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### Grand opening held for BEAM Beauty Bar

On May 19, a grand opening and ribbon cutting were held for BEAM Beauty Bar in Oregon. **A3**



## Two Meridian schools awarded Lighthouse status

'Our vision is that we have small-town values and world-class results'

**STILLMAN VALLEY** — In 2016, Highland Elementary and Monroe Center Grade School in the Meridian CUSD 223 school district began the adoption of Leader in Me. Leader in Me is a character education program based on the 7 Habits of Highly Effective Leaders. This program from Franklin Covey provides direct instruction to students on how they can use the habits to help develop individual skills, skills to collaborate with their peers, and skills to work through peer conflict.

There is over 5,000 Leader in Me schools across the globe, including 74 schools in Illinois. While schools implement Leader in Me they are able to follow a rubric that helps to provide a base for best practice and what exemplary school practices look like. Lighthouse Schools serve as exemplars for other Leader in Me schools around the area, the nation and the globe. As of May 2023, there were less than 700 Lighthouse Schools

worldwide. On Monday, May 22, principals at both Highland Elementary and Monroe Center Grade School were notified that they had achieved Lighthouse status. To become Lighthouse Schools, both Highland Elementary and Monroe Center Grade School went through a rigorous process that included the creation of an evidence binder, multiple visits from their regional coach, and a full-day visit from outside evaluators. Both schools were measured in their outcomes as related to teaching leadership principles, creating a leadership culture, and having aligned academic systems.

Highland Elementary and Monroe Center Grade School will join eight other Illinois Lighthouse schools. "Our vision is that we have small-town values and world-class results, and this is an example of that", stated Dr. PJ Caposey, superintendent of schools. "Less than 14 percent of Leader in Me

schools worldwide are recognized as Lighthouse Schools and having two schools in our small rural district is a testament to the amazing work of our staff, families and most importantly our students", Dr. Joe Mullikin, assistant superintendent and principal of Highland Elementary School, said.

"Seeing the remarkable leadership taken on through the work that is done by staff and students, and the pride that is taken in this work, is one of the most rewarding and exhilarating feelings", Mrs. Deana Simpson, principal at Monroe Center Grade School, said. "I have never been more proud."

Becoming a Lighthouse School is no small task and the staff and students within the district have done incredible work to get to this point in the journey. More information about The Leader in Me program and Lighthouse Schools can be found here: <https://www.leaderinme.org/lighthouse-schools/>.

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- Menards
- Farm & Fleet
- RP Home & Harvest
- Ace Hardware
- Snyder Pharmacy

## OHS students' hard work pays off with Rock River float trip

'This trip means a lot to the students who take the transition class'

**OREGON** — A group of 20 Oregon High School students with special needs had the ride of their lives as they floated down the Rock River as part of a work-based learning opportunity with White Pelican Canoe & Kayak Rental in Oregon. For the second year, the transition program students traveled to White Pelican in Oregon to gain hands-on work experience cleaning

and detailing the canoe and kayak shuttle vans in preparation for the summer. In exchange, the students enjoyed a float trip down the Rock River, leaving from the Oregon Dam at White Pelican headquarters and concluding at Castle Rock State Park, about four miles away or a 90-minute float away.

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## Floski Family Scholarship awarded to Byron's Lily Swiech

**BYRON** — The Floski Family Foundation Scholarship for Service and Leadership was awarded at Byron High School honors night to senior Lily Swiech. During high school, Swiech performed more than 320 hours of public service that the selection committee found applicable.

"Lily's application quickly rose to the top of the stack because she went beyond simply serving existing organizations and created an entirely new structure for giving," selection committee member Betsy Floski said. "In doing so, she not only addressed a need, but she leaves in place



a method of giving with the potential to produce meaningful results for years to come."

Swiech, who served as president of BHS Key Club, is credited with developing "Soctober" during

the month of October. "Socktober" recognizes that the socks are the most-requested personal care item at shelters for displaced adults. Held during October for two years, "Socktober" collected and distributed nearly 1,000 pair of socks to individuals in need. Swiech also volunteered for "Becca's Closet" in Rockford, which collects and distributes prom and homecoming dresses and accessories to young women in need. Swiech hopes to help establish a "Becca's Closet" in the town where she will attend college.

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# LOCAL NEWS



## FLOAT: Students take trip on Rock River

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“This trip means a lot to the students who take the transition class,” Dominic Cozzi, the special education teacher at Oregon Junior High School and teacher of the transition program, said. “They gain real-life experience, and it helps build social skills and rapport with one another. It’s a great cap to end the school year for students who may not otherwise ever have the opportunity to float the Rock River.”

The transition program maintains several community-based partnerships designed to help students gain work experience in



authentic settings. As part of the program, students job sample with local business owners about two hours per week for 12 weeks. Other community partnerships include Hector’s Cocina, Lifeline Food Pantry, Oregon Park District, Oregon Public Library, W@sh, Stronghold Camp and Retreat Center, Ace Hardware, Supervalu, Angel Treasures

in Mount Morris and the Oregon Chamber of Commerce.

The transition program is continually seeking work-based learning opportunities, especially those that come with built-in rewards. For those interested in learning more about the transition program, contact Cozzi at dcozzi@ocusd.net.

## FLOSKI: Swiech receives scholarship

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Swiech is a two-sport athlete who served as president of Key Club for two years; was a member of National Honor Society, National Athletic Honor Society – including being the founder of the BHS chapter; National Honor societies for English and art, and as a member of student council.

“Key to the Floski Family Foundation Scholarship is going beyond service and developing as a young leader,” Floski said. “Lily fulfilled that mission: Not only has she developed into an impressive young leader, but she has helped prepare young-

er students to take over. To us, that’s the hallmark of a true leader – seeing to it that the work will continue after they’ve moved on.”

The \$1,000 Floski Family Foundation Scholarship has been awarded for 15 years to the BHS senior who exhibits growth beyond self-interest and who has served as a young leader as a result. Winners are chosen based on leadership, initiative, and demonstrable levels of service throughout four years of high school. This year’s winner will attend St. Mary’s College in the fall, to study marketing and business management.

## First State Bank Shannon-Polo-Lake Carroll announces promotion

**SHANNON** — On May 23, Robin Wilhelms Saar, president and CEO of First State Bank Shannon-Polo-Lake Carroll, announced the promotion of Julie Janssen to branch manager at FSB Lake Carroll.

Julie joined the FSB team at Lake Carroll in 2021, bringing with her a wealth of community banking knowledge and many years of banking experience. Julie will mentor with Jeff Norton as she transitions into her new branch manager role.

Julie and her husband, Scott, reside outside of Shannon with their three children: Meredith, a senior at University of Illinois at Springfield; Ashley, who has graduated from Highland Community college and transferring to Northern Illinois University; and Trevor, who is finishing his junior year at Eastland High School.

Please join us in congratulating Julie on her well-deserved promotion.



Julie Janssen

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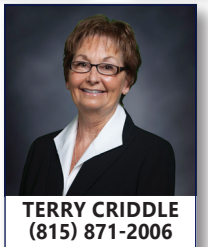
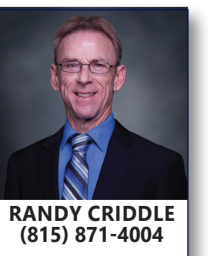
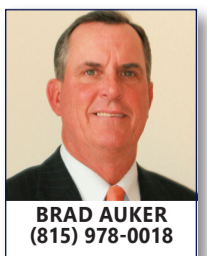
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## OGLE COUNTY SHERIFF

### Man arrested for driving while license revoked

**OREGON** — On May 23 at approximately 11:45 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 200 block of East Hitt Street in Mt. Morris. After investigation, deputies placed Charles Ladenberger, 38, of Mt. Morris under arrest for driving while license revoked. Ladenberger was additionally issued citations for operating an uninsured vehicle and suspended registration. Ladenberger was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

On May 24 at approximately 7:23 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 14,000 block of East Illinois Route-72. After investigation, Anthony P. Cuchiara, 27, of Rochelle, was placed under arrest for driving while license suspended. Cuchiara was also cited for operating a vehicle with suspended registration. Cuchiara was released at the scene and given a future court date.

On May 24 at approximately 12:47 p.m. deputies received a report of theft at the Lost Nation Golf Club. After a brief investigation, deputies located and arrested Benjamin Rhodes, 44, of Dixon for theft under \$500. Rhodes also had two active Lee County warrants for failure to appear. Rhodes was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

On May 26 at approximately 11:54 a.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 5,000 block of Illinois Route 251. After an investigation, deputies arrested Jessy Mefford, 32, of Freeport for driving while license revoked, obstructing a peace officer, no insurance, expired registration and an active warrant out of Whiteside County and Winnebago County. Mefford was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he is being held in lieu of bond.

On May 27 at approximately 5:20 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 4,000 block of Queens Road. After an investigation, deputies arrested Justin Dueringer, 35, of Kings for driving while license revoked. Dueringer was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

On May 27 at approximately 7:08 a.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 9,000 block of East Illinois Route 72. After an investigation, deputies cited Billy Wilson, 34, of Rockford for driving while license suspended. Wilson's vehicle was towed from the scene, and he was given an I-bond. Wilson was

released from the scene.

On May 27 at approximately 2:45 p.m., deputies and the Forreton Police Department, along with Forreton Fire and EMS and Shannon EMS responded to Coffman Road and Illinois Route 26 regarding a two-vehicle accident. After an investigation, Jeremy Harnish, 47, of Freeport, was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol. Harnish was also cited for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident, failure to stop at an intersection and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. Harnish was transported to the Ogle County Jail, where he was held in lieu of bond. The driver and occupants of the second vehicle were transported to FHN by Forreton EMS and Shannon EMS for non-life-threatening injuries.

On May 27 at 5:40 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 2,000 block of North Freeport Road. As a result, Kaci L. Woodward, 38, of Shannon was arrested for driving while license suspended. Woodward was additionally cited for operating an uninsured motor vehicle. Woodward was released on an I-Bond with a court date to appear.

On May 27 at approximately 11:11 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop on Interstate 39 at mile marker 107 northbound. After investigation, deputies placed Jose Aguilar-Benitez, 29, of Belvidere under arrest for driving under the influence of alcohol. Aguilar-Benitez was additionally issued citations for improper lane usage, improper turn signal and no splash guards when required. Aguilar-Benitez was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

On May 28 at approximately 10:30 a.m. deputies with the assistance of Mt. Morris Police and Mt. Morris Fire/EMS responded to the 3,700 block of West Illinois Route 64 for the report of a motorcycle accident. After

a brief investigation, it was determined that Isaac Kaltenbrun, 18, was illegally towing a motorcycle operated by James Kaltenbrun, 47, both of Mt. Morris, when James lost control and crashed onto the north shoulder of Illinois Route 64. James was transported to KSB Hospital in Dixon for non-life-threatening injuries. This incident remains under investigation.

On May 28 at approximately 7:35 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 7,000 block of West Illinois Route 64. After investigation, deputies placed Andrew Swift, 36, of Mt. Morris under arrest for an active Lee County failure to appear theft warrant and possession of methamphetamine less than five grams (class three felony) and possession of drug paraphernalia. Swift was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held pending a court appearance in front of a judge.

On May 29 at approximately 12:51 a.m. deputies along with Lynn Scott Rock EMS were dispatched to the intersection of North Illinois Route 251 and Rolling Meadows Road for a two-vehicle accident involving a bicycle. After examining the scene, it was determined that a 2013 Nissan Pathfinder, driven by Amanda Wallin, 40, of Davis Junction, was traveling southbound on North Illinois Route 251. Wallin attempted to turn eastbound on Rolling Meadows Road, at which time she struck a bicyclist, identified as Dong Kim, 61, of Des Plaines, who was traveling northbound through the intersection of North Illinois Route 251 and Rolling Meadows Road. Kim was transported to Swedish American Hospital where he was treated for minor injuries. Wallin was issued a citation for failure to yield at an intersection with a court date later next month.

*All individuals are considered innocent until proven guilty.*



### Grand opening and ribbon cutting held for BEAM Beauty Bar

**OREGON** — On Friday, May 19, Justine Beaman, owner of BEAM Beauty Bar, hosted a grand opening and ribbon cutting at 101 S. 4th St., Suite 108 in Oregon.

Beaman's business provides Botox injectables, lip filler, lip flips, free consultations and more. She is a board-certified advanced practice nurse that has 19 years of experience in healthcare from emergency and trauma to psychiatric care, geriatric care and now aesthetics.

She decided to start her aesthetics practice in Oregon because she wanted to offer high-end services to rural communities. Instead of driving into

Rockford or the city, rural women and men can have access to her services, close to home. Beaman also chose to open her practice in the old Commerce Building in Oregon because three other woman-owned businesses who focus on beauty operate in that building. Bella Lusso Skin Studio provides facials and more, WINK Lash & Beauty Bar provides eye lash extensions and Cas Grover Microblading provides eyebrow microblading and more.

Instead of competing, the four businesses support one another and provide the same mission, to help local women (and men) look and feel beautiful.

### Ogle sheriff's office announces 'Click It or Ticket' campaign numbers

**OREGON** — The Ogle County Sheriff's Office announced May 31 it issued 108 total citations during the recent Memorial Day "Click It or Ticket" enforcement period.

While Illinois' 2022 seat belt compliance rate was 93%, unbelted occupants still account for more than half of those killed in traffic crashes. The "Click It or Ticket" campaign aims to change the behavior of the millions of people who don't buckle up. Thousands of lives could be saved each year if every vehicle occupant was properly restrained when traveling.

During the enforcement period, sheriff's deputies issued 108 citations for violations that included the following offenses: six arrests for driving under the influence, 15 arrests for revoked/suspended/no

valid driver's licenses, one felony drug arrest, two misdemeanor drug arrests, two arrests for drivers with outstanding arrest warrants, 28 citations for speeding offenses, seven citations for uninsured motorists, nine citations for registration violations, three

citations for no seat belt violations and three citations for improper lane usage violations.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Obituaries

### Betty J. Brunner

**OREGON** — Betty J. Brunner, 91, passed away peacefully at Allure of Pinecrest Nursing Home in Mt. Morris on May 23, 2023. She was born in Oregon, IL on August 4, 1931 the daughter of Rossell and Grace (Buhs) Brunner. She lived her entire life in Oregon. She graduated from Oregon High School in 1949 but never really left as she was secretary to the principal and superintendent until she retired in 1993. She was also the Sunday school secretary for the Oregon United Methodist Church. She loved sewing, quilting, handcrafts and her family and friends. Her family sincerely thank her devoted friends who sustained our precious "B" in her golden years, Shirley Mains and Sandy Sullivan.



She is survived by her brother Roger Brunner of Oregon; Nephew Kenneth Brunner (Kathy) of Oklahoma; Niece Cynthia Fegter of Florida; great nephew Noah Fegter (Melanie); great niece Amber Fegter; great-great nieces Lindley and Natayln Fegter; and many cousins.

A private Graveside service will be held on Friday, May 26th, 2023. A public Celebration of Life will take place in her honor at Farrell Holland Gale Funeral Home of Oregon, IL on Saturday, June 10, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. The family is also going to be setting up a scholarship fund in Betty's name to be awarded to a worthy Oregon High School Graduate next year.

Please visit [www.farrellhollandgale.com](http://www.farrellhollandgale.com) for upcoming details regarding the Betty J. Brunner Scholarship fund. You may also leave an online condolence at the funeral home website.

Betty was preceded in death by her parents Rossell and Grace (Buhs) Brunner; baby sister Ruth Elizabeth Brunner; and her sweetheart Dick Krizan.

### Blane M. Powell

**OREGON** — Blane M. Powell, age 23, passed away on Saturday, May 27, 2023 in Valdosta, GA. Blane was born in Dixon on August 20, 1999 and is the son of Jill Shuman and Brandonn Powell.



grandparents, Jim and Diane Shuman of Oregon, Amy Powell and Irene Fordham of Sublette; great-grandparents, Glenn and Pat Stroh of Oregon; brothers, Ben Powell of Oregon and Brady Powell of Holloman Air Force Base in NM; step siblings, Dylan (Karrie) Shaw of Earlville, Colton Shaw of Fort Campbell in KY, Ethan Shaw of Amboy, Evan Shaw of Spring Valley, Gabe Shaw of Amboy, and Chrissy Shaw of Spring Valley; aunts, Kristi Shuman, Nicole Carreno, and Mikki Jo Perrine; and many cousins.

Blane loved playing soccer and played all four years for Oregon High School before graduating in 2017. After graduation, Blane chose to proudly serve his country in the United States Air Force and was currently stationed at Moody Air Force Base in Valdosta, GA.

In his spare time, he could be found online gaming or watching sports on tv. He also enjoyed going to watch dirt track car races.

He is survived and missed by his mother, Jill (Neil) Shaw of Oregon; father, Brandonn Powell of Rock Falls;

A visitation was held from 10-12 pm on Saturday, June 2, 2023 at Farrell Holland Gale Funeral Home in Oregon. Memorials may be directed to the family. To leave an online condolence please visit [www.farrellhollandgale.com](http://www.farrellhollandgale.com)

## County electronics recycling event is June 23

**OREGON** — The Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department (OCSWMD) will be hosting a residential electronics recycling event on Friday, June 23 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 909 Pines Road in Oregon.

This event is for Ogle County residents only and a free permit is required in advance of the event. To obtain a free permit call 815-732-4020 or email [solidwaste@oglecounty-il.gov](mailto:solidwaste@oglecounty-il.gov) and provide your name, address, phone number and email address by 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 22.

Accepted items include all televisions and com-

puter monitors, computers, computer hardware and cables, laptops, tablets, cell phones, printers, FAX machines, scanners, shredders (no tubs), copiers, video gaming equipment, DVD/VCRs, cable/satellite boxes, stereo equipment, radios, digital clocks, cameras, calculators, phone systems, holiday light strands, extension cords, rechargeable batteries, printer ink cartridges, CD/DVDs and CFL bulbs. Microwave ovens accepted for \$5 per unit. Cash or check accepted.

Limit seven large or bulky items per permit and one permit per coun-

ty household per month. Business or institutional electronic materials not accepted at these events. Business or institutional electronics are accepted by the OCSWMD via a separate program. Call the number above for more information and pricing for business electronic recycling, and to make an appointment for drop off of the materials to be recycled.

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

### Report policy

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

Police, the Ogle County Sheriff's Department and the Illinois State Police, will be printed without exception. Requests to omit particular reports will not be considered or honored at any time.

### Edward 'Ed' Rasmussen

**FLAGG CENTER** — Edward "Ed" Rasmussen was born in Amboy, IL on August 17th, 1945 to Wesley and LaVonne (Yonk) Rasmussen. He passed away Tuesday, May 30th, 2023 at the Franklin Grove Living and Rehabilitation Center under the care of Serenity Hospice after a long illness.



He was preceded in death by his parents, Wesley and LaVonne Rasmussen, brothers Jerry and Vernon Rasmussen, and his current wife Gail Rasmussen, and prior wives Nona and Vicki.

He is survived by his sons Michael (Monica) Rasmussen of Dixon, Rick (Bonnie) Rasmussen of Eldena, several step-children and his grandchildren Madaleine, Eric, Emily, Hunter, and Chase. Ed enjoyed hunting, fishing, and trapshooting.

At Ed's request, there will be no funeral or memorial service. Cremation rites have been accorded. In lieu of a memorial the family asks that you simply take a child hunting or fishing, or just simply go out and enjoy the great outdoors.

### Christopher James Schulte

**DIXON** — It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of Christopher James Schulte of Dixon, IL, who passed away at the age of 49, on May 6th, 2023. He was a cherished son, brother, father & grandfather that had a remarkable soul full of love and laughter. His presence will forever be missed, but his legacy of love, humor, compassion, and unwavering spirit will continue to inspire us. Chris was in the United States Marines from 1993-1997 and was stationed as far as Diego Garcia to California and completed several Westpac tours during his time; traveling far from his hometown of Forreton, IL. He also worked various manufacturing and welding jobs in California and in Illinois. Being a father & grandfather brought him immeasurable happiness and his memory will be forever treasured in their hearts. He also enjoyed spending time fishing and going on boat rides on the Rock River with his family. He was a dog lover and had a special connection with all the dogs in his life.



Chris is survived and will be dearly missed by his daughter, Rebecca Schulte of Los Angeles, CA; his granddaughter,

Allyson Morales of Los Angeles, CA; his father Edwin Schulte of Dixon; his brothers, Eric (Amy) Schulte of Rockford; Austin (Natalie) Schulte of Greenfield, WI; Steve (Marjie) Lundquist of Mt. Morris; his sisters, Sandy (Stan) Reynolds of Oregon; Nicole (Magnus) Myklatun of Grand Detour; and several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins. He is preceded in death by his mother, Rebecca Schulte, stepmother, Sharon Schulte, and grandparents, Elmer & Francis Schulte and Joe & Ester Kent.

A private service will be held for the family. After the service a celebration of life for Chris will be held from 4:00-7:00 PM on Tuesday, June 13th, 2023, at the Oregon VFW, 1310 W. Washington St, Oregon, IL 61061. To honor Chris in lieu of flowers, a memorial fund is established in Chris's name at Granny Rose Animal Shelter in Dixon, IL. Please continue to share photos and special memories on either his Facebook page or directly with his daughter. These special memories mean the world to his family and keeps his legacy alive for his granddaughter, Ally.



**Polo Lions Club awards scholarships to 6 PCHS students**  
On Wednesday, May 10 at the Polo Community High School awards night, the Polo Lions Club gave six seniors a \$500 scholarship. From left to right: Katherine Cavanaugh, Carley Kness, Ally Cytrych, Brady Wolber, Annalise Stamm and Carson Jones.



### Kishwaukee Community Evangelical Presbyterian Church offers books

After several months' planning, Kishwaukee Community Evangelical Presbyterian Church now offers inspirational, encouraging reading for the Stillman Valley community at 118 W. Pershing. Books are available for little ones through grown-ups. Whether you're "a churchgoer" or not, feel free to browse, keep, share or return these Christian materials. In time, we hope to set up a Facebook page for this resource for recommendations and book discussions.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Memorial golf play day honoring Jonathon Knodle is June 17

**BYRON** — Serenity Hospice and Home will be holding its Annual Jonathon Knodle Memorial Golf Play Day. This event honors the life of Jonathon Knodle, the son of Lynn and Doug Knodle, who died in 1990. He was cared for by Serenity Hospice (formerly Ogle County Hospice) in the final months of his life.

Both Doug and Lynn became passionate volunteers for Serenity following his death, and Lynn is now the CEO. The Golf Play Day has raised over \$325,000 for Serenity Hospice & Home, helping them to provide the highest quality care to patients and their families.

Proceeds from this year's Golf Play Day

will specifically support Serenity's pediatric care. Serenity is one of the few hospices in the area who accepts pediatric patients. Learn more, view a video about Serenity's pediatric patient, Amelia, and register on the event webpage: <https://golfplayday.cbo.io>.

The Golf Play Day will be held on Saturday, June 17 at PrairieView Golf Course, located at 7993 N. River Road, Illinois Route 72 and German Church Road, Byron. Check-in begins at 7 a.m. and the shotgun start is at 8 a.m. There will be a best ball scramble, on-course contests, raffles and more.

For more information, call Serenity Hospice and Home at 815-732-2499.



**13 Polo students awarded William and Beverly Burkardt Family Foundation scholarships**

Thirteen Polo High School seniors were awarded scholarships from the William and Beverly Burkardt Family Foundation on May 10. Since 2012 the William & Beverly Burkardt Family Foundation have awarded 92 scholarships. Those receiving scholarships were left to right: Rebekah Ziegler, Anna Faivre, Ally Cytrych, Katie Cavanaugh, Teah Almasy, Kamryn Stockton, presenters Paula & Mike Faivre, Carson Jones, Annalise Stamm, Cody Buskohl, Lindee Poper, Molly Blum, Brady Wolber and Cayden Webster.

### POLO POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Juvenile cited for illegal squealing of tires

**POLO** — On May 24 at 8:40 p.m. a 16-year-old male juvenile of Lanark was cited for illegal squealing of tires. The male was released on an I-Bond.

On May 24 at 8:58 p.m. Zakary X. Johnston, 17, Forreston, was cited for no valid Illinois driver's license and operation of a motor vehicle with an expired registration. Johnston was released on a promise to comply.

On May 27 at 11:25 p.m. Seth A. Wiseman, 22, Sterling, was cited for operation of an uninsured motor vehicle and given a written warning for no rear registration plate light. Wiseman was released on an I-Bond.

On May 28 at 12:29 a.m. Joseph L. Bradshaw III, 25, Freeport, was cited for operation of an uninsured motor vehicle and a verbal warning for no rear registration

plate light.

On May 29 at 8:53 p.m. Tristan C. Truitt, 19, Polo, was cited for illegal use of a cell phone while driving. Truitt was released on an I-Bond.

General calls for service for the weeks of May 15-28 - citizen complaints/assists: eight, disturbance/domestic: two, fire/medical assist: six, 911 hang up: four and traffic stops: 68.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Stillman Bank awards Eickman Scholarship to four area students

OGLE COUNTY – Stillman Trust & Wealth Management is pleased to announce the winners of the Eickman Scholarship, an annual scholarship awarded to four area high school seniors who are interested in pursuing a career in medicine. The 2023 recipients are: Ava Krall, Byron High School; Caelyn Langley, Oregon High School; Anna Harvey, Rochelle Township High School; and Madison McCammond, Stillman Valley High School. Each student received a \$2,000 scholarship.

Now in its 28th year, the scholarship fund was established by former Stillman Bank President William E. Eickman as a way to give back to the Ogle County community. Eickman was always grateful to the people of Ogle County for their support, recognizing that they were the reason for the bank's success since 1882.

The scholarship is available to high school seniors attending school in Byron, Oregon, Rochelle and Stillman Valley. The fund is designed to award a scholarship, not less than \$1,500, to one recipient from each of these four communities. Each year, committees review all of the applications that are submitted, and from this process, finalists from each school are selected for personal interviews with the review committees.

"Stillman Bank is pleased to present these scholarships on behalf of the William E. Eickman Scholarship Trust," Joseph McCoy, Stillman Bank trust officer, said. "Mr. Eickman was a strong advocate for investing in our communities and this scholarship promotes his ongoing commitment to help local students further their education. We look forward to seeing the future accomplishments of this year's scholarship recipients."

Any high school senior at Byron, Oregon,



Harvey



McCammond



Krall



Langley

Rochelle or Stillman Valley High Schools who is interested in applying for the Eickman Scholarship is encouraged to inquire with their guidance counselor. Application forms are available from each school's respective counseling office and must be submitted by the assigned

deadline. A copy of the student's high school transcript and proof of acceptance at an accredited college or university must be attached to the application.

For more information about Stillman Bank, please visit [www.stillmanbank.com](http://www.stillmanbank.com).



## Stillman Bank sponsors financial literacy program for high school students

Over 1,000 students have participated over 11 years.

STILLMAN VALLEY – For the 11th consecutive year, Stillman Bank was pleased to sponsor one of the latest initiatives to bring financial literacy education to area high school students, by providing them with access to the EverFi™ Financial Literacy Program. Over the last 11 years, over 1,000 students have participated in the program as part of their consumer education class at Stillman Valley High School.

This interactive web-based program uses the latest in new media technologies – simulations, 3-D gaming and social networking – to bring complex financial concepts to life for today's digital generation. The course is designed to empower young people with the essential skills needed to make sound financial decisions. Stillman Bank provides this program to these high school students at no cost to the school.

The 10-unit course offers over six hours of programming in a variety of financial topics including credit scores, insurance, credit cards, student loans,

mortgages, taxes, stocks, savings, 401ks, and other critical concepts that map to national financial literacy standards. The platform uniquely tracks the progress and performance of every student.

23 SVHS students successfully completed the program this semester: Alex Bengtson, Anna Bogner, LeAnn Brinkmeyer, Kiera Carow, Chase Clegg, Makayla Dodrill, Evan Hammerley, Henry Hildreth, Sada Hughes, Brooke Jordal, Jackson Martindale, Luke Miller, Mia Mueller, Brock Needs, Aidan Oates, Michael Orlando, Micah Reed, Ryan Rueff, Laura Sanchez, Marcos Serrano, Makayla Syfert, Ava Thompson and Jace Utley.

Students recently received certificates for their completion of the course as well as a pizza party. For more information on the EverFi™ Financial Literacy Program or to find out more about Stillman Bank's products and services, please call (815) 645-2266 or visit [www.stillmanbank.com](http://www.stillmanbank.com).

## Stillman Bank to host free community shred day

STILLMAN VALLEY – Stillman Bank will be hosting a free Community Shred Day on Saturday, June 17. A shred truck will be on-site to safely dispose of your personal documents and information, and help you avoid becoming a victim of identity theft and fraud.

Shredding will be offered at Stillman Bank in Stillman Valley from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. and at Stillman Bank in Byron from 10:15

a.m. to noon. Anyone is welcome to take advantage of this free service to dispose of personal papers and unwanted documents in a safe, secure way.

Individuals may bring up to six boxes, weighing less than 35 pounds each, full of items to be shredded. Suggested items include those that contain personal information such as names and addresses, birthdates, social security and insurance numbers,

and banking and credit card information. Documents may contain staples and paperclips, and most non-plastic file folders are also accepted. For a complete list of acceptable shredding items, please contact Stillman Bank at (815) 645-2266.

For more information on Stillman Bank, or to find out more about Stillman's products and services, please visit [www.stillmanbank.com](http://www.stillmanbank.com).

## UMC blood drive is June 13

LEAF RIVER — The Leaf River United Methodist Church is hosting a Community Blood Drive on Tuesday, June 13. Staff from the Rock River Valley Blood Center will draw blood between 1-6 p.m. Why do people give blood? Because they like to help others — and because giving feels amazing. In busy, complicated times, giving blood is an easy, meaningful way to make a difference. In fact, this simple gift can enhance the lives of up to three people. Giving blood only takes about one

relaxing hour, and we — and your body — do all of the work. Remember, blood is a gift — straight from the heart. Your heart. Please share it today!

If you are at least 17 years old (16 years old with parental consent), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in general good health, you should be eligible to donate blood.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, contact Cheryl at 815/238-0293, or the Rock River Valley Blood Center at 815/965-8751.

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# LOCAL NEWS



## Mt. Morris PorchFest is June 10

**MT. MORRIS** — The sixth-annual Encore! PorchFest Mt. Morris is Saturday, June 10. PorchFest is the ultimate grassroots community music festival. Many favorites from past years, along with some new musicians will perform 45-minute sets on community porches and lawns throughout the festival area between 1-5 p.m. The audience picks their choices from a schedule and moves from location to location. Bring your lawn chairs or sit in the grass, walk or ride your bike.

Performing this year:  
 Acoustic Axis - Two acoustic guitars, Classic Rock, Blues and Classic Country.  
 Denny Diamond - Known for performing Neil Diamond, plus other Classics.  
 Denny Jacobs - Easy listening to Oldies. Guitar and Vocal Folk and Blue Singer.  
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With a few more are expected as the list continues to grow.

Schedules with map, porch locations, music, and food information are available online at [EncorePorchFest.info](http://EncorePorchFest.info). Find more info about all Encore! and Mt. Morris activities at [EncoreMtMorris.com](http://EncoreMtMorris.com).



## Popcorn, veggies, more at Byron Hairy Cow Farmer's Market

Dave Ewald, Stillman Valley, grows and sells a variety of home-grown popcorn and vegetables. Stop by Byron Hairy Cow Farmer's Market on Saturday mornings from 8 a.m. to noon next to the Hairy Cow Brewery. For more information or to become a vendor, please contact Taryn Bradley at (815) 985-6042, by email at [craftlab23@gmail.com](mailto:craftlab23@gmail.com) or through the Byron Hairy Cow Farmer's Market Facebook page.

## Classic rock and soul band Generation to open 2023 Mt. Morris Jamboree

**MT. MORRIS** — Consummate entertainer David Huizenga brings his high energy classic rock and soul band, Generation, back to Mt. Morris to open its 11th annual free concert season on Friday, June 9 at 7 p.m.

Generation brings it all to the stage! It's a "rock show" of iconic, popular hits not defined by decades...but some of the best groundbreaking music of our time! Beatles to Stones...Bowie to Led Zepplin...Aretha to Sly Stone...songs always sure to bring smiling faces in the crowd! This Band is powerful.... the songs unforgettable.... a performance that makes the audience part of the excitement and fun, happening on stage!

David Huizenga, the front man, with his unique style and incredible energy is the ultimate entertainer. Then there's Stefanie Berez, with her jaw-dropping, soulful vocals covering the "women in rock" from artists like Ann Wilson (Heart) to Tina Turner. Dave and Stef cover the groups, the front men and male/female solo artists, often trading off verses in duets, making these songs their own, but keeping true to the original artists. All backed by a fabulous



band with a bit of ZanyAntics from the Generation horn section, "The Brasscals", puts this group at a level that you'd expect of national touring acts!

The Mt. Morris Moose Lodge will be serving concessions for the evening starting at 6 p.m. They'll have chicken strips, French fries, cheese fries, onion rings, cheese curds and fried mushrooms, with pop and water to drink. One or two ice cream trucks will likely be there, too.

Bring a blanket or chair, or enjoy the new benches and join the fun on the beautiful, historic campus in the center of Mt. Morris, two blocks south of Illinois Route 64 on Wesley Avenue and enjoy the free rock & roll concert.

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**June 8**  
 Serenity Hospice & Home's Lunch Group will meet at 11:30 a.m. at Prairie Fire, 6734 N. German Church Road, Byron.

**June 8**  
 Rock River Valley Blood Center will hold a blood drive at United Church of Byron, 701 W. 2nd St., Byron on Thursday, June 8, from 12:30-6:30 pm. Reservations would be helpful. To schedule an appointment, visit [rvbc.org](http://rvbc.org) or call 815-965-8751 or call the church office at 815-234-8777. The church is located on the corner of 2nd Street and Colfax, next door to Generations at Neighbors. The church is handicap accessible.

**June 9**  
 Serenity Hospice & Home's C.A.F.E. will meet from 9-10 a.m. at The Serenity Home, 1658 S. Illinois Route 2, Oregon. This group is for all bereaved in the community.

**June 10**  
 Stillman Valley Farmers Market at the Recreational

Park on Washington Street, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**June 10**  
 At 5 p.m., Pegasus Special Riders will be hosting its annual picnic. Weather permitting, the event will include a demonstration of PSR's services. The food will be provided by Ralphie and LuLu's, providing a pork chop sandwich dinner, and homemade ice cream for dessert. There will be a silent auction and tour of the new building, which is nearing completion.

**June 10**  
 Come and join us at Byron's Hairy Cow Farmers Market on Saturday, June 10 from 8 a.m. to noon. Featuring seasonal produce, baked goods, farm fresh eggs, perennials, honey and a large variety of crafts. We have more vendors than ever before, including the Black Pearl Coffee truck, 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](mailto:craftlab23@gmail.com) or at the Byron's Hairy Cow Farmers Facebook page.

**June 14**  
 The Mt. Morris Kable Band begins its 127th season of Wednesday night concerts June 14. Concerts are held at the Reckmeyer Band Shell on the Mt. Morris Campus. Concerts are every Wednesday from June 14 to Aug. 2, 7:30 p.m. Also, a patriotic concert will be presented prior to the Let Freedom Ring fireworks behind the former DLR school, July 4, 7:30 p.m.

Watch for weekly information re: guest soloists and performers. Concerts are under the direction of Andy Eckardt. The band brings a variety of music selections... something for everyone. Bench seating is provided, or bring a lawn chair. Ice cream socials served by local organizations begin at 7 p.m.

**June 15**  
 Coffee & conversations with special guest Colonel Guy DeBoo is Thursday, June 15 at 10 a.m. at the Byron Community Center, 131 N. Washington St., Byron. Enjoy a light brunch and learn on how to fight the war on disease in your family. It is free and all are welcome to attend.

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## MOMENTS IN TIME

\* On June 14, 1777, the Second Continental Congress passed the Flag Resolution, which determined that the U.S. flag would consist of 13 alternating red and white stripes and 13 white, five-pointed stars on a blue background.

\* On June 12, 1817, the earliest form of bicycle -- known as the Laufmaschine in German and in English by the derogatory term "dandy horse" -- was demonstrated by its inventor, Karl Drais.

\* On June 16, 1903, Pepsi-Cola became an official trademark. The Pepsi Cola Company had launched just the year before, to immediate success, and by 1910, boasted more than 200 franchises in 24 states.

\* On June 18, 1978, American serial killer and sex offender Jeffrey Dahmer murdered his first victim just three weeks after his high school graduation. Dahmer had lured 18-year-old hitchhiker Steven Mark Hicks to his house with the promise of a few beers.

\* On June 13, 1981, Queen Elizabeth II was shot at with six blank rounds by Marcus Sarjeant while she was riding a horse. The queen managed to keep her horse under control and was not injured. When police questioned Sarjeant about his motives, he said: "I wanted to be famous. I wanted to be a somebody."

\* On June 17, 1985, fighter pilot and Saudi prince Sultan bin Salman Al Saud became the first Arab, the first Muslim and the first member of a royal family to fly into space, on NASA's Discovery Space Shuttle, as a payload specialist. He chose not to fast for Ramadan while he was training and in space, but brought a small Koran along for the trip, with a prayer from his mother asking God to protect travelers, and tied his feet to the shuttle floor to prostrate himself in prayer as best he could.

\* On June 15, 2019, Babe Ruth's baseball jersey became the most expensive sports memorabilia in history when it sold for a staggering \$5.6 million. According to Hunt Auctions, the jersey dated to between 1928 and 1930 and broke the previous record of \$4.4 million set by a 1920 Ruth jersey.

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

# How the left and right exploit our election system

**A**N April 25 NBC News report signifies the kind of choice that we'll likely face in the 2024 presidential election. It revealed an approval rating of 34 percent for Donald Trump versus a similarly-pitiful 38 percent for Joe Biden. 60 percent didn't want Mr. Trump to run. 70 percent said the same of President Biden.

Yet both seem certain to be nominated by their respective parties. This forced choice comes to us from an election system that too often fails to represent the people. It's a problem that we can fix, if we have the will.

The flaws in our system of primary elections for nominating political candidates were open to view in 2020, when the Democratic Party came close to fielding socialist Bernie Sanders for president. It was also apparent in the 2022 House and Senate contests, when the Republican Party nominated extremist candidates, at the cost of its expected landslide victory.

Primary elections normally attract only a small percentage of the voting public. Fewer than eight percent of eligible voters, for example, participated when progressive Democratic Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez first won in 2018. Fringe candidates can triumph with the support of fewer than half of the voters in these winner-take-all contests, as moderate contenders divide the rest among themselves. That's how Donald Trump was able to win primaries in state after state in 2016 and go on to dominate the Republican convention.

The success of this divide-and-conquer strategy is

rooted in well-intentioned reforms that largely did away with the control that party bosses used to have over the selection of candidates. The unintended consequence was, as Steven Levitsky and Daniel Ziblatt explain, in their book, "How Democracies Die," to eliminate the "guardrails" that those leaders had provided against radical candidates.

Gerald Sieb, in the April 22 Wall Street Journal, describes how the following decades further weakened the political parties, with laws limiting their fundraising, court decisions opening the floodgates to election spending by outsiders, and the advent of on-line fundraising by candidates. Mr. Sieb favors laws to reverse those trends and strengthen party organizations.

Other reformers seek to advantage moderate candidates through non-partisan primaries and ranked-choice voting. Alaska introduced a promising version of that approach in time for the 2022 election.

Candidates in Alaska now participate in a single primary election that includes all contestants and voters, regardless of party. The top four winners then move on to the general election, where voters can rank them in the order of their preference. If no candidate wins a majority, the lowest one is eliminated.

His/her supporters' votes are then distributed among the other contenders, based on who they identified as their second choices. If there's still no candidate above 50 percent, the next lowest is eliminated in the same way. At this point, one of the two remaining

contestants will have a majority and will be declared the winner.

The idea behind this and similar reforms in some other states is, first of all, to ensure that no candidate wins a primary or general election without earning the support of a majority of the voters, as too often happens today. It also discourages extremism and negative campaigning. Candidates need to appeal to a broad range of the public, and avoid offending other contestants' followers, in order to prevail in the elimination rounds.

Alaska's system seems to have had the intended effect in 2022, when Lisa Murkowski, a moderate Republican Senator, was reelected. Under the previous system, she wouldn't have made it past the hard-liners in the Republican primary.

Reforms like Alaska's appear to be growing in popularity. They nevertheless won't by themselves bring about a golden age of harmony to our polarized society. Nor will they address other structural flaws that threaten our democracy, including the Electoral College, the undemocratic Senate, and gerrymandered election districts.

What they can do is impair the ability of the Left and Right to exploit our election system, and help return the advantage to the broad center, the core of the American people, who have for too long been neglected in politics.

*Lowell Harp is a retired school psychologist who served school districts in Ogle County. His column runs periodically in The Ogle County Life. For previous articles, you can follow him on Facebook at <http://fb.me/lowellharp>.*



Lowell Harp

## New law prohibiting discrimination against pregnant workers

**A**RE you pregnant? Are you planning to get pregnant? Are you in a relationship?

I squirmed uncomfortably as my boss asked these questions to a finalist for a job opening. I'd identified the person as a promising journalist, but he wanted to do the final screening.

The questions he asked had little to do with her experience and much to do with the candidate's child-bearing plans. This incident happened more than a decade ago when I was in management for a different employer.

I would like to say that I stood up and interrupted the interrogation and said, "You can't ask those questions." But to my shame, I remained silent. I didn't want to lose my job.

Only a few months earlier, the same boss became infuriated when another woman announced her pregnancy shortly after she'd been hired.

He said he'd been "tricked" and "deceived" and that he wanted me to fire her. I wouldn't. (Interestingly enough, he could have fired her himself, but for some reason didn't.)

Instead, I spent nearly nine months being harangued daily by my supervisor about the woman's continued employment. It was a miserable experience. He was gestating a grudge.

Call me a Pollyanna, but until this experience it never occurred to me that some employers would retaliate against a worker for getting pregnant.

I grew up in a family business. When my parents learned someone was expecting, it was considered a matter to celebrate. Yes, there was the inconvenience of finding someone to fill in during a maternity leave. But it never would have crossed their minds to penalize someone.

A few days ago, I read about Becky Hammon, the coach for the WNBA team the Las Vegas Aces, being suspended for making inappropriate remarks about the pregnancy of one of her players, Dearica Hamby.

Hamby alleged the Aces "bullied, manipulated and discriminated against" her after she told the team she was pregnant.

"I was asked if I planned my pregnancy," she wrote of the Aces in her statement. "When I responded, 'no,' I was then told that I 'was not taking precautions to not get pregnant.'"

Here's a thought, it's nobody else's business whether a pregnancy is planned or not.

In fact, according to the Guttmacher Institute, 45 percent of all pregnancies in the United States are unintended.

In other words, walk into any preschool and about half of the kids you will see were an oops. Or just look in the mirror and remember your own parents were probably batting .500.

But unplanned doesn't necessarily mean unwanted or unloved.

One of the things that stands out about the Hamby story is that the abuse she allegedly endured came at the hands of another woman.

Her coach, Hammon, was a trailblazer in her own right. She was an Olympian, a professional basketball player, only the second female to be an assistant NBA coach, and she is one of the most highly-regarded coaches in the WNBA.

And yet, she apparently hassled another woman for getting pregnant.

Perhaps I should find this surprising. But when I was enduring abuse from my own boss for not firing a pregnant worker, a female editor kept chiming in, "I've seen pregnancy just ruin otherwise good reporters."

Her tone made one think she was describing a prize canine bred by the neighbors' mutt right before competing in the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show. Every time she'd say it, I'd roll my eyes and wonder how someone could be that stupid.

Next month, a new federal law goes into effect that requires employers with more than 15 employees to make reasonable accommodations for pregnant workers. Such workers could not be denied employment opportunities or retaliated against for requesting a reasonable accommodation.

My friend and Springfield native former U.S. Rep. Cheri Bustos helped spearhead that measure into law.

"Like many women, I have seen the impact that it can have on a career when an employer refuses to consider accommodations for a pregnancy," she said. "Years ago, when I was still early in my career, I was up for a promotion. At the time, I had two children at home.

During my interview, I was asked if I had child care and if I planned to have more children. I replied that I had everything in my personal life in the right place.

"Despite having more experience, an excellent track record and having been with my employer longer, weeks later it was announced that I did not get the promotion. The person who did was single, with no children at home."

Bustos asked that I not identify the employer. That's understandable. No one wants to talk badly about a former employer. And that's why I, too, have held off on identifying the outfit where I had my bad experience.

But an interesting aspect of Bustos' situation was that it was a female supervisor who questioned her about whether she planned another pregnancy. In my case, the pressure to fire a pregnant worker came from a man.

Discrimination can come from all quarters.

And that is why I'm glad we will soon have a law protecting all pregnant workers.

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Scott Reeder



# LOCAL NEWS

## Oregon Lions award 2023 scholarships

Oregon Lion Steve Pennock presented Oregon Lions Scholarships to two Oregon High School graduating seniors during the Oregon High School awards night at the Rock River Center. The recipients of these awards are Kendra Ehrlich and Grace Eisenrich. Congratulations to both young women. From left to right: Eisenrich, Pennock and Kendra Ehrler.



## Oregon Lions Club Loses a Special Member

It was with great sadness that the Oregon Lions Club said goodbye to a beloved member, Lion Dave Stenger, who recently passed away. Dave, a longstanding Lions member, served the club faithfully for many years in a variety of different capacities. He was a devoted father, loving husband, exceptional mentor, industrious public servant and a friend to many. Thanks Dave for a life well-lived!

## Fourth graders at Kings School take part in GPS scavenger hunt

**KINGS** — Students in fourth grade at Kings Elementary School recently discovered the importance of GPS to farmers through an Ag in the Classroom program. Some uses of GPS in agriculture include: field mapping, soil sampling, crop scouting, tractor guidance and variable rate applications. GPS allows farmers to have tractors with auto-steer. This helps so there is not overlapping

of seeds, chemicals, fertilizers, etc. GPS allows farmers to plant more seeds in richer soil and fewer seeds in poorer soils. It is also used when applying fertilizer. Instead of the whole field receiving the same amount of fertilizer, the amount of application is based on the needs of the soil. After hearing information about GPS, students participated in a GPS

scavenger hunt. They were trying to be the first to collect 11 letters to spell a word. Once the letters were unscrambled they found the word was agriculture. Agriculture in the Classroom is a program to help students gain a greater awareness of the role of agriculture in the economy and society. Students learn that thousands of farm products are in the

world around them — on their plate, in the clothes they wear, in the medicine that makes them well, and in earth-friendly fuels and plastics. Ag in the Classroom is offered through the University of Illinois Extension in partnership with Ogle County Farm Bureau, Carroll County Farm Bureau, Ogle County Soil & Water, and Carroll County Soil & Water. For

more information about the program, call the Ogle County Extension Office at (815) 732-2191 or visit the Extension website at web.illinois.edu/bdo. If you need reasonable accommodations to participate in programming, contact the Ogle County Extension office, 815-732-2191. Early requests are strongly encouraged to allow sufficient time for meeting your needs.



Kings School fourth grade students took part in a GPS scavenger hunt as part of an Ag in the Classroom program. Bobby Rockstead and Sofie Sodergren were the first ones to complete the scavenger hunt.

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# LOCAL NEWS



## OHS hosts 2023 Honors Night

Oregon High School's Honors Night for the Class of 2023 celebrated the many accomplishments of this year's seniors. 47 seniors were honored on Wednesday, May 10 at the Rock River Center, and nearly \$150,000 of local scholarship money was given out. The Oregon School District thanked guests who provided scholarships and presented awards and congratulated the class of 2023.



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# Forreston-Polo boys track team claims state title in 400-meter relay

‘This shows that anything can happen’

BY ANDY COLBERT  
CORRESPONDENT

**CHARLESTON** — The odds were stacked against Forreston-Polo’s 400-meter relay team at the IHSA 1A track & field championships.

Coming into Saturday’s finals, they had finished second in their preliminary heat. For that matter, they had lost to Lena-Winslow the week before at the sectional and before that at the NUIC meet.

With 10 state medals since 2010, the highly-regarded program had sprint relays just as talented, but the best finish was a third place (400 relay) in 2021. Also, in the past, there were individuals faster than anyone in this year’s group.

However, in front of thousands of fans at O’Brien Stadium at Eastern Illinois University, the

400-relay of De’Angelo Fernandez (Polo), McKeon Crase (Forreston), Noah Dewey (Polo) and Michael Taylor (Forreston) stunned the rest of field with a school-record time of 42.91 to claim a state championship.

“Not one person would have had us winning,” F-P coach Tony Hardin said. “All those teams they beat - Catlin Salt Fork, Decatur St, Teresa, Madison, Le-Win - had history and heritage. And, then to do it coming out of the eighth lane.”

Typically, in a 400, the middle lanes (3-7) are strategically more favorable to run in. Additionally, F-P was nowhere to be found in last year’s 400-relay finals, while Decatur and Catlin brought back the majority of their state-placing teams.

“I feel it was deserved, but it’s still surprising,” Crase, who torched the

backstretch on the second leg and pushed F-P to an early lead, said. “The key was the handoffs. They were perfect.”

Of any relay, the 400 is most dependent on hand-offs and F-P performed at a higher level than the other eight finalists.

“Honestly, we just nail handoffs in practice,” Taylor, the anchor, said. “If it broke, we fix it.”

Taylor took the baton from Dewey with a lead of 6-8 meters and held off the Decatur anchor at the finish (42.91-42.98) Le-Win was third at 43.16.

“I was jumping up and down in joy when I saw Michael taking the baton with the lead,” Fernandez, the lead-off runner, said.

Delo, as he is better known, jump-started the road to victory by breaking the stagger a bit and putting F-P in contention with the more experienced groupings.



From left to right: Noah Dewey, McKeon Crase, De’Angelo Fernandez and Michael Taylor. (Courtesy photo)

“To have a chance, we needed to get it to our anchor first,” Hardin said.

“On Thursday (prelims), Michael got caught by Catlin and we came in at

43.31.

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# SPORTS NEWS

## TRACK: Mind is limitless in what it can do

From page 1

Catlin Salt Fork, which won the team championship, had the fastest prelim time coming in at 42.81, but fell to fifth with a 43.21 clocking. Since the sectional, F-P dropped a half a second on their time.

"This shows that anything can happen," Dewey, the number three runner who handles the curve as good as anyone according to his coach, said.

An example of that is Bloomington Central Catholic coming into

**"It's a mental game. Your body tells you that you have limits. But, your mind is limitless in what it can do."**

**Michael Taylor**

the meet with the best sectional time (42.71), but experiencing problems in the prelims and running two seconds slower and missing the finals.

"Coming into the meet, my initial hope was to finish top five," Hardin said. "Then it was to hold our prelim spot of the third

best time. The ultimate would be to win, but that was going to take a lot."

With the win, F-P makes it two 400-relay titles in a row for the local area. Last year, Winnebago won in 42.92.

"It's a mental game," Taylor said. "Your body tells you that you have limits. But, your mind is limitless in what it can do."

The same four runners came back to place fifth in the 800 relay with a 1:30 clocking. With Micah Nelson and Brock Soltow joining Crase and Dewey, it was a fourth place in the 1,600-relay at 3:26.

With 21 points, Forreston-Polo took 11th place overall. Winnebago, behind star sprinter Supreme Muhammad, was sixth with 24 points. Le-Win and Du-Pec, which had a champ in triple jumper Max Milbrath, tied for 21st with 16 points.

Byron had a state placer in junior Carson Busser, who was eighth in the high jump with an effort of 1.85 meters.

## Local sports year comes to a close

**W**ITH Byron's 13-3 super-sectional loss in baseball to DePaul College Prep, yes, the same school that played the Byron girls at the basketball super-sectional, the local high school sports year comes to an end.

Sauk Valley Media for another year of working together.

This is a labor of love, but I would not do it without people like Jeff and Earleen. They are two of the best in the business and though newspapers are fighting to stay afloat, they continue to give it their all.



**Andy Colbert**

In baseball, IHSA stipulates that a pitch-count rule be in effect so that pitchers aren't overused. That hampered the Tigers and one could question why it exists in the first place.

Dale Hartman has been coaching for decades and certainly should be trusted to properly utilize his pitchers. Are concerned veterans like Hartman penalized because of previous abuses by overzealous coaches?

Getting back to baseball, Byron finished 26-8 and had a dominant win over Rockford Christian in the sectional final, besides the regional final pitchers' duel over North Boone with Braden Smith and Chandler Alderman on the mound.

In a balanced BNC, Dixon was first at 16-2, followed by RC (13-3), Byron (12-5), NB (11-7), Stillman Valley (10-8) and Rock Falls (9-9).

In softball, Oran-geville had Forreston's number, winning twice, including a 9-1 sectional final win. None-the-less, the Cardinals finished with a perfect conference slate and 21-6 overall.

Like others at the state track & field meet, it was a stunner for me seeing Forreston-Polo pull off the win in the 400-meter relay. Compared to F-P state relay finalists in the past, this was somewhat of a no-name group.

But man, did they ever perform at the highest level on the biggest stage. These

kids were cool as cucumbers in beating a "Who's Who" of 1A sprint powers.

Bear in the mind, F-P is no slouch, as they've made quite an impression over the years downstate, with four straight top-10 finishes in 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2021. In that time frame, Mason Wright (triple jump) and AJ Christensen (hurdles) won individual titles.

However, the relays could never break over the barrier as best in the state until now. Congratulations to not only the boys' team, but the F-P girls, who led the way among Ogle County schools downstate as well.

I help officiate the pole vault and had the chance to see the best prospect this state has ever had in freshman Isaiah Whitaker. The Bloomington Central Catholic athlete, who is also on the baseball team, broke the 1A record with a vault of 16-feet-9.

That would have won 3A by well over a foot and 2A by a half a foot. He took up the sport as a fifth grader and won the junior-high state meet with a 10-foot effort. So, the kid's a natural and his next target is the all-time state record of 17-6.

A couple week ago, George Howe had an informative article on the shortage of high-school sports officials. One aspect of it was the IHSA's effort to educate and encourage fans to exercise sportsmanship.

While that is noble, it is as futile as former First Lady Nancy Reagan's slogan of "Just Say No" to drugs.

It doesn't work. For sports fans to become civil, there must be a complete change of heart.

Intellectually, fans realize sportsmanship is a good thing. However, emotions will overrule intellect without that spiritual change of heart and the end result is continued abuse of officials.

That's all for now and we'll see you in late August, unless there is breaking news along the way this summer.

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

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# SPORTS/LOCAL NEWS



Tony Steward Memorial Scholarship recipients this year are (left to right) Ryan Fox, Ava Hackman, Alexys Davis and Kendra Ehrler. Pictured with them are Shane Stuart and Jan Steward, Tony's wife.

## Oregon golfers win scholarships

Four members of OHS golf team awarded Tony Steward Memorial Scholarships

**OREGON** — Four members of the Oregon High School golf team, Ryan Fox, Ava Hackman, Alexys Davis and Kendra Ehrler, were each awarded a \$1,000 Tony Steward Memorial Scholarship last week.

This scholarship was formed in honor of Tony by his good friends, Shane Stuart and OHS golf team coach Jim Spratt. The scholarship is given to golf team members who have been on the golf team for four years. An annual golf outing is played at Silver Ridge Golf Course every April to raise funds for the scholarships.

Most days you would see Tony at Silver Ridge, where he formed many friendships through the years. Silver Ridge Golf Course is also where Coach Spratt and the golf team practice.

Fox will be attending Florida Institute of Technology, majoring in aerospace engineering. Hackman will be attending Carl Sandburg College to earn a bachelor of science in nursing. Davis will be attending Bradley University, majoring in biology. Ehrler will be attending St. Norbert College, also majoring in biology.

### BYRON PUBLIC LIBRARY

#### No longer taking donations

The Byron Public Library would like to thank everyone that donated crafting supplies and tools to help stock our new makerspace. We had such a large response that the library is no longer taking donations of crafting materials. We are still accepting book donations.

#### The Writer's Voice

Friday, June 9 & 23, 10 – 11:00 am, and Tuesday, June 13 & 27, 6 – 7:00 pm. Calling all writers! A new group is forming and you are welcome to join us for any or all of this month's meeting times as we gather ideas and input on what you might be looking for in a writer's group. The goal of this group is to build confidence and encourage each other's voice; celebrate every little accomplishment and be each other's support through the biggest struggles that come with being a writer in today's world; strengthen our weaknesses and nourish our strengths; develop structure, routine, and build on self-motivating techniques and educate, evaluate and ultimately have fun with our own unique voices. Please call 815-234-5107 or visit [Byron.evanced.info/signup](http://Byron.evanced.info/signup) to register.

#### Say Cheese!

Monday, June 12. 6 – 7:00 pm. You are invited to a cheese tasting party. During the event, guests will be invited to taste different cheeses and share their opinions on each one. A rating sheet will be provided to keep track of favorites and to take notes on different flavors and textures. Celebrate the joy of cheese! Please visit [Byron.evanced.info/signup](http://Byron.evanced.info/signup) or call 815-234-5107 to register.

#### Patriotic Door Hanger

Monday, June 19. 6 – 7:30 pm. Join Cathy as we create your very own Patriotic Door Hanger for your front door. We will have multiple supplies for this craft so make sure to come with a few creative ideas in mind. All supplies will

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#### DIY Foam Lighthouse

Thursday, June 22. 6 – 7:00 pm. Join an evening with Christine as we get set for all the summer vibes. These Foam Lighthouses are a perfect addition to any home decor. All supplies will be provided. Please call 815-234-5107 or visit [Byron.evanced.info/signup](http://Byron.evanced.info/signup) to register.

#### Beginner Hand Sewing

Monday, June 26. 6 – 7:00 pm. This is a beginner hand sewing class where attendees will learn how to thread a needle, tie a knot, sew a running stitch, sew a backstitch and sew on a button. All materials will be provided. Everyone will go home with a needle book to hold sewing needles for future projects. Visit [Byron.evanced.info/signup](http://Byron.evanced.info/signup) or call 815-234-5107 to register.

#### Armchair Travel: Switzerland

Friday, June 30. 1:30 – 2:30 pm. Join us as we travel to Switzerland. Trivia, snack, travel video and more. Please call 815-234-5107 or visit [Byron.evanced.info/signup](http://Byron.evanced.info/signup) to register.

#### Curbside Delivery

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

Visit the Byron Library Facebook page to keep up to date on library news and virtual programs! Be sure to also check out the Byron Library and Byron Library Teen Instagram pages!

## Byron's Yerly wins High School Broyles Award

**FAYETTEVILLE, Ark.** – On June 1, The Broyles Award announced the 2023 class of High School Broyles Award winners. This award is given annually to the top high school assistant coach from each participating state, as selected by each state's coaching associations.

The winner for the state of Illinois was Special Teams Coach Eric Yerly of the Byron High School football team.

The 2023 class is the largest class to date, taking the Broyles Award closer to the goal of celebrating excellence in assistant coaching in all 50 states. All 2023 winners are invited to the High School Broyles Award Honoree Dinner to be held on Sunday, Dec. 3 in Little Rock,

Arkansas. This event precedes the annual collegiate Broyles Award ceremony.

In 2018, the Broyles Award added to their 25-year tradition of honoring the nation's best collegiate assistant football coaches through the creation of the High School Broyles Award. This award honors the top high school assistant football coach in every participating state, projecting their excellence onto the national stage.

The Broyles Award was created in 1996 recognizing Coach Frank Broyles legacy of selecting and developing great assistants during his almost two decades as head coach at Arkansas. You can follow the Broyles Award on Facebook and Twitter.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## OREGON PUBLIC LIBRARY

### 2023 Summer Reading Program

Find Your Voice! June 1- July 28. It's here! Brochures are now available and registration continues! Programs begin the week of June 5. Free to residents, 3 – 17 years old of the Oregon Public Library District. Activities and programs will be available. Registration is required. Come in, call or check our Facebook page to find out how you can register.

### Trivia Quest

Each week a trivia question will be posted at the library. (Clues will be 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 Story Time

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

### Wednesday, June 7, 1:30 pm

Teen Crafternoon: DIY Window Clings (Ages 13 & up) Join us for a fun afternoon decorating your own window clings! All supplies will be provided

### Thursday, June 8 at 1:30 pm

Activity Time (grades 1st & up) Tape + Paint = Art. Registration required.

### Tuesday, June 13 at 1:30 pm

Speak for the Trees! (ages 8 & up) Join Taft educators to learn how to speak for the trees! We will learn about what animals make trees their home, how trees help us every day & how we can do our part to care for the trees-from cleaning up litter to feeding the woodpeckers! This will be outside at Lorado Taft Campus, so please, dress for the weather & wear close-toed shoes. Registration required.

### 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.

### The Latest in Alzheimer's Research

June 13th at 12pm. Join this virtual watch party to learn more about landscape of Alzheimer's and Dementia Science, risk factors for Alzheimer's and all other dementia, highlights in Early Detection and Diagnosis and latest advances in clinical trials, treatments and lifestyle intervention. This program can be viewed at the Oregon Public Library or in the comfort of your own home. Call (815) 732-2724 for more information or visit [www.oregonpubliclibrary.com](http://www.oregonpubliclibrary.com) to register.

### Try It Tuesday

Tuesday, June 13th at 1:00pm or 5:30pm (Choose your time slot). Everyone Welcome Door Hanger. All supplies are provided. This is an adult class. Registration required, please call (815) 732-2724 or visit [www.oregonpubliclibrary.com](http://www.oregonpubliclibrary.com).

### Braiding Sweetgrass & The Honorable Harvest

June 21st at 7:00pm. A conversation with Robin Wall Kimmerer – Robin is the award-winning author of "Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teaching of Plants." She will share her unique

perspective on the interconnectedness of humans and nature and the importance of recognizing and respecting the gifts of the earth. This event is made possible by Illinois Libraries Present, a statewide collaboration among public libraries offering high-quality events. Registration required, visit [www.oregonpubliclibrary.com](http://www.oregonpubliclibrary.com).

### Ink with A Friend Monthly Card Club

Monday, June 26th at 6:00pm. Sending personal cards to your friends and family is a way to let them know you care and are thinking about them. All designs include beautiful colored cardstock, gorgeous designer series paper, detailed stamped images, die cut pieces, matching ink, ribbon, and embellishments. All cards come with matching envelopes. Whether you're a new card maker or a seasoned pro, our kits are suited to every skill level. Don't wait! Sign up today to reserve your spot. Oregon Patrons only. Registration required (815) 732-2724 or [www.oregonpubliclibrary.com](http://www.oregonpubliclibrary.com).

### Book Clubs

The 2WBC Book Club meets June 14, at 12:30 pm to discuss Triangle: The Fire That Changed America by David Von Drehle. The Afternoon Book Club meets Wednesday, June 21 at 1 pm to discuss The Rumor by Elin Hilderbrand. Cocktails & Crimes will meet Sunday, June 11 -stop by the Library to find out what you're reading & where you're meeting! Books on Tap meets Thursday, June 22 at 6 pm to discuss The Good Son by Jacquelyn Mitchard. Is This Just Fantasy? Book Club will meet June 27 at the Library to discuss Red Sister by Mark Lawrence.

### 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](http://www.oregonpubliclibrary.com).

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### 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- The Courage of Little Hummingbird by Leah Henderson. Current story at the StoryWalk is Say Something! by Peter Reynolds.

## FORRESTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

### Summer Reading Program

Our summer program, Oceans of Possibilities, for toddlers through 5th grade begins June 13th and 14th. Toddlers and preschoolers will meet on Tuesdays and Kindergarten through 5th grade will meet on Wednesdays. Both programs begin at 10:00 am. Please call the library to register or for more information.

### Book Club

The Book Club title for June is "The Engineer's Wife" by Tracy Enerson Wood. This historical fiction book recounts the building of the Brooklyn Bridge and the woman who directed the project following her husband's injury. Pick up a copy at the library

and join the discussion on Tuesday, June 27th at 7:00 pm.

### 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!

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## BERTOLET MEMORIAL LIBRARY

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### YOUTH PROGRAMS

#### LEGO Club

Monday, June 5th, 5:00 PM Bricks of all sizes and colors are available for you to create your next masterpiece. We can't wait to display your LEGO creations!

#### Kick Off to Summer with Mr. Steve

Thursday, June 8th, 10:15 AM Mr. Steve returns with an engaging show for all ages with balloons, music, and magic! Mr. Steve's enthusiasm and contagious laugh will keep you entertained.

#### Have Book, Will Travel

Thursdays, June 15th - July 13th, 10:00 AM 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. You will visit far off places such as Japan, Peru, and Madagascar through books, crafts, and games.

### ADULT PROGRAMS

#### June Take & Make Craft

Welcome in summer with this sea crab craft. Kits are available at the circulation desk while supplies last.

#### June Book of the Month

Meet Ove. He is a grumpy old man set in his ways. There is a schedule for everything and a specific way to do things. That is until the new neighbors move in and disrupt Ove's plan. Behind the grumpy exterior is a tale that is a reminder that everyone has a story that creates who we are. Stop by the circulation desk and pick up a copy of A Man Called Ove by Fredrik Backman today.

#### 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

Body of Evidence by Irene Hannon  
Falling For the Cowgirl by Jody Hedlund  
The Bride Wore White by Amanda Quick  
Identity by Nora Roberts

#### Picture Books

Three Silly Chickens by Tanya Fenton  
Sports: A Can-you-Find-It Book by Lauren Kukla

## POLO LIBRARY NEWS

### CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

#### Storytime Saturday

Saturday June 10th - starting at 10 a.m. - Summer Reading Program 2023 "Find Your Voice" Kickoff Day!! Time to register for SRP with Beanstack and book clubs!! This is an opportunity for adults and children to see what all Polo Library will have to offer you this summer. SRP will run from June 10th to July 29th.

#### Lunch

Starting June 13th to July 27th, every Tuesday and Thursday (except Tues., July 4th) from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. - LUNCH will be available for all children, ages 0 to 18.

#### Extension

Thursday, June 15th - 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. - Ms. Melinda Charbonneau, U of I Extension Program, Ag Literacy Coordinator - will be here discussing produce, sharing activities and a story read. Snacks will be provided.

#### Storytime Saturday

Saturday June 24th, July 8th, & July 22nd - 10:30 a.m. - LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED - Be on the lookout for Ms. Melanie to be on the move for Storytime Saturday, check our website, Polo Library Facebook or text her at 815-677-3586. Maybe at one of the parks, community garden, going for a storywalk.

For more information or to register for any programs and events please call Melanie at 815-946-2713, call or text 815-677-3586, email melanie@pololibrary.org, go to the Polo Library website or Facebook page to look for the Google form link.

### ADULT MONTHLY PROGRAMS

#### Book Club Monthly Meets

2nd Friday, June 9th at 1:00 p.m. at the Polo Senior Center - discussing "Dragon Teeth" by Michael Crichton.

3rd Wednesday, June 21st at 1:00 p.m. - Book to Movie Club will be watching & discussing "Room" by Emma Donoghue at the library.

4th Monday, June 26th at 1:00 p.m. at the library, book discussion of "On What Grounds" by Cleo Coyle.

#### New twist ongoing program - DNA Genealogy Assistance

Wednesday, June 7th at 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday, June 17th 10 a.m. to 12 with Donna & Pam. AncestryDNA..... You Received Your Results! Now What? Come get some ideas on how to look at your matches, sort through them and what to do next.

#### Online Catalog

If we don't have what you're looking for at Polo Library, visit our online catalog to search other libraries and have it delivered right to Polo Library for pick up! Visit pololibrary.org and click on "Books/Media" and "Your Account" to access the online catalog.

#### Special Procedures

Masks are optional for staff and visitors to the library. If you require an access service to fully participate in a program or have any questions about accessibility, please contact Marie Monaco at 815-946-2713.

## AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

### BYRON

#### ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH

624 Luther Drive, Byron IL 61010 815-234-5277  
Pastor: Janet Wold  
Sunday Worship Service held at 9:00 am. A recording of each Sunday's worship service is available on our Facebook page and our website later in the day. Communion is served every Sunday. Sunday School for ages 3 through Adult is held at 10:00 am September through May. Confirmation studies for 7th and 8th grade students are held each Sunday morning at 10:00 am. Monday afternoon Bible Study is held at 1:30 pm via Zoom. In person Bible Studies are held Tuesday evening at 7:00 pm and Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 pm. Book Club and The GATHERING meet monthly; quilters meet twice monthly. Visit our website <http://www.AllSaintsByron.org> or call the church office for further information.

#### CORNERSTONE FAMILY CHURCH

205 N. Peru St., Byron 815-234-8737 [cornerstonefamilychurch.com](http://cornerstonefamilychurch.com)  
Sr. Pastor: Erik Ness, NextGen/ Family Pastor: Collin Nicholls  
Children's Ministry Director: Lori Martin  
Worship Service on Sundays at 10am with Children's Worship Service and Nursery Available  
Sr High Youth Ministry Sundays at 6:00pm, Jr High Youth Ministry Wednesdays at 6:30pm  
Numerous Small Groups Available for All Ages throughout the week. Please call our Church Office or visit our website for more details.  
Office Hours: 8:00am - 4:30pm Mondays-Thursdays

#### BYRON ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

226 E. Second St., Byron, IL 61010 - Phone 815-234-7431 - Fr. Richard Rosinski. Weekday Masses: Tuesday - Friday 7:30am, Weekend Masses: May - August Sat. 5:00 pm, Sun. 8:00 am and 10:00 am, September - April Sat. 5:00 pm, Sun. 8:00 am and 10:45 am, Reconciliation: Fri. 8:00 am - 8:30 am; Sat. 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm or by appointment

#### SHEPHERD EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

NEW LOCATION! Jarrett Prairie Center 7993 N. River Rd., Byron Phone 963-5216 Rev. Michael Axmark, Pastor. Discover Time 9:30 a.m., Fellowship 10:15 a.m., Worship 10:30 a.m.  
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 838, Byron, IL 61010

#### UNITED CHURCH OF BYRON

A Member of the United Church of Christ  
701 W. Second Street; PO Box 927, Byron IL 61010, 815-234-8777  
Email: [ucb@comcast.net](mailto:ucb@comcast.net)  
Website: [unitedchurchofbyron.org](http://unitedchurchofbyron.org)  
Pastor: Rev. Tyler Spellious  
Youth Ministry Coordinator: Richard Simpson  
Sunday Schedule & Worship opportunities:  
Service of Meditation & Prayer: 8:15am- 8:45am  
Adult Sunday School Hour: 9am  
Kids Sunday School: (for ages 3 thru 5th grade) 9:30-10:15am  
Coffee & Fellowship time: 9:30am - 10:30am  
Main Worship: 10:30am  
Spark Youth Group (for ages 6th grade thru 12th grade) - Sundays, 5pm-7pm  
For complete ministry schedule and other activities, please check our website or Facebook page or contact the church office.  
Whoever you are or wherever you are on your journey, you are welcome here!

#### BEACON HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD

"Building Faith for Life"  
6467 N. German Church Rd., Byron, IL - Ph. (815) 246-2685 - [beaconhillbyron.org](http://beaconhillbyron.org)  
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 448, Byron, IL 61010  
Pastor: Gary Cortese  
Service Times: Sundays at 10AM; Wednesday night Faith-Lift at 6:30PM  
Find us on Facebook/Beacon Hill Assembly of God

### CHANA

#### CHANA UNITED METHODIST

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

### DAVIS JUNCTION

#### DAVIS JUNCTION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Open Minds, Open Hearts, Open Doors • "God's Heart in Our Community" Located in town on Rt. 72 • Our Pastor is Rev. Keith Kelsey-Powell **Sunday Services:** Worship 10:30am, Childrens time during Worship Service. Fellowship following the Worship Service each Sunday. Communion the first Sunday of the month. Potluck luncheon following Worship every 4th Sunday, except in the summer months of June, July and August. Various small groups meet throughout the month. For more information about the small groups please call 298-2310. AA meets Wednesdays at 5:30pm and Saturdays at 9am. For more information please visit our website [WWW.DJUMC.ORG](http://WWW.DJUMC.ORG)

### DIXON

#### LOST LAKE COMMUNITY CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Pastor John Trotter 8:00am Sunday School  
815-973-5981 9:00am Church Service  
90 W. Flagg Road [www.lostlakechurch.org](http://www.lostlakechurch.org)  
Dixon IL 61021

### FORRESTON

#### FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

402 2nd Avenue, Forreston, IL 61030, Phone 815-938-3203 Pastor Scott Ralston  
Sunday Worship 9:00 am; Sunday School 10:00 am

#### FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

402 First Ave., Forreston, IL Phone: 815-938-2380  
Pastor Sung-Eun Kim  
OPEN HEARTS, OPEN MINDS, OPEN DOORS  
Worship at 9:00 a.m. (childcare provided) with coffee and fellowship immediately following. Sunday School Age 3-Adult, 10:15 am.  
AA meets Mondays, 8:00 AM. Monthly United Methodist Women's meetings.  
God is Good, All the Time, All the Time, God is Good!

#### ST. JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pastor Karen Tews  
West Grove Rd. At Columbine Rd.  
Worship Service 10:30 am. Communion is served every Sunday.  
"Singing the Song of Christian Faith in Worship, Service, Learning, Outreach and Welcome" in a beautiful rural setting.  
Everyone is cordially invited to be with us.

### LEAF RIVER

#### ADELINE ZION EVANGELICAL CHURCH

9106 Cedar St. in Adeline, Leaf River, IL 61047 • Ph:815-541-4863 Sunday Services: Sunday School 9:00 am, Worship Service 10:15 am  
VISITORS WELCOME

#### LEAF RIVER BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor Billy Hardy  
Live Sermon Streaming: Sundays at 10:00 AM at [www.facebook.com/LEAFRIVERBC/](http://www.facebook.com/LEAFRIVERBC/)  
Archived Sermons on our YouTube channel: Leaf River Baptist Church (Until further notice)  
9:30 Church Service. Nursery available, 11:00 Sunday school for all ages. Nursery available  
6941 N Mt Morris Rd, Leaf River, IL 61047  
815-738-2205 [leafriverbc@gmail.com](mailto:leafriverbc@gmail.com)

### LINDENWOOD

#### IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH - LCMS

[immanuel-lindenwood.org](http://immanuel-lindenwood.org) (for sermons, events, etc.)  
16060 E. Lindenwood Road, Lindenwood, IL 61049  
815-393-4500 • office@immanuel-lindenwood.org  
**Sunday Mornings:** Divine Service @ 9am; Food & Fellowship @ 10am; Sunday School and Adult Bible Study @ 10:30am  
**Food Bank:** 1st and 3rd Saturdays, 9am-12pm  
Pastor: Rev. Dr. Matthew Rosebrock  
[pastor@immanuel-lindenwood.org](mailto:pastor@immanuel-lindenwood.org)

#### LINDENWOOD UNION CHURCH

101 N Galena st, P.O box 67  
Lindenwood IL  
815-393-4658  
Worship- 10:00 am  
Coffee Fellowship following service

### KINGS

#### ELIM REFORMED CHURCH

140 S. Church Road, Kings, IL 61068 • Pastor Marv Jacobs  
Phone 815-562-6811 E-mail: [guelimchurch@gmail.com](mailto:guelimchurch@gmail.com)  
Website: [www.guelimchurch.org](http://www.guelimchurch.org)  
Sunday morning worship 10:00 am

### MOUNT MORRIS

#### DISCIPLES UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

"By God's grace in Christ, we LIVE, LOVE, and SERVE"  
All are welcome here!  
9:30 am - Sunday Worship with Communion open to all  
10:45 am - Sunday School (Sep - May)  
[www.disciplesumc.org](http://www.disciplesumc.org)  
(815) 734-4853  
102 N Maple Ave., Mt. Morris, IL 61054  
Rev. Julie Bunt, Pastor

### EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH OF MT. MORRIS

102 S. Seminary Ave., Mt. Morris, IL 61054 815-734-4942 [www.efcmm.org](http://www.efcmm.org)  
Senior Pastor: Bruce McKanna. Sunday Schedule: 8:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages. 9:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship. 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship with Childcare and Children's Church.

#### MT. MORRIS CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

409 W. Brayton Road, Mt. Morris, IL 61045 Phone 734-4573  
Pastor-Rodney Caldwell. Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m. Worship service available online, call for details. Other activities currently suspended due to pandemic.  
Email: [mtmcb@frontier.com](mailto:mtmcb@frontier.com)

#### MT. MORRIS TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

308 E. Brayton Rd. Mt. Morris, IL Phone: 734-6354 Rev. Josh Ehrlter  
**Worship Services:** Saturday 5:30 PM; Worship Sunday 9:30 AM .  
Sunday Church School - follows Worship Service (Sept.-May) Chime Choir Wednesday 6:00 PM;

#### LITTLE PRAIRIE MENNONITE CHURCH

409 W Brayton Rd. Mt. Morris, IL 61054 (Church of the Brethren Basement Entrance) Worship Services: 10:00 AM Sunday Morning, 7:00 PM 1st & 3rd Sunday Evening, 7:30 PM 2nd & 4th Wednesday Evenings of the Month.  
Pastor: Norman Reinford 779-861-3700

### OREGON

#### EAST OREGON CHAPEL CHURCH OF GOD

East Oregon Chapel Church of God  
The Sharing is Caring Church.  
107 N Daysville Rd. Oregon, IL Phone: 815-732-2960.  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.  
Breakfast is served the Fifth Sunday of the Month beginning at 9:30 a.m.  
Wednesday activities: Adults & Children meet weekly beginning at 6:30pm.  
In the event that Oregon Schools are not in session we do not meet on Wednesdays.

#### EBENEZER REFORMED CHURCH

2997 N. German Church Rd., 815-732-6313  
3 miles east of Oregon on Rt. #64 then 2 miles north on German Church Rd.  
• Rev. Josiah Youngquist  
[www.EBENEZERREFORMED.com](http://www.EBENEZERREFORMED.com) • Sunday school 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m.

#### LIGHTHOUSE UNITED METHODIST

Pastor Matthew J. Smith 4962 S. Daysville Rd., Oregon, IL 61061 815-732-7683  
Worship at 9:00 a.m. Holy Communion celebrated the first Sunday of each month. Lighthouse will lite up your life!

#### OREGON CHURCH OF GOD

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

#### OREGON FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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

#### OREGON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

#### RIVERSTONE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

609 S. 10th Street , Oregon, IL 61061  
Pastor Craig Arnold ~ 812-236-1213  
Sunday Service @ 10:45 AM ~ contemporary style worship with coffee and doughnuts in our cafe! Online worship is also available via Facebook.  
We believe in sharing Communion every Sunday as an act of worship.  
RiverKids Service @ 10:45 AM for nursery-6th grade ~ provides a safe and fun environment where kids can learn about who God is and who they are because of Him.  
Encounter Youth Ministry for kids in 7th-12th grade meets on Sunday afternoons. Please see our Facebook page for scheduled dates and times.  
For complete ministry info and events, visit us online at [RiverStonecc.com](http://RiverStonecc.com) or on Facebook at [facebook.com/RiverStoneChristianChurch](http://facebook.com/RiverStoneChristianChurch)

#### ST. BRIDE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

1000 Highway 64, West (Hwy 64 W & Mangan Drive on Liberty Hill), Oregon • 732-7211 - Office: Rev. Eldred George  
Webpage: [saintbrides.org](http://saintbrides.org) • E-mail: [saintbride.church@gmail.com](mailto:saintbride.church@gmail.com) •  
**Worship Services:** Sunday 10 am Holy Communion with Hymns Christian Education Available

#### ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH, NALC

114 S. 5th St. Oregon, IL Phone: (815) 732-2367  
Website: [stpaulnalcoregon1.weebly.com](http://stpaulnalcoregon1.weebly.com)  
10:15 a.m. Fellowship/Education hours  
11:30 a.m. Worship

### POLO

#### ST. MARY CHURCH

Rectory/Office: 211 North Franklin Ave., Polo, IL 61064  
PHONE: 815-946-2535 • Rev. Joseph P. Naill  
**Masses:** Sun 10:30am, Tuesday Mass 8 a.m.  
**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** First Sunday of each month after 10:30 mass  
**OFFICE HOURS:** Tuesday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
[www.stmarypolo.org](http://www.stmarypolo.org)

#### CHURCH OF THE OPEN BIBLE

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 Class" Ages 3-10 are then dismissed right after Praise & Worship. Blended Services. "Passion for God" "Compassion for People" Visit our website: [PoloOpenBible.org](http://PoloOpenBible.org)

#### CROSSROADS COMMUNITY CHURCH ~ POLO CAMPUS

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

### STILLMAN VALLEY

#### RED BRICK CHURCH OF STILLMAN VALLEY

Pastor Rev. Dr. Chris Brauns | Associate Pastor David Bogner  
207 W Roosevelt Road (Rte 72), Stillman Valley.  
815-645-2526 | [www.thebrickchurch.org](http://www.thebrickchurch.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](http://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.valleyevoc.org](http://www.valleyevoc.org)  
Sunday Morning 9am "Gather" for learning & conversation, 10:15am Worship both onsite and online at [facebook.com/VECCFSV](http://facebook.com/VECCFSV)  
Home of Valley Covenant Preschool 815-645-8882 Director Jill Huber  
Bible Studies, Youth Group, Bread of Life Food Pantry  
Please visit website for more information or contact the church office M-F 9am-2pm

#### GRACE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

DAVIS JUNCTION  
Pastor Brad Pittman [www.graceisforyou.com](http://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](mailto:middlecreekchurch@gmail.com)



# LOCAL NEWS

## MT. MORRIS LIBRARY

### Holiday Closing

We will be closed on Monday, June 19th in observance of Juneteenth.  
We will be closed on Tuesday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day.

### Summer Reading Program Schedule June 5th-10th

Registration: May 30-June 17th. Art Collage Class: Monday, June 5th, 1pm. Drop-In Name Art: Monday, June 5th, 2-7pm. Take-N-Make: Tue-Sat, June 6th-10th. Story Time: Wednesday, June 7th, 11:15am. Lego Challenge: Friday, June 9th, 11am-5pm.

### Story Time!

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

### Adult Book Club

The June book is "The Dressmakers of Auschwitz" by Lucy Adlington. 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, June 26th 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, "Easy, Delicious Home Cooking" from Real Simple and bring your dish to pass at our next meeting! Join us on Tuesday, June 6th @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, July 13th 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 July 6th!

### Lego Club!

Our next Lego night is Thursday, June 15th, 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 2022.

### Display Case Showings

Stop by to see our display for the month from Denise Cheek! Showcasing her Lewis & Clark collection of pieces. Come explore how these amazing adventurers documented the western United States! 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 Children's Discovery Museum in Normal

Explore More Illinois users can access and reserve passes from any of our attractions on their participating library's website. Explore More Illinois is easy to use with your library card. Visit the library's website to browse attractions. You can find the information on our website, www.mtmorris-il.org under the resources page.

### Adult Programming

We are trying to get back into the swing of offering monthly programs for adults. We would love to hear from you. Do evenings or weekends work better? Do you have any program ideas? Do you have a program you would like to share? Contact Mary Cheatwood at the library through email at mmlib@mtmorris-il.org or call 815-734-4927.

### Curbside Service is available!

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

### Additional Services Offered

We make copies (\$0.25 per black and white page). We fax (\$2 for the first page and \$0.50 each additional page). We can scan a document and send it to email (\$2 per document). You can use a computer without a library card for \$1.00. Resume software is available on our computers. Come visit us and let us help you!

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

The Mount Morris Public Library is located at 105 S. McKendrie Ave. Mt. Morris IL 61054 - 815-734-4927

## Weekly Brain Busters

### King Crossword

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5 911 responders  
9 ER workers  
12 Zero, in tennis  
13 Scurry  
14 Actor Kilmer  
15 Wharton Sch. offering  
17 506, in old Rome  
18 Charon's river  
19 Speedy  
21 Devil's domain  
24 Toppled  
25 Writer  
26 Circus gymnasts  
30 Call — day  
31 Kathy of "Misery"  
32 Pro vote  
33 "No worries ..."  
35 GI dining hall  
36 Cries of discovery  
37 Third rock from the sun  
38 Gantry of fiction  
40 Stable diet  
42 Napkin's place  
43 Coll. entrance considerations  
48 Oahu or Maui (Abbr.)

**DOWN**

7 Three, in Rome  
8 Sound systems  
9 Movie buff's purchase  
10 Sitarist Shankar  
11 Lost traction  
16 Roswell visitors  
20 Cleric's tunic  
21 It grows on you  
22 Initial chip  
23 Crime lab specimen  
24 Glenn of the Eagles  
26 Very small batteries  
27 Dol. fractions  
28 Try out  
29 Merit badge holder  
31 Endures  
34 Common title start  
35 Brick workers  
37 And so on (Abbr.)  
38 Yale students  
39 Cilium  
40 Elevator name  
41 "The Thin Man" dog  
44 Blackbird  
45 Tier  
46 Epoch  
47 Actor Waterston

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### MAGIC MAZE

### LEATHER PRODUCTS

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Unlisted clue hint: A CONTAINER FOR ARROWS

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|------------|----------|----------|----------|
| Belts      | Game bag | Jess     | Strop    |
| Boot laces | Handbag  | Moccasin | Suitcase |
| Chaps      | Harness  | Ottoman  | Wallet   |
| Football   | Holster  | Saddle   |          |

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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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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.

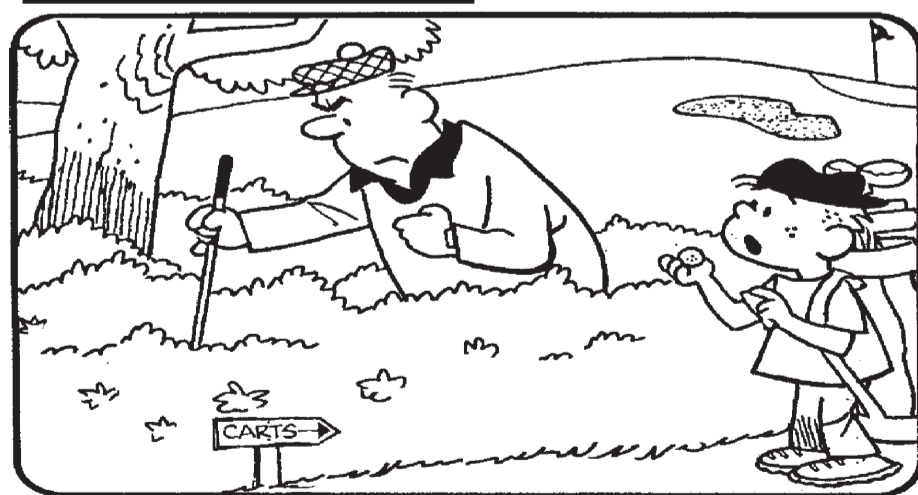
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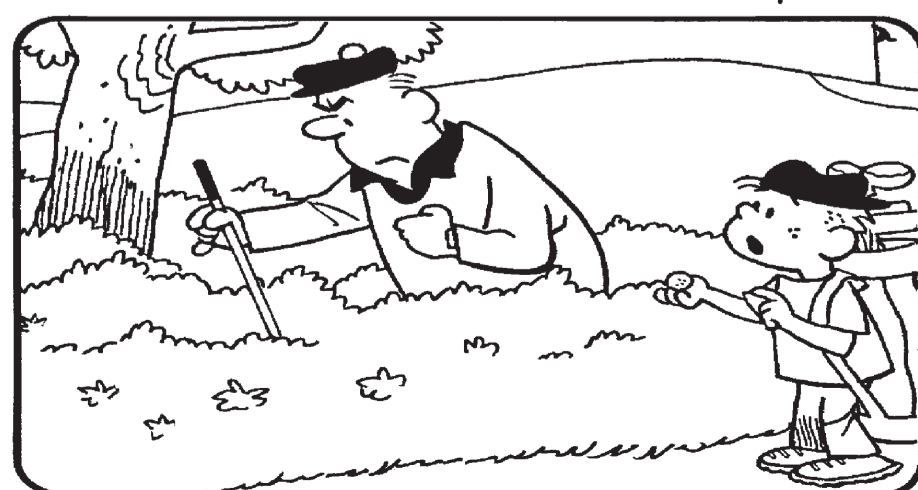
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## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIKOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Golf club is moved. 2. Sign is missing. 3. Cap is different. 4. Trap is missing. 5. Arm is missing. 6. Shirt is different.

**King Crossword**  
Answers

Solution time: 23 mins.

**LEATHER PRODUCTS**

Answers

4	5	8	6	3	7	9	2	1
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**Weekly SUDOKU**

Answer

# Classified Marketplace

**BUY OR SELL**  
Place A Classified Ad



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**101 LEGAL NOTICE**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Sealed bids will be received for the following sections by the Ogle County Highway Department, Oregon, Illinois, until 2:00 P.M. June 9, 2023 for:  
1. 23-00000-00-PK Courthouse Parking Lot Expansion  
Proposals are available at the Ogle County Highway Department, 1989 South IL Rt 2, Oregon, IL between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 3:30 P.M. Monday - Friday. The Road and Bridge Committee reserves the right to accept or reject and or all bids. No. 0540 (May 29 and June 5, 2023)

Dated at Oregon, Illinois this 15th day of May 2023  
#03-23SU  
No. 0602  
(June 5, 2023)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Public Notice is hereby given that on May 26, 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: Good Cheer Soap Co 2537 S. Snyder Rd. Oregon, IL 61061 Dated May 26, 2023  
Laura J. Cook, Ogle County Clerk  
No. 0603  
(June 5, 12 and 19, 2023)

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: )  
)  
MELVIN D. GOBIN, DECEASED )  
)  
NO. 2023 PR 27 CLAIM NOTICE  
NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of Melvin D. Gobin of Leaf River, Illinois, Letters of Office were issued on May 24, 2023 to Thomas V. Gobin and Terry D. Gobin of Byron, Illinois, whose attorney is Douglas P. 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.  
THOMAS V. GOBIN and TERRY D. GOBIN Co-Personal Representatives  
No. 0604  
(June 5, 12 and 19, 2023)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Public Notice is hereby given that on May 30, 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: Sweet Bee Ceramics 316 1st St. Stillman Valley, IL 61084 Dated May 30, 2023  
Laura J. Cook, Ogle County Clerk  
No. 0605  
(June 5, 12 and 19, 2023)

**NOTICE ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS Village of Monroe Center Ogle County, Illinois**

**OWNER** - The Village of Monroe Center acting through its Board of Trustees, hereby gives notice that sealed Bids will be received in the offices of Monroe Center Village Hall for the following described project.  
**PROJECT** The work covered by these Contract Documents consists of HMA resurfacing, bituminous surface removal, HMA patching, base preparation, sidewalk removal & replacement, and storm sewer improvements and ditch grading along with associated restoration and traffic control. Bids will be received on the following Contract(s):  
**Contract No. M0708-7-23-00318**  
**2023 Drainage Improvements**  
**TIME** Sealed Bids will be received until 3:00 pm, local time, on June 22nd, 2023, in the Office of Monroe Center Village Hall, at which time and place all Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.  
**BIDS** All Bids shall be addressed to Mrs. Jenni Hassler, Village Clerk, Village of Monroe Center, 300 Pacific St., Monroe Center, IL 61052. Bids shall be sealed and shall have the name and address of the Bidder and the Contract for which the Bid is being submitted on the outside of the envelope. All Bidders shall Bid in accordance with and upon the Bid Forms included in the Contract Documents.

**EXAMINATION OF BIDDING DOCUMENTS** The Project Documents are on file for inspection at the offices of McMahon Associates, Inc., 1700 Hutchins Road, Machesney Park, Illinois 61115.  
**PROCUREMENT OF BIDDING DOCUMENTS** In order to be a 'Plan Holder' or 'Bidder', each firm or organization shall download Bidding Documents from the McMahon Associates, Inc. website (www.mcmgrp.com) utilizing QuestCDN eBidDoc™. Complete digital Bidding Documents are available at www.mcmgrp.com or www.questcdn.com. Digital Bidding Documents may be downloaded for a non-refundable \$35.00 by inputting Quest Project No. 8550060 on the website's Project Search page. Contact QuestCDN.com at 952-233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance in free membership registration, downloading, and working with this digital project information.

**BID SECURITY** No Bid shall be received unless accompanied by a Certified Check or satisfactory Bid Bond payable to the Village of Monroe Center in an amount not less than 10% of the maximum Bid as a guarantee that, if the Bid is accepted, the Bidder will execute and file the Contract, Performance/Payment Bonds and Insurance Certification, as required by the Contract Documents, within 10-days after the Notice of Award.

**BID REJECTION** The OWNER reserves the right to reject any and all Bids, waive any informalities in Bidding or to accept the Bid or Bids which best serves the interests of the Village of Monroe Center.

**WITHDRAWAL OF BIDS** No Bid shall be withdrawn for a period of 90-days after the scheduled opening without the consent of the OWNER.

**PRE-BID MEETING** - A Non-Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting will be held Wednesday, June 14th, 2023, at 2:00 p.m., local time, at the offices of McMahon Associates, 1700 Hutchins Road, Machesney Park, IL 61115. All Bidders are encouraged to attend.

**STATE OF ILLINOIS GOVERNING LAWS AND REGULATIONS**

**Contract Letting**  
1. The contract letting shall be subject to Illinois Statutes.

**Equal Employment Opportunity**  
1. CONTRACTOR shall comply with the Equal Employment opportunity requirements in the contract documents and certify that the Contractor is not barred from contracting with a local unit of government as a result of a violation of either Section 33E-3 or 33E-4 of the Illinois Criminal Code.

2. The CONTRACTOR and subcontractors must comply with the Illinois Human Rights Act, the Rules and Regulations of the Illinois Department of Human Rights, and Orders of the Illinois Human Rights Commission, provisions of the Public Works Employment Discrimination Act, 775 Illinois Compiled Statutes, 10/0.01, and the requirements of the Illinois Equal Employment Opportunity clause.

**Minimum Wage**  
1. The CONTRACTOR shall be required to pay not less than the minimum wage rates established by the OWNER, as stated in the Advertisement For Bids.

2. Copies of the applicable wage rates are on file with the OWNER and/or incorporated in the contract documents.

3. The CONTRACTOR shall pay prevailing wages in accordance with, "An act regulating wages of laborers, mechanics and other workers employed in any public works by the state county city or any public body or any political subdivision or by anyone under contract for public works" (820 ILCS 130 et Seq.). The minimum hourly rate of wages, as determined by the Wage Determination Decision of the Illinois Department of Labor referred to in these standards is included in the bid packet. Published by the authority of the Village of Monroe Center, acting through its Board of Trustees.  
Jenni Hassler  
Village Clerk  
Village of Monroe Center  
No. 0606  
(June 5, 2023)

**203 HELP WANTED**

**SEEKING BIDS**  
**Big Mound Cemetery**  
is seeking bids for landscaping service for the remainder of the 2023 season and beyond.  
Submit bids to:  
11435 E. Big Mound Rd,  
Davis Jct, IL 61020 or  
**ckpihl@msn.com**  
Questions: **815-979-0192**

**Byron School District Coaching Opportunities**  
HS Girls Assistant Basketball  
8th Grade Volleyball  
  
Apply online at  
**www.byron226.org**  
Under the 'About Us' tab  
Employment Opportunities Section

**Byron School District Openings**  
ESY Teacher/Para  
HS Library Aide  
Full-Time Custodial positions  
23-24 School Year Lunch Supervisors  
Apply online at  
**www.byron226.org**  
Under the 'About Us' tab  
Employment Opportunities Section

**Byron CUSD #226 has openings for Bus Drivers**  
SIGN-ON BONUS Available  
Contact Barb Rundle at 815-234-5491  
For more information



**GARAGE SALE**

**MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE SALE @ NICHOLSON FARM**  
3628 W. Camp Rd., Oregon  
June 9th: 8am-5pm & June 10th: 8am-Noon  
Tools, home decor, furniture, puzzles, telescope, toys, exercise equipment, games, dishes, clothes (toddler to adult XL)  
PIA #34

**GARAGE SALE**  
309 S. 2nd Street, Oregon  
Thurs., June 8 & Fri., June 9 9am - 5pm  
Sat., June 10 9am - 1pm  
Household items, power tools, collectibles, utility trailer and more!  
PIA #31

**BIG BARN SALE!**  
9939 East Scott Rd., Stillman Valley  
June 8, 9, 10 9am-4pm  
Furniture, households, jewelry, purses, shoes, clothing all sizes, lawn mower, snow blower, tools, International H, too much to list.  
Check it out!

**GARAGE/YARD SALE**  
8686 N. River Dr., Byron  
June 8, 9, 10 & 11 8am to 5pm  
HUGE NEIGHBORHOOD SALE WITH TONS OF TOOLS, CAR/MOTORCYCLE PARTS, CLOTHES, ANTIQUE ITEMS, HOUSEHOLD ITEMS, JEWELRY, BABY ITEMS AND FURNITURE AND MUCH MORE!  
PIA#32

**GARAGE SALE**  
802 Gale St., Oregon  
Puzzles, Angels, Sheet Sets, Toys, Lots of odds and ends.  
Friday, June 9th, 8am to 6pm  
Saturday, June 10th, 8am to noon

**HUGE GARAGE SALE**  
1320 E. IL Rt. 64, Oregon  
across from Graphic Arts Trucking  
Thurs., June 8 & Fri., June 9 8am-4pm  
2009 Lincoln MKX loaded, VINTAGE Jim Beam Decanters, Christmas decor, German beer steins, silver sterling basket and trays, garden decor, plants, kitchen items, Dale Earnhardt Jr. items and much much more

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# MARKETPLACE

## AUCTIONEER DIRECTORY

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Located in Forreston, IL

### AUCTION

Directions: 201 E Lincoln St, Mt. Morris, IL 61054 - From RT 64 at the stop light, turn south on McKendrie Ave for 4 blocks to Lincoln St, then m RT 64 at the stop light, turn south on McKendrie Ave for 4 blocks to Lincoln St, then east one block to sale sight.  
See advance salebills, possible color photos on our webpage at Auction Zip.com

**SATURDAY, JUNE 10, 2023**

**9:30 AM**

**HOUSEHOLD** including; kitchenware & sm appliances; Longaberger Baskets; living room & bedroom furniture; sewing machine; serger; sewing accessories & supplies; outdoor furniture; plus lots more. **Shop Items** including: mower; garden tools; air compressors; jig saw; power & hand tools; Shop Smith w/attachments; Workmate bench; plus lots more. **COLLECTIBLES** including: Library table; trunks; cradle; sleds; American Girl Kaya doll w/horse & accessories; Build-A-Bear; Porcelain dolls; Barbie dolls & others; Barbie 1957 Chevrolet w/box; marbles; black glass; toy ferris wheel & wringer washer; pitcher & bowl sets; local memorabilia; numerous old books including 1878 History of Ogle County, multiple Ogle County History books & maps (plate books), Bibles including 1882 German bible, kids books, 1935 World Atlas, 1884 The adventures of Huckleberry Finn, 1889 Johnstown Flood; many more books & misc collectibles. House is full!  
**TERMS:** Terms - Cash, good check, Master Card, Visa, Discover credit cards (3% convenience fee for credit cards). All items must be settled for day of sale. Number system will be used, have proper ID. Not responsible for accidents or merchandise after sold.

**Jerry & Marlene Izer Estate**  
**Andrew Kitson**  
IL #441001674  
815-973-0915

**Clerks: Public Auction Service**  
**Lyle & Sheryl Hopkins (IL#44000185)**  
815-441-1251 or 815-946-2660

UNRESERVED

### STEVE LAUGAL RETIREMENT AUCTION

TUESDAY, JUNE 27, 2023 | 12:00 PM



OPEN HOUSE: TUESDAY, JUNE 20 | 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM  
LIGHT LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED  
ADDRESS: 345 STATE RD 18, LOSTANT, IL 61334

**HIGHLIGHTS:** 1997 Case-IH 8920 MFWD Tractor, showing 2,827 hours; 1995 Case-IH 7250 MFWD Tractor, showing 3,653 hours; 2004 Case-IH 2366 2wd combine, showing 2,995 engine/2,253 separator hours; 2003 Case-IH 2206 6 row 30" corn head; 1994 Case-IH 1020 20" platform; 1994 Chevrolet Kodiak C70 grain truck; J&M 740-14 grain cart; 2008 Case-IH 1200 12 row 30" planter; 2019 Clarks Easi-Load 2-box seed tender; DMI 527B Ecolo-Tiger 14' 5-shank disc ripper; Case-IH 160 15' crumbler; M&W 1930 30' 3-pt. rotary hoe; Case-IH 720 5-bottom plow; Case-IH 710 5-bottom plow; 22' harrow cart; Along with additional Farm Support Items!

STEVE LAUGAL (815) 257-1661

SALES REPS: STEVE LARSON (309) 368-2247 & KOLBY MCCLELLAND (217) 430-1220



UNRESERVED

### DAVID D. THIES ESTATE AUCTION

THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 2023 | 10:00 AM



OPEN HOUSE: THURSDAY, JUNE 8 | 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM  
102 BENCHMARK DRIVE, STREATOR, IL 61364

**HIGHLIGHTS:** '06 International 9900i day cab semi, showing 892,677 miles; '06 International 9900i day cab semi, showing 539,666 miles; '05 International 9900i day cab semi, showing 755,753 miles; '07 International 7400 2wd floater truck w/ New Leader G4 dry box, showing 61,553 miles; '88 International 2554 2wd floater truck w/ New Leader box, showing 92,811 miles, not running day of listing; '05 East 26' aluminum dump trailer; '02 East 26' aluminum dump trailer; '79 AC Cobra 28' aluminum dump trailer; '01 Wabash 45' flatbed trailer; '00 Wabash 45' flatbed trailer; '00 Wabash 45' flatbed trailer; '99 Wabash 45' flatbed trailer; '99 Wabash 45' flatbed trailer; '05 Transcraft 45' flatbed trailer; '04 Transcraft 45' flatbed trailer; '03 Transcraft 45' flatbed trailer; '98 Strick 53' van trailer; '97 Stoughton 53' van trailer; '91 Great Dane 45' van trailer; '89 Great Dane 43' van trailer; '88 Wabash 45' van trailer; '87 Trailmobile 45' van trailer; '76 Fruehauf 45' van trailer; '02 Haulmark enclosed wash trailer; '05 Cascade 29' equipment trailer; '05 Corn Pro 20' flatbed trailer; '03 Retco 12' utility trailer; Homemade 16' utility trailer; Ford G211V wheel loader; Hyster H40XMS forklift; Hyster H50XM forklift; '08 Ford F-450 2wd pickup, showing 232,463 miles; '11 GMC Yukon 4wd SUV, showing 175,202 miles; '97 Sweetwater 24' pontoon boat; Ez-Go golf cart; Cub Cadet 140 riding lawn mower, showing 904 hours; Grasshopper 722D zero turn lawn mower, showing 1,792 hours; and various farm support items!

CONTACT STEVE LARSON WITH QUESTIONS

SALES REPS: STEVE LARSON (309) 368-2247 & KOLBY MCCLELLAND (217) 430-1220



### 'Russell Squires Equipment & Tools, Hunting & Moving Auction'

SAT., JUNE 17th - 10 A.M.

5270 N. Kufalk Lane, Byron, IL 61010

**LIVE AUCTION!** Featuring New & Quality Items!

Stump 4 Phantom Elevated Hunting Box Blind & (3) Other Blinds; Tree Stands; Loads of Related Hunting Gear; Fire-arms & Ammo; Weatherby Rifles; Gun Safe; Outdoor & Patio; Gas Grill; Pedestal Gas Heaters; Trampoline; Household Furniture; Leather Sofas; Appliances & TVs; Bar & Signs Décor; Shop Equipment; Mechanic & Power Tools; Stihl Chain Saws; Power Equipment; Recreational & Camping; **Many More Nice Items!**



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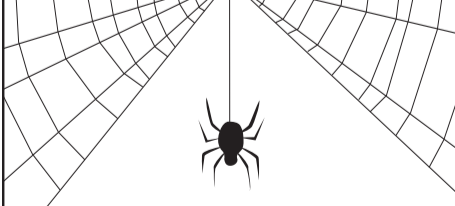
For Free Help or Information Call 815-562-8890 24 Hours

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Support, Advocacy, Referral Services, Shelter for victims of domestic violence and their children. **HOPE of Ogle County**



P.O. Box 131  
Rochelle, IL 61068  
Public Service Announcement



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### 105 BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

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### 113 FINANCIAL

**NOTICE** Advance Fee Loans or Credit Offers Companies that do business by phone can't ask you to pay for credit before you get it. For more information, call toll-free 1-877-FTC-HELP. A public service message from your hometown newspaper and the Federal Trade Commission.

### 119 ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### 125 PERSONALS

**PUZZLE EXCHANGE**  
For More Information Contact Debi (815) 440-0088

### 127 SERVICES AND REPAIRS

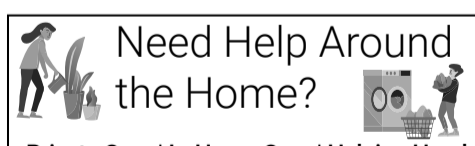
**FURMAN'S** Lawn Care and Tree Work. Mowing, bushes, spring clean up, weeding and much more. Call Jeremy Furman 815-761-9619. Please leave a message will return call ASAP. Fully insured, in business since 1999. Servicing Rochelle and surrounding areas.

**CUSTOM Construction Systems.** Residential/Commercial Roofing. Shingles/Metal/Flat. 815-871-7835. (05-24-23)

### 201 DOMESTIC/CHILD CARE

NO INDIVIDUAL, unless licensed or holding a permit as a

### 127 SERVICES



Private Care | In-Home Care | Helping Hand

Organizing, light-cleaning, laundry, transportation, healthcare needs and more!  
**Available Weekdays & Weekends**

Contact Alka Bond  
Certified Nursing Assistant  
(779) 888-0100

"Taking care of your loved one as I would take care of my own." PIA#23

### 411 MOBILE HOMES

#### MOBILE HOME FOR SALE

(16ft x 80ft)  
3-bedroom, 2-bath w/ 24' x 30' insulated garage

**\$55,000**

Located at Mt. Morris Estates, Lot #170

Call/Text (779) 770-6070

All offers considered PIA #28 05292023

childcare facility, may cause to be published any advertisement soliciting a child care service. A childcare facility that is licensed or operating under a permit issued by the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services may publish advertisements of the services for which it is specifically licensed or issued a permit. Your Hometown Newspaper strongly urges any parent or guardian to verify the validity of the license of any facility before placing a child in its care.

### 203 HELP WANTED

#### Class-A CDL Drivers Wanted

\$500 Sign on bonus  
Earn up to \$33/per hour  
Local Trucking Company seeking full time, year-round driver to haul grain.  
**815-938-3644**  
Please leave message.  
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### 301 ANTIQUES

**WANTED TO BUY:** Vintage Metal and Wood Signs, Milk Bottles & Local Advertising, Oak Icebox, Iron Door Stop and Antique Lighting... Call Dick Harms at 815-562-2928 or email dickharms@hotmail.com

**ANTIQUES WANTED:** I pay cash for antiques; furniture, glassware, pottery & crocks, tin & iron toys, sterling silver, decoys. If it's antique, I'm interested in looking! Call 815-562-2928 or email dickharms@hotmail.com

### 305 GARAGE SALES

**VILLAGE WIDE GARAGE SALE DAYS.** Thursday, June 8th - Saturday, June 10th 8AM-5PM, but times will vary for each sale. Hillcrest & Windover Park. Over 20 garage sales. Each sale is clearly marked & has maps available. Nice community ready to sell their treasures. Lots of unique finds. Great Deals. (06-07-23)

### 307 MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE

**BUNDLED Newspaper** -\$3 per Bundle. End Roll- Cost Depends on Weight of Roll. Available Monday-Friday 815-562-4171 (8AM-NOON ONLY) Rochelle News Leader.

1976 KOHLER & CAMPBELL Piano

with bench. \$500. 815-757-0203 (06-07-23)

### 405 HOUSES FOR SALE

ALL REAL ESTATE advertised herein is subject to the Federal Fair Housing Act, which makes it illegal to advertise any preference, limitation or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin, or intention to make any such preferences, limitation or discrimination. We will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. All persons are hereby informed that dwellings advertised are available on an equal opportunity basis.

### 501 APARTMENTS FOR RENT

**OREGON/ MT. MORRIS**  
Newer 1, 2 & 3 BR APTS. Water, sewer, garbage inc. w/most units. HOUSES some w/garages, all in like new condition. Starting at \$295/mo. 815-734-4348 or 815-590-2302

### For Rent - Byron

3-Bedroom, Upper Apartment  
Oversize Garage  
NO Pets  
1-Year Lease  
\$875/month  
\$975/Deposit  
412 W. 2nd. Street., Byron, IL  
815-904-4014

### 511 STORAGE UNITS

**K&P SELF STORAGE**  
1563 Kysor Drive, Byron (next to D&W Garage)  
**815-247-8518**  
OUTSIDE STORAGE NOW AVAILABLE  
Storage Unit Sizes:  
5' x 10' 10' x 10'  
10' x 15' 10' x 20' 10' x 30'

Not sure why business is slow?



is not just a saying in business.

Advertise today and let your business be in sight and in the minds of your customers.

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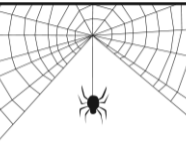
#### NEW MILFORD REFRIGERATION

**NEW, USED SCRATCH & DENT**  
• Refrigerators • Freezers  
• Washers/Dryers • Stoves

We also carry a large selection of refurbished appliances with a warranty.



6331 11th Street, Rockford  
**815-262-3900**



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# LOCAL NEWS

## JULIA HULL DISTRICT LIBRARY STILLMAN VALLEY

### Storytime at the Library

Join us at the library, every Wednesday at 10:00 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.

### Smarty Pants: Have Balloon, Will Travel

Smarty Pants is back! This time he'll join us on our reading road trip by motorcycle, rocket ship and hot air balloon. This one-of-a-kind production is fun and interactive for all ages featuring magic, comedy, storytelling and, of course, larger than life balloons! Friday, June 9 at 1:00 p.m. All ages. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

### Toddler Time: Water Sensory Bins

Indulge your little one's curiosity with a hands-on event just for them. Join us on the library lawn for water

play featuring a variety of sensory bins. Dress to get wet. Friday, June 16 at 10 a.m. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

### Young Critics Book Club

Join us, Tuesday, June 20 at 6 p.m., for a hands-on craft/activity all about the book "Going Places" by Tonya Bolden. Ages 7-9. Stop by the library to pick up your copy of the reading.

### Travels to the National Parks

Into the mountains we go, to lose our mind and find our soul! Join historian RJ Lindsey as Stephen Mather, Conservationist and first Director of the National Parks, on an informative and engaging historical tour of America's National Parks. We'll learn about the individuals who were essential to the development of the National Parks, and embark on a Mather Mountain Party: a ten-day camping trip with writers, congressmen and other influentials who were persuaded to develop and preserve a park system for the enjoyment of future generations. Monday, June 26 at 6:30 p.m. Email Joanna at jkluever@mail.meridian223.org to register for this Zoom program.

### Teens: Cupcake Wars

Put your creativity, imagination and sweet tooth to the test! Tie on your aprons and complete fun decorating challenges judged by your friends. Tuesday, June 27 at 6:00 p.m. Ages 13-18. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

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