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OES names April Students of the Month

Oregon Elementary School recently named its April Students of the Month. **8A**

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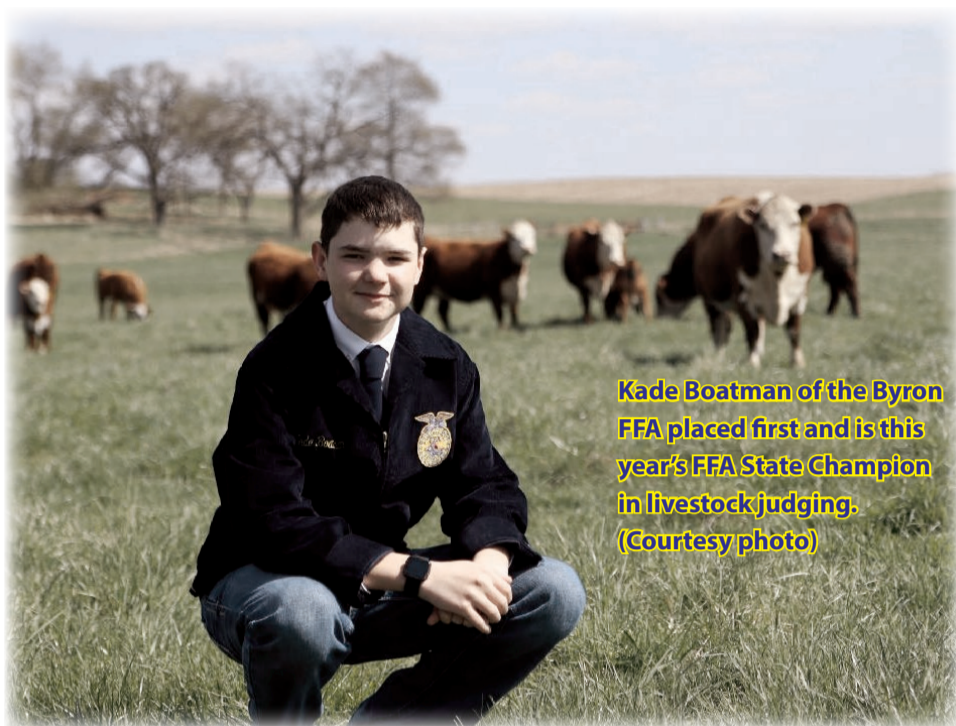
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Kade Boatman of the Byron FFA placed first and is this year's FFA State Champion in livestock judging. (Courtesy photo)

Byron FFA competes at state, Boatman takes 1st

BYRON — Kade Boatman of the Byron FFA placed first and is this year's FFA State Champion in livestock judging. The team placed third overall with Kendall Boatman eighth, Bruce Gehrke 28th and Kaydon VanBriesen 30th.

Also competing in state horticulture judging were Elizabeth Dyck 16th and Lauren Carlson 22nd out of 173 state competitors. In livestock judging students have to select animals based on market qualities and breeding soundness. They also had to keep or cull three sets of animals based on EPDs (expected progeny difference) which are genetic measurements of heritability for

particular genes. Contestants also had to give a quality and yield grade to a set of five slaughter cattle.

There were 586 students competing in two divisions, the Byron FFA Team qualified for the top reasons division. For this, students also had to present three oral reasons to professional industry judges. They had to explain why they selected or ranked the livestock the way they did and defend their selections.

Kade will be recognized in June at the State FFA Convention for his accomplishment.

(See A2 for more photos of Byron winners)

Oregon Rotary Club Foundation names scholarship winners

6 from OHS win scholarships

OREGON — The Oregon Rotary Club Foundation board members appreciate the many applicants to the scholarship program. We are fortunate to have so many scholars of distinction in our district. We would like to thank all the candidates for taking the time to apply and for sharing their talents and leadership in our community.

The Oregon High School seniors whom the board agreed best upheld the ideals of the Oregon Rotary Foundation for 2023 are Alexys Davis, Kendra Ehrler, Orion Gallentine, Valerie Nyderek, Ethan Schafer and Grant Stender. Additionally, Gallentine and Schafer have been given the further distinction of being named as the 2023 Catherine Ehnen co-scholars. Each scholarship recipient will have a check mailed directly to the college they are enrolled with in the fall. Our hope is that these financial awards will help students pursue their college education and enable them to continue to support our fine community. A separate scholarship opportunity will be given to individuals who have completed at least one full year at a college or trade school.

Over the course of the past 39 years, this program has awarded over \$400,000 to more than 200 area students who exhibited the ideals of Rotary International. Each year the Oregon Rotary Club Foundation Board selects recipients whom the board feels meets the principles of Rotary International. The annual decision process is a very difficult yet a rewarding experience. The Oregon community should be very proud of these individuals who are not only excellent students but participate in activities geared toward helping others as well.

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

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

SVHS FFA Ag Mechanic Team qualifies for state

STILLMAN VALLEY — The Stillman Valley High School FFA Ag Mechanic Team participated in their Section contest and once again qualified for State. The following students competed in the Section Two Ag Mechanics CDE: Hailey Jones – surveying (third place), Kenny Shearer - ag power (second place), Gavin Harrolle: welding (first place), Lucas Schultz: carpentry (second place) and Jeremiah Bogner: electricity (first place).

The team took first overall at the qualifying event. They will be representing the FFA chapter at the State Ag Mechanics CDE on May 4 at Illinois Central College.

Stillman Valley High School FFA Ag Mechanic Team members Lucas Schultz, Hailey Jones, Jeremiah Bogner, Kenny Shearer and Gavin Harrolle. (Courtesy photo)



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LOCAL NEWS



Byron FFA goes to state

Above, the Byron FFA team recently took part in the state competition. At left, Byron FFA competed in state horticulture judging and Elizabeth Dyck finished 16th and Lauren Carlson finished 22nd out of 173 state competitors. (Courtesy photos)



Byron Forest Preserve announces summer concerts

BYRON — Bring your lawn chairs and blankets and join us at the Heritage Farm Stage for local bands! These free concerts are on Sunday evenings, July 9, 16, and 23, starting at 7 p.m. Feel free to bring drinks or snacks and there will be drinks available for purchase.
 July 9: Patchouli

July 16: Freeborn Men.
 July 23: Backroads Trio
 Concerts are held at the Heritage Farm Stage, 8059 N. River Road in Byron, weather permitting. Rain/weather location will be at the Jarrett Prairie Center. For more information, call 815-234-8535, x217.

Capture our community with Byron Bank's Community Calendar Contest

BYRON—Beginning May 15, Byron Bank welcomes the community to submit their original photographs featuring local scenery and landscapes, animals, local businesses, historical locations, wildlife and more. 13 photos will be selected through the bank and community voting to fill the 1st Annual Byron Bank Community Calendar.

"The theme for our first community calendar is "Our Community. Our Home," Samantha Ciaccio, marketing officer at Byron Bank, said. "We are very excited to shine a light on the stunning

communities in which we live, work and play." Photo submissions are accepted May 15 through Aug. 31. Anyone wishing to enter the contest should email a digital copy of their photo and the entry form to sciaccio@byronbank.com with the subject line: 2024 Community Calendar Contest Entry. All photos should be a minimum size of 5-by-7, high resolution, landscape-oriented and in JPG format.
 At the end of the submission period, the community will have the opportunity to vote in the month of September. Visit

Byron Bank's Facebook page and byronbank.com to stay up-to-date on calendar voting. The cover photo winner will receive a \$250 gift card and monthly winners will receive a \$100 gift card! Complete contest rules and copies of the required forms can be found at byronbank.com or by visiting any of their convenient branch locations. The contest is open to both customers and non-customers.
 If you have any questions about the contest, please contact Samantha at sciaccio@byronbank.com.

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Kishwaukee Cemetery Memorial Day service scheduled for May 29

STILLMAN VALLEY — For the 153rd consecutive year, the Kishwaukee Cemetery Association will observe Memorial Day at 10 a.m. on Monday, May 29. The cemetery is located on Kishwaukee Road, one quarter of a mile south of the intersection of Condon Road and Kishwaukee Road.

Founded in 1845, the Kishwaukee Cemetery is believed to be the oldest burial spot for settlers in Winnebago County. Veterans from the Revolutionary War, War of 1812, Civil War, Spanish American War, World War I, World War II and the Korean War are buried in this pristine rural cemetery. This year's Memorial Day address will be delivered by Nick Morrison, a

Wounded Warrior, representing the Wounded Warrior Project. The Kishwaukee Community Evangelical Presbyterian Church and Kishwaukee Cemetery are the only institutions left of Kishwaukee. The town of Kishwaukee was founded by David Shumway a carpenter who traveled to Kishwaukee from Vermont, arriving in May of 1836.



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The recipient of the Top of Class Illustrated Speech - Beginner (aged 8-13) and Grand Champion Public Presentation was Harmony Coy, Ogle County.

Ogle County 4-H youth wins awards at Public Presentation Contest

OREGON — Public speaking is an important part of the overall 4-H experience. Throughout the year, 4-H members give talks and demonstrations at community club meetings and share information about the skills they learned in a project while receiving feedback in a supportive environment. Every 4-H member is also encouraged to give at least one formal presentation during a club meeting each year.

This year's 4-H Public Presentations Contest was held Saturday, March 17 at the Ogle County Farm Bureau. The recipient of the Top of Class Illustrated Speech - Beginner (aged 8-13) and Grand Champion Public Presentation was Harmony Coy, Ogle County. Harmony was Ogle County's State Public Speaking Contest Delegate for Illustrated Speech Beginner (aged 8-13 years old). Thank you to Baker Acres for sponsoring the Public Presentations award.

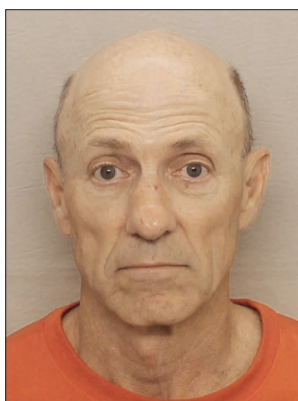
In 4-H youth are shown the importance of using their voice in the world and the 4-H public speaking experience allows youth to learn how to relate to audiences and gain their trust as they gain public speaking mastery. Youth recently put their public speaking skills to the test during the Illinois 4-H State Public Speaking Contest held at Parkland College April 29. Youth are promoted to the state contest from the county level. Local contests let youth exhibit their skill and allow for learning opportunities as well as the chance for growth and statewide competition.

LOCAL NEWS

Forreton man arrested for criminal sexual assault

FORRESTON — On Feb. 18, the Forreton Police Department received a report of a possible criminal sexual abuse incident.

After an investigation involving a minor under the age of 18, Michael A. Gaston, 67, of Forreton, was arrested for six counts of criminal sexual assault, a May 1 Forreton Police press release said. Gaston was transported to the Ogle County Jail on Tuesday, May 1, where he was held in lieu of bond. All parties



Gaston

are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

BYRON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Rockford man cited for speeding

BYRON — On April 12, Raymond M. Hillburn Jr., 30, of Rockford was issued a citation for speeding.

On April 12, Jason W. Smith, 44, was issued a citation for speeding.

On April 13, Cynthia L. Erb, 71, of Winnebago was issued a citation for speeding.

On April 13, a 16-year-old of Byron was issued a citation for speeding.

On April 14, Christa L. Hookstadt, 33, of Loves Park was issued citations for operating a vehicle with no proof of valid insurance and operating a vehicle with suspended registration.

On April 15, Juan A. Salinas, 39, of Cherry Valley was issued a citation for operating a vehicle while license is revoked. Salinas was arrested and taken to Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

On April 17, Justin M. Hynes, 31, of Rockford was issued a citation for speeding.

On April 19, Jordyn R. West, 22, of Dixon was issued a citation for operating a vehicle with suspended registration.

On April 20, Keegan A. Rodden, 29, of Loves Park was issued a citation for operating a vehicle with suspended registration.

On April 21, Nathaniel D. Hamilton, 32, of Byron was issued citations for operating a vehicle with no proof of valid insurance and operating a vehicle with expired registration.

On April 22, Broc W. Kundert, 34, of Byron was issued a citation for operating a vehicle with expired registration.

On April 22, Steven J. Caudillo, 58, of Sterling was issued a citation for speeding.

On April 23, Joshua A. Weaver, 26, of Wheaton was issued a citation for speeding.

On April 24, Danny E. Roos, 66, of Oregon was issued citations for no valid driver's license and operating a vehicle with suspended registration.

On April 24, John H. Spears, 27, of Chicago was arrested for theft by deception. Spears was transported to Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

On April 25, Alma L. Castro-Paz, 37, of Rockford was issued citations for operating a vehicle with suspended registration and operating a vehicle with suspended registration.

On April 26, Allen J. Brantley, 24, of Oregon was issued citations for no valid driver's license and operating a vehicle with no proof of insurance.

On April 26, a 17-year-old from Byron was issued a citation for speeding.

Any arrests listed below are merely accusations and the defendants are presumed innocent unless proven guilty in a court of law.

OREGON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police arrested woman on outstanding warrant

April 13
At 10:53 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Anita E. Chavez, 32, Rochelle, for an outstanding Lee County warrant. Chavez was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

April 19
At 7:49 a.m., Oregon Police issued Kristy L. Smith, 44, Leaf River, a citation for operating a vehicle with an expired registration. This violation occurred in the 100 block of North 4th Street.

At 9:02 a.m., Oregon Police arrested Shaun A. Sutton, 23, Oregon, on an outstanding Ogle County warrant. Sutton was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

At 5:57 p.m., Oregon Police issued a 16-year-old juvenile of Byron a citation for use of a cell phone while driving. This violation occurred in the 600 block of North 4th Street.

April 21
At 1:47 p.m., Oregon Police responded to a disturbance call in the 300 block of South 2nd Street resulting in the arrest of Andrew D. Rutherford, 28, Oregon, for domestic battery. Rutherford was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

April 22
At 1:01 a.m., Oregon Police issued Kaitlynn C. Lawson, 24, Dixon, a citation for speeding, 61 miles per hour in a 40-mile per hour zone. This violation occurred in the 300 block of East Washington Street.

April 23
At 3:42 p.m., Oregon Police responded to a disturbance call in the 300 block of South 2nd Street resulting in the arrest of Brittany A. Highbarger, 32, Oregon, for disorderly conduct. Highbarger was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

At 11:28 p.m., Oregon Police issued Andrew D. Kraklow, 32, Rock Island, a citation for speeding 43 miles per hour in a 30-mile per hour zone. This violation occurred in the 600

block of North 4th Street. 16 parking citations and six verbal warnings were issued during the week of April 17-23.

April 24
At 5:24 p.m., Oregon Police issued Laviorie D. Thigpen, 25, Chicago, a citation for speeding 42 miles per hour in a 30-mile per hour zone. This violation occurred in the 600 block of North 4th Street.

At 6:56 p.m., Oregon Police issued Jazmine A. Kendrick, 19, Dixon, a citation for speeding 54 miles per hour in a 30-mile per hour zone. This violation occurred in the 600 block of North 4th Street.

At 8:42 p.m., Oregon Police issued Tyler J. Zellers-Hayenga, 20, Oregon, for speeding 44 miles per hour in a 30-mile per hour zone. This violation occurred in the 600 block of North 4th Street.

April 25
At 12:09 a.m., Oregon Police responded to a one-vehicle traffic crash in the 1,300 block of West Washington involving a 2011 Chevrolet driven by a 17-year-old juvenile of Mt. Morri, who was issued citations for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident and driving too fast for conditions.

At 12:40 p.m., Oregon Police responded to a theft call at the Oregon Super Value, 204 N. 4th St., resulting in the arrest of Alice M. Garcia, 45, Kirkland, for felony theft under \$500 and possession of drug paraphernalia. Also arrested was Brian A. Skiba, 36, Kirkland, on two outstanding warrants, one for Ogle County and one for DeKalb County. Skiba was also charged for theft under \$500. Both Garcia and Skiba were transported to the Ogle County Jail.

April 26
At 8:15 a.m., Oregon Police investigated a two-vehicle traffic crash in the Oregon High School parking lot located at 210 S. 10th St.

involving a 1987 Kenworth truck driven by William J. Farbo, 24, Stillman Valley, and a 2012 Hyundai driven by Brenna K. Heitter, 18, Mt. Morris. No citations were issued.

At 8:21 p.m., Oregon Police issued Blake M. Wellington, 28, Oregon, a citation for speeding 44 miles per hour in a 30-mile per hour zone. This violation occurred in the 200 block of East Washington Street.

April 27
At 6:25 p.m., Oregon Police issued Grady F. Richards III, 39, Stillman Valley, a citation for operating a vehicle with suspended registration. This violation occurred in the 200 block of South 2nd Street.

At 10:32 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Jacob J. Conery, 41, Rockford, for driving under the influence of drugs and alcohol, improper cannabis container as a driver, aggravated driving under the influence of alcohol and drugs and aggravated driving while license suspended. Conery was also issued citations for use of a cell phone while driving, improper lane usage, speeding 41 miles per hour in a 30-mile per hour zone and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. Conery was transported to the Ogle County Jail. These violations occurred in the 500 block of Gale Street.

April 28
At 7:11 a.m., Oregon Police responded to the 700 block of Water Street for a traffic crash where a 2004 Jeep driven by Susan J. Holmquest, 66, Oregon, struck a fire hydrant. No citations were issued.

At 1:33 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Karen M. Jones, 49, Byron, for no valid driver's license. Jones was also issued citations for operating an uninsured motor vehicle and operating a vehicle with suspended registration. These violations occurred in the 600 block of North 4th Street.

Jones was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

At 7:37 p.m., Oregon Police issued Joseph S. Striblen, 25, Oregon, a citation for speeding 46 miles per hour in a 30-mile per hour zone. This violation occurred in the 600 block of North 4th Street.

At 8:48 p.m., Oregon Police issued Sabrena M. Hicks, 25, of Milledgeville, citations for speeding 46 miles per hour in a 30-mile per hour zone and operation of a vehicle with an expired registration. These violations occurred in the 600 block of North 4th Street.

At 9:03 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Felipe Serrano Guerrero, 24, Rockford, for driving while license suspended. Serrano Guerrero was also issued a citation for improper lane usage. Serrano Guerrero was transported to the Ogle County Jail. These violations occurred in the 500 block of South 4th Street.

April 29
At 1:49 a.m., Oregon Police issued Kameron L. Pullam, 30, Janesville, Wisconsin, a citation for speeding 59 miles per hour in a 30-mile per hour zone. This violation occurred in the 600 block of North 4th Street.

At 4:25 p.m., Oregon Police issued Shawn M. Parrish, 21, Rockford, a citation for operation of a vehicle with an expired registration. This violation occurred in the 600 block of North 4th Street.

At 8:50 p.m., Oregon Police issued William R. Schafer, 17, Oregon, citations for speeding 47 miles per hour in a 30-mile per hour zone and operation of a vehicle with expired registration. These violations occurred in the 600 block of North 4th Street.

Eleven parking citations and nine verbal warnings were issued during the week of April 24-30.

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Obituaries

Mercedes 'Penny' I. Bucci

ROCKFORD — Mercedes "Penny" I. Bucci passed away after battling Lymphoma Cancer and pneumonia on Friday, April 28, 2023, at River Crossing Nursing home in St. Charles, Illinois. She was born in Providence, Rhode Island on November 18, 1943, the daughter of Fritz and Katherine (Hapsburg) Freiwald. Mercedes liked to go shopping. She was someone who was full of energy and liked to stay busy. She worked for Knowles Electronics in Franklin Park for several years and for nearly 30 years at Quality Metal in Byron. She collected Koala Bears and Angel Figurines. In the evenings, she liked to wind down and watch her favorite shows on tv. She also loved animals especially dogs and cats. Above all, however, she loved being a mother. Her family was the most important thing in her life and she lived every day for them.

Mercedes is preceded in death by her parents, former husband James

Bucci and twin brother Frank J. Freiwald.

Mercedes is survived by her son, Vincent J. Bucci of Rockford; sister, Therese (Frank) Nichol of St. Charles, IL.; nieces and nephews, Richard Bucci, Christina (Wayne) Fisher, Jeffery (Debbie) Nichol, Denise (Kelly) Keegan, and Terri Ann (Alex) Guillen; and many great nieces, nephews, and friends.

Visitation services are schedule for Friday, May 5, 2023, from 10:00 AM – 12:00 AM at Farrell Holland Gale Funeral Home, 506 W. Merchant Street, Byron, IL. Masks are recommended but not required. A graveside service will take place in her honor at Byron City Cemetery at 12:30 PM with Pastor Randy Snider presiding. Memorials are established in her name and may be directed to her son, Vincent.

To leave an online condolence please visit www.farrellhollandgale.com



Sylvia Elizabeth Newcomer

OREGON — Sylvia Elizabeth Newcomer, age 92, died Thursday, April 27, 2023 at Jovan Bea Mercy Health Hospital in Rockford only 12 days after the death of her loving husband Max. Sylvia was born August 6, 1930 in Pine Rock Twp., Ogle County, IL the daughter of William and Frances (Linde) Bolhous.

Sylvia graduated from Oregon High School. She married Max Newcomer on Sept. 12, 1953 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Oregon. She was a member of the St. Paul Lutheran Church and a Life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary.

She enjoyed flower gardening, garage/estate sales and she collected many different things. Sylvia would frequently buy a broken piece of furniture at a sale, and she would bring it home for Max to fix. After it was repaired, she would skillfully refinish it, creating a beautiful piece of furniture. Everyone in the family has at least one of these refinished pieces in their home.

She also enjoyed the holidays, decorating their Victorian home at Christmas time, for which she won several contests. Sylvia was also socially active in her community. She and Max were honorary parade

marshals for a previous annual Autumn of Parade Festival.

Besides the recent death of her husband Max, she was also predeceased by her parents, brothers Willis, Walter, and Ralph, and sister Marion Lambert.

She is survived by her loving children Mark (Kay Helker) Newcomer, Galena, IL; Scott (Victoria) Newcomer, Muskego, WI; Lisa (Mark) Vail, Lincoln NE; and Joel Newcomer of Chana, IL; eight grandchildren and five great

grandchildren; sisters Verna Watts and Bertha (Don) Kenny; and brother Lawrence (Doris) Bolhous. As per her wishes, Sylvia's body was donated to science.

A combined memorial service for Max and Sylvia will be held 11:00 AM, Saturday, May 13, 2023 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Oregon, IL with the Rev. Carl Rasmussen, pastor of the church, and Chaplin John Tuttle of the Oregon VFW Post 8739 officiating. In Lieu of flowers, memorials in Max and Sylvia's honor may be directed to the Wounded Warriors Project, St Paul's Lutheran Church or VFW Post 8739. Visit www.farrellhollandgale.com to leave a condolence or memory of Max and Sylvia.



Gloria (Stouffer) Hartle

MT. MORRIS — On Sunday April 30, Gloria (Stouffer) Hartle, loving wife, mother, grandmother & great grandmother suddenly but peacefully passed away.

Gloria was born Nov 6 1938 in Polo, IL to Esther & Harold Stouffer. She married Herman Hartle on May 19, 1956 and raised 3 loving daughters.

Gloria was preceded in death by her father Harold, mother Esther, sister Shirley Ann and brother Wayne.

She is survived by her husband Herman; Daughters: Cindy Plac (Reggie), granddaughters Amanda Reed (Ryan), Alyssa Plac, Ashley Shearrow (Caleb) and Allison Plac; Peggy Flerick, granddaughters Nicole Flerick, Andria Corlew (Carl), great-grand children Makena, Addison, Declan and Kenneth-John; Jacqueline Carmody (Kyle), great-grandchildren Colton, Corbin, Charlie & Joelle; Julie Borgmann (Dave), grandchildren, KelliAnn Baker, Nicholas Baker, Alec Anderson, and great-grand children Kathryn, Lillian, and Aria

Gloria was an active member of the West Branch Church of the Brethren for 60 years and was a Sunday school teacher. She then transferred to the Mount Morris Church of the Brethren. She was an active member of the Mt

Morris Loyal Order of the Moose and the U of I Home Extension of Ogle County. She also worked at Hough Hardware store and Pinecrest, among other local employers

Gloria loved nature and all of the animals God placed on this earth, especially her pet dogs, cats, birds, squirrels, racoons and 1 owl. She was an avid reader and loved arts & crafts, and in particular making handmade wreaths and freezing butterflies.

She took the most pride and pleasure from being with her daughters, grandchildren and great grandchildren — she will always be fondly remembered as "Grandma-Merry-Go-Round."

Funeral services will be held on Saturday May 6, 2023 at 11:30 A.M. in the Mt. Morris Church of the Brethren, with Rev. Rodney Caldwell officiating. A private family burial will be held in Oakwood Cemetery, Mt. Morris, IL. Visitation will be held on Saturday May 6, 2023 from 10:00 A.M. until service time in the Brethren Church.

In lieu of flowers, the Family asks that you make a donation to "Peaceful Valley Donkey Rescue" Foundation" at Donkeyrescue.org, and/or the "One Tail at a Time" dog rescue at onetail.org in her name.

She was so loved and will be missed by all.



Lloyd B. Pretzsch

FRANKLIN GROVE — Lloyd B. Pretzsch, 83, of Franklin Grove, IL passed away on April 27, 2023. Lloyd was born on October 23, 1939 in Rochelle, IL to Charles and Zelpha (Gaston) Pretzsch.

Lloyd was a member of Grace Fellowship Church in Ashton, IL, where he was very involved. He enjoyed playing guitar and singing and would even do sessions for church services for nursing homes and the Meadows. He loved farming, which he did for many years, and he also loved to fish and even had his own bait company. He also enjoyed camping, traveling and horseback riding. Lloyd also coached Junior Tackle for 4 years for AFC. He loved being with his family and went to all the events he could for his children and grandchildren.

Lloyd is survived by his wife, Mary Pretzsch; 9 children, Sarah (Terry) Fields of Kentucky, Corina (Larry Jr.) Noirfalise of Arizona, David Pretzsch of Illinois, LeAnna Smith of Illinois, Susie (Tom) Fehrenbach of Illinois, Tina Strasma of Georgia, Shiela (Scott) Williamson of Georgia, Tim

(Trish) Pretzsch of Alabama and Quentin (Mary) Zittle of Illinois; 2 sisters, Maryln Zittle of Missouri and Sharon Fichter of Illinois; As well as 23 grandchildren, 18 great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents; A daughter, Teresa Pretzsch; A grandson, Nathan Pretzsch; And a brother, Dale Pretzsch.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Serenity Hospice and Home in Oregon, IL, Grace Fellowship Church in Ashton, IL or to the family.

A visitation will be held on Sunday, April 30, 2023 from 4:00 – 7:00 P.M. at Grace Fellowship Church, 2128 IL-38, Ashton, IL 61006. A visitation will take place next day, May 1, 2023 at the church from 9:00 – 10:00 A.M. with a funeral service to follow at 10:00 A.M. Cremation rites will be accorded. Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Beverage Family Funeral Home. Online condolences may be made at www.beveragelyonsfamilyfh.com



Lyle H. Wilken

FORRESTON — Lyle H. Wilken, 61, of Forreston, IL passed away Tuesday May 2, 2023 in his home. He was born September 7, 1961 in Freeport, IL, the son of Dale and Leona (Albert) Wilken. On October 20, 1984 he married Penny Kessler in Adeline, IL.

Lyle was a member of Adeline Zion Evangelical Church. Coaching in Forreston was really important to Lyle, especially middle school football, which he coached from 2000-2016. He was also involved with the Forreston Athletic Program for 16 years.

Lyle enjoyed playing golf and slow pitch softball. His greatest enjoyment in life was the time spent with his grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife Penny of Forreston; parents Dale and Leona Wilken of German Valley, IL; two sons Josh (Allyson) Wilken of German Valley, IL and Lucas (Stephanie) Wilken of

Forreston, IL; daughter Rebekah (Corey Wagner) Wilken of Tiffin, IA; brother Keith (Jan Reuber) of German Valley, IL; sister Beverly Wilken of German Valley, IL; five grandchildren Leon, Bryant, Isaiah, Addison, and Brooklyn; father and mother-in-law Stuart and Patricia Kessler of Mt. Morris, IL; two brother-in-law's Dennis (Kerry) Kessler and Scott (Sherri Samsel) Kessler; and two nieces and two nephews.

He is preceded in death by his maternal and paternal grandparents and his granddaughter Maya. Funeral services will be 10:00 A.M. Tuesday May 9, 2023 at Adeline Zion Evangelical Church with Rev. Larry Jameson officiating. A visitation will be held Monday May 8, 2023 from 4:00-7:00 P.M. at Burke-Tubbs Funeral Home in Forreston. Burial will be in Adeline Cemetery.

A memorial has been established for the Forreston Athletic Boosters.



June Haselton

ROCKFORD — June Haselton, 102, of Rockford, IL, formerly of Garden Prairie, IL, passed away on Monday, April 24, 2023. She was born on June 1, 1920, in Chicago, IL to the late Samuel and Carolyn (Ryerson) Hocker. She married the love of her life, Richard Haselton, on December 26, 1944, in Oceanside, CA.

June is loved and will be deeply missed by her son, Bruce (Aubra) Haselton; daughters, Carolyn (Win) Holden, Kathy (Royce)

Farmer; 6 grandchildren; 8 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, Samuel and Carolyn; beloved husband, Richard Haselton; sisters, Kit Foster, Carolyn Vickrey.

There will be a visitation on Tuesday, May 9, 2023, at 1st Presbyterian Church in Belvidere, IL from 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. The funeral service will begin at 11:00 A.M. Interment will be private.

Memorials can be made to the family in June's name.



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Jill Bishop

OREGON — Jill Bishop, 71, of Oregon died Saturday, April 29, 2023 in Madison, WI. Jill was born January 9, 1952 in Dixon, the daughter of Douglas and Anne (Keith) White. She married Tim Bishop on December 6, 1980 in Polo.

Jill was an incredible wife, mother, grandmother, and sister. She adored her family and her dogs. Jill had many talents, she was an entrepreneur running a photography studio, bridal shop, and furniture store before returning to school and graduating as a Registered Nurse at the age of 42. She loved Sunday meals with her family and lunches with her sisters. She had an infectious smile that will be dearly missed.

Survivors include her husband Tim; two sons Kelly (Amber) Bishop of Rock Falls, and Kyle (Brittany) Bishop of

Mahomet IL; one daughter Tracy (Brian) Reeder of Polo; two sisters Cheryl (Hughes) Joiner of Polo, and Kaye (Jim) Davis of Oregon; one sister-in-law Susan White of Roscoe; brother-in-law Tom (Beverly) Bishop of Racine WI; and nine grandchildren Austin Reeder, Allison (Juan) Munoz, Skylar Bishop, Skylar Smith, Wyatt Forster, Harley Bishop, Raiden Bishop, Knox Bishop, and Madden Bishop.

Jill was preceded in death by her parents; grandson Barrett Bishop; brother Keith White; and aunt Melba White.

Private family services were held on Friday, May 5, 2023 at Schilling Funeral Home & Cremation, in Sterling.

A memorial has been established. Condolences may be sent to www.schillingfuneralhome.com



LOCAL NEWS

MT. MORRIS POLICE DEPARTMENT

Officers arrest man wanted on warrant

MT. MORRIS — On April 24 at approximately 5:45 p.m. Mt. Morris Police were sent to the 10 block of West Center Street for the report of a person that was wanted on a warrant. After checking the area, officers located Erick F. Heinzmann, 46, Mt. Morris, and took him into custody. Heinzmann had outstanding war-

rants out of Ogle, Winnebago and Livingston Counties. Heinzmann was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond. On April 28 at approximately 2:10 a.m. Mt. Morris Police responded to the 10 block of East Main Street for the report of a disturbance. After an investigation, Marcello Castillo, 31,

Mt. Morris, was arrested and charged with criminal damage to property. Castillo was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond. These charges are merely an accusation, and that the defendant is presumed innocent unless proven guilty.

POLO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Driver cited for operating uninsured vehicle

POLO — On April 20 at 10:20 p.m. John R. McCullough, Jr., 61, of Polo, was cited for operating an uninsured motor vehicle. McCullough was released on an I-Bond. On April 20 at 3 a.m. Cody B. Mueller, 21, of Mission Viejo, California was cited for operation of a motor vehicle without registration. Mueller was released on an I-Bond. On April 23 at 9:35 p.m. Shannon R. Davis, 41,

of Sterling, was arrested for driving while license suspended, operating an uninsured motor vehicle and unlawful use of an electronic communication device. Davis was transported to the Ogle County Jail. On April 24 at 7:39 p.m. John Oelrichs, 20, Sterling, was cited with a city courtesy citation for disorderly conduct. On April 26 at 3 p.m. Ashley Kwatzke, 33, Polo, was issued a city ordinance

citation for failure to remove dog defecation. On April 26 at 6:57 p.m. Haleigh S. Geerts, 24, Polo, was issued a city ordinance citation for dog running at large. On April 27 at 7:15 p.m. Dustin M. Horner, 49, Polo, was arrested for operation of an uninsured motor vehicle, operation of a motor vehicle with suspended registration, operation of a revoked driver's license and a written warning for

illegal cell phone use. He was also taken into custody for an outstanding Lee County warrant. Horner was transported to the Ogle County Jail. General calls for service for the weeks of April 17-30: Citizen complaints/assists: 19. Juvenile: two. Animal complaints: eight. Disturbance/domestic: two. Fire/medical assist: four. 911 hang up: six. Traffic stops: 37 and county assists: three.



Polo Lions donate to Polo Fire
On the morning of Sunday, April 30 at the Polo Fire Department's breakfast, Polo Lions Club President Winton Bocker presented Polo Fire Chief Jim Ports a \$500 donation to the fire department. Ports also handed Bocker a challenge coin.

OGLE COUNTY SHERIFF

DeKalb man arrested for driving while license revoked, improper lane usage

OREGON — On April 25 at 11:36 a.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop on Interstate 39 at mile marker 106. After an investigation, deputies arrested Francisco Escamilla, 33, of DeKalb for driving while license revoked and improper lane usage. Escamilla was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

On April 25 at approximately 8:59 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop at East Illinois Route 64 and Garnhart Road. After a brief investigation, deputies arrested Alen Velasquez-Martinez, 23, of Rockford for no driver's license. Velasquez-Martinez was taken into custody without incident and released on an individual bond with a return court date set. Velasquez-Martinez was additionally cited for suspended registration, operating an uninsured motor vehicle and no taillights.

On April 25 at approximately 7:53 p.m. deputies were dispatched to the area of East Illinois Route 38 and Interstate 39 for a complaint of a red SUV driving erratically. Deputies were able to locate the suspect vehicle and conducted a traffic stop on Interstate 39 near mile marker 107. After brief investigation, deputies arrested Jolly Mitchell, 37, of Rockford, for no valid driver's license. Mitchell was given an I-Bond with a return court date later next month and released on scene.

On April 27, deputies investigated a one-vehicle accident in the 1,000 block of North Limekiln Road. It was learned that a 2016 white Chevy Traverse driven by 35-year-old Monica Mon of Polo had a mechanical issue and the vehicle left the roadway, crashing in to the ditch. Mon was transported to KSB Hospital by Oregon Ambulance for minor injuries. No citations were issued.

On April 27 at approximately 7:20 a.m. deputies and Stillman Valley Fire, Lynn Scott Rock Fire and Monroe Center Fire responded to a three-vehicle accident on Illinois Route 72 west of Illinois Route 251. It was determined that a Chrysler 200 driven by Dawn Little, 38, of Davis Junction, failed to reduce speed and rear-ended a Chrysler Pacifica driven by Kylee Peterson, 32, of Monroe Center. As a result of the initial collision, the Chrysler Pacifica rear-ended a Toyota Camry driven by Gabriella Walker, 20, of Kings. Walker, Peterson and four juveniles were treated and released on scene with no apparent injuries. Little was transported to a local hospital for suspected minor injuries. Little was cited for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident.

On April 28 at 2:19 a.m. deputies located a parked vehicle (with the engine on) in the 100 block of South Wesley Avenue in Mount Morris with a male subject slumped over in the driver's seat. After an investigation, Jacob B. Cunningham, 26, of Mt. Morris was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol. Cunningham was also issued citations for operating an uninsured motor vehicle and open alcohol/driver. Cunningham was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

On April 28 at approximately 6:47 a.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop at the intersection of Illinois Route 72 and Conger Road. After investigation, deputies placed Noah Johnson, 19, of Freeport under arrest for driving while license revoked. Johnson was additionally issued a citation for speeding. Johnson was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

On April 28 at approximately 1:09 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 8,000 block of South Illinois Route 38. After investigation, deputies placed Dustin Horner, 49, of Ashton under arrest for driving while license suspended. Horner was additionally issued a citation for operating a vehicle when the registration is suspended. Horner was released on an I-Bond at the scene and given a future court date.

On April 28 at approximately 11:12 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop at Illinois Route 251 and Twombly Road for speeding 90 miles per hour in a 55-miles per hour speed zone. After a brief investigation, deputies arrested Joshua A. Larson, 43, of Genoa for driving under the influence of alcohol. Larson was taken into custody without incident, and transported to the Ogle County Jail, where he was held in lieu of bond. Larson was additionally cited for speeding 35 miles per hour over the speed limit.

On April 29 at approximately 2:38 p.m. deputies responded to a one-vehicle rollover accident in the 4,000 block of North Blackwood Road. Upon arrival, Monroe Center EMS was on scene attending to both the driver and

passenger, which they refused any medical attention. After investigation, deputies placed Tommy Marcum, 36, of Holcomb under arrest for driving under the influence of alcohol. Marcum was additionally issued citations for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident and improper lane usage. Marcum was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

On April 29 at approximately 11:50 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 8,000 block of North Illinois Route 2. After brief investigation, deputies arrested Hannah Wilson, 19, of Machesney Park for driving while license suspended. Wilson was given an I-Bond with a return court date later next month and released on scene.

On April 29 at approximately 1:24 a.m. deputies responded to the Mount Morris Estates (3747 W. Illinois Route 64) for a reported physical domestic disturbance. After a brief investigation, deputies arrested Kelsey Milliman, 26, of Mt. Morris, for domestic battery. Milliman was transported to the Ogle County Jail pending an appearance before a judge. Deputies were assisted by the Mt. Morris Police Department.

On April 30 at approximately 1:28 a.m. deputies responded to the 6,000 block of South Illinois Route 2 for the report of a two-vehicle accident with unknown injuries.


Upon arrival, it was learned the accident was a three-vehicle accident. After a short investigation, deputies determined that a white and turquoise Ford F350, being operated by Donta Yocum, 25, of Dexter, New Mexico, was traveling southbound on Illinois Route 2. At the same time, a black Jeep Compass, being operated by Dana Brace, 47, of Leaf River, was traveling northbound on Illinois Route 2. Traveling behind Brace was a black GMC Sierra operated by Olivia Steingraber, 35, of Oregon. The Ford was reported to have drifted into the northbound lane, striking the Jeep and side-swiping the GMC. The Jeep continued northbound, crossed into the southbound lane, and struck a tree in the west ditch where the Jeep came to rest. The Ford continued southbound and came to rest in the northbound lane. All parties sustained no apparent injuries. Deputies arrested Yocum and Brace for driving under the influence of alcohol. Yocum and Brace were transported to the Ogle County Jail, where they were held in lieu of bond. Yocum was additionally cited for improper lane usage, failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident and transporting an open container of alcohol.

All individuals are considered innocent until proven guilty.

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Deadline is Tue., May 23rd at 4 p.m.

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 3. Forever missed, never forgotten. May God hold you in the palm of His hand.
 4. Thank you for the wonderful days we shared together. My prayers will be with you until we meet again.
 5. The days we shared were sweet. I long to see you again in God's heavenly glory.
 6. Your courage and bravery still inspire us all, and the memory of your smile fills us with joy and laughter.
 7. Though out of sight, you'll forever be in my heart and mind.
 8. The days may come and go, but the times we shared will always remain.
 9. May the light of peace shine on your face for eternity.
 10. May God's angels guide you and protect you throughout time.
 11. You were a light in our life that burns forever in our hearts.
 12. May God's graces shine over you for all time.
 13. You are in our thoughts and prayers from morning to night and from year to year.
 14. We send this message with a loving kiss for eternal rest and happiness.
 15. May the Lord bless you with His graces and warm, loving heart.

Fill out the form below and drop off or mail to:
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LOCAL NEWS

County electronics recycling event is May 20

OREGON — The Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department (OCSWMD) will be hosting a residential electronics recycling event on Saturday, May 20 from 8 a.m. to noon at 909 Pines Road in Oregon.

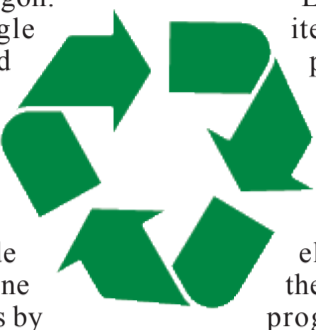
This event is for Ogle County residents only and a free permit is required in advance of the event. To obtain a free permit call 815-732-4020 or email solidwaste@ogle-countyil.gov and provide your name, address, phone number and email address by 4 p.m. on Friday, May 19.

Accepted items include all televisions and computer monitors, computers, computer hardware and cables, laptops, tablets, cell phones, printers, FAX machines, scanners, shredders (no tubs), copiers, video gaming equipment, DVD/VCRs, cable/satellite boxes, stereo equipment, radios, digital clocks, cameras, calculators, phone systems, holiday light

strands, extension cords, rechargeable batteries, printer ink cartridges, CD/DVDs and CFL bulbs. Microwave ovens accepted for \$5 per unit. Cash or check accepted.

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

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



ISP announces results of nighttime enforcement patrols

OGLE COUNTY — Illinois State Police (ISP) Troop 1 Commander, Captain Joseph Blanchette announces the results of Nighttime Enforcement (NITE) patrols in Ogle and Winnebago County during April. These NITE patrols allowed the ISP to focus on preventing, detecting, and taking enforcement action in response to impaired driving and occupant restraint viola-

tions especially between the hours of 7 p.m. and 6 a.m.

Driving under the influence (DUI) citations: zero, other alcohol/drug citations: zero, occupant restraint offenses: four, registration offenses: three, driver's license violations: seven.

Total citations/arrests: 65/seven. Total written warnings: 19.

Alcohol and drug impair-

ment are a factor in more than 30 percent of all fatal motor vehicle crashes in Illinois. Over half of all fatal crashes in Illinois occur at night. The NITE program allows officers to work even harder at removing dangerous impaired drivers from the road and making sure everyone is buckled up. This project is funded through the Illinois Department of Transportation.

Cardinal Christmas committee met April 11

STILLMAN VALLEY — The Stillman Valley Cardinal Christmas committee met April 11 to discuss plans for this year's event. It will be held on Dec. 3 from 4-7 p.m. Again this year Santa will arrive by firetruck at Ladders of Learning. There will be a live remote with The Coyote 102.3.

Also, the Snow Princess and Super Heros will be on hand. A craft show will be going on at the Junior High. The Grinch will be back again this year. We

are looking for groups that would like to sing Christmas Carols. A tree decorating contest will be held at the bank again this year. Anyone that would like to join the committee is welcome.

Meetings are held at the Village Hall on the second Tuesday of each month from noon to 1 p.m. If you have questions or would like to be involved, call Yvonne at the Village Hall.

The next meeting will be May 9.

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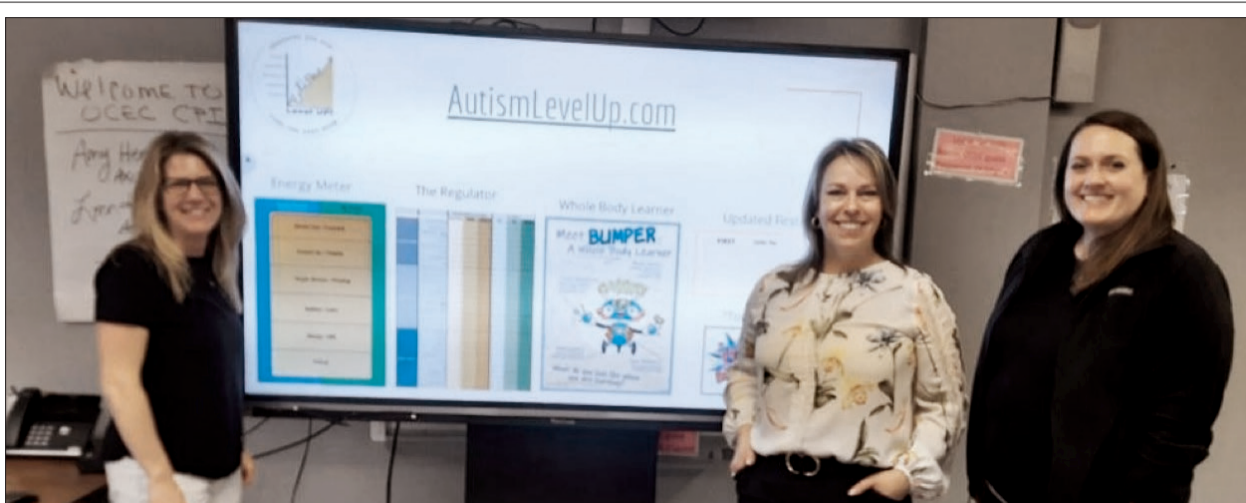
LOCAL NEWS

Mt. Morris Senior Center to take trip to Arlington Heights

MT. MORRIS — On Tuesday, May 30, the Mt. Morris Senior Center is organizing a day trip which will be taken to Arlington Heights. Paying homage to those entertainers who sang and danced for our troops during the 1940s, this USO Salute includes a tribute to such artists as the Andrews Sisters, Judy Garland, Bob Hope, Rosemary Clooney and many more. Backed by a five-piece band, six powerhouse singers recreate an afternoon of a classic USO show full of memorable songs, comedic numbers and slapstick entertainment hosted by our own master of ceremonies.

All are welcome to join us for this bus trip. We will leave from the Mt. Morris Church of the Brethren at 10 a.m. We will take a charter bus to downtown Arlington Heights. You will be able to walk around Arlington Heights and have lunch wherever you would like. At 2:30 p.m. we will meet back at the Metropolitan Performing Arts Centre for the show. After the show we will head back to Mt. Morris.

The cost for this show is \$100 for members and \$110 for non-members. Please call Melissa at the senior center at 815-734-6335 to sign up or send a note with your payment to 9 E. Front St., Mt. Morris, IL 61054. All registrations and money is due by May 12.



April is Autism Acceptance Month

For Autism Acceptance month, Mrs. Henkel, LCSW, assistant director of special education and Mrs. Poegel, NIA consultant, presented to 30 participants from member districts this month on "Leveling Up Regulatory Support through Collaboration and Neurodiversity." Staff from Amboy, Kings, Meridian, Oregon, Polo, OCEC and Steward viewed and discussed "Regulation, What's Energy Got to Do with It?" featuring Dr. Jacquelyn Fede and Dr. Amy Laurent. Guest speaker Laura Smith, social worker, shared about her journey with a student discovering neurodivergence and the impact on his education and life. Autism Acceptance month has been expanded from the previously promoted Autism Awareness campaign, and promotes acceptance of autistic people within daily activities, education, programming, employment and community events. Neurodiversity is the idea that various neurological conditions are the effect of normal changes and variations in the human genome. Various conditions such as ADHD, autism, dyspraxia and dyslexia all fall within the spectrum of "neurodiversity." In Ogle County, child count statistics indicate an estimated 9,126 students within Ogle County Education Cooperative's 11 member districts, 1,330 students with an individual education plan and 105 students with an educational eligibility of autism.



Oregon students win 28 ribbons at conference art show

On April 14, Oregon Junior Senior High School students took home 28 ribbons at the conference art show, including seven first-place ribbons, seven second-place ribbons, four third-place ribbons and 10 honorable mentions.

The following students won: Macklynn Rager (one ribbon), Kaitlynn Hebert (two ribbons), Allissa Martin (two ribbons), Alayna Benton (two ribbons), Alyssa Mowry (four ribbons), Briley Berns (five ribbons), Marin Sands (two ribbons), Sophia Stender (three ribbons), Bella Buckel (one ribbon), Emily Guz (one ribbon), Kaedie Coblenz (one ribbon), Lizzie Elsasser (one ribbon), Jade Brewington (one ribbon), Olivia James (one ribbon) and Mackenzie Mueller (one ribbon).

Oregon Park District's summer events guide now available

OREGON — The Oregon Park District's summer guide is now available to view as of Monday, May 1. Visit www.oregonpark.org to check out the variety of offerings for summer. Everyone's favorite programs are featured in the guide, including fitness classes, adult leagues, youth sports, camps, swim lessons, athletics, Art in the Park, Pop Up and Play, personal training and much more! We also have a variety of new programming including a camp out at Park West, new trips and new outdoor adventures!

Registration is open for passholders on Monday, May 8 and open for all on Tuesday, May 9 and can be completed online, by phone or in person.

Register online at www.oregonpark.org, in person at Nash Recreation Center, 305 S. 5th St., Oregon, or over the phone at (815)732-3101.

Join us for another fun summer of activities for all ages!

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

May 11

Serenity Hospice & Home's Lunch group will meet at 11:30 a.m. at The Sunrise, 101 W. 2nd St., in Byron. To register please call 815-732-4111 by 10 a.m.

May 12

C.A.F.E. will meet from 9-10 a.m. at The Serenity Home, 1658 S. Illinois Route 2, Oregon. Please call 815-732-4111 by 4 p.m. on May 11 to register.

May 12

All children who live in Forrestville Valley

School District 221, from the ages of 3-5, are eligible for district preschool screenings. The free screening is conducted to identify children who may have speech, vision, hearing, learning or behavioral needs. The screening is required to participate in one of the district's preschool programs.

If you would like your child to participate in one of the district's preschool screenings and your child will be three before Sept. 1, 2023, and not yet enrolled in kindergarten, call German Valley Grade School at 815-362-2279 to

schedule an appointment.

Spring screening date: May 12.

Children screened will be eligible for possible enrollment in one of the district's preschool programs for the 2023-2024 school year. You will receive screening documentation to be completed at home. All information needs to be returned to the Forreston Grade School or German Valley Grade School office before your child's screening appointment.

Students currently enrolled in a preschool program do not need to be screened again.

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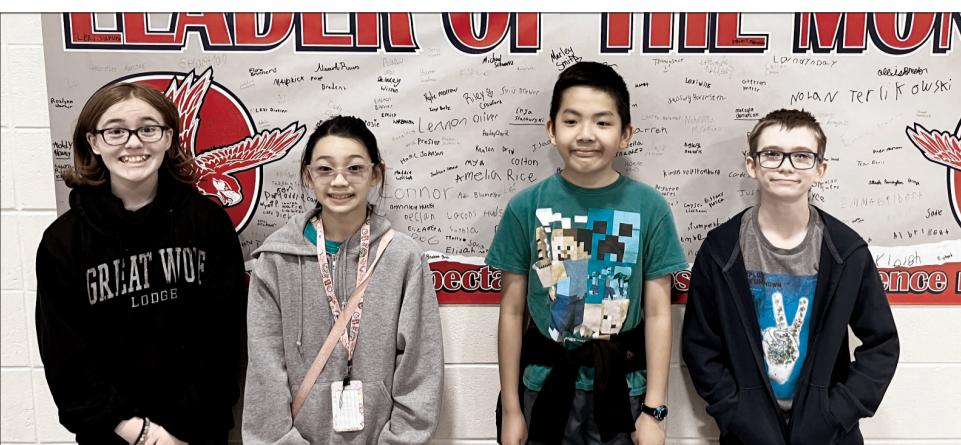
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Oregon Elementary School names April Students of the Month

Oregon Elementary School recently named its April Students of the Month. They include Mason Stone, Owen Perez, Macie Johnson, Daniel Board, Miles Hallock, Tegan Schroeder, Oliver Crosby, Arrow Patterson, Amelia Anaya, Joey Nesemeier, Lane Benesh, Annabelle Drozd, Jayda Sowl, Harper Berogan, Kinley Truckenbrod, Miriam Guinn, Dharma Lewis, Caroline Kaskavage, Regan Jimenez, Madison Armbruster, Bennett Dalphonse, Isabelle Quintana, Lennox Hartmann, Aria Cusumano, Emilia Rogers, Myra Benesh, Parker Cain, Olivia Showalter, Agra Newberry, Jayden Gordy, Isabella Paul, Aaron Antoine, Kate Nobis, Cooper Johnson, Andy Zhan, Lia Tran, Ash Noble, Rashaun Mctizic and Abram Lopez-Belmontes.

Stillman Valley Farmers Market is each Saturday starting this month

STILLMAN VALLEY —We are so excited to announce that Stillman Valley will have a Farmer's Market starting May of 2023. The market will be held the first Saturday of every month from May to October at Stillman Valley Recreation Park from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

We are also looking for more vendors to join us, if you or know anyone that would be interested please email us at thewhiteoakandco@gmail.com

NIU STEM Café to explore the role of bison in the prairie ecosystem

Event is May 20 at NIU Lorado Taft

OREGON —For nearly a decade, researchers have been studying the effects of reintroducing bison to the prairie ecosystem in northern Illinois. The public will get a chance to learn about these efforts at a special Saturday morning STEM Café at the Northern Illinois University Lorado Taft Field Campus.

The STEM Café will take place on Saturday, May 20 from 9 a.m. to noon at NIU Lorado Taft (1414 N. River Road, Oregon). The event is family friendly and open to all. The cost of \$20 includes a breakfast buffet and presentation by NIU Biology Professor Holly Jones, followed by a guided tour of the prairie at nearby Nachusa Grasslands.

Registration and more information at go.niu.edu/bison.

VIEWPOINT

"Congress shall make no law . . . abridging the freedom of speech or of the press"

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MOMENTS IN TIME

* On May 20, 1609, Shakespeare's sonnets were first printed in London by "procurer of manuscripts" and publisher Thomas Thorpe. While it is unclear how he acquired the manuscript, it may have been an illegal copy, and was apparently issued without the Bard's permission, causing some damage to Thorpe's reputation.

* On May 17, 1861, the first color photo, of a tartan ribbon, was taken by Thomas Sutton and Scottish mathematical physicist James Clerk Maxwell, by photographing it three times through red, blue and yellow filters before combining the images into a single color composite.

* On May 21, 1881, former school-teacher, patent clerk and later pioneering nurse Clarissa Harlowe Barton, better known as Clara Barton, founded the American Red Cross. She served as its president for 23 years before retiring in 1904 at the age of 83. She was posthumously inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame in 1973.

* On May 16, 1947, singer Billie Holiday was arrested at her New York apartment on the charge of narcotics possession. When it came time to appear in court, her attorney advised her to plead guilty, thinking she'd likely be placed on probation and taken to a hospital for addiction treatment. She was instead sentenced to a year and a day in prison.

* On May 18, 1974, India conducted its first successful nuclear bomb test. The mission's code name was "Smiling Buddha." The bomb was detonated on the army base Pokhran Test Range under the supervision of several key Indian generals.

* On May 15, 1990, the "Portrait of Dr. Gachet" by Vincent van Gogh was sold for \$82.5 million in just three minutes, becoming the most expensive painting ever sold at an auction. The artist had lived with Gachet following a spell in an asylum, and Gachet cared for van Gogh during the last months of his life.

* On May 19, 1996, the Space Shuttle Endeavour launched from the Kennedy Space Center in Florida on its 11th mission. In 10 days and 40 minutes, the shuttle completed 161 revolutions and covered a total distance of more than 4 million miles before landing.

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Golf anecdotes and rules

AH it's golf season. The smell of freshly mown grass, the perfectly manicured greens, the whispering wind through the trees and in my case the sand traps and water hazards.

As a younger man I used to play a round every chance I could find, but alas, old age and a broken-down body have ended those days. Two bum knees, a bad shoulder and a balky elbow prompted me to give my clubs away five years ago. I only miss my Taylor Made putter as that was the only club I could still swing, and not very well.

But for all those who still enjoy a game of "pasture pool" I will honor you this week with a few humorous anecdotes to help when the ball won't fly straight, and you get the yips.

Golfer: Think I'm going to drown myself in the lake.

Caddy: Think you can keep your head down that long?

Golfer: I'd move heaven and earth to break 100 on this course.

Caddy: Try heaven, you've already moved most of the earth.

Golfer: Do you think my game is improving?

Caddy: Yes sir, you miss the ball much closer now.

Golfer: Do you think I can get there with a five iron?

Caddy: Eventually.

Golfer: You've got to be the worst caddy in the world!

Caddy: I don't think so sir. That would be too much of a coincidence.

Golfer: Please stop checking your watch all the time. It's a great distraction!

Caddy: It's not a watch, it's a compass.

Golfer: How do you like my game?

Caddy: Very good sir, but personally I prefer golf.

Golfer: Do you think it's a sin to play on Sunday?

Caddy: The way you play sir, it's a sin any day.

Golfer: This is the worst course I've ever played.

Caddy: This isn't the golf course. We left that an hour ago.

Golfer: That can't be my ball, it's too old!

Caddy: It's been a long time since we teed off.

Six tin rules:

A ball sliced or hooked into the rough shall be lifted and placed in the fairway equal to the distance it carried into the rough. It is hardly fair to penalize the player for the erratic flight of the ball.

A ball hitting a tree shall be deemed not to have hit the tree. Hitting a tree is incredibly bad luck, a phenomenon which obviously has no place

in a scientific game. The player shall estimate the distance the ball would have traveled under reasonable circumstances and play the ball from that point, preferably from a nice tuft of grass.

There shall be no such thing as a lost ball. The missing ball will be eventually found by another player and pocketed, in which case it becomes a stolen ball. There is no room in the game for thievery.

A ball landing in a sand trap may be lifted, cleaned and dropped in the fairway. No penalty shall be assessed. If you wanted to play in the sand, you would have gone to the beach. The same applies to water hazards for similar reasons.

If a putt passes over a hole without dropping in, it shall be deemed to have dropped. The law of gravity takes precedence over the law of golf.

A putt that comes to a stop close enough to the hole to inspire comments like "You could blow it in from there" maybe blown in. The rule does not apply if the ball rests more than three inches from the hole. We have no wish to make a travesty of the game.

FORE!

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



Ron Kern

Marital advice I've received over the years

A stream of more than 30 cars and trucks roared down the dirt road, honking their horns and then stopping at our farmhouse just south of Galesburg.

Don Swedlund, the dairy farmer down the road, got out and hollered, "We're having a shivaree!"

For the uninitiated, a shivaree is a rural matrimonial custom where the newlyweds are serenaded on their wedding night. Sometimes the bride or groom is kidnapped and hazed.

In my parent's case, it was just the name neighbors chose to call a surprise anniversary party. I remember thinking that warm summer night in 1974, 20 years is an awfully long time – more than twice as long as I had been alive.

Next week, my wife, Joan, and I will have reached that milestone that my childhood neighbors believed warranted an impromptu celebration. Yes, we will hit the platinum mark, two decades.

I met Joan on a blind date in 2001. The twin towers had tumbled a couple months earlier, our mothers were battling cancer and I had pretty much altogether soured on dating. It hardly seemed an auspicious time to begin a romance, but five weeks later we were engaged to be married.

Since I was 38 and entering the world of matrimony a bit later than most, well-meaning friends felt the need to offer advice.

"When she does something that annoys you, don't hold anything back and let her know just what you are thinking," advised a twice-divorced college buddy.

On the other hand, a fellow statehouse reporter told me, "The secret to a long marriage is inertia." I remember giving him a blank look in the Senate press box and thinking,

"So, your marriage has lasted because it wasn't worth the effort to get a divorce?"

He and his wife have since split.

Even the governor at the time, George Ryan, felt the need to provide some marital wisdom before we began an interview, he said, "The secret is picking the right gal."

Ryan was on to something. His wife Lura Lynn stuck with him for 55 years. Even when

George was in prison, she visited him regularly and worked to see that he was released. She died of cancer the day after their wedding anniversary. Her husband remained incarcerated but anyone who knew them will tell you they were very much in love.

And there is the rub, when you fall in love the world is all puppy dogs, jelly beans and unicorns. But marriage is a lot more than that.

While most of the advice I received was unsolicited, I do remember asking a veteran wedding photographer if he had a good idea at the wedding which couples' marriages would last.

He laughed and said, "Nobody gets sprinkled with fairy dust. You never know. All that I can say is that it's never a good sign if the groom has been sleeping with one of the bridesmaids."

When State Sen. Denny Jacobs heard about our impending nuptials, he walked up to the press box and said, "What do reckon marriage will be like, Scott?"

I replied, "A lot of fun."

His response: "Marriage isn't about fun." As he said "fun," he repeatedly thrust his pelvis and gyrated his hips pantomiming a couple in sexual congress.

His act may have drawn the attention of his senatorial colleagues – including a

future president of the United States. I could hear them wondering, "What on earth is Denny talking to that reporter about?"

After he finished his performance, he leaned forward and almost snarled, "Marriage is not about fun, it's about commitment."

The senator from East Moline must have known something; he and his wife, Mary Ellen, have been married 68 years. I do suspect there has been some fun there over the years – along with the commitment.

Spouses don't come with instructions and I'll admit that even after 20 years, I'm at times bewildered as to how to respond to some situations. More than a few times I've exclaimed, "Honey, I can't read your mind."

But I do know this: She is the love of my life and puts up with me despite my many shortcomings.

She completes me.

Right before we wed, one relative opined: "Marriage is something you should go into with your eyes wide open and through with them half shut."

When I ran this adage by my father, who ultimately was married to my mother for 58 years, he would just smile.

His folks were married 74 years, and my mother's parents' marriage lasted until the eve of their 50th anniversary, when a bad heart felled my grandfather.

They set good examples.

I only hope my wife, Joan, and I can provide an even better example for our three daughters.

If they ever ask the secret to a happy marriage I'll say this: love, forgive and never give up.

Happy anniversary, Dear.

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Scott Reeder

LOCAL NEWS

Community garden plots available

BYRON — The United Church of Byron welcomes all to reserve space in our community garden. Plots are \$10 each. If you're new to gardening, this is a great way to get started with a small plot and community of folks who can answer questions.

If you're an experienced gardener and are looking for more space, we've got you covered! The gardens are located on the northwest side of the church at 701 W. 2nd St., Byron.
Please call (815-234-8777) or stop by the church for more details and to sign-up!

Adult and end-of-life planning workshop is May 16

MT. MORRIS — Middle-aged and older adults can sometimes lack knowledge about, avoid planning for, or become anxious concerning their lives beyond retirement. A better understanding about later and end-of-life planning can help alleviate some of the stress often associated with these tasks. One can then more proactively manage older adult transitions, funeral or memorial planning, and their associated challenges and opportunities. Hopeful outcomes include more preparation for and a greater peace moving into and through later adulthood. This class will be presented by Lay Visitor Team members, associates and a guest speaker at the Disciples United Methodist Church in Mt. Morris on Tuesday, May 16 from 1 p.m. until 4:45 p.m. It will be held in the easily accessible Disciples UMC Fellowship Hall at 102 Maple Ave. on the corner of Maple and Hitt Streets (Illinois Route 64). Our free workshop is open to all adults whether

affiliated with a religious organization or not. Topics include a discussion about the documents and data to be created and collected for a Life File, such as a will, advanced directive, passwords, etc. Attendees will better understand the more recently explored stages and opportunities of later adulthood and their possible implications for the care they supervise or directly give to others. Legacies will be discussed. Guests will learn how to write their own obituaries or those of loved ones. Pastor Julie Bunt will share how to create one's own special funeral or memorial service, including information about its component parts. Guest speaker Louis Finch IV, funeral director at the Finch Funeral Home in Mt. Morris and the Ogle County coroner, will present an overview of funeral, memorial or celebration of life planning. The workshop includes discussion groups about either obituary writing or the creation of your own memorial

service, including hymns, scripture, etc. Attendees can choose to continue working at home on their own obituary or memorial service and return in a month to share their plans with their work group. In June, they can attend a tour of and learn more about the new 60-acre, Rock River Memorial Forest located on Rock River Road outside of Oregon. The riverfront, memorial forest was established by Better Place Forests. Here one can both have their lives celebrated and their ashes returned to the land beneath a memorial tree of their choice. Opportunities and resources for the grief work and sharing will also be shared. Come join us the afternoon of May 16 at Disciples UMC. Our workshop also includes beautiful musical interludes presented by our harpist, Kit Reynolds. Refreshments will be served. For more information or to RSVP, call the church at 815-734-4853. Walk-ins are also welcome.



Stillman Bank donates for new SVHS soccer scoreboard

Stillman Bank recently donated \$9,500 to Stillman Valley High School for the purchase of a new scoreboard for their soccer field. Pictured from left: Stillman Bank President and CEO Tom Hughes, Meridian CUSD #223 Athletic/Activities Director Heather Alderks and Stillman Bank Executive Vice President and Chief Operations Officer David Mecklenburg.

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Stillman Bank donates casual day funds to Serenity

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LOCAL NEWS



Schafer is OJSHS March Senior of Distinction

Oregon Junior Senior High School recently named Ethan Schafer its March Senior of Distinction. "Ethan is professional, passionate, respectful and determined both in and outside of the classroom," Angela Reynolds, OJSHS math teacher and senior class dean, said. "Over the past four years, Ethan has always challenged himself academically by taking rigorous courses. He challenged himself even more this year by beginning the calculus series on top of other college courses and a full extracurricular schedule. The calculus series alone is no easy feat but shows his amazing maturity and determination to successfully complete it alongside his other various activities. Ethan is also a strong leader within our athletic and art programs. His peers look to him as a role model and his coaches/directors have confidence in him within these leadership roles. Ethan will undoubtedly be successful in all of his future endeavors."

Webb named next assistant principal of OES

OREGON — Oregon CUSD #220 recently announced that Mrs. Randi Webb was approved as the next assistant principal of Oregon Elementary School for the 2023-24 school year at the April 17 board meeting.

Webb will take the place of Ryan Huels who is transitioning to the principal role at OES next year. Randi is currently in her fifth year as a fourth grade teacher at OES with previous experience in the Rockford Public Schools prior to coming to Oregon. Randi has two master's degrees in educational leadership and as a reading specialist. She currently serves as a member of the OES Lighthouse Team charged with implementing The Leader In Me and school improvement efforts. "Randi stood out among a large applicant pool



as someone who is student-centered and a proven track record of leadership in our building in her current role as a classroom teacher," Huels said. "We are thrilled to have Mrs. Webb transition to a new role as assistant principal and I am confident she will help us achieve our district's goals of improving academic outcomes and continuing to create a positive school culture." Webb will officially start her new role on July 1.

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May 12 also marks the birthday of Florence Nightingale, an influential 19th century British nurse who many consider the founder of modern nursing. The Canadian Nurses Association celebrates its own National Nursing Week, which begins on May 10 and continues through May 16.

Student nurses and school nurses are honored during National Nurses Week celebrations in the United States. Celebrations honoring nurses across the globe figure to take on greater meaning in 2021 as the world continued to confront the COVID-19 pandemic, during which hundreds of nurses died from the virus while countless others contracted it before eventually returning to work to continue helping those in need.




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Robison named new athletic/activities director at SVHS

STILLMAN VALLEY—Meridian CUSD 223 is expected to announce Mr. Henry Robison as the new athletic/activities director at Stillman Valley High School starting July 1. Robison served as assistant AD at Rockford Lutheran High School for one year, while moving to athletic/activities director at Rockford Lutheran for two years. He has served as a career planning teacher at Belvidere High School the past two years. Robison has a passion for providing the best high school experience for students and was looking to get back to the role of AD in order to have a positive impact on extracurricular activities for students.

“I am so pleased to welcome Henry to our Cardinal family. Henry has a true passion for the high school experience, with athletics and activities being at



his forefront. Henry will serve the community well and I am excited to see him continue the rich traditions at Stillman Valley High School.”

Henry and his wife, Jordan, are expecting their first child in August.

Mrs. Heather Alderks will continue to serve in the Meridian School

District as the director of safety and operations. In that position she will lead and support the following departments: athletics, transportation, buildings and grounds, health service and food service. The district thanked her for her six years of service in the athletic/activities director role.



SVHS names Silver Athlete winners

Stillman Valley High School recently congratulated its Silver Athlete Award winners. The Silver Athlete Award is designed to recognize senior athletes who have participated in three seasons of IHSA sports during their four-year career at SVHS. First row: Maddy McCammond - volleyball, basketball and soccer; Sophia Morrison - volleyball, competitive cheer and softball and Jenna Shelburne - volleyball, basketball and soccer. Second row: Kale Rautman - football, basketball and baseball; Randy Manos - football, wrestling and track; Drake Stewart - golf, soccer, football, basketball and baseball and Ethan Engelkens - football, wrestling and baseball.

John Deere Historic Site is to host vintage baseball June 3

GRAND DETOUR — The John Deere Historic Site in Grand Detour will host a vintage baseball exhibition between the Oregon Ganymedes and the DuPage Plowboys on Saturday, June 3 at 1 p.m.

The family event will feature con-

cessions and kids crafts. Attendees are asked to bring their own lawn chairs. The site is located at 8334 S. Clinton St., Grand Detour (Dixon), IL 61021. For more information, visit <https://www.deere.com/en/connect-with-john-deere/visit-john-deere/historic-site/>.

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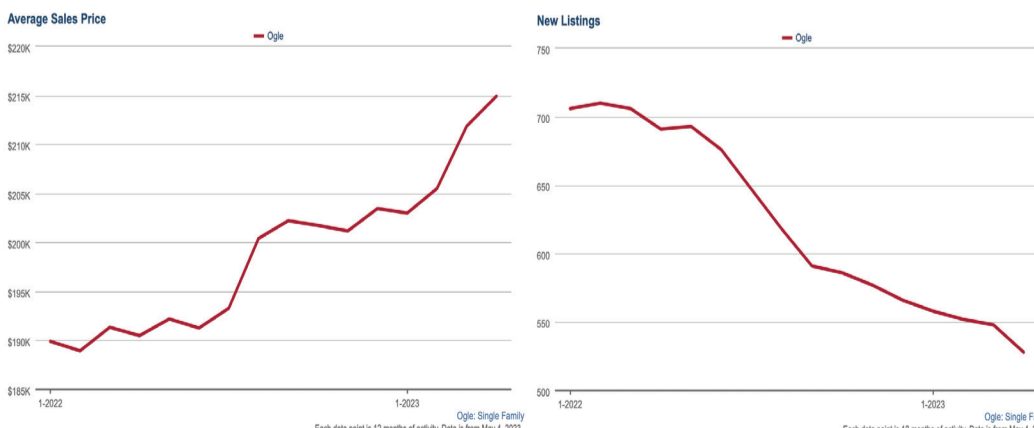
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MOTHER'S Day is an opportunity to show moms how much they're loved and appreciated. Though many moms may insist they don't want anything beyond spending the day with their children, gifts are a big part of Mother's Day.

No two moms are the same, and though standards like flowers and greeting cards will always have a place on Mother's Day, the following are some gift ideas that can put smiles on the faces of moms from all walks of life.



Learn the meanings behind popular Mother's Day flowers

MOTHER'S Day is a time to express love and appreciation for mothers, sentiments that are often expressed with gifts. Flowers are a popular present to bestow on Mother's Day, as they can brighten a room and bring a sweet aroma to any household.

While any flowers may ultimately suffice on Mother's Day, gift givers may want to select flowers for Mom that convey specific messages. The language of flowers has been recognized for centuries. Though perhaps not as heralded as it once was, flower symbolism persists to this day. Here's a look at some of the meanings behind certain types of flowers to help guide Mother's Day gifting.

- **Amaryllis:** These plants start as bulbs and are naturally spring-blooming flowers. The name comes from the Greek word "amarysso," which means "to sparkle," and they symbolize pride.
- **Aster:** These daisy-like flowers are delicate-looking perennials. Asters make great gifts because they symbolize love and daintiness.
- **Begonia:** There are more than 2,000 types of begonias, and the flower symbolizes deep thoughts. Begonias were made famous by French horticulturist Michel Bégon, who thought the blooms looked like beautiful girls.
- **Bleeding heart:** These flowers are red and pink blossoms that look like the

perfect heart shape with a teardrop at the bottom. They're beautiful and symbolic of love and affection.

- **Buttercup:** These are associated with youthfulness and cheerfulness and can call to mind childhood days spent picking buttercups and holding them under chins to reveal that you like butter. The flower is known for its beauty and innocent charm.
- **Camellia (white):** White camellias stand for purity and innocence, but they also symbolize admiration and respect. Camellias make beautiful additions to any bouquet.
- **Daisy:** Daisies are happy-looking flowers, and according to Norse mythology they represent motherhood and children.
- **Delphinium:** Delphiniums come in pink, white and blue varieties and embody youth and renewal. They're a good pick if you want to convey a continued or renewed affection for a person.
- **Tulip:** Tulips with an orange hue are thought to represent understanding and appreciation. They can express appreciation for Mom or another special person. Yellow tulips symbolize happiness, while pink tulips are symbolic of love. Red blooms should be reserved for sweethearts.

Various flowers symbolize feelings people want to express to their mothers, grandmothers and other special women on Mother's Day.

exercise areas during the pandemic. If that sounds like the mom on your shopping list, then a suspension training system won't take up much room but can provide an intense, full-body workout. A new yoga mat, some wireless Bluetooth headphones or a compression stretching mat are some additional gifts that might make exercise-loving moms smile this Mother's Day.

to come. Of course, some new luggage can make the perfect gift for newly retired moms who can't wait to start visiting places on their travel bucket lists.

Bookworm

There's no end to the gift options for mothers who love to curl up with a good book. Of course, some new books may delight Mom, but gifts that can improve the reading experience also merit consideration. For example, an ergonomic backrest reading pillow can make bedtime reading sessions more comfortable and ensure Mom's neck and back get ample support as she reads the latest page-turner. A nightstand book holder also can be ideal for moms who can't seem to keep track of their bookmarks.

Traveler

Moms whose children still live under the same roof may not have much opportunity to travel, but empty nesters and grandmothers might. For such moms, a foldable, hanging travel bag can make it easy and convenient for mom to carry all of her toiletries and access them without taking up what's often minimal hotel room counter space. For moms who want to document their excursions, a leather travel journal encourages them to note their experiences and gives them something they can revisit for years

Businesswoman

Millions of moms manage to juggle the obligations of family life with a challenging career. Mother's Day can be a great time to recognize that balancing act. A self-heating coffee mug can ensure Mom's morning cup of joe doesn't go cold as she traverses her way through a hectic morning routine. Another great gift is a charging mouse pad that can charge all of Mom's devices even while she's working. If you want to help Mom remain calm as she navigates her way through a day filled with personal and professional obligations, an essential oils diffuser can create a sense of relaxation on the most hectic of days.

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SPORTS NEWS



OHS hosts college athletics recognition event

On Wednesday, May 3, Oregon High School hosted college athletics recognition event for its 2023 graduating seniors. 13 students will be continuing their athletic careers in college including Laila Anderson, Katelyn Bowers, Mariah Drake, Ava Hackman, Orion Gallentine, Brenna Heitter, Brian Immel, Hadley Lutz, Liz Mois, Alyssa Mowry, Avery Salsbury, Ava Wight and Olivia Wynn. Anderson will be playing softball at Kishwaukee College and pursuing a career in elementary education. Bowers will be playing basketball at Kishwaukee College and pursuing a career in criminal justice. Drake will be playing basketball at Kishwaukee College and pursuing a career in animal science. Hackman will be playing golf at Carl Sandburg College in Galesburg and pursuing a career in nursing. Gallentine will be playing eSports at Kishwaukee College and pursuing a career in secondary English education. Heitter will be playing soccer at Scott Community College in Davenport, Iowa and pursuing a career in business. Immel will be bowling at Kishwaukee College and pursuing a career in the automotive field. Lutz will be playing basketball at Sauk Valley College and pursuing a career in criminology. Mois will be playing softball at Southeastern University in Lakeland, Florida and pursuing a career in communications/mass media. Mowry will be playing soccer at Augustana College and pursuing a career in biology/art. Salsbury will be playing volleyball at Kishwaukee College and pursuing a career in early childhood education. Wight will be playing volleyball at Sauk Valley College and pursuing a career in biochemistry. Wynn will be participating in equestrian at the University of Tennessee – Martin and pursuing a career in biology.



Polo HS hosts signing day

Monday, May 1 was signing day at Polo Community High School. From left to right: Avery Grenoble - football, Loras College; Carson Jones - cross country, Sauk Valley College; Lindee Poper - basketball, Sauk Valley College and Kamryn Stockton - golf, Coe College. The school district congratulated the students on their accomplishments.



Forreston's Broshous signs to play softball at UW-Platteville

Rylee Broshous, daughter of Greg and Cori Broshous, signed a letter of intent to play softball at University of Wisconsin-Platteville. Rylee has played varsity softball for four years. She was a member of the softball team that finished in third place at the IHSA state softball finals. Rylee earned Softball NUIC All-Conference first Team, Softball Second Team All State, along with the Captain Award team honors in 2022. The administration, coaches and student athletes of Forreston Junior/Senior High School wish Rylee congratulations and best wishes for a successful academic and athletic career at University Wisconsin-Platteville. From left to right: Cori Broshous, Paityn Broshous, Rylee Broshous and Greg Broshous.

AREA SPORTS

Oregon softball defeats Rockford Lutheran

On April 27, the Oregon varsity girls softball team defeated Rockford Lutheran 17-0. Abi Fletcher had three runs batted in and Gracen Pitts hit a home run for the Hawks in the win.

Stender and Olivia Wynn recorded assists. Sarah Eckhardt recorded three saves in goal for Oregon, and the team raised its record to 8-4-2 (4-3 conference).

Oregon girls soccer defeats Princeton

On April 28, the Oregon varsity girls soccer team defeated Princeton 5-0. Alyssa Mowry recorded two goals and two assists for the Hawks, who got goals from Mya Engelkes, Teagan Champley and Jazmyne Swope as well. Sophia

Oregon softball defeats Rochelle

On April 28, the Oregon varsity softball team defeated Rochelle 2-1. Emma Schlichtmann struck out 10 batters for the Hawks, and Madi Shaffer hit a game-winning RBI single in the top of the sixth inning with two outs to put Oregon up 2-1 for the win.

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SPORTS NEWS

Spring track and the NFL

THUS far, the big sports event of the spring was the 24-team Oregon Hawk Art Carlson Track Classic, considered the premier small-school track & field meet for northern Illinois.

At the top, it was Big Northern Conference powers Winnebago and Rockford Christian, who finished fourth and fifth downstate in 2022.

The Forreston-Polo boys presented themselves quite well at Landers-Loomis Field with a sixth-place finish and strong performances in the relays. Like 'Bago and RC, Forreston-Polo has made a name at the IHSA state meet, finishing in the top 10 in four straight years (2017-21).

Among 1A teams, F-P's 400-meter relay and 1,600-relay are ranked No. 6 and No. 5. In the 800 relay and 3,200 relay, F-P also has a shot to advance downstate with times ranked 22nd.

For the other schools in Ogle County, it's been a down year for boys track & field, though Stillman Valley has been improving in participation.

A year ago, random circumstances had me in Las Vegas, site of the 2022 NFL Draft. One side of me had a hard time reconciling the silly devotion to this event by rabid fans. However, the softer side of me was touched by the camaraderie shared by humans being of all backgrounds. It didn't matter one's political party, economic standing, skin color or religion, everyone came together as one.

And make no mistake – the predominant reli-

gion was an obsession with pro football and the gods have become whoever your team drafts. Dressed in team garb, complete strangers embraced and high-fived their way through a three-day obsession with football.

This year's draft at Kansas City was even bigger, with an attendance of 300,000 people and also good TV ratings. Who would have thought a non-sporting event would become so popular?

A handful of Ogle County high schoolers have seen playing time in the NFL.

From Polo, Dick Folk and Paul Shenefelt played in the 1930s. Rochelle's Stan Campbell (1952-62) and Mike Wilson (1969) repped the Hubs. And of course, Byron has Troy Drake (1995-98) and Sean Considine (2005-2012).

Among Illinois high schools, Evanston has the most NFLers by a long shot with 25. The next closest school has 18.

I ran into former Byron High School Principal Gary Hassler last week and the conversation soon turned to the old Mid Northern conference. Talk about a geographically-perfect league with Byron, Forreston, Mt. Morris, Oregon, Peconica, Polo, Stillman Valley and Winnebago.

In today's age of schools forced to travel long distances, what a delight that had to be for bus rides of a half hour or less. Additionally, the rivalries were great because of the close proximity.

As the Mid-Northern morphed into the Big

Northern as a football-only league in 1991 and eventually all sports in 1995, Hassler was involved as a president. It was sad to see the demise of the Mid Northern, but enrollment changes dictated that.

Did you know that Forreston was a member of the BNC before joining the NUIC in 1995? They were replaced by Huntley, a tiny school back then, but an enrollment of 3,000 today.

The five remaining charter schools in the BNC are old standbys Byron, Oregon, SV and 'Bago, along with Genoa-Kingston. Like the Mid Northern, the BNC remains a good conference (39 state championships), but a lot more travel.

Last Saturday, Oregon's baseball team was trailing Polo 9-2 in the bottom of the final inning. Not only was it cold and windy, but prom was later that day.

Rather than folding up to a 3-11 opponent, the Hawks pulled off an incredible rally, coming back to win 10-9 on a Logan Weems two-out single on a 3-2 count. That demonstrates heart for a squad that has struggled this season and relies heavily on freshmen and sophomores.

Finally, a bit of trivia from an old news clipping from a 1969 prep publication I happened upon from the Internet – good friend Larry Ebert of tiny Ashton was listed as the third top scorer in the entire state for football.

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



Andy Colbert

Rochelle's Harvey receives Northern Rehab's health & wellness scholarship

RTHS senior to attend NIU to pursue healthcare career

ROCHELLE – Northern Rehab Physical Therapy Specialists is pleased to announce and present their annual 2023 Rochelle Township High School Health & Wellness Scholarship to Anastasia Harvey.

Harvey, a senior at RTHS, was chosen for her outstanding achievements in athletics, academics, extracurricular activities and her choice to pursue a career in the healthcare field. Anastasia played sports during high school including varsity basketball, volleyball and cheerleading. She is an Interstate 8 Cheerleading All-Conference and Academic All-Conference Honors participant, Illinois State Weightlifting Champion (2021 and 2022) and has been in competitive Olympic weightlifting since 2020.

Harvey is a 2023 Illinois State Scholar, National Honors Society and Interact member, and was selected



Pictured is Northern Rehab's Marshall Basler (left) and Janet Trukenbrod Sarver (right) with the 2023 Rochelle Township High School Health & Wellness Scholarship recipient Anastasia Harvey (middle).

as Hub of the Week in 2023. Her extracurricular and volunteer work includes the Northern Illinois University Human Performance Program Pilot, Be Kind Lift Heavy program, RTHS annual blood drive, Make-A-Difference Day yard cleanup, and serving as the IHSA state playoffs football mascot. This fall, Anastasia plans to attend NIU to pursue a career as a physician's

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AREA SPORTS Continued from B3

Oregon girls soccer defeats Faith Christian

On May 1, the Oregon varsity girls soccer team defeated Faith Christian 6-0. Alyssa Mowry and Teagan Champley scored two goals each for the Hawks, who also got goals from Kenna Wubbena and Emily Withers. Wubbena also recorded two assists and Anna Stender and Olivia Wynn recorded assists as well. Sarah Eckhardt had one save in goal for Oregon and Sophia Stender had two saves in goal for the Hawks, who raised their record to 9-4-2 (4-3 conference).

Oregon softball defeats Stillman Valley

On May 1, the Oregon varsity softball team defeated Stillman Valley 5-4. Ava Hackman hit a home run for Oregon and Haleigh Burkhart had a hit and scored the winning run for the Hawks.

Oregon softball falls to Genoa-Kingston

On May 2, the Oregon varsity softball team fell to Genoa-Kingston 8-4. Ella Dannhorn recorded two hits for the Hawks, and Ava Hackman recorded four strikeouts on the mound.

Ogle County track meet held Tuesday

On Tuesday, May 2, the Ogle County track meet was held in Rochelle featuring each boys and girls team from

local schools. In the girls standing, Forreston-Polo prevailed with 115 points, Rochelle finished second (88.5 points), Oregon finished third (74.5 points) Byron finished fourth (33 points) and Stillman Valley finished fifth (33 points). In the boys standings, Forreston-Polo finished first (115 points), Rochelle finished second (87 points), Oregon finished third (65.5 points), Byron finished fourth (59.5 points) and Stillman Valley finished fifth (47 points).

SCORES

Varsity girls soccer

April 27: Mendota 3, Stillman Valley 1
April 29: Stillman Valley 2, Princeton 0
May 1: Stillman Valley 3, Harlem 2
May 2: Stillman Valley 5, Rockford Lutheran 1

Varsity baseball

April 27: Dixon 4, Stillman Valley 1
April 29: Stillman Valley 6, Eastland 1
May 2: Stillman Valley 3, Rockford Christian 2

Varsity softball

April 27: North Boone 5, Stillman Valley 3
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Our Teen Room is a dedicated space designed to meet the unique needs of teenagers. It features comfortable seating, new technology, and gaming stations. The space is ideal for socializing, studying, or just hanging out with friends.

Our Makerspace is a state-of-the-art facility where patrons of all ages can explore, tinker, and create. It features a wide range of equipment, including 3D printers, sewing machines, and other craft supplies and equipment. Whether you're a seasoned maker or a curious beginner, our Makerspace has something for everyone.

Our Study Rooms are quiet and comfortable spaces where patrons can focus on their work. They're perfect for students, professionals, or anyone who needs a quiet space to work or study.

Our Class Rooms are versatile spaces designed for educational and community events. They're equipped with audiovisual technology and can be configured to meet a variety of needs. Whether you're attending a workshop, a lecture, or a community event, our Class Rooms provide a comfortable and welcoming environ-

ment. Please join us at our Open House event on May 31, 5:00-7:00pm to celebrate the opening of these exciting new facilities! No registration necessary. We look forward to seeing you there.

Special Hours

The Byron Public Library will be closed Monday, May 29, in observance of the Memorial Day holiday. We will re-open at our regular hours on Tuesday, May 30. We wish all of our patrons a safe and happy Memorial Day.

Help stock Our Makerspace

Do you have crafting material, supplies or tools that you don't need anymore? Donate them to the Byron Library and help us stock our new makerspace! Yarn, thread, fabric, needles, paper - you name it, we can use it. Please bring all craft supply donations to the front desk. We will be accepting donations through the end of May.

Ladies Night Out - Favorite Things Party

Tuesday, May 16. 6 - 7:00 pm. You are cordially invited to a "Favorite Things Party" as we celebrate Ladies Night Out. Think of something that you love that's between \$5.00 and \$7.00. Bring 3 of that item to the party unwrapped. At the

party, you'll have a chance to share your favorite item and then draw the name of 3 people who will go home with your favorite item. Everyone leaves with three amazing new finds. Refreshments will be served. Visit Byron.evanced.info/signup or call 815-234-5107 to register.

Wordle Challenge

Friday, May 26. 1:30 - 2:30 pm. What's Wordle? Wordle is a word game. You get six chances to guess a five-letter word. Enjoy an entertaining afternoon at the library as we host our first Wordle Challenge. Please call 815-234-5107 or visit 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 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!

AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

BYRON

ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH

624 Luther Drive, Byron IL 61010 815-234-5277
Pastor: Janet Wolf
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.org
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
Website: 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
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 CHURCH

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

DAVIS JUNCTION

DAVIS JUNCTION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Sunday Services: Worship 10:30am, Children's 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

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
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 Tevs
West Grove Rd. At Columbine Rd.
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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/
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

LINDENWOOD

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH - LCMS

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

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: goelimchurch@gmail.com
Website: www.goelimchurch.org
Sunday morning worship 10:00 am

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10:45 am - Sunday School (Sep - May)
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
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 BROTHERS

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

MT. MORRIS TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

308 E. Brayton Rd. Mt. Morris, IL Phone: 734-6354 Rev. Josh Ehrler
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
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• Rev. Josiah Youngquist
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LIGHTHOUSE UNITED METHODIST

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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 • Pastor Rev. Megan Smick
9:00am Fellowship/Sunday School; 10:00am Worship with music, meditation & Fellowship; 10:15am Announcements begin.

RIVERSTONE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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

ST. BRIDE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH, NALC

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

POLO

ST. MARY CHURCH

Rectory/Office: 211 North Franklin Ave., Polo, IL 61064
PHONE: 815-946-2535 • Rev. Joseph P. Nail
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

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

CROSSROADS COMMUNITY CHURCH ~ POLO CAMPUS

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

FAITH DISCOVERY CHURCH

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

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

STILLMAN VALLEY

RED BRICK CHURCH OF STILLMAN VALLEY

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

KISHWAUKEE COMMUNITY EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

VALLEY EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH

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

GRACE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH DAVIS JUNCTION

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

WINNEBAGO

MIDDLE CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

LOCAL NEWS

MT. MORRIS PUBLIC LIBRARY

Summer Reading Program

We are gearing up for our summer reading program! Registrations will be the week of May 30th and programs will start June 5th. We plan to have a variety of in-person and make-and-take activities for all ages. Come 'Find Your Voice' all summer at Mount Morris Library!

Story Time!

Mrs. Donna will be reading books and children will create a craft this Wednesday, 5/10. Story time is every Wednesday @ 11:15, bring your little one to enjoy stories and a craft at the Mount Morris Library!

Adult Book Club

The May book is "Hiddensee" by Gregory McGuire. 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, May 29th at the library.

Cookbook Club!

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

Ink with a Friend: Card Making at the Library

Join us in June 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, June 8th 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 June 1st!

Lego Club!

Our next Lego night is Thursday,

May 18th, 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, RAILS' online cultural and recreational pass program for Illinois libraries, welcomes its newest attraction, Children's Discovery Museum in Normal! The Children's Discovery Museum inspires the love of learning. We offer 3 floors of hands-on exhibits that actively engage visitors of all ages in experiences that stimulate imagination, curiosity, and wonder. Most families spend 3 hours exploring and playing.

Children's Discovery Museum is offering Buy one admission get one

free (valid up to 3 free admissions). 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@mt-morris-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 Fax-815-734-6035 or www.mtmorris-il.org

ROCK RIVER CENTER ACTIVITIES

Rock River Center is a resource center located at 810 S. 10th Street, Oregon. Do you need help with Benefit Access Application for a license plate discount, Medicare, housing, homemaker service, heating assistance or other things? Our Information & Assistance Specialists are available at various locations throughout Ogle County. Our activities and trips are open to all ages. Call our office at 815-732-3252 with any questions. Visit us on the web at www.rockrivercenter.org and like us on Facebook.

Beginner Adult Line Dance Classes at Rock River Center

The Rock River Center "Boot Scooters" will teach the basic steps of line dancing and introduce simple routines. Classes will take place every Tuesday and Thursday from 8:30am - 9:00am.

This is a free program and no experience is necessary. Call Rock River Center at 815-732-3252 to register for the class. Come and have fun while getting great exercise!

"Frankie Valli Tribute"

Wednesday, May 17, 2023. Showtime 1:00 p.m. You will be impressed by the authenticity of Jerry Armstrong's voice. There's absolutely no lip-synching! Expect to hear a tribute to the one and only Frankie Valli. An amazingly entertaining compilation of hits for this POWERFUL one-man show! Jerry Armstrong has been performing on stages for over 25 years. As a gifted tribute artist, singer and impressionist, Jerry utilizes background tracks and dresses like the artists to entertain crowds of all ages and sizes. Cost: \$8.00 Suggested Donation—payable at the door. Refreshments will be served.

Make your reservations in person at Rock River Center, 810 S 10th St, Oregon or by mail. Reservations requested by: Friday, May 12, 2023. Please call the Center at 815-732-3252 or toll free 1-800-541-5479 for more information

Transportation

Rock River Center Transportation Services has been running at capacity. In order to ensure we are able to accommodate as many rides as possible, please note the following changes to our reservation policy.

Out of County - Reservations must be made by noon, 3 business days prior to date requested

Within Ogle County - Reservations must be made by noon, 2 business days prior to date requested

Senior Information Services

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

Byron- Jarrett Prairie Center on May 8 at 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Forreton-Library on May 17 from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Mt. Morris Senior Center on May 11 from 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Polo Senior Center on May 25 from 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Rochelle-Hub City Senior Center on May 3, 10, 24 from 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.



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101 LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on April 25, 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:
Baylor Insurance Group
1697 N. River Rd.
Oregon, IL 61061
Dated April 25, 2023
Laura J. Cook, Ogle County Clerk
No. 0501
(May 1, 8 and 15, 2023)

NOTICE
The Village of Monroe Center is accepting bids for Village snow removal. The Village has approximately (3) miles of streets and alleys.
If you are qualified/competent snow removal contractor and interested in providing a bid for consideration, send request for bid specifications to:

Village of Monroe Center
300 Pacific St.
PO Box 88
Monroe Center, Illinois 61052
Or request via email
mcvillageclerk@gmail.com
Important dates:
June 22, 2023 @ 3:30 PM – Bid must be submitted
June 26, 2023 @ 7:00 PM – Bid opening
No. 0504
(May 1 and 8, 2023)

NOTICE
TAKE NOTICE
County of OGLE
Date Premises Sold November 4, 2020
Certificate No. 2019-00171
Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2019
Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and Special Assessment Number N/A
Warrant Number N/A
Installment Number N/A
THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES
Property Located at 309 West Center Street, Mt Morris, Illinois
Legal Description or Property Index No.: 08-27-412-003
This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on September 5, 2023.
The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming.
This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a Tax Deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before September 5, 2023.
This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of Ogle County in Oregon, Illinois on October 5, 2023 at 9:00am with Judge Roe via Zoom hearing, Meeting Link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84329706072#success>.
You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time.
YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY
Redemption can be made at any time on or before September 5, 2023 by applying to the County Clerk of Ogle County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Rochelle, IL.
For further information contact the County clerk
ADDRESS: 105 South 5th Street, Suite 104, Oregon, IL 61061
TELEPHONE: (815) 732-1110

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Certificate No. 2019-00210
Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2019
Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and Special Assessment Number N/A
Warrant Number N/A
Installment Number N/A
THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES
Property Located at 4.5 ACRE PARCEL LYING NORTH OF SOUTH CHANA ROAD IN SECTION 28 OF PINE ROCK TOWNSHIP, OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
Legal Description or Property Index No.: 17-28-200-003
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P&N PROPERTIES, INC.
Purchaser or Assignee
Dated: 4/28/2023
CASE NUMBER: 2023TX12
Emily Southard, Joseph Southard, Village of Mt Morris, Occupants, Ogle County Clerk, Claimants, Judgment Creditors and Decree Creditors, if any of the above described as "unknown owners" "Unknown owners or parties interested in said land or lots"
No. 0510
(May 8, 15 and 22, 2023)

PUBLIC NOTICE
Marion Township is accepting bids for Road Rock for fiscal year 2023-2024.
Specifications:
Must be able to furnish for fiscal year from April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024 including winter months.
• Must spread on any township road or delivered to Township garage as per Road Commissioner.
• Price per ton Road Rock spread on Road
• Road Rock must be C D6 State inspected.
• Must have 1-10 tandems or 1-8 semi dumps for road construction as requested by Road Commissioner.
• \$200.00 per day deducted if not met after 48 hour notice by Road Commissioner.
• Must be able to furnish Road Rock within 4 hours if needed.
• Ogle County prevailing wage rates apply on all materials delivered.
• Proof of insurance must be on file before delivery and approved by Road Commissioner.
Sealed bids must be turned in by 3:00 pm on May 15th, 2023 at Township Clerk's office at 400 W. Roosevelt Road, Stillman Valley, IL 61084. Any questions, please call 815/222-6298.
Marion Township has the right to accept or reject any bid.
Candy S. Beck
Clerk
No. 0512
(May 8, 2023)

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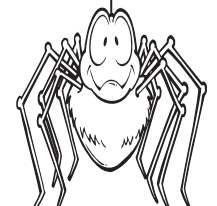
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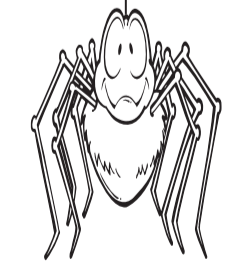
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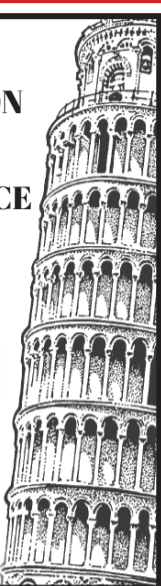
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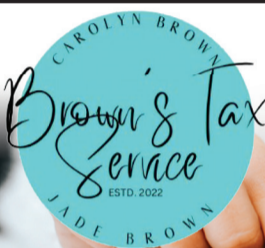


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Save the Date! Find Your Voice!

Summer Reading Program Kickoff Party – Wednesday, May 17th 4:00-6:00pm. Join us for the start of your summer on the Library lawn. Rain date May 18th, same time. This is an “open house” type event, with activities, crafts and lots of fun including Bubble Guy, Jason Kollum! Come start your summer off right at the Oregon Public Library. Registration is recommended and begins May 1st at Oregon Public

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Book Clubs

The 2WBC Book Club meets May 10, at 12:30 pm to discuss I Am Malala by Malala Yousafzai. Cocktails & Crimes will meet Sunday, May 21 -stop by the Library to find out what you're reading & where you're meeting! The Afternoon Book Club meets Wednesday, May 17, at 1:00 pm to discuss the Sea of Tranquility by Emily St. John Mandel. Books on Tap meets Thursday, May 24 at 6 pm to discuss The Family Across the Street

by Nicole Trope. Is This Just Fantasy? Book Club will meet in May at the Library to discuss Helm of Midnight by Marina Lostetter.

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