff, and many nieces and nephews whom she loved dearly.

Helen was preceded in death by her parents, her sister and brother-in-law Evelyn and Wilbur Bowman, sister and brother-in-law, Margaret and David Brown, sisters, Patricia Deardorff and Betty Capling, and brother-in-law, Richard Person. Also, preceded by siblings John and Sherry Hiatt, nephew, Greg Bowman, great nephew, Tim Bowman.

Arrangements are being handled by Polo Family Funeral Home, where visitation will be held on Monday, July 10 with family time at 9:30 a.m., public visitation at 10 a.m. Graveside services at 11 a.m. at Fairmount Cemetery.

Following the service, there will be a lunch and fellowship at the Church of the Brethren, Polo. Instead of flowers, memorials can be made in Helen's name to the Village of Progress in Oregon, or Serenity House, also in Oregon.

Duane David Mackey

ROCK FALLS— Duane David Mackey, 71 of Polo, died Friday, June 30, 2023 at CGH Medical Center in Sterling.

Duane was born on Nov. 25, 1951 in Dixon, the son of Wilbur and LaVon (Maxwell) Mackey. He was a United States Army Veteran. Duane worked at Raynor for many years and then at Riverside Cemetery in Sterling, where he retired. He enjoyed muscle cars and watching sports, especially the Chicago White Sox, St. Louis Cardinals, and the Green Bay Packers.



Survivors include his son, Jeremy Mackey (Raean) of Sterling; step-daughter, Jessica (Bill) Kalas of Arkdale, Wisconsin; one granddaughter, Amanda Mackey of Oregon; two step-grandsons, Dalton and William Kalas; four sisters, Christy Bowlin of Polo, Vicki (Rick) Spotts of Lyndon, Lisa Shank of Polo, and

Angie Mackey of Sterling; brother-in-law, Saul Gonzalez, Sr. of Sterling; nieces and nephews, Melissa, Saul Jr, Tina, Angie, Kayla, Jason, and Josh; and many great nieces and great nephews.

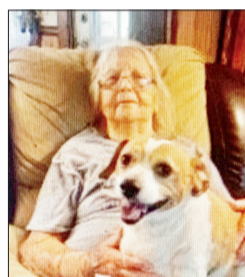
He was preceded in death by his parents; his sisters, Shellie Shank and Judy Gonzalez; his brothers, Larry Allen Mackey, Sr and Richard Maxwell; step son, Larry Allen Mackey, Jr, two step-grandsons, Cody and Jordan Kalas.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A gathering of family and friends will be held on Saturday, July 15, 2023 from 10-11:30 a.m. at the McDonald Funeral Home in Sterling. Memorial service will follow at 11:30 a.m. at the funeral home. Burial with Military Honors will conclude at Riverside Cemetery in Sterling.

For online condolences, please visit: www.mcdonaldfuneralhomes.com.

Karleen Kay Pingel

LEAF RIVER— Karleen Kay Pingel, 84, of Royal, Arkansas passed away on Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2022. She was born on May 31, 1938 in La Crosse, Wisconsin, the daughter of Edward and Anna (Spears) Hall.



She was preceded in death by her parents and her siblings and their spouses; Adeline and Clifford Pettygrove, Myrtle Hall, Eda and Floyd Jacobson, Bobby and Mabel Hall, William and Betty Hall and Janice and LaMont Clark. Also her beloved in-laws; Marty Pingle, Mabelle and Roy Hanson, Ruby Pingel, Rosanne and Jerry Gates, Edwin Pingel and Jim McCoy.

Karleen loved all her family and her pets Harry, Sister and Kat. She enjoyed quilting and sewing on her embroidery machine. She loved her flower garden

and to mow her lawn. She is survived and greatly missed by her loving husband of 65 years, Gordon Pingel Sr.; her six children and their spouses: Robert and Bonnie Pingel, Gordon Jr., Cheryl and Tom Barber, Debra and Gregg Holcomb, Karleen and Rusty Ropp and Michael Pingel; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren, lots of cousins, nieces, nephews and friends. Also her loved

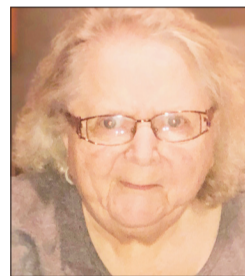
in-laws; Bill and Roxie Pingel, Linda Pingel, Nellie McCoy and Ada and Paul Thompson. Bonus daughters Julie Pingel and Heather Pingel.

A celebration of life will be held from 4-6 p.m. on Thursday, July 13, 2023 at the Leaf River Complex at 605 Main St. in Leaf River, IL. There will be a short service followed by food and fellowship.

Beverly 'Bev' A. (Moser) Diehl

DIXON— Beverly "Bev" A. (Moser) Diehl, 79, a lifelong resident of Grand Detour, passed away on July 4, 2023.

Bev was born on May 14, 1944, to Galen "Chuck" W. and Mary A. (Hoff) Moser in Dixon. She was the youngest of six children and was the only child born at the hospital. During her younger years, she delivered the Dixon Telegraph newspaper to subscribers residing in the village of Grand Detour and enjoyed sharing fond memories about her route. She graduated from Dixon High School in 1962.



After graduation, Bev worked at Freeman Shoe Company until 1971. She then decided to devote her life to being a stay-at-home mom for 20 years. She then went to work at Lee County Nursing Home, retiring in 2006.

She was married to John "Jack" Diehl on October 10, 1969, in Oregon, Illinois. He preceded her in death on August 29, 2018. Bev had a great sense of humor, a contagious laugh, and a smile that would radiate. She enjoyed a vast variety of things including; being outdoors, garden-

ing, canning, having cookouts, fish fry's, going on road trips, baking, collecting cookbooks, going to auctions and flea markets, playing cards/games/puzzles, holiday decorating (along with making special holiday meals), and most of all, spending quality time with her family and friends. Bev had a big heart and was always willing to help others.

Survivors include her daughter, Mary (Carl McClure) Avey, of Grand Detour; her brother, Eldon "Bo" Moser, of Dixon; "the girls"; two sisters-in-law; several nieces and nephews; and grand kitty, Sassy.

Bev was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers; and two sisters.

Upon Bev's request, there will be no services or visitation. Cremation rites have been accorded. Burial of cremated remains will be in Grand Detour Cemetery at a later date.

A memorial has been established. Arrangements were completed by Preston-Schilling Funeral Home, in Dixon. Condolences may be sent to www.preston-schilling.com.

Caleb Alan Leifheit

OREGON— Caleb Alan Leifheit, age 33, passed away on May 21, 2023 in Humboldt Park after losing his struggle with the disease of addiction. He is finally free from his demons. Caleb can't be defined by his addiction and mistakes. He was so much more than these things. He was a loved son, brother, father, and friend.

He was born on Aug. 31, 1989 in Rockford to Tanya Withers and Scott Leifheit. He attended Oregon High School where he was a great soccer player. He had a real passion for sports.

He is survived and missed by his parents, Tanya and Randy Morris of Mt. Morris; father, Scott Leifheit; son, Caleb Withers; siblings, Jeffrey (Damiano Dilillo) Leifheit of New York, Bryce (Jordan Wright) Morris of Palatka, Florida, Lani (Courtney Rogers)

Morris of Dixon, Trask Leifheit, and Jax Leifheit; grandparents, Sandi Withers of Byron, Sandy Taylor of Rockford, Linda Morris of Mt Morris, and Linda (Alan) Cargerman of Oregon; special friend, Mandrel White; and many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his grandfathers, Victor "Toney" Withers and Clarence Morris, and cousins, Scott Bowers, Eric Pepper, and Nathaniel Hillers.

A private family celebration of life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Miss Carly's, 1125 5th Ave, Rockford, IL 61104 to help continue her work on outreach to those battling addiction and homelessness.

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LOCAL NEWS

German Valley Days is July 14-16

GERMAN VALLEY — The 175th Anniversary of German Valley's settlement and the 50th Anniversary of German Valley Days will be highlighted during this year's festival scheduled on July 14, 15 & 16. Activities will begin at 5 p.m. on Friday with a Fireworks Fundraiser Supper, German Valley/Forreston 12U Baseball and Softball All Star Games and entertainment by "Just 4 Fun" Band.

Saturday events will begin at 7 a.m. with a Pancake Breakfast and FHN Health Screenings at the German Valley Fire Station, 600 Church St. Also planned are a 5K & Kids Fun Run, Car Show, Antique Tractor Show, Basketball Contest, Bags Tournament, Parade, Prize Bingo, stage performance by "Lynx" Band, Pork Chop Dinner at the fire station, presentation of MVP Award, "German Valley's Got Talent" onstage (call 815 297-3434 to enter), and fireworks.

Children's attractions will include a Pig Scramble, Coloring Contest, Kiddie Tractor Pull, Petting Zoo, Nerf Blaster Wars, Face Painting, Big Bubble Time with Jason Kollum, Hacky Sack with

Adam Linder, Little Miss and Mister Contest, inflatables and bounce house.

Food trucks, craft sales and the Summer Rec Ice Cream Booth will be available Friday evening and all day Saturday.

The committee is looking for past Little Miss & Mister winners and past MVPs to ride in the parade and be recognized on stage Saturday at 5:30 p.m. Call 815-297-3434 or 815-238-5345 if you can participate.

The German Valley Historical Museum will open at 10 a.m. on Saturday and will reopen following the parade. The Historical Society will sponsor Historical Trolley Tours, visiting historical points of interest, at 10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. on Saturday. Passengers may board at the museum, 805 Church St.

Sunday events are a Community Worship Service in the Ben Miller Park at 9:30 a.m. followed by a Forreston Sports Boosters Wiffleball Tournament. Food will be available.

For more information go to www.germanvalleydays.com, www.facebook.com/germanvalleydays/ or call 815-362-3671.



Oregon Lions meat raffle winners announced

The Oregon Lions held their meat raffle drawing during their regular meeting on June 22 at the VFW in Oregon. The prizes included five \$50 SuperValu gift certificates, 20 steaks, 20 pork chops, 20 hams and 20 turkeys. Oregon Lions wish to congratulate all the winners and thank everyone who participated in this annual Oregon Lions' fundraiser that helps fund Lions' charities. From left to right: Meat Raffle Committee Members Lion Dr. Tom Champley, Lion James Brown and Lion Jim Hoff.

County introduces new drop-off recycling program

OREGON — The Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department (OCSWMD) will be starting a new recycling initiative aimed at fostering sustainability and encouraging community participation. The introduction of the new Drop-Off Recycling Program signifies a significant step forward in the commitment to reducing waste and protecting the environment for future generations.

Beginning on July 10, residents of Ogle County will have access to two conveniently located recycling bins; one at the Ogle County Farm Bureau parking lot, 421 W. Pines Road, Oregon and one at the Byron Forest Preserve Maintenance Facility parking lot, 6845 N. German Church Road, Byron. The program aims to provide an accessible alternative for rural residents and others who do not have access to curbside recycling.

This Drop-Off Recycling Program accepts a wide

range of packaging materials commonly found around the house. Accepted items include:

Clean and dry paper products, including newspapers, magazines, office paper, cardboard, and paperboard (e.g., cereal boxes). No items contaminated by food (e.g. pizza boxes).

Plastic containers labeled with recycling symbols #1, #5 & #7, such as beverage bottles, milk jugs, detergent bottles, and plastic food containers.

Glass bottles and jars, which should be rinsed and free of any lids or caps.

Metal cans, including aluminum and steel cans, and aluminum foil.

To ensure the success of this program, it is imperative that participants adhere to the guidelines provided. Proper recycling practices, such as rinsing containers, flattening cardboard boxes, and placing materials into the bin loose

- not in plastic bags, will help maintain the integrity of the recycling process and keep this program sustainable.

The community's support and cooperation is needed to responsibly use these recycling bins. Abuse or contamination of the bins may lead to the termination of this trial program, jeopardizing the opportunity for sustainable waste management within our county.

The OCSWMD is deeply committed to environmental preservation, and this Drop-Off Recycling Program reflects a dedication to a greener future. By engaging in recycling practices, Ogle County residents can collectively reduce waste, conserve resources, and mitigate the impact on the planet.

For more information about the Drop-Off Recycling Program, including specific guidelines and updates, please visit www.oglecountyil.gov or contact our office at 815-732-4020.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Wednesday, July 12

The Mt. Morris Community Library Foundation is hosting a pie and ice cream social Wednesday, July 12, from 7-9 p.m. on the Mt. Morris campus, during the Kable Band concert. All donations will go toward the 9x9x9 Program, the foundation's most successful program.

For just \$9 per child, a first grader will receive one book per month for nine months, i.e., nine books during the school year. Fall 2023 will begin the fourth year that the Mt. Morris Community Library Foundation has sponsored the 9x9x9 program. We are seeking enough funds to ensure that every first grader in the Oregon School District receives nine books this year.

The Mt. Morris Community Library Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that supports the Mt. Morris Community Library through funding, by matching every memorial gift given to the library, and by supporting the library's services and programs. The foundation also gives away books to kids who visit Santa during the Mt. Morris Christmas on the Square event. Donations are welcome, and anyone can become an annual member

of the foundation for \$25/year or purchase a lifetime membership for \$100. Those funds are invested and used to support the library. More information is available at the Mt. Morris Community Library, the MMCLF page at www.mtmorris-il.org, or by messaging the library on social media.

Saturday, July 15

Come and join us at Byron's Hairy Cow Farmers Market on Saturday, July 15th from 8-12 p.m. Featuring seasonal produce, baked goods, farm fresh eggs, 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.

Saturday, July 22

Grace Valley CRC at 8210 E. Edwardsville Road in German Valley is hosting its annual corn boil on July 22 from 5-7 p.m. This is a great way to enjoy some good food, fun and fellowship.

We will be serving brats, hot dogs, locally-grown sweet corn, chips, cookies and drinks. There will be a free-will donation with funds used to aid those in need.

Bring the kids for a barrel train ride, bounce house, obstacle course and human foosball and enjoy music by the youth.

Thursday, Aug. 3

Serenity Hospice and Home will facilitate a Children's Grief Camp on Thursday, Aug. 3 from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. for children ages 5-13. The camp will be held at the Nash Recreation Center, 304 S. 5th St., Oregon, IL 61061 and will give children the chance to connect with others who have experienced loss. They will spend time swimming and playing a variety of sports. They will also get to work on meaningful crafts that memorialize their loved one and give them an opportunity to talk about their memories. Serenity will provide lunch and a snack. This camp reinforces the importance of connecting with others while going through challenging times. To register, call Denise Watts or Cathy Warren of the Serenity Bereavement Team at 815-732-2499. The sign up deadline is Friday, July 28.

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MOMENTS IN TIME

* On Aug. 11, 1806, explorer Meriwether Lewis is shot in the hip, probably by one of his own men. Private Cruzatte, who was blind in one eye and nearsighted in the other, insisted he had not shot his captain. Lewis, however, had the offending bullet: A .54 caliber slug from a modern U.S. Army rifle, identical to the one carried by Cruzatte.

* On Aug. 8, 1863, after his defeat at Gettysburg, Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee sends a letter of resignation to Confederate President Jefferson Davis. Davis refused the request.

* On Aug. 10, 1937, the electric guitar is recognized by the United States Patent Office with the award of Patent No. 2,089,171 for the Rickenbacker Frying Pan. The guitar used a heavy electromagnet that surrounded the base of the steel strings like a bracelet.

* On Aug. 6, 1945, an American B-29 bomber, the Enola Gay, drops the world's first atom bomb over the city of Hiroshima, Japan.

* On Aug. 7, 1959, the American satellite Explorer 6 is launched into Earth orbit. The 142-pound spacecraft featured a photocell scanner that transmitted a crude picture of the Earth's surface from a distance of 17,000 miles. The photo, received in Hawaii, took nearly 40 minutes to transmit.

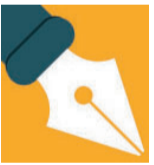
* On Aug. 9, 1974, Richard Nixon officially resigns as president of the United States, departing in a helicopter from the White House lawn. Minutes later, Vice President Gerald Ford was sworn in. Ford spoke in a television address, declaring, "My fellow Americans, our long national nightmare is over."

* On Aug. 5, 1981, President Ronald Reagan begins firing 11,359 air-traffic controllers striking in violation of his order to return to work. Two days earlier almost 13,000 air-traffic controllers went on strike over negotiations to raise their pay.

Masks and wildfire smoke

Dear editor,
I find it very interesting that several media pundits are reminding us that wearing masks will not help filter out the smoke that is drifting down from Canada as a result of the wildfires there. I have seen this on several newscasts recently. The explanation is that the smoke particles are too small for the mask

to adequately filter. This is incredibly ironic as these same newscasters were advocating for mask wearing two years ago most vehemently during the COVID-19 pandemic. It is important to note that virus particles are even smaller than smoke particles.



Barrett T. Smith
Byron

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Numbers behind farm bill legislation

NO doubt the negotiations for a new federal farm bill are on most farmers' minds these days. Let's look at some of the numbers behind the legislation courtesy of the American Farm Bureau.

The Congressional Budget Office's (CBO) most recent Baseline for Farm Programs identifies expected outlays for farm program spending, assuming existing programs continue without changes, and indicates program spending available to Congress as crafting of the 2023 farm bill kicks into high gear. CBO releases these projections on expected spending for farm programs for the 10-year baseline – the current budget year plus 10 years – up to three times a year.

Farm bill math creates a few possible scenarios. Depending on negotiations between the Budget and Agriculture committees, lawmakers crafting the next farm bill could be required to be budget neutral, meaning any increase in spending in one part of the bill would require a decrease in spending elsewhere in the bill; they could be required to have an overall net reduction; or they may be able to increase spending. Given such budget directives, scoring (estimating the additional outlays and potential savings relative to the baseline) is one of the most critical components of farm bill development. From now through the farm bill's passage, any change in policy will require an estimate of the budgetary impact.

In general, the May report reveals only minor housekeeping adjustments compared to February's release. Future policy proposals that arise during 2023 farm bill discussions will most likely be scored against these values.

The May CBO release includes updates to expected outlays for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). In the February projections CBO increased its estimate of SNAP outlays by \$8 billion (six percent) for 2023 and by \$93 billion (eight percent) between 2024-2033. This increase was linked to higher estimated program utilization as a result of higher unemployment as well as upward adjustments in expected food costs under the Thrifty Food Plan (TFP), which is utilized to estimate the cost of a healthy diet, including USDA's choice to not make their five-year updates of the TFP composition cost-neutral. With the May CBO release

came another upward revision in these costs due to higher expected SNAP participation. For 2023 alone, projections moved from \$127 billion to \$145 billion, an \$18 billion (14 percent) increase.

Between the 10-year period of 2024-2033, the May release also forecasts an \$18 billion cumulative increase, from \$1.205 trillion to \$1.223 trillion. Combined with other programs normally authorized in the farm bill, nutrition spending makes up over 81 percent of expected outlays. Nutrition revisions make up 56 percent of the total \$31 billion increase between the February 2024-2033 projection and May 2024-2033 projection.

Based on the 2024-2033 10-year outlay projection, a 2023 farm bill would cost nearly \$1.5 trillion, making it the most expensive on record. This is 1.73 times higher than the original estimated cost of the 2018 farm bill (\$867 billion). After nutrition, crop insurance outlays, which include delivery expenses, underwriting gains and premium cost sharing, make up the second largest outlay category, projected at \$101 billion or seven percent of the 2024-2033 timeframe. This is a \$4 billion increase from the February CBO baseline. The third-largest category includes spending on commodity support programs such as Dairy Margin Coverage (DMC), Price Loss Coverage (PLC), Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and the many authorized disaster support programs. The May report expects these commodity programs to cost \$65.7 billion between 2024-2033, up almost \$10 billion from the February baseline. Estimated outlays for livestock disaster assistance programs alone almost doubled from \$5.7 billion to \$10.9 billion. Conservation programs such as the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) are estimated at \$60 billion, or four percent, of the total score. This \$2.5-billion increase from February's projections is primarily linked to CRP outlays.

It also includes \$34.7 billion in spending that was passed in the Inflation Reduction Act for agriculture, forestry and rural development. CBO scored the IRA conservation baseline at \$18.05 billion for programs traditionally authorized through the farm bill. Questions persist on how this IRA funding could impact farm bill program spending, prompting its tentative inclusion in our analysis

below. There was no update to IRA spending expectations included in the May projections.

Overall, 2024-2033 expected outlays are up nearly \$30 billion from the February projections – a two percent increase.

Costs for many of the provisions of current farm programs move in the opposite direction of commodity prices. Recent periods of higher prices have resulted in lower commodity support payments. The distribution of farm program payments follows base acreage in the U.S. Corn, soybeans and wheat represent nearly 70 percent of all program payments, while rice, cotton and peanuts represent another 20 percent. Sorghum, upland cotton, dairy and other smaller field crops represent the remaining 10 percent or so of outlays. These outlays come in the form of PLC or ARC payments, and the margin protection program for dairy outlays through DMC. Compared to the February baseline, all analyzed crops except peanuts saw a forecasted increase in outlays. The increase was the highest for upland cotton, which moved from an expected \$3.616 billion for 2024-2033 in February to \$5.376 billion in May, mainly linked to increases in the PLC category.

This most recent CBO baseline on farm program outlays is an important indicator of the budget outlook and is expected to set spending boundaries during current farm bill debates. Notably, however, agriculture and nutrition programs normally authorized through the farm bill only make up about 1.85 percent of total federal spending. Drilled down further, farm income support and crop insurance account for less than one quarter of one percent (0.1 percent and 0.13 percent, respectively) of federal spending. Whereas Medicare, Medicaid, net interest on debt, defense spending and Social Security make up 76 percent of federal spending.

Few pieces of legislation are more significant than the farm bill when it comes to safeguarding our domestic food supply. Ensuring that program funding is reflective of market changes is critical to maintaining the farm bill's role in national security and the health and well-being of rural communities.

"When buying and selling are controlled by legislation, the first things to be bought and sold are legislators." -PJ O'Rourke

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

Life lessons for recent graduates, and everyone else

MANY of us learned long ago of the limited persuasive power of unsolicited advice. Offering unprompted words of wisdom is the clear triumph of hope over experience! Nonetheless, this spring I bravely offered my students at Southern Illinois University some of the lessons that I have learned over my career. I humbly offer them here as well.

One: Work hard at every job — even the ones you don't like. You can learn a lot from work that isn't fun, rewarding or stimulating. In addition to gaining skills, you can also study the qualities of successful colleagues. Learn from stars.

Two: Try out as many things professionally as possible early in your career. Take chances, don't be afraid to fail, and then focus by mid-career.

Three: Travel as much as you can within your own country and abroad. Traveling expands your horizons and makes you a larger person. And it's fun.

Four: READ, especially BOOKS, and especially biographies and memoirs. They are life's instruction manuals.

Five: Commit to excellence. My favorite historian, Barbara Tuchman, wrote that you either do things right or half-right, your approach is either careful or sloppy. Always try to do things right and make sure your approach is careful.

Six: Keep improving your skills, in particular writing and negotiating. Effective writing requires clear thinking which is both valuable and rare. And much of life is negotiating, even when we are not aware of it.

Seven: Play the long game. Stay in touch with people. Send notes, make calls and ask questions of your bosses, colleagues, friends and especially your parents and grandparents. Mark Twain was right: "When I was a boy of 14, my father was so ignorant I could hardly stand to have the old man around. But when I got to be 21, I was astonished at how much the old man had learned in seven years."

Eight: Persistence is an underrated, even essential, quality. Press ahead on projects and refuse to give up.

Stay humble, exceed expectations, and control the controllables.

Nine: Make time to think and plan. George Shultz, as secretary of state, set aside one hour a week to sit quietly in his office to consider what he was trying to accomplish. He brought only a notepad, a pen and his thoughts. Thinking and planning allows us to avoid one of life's greatest traps: letting the urgent take precedence over the important.

Ten: Take every opportunity, even small ones, to be courageous. John F. Kennedy wrote that courage "requires no exceptional qualifications, no magic formula, no special combination of time, place and circumstance. It is an opportunity that sooner or later is presented to us all."

Eleven: Be on the lookout for mentors. Life has a way of providing them at times and in places that are surprising. Watch for them and pay as much attention to what they do as to what they say.

Twelve: Be a good citizen. Learn how your government works, vote, support honorable candidates even if you don't agree with all their views. Make life better in your community and support problem-solvers.

Thirteen: Enjoy life; the years pass quickly. Al McGuire, the legendary coach of Marquette University, sent a note to one of his successors, Tom Crean, wishing him luck. McGuire's handwriting was not completely legible, so the note ended with either "Enjoy the sun" or "Enjoy the run." Whichever word McGuire intended, the meaning is the same.

John T. Shaw is the director of the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute at Southern Illinois Institute Carbondale. His monthly column explores how Illinois can work toward better politics and smarter government. Editor's Note: This op-ed was distributed by Capitol News Illinois on behalf of the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute. The opinions expressed in this article are the author's own.



Ron Kern



John Shaw

LOCAL NEWS



Forrestville Valley School District Board Member Reining recognized

Reining spent 20 years on the board

FORRESTON—On Wednesday, June 28, the Forrestville Valley School District Board of Education recognized Board Member John Reining for his service to the district.

Reining began his service in 2003. During his 20 years on the board of education, he was involved in numerous projects, improvements and events. Some of these include: Forreston Junior Senior High School science lab renovations, addition of secondary STEM courses and Project Lead the Way Engineering Pathway, one-to-one technology implementation for FJSHS and Forreston Grade School, full-day kindergarten and preschool within district attendance centers, the construction of Cardinal Field Complex, addition of dual-credit and advanced-placement classes, to include College Now, and numerous additional facility improvements.

During his tenure as a member of the Board of Education, Reining attended several trainings, conferences, and served in multiple board positions, including

board president for six years.

“The district has been blessed by the service and dedication Mr. Reining has for his community,” Superintendent Sheri Smith said. “Mr. Reining has always operated from a student-first perspective, placing the needs of children above all. I am truly grateful for

his years of service to our students, staff and greater community, and he will be missed.”

“Not only did John preside over many curricular and building improvements for FVV #221, but he provided outstanding leadership during the most trying time in education in my experience; the COVID-19 pandemic,”

Board President Chip Braker said. “John’s insistence that we always do what is best for students was a guiding principle of his service to the Forrestville Valley community.”

The Forrestville Valley School District and Board of Education will miss Mr. Reining and wish to thank him for his many years of service.



Byron KOC presents donation to Serenity

On Wednesday, July 21, members of Knights of Columbus Father Paul Kunkel Council #4739, Saint Mary, Byron presented \$5,000 to Serenity Hospice and Home, Oregon. It represented the proceeds of 2023 Lentil Fish Fries. From left to right: Jeff Jackson, grand knight; Father Richard Rosinski, pastor/chaplain; Lynn Knodle, executive director, Serenity and Roy Lorenz, fish fry chairman.



Oregon Park District offering Art in the Park

The Oregon Park District is offering Art in the Park every Wednesday this summer. This program is free of charge through E.D. Etnyre & Co. Registration is required for the program. Join the Oregon Park District to get creative this summer at Art in the Park on Wednesdays anytime from 9-11 a.m. To register visit www.oregonpark.org or call 815-732-3101.



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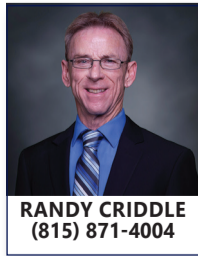
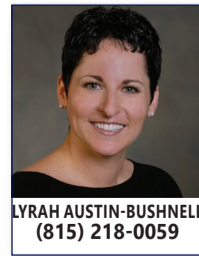
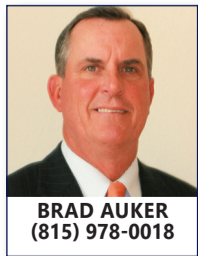
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LOCAL NEWS

Byron Board of Education approves tax settlement with Constellation for Byron Nuclear Power Station

BYRON—The Byron Community Unit School District #226 Wednesday announced that the Ogle County Intergovernmental Agency Board (OCIAB) has reached an agreement on the assessment and taxation of Constellation's Byron Nuclear Power Station.

Twelve governing bodies form OCIAB and receive property tax revenue from the Byron Station: Byron School District, Byron Fire Protection District, Byron Forest Preserve District, Byron Library District, Byron Museum District, Ogle County, Oregon Park District, Oregon School District, Rock Valley College, Kishwaukee College, Rockvale Township, and Rockvale Township Road District.

Settlement

This historic settlement will span from tax year 2022 through 2027. Throughout the duration of the agreement, the plant will retain an assessed value of \$500 million, and Constellation will pay a combined total of \$33,666,667 in property taxes each year. The total taxes paid represent a 2.9 percent reduction for all members of OCIAB. The Byron School District will receive \$18,442,741 in property tax payments from Byron annually.

The settlement agreement also provides for the dismissal of all cases currently pending before the Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board for tax years 2012 through 2019. With the dismissal of these cases, all parties eliminate their exposure for additional property taxes paid or the payment of any tax refunds. In terms of the Byron School District, this settlement removes a substantial financial risk to the District's taxpayers and will provide long term financial stability.

"Negotiating a long-term tax agreement for the Byron Nuclear Power Station has been a goal for the

Board of Education ever since Mr. Barton was hired as superintendent in 2018.

Historically, there have only been two prior tax agreements. I think the negotiating process rendered results beyond a final settlement. I believe that OCIAB and Constellation have formed a positive working relationship, which makes me hopeful that this is the first of many multi-year agreements," said Byron Board of Education President, Christine Lynde.

Byron Superintendent of Schools, Buster Barton, stated, "I am proud of the work our taxing bodies and Constellation did to get us to where we are today. Over the past few years, our school District and community members poured their hearts and souls into keeping Byron Station open. Removing the risk of a negative PTAB decision allows our District to look forward without fear and to plan for the future as we continue to offer a quality education to all of our students."

Illinois law requires that, to become effective, the settlement agreement must be approved by a circuit court judge. For that reason, the parties will file an action in the Circuit Court of Ogle County to secure court approval. Once the court's approval becomes final, the settlement agreement will become effective and the pending Property Tax Appeal Board cases will be dismissed.

The Byron Nuclear Power Station operates under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC). Construction of Byron Station commenced in 1975. It consists of two Units with a combined generating capacity of 2,347. Unit 1 entered commercial service in 1985 and Unit 2 entered commercial service in 1987. Unit 1 is currently licensed by the NRC to operate until 2044, and Unit 2 is currently licensed to operate until 2046.



Living History Antique Equipment Association Events planned

FRANKLIN GROVE—The Living History Antique Equipment Association (LHAEA) of Franklin Grove is planning a Tractor Drive scheduled for July 22ND. The Drive will start at 9:30 am from the Organization's 20-acre showground facility, located 1 mile south of Franklin Grove. From the showgrounds the route will travel on some beautiful backroads toward Oregon, where participants will have an opportunity to eat lunch or grab an ice cream cone. After refreshments, the group will return to the showgrounds at approximately 2:30 pm, having completed a 32-mile round trip. If you're looking for a fun and memorable weekend

activity this may be just the "Thing".

For the drive, you do not need to be an LHAEA member and there is no fee to participate. You will, however, need to own or borrow a tractor. This is an event designed to "drive slowly and enjoy the countryside" so any (rubber tired) tractor capable of traveling (approximately) 10 miles per hour is ideal. If your tractor is slightly slower, we will try to accommodate you.

In addition to the tractor drive, the LHAEA will be conducting their 43rd Annual Equipment Show on August 5th and 6th. This year, the show will feature "Case" tractors, but all brands are equally welcome. At the show, you can

view row after row of antique tractors and farm equipment, as well as witness threshing demonstrations, rock crushing, sawmill operations, potato digging, flour milling and many more activities from the past. There are also a number of games and contests to keep your youngsters entertained.

Remember, you do not have to be a LHAEA member to participate in the tractor drive or attend the annual show, but if you like this type of activity, everyone is welcome to join the LHAEA organization. The annual membership dues are just \$10.00 per year and that includes Club News Letters and an Annual Picnic. To join contact Brad Estock at 815-757-1460.

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Rochelle Community Hospital donates back to community sports

ROCHELLE — Earlier in June, Rochelle Community Hospital held four separate dates in the Family Health Clinic to provide sports physicals for student athletes ages high school and younger. In providing this service to the community, RCH charged a small fee for each individual athlete; and in turn donated 100 percent of those proceeds back to the respective program of which each athlete was affiliated.

RCH shares the breakdown of what each program in the community received in donations: Ashton-Franklin Center RJT = \$35; St. Paul = \$140; Rochelle Middle School = \$315; Rochelle Junior Tackle = \$875; Rochelle Township High School = \$1,120.

“We had a great turn-out for our sports physicals and are excited to be donating so much to these great organizations.” Michelle LaPage, RCH marketing & foundation manager, said.

RCH may provide all other physicals with a scheduled appointment with your primary provider. For more information, visit our website www.RochelleHospital.com.



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Looking for a home... (or 2) in the country? This quiet 4.5 acre property has a larger home with 5 bedrooms, large eat in kitchen with oak cabinets and appliances, huge family room addition measuring 27 x 23, 1.5 baths and 3 car garage. Hardwood flooring in many areas. Nice mudroom has washer/dryer hookup. Plenty of garden space available! Newer roof on the family room addition, newer carpeting and paint. Smaller home has 3 bedrooms, 1 bath with a new updated shower, updated windows and 1 car garage. Huge 45 x 70 metal out-building has room for all your machinery and toys. Dixon address but Polo school system. Live in one house and rent out the other!



1307 Trail Drive, Dixon
\$305,000 Call Jenny

Prepare to be impressed by this Idle Oak treasure with 3 bedrooms and 3 full bathrooms. The open floor plan on this gorgeous ranch is fantastic-featuring hardwood floors and an abundance of space for family and entertaining guests. The updated kitchen has beautiful cabinets, granite counters, and a breakfast bar. A quaint breakfast nook off the kitchen and a separate dining area off the large family room make it perfect for hosting. Main floor master suite has a spacious walk-in closet, tub/shower combo and double sink vanity. 2nd bedroom upstairs has double closets and is located near the 2nd full bath. The laundry room is conveniently located near the master suite and kitchen. The partially exposed lower level is tastefully finished with a large family room, additional recreation room/dry bar, and 3rd full bath. A spacious 3rd bedroom and a possible 4th bedroom/ bonus room with lock-out windows make this home complete. There is ample storage throughout and a large 2 car garage with shelving. The yard is beautifully landscaped, and the back patio is quiet and peaceful for relaxing. Call today to make your appointment to tour this fantastic property.



15165 Ill Route 73, Shannon
\$260,000 Call Rebecca

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118 S. Pine Street, Stillman Valley
\$89,000 Call Rebecca

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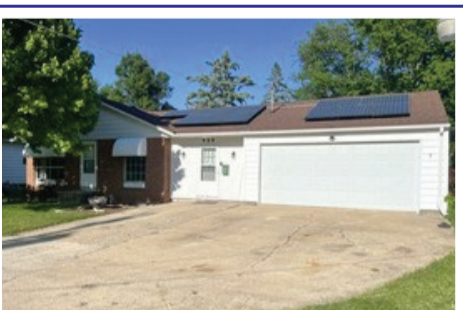
3747 W. Ill Route 64 Lot 82, Mt. Morris
\$39,900 Call Mark

Looking for a move in ready 2 bedroom, 1 bathroom home that is the "Complete Package"? This beautifully updated 1983 Nashua 14 x 70 mobile home is being sold with most personal property available to stay! New appliances in 2020. Plus, a John Deere 42" riding mower to take care of your new yard is included! Updates include 2 year old furnace and central air, newer beautiful cabinets, newer gutters, newer shed with cement foundation, new blinds, new fans and light fixtures and a re-sealed roof in the Fall of 2021! Home is located in Mt. Morris Estates and monthly lot rent is 400.00. Purchaser must be approved by the park.



416 W. Washington Street, Oregon
\$349,000 Call Rebecca

THE CHILE PEPPER GRILL & BAR is being offered for sale! After 20 successful years in business and their best year of business revenue in 2021, the owners are ready for the next chapter. Here is your chance to own a piece of property in booming downtown Oregon with a well-established bar and grill. Locals love the Chile Pepper along with other regulars that travel from afar. Known for the great atmosphere and delicious food, this business is being sold completely turnkey! The sale includes the real estate along with all equipment. There is seating inside for nearly 70 guests comprised of pub tables and a bar space. With a new rolled rubber roof in 2022, the building is ADA accessible, has ample storage and a large kitchen. Added ambiance with the large window with views of the beautiful and historic courthouse and downtown Oregon. High traffic count along Route 64/North Avenue. If you have always dreamed of owning a bar, do not miss your chance to call this successful bar and grill yours! Owner financing may be available for qualified buyers.



908 S. Congress Avenue, Polo
\$108,000 Call Stephanie

Spacious 3 Bedroom Ranch move in ready! Boasts new laminate flooring, brand new carpet in living room, some new light fixtures. All appliances stay. You will love the large back yard and dog run.



4440 Carthage Drive, Rockford
\$575,000 Call JD

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LOCAL NEWS

Byron Library News

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Summer Reading Challenge

May 30 – July 28. Sign up to participate in our summer challenge! Read books to earn a free book and entries in our prize drawings! Youth can also complete activities to participate! Register at Byron.beanstack.org, on the Beanstack Tracker app, or at the library circulation desk. Staff can assist with logging books too. Simply bring completed books to the desk and staff will log for you.

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 "The Grizzled Grist Does Not Exist" by Juliette MacIver, or read "Look & Listen: Who's in the Gar-

den, Meadow, Brook?" by Dianne White 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

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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!



Patrons welcomed the start of summer by spending the evening creating lighthouse decor. Grade schoolers created beautiful butterfly & bird mosaics (below left) at the library at our grade school art studio program. Children try to guess the animal by touch at the library at the Animal Quest animal show (below right). (COURTESY PHOTOS)

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 Coffee With the Sheriff, LEGO Club with Mississippi River Life. Bring a food donation when you stop in for a program and help support our local community!

YOUTH PROGRAMS:

Have Book, Will Travel: Thursday, July 13th, 10:00 AM We can

cross Japan off our places to travel! Where will our last week of travel find us? Have Book, Will Travel with Bertolet Memorial Library this summer. Kids, pre-k through 5th grade, are invited to join Miss Jana on an adventure around the world.

The Girl Who Thought In Pictures: Tuesday, July 11th, 10:30

AM Miss Melinda from Ag In The Classroom will be presenting The Girl Who Thought In Pictures: The Story of Dr. Temple Grandin by Julia Mosca. Participants will be taking part in craft projects such as a cow bookmark, herding balloon cows, and enjoying a tasty hamburger made from cookies and frosting. Please call

815-738-2742 to register.

Try It! How Frieda Caplan Changed the Way We Eat: Tuesday, July 18th, 10:30 AM Miss Melinda from Ag In The Classroom will be presenting Try It! How Frieda Caplan Changed the Way We Eat by Mara Rockliff. Participants will create their own self portrait in

the style of Italian painter Giuseppe Arcimboldo using pictures of fruits and vegetables, test their knowledge about what the "ins and outs" of fruits and vegetables look like, and enjoy a yummy fruit salad. Registration is requested by July 13th at 815-738-2742.

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Get ready to **NOMINATE** your favorites!

LOCAL NEWS

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ADULT PROGRAMS:
Coffee With The Sheriff: Saturday, July 22nd, 10:00 AM Come have a cup of coffee with our Ogle County Sheriff, Brian VanVickle. Sheriff VanVickle will be here to chat and answer any questions about how his

department keeps Ogle County safe for you and your family.

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.

July Take & Make Craft: As we continue to hop our way through summer, stop by the circulation desk to pick up the kit to make a frog. While supplies last.

July Book of the Month: France, 1939. Vianne sees her husband

off to the front lines and deals with German officers occupying her home. Isabelle must deal with young love and rejection and joins the resistance movement. They both discover who they are and what they will do to survive. Stop by the circulation desk and pick up your copy of Kristin Hannah's *The Nightingale* today.

Create-a-Card: Saturday, July 15th, 9:00AM Can't make the trip to see all your relatives this summer? Send them a personalized card to tell them you miss them! All supplies included.

Plastic Recycling: We ask that you make sure plastic is clean with no debris in the donation. Also please remove any

ziploc-type seals and paper/sticker labels. Thank you for your cooperation.

NEW RELEASES:
 Adult Books
 The Spectacular by Fiona Davis
 The Five-Star Weekend by Elin Hilderbrand
 Bad, Bad Seymour Brown by Susan Isaacs
 The Orchard by Beverly Lewis

Forreston Library News

Summer Reading Special
 Wednesday, July 12th, 10:00 am

After the story portion of our summer reading program, we will be learning how to make origami sea animals. All supplies are provided and everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend this

free workshop.

Comic Book Workshop
 Thursday, July 20th, 4:30 - 5:30 pm

Join professional artists from DoArt Productions for an energetic, interactive workshop on drawing comics. As participants are led through the creative process

they'll be encouraged to discover their own unique style. This workshop is open to youth and adults, age 7 and up. Whatever your skill level, this entertaining team will get you drawing! In order to ensure enough supplies, please call (815)938-2624 or stop in the library to register.

Summer Reading Program

Our summer program, Oceans of Possibilities, for toddlers through 5th grade is underway! Toddlers and preschoolers meet on Tuesdays and Kindergarten through 5th graders meet on Wednesdays. Both programs begin at 10:00 am. Please

join us!

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

Soft Plastic Recycling
 We are collecting film-type plastic for recycling. This includes plastic bags, zipper type baggies (with the zip portion removed), cereal/snack bags, bubble wrap, and other soft plastic. Please make sure bags are free from debris and remove all paper/sticker labels. Thank you!

Julia Hall 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.

Summer Reading Program: Reading Road Trip

Hop in, friends! We're going on a reading road trip! This summer, we'll hit the road with an important stop at your local library in the Valley. During your stay, you'll

explore all the fun reading has to offer—while earning badges on a virtual BINGO card! You'll collect badges for logging your reading, completing activities and earning BINGO. It's fun. It's easy. It's free! May 29-July 31, 2023. Download the Beanstack app to get started! All ages.

Tween Scene: Road Trip: San Francisco

Pack your bags, we're hitting the road! The next stop on our tween road trip is San Francisco.

Don't worry, there's no fog in sight! We'll enjoy games, crafts and snacks inspired by this cool, laid-back city by the bay. Tuesday, July 11 at 6 p.m. Ages 10-12. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

Cardboard Box Cars

To go on a road trip, you first need a set of wheels. Bring the whole family to this fun, hands-on event. You'll build your own cool car out of a cardboard box and add whatever hot rod accessories you like.

Friday, July 14 at 10 a.m. All Ages. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

Young Critics Book Club

Join us for a discussion and hands-on craft/activity all about the book "Magic on the Map" by Courtney Sheinmel. Tuesday, July 18 at 6 p.m. Ages 7-9. Registration required. Stop by the library to pick up your copy of the reading.

Storytime in the Park

Join us for a special storytime at 10 a.m. Fri-

day, August 4, in Davis Junction Park! We'll enjoy stories, songs and parachute play. Feel free to bring blankets or lawn chairs for your comfort. Ages 2-9. 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.

Mount Morris Library News

Closings

We will be closing at 5:30pm on Thursday, July 27th for our Summer Reading Celebration!

Summer Reading Program Schedule July 10th-15th

Theater! Program
 Monday, July 10th, 1pm

Masks! Drop-In Craft
 Monday, July 10th, 11am-7pm, while supplies last

Create a Theater, Take-N-Make

Tue-Sat, July 11-15th, while supplies last

Story Time

Wednesday, July 12th, 11:15am

Build A Stage, Lego Challenge

Friday, July 14th, 11am-5pm

Story Time

Mrs. Donna will be reading books and children will create a craft this Wednesday, 6/7. Storytime is every Wednesday @11:15, bring your little ones to enjoy stories and a craft at the Mount Morris Library!

Adult Book Club

The July book is "The Book of Lost Names" by Kristin Harmel. 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, July 31st at the library.

Cookbook Club

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 Tuesday, July 11th @6pm at The Senior Center for another exciting meal!

Ink with a Friend: Card Making at the Library

Join us in July to make

some lovely home-made cards to send to family and friends. We will be offering a card-making class from local crafter, Liz Gullett. She will be here on Thursday, August 10th 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 August 3rd!

Lego Club

Our next Lego night is Thursday, July 21st, 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

Happy Independence Day!!! Come see the gorgeous display provided by Kit Reynolds! It will truly put you in the red, white, and blue spirit! 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 Museum of

Contemporary Art Chicago!

Explore More Illinois, RAILS' online cultural and recreational pass program for Illinois libraries, welcomes its newest attraction, the Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago in Chicago! Founded in 1967, the Museum of Contemporary Art (MCA) Chicago champions the new and unexpected in contemporary art and culture through its exhibitions, performances, programs, and collection. Located in the heart of downtown Chicago, the MCA boasts a gift store, restaurant, 300-seat theater, and a terraced sculpture garden with a great view of Lake Michigan.

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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.

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Wednesdays to allow time for drying between classes, make sure you can attend both sessions. Class dates are July 19th and 26th from 5:00-7:30 PM.

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LOCAL NEWS

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Registration fee is \$66R/\$78 NR, deadline to register is July 12th.

Kids Homemade Pizza Party

Do you have a budding chef in your house looking for new recipes? Mini Pizza Pies are a favorite for all. Lynn Kaufman of Lynn's Kitchen joins us for a special children's class at Nash Recreation Center from 2:00-3:30 PM on July 19th. Kids will make their own pizza crust from scratch, and can choose from pepperoni or cheese pizzas. Class is open to children ages 9-15, registration is \$28R/\$34NR. Children will need to bring a few items from home, and will head home with two 8-inch pizzas. Full list of needed materials will be emails to parents after registration closes, deadline July 12th.

Camp OPD

Registration is now open for Camp OPD Summer 2023: Literary Times. Camp runs from May 30 through August 11. Tuesday through Thursdays feature activities that are themed around different book series. Familiarity with the book series is not required to enjoy the camp activities. Each week will feature a field trip on Wednesday. Mondays and Fridays may be added each week for an additional cost and will feature non-themed activities, with Fridays being spent at the Splash Pad. Don't miss out on this summer of fun for your child. Space is limited to 24 kids each week. See the website for details about costs, themes and field trips.

Nerf Night for Kids

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Volleyball Camp

Join Oregon Hawks Volleyball Coach Farrell Cain, her coaching staff and the OHS Lady Hawks for a week of basic techniques, skill building and intra-team scrimmages. This week-long camp will either introduce your child to the sport of volleyball or build on their skills. Each player will receive an OHS Lady Hawks team shirt.

Players will be divided by age levels. Younger players will learn the basics of volleyball at their level with an age appropriate net. Camp will be held at the Blackhawk Center. Camp is from Monday July 24th through Friday July 28th. Grades PreK through 3rd from 9-10am, \$30/\$36NR. Grades 4-8 from 10-11:30am, \$50/\$60NR.

100% of the proceeds from camp benefit the OHS Volleyball Team. Please register your child for the grade they are entering in fall 2023. Deadline to register is July 10th.

TORO Tuesdays

Join OPD staff every Tuesday afternoon for free, fun, organized games of TORO. Drop by between 1-3pm and improve your soccer ball skills while playing fun games. This is a free event, and we will form age appropriate

teams/ games every week with the players that arrive. No registration needed. Open to ages 7-14 years.

Mini Pitch Games

Have you tried our new soccer Mini Pitch court? Swing by on Wednesday afternoons from 1-3 pm for some fun, free Mini Pitch soccer games, led by OPD staff at our Mini Pitch next to the tennis courts. A Futsal ball will be provided, and teams/ games will be formed from players that arrive every week. These are fast paced games that will challenge all ages and skill levels of players. Open to ages 7-14, no registration required.

No soccer cleats on Mini Pitch court.

Operation Move

Join the Oregon Park District and KSB Wellness as we get kids moving! Operation Move is a free program to promote

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Website: saintbrides.org • E-mail: saint.bride.church@gmail.com •
Worship Services: Sunday 10 am Holy Communion with Hymns Christian Education Available

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH, NALC

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

POLO

ST. MARY CHURCH

Rector/Office: 211 North Franklin Ave., Polo, IL 61064
PHONE: 815-946-2535 • Rev. Joseph P. Nail
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Sacrament of Reconciliation: First Sunday of each month after 10:30 mass
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302 S. Franklin Ave., Polo, Illinois • 815-946-2848 • Luke N. Schier, Pastor
Sunday Worship: 9:30am We include our children in our Sunday Worship Experience. "THE GRAND Kids Club" Ages 3-10 are then dismissed right after Praise & Worship. Blended Services. "Passion for God" "Compassion for People" Visit our website: PoloOpenBible.org

CROSSROADS COMMUNITY CHURCH ~ POLO CAMPUS

Meeting Sundays @ 10AM Service
205 N. Jefferson Avenue, Polo ~ 815.837.5255
polo@crossroadsccn.com
We offer contemporary worship and relevant Bible teaching through engaging messages and powerful video. Join us after services for coffee, snacks & fellowship. Kidzlink Children's Ministry (nursery-5th grade) ~ during 10AM service
Cave Youth Group (6th-12th grade) ~ Wed. 6:30PM - June 1st.
Visit our website: www.crossroadsccn.com

FAITH DISCOVERY CHURCH

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

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

STILLMAN VALLEY

RED BRICK CHURCH OF STILLMAN VALLEY

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

KISHWAUKEE COMMUNITY EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

VALLEY EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH

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

GRACE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH DAVIS JUNCTION

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

WINNEBAGO

MIDDLE CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

LOCAL NEWS

From page 5

Available in 30 min intervals for \$15/\$18NR, but you can certainly book more than one! Need a different day or time? Please email Lesley@oregonpark.org to check availability. Registration deadline is the prior Thursday.

Inclusive Recreation with VOP

All ages and abilities are invited to join us on Thursday mornings as we do a variety of inclusive recreation activities with our friends from the Village of Progress. All activities will be adapted to accommodate the various needs of our participants and all ages are welcome! Come have fun at our

different parks where we may play t-ball, kickball or soccer. You never know what fun we will come up with!

Registration is required but free. This program is brought to you by our presenting sponsor E.D. Etnyre. Registration deadline is the Tuesday prior.

Color Run

The Color Run is back!!! Bring your family out for our 1 mile fun walk/run through Park West on Tuesday August 1st at 6pm! This color walk/run themed course will offer multiple color stations along the route. Be prepared to get colorful and messy! All participants registered before July 20th will receive a t-shirt!

After completing the course, stay at the Park West Amphitheater for our Concert in the Park series and enjoy Burn N' Bush. Food trucks will be onsite to enjoy dinner if you choose.

2 and under can be free with no shirt. Over 2 must be registered!

Fall Soccer

Soccer returns to Park West in the Fall of 2023! Practices will be held during the week and games are scheduled for Saturdays beginning August 19th in Oregon and surrounding towns. Are you unsure of which age level to sign up for? Reference our age chart below. A new practice ball is included with your registration. If you are

interested in coaching please contact Lesley at lesley@oregonpark.org

U6- Born in 2018 \$65/\$78 NR

U7- Born in 2017 \$65/\$78 NR

U8- Born in 2016 \$80/\$95 NR

U9- Born in 2015 \$80/\$95 NR

U10- Born in 2014 \$80/\$95 NR

U11- Born in 2013 \$80/\$95 NR

U13- Born in 2011 & 2012 \$85/\$100 NR

U15- Born in 2009 & 2010 (No H.S. Players allowed). \$85/\$100 NR

an introduction to volleyball. The program will help prepare participants for the Jr. High level of competition. Practice dates and times will vary depending on the preference of the head coach. Home games are played at the Nash and travel to away games is provided by OCUSD buses. Tryouts may be required if the maximum number of participants is reached. Deadline for participation is July 18th, \$75/\$90NR

Junior High Cross Country

5th- 8th Grade athletes will develop endurance, improve their running technique, and build team camaraderie. Practices will be held multiple days of the week and meets will

be held similar to the high school schedule. Transportation to meets is not provided. Sign up early to ensure you maximize practices before the meets begin! Practices will begin the week of 7/31 but registration is open through 8/16. Fee \$75/\$90NR

CoEd Softball League

Recreational softball is back at Park West! This league is designed for men and women to enjoy slow-pitch softball through friendly competition. Bats will be provided by the park district for each team to use. The league will consist of a regular season, and a postseason tournament to end the year. Fee per team \$450

Registration Deadline: 8/3/23

Oregon Library News

2023 Summer Reading Program-Find Your Voice! June 1- July 28

Only 3 weeks left! Free to residents, 3 - 17 years old of the Oregon Public Library District. Activities and programs are available. Registration is

required. Come in, call or check our website to find out how you can be a part of this summer event!

Trivia Quest-Each week a trivia question will be posted at the library. (Clues are hidden around the Library). Solve the

question and submit your answer at the Library. You have one week to submit your answers. Two individuals with correct answers will receive a prize.

I Spy Hunt in the Library! (3yrs. & up) Pick

up a game card at the desk and locate specific items on the card. If you find all the items & their location, you may select a prize.

Mondays in June-StoryTime (18 months-6 yrs.) at 10:00 am Stories, crafts & fun!

Monday, July 10, STEMAfternoon: Solar Community Kits, 1-3 pm (10 yrs. & up)

Grab a team of up to three people & register for an afternoon of STEM discovery! Each team will receive everything

they need to create a mini microgrid, using a solar panel to give power to a whole community.

Tuesday, July 11, A Voice for Nature, 1 pm, (ages 10 & up)

See page 10

Weekly Brain Busters

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Ego
- 5 Curved line
- 8 Easy targets
- 12 Geometric calculation
- 13 "The Matrix" hero
- 14 Conspiracy
- 15 Elephant's ancestor
- 17 Sultry Horne
- 18 Low isle
- 19 Pale yellow
- 21 Rice recipe
- 24 Colorations
- 25 Landed
- 26 Magazine staff listing
- 30 Leary's drug
- 31 Skin openings
- 32 TiVo precursor
- 33 Became an expert in
- 35 Actress Ward
- 36 - and crafts
- 37 Cancel
- 38 Where Gauguin painted
- 41 Football filler
- 42 Milky gem
- 43 Large dogs
- 48 Portrayal
- 49 Yale grad
- 50 Humdrum
- 51 Apple product
- 52 Game caller

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- 53 Continental currency
- 9 "Roots" author Haley
- 27 Always
- 28 Rights org.
- 10 Corn concoction
- 29 Colorless
- 31 Impudent
- 34 Shadowed
- 35 Writer
- 37 Perch
- 38 Actress
- 11 Jazz great Getz
- 16 Klutz
- 20 Reply to "Shall we?"
- 21 Tropical tree
- 39 Each
- 40 Angelic light
- 41 "Dream on!"
- 23 Pot covers
- 44 Pub pint
- 24 Long-eared hoppers
- 45 Winter ailment
- 46 Distant
- 47 HBO rival
- 25 Philosopher Adler

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MAGIC MAZE

WORDS WITH THREE B'S

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

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
 Unlisted clue hint: KIDS LOVE — GUM

- Absorbable
- Babbitt
- Babble
- Bibb
- Blabby
- Blubber
- Bobber
- Bobbin
- Bobble
- Bobby
- Bubba
- Bubbly
- Bumblebee
- Cobwebbed
- Hubbub

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

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.

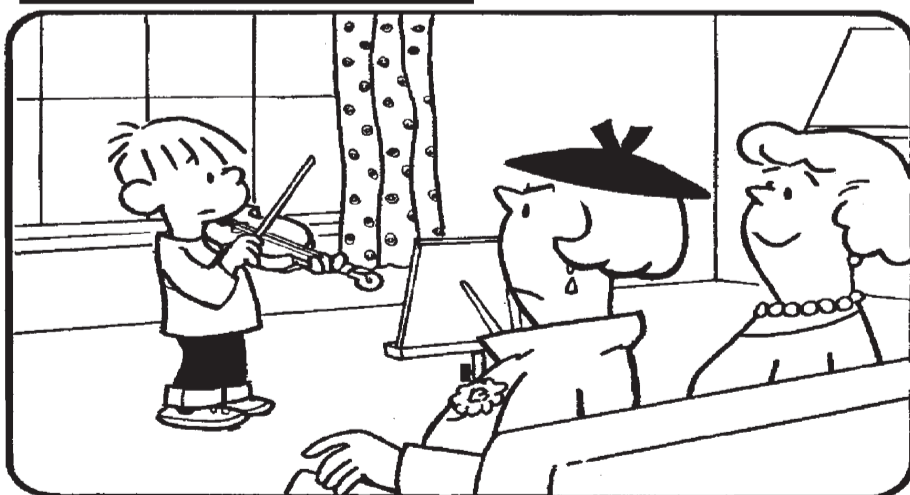
DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

- ♦ Moderate
- ♦♦ Challenging
- ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

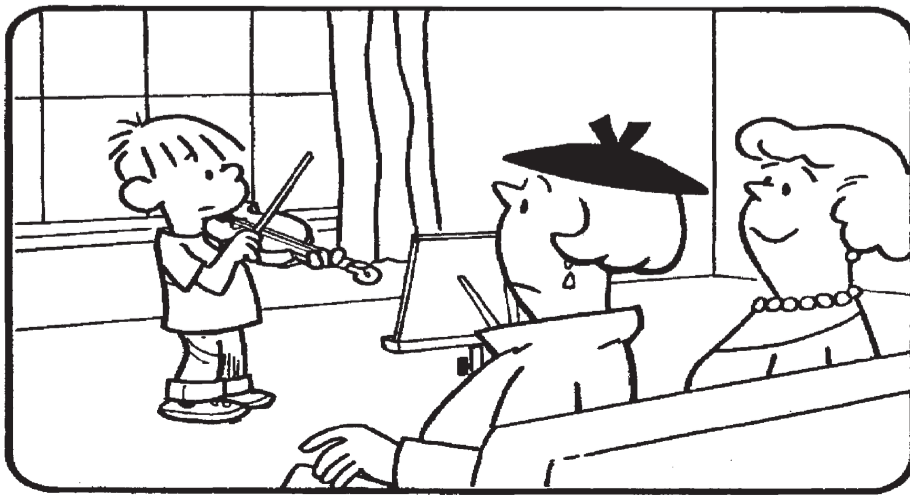
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Sleeve is shorter. 2. Pant is shorter. 3. Drape is different. 4. Flower is missing. 5. Lamp is missing. 6. Neckline is lower.

Solution time: 23 mins.
 Answers
King Crossword

WORDS WITH THREE B'S

Answer

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

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101 LEGAL NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

CASE NO. 2023TX15
To: Estate of Kent Dearborn, Jr., deceased; Zander Dearborn; Florence Dearborn; Unknown Heirs/Devises of Kent Dearborn, Jr., deceased; 1095 Investments, LLC; Ogle County, as Trustee; Laura Cook, Ogle County Clerk; Persons in occupancy or actual possession of said property, unknown owners or parties claiming any right, interest or title in the described real estate:
Property located at: 17955 W Taylor St, Polo, IL
Property Index No. 06-27-151-002
Tax Sale Certificate No. 2019-00001
This property was sold on November 4, 2020 for delinquent general taxes for the year of 2019. A Petition for Tax Deed for this property was filed on May 4, 2023.
Your right to redeem the property from the sale will expire on October 24, 2023. If you fail to redeem by that date, the court may enter a judgment granting petitioner a tax deed.
This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Oregon, Illinois on November 1, 2023 at 9 AM before Judge Roe via Zoom (https://www.oglecountyil.gov/departments/circuit_clerk/zoom_links_for_court.php, "Judge Roe - Courtroom 302"), or whomever may be sitting in his or her stead.
JICTB, Inc., Petitioner
Angela L. Tucker, Esq.
JICTB, Inc.
1701 Broadmoor Dr. Ste 100
Champaign, IL 61821
No. 0612
(June 26, July 10 and 17, 2023)

TAKE NOTICE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

CASE NO. 2023TX16
To: Bryan Austin; Spouse of Bryan Austin; Lannette Austin; Spouse of Lannette Austin; First Gateway Credit Union; Cavalry SPV I, LLC; Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC; LVNV Funding LLC; Bischoff Dentistry, Ltd.; Monica Weiskopf; Collin Austin; Laura Cook, Ogle County Clerk; Persons in occupancy or actual possession of said property, unknown owners or parties claiming any right, interest or title in the described real estate:
Property located at: 9757 N Baileyville Rd, Forreston, IL
Property Index No. 02-20-200-026
Tax Sale Certificate No. 2019-00106
This property was sold on November 4, 2020 for delinquent general taxes for the year of 2019. A Petition for Tax Deed for this property was filed on May 4, 2023.
Your right to redeem the property from the sale will expire on October 24, 2023. If you fail to redeem by that date, the court may enter a judgment granting petitioner a tax deed.
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TAKE NOTICE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

CASE NO. 2023TX18
To: Rebecca Morris; Spouse of Rebecca Morris; Jennifer Williams; Skyler Kelly; Laura Cook, Ogle County Clerk; Persons in occupancy or actual possession of said property, unknown owners or parties claiming any right, interest or title in the described real estate:
Property located at: 2174 N Leaf River Rd, Mt Morris, IL
Property Index No. 08-26-478-008
Tax Sale Certificate No. 2019-00167
This property was sold on November 4, 2020 for delinquent general taxes for the year of 2019. A Petition for Tax Deed for this property was filed on May 4, 2023.
Your right to redeem the property from the sale will expire on October 24, 2023. If you fail to redeem by that date, the court may enter a judgment granting petitioner a tax deed.
This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Oregon, Illinois on November 1, 2023 at 9 AM before Judge Roe via Zoom (https://www.oglecountyil.gov/departments/circuit_clerk/zoom_links_for_court.php, "Judge Roe - Courtroom 302"), or whomever may be sitting in his or her stead.
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TAKE NOTICE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

CASE NO. 2023TX17
To: Richard Kretsinger; Spouse of Richard Kretsinger; Sterling Federal Bank, FSB; Laura Cook, Ogle County Clerk; Persons in occupancy or actual possession of said property, unknown owners or parties claiming any right, interest or title in the described real estate:
Property located at: 403 S Main St, Leaf River, IL
Property Index No. 03-36-255-002
Tax Sale Certificate No. 2019-00131
This property was sold on November 4, 2020 for delinquent general taxes for the year of 2019. A Petition for Tax Deed for this property was filed on May 4, 2023.
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TAKE NOTICE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

CASE NO. 2023TX20
To: Richard Bucci; Spouse of Richard Bucci; Tax Lien Investments; Ogle County, as Trustee; Laura Cook, Ogle County Clerk; Persons in occupancy or actual possession of said property, unknown owners or parties claiming any right, interest or title in the described real estate:
Property located at: 305 E Oakwood Dr, Byron, IL
Property Index No. 09-11-326-002
Tax Sale Certificate No. 2019-00223
This property was sold on November 4, 2020 for delinquent general taxes for the year of 2019. A Petition for Tax Deed for this property was filed on May 4, 2023.
Your right to redeem the property from the sale will expire on October 24, 2023. If you fail to redeem by that date, the court may enter a judgment granting petitioner a tax deed.
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TAKE NOTICE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

CASE NO. 2023TX19
To: Palm Avenue Hialeah Trust, a Delaware Statutory Trust; Palm Avenue Hialeah, LLC; Revolve Capital Group LLC; City of Byron; Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB; Kevin Hall; Sarah Brickey; Laura Cook, Ogle County Clerk; Persons in occupancy or actual possession of said property, unknown owners or parties claiming any right, interest or title in the described real estate:
Property located at: 5481 N River Rd, Byron, IL
Property Index No. 09-11-152-007
Tax Sale Certificate No. 2019-00217
This property was sold on November 4, 2020 for delinquent general taxes for the year of 2019. A Petition for Tax Deed for this property was filed on May 4, 2023.
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TAKE NOTICE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

CASE NO. 2023TX20
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on June 15, 2023, a certificate was filed in the Ogle County Clerk's Office setting forth the names and post office address of all of the persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as: JMH Custom Tweed Heads
405 S 2nd St.
Oregon, IL 61061
Dated June 15, 2023
Laura J. Cook, Ogle County Clerk
No. 0629
(June 26, July 3 and 10, 2023)

NOTICE

NOONAN & LIEBERMAN, LTD
(Attorney ID: 6288863)
Attorneys
33 North LaSalle Street, Suite 1150
Chicago, Illinois 60602
STATE OF ILLINOIS, COUNTY OF Ogle, ss - IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OGLE COUNTY OREGON, ILLINOIS, LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC, Plaintiff, vs. DEVON J. CANADA; ASHLEY M. CANADA; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; UNKNOWN OWNERS-TENANTS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, et. al., Defendants, Case No. 2023FC29.
The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to you:
UNKNOWN OWNERS-TENANTS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, defendants in the above-entitled suit has been commenced in the IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OGLE COUNTY OREGON, ILLINOIS, by the said plaintiff against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit:
THE WEST SIXTY-SIX FEET (66) OF LOT THREE (3) IN BLOCK EIGHT (8), OF THE IN J.C.T. PHELPS ADDITIONS TO THE TOWN, NOW CITY, OF OREGON, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN BOOK A OF PLATS, PAGE 174, SITUATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF OREGON-NASHUA, COUNTY OF OGLE AND STATE OF ILLINOIS. PIN: 16-04-285-003. Commonly known as: 907 Jefferson St., Oregon, IL 61061, and which said Mortgage was made by DEVON J. CANADA and ASHLEY M. CANADA, as Mortgagees to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Platinum Home Mortgage Corporation, as Mortgagee, and recorded as document number 201803174, and the present owners of the property being DEVON J. CANADA and ASHLEY M. CANADA, and for other relief: that summons was duly issued out of said Court against you as provided by law, and that the said suit is now pending. Now, therefore, unless you, the said above named defendant, file your answer to the Complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OGLE COUNTY OREGON,

ILLINOIS, 106 South Fifth Street, Oregon, IL 61061 on or before July 26, 2023, default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a Judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint.
Dated, Oregon, Illinois, June 26, 2023.
Clerk of the Ogle County Circuit Court.
THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
No. 0636
(June 26, July 3 and 10, 2023)

REQUEST FOR BIDS

Public Notice is hereby given that Rockvale Township, 6057 IL Route 2 N, Oregon, IL will receive bids for roof repair at Rockvale Townhall at the above address. Proposed repairs include: Replacement of existing metal roof, repairs of damage underneath and insulation.
Contact Ron Snodgrass, Township Supervisor, at 815-973-1944 or Jason Benesh, Road Commissioner, at 815-378-5768, to schedule an appointment to look at the existing roof.
Sealed itemized bids must be received by July 17, 2023 at 7:00 PM and will be opened and read at the July 17, 2023 meeting at Rockvale Townhall. The Rockvale Township Board reserves the right to waive any: technicalities or irregularities and to reject any and all bids or any part or parts thereof.
Ron Snodgrass, Rockvale Township Supervisor
Karen Wolber, Rockvale Township Clerk
No. 0701
(July 3 and 10, 2023)

NOTICE

STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF OGLE
In The Matter of the Estate of DARREN E. SMITH, Deceased
No. 2023 PR 34
CLAIM NOTICE
NOTICE is given of the death of DARREN E. SMITH, who died on May 3, 2023. Letters of Office were issued on June 20, 2023, to Rilee Smith, who is the Administrator of the estate, 4234 E. Countyview Dr., Byron, IL 61010. The attorney for the estate representative is Attorney Elizabeth Groncki-Boger, 120 W. State St., Ste. 303, Rockford, IL 61101.
Any claims against the estate may be filed on or before January 3, 2024, that date being at least six (6) months from the date of first publication, or within three (3) months from the date of mailing or delivery of Notice to creditors, if mailing or delivery is required by Section 18-3 of the Illinois Probate Act of 1975, as amended, whichever date is later. Any claim not filed on or before that date shall be barred.
Claims against the estate may be filed with the estate representative or the Office of the Ogle County Circuit Clerk - Probate Division at the Ogle County Courthouse, 106 S. 5th Street, Oregon, Illinois 61061, or both.
Copies of claims filed with the Circuit Clerk's Office - Probate Division, must be mailed or delivered to the estate legal representative and to her attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

Dated June 23, 2023
Rilee Smith, Administrator
Elizabeth M. Groncki-Boger - ARDC# 6283004 DERANGO & CAIN, LLC
120 W. State St., Ste. 303
Rockford, IL 61101
(815)962-5490
Attorney for the Estate
Darren E. Smith, Deceased
No. 0703
(July 3, 10 and 17, 2023)

NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE CERTIFICATE NO. 2019-00061
TO: OCCUPANTS MARY DIANE DORSEY MARY DIANE DOMBKOWSKI
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MARY DIANE DOMBKOWSKI
ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
ILLINOIS ATTORNEY GENERAL
OGLE COUNTY TREASURER
THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK & TRUST COMPANY OF ROCHELLE NKA CENTRAL BANK ILLINOIS
Persons in occupancy or actual possession of said property and all unknown owners, occupants, beneficiaries, heirs, devisees, or parties interested in said land or lots. A Petition for Tax Deed on property described below has been filed with the Circuit Clerk of OGLE County, Illinois as Case # 2023TX21.
The property is located at:
9020 FLAGG RD ROCHELLE IL 61068
RNG/BLK:1 TWP:40 SECT/LOT:18N 330FT OF W 264FT OF E 996FT W2 SW4 N OF FLAGG TOWNSHIP
Property Index Number: 24-18-300-003
Said Property was sold on 11/04/2020 for delinquent real estate taxes and/or special assessments for the year 2019. The period of redemption will expire on 10/26/2023.
On 11/15/2023 at 09:00AM, the Petitioner will make application to such court in said county for an Order Directing Issuance of Tax Deed if the real estate is not redeemed from the sale.
ANDREW R. HENDRIAN, Petitioner
No. 0722
(July 10, 17 and 24, 2023)

NOTICE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF BYRON COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 226, OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS NOTICE OF E-LEARNING PROGRAM PUBLIC HEARING

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY the Board of Education of Byron Community Unit School District No. 226, Ogle County, Illinois, that a tentative budget for said School District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection at 207 W. Main St., Stillman Valley, IL 61084 in this School District. Dated this 6th day of July, 2023.
Notice is further hereby given that a public hearing on said budget will be held at 6 p.m., on the 7th day of September, 2023, at 207 W. Main St., Stillman Valley, IL 61084 in this School District. Dated this 6th day of July, 2023.
By Tim DeVries, Secretary
No. 0726
(July 10, 2023)

NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE CERTIFICATE NO. 2019-00094
TO: OCCUPANTS JAIME SALAZAR JAMIE SALAZAR CENTRAL BANK ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ILLINOIS ATTORNEY GENERAL JAMIE SALAZAR
Persons in occupancy or actual possession of said property and all unknown owners, occupants, beneficiaries, heirs, devisees, or parties interested in said land or lots. A Petition for Tax Deed on property described below has been filed with the Circuit Clerk of OGLE County, Illinois as Case # 2023TX22.
The property is located at:
123 AVE H ROCHELLE IL 61068
RNG/BLK: TWP:0 SECT/LOT:LOT 10 BLK 6VASSAR ADD CITY OF ROCHELLE FLAGG TOWNSHIP
Property Index Number: 24-25-278-007
Said Property was sold

on 11/04/2020 for delinquent real estate taxes and/or special assessments for the year 2019. The period of redemption will expire on 10/26/2023.
On 11/15/2023 at 09:00AM, the Petitioner will make application to such court in said county for an Order Directing Issuance of Tax Deed if the real estate is not redeemed from the sale.
ANDREW R. HENDRIAN, Petitioner
No. 0721
(July 10, 17 and 24, 2023)

NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE CERTIFICATE NO. 2019-00134
TO: OCCUPANTS JACOB E ISKE HANNAH J ISKE JACOB E ISKE HANNAH J ISKE EXCHANGE STATE BANK
Persons in occupancy or actual possession of said property and all unknown owners, occupants, beneficiaries, heirs, devisees, or parties interested in said land or lots. A Petition for Tax Deed on property described below has been filed with the Circuit Clerk of OGLE County, Illinois as Case # 2023TX23.
The property is located at:
2095 N FREEPORT RD POLO IL 61064
RNG/BLK:8 TWP:24 SECT/LOT:30PT W2 SW4
LINCOLN TOWNSHIP
Property Index Number: 07-30-300-008
Said Property was sold on 11/04/2020 for delinquent real estate taxes and/or special assessments for the year 2019. The period of redemption will expire on 10/26/2023.
On 11/15/2023 at 09:00AM, the Petitioner will make application to such court in said county for an Order Directing Issuance of Tax Deed if the real estate is not redeemed from the sale.
ANDREW R. HENDRIAN, Petitioner
No. 0722
(July 10, 17 and 24, 2023)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Board of Education of Meridian Community Unit School District No. 223
Ogle and Winnebago Counties, Illinois
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the School Board of Meridian Community Unit School District No. 223, Ogle and Winnebago Counties, Illinois, that a tentative budget for said School District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection at 207 W. Main St., Stillman Valley, IL 61084 in this School District. Dated this 6th day of July, 2023.
Notice is further hereby given that a public hearing on said budget will be held at 6 p.m., on the 7th day of September, 2023, at 207 W. Main St., Stillman Valley, IL 61084 in this School District. Dated this 6th day of July, 2023.
By Tim DeVries, Secretary
No. 0726
(July 10, 2023)

STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF OGLE PROBATE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate of ALLEN L. SWEGLE, Deceased
2023PR41
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of ALLEN L. SWEGLE. Letters of Office were issued on July 6, 2023, to CAROL M. DUNN, who is the Independent Executor of the Estate. The attorneys for the Estate are Michael Jon Shalbrack, HolmstromKennedyPC, 800 North Church

Garry@byron226.org or (815) 234-5491 ext. 4106.
Dated this 5th day of July, 2023
Board of Education
Byron Community Unit School District No. 226
No. 0723
(July 10, 2023)

NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DONALD W. SCHELLING, Deceased
2023-PR-37
CLAIM NOTICE

NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of Donald W. Schelling of Mt. Morris, Illinois. Letters of office were issued on June 23, 2023 to Ann Michael Book of Leaf River, Illinois, whose attorney is Douglas P. Floski, of Floski Law Office, LLC, at 220 W. Third Street, P. O. Box 1007, Byron, Illinois, 61010-1007.

CLAIMS against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court at Ogle County Judicial Center, 106 South 5th Street, Oregon, Illinois, 61061, or with the representative, or both, within 6 months from the first publication of this Notice, or within three months from the date of mailing or delivery of Notice to creditors, if mailing or delivery is required by Section 18-3 of the Illinois Probate Act, 1975, as amended, whichever date is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred.

Copies of claims filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the estate legal representative and to the attorney within 10 days after the claim has been filed.
MICHAEL BOOK, Independent Executor
No. 0724
(July 19, 17 and 24, 2023)

Notice of Public Hearing

Board of Education of Meridian Community Unit School District No. 223
Ogle and Winnebago Counties, Illinois
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the School Board of Meridian Community Unit School District No. 223, Ogle and Winnebago Counties, Illinois, that a tentative budget for said School District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection at 207 W. Main St., Stillman Valley, IL 61084 in this School District. Dated this 6th day of July, 2023.
Notice is further hereby given that a public hearing on said budget will be held at 6 p.m., on the 7th day of September, 2023, at 207 W. Main St., Stillman Valley, IL 61084 in this School District. Dated this 6th day of July, 2023.
By Tim DeVries, Secretary
No. 0726
(July 10, 2023)

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Street, Rockford, IL 61103. Claims against the Estate may be filed on or before Jan. 10, 2024, that date being at least six (6) months from the date of first publication, or within three (3) months from the date of mailing or delivery of Notice to creditors, if mailing or delivery is required by Section 18-3 of the Illinois Probate Act, 1975 as amended, whichever date is later. Any claim not filed by the requisite date stated above shall be barred.

Claims against the Estate may be filed in the office of the Winnebago County Circuit Clerk - Probate Division, at 400 West State Street, Rockford, Illinois 61101, or with the Estate legal representative, or both. Copies of claims filed with the Circuit Clerk's Office - Probate Division must be mailed or delivered to the Estate legal representative and to its attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed. Dated: July 6, 2023 Carol M. Dunn, Independent

dent Executor of the Estate of Allen L. Swegle, Deceased HolmstromKennedyPC, By Michael Jon Shalbrack, one of its attorneys Attorney Michael Jon Shalbrack - ARDC #6188198 HolmstromKennedyPC Attorneys for the Estate 800 N. Church Street Rockford, IL 61103 (815)962-7071 mshalbrack@hkrockford.com No. 0727 (July 10, 17 and 24, 2023)

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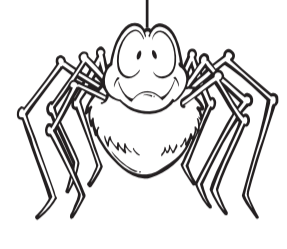
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Public Auction

Location: 1367 East Flagg Road, Oregon, IL 61061—North of Franklin Grove on Daysville Rd to Flagg Rd turn west 3/4 mile to sale location. Or South of Oregon on Daysville Rd to Flagg rd then west 3/4 mile to sale location. See advance sale bills/pictures on auctionzip.com under Public Auction Service or Lenny Bryson Auctioneer

TUESDAY JULY 18, 2023 * TIME 4 PM
We are offering a lifetime of tools and shop items from Sam Logan

Truck, Tractors, Trailer & Lawn Mowers
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PUBLIC AUCTION

Having made her home in a retirement center, Donna L. Challand and her children will offer the following described Real Estate and Personal Property at public auction on site and live located at **1490 German Rd., Steward IL 60553**. On:

Saturday, July 22nd, 2023
10:00 a.m.

Directions: I-39 at Steward, go West through town to Steward Rd, then South approximately 3 miles to German road, then East 1/4 mile around the curve to the property. Or from Rt 30 go North on German Rd. approx. 3 miles.

Auctioneers Note: Personal property will begin at 10AM, with the Real Estate being offered at 11:00 AM - This auction features a large farmhouse with attached garage situated on 1.5 acres . At the same time, we will be conducting a personal property auction featuring clean household items & furniture, as well as antiques, collectibles, toys, vehicles and mower. There will be something for everyone, so plan to spend the day with us! There will be lunch onsite and a comfort station.

Real Estate: (To be offered at 11:00 a.m.) This 1.5 acre rural property features a large, approx. 2100 +/- sq ft., 2 story farm house with attached 32x24 garage and full basement. Property also has a 24x10 chicken / hog shed, and a 10x12 garden shed, both with concrete floors. The home features 4 bedrooms, 1 1/2 Baths, eat in kitchen, formal dining room, family room, and fully enclosed front porch / entry room. Private well and septic. All appliances are included with the home. There are several mature trees on the property and the lot is located on a quiet sealed road with vast country views. Steward Elementary and Rochelle High Schools. For viewing, or more information, contact the Auctioneers, Josh Hickey or John Bearrows **Real Estate Terms:** \$5,000 down the day of the auction with the balance due at closing on or before September 8th 2023. Property is being offered in AS-IS condition with no contingencies, and with no warranties expressed or implied. All announcements made day of auction take precedence over all printed material.

Household & Furniture: Usual kitchen items, dishes, pots and pans, Tupperware, and assorted; Kitchen table 46x42 with 4 padded swivel chairs and extra leaf; Large antique curved glass display cabinet; Dining room table with 6 padded chairs and 2 leaves with matching China hutch; Several end tables; several night stands; round glass top coffee table with 2 matching end tables; LG 37" flat screen TV; LG 32" flat screen TV; TV stand; Entertainment Center; Several Desks; Several curio and display cabinets; Oak blanket chest; Antique full bedroom set includes 4 post bed, 5 drawer chest, and vanity w/ mirror and bench; King bed; 8 drawer dresser w/ matching 4 drawer chest; Linens and dry goods; rocking chairs; 3 tier marble plant stand; Card table; File cabinets; Gold plated flatware set; Collection of DVD movies; Huge assortment of Christmas items and décor; Eureka vacuum; Hand, power, and garden tools; toolboxes; 8' step ladder; Werner 4' aluminum step ladder; Battery charger; chain hoist; shop vac; tool boxes. **Collectibles:** Large collection of collectible glassware, Collection of Precious Moments figurines; Collection of primitive tools; Collection of Beanie Babies and Beanie Baby happy meal toys; RR crossing sign and a few other signs; Several Coca Cola metal 6 pack carriers, and a 12 pack carrier; Skillets including Griswold; Large safe 22"W x34"T x24"deep; Collection of carved wood animals- Disney souvenirs; **Vehicles and Mower: (selling after the Real Estate, approx. 12 noon)** 2012 Chevrolet 1500 Silverado, Crew Cab, Short Bed, LT, Z71 4x4, 188,650 miles, 5.3L V-8 with new engine installed at 120k. Leather, PW, PL, Cruise, tilt, power mirrors, power pedals, steering wheel controls, AM/FM/XM; 1994 Chevrolet 1500 Pickup, Regular cab, Long bed, 4.3L V-6 gas, auto, 256,658 miles. John Deere 345 Garden Tractor, #086695, 1341 hours, Hydrostatic, 54" Deck w/ hyd lift, power steering, includes 42" front mount snowblower, rear wheel weights and rear tire chains; Pull type lawn cart; 11'x76" 2 wheel steel trailer w/ homemade title.

Donna L. Challand Trust and Others – Owners
Attorney for the seller: Paul Chadwick - Fearer, Nye & Chadwick - Rochelle

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July Consignment Online Auction
Thursday, July 13th
8AM to Sunday, July 16th 12 Noon
This is an ONLINE Sale ONLY.

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Personal Property: LOTS of vintage toys—including fisher price; Dolls (including Cabbage Patch dolls in box); older advertising memorabilia; seed corn & agriculture advertisements; china; antique glassware; vintage records (many genres); local memorabilia & yardsticks; VHS tapes/DVDS (including unopened Disney VHS); various furniture (some antique); hand tools; garage items; collectibles/figurines; various household items; Too much to list individually! A great variety of really nice items—something for everyone!

Item Viewing: Items will be available for online viewing beginning @ 8am on 7/12/23. If you wish for more information on an item or an appointment to view an item, please contact A & T Auction Services directly.

Item Pick-up: Pick up will be held on Friday, July 21st from 4-6pm at 8821 N. Mulberry Road, Leaf River, IL 61047.

Terms & Conditions: This is an absolute sale. There will be a 10% Buyer's Premium added to all items sold. Items can be purchased with cash, GOOD check, or credit card. There will be a 3.5% fee added to any credit card transaction. Follow A & T Auction Services on Facebook for the Online Sale Link and additional sale information, including pictures, how to register for online bidding, and complete sale terms and conditions.

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July 13th, 14th and 15th from 9AM to 5PM
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PIA #57 07102023

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LOCAL NEWS

From page 6

Learn how Dr. Elizabeth Bach observes plants, explores underground life & tracks the bison at The Nature Conservancy's Nachusa Grasslands! This will be an interactive opportunity at the library to touch & try out tools that are used to listen & speak for nature in our neighborhood. **Registration required, deadline to register Monday, July 10.** **Wednesday, July 12, Activity Time, Let's Get Messy! 1:30 pm (grades 1st & up)** Dress for mess! **Registration required Thursday, July 13, Lego Club, 2 pm (2nd grade & up)**

The club is designed to provide an enjoyable activity (FUN) that stimulates and develops spatial intelligence. **Registration required Saturday, July 15, "Find Your Voice" selected Book titles are due.**

Tuesday, July 18 Teen Tech Afternoon, 1:30 pm (13 yrs. & up) Come to the library for an afternoon of TECH! Another chance to see and use all of the tech offerings that we have, including our 3D pens (bring ideas for your own creations) & Oculus VR headset. Registration required

Thursday, July 20, Speaking with Art, 1:30 pm, (1st grade & up) Do Art Productions will present a workshop of how to turn your voice into characters through art! Registration deadline is Tuesday, July 18.

Adult Summer Reading Program- June 1st through August 11th Join others who are

"too old" for the Children's Summer Reading Program (yes, that includes 18 and up!) for a low-key stress-free Adult Summer Reading program. Oregon Public Library has two ways to record your reading progress. Give the library a call or stop by for more information. We have brain game packets available again this year. Brain game packets completed will be entered into the drawing for the Adult Summer Reading prizes at the end of the program. 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.

Athens to Istanbul – A Journey in Time-Monday, July 10th at 1:00pm (virtual presenter)

This presentation will follow Eugene Flynn's journey from Athens and the Greek Islands to Ephesus and Istanbul. He will touch on the history of ancient and modern sites, as well as, the many sites welcoming people we meet along the way. Eugene Flynn spent 35 years in sales and marketing at major technology firms while occasionally teaching at College of Lake County and Harper College. He is a volunteer at the non-profit Barrington Career Center and serves on the board of the Institute of Continued Learning at Roosevelt University. He holds an M.A. degree from NIU (Sociology) and an MBA from the University of Chicago Booth School of Business. Registration required, call (815) 732-2724 or visit www.oregonpubliclibrary.com

Ink with A Friend Monthly Card Club-Monday, July 17th 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 <http://www.oregonpubliclibrary.com>

Try It Tuesday – Tuesday, July 18th at 1:00pm or 5:30pm (Choose your time slot) Diamond Painting. What is Diamond Painting? Similar to both cross-stitch and paint-by-numbers, diamond painting is a new creative hobby that has taken the world by storm, especially fans of DIY crafts. Crafters have fallen in love with this activity because it is easy to learn and incredibly rewarding. Mastering the basics is a breeze, and crafters describe diamond painting as relaxing and calming. In fact, most say it is more stress-relieving than any other craft. All supplies are provided. This is an adult class. **Registration required**, please call (815) 732-2724 or visit www.oregonpubliclibrary.com

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Harry Potter Trivia Night-Cork N Tap – Thursday, July 20th at 6:30pm

Grab your friends and have a night out of fun! Are you a Harry Potter fan? This trivia will cover the books, movies, and characters. Program intended for 18 and over. Register your team of up to 6 players at (815) 732-2724 or www.oregonpubliclibrary.com. Prizes!

Calling all local authors!!! Local Author Open Mic Night – Wednesday, August 2nd at 6:30pm

Local authors are invited to an open mic night to share poetry, short stories, excerpts of their novels and more. Come and support our local authors. Authors and participants can register at www.oregonpubliclibrary.com or call (815) 732-2724 for more information. **Registration required.**

Book Clubs The 2WBC Book Club meets July 12, at 12:30 pm to discuss Ready Player One by Ernest Cline. Is This Just Fan-

tasy? Book Club will meet July 13 at 6 pm at the Library to discuss Thistlefoot by Gennarose Nethercott. Cocktails & Crimes will meet Sunday, July 16 at 2 pm at Trippy's (formerly Messie's). The Afternoon Book Club meets Wednesday, July 19 at 1 pm to discuss Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens. Books on Tap Book Club meets Thursday, July 27 at 6 pm at Cork & Tap to discuss A Gentleman In Moscow by Amor Towles.

Yoga- Wednesdays, 9:30 am Functional Yin-Yasa - This class is a hybrid of yang (active yoga) with yin (passive yoga). We will use fundamental yoga postures combined with functional movements to build strength and warmth followed by passive, long held poses to help with flexibility and mobility of the joints and soft tissues. A yoga mat and blocks will be useful props for this class! All levels welcome." Oregon Library Patrons only. **Registration required**, this class fills quickly. Please call (815) 732-2724 or visit

www.oregonpubliclibrary.com.

Oregon Writers Group -2nd Tuesday each month at 10:00 am The OWG is a gathering of writers or writer-wannabes who meet to support each other and further their own writing. The purpose of the group is to help and encourage you in your writing. If you need brainstorming ideas, we can help suggest ideas or aid with the creative process.

Passport Services The Oregon Public Library offers Passport Application Processing. Patrons seeking Passport Services should call the Library prior to their visit to ensure that an official processor is available at that time and for a checklist of items, you will need for the appointment.

OPLD Dial-A-Story & Oregon Public Library StoryWalk @ Oregon Park West Call 815-732-2724, follow the prompts and presto...a story! Current story- Maybe by Kobi Yamada. Current story at the StoryWalk is Speak Up, Molly Lou Melon by Patty Lovell.

Rock River Center News

OREGON — Rock River Center is a resource center located at 810 S. 10th Street, Oregon. Do you need help with a 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.

Wood Carvers Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m. All skill levels are welcome. Bring your projects and meet other carvers. No registration required.

Learn to Line Dance

Tuesday & Thursday at 8:30 a.m. Registration requested.

Activities with Mary July 18 at 1:00 pm – **Pictionary** July 18 at 1:45 pm – **Drumming** Sign up by July 17.

Don Tersigni – Comedian and Singer July 19 at 1:00 p.m. Sign up requested by July 17.

Scam & Fraud Update July 24 at 12:00 Noon Advance registration requested.

Activity/Program Information & Registration Please call 815-732-3252 to sign up or for more details. Advance registration requested so we can be prepared

SUPPORT GROUPS @

ROCK RIVER CENTER CANCER SUPPORT GROUP Meets: 4th Wednesday of March, June, Sept. & November Time: 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP – NEW SCHEDULE Meets: 3rd 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.

NIU announces local spring 2023 graduation list

DEKALB — Over 2,200 students received their degrees from Northern Illinois University in May. Included among the graduates were the following students from the local area:

Byron: Lance Cox, Bachelor of Science, "Engineering Technology-Electrical Engineering Technology"; Kenzie Lingel, Master of Business Admin, Business Administration MBA and Jacob Lynde, Bachelor of Science, Mathematics -Mathematics Education.

Davis Junction: Nicolas Kittleson, Bachelor of Science, Operations &

Information Management; Zachary Klonicki, Bachelor of Science, Mechatronics Engineering and Skot Lien, Bachelor of Science, Mechanical Engineering. Forreton: Delaney Buisker, Bachelor of Arts, Anthropology; Katie Krogman, Bachelor of Science in Educ, Elementary Education; Special Education and Hannah Stevens, Bachelor of Science in Educ, Elementary Education: Bilingual/ESL. Kings: Anthony Muratore, Bachelor of Arts, Psychology. Mt. Morris: Austin Myers, Bachelor of Sci-

ence, Mechanical Engineering and Katelyn Smith, Bachelor of Science in Educ, SPED-Learning Behavior Specialist I with PEL. Oregon: Alexandra Ocampo, Bachelor of Science, Psychology and Cristina Tranchina, Bachelor of Science, Nutrition, Dietetics, and Wellness. Polo: Summer Linboom, Bachelor of Science, Early Childhood Education with Preschool Special Education Approval and Taylor Lirgameris, Bachelor of Science, Marketing. Stillman Valley: Julie Blume, Master of Science, Health Sciences.

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<u>Alcohol Abuse Counseling & Recovery</u>	
A.A. Hotline	800-452-7990
Sinnissippi Centers, Inc.	
Oregon	732-3157
Rochelle	562-3801
<u>Domestic Abuse Agency and 24-Hour Shelter and Helpline</u>	
HOPE of Ogle County	562-8890 or 732-7796
Counseling Services, Court Advocacy, Latina Advocacy, and Shelter programs	
<u>Education</u>	
University of Illinois Extension-Ogle County	
421 W Pines Rd, Oregon 61061	732-2191
<u>Low Income Housing</u>	
Ogle County Housing Authority	
200 W Washington, Oregon	732-1301
<u>Habitat for Humanity of Ogle County</u>	
P.) Box 628	
Oregon, IL 61061	732-6855
<u>Mental Health</u>	
Family Counseling Services	
Sinnissippi Centers, Inc.	962-5585
Oregon	732-3157
Rochelle	562-3801
The Serenity Shed Grief Services	732-2499
<u>Senior Citizens Services</u>	
Hub City Senior Center	562-5050
Mt Morris Senior Center	734-6335
Polo Senior Center	946-3818
Rock River Center	732-3252
Oregon, IL	800-541-5479
<u>Sexual Assault/Abuse</u>	
Rockford Sexual Assault Counseling	
24-hour hotline	636-9811
412 W Washington, Oregon	732-0000
<u>Therapeutic</u>	
Pegasus Special Riders	
	973-3177
<u>Veterans' Services</u>	
Rock River Center	732-3252
Serenity Hospice and Home	732-2499
Medical Transportation	677-6515
<u>Wellness Services</u>	
Ogle County Health Dept	
907 Pines Rd, Oregon	562-6976
510 Lincoln Hwy, Rochelle	562-6976
Serenity Hospice and Home	732-2499