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# Pegasus Special Riders hosts grand reopening following storm damage events

Rides to start back up June 6-7: 'It's been a work of love and contributions'

BY JEFF HELFRICH  
MANAGING EDITOR

**OREGON** — On Friday, May 12, a grand reopening and ribbon cutting event was held at Pegasus Special Riders in Oregon following the structure completion of its arena.

The facilities at Pegasus Special Riders sustained storm damage twice last year, halting its operations. The nonprofit, located at 6668 S. Carthage Road near Oregon, has been operating since 1997. It's a therapeutic riding program for children and adults with special needs. Volunteers perform all of the required duties, such as working with the riders, caring for the horses and facilities, raising



On Friday, May 12, a grand reopening and ribbon cutting event was held at Pegasus Special Riders in Oregon. (Courtesy photo).

funds and providing the necessary administrative support.

The damage on Aug. 28, 2022 included the facility's loafing shed for its horses and severe dam-

age to a storage building. Back on March 5, 2022, a windstorm severely damaged the main arena building. High winds tore off about 120 feet of canopy, twisted the steel

frame and the large front door was blown off and landed inside of the arena.

Pegasus Special Riders has been unable to perform any rides since the storm damage and was

dealing with pandemic restrictions before that. The nonprofit worked on cleanup, construction and dealt with insurance providers over the past year. The damage in March was over \$300,000.

"This has taken a long time," PSR Board President Donna Fellows said. "We still have a lot to do. We're moving forward because we now have a covered arena again and an outdoor arena to have lessons if the weather is nice. We don't have all the electric work done or any water yet. Electric is what we're waiting for, so we can have water, fans and lights. Other than that, the building is good to go. We thought we'd be further along, but here we are."

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# County board: Ordinances passed to meet new state solar and wind statutes

Oregon's Radostits recognized as Illinois Teacher of the Year

BY JEFF HELFRICH  
MANAGING EDITOR

**OREGON** — At its monthly meeting Tuesday, the Ogle County Board unanimously passed three ordinances and unanimously repealed its previous solar resolution to meet a recently-passed state statute that sets statewide standards for wind and solar farm siting and takes away previous local controls such as at the county level.

Back in early 2019, the Ogle County board approved a solar resolution providing conditions for a special use permit for solar farms. That resolution was repealed Tuesday. The board made text amendments to its zoning ordinance Tuesday and also passed wind energy facilities and solar energy facilities siting and operation ordinances.

Back in January, the board unanimously passed a resolution opposing House Bill

4412, due to its desire to keep local control. At its February meeting, the board heard comments from multiple county residents that were against more wind and solar power in the county, especially on a large scale near homes and farms.

The Ogle County Board established an ad-hoc committee to work on the solar and wind issue to meet state statutes. The wind ordinance is the county's first. Board Member Dan Janes presented the changes and gave his thoughts on the state legislation.

"This was created by a group from Cook County and downtown Chicago," Janes said. "The funny thing is they're exempt because it does not affect any counties with two million or more people. And you can guess how many counties in Illinois meet that criteria. It's don't do as I do, do as I say."

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'The Grandeur of Spring'

Oregon native Val A. Stanley recently submitted this photo, titled "The Grandeur of Spring", that was taken inside Castle Rock State Park. Above the first level of lime green trees are within Castle Rock; the midpoint, center left pine tree and forest ridge are within Lowden Miller State Park across the river and finally the furthest off hazy blueish green ridge in the center is somewhere along Lost Nation Road heading up from Lost Nation golf course towards Nachusa and the Ogle and Lee County border line. Stanley has had three photographs recognized and on display in the Illinois Capital Building and has been recognized for other photos and his poetry work as well. Val has been honing his skills in nature photography for several years and is an accomplished interdisciplinary artist in his works with pencil, oil pastels and watercolor. Stanley has also worked as a freelance photographer, traveling the country roads and back ways of days gone by to capture the heart and splendor of rural farms.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## COUNTY: Teachers recognized for accomplishments

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Janes thanked the ad-hoc committee and the zoning board for their work on the topic.

“Everything is functioning extremely well to get to this end,” Janes said. “Because there’s a lot of counties that aren’t quite there yet.”

### Radostits

The board and Regional Superintendent of Schools Chris Tennyson recognized Oregon High School teacher Kim Radostits for her 2022 Illinois Teacher of the Year honor at the meeting.

Radostits was recently one of the finalists for National Teacher of the Year. She serves OHS as a Spanish teacher and has spent her entire career with the school. Radostits has spent the past year as Illinois Teacher of the Year on a state-sponsored sabbatical, speaking at conferences and visiting schools across the state to share information about her work at OHS.

“I am who I am as a result of 37 years of experiences and people who believed in me so that I could help others,” Radostits said. “I still get emotional about this particular award even though it was announced in March 2022. I’ve spent my entire career in Oregon and I’ve carried Hawk pride in every experience I’ve had as Illinois Teacher of the Year.”

Radostits has had the chance to join the other 54 state teachers of the year at five national events. That included a week in Washington D.C.

“Three weeks ago I was sitting in the rose garden at a ceremony celebrating teachers,” Radostits said. “And I was sitting three feet away from President



Biden and Dr. Jill Biden as they talked about the teaching profession. I spent the entire ceremony thinking about experiences I’ve had here in Oregon for the past 16 years.”

### Caposey

Tennyson and the board also recognized Meridian School District Superintendent PJ Caposey for his 2023 Illinois Superintendent of the Year honor. Caposey was unable to attend the meeting, but Tennyson sang his praises.

“When someone wins state superintendent of the year, and then makes the top four for superintendent of the nation, that’s a pretty big deal,” Tennyson said. “And a lot of times they move on to bigger and better things. It’s so exciting to me as a regional superintendent that the Oregon School District has locked Dr. Caposey in to take over as superintendent after Dr. Mahoney retires. He’ll be here serving the students and families in Oregon for a long time.”

### Public safety

The board heard an update from Larson & Darby Group CEO Steve Nelson. The engineering firm is in the midst of looking at improvements to the Ogle County Public Safety Campus, which houses the Ogle County Sheriff’s Office and its maintenance department.

Nelson and Ogle County Sheriff Brian VanVickle said there are multiple deteriorating buildings on the campus and Larson & Darby Group has been looking at a number of concepts for its future including demolition of those buildings, new construction, and short-term repairs at a lower cost. Issues with the buildings have included roof failures and drainage.

VanVickle said the roof of one of the buildings partially collapsed three weeks ago and water leaks have been an issue since 2017.

“There’s probably between \$2.5-3.5 million worth of equipment in that building right now,” VanVickle said. “Obviously that’s a concern. We’re going to have to do something moving forward

with what this looks like. It’s coming much quicker than we think. I think there’s some short-term and long-term options we’ll look at.”

### IGA

The board unanimously approved an intergovernmental agreement with the Village of Davis Junction to hire a consultant to look at the Orchard Hills Landfill to see what types of waste it’s made up of.

The village and county have been engaged in a multi-year negotiation process with Waste Management and its predecessors in interest of new host agreements to better account for the types of waste being transported to and disposed at the landfill, and the tipping fees paid on that waste.

### Old jail site

Board Member Don Griffin said that at next month’s meeting, the board will review bid documents for the finishing of the parking lot and sidewalks at the former site of the recently-demolished Ogle County Jail.

## PEGASUS: Grand reopening held

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The Oregon Chamber of Commerce attended Friday’s events and congratulated PSR on its grand reopening. Fellows said equine activities will resume starting on June 6-7. An outdoor arena will be used if the indoor arena isn’t all the way completed by that time.

PSR’s funding is nearly completely made up of donations.

“We’ve had wonderful people that have helped,” Fellows said. “It’s been volunteers and people that are willing to just help us out. We’ve had contractors that have helped us out. That was wonderful. It’s overwhelming, because

what you thought you were going to have to spend and what actual cost is, it’s been yards away. And if you have the funds to do it, then you don’t have the materials. But we’ve been blessed with contributions and help. It’s been a work of love and contributions.”

PSR has seen donations come from Rockford, Sterling, Wisconsin and “all over,” Fellows said.

“We’ve had people that donated and we didn’t even know who they were,” Fellows said. “I don’t even know how they found out about it. It’s been wonderful to know that people are out there that want to help us do our job for the people that need to have our services.”

ing of being able to offer rides and equine services again “heartwarming.”

“We’ve waited for three years with COVID-19 and everything else,” Fellows said. “We’ve been very anxious to be able to get things done. We have volunteers that are waiting and calling and asking when the rides will start. We have students and their parents calling. We fill a need that unless you have a challenged individual close to you, you don’t even know about. I say sometimes that we’re the best-kept secret in Ogle County. I just want to thank all of the people that have contributed to us all these years and especially during this disaster.”

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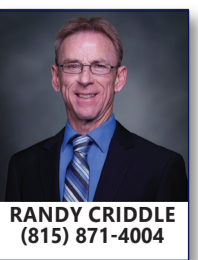
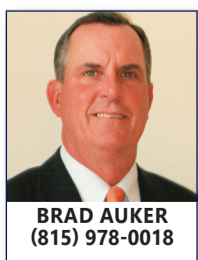
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# LOCAL NEWS



## Sheriff's office participates in Illinois Police Memorial Service

On May 4, the Ogle County Sheriff's Office took part in the Illinois Police Memorial Service in Springfield, where families and agencies who lost an officer in the line of duty in the past year were honored. Also added to the memorial was Ogle County Sheriff's Deputy John Donaldson Sr., killed in the line of duty on Sept. 21, 1956.



## POLO POLICE DEPARTMENT

**POLO** — On May 12 at 6:57 p.m. Olivia Bliss, 26, Polo, was arrested for an outstanding warrant. Bliss was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

General calls for service for May 1-14

- citizen complaints/assists: 16, juvenile: one, animal complaints: six, disturbance/domestic: one, fire/medical assists: two, lock outs: three, 911 hang ups: five, traffic stops: 19 and county assists: one.

## Free lemonade stand kits available

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## Historical Society meeting is May 22

**OREGON**—The Ogle County Historical Society's monthly meeting will be Monday, May 22 at 6:30 p.m. in the carriage house

annex behind the Nash House Museum at 111 N. 6th St. in Oregon. Everyone is welcome to attend, members and nonmembers

alike. Museum open hours are Wednesdays, 3:30-6 p.m., Thursdays, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and Saturdays, 1-4 p.m. May-September.

## OREGON POLICE DEPARTMENT

### May 8

At 10:39 a.m., Oregon Police arrested Raul E. Nunez-Matos, 26, Rochelle, for no valid driver's license. Nunez-Matos was transported to the Ogle County Jail. This violation occurred in the 300 block of West Washington Street.

At 1:30 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Dajia A. Fuller, 23, Rockford, for driving while license suspended and improper cannabis container. Fuller was also issued citations for operation of a vehicle with a suspended registration and illegal transportation of alcohol as a driver. Fuller was transported to the Ogle County Jail. These violations occurred in the 100 block of River Road.

At 3:31 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Omar Munoz-Perez, 33, Rockford, for driving under the influence of alcohol and driving under the influence of alcohol with blood alcohol content greater than .08 percent. Munoz-Perez was also issued a citation for illegal transportation of alcohol as a driver. Munoz-Perez was transported to the Ogle County Jail. These violations occurred in the 300 block of Monroe Street.

At 7:30 p.m., Oregon Police issued Tara M. Frisbie, 27, Oregon, citations for operation of a vehicle with an expired registration and no valid driver's license. These violations occurred in the 300 block of South 4th Street.

At 7:35 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Tomas Garcia-Larios, 49, Oregon, for driving under the influence of alcohol. Garcia-Larios was also issued a citation for improper lane usage. Garcia-Larios was transported to the Ogle County Jail. These violations occurred in the 600 block of East Washington Street.

### May 10

At 12:32 p.m., Oregon Police issued Christopher Interone, 48, Sterling, citations for operation of a motor vehicle when registration is suspended for non-insurance and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. These violations

occurred in the 300 block of North 4th Street.

### May 11

At 7:53 a.m., Oregon Police responded to a car vs. pedestrian traffic crash at the intersection of West Washington and Depot Streets involving a 2012 Chevrolet driven by Neil A. Carreno, 21, Oregon, struck a 14-year-old juvenile girl, of Oregon, who was subsequently transported by Oregon EMS to KSB Hospital.

At 1:29 p.m., Oregon Police issued Jesus Aguirre, 54, of Chicago, a citation for operation of a motor vehicle when registration is suspended. This violation occurred in the 100 block of South 4th Street.

At 2:16 p.m., Oregon Police responded to a single-vehicle traffic crash where a 2006 Chevrolet driven by Robert D. VanDyke, 42, Oregon, struck a utility pole. VanDyke was issued a citation for operating an uninsured motor vehicle.

At 8:29 p.m., Oregon Police issued Samuel P. Erdman, 18, Rockford, a citation for speeding 45 miles per hour in a 30-miles per hour zone. This violation occurred in the 300 block of North 4th Street.

### May 12

At 1:27 p.m., Oregon Police responded to a two-vehicle traffic crash in the 1500 block of West Washington Street involving a 2005 GMC driven by Jessica A. Peterson, 38, Mt. Morris, and a 2004 GMC driven by Shea M. Schubbe, 21, Mt. Morris. No citations were issued.

### May 13

At 7:39 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Casper D. Alexander, 31, Chicago, for an outstanding Henry County warrant for failure to appear on a traffic offense. Alexander was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

Twelve parking citations and 19 verbal warnings were issued during the week of May 8-14. Please note: Any arrests listed below are merely accusations and the defendant is presumed innocent unless proven guilty in a court of law.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Obituaries

### Roe L. Borchers

**MONROE CENTER** – Roe L. Borchers, age 85, passed on to be with his Lord and Savior on May 16, 2023 at Swedish American Hospital in Rockford. He was born on January 10, 1938 in Egan, IL the son of Elmer and Viola (Falconer) Borchers. He graduated from Stillman Valley High School Class of 1955. He married the love of his life Beverly Baker on August 16, 1958.



Roe farmed in the local area for many years. His faith was important to him and he attended First Free Church in Rockford. Roe could often be found out mowing and making sure he had a nicely manicured lawn. He loved going to Starbucks for coffee and going on long visits at his Florida home.

The most important thing in his life was his family. He was a loving and caring husband and parent. He adored being a grandfather and never missed one of his grandchildren's events.

He is preceded in death by his parents,

Elmer and Viola, in-laws, George and Mary Baker, and brother, Fred (Gerri) Borchers.

He is survived and missed by his wife, Beverly of Monroe Center, daughters, Lori (Al) Erickson of Cherry Valley, Becky Borchers of Monroe Center, and Nancy (Wayne) Alderks of Monroe Center, grandchildren, Adam (Janna) Erickson, Amy (Billy) Lewis, Ashley (Chad) Hoover, Bryce (Amy) Alderks, Kelsey Alderks, and Cassie Alderks; and great grandchildren, Landon, Josslynn, Brayden, Owen, Camden, Jade, Aubrey, Tatum, Avery, and Dylan.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 PM on Sunday, May 21, 2023 at Monroe Center Community Church with Pastor Bob Mellon of the church officiating. Visitation will be held from 1:00 – 2:00 PM prior to the service. Burial will be at Monroe Center Cemetery. Memorials are established in his name. To leave an online condolence please visit [www.farrellhollandgale.com](http://www.farrellhollandgale.com)

### Melvin L. 'Huck' Jones

**GRAND DETOUR** – Melvin L. "Huck" Jones, age 84, died Tuesday, May 16, 2023 at the Serenity Hospice and Home near Oregon. He was born July 2, 1938 in Dixon, IL the son of Arthur and Luella (Fiscel) Jones. He graduated from Oregon High School in 1956. Huck married Helen Burnett on Feb. 7, 1958 in Ripley, IL. She preceded him in death on June 11, 2017.



Huck was a member of Local 150 Operating Engineers for 55 years and worked for Frank N. Butler Quarry in Franklin Grove and also previously worked for Ogle County Farm Services.

He was a reserve deputy for the Ogle County Sheriff's Dept for 22 years. After his retirement, Huck enjoyed helping out several local farmers.

Huck loved being a husband, father, and especially a grandfather. He enjoyed spending time with his sister Barbara Brooks and her family. Driving to town for a good meal and touring the local countryside checking on the farmers and construction projects was a daily ritual for Huck.

He is survived by his 3 children: Marianne Jones of Dixon; Joyce

(Jimbo) Callaway of Oregon; and Jim (Krista) Jones of Dixon; 4 grandchildren: Timothy (Mandi) Callaway; Eric Callaway; Paige (Josh) Beckingham; and Lee (Kara) Jones; 8 great grandchildren: Kaedi, Kaylen, Landin, Nevaeh, Collyn, Parker, Luci, and Skylar; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife of 59 years Helen, his granddaughter Sarah Callaway, and his brother-in-law Jerry Brooks.

Visitation will be held from 5-7 PM on Monday, May 22, 2023 at the Oregon Church of God, 860 West Oregon Trial Road, Oregon, IL 61061. Funeral service will be held 10:30 AM on Tuesday with the Rev. Michael Hoffman pastor of the church officiating. Huck was a blue jean and causal shirt kind of guy, so to honor him feel free to wear your blue jeans. Burial will be in the Grand Detour Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Oregon Church of God or the Serenity Hospice and Home in memory of Huck.

Visit [www.farrellhollandgale.com](http://www.farrellhollandgale.com) to leave a condolence or memory of Huck.

### Jeffrey 'Jeff' S. Lewis

**OREGON** – Jeffrey "Jeff" S. Lewis, age 63, passed away on Saturday, May 6, 2023 at KSB Hospital in Dixon. He was born in Dixon on September 2, 1959 the son of Seward "Sonny" Lewis and Mary Davis.



Jeff was someone who believed in working hard and staying busy. He enjoyed being around his cats and spending time with his son and grandchildren. In his spare time; he loved being outdoors fishing or cooking which he was great at.

He is survived and missed by his sons, Bill (Stephanie) Spencer of Mt Morris and Robert (Ashley) Spencer

of St Louis; siblings, Skip Lewis, Jay Lewis, Sherri Miller, Margaret "Sissy" Roos, and Jesse Davis; and grandchildren, Sophia, Sonny, Charlie Ann, Ramona, and Margo.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Seward Lewis and Mary Davis.

Memorials are established in his name and may be directed to the family. A celebration of his well lived life will be held on May 28th at Lowden Park.

For more information on the memorial service or to leave an online condolence please visit [www.farrellhollandgale.com](http://www.farrellhollandgale.com)

### Darlien V. Manley

**BYRON** — Darlien V. Manley died on Thursday May 11, 2023 at the age of 78. Darlien was born April 4, 1945 to Alma Blanchard –Hall in Oregon, Illinois.

Darlien graduated from Byron High School and worked in several retail settings. She married, the love of her life, Harry B. Manley Jr. on November 18, 1966 in Oregon, IL.

Darlien was a fur-mom to numerous rescued animals, no strays ever were turned away from her love for animals. She and her husband owned and operated a CB Radio Repair business in Oregon for many years, her handle was Red Devil. Darlien loved to read, play games with

friends and family and watch movies. You could always find her and Harry at flea markets and auctions, a favorite pastime of both her and her husband.

Darlien is survived by a sister, Charlene Mackeben, of Rock Falls, IL, and a Sister in Law, Roberta (George) Thatcher, New Mexico and several nieces & nephews.

Darlien was preceded in death by her husband, mother, step-father Charles Hall, her In-laws, Harry A and Thelma Manley, a brother-in-law, James Mackeben, a sister in-law Thelma Snyder and many loved fur babies.

Private graveside memorial service will be held at a later date.

### Donna K. Wright

**MT. MORRIS** — Donna K. Wright, age 89, of Mt. Morris, IL passed away on May 11, 2023 in Pinecrest Manor Nursing Home, Mt. Morris, IL.

Donna was born March 21, 1934 in Highland, WI to Bill and Florence (Wendelin) Knight.

Donna married Bob Wright on June 27, 1953 in Ohio, IL. She's a life-long member of the VFW and was a member of the B-Club in Mt. Morris for 60 years.

Donna enjoyed spending time with friends and was a member of the 2nd Wind Theatre group, showcasing

her acting skills during their annual performances.

Donna is survived by 2 children; a daughter Cristi (and Randy) Pals of German Valley, IL and son, Bill (and Wendy) Wright of Lake Geneva, WI; 3 grandchildren Ken (and Alicia) Pals of German Valley, IL, Caleb (and Jessica) Wright of Potosi, WI and Emylyn Wright of Schaumburg, IL; 6 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband.

Finch Funeral Home of Mt. Morris is proudly serving the family.

### John E. Powelson

**DAVIS JUNCTION** — John E. Powelson, 79, of Davis Junction, passed away on Thursday, May 11, 2023. To send a condolence or share a memory, please visit [olsonfh.com](http://olsonfh.com).



Rochelle DAR welcomes Gilroy as new member

The Rochelle Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution welcomed their newest member, Amy Gilroy, at the chapter meeting in April. DAR encourages membership interest by any women aged 18 years or older, who can demonstrate direct lineage to an individual who supported the American cause during the Revolutionary War. For more information about the Rochelle Chapter, most of whose members reside in the greater Rochelle area, including Amboy, Ashton, Chana, Creston, Davis Junction, DeKalb, Dixon, Franklin Grove, Kings, Leaf River, Malta, Monroe Center, Oregon, Ottawa, Paw Paw, Sterling, Steward and Sycamore, see the chapter's website at <https://ildar.org/chapters/rochelle> or Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/RochelleChapterNSDAR>.



**Oregon Park District donates computer to the Oregon VFW** The Oregon Park District was thrilled to donate a desktop computer to the Oregon VFW on Thursday, May 18. The district recently upgraded its employee workstations in an effort to keep pace with technological change. The park district follows a lifecycle replacement plan to keep its IT infrastructure secure and its staff productive. Some desktop computers were able to be re-purposed, including a desktop donation to the VFW. The VFW aims to make a positive impact in the lives of veterans, service members and their families. The Oregon Park District is happy to help make that happen. Pictured is Erin Folk, Oregon Park District executive director and Robert Coulter, assistant quartermaster, Oregon VFW Post 8739.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## OGLE COUNTY SHERIFF

### Man arrested after passing stopped school bus

**OREGON** — On April 25 at 10 a.m. deputies were dispatched to a complaint of a vehicle passing a stopped school bus in the 5,000 block of North Blackwood Road, Davis Junction. On May 9 at 6 p.m. deputies completed the investigation, and arrested Derek V. Wassilak, 49, of Davis Junction for driving on a revoked license and passing a school bus loading/unloading. Wassilak was released on an I-Bond with a court date to appear.

On May 9 at approximately 7:22 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop at the intersection of Blackhawk Drive and Peru Street in Byron. After investigation, deputies placed Benjamin Jacobs under arrest for driving while license suspended. Jacobs was additionally issued a citation for an expired registration sticker. Jacobs was released on an I-Bond at the scene and given a future court date.

On May 9 at approximately 8:25 p.m. deputies and the Rochelle Fire Department responded to the intersection of East Flagg Road and South Queens Road for a two-vehicle accident with minor injuries. After investigation, it was determined that a maroon Chevrolet Silverado, driven by Nathan Laws, 24, of Rochelle, was traveling eastbound on East Flagg Road, when he rear-ended a black Chevrolet Trax, driven by Stephanie White, 31, of Rochelle, who was stopped at the above-mentioned intersection. Both vehicles traveled into the south ditch, where they came to rest. White and two juveniles were transported to the Rochelle Community Hospital and treated for minor injuries. Laws was issued a citation for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident and released on scene.

On May 12 at approximately 9:47 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 200 block of West Hitt Street in Mt. Morris. After investigation, Emily A. Feiden, 27, of Mt. Morris, was placed under arrest for driving while license revoked. Feiden was also cited for operating an uninsured motor vehicle, operating a vehicle with

expired registration and inoperable registration light. A male passenger, Joseph H. Kielsmeier Jr., 37, of Leaf River, was also taken into custody for an outstanding warrant out of Ogle County. Both Feiden and Kielsmeier were transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

On May 12 at approximately 8:32 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop on Interstate 39 at mile marker 109. After investigation, deputies placed Kassie Deville, 27, of Ruston, Louisiana under arrest for driving while license suspended. Deville was additionally issued a citation for improper lane usage. Deville was released on an I-Bond at the scene and given a future court date.

On May 13 at approximately 7:38 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop at the intersection of Illinois Route 72 and Fork Creek Road. After investigation, deputies placed Severiana Huertero, 57, of Shannon under arrest for driving while license suspended. Huertero was released on an I-Bond at the scene and given a future court date.

On May 13 at approximately 4 p.m. deputies responded to a residence in the 500 block of Autumnwolf Drive in Davis Junction for the report of a theft in progress. After conducting an investigation, Nickole Butler, 39, of Forreston, was placed under arrest for theft under \$500 and driving while license suspended. Butler was issued a \$2,500 I-bond and transported to KSB Hospital in Dixon for medical treatment. Butler was issued a future court date.

On May 13 at 8:47 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop at Illinois Route 72 and North Mill Road for a traffic violation. After an investigation, Kevin W. Tober, 37, of Clinton, Wisconsin was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol.

Tober was also issued citations for improper lane usage and open container of alcohol/driver. Tober was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

*All individuals are considered innocent until proven guilty.*



**OES's Crosby receives \$1,800 gift from WGU for classroom wish list**  
Oregon Elementary School kindergarten teacher Kristy Crosby was recently surprised by staff from Western Governor's University with a gift of \$1,800 to fulfill a classroom wish list she had to purchase social emotional items for her classroom as part of Teacher Appreciation Week. Crosby is a recent graduate of WGU and was selected for her hard work in her post graduate studies and commitment to supporting her students at OES. The Oregon School District thanked Crosby for all that she does for students and WGU for taking the time to recognize one of its staff members



### PCHS's Cole receives grant from WGU

Mrs. Gina Cole of Polo Community High School was recently presented with a grant from Western Governors University. The money will go towards supplies needed for her biology 105 course for seniors which also counts as dual credit through Sauk Valley Community College. The project that will benefit the most from this funding is her DNA editing unit - a favorite of this year's seniors. Pictured here is her advanced biology class, who got to take a break from their final to help her receive the honor.

## MT. MORRIS POLICE DEPARTMENT

### Juveniles, man arrested following burglaries

**MT. MORRIS** — Between April 22 and May 1, the Mt. Morris Police Department investigated the complaint of several burglaries to motor vehicles and incidents where unlocked vehicles were taken from residences. After an investigation, Alejandro D. Ocampo, 18, Mt. Morris, was arrested and charged with burglary to a motor vehicle and possession of a stolen vehicle. Ocampo was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond. Also involved was a juvenile, 15, Mt. Morris, and a juvenile, 16, Dixon. The juveniles were referred to the Ogle County Juvenile Probation Department.

On April 29 at approximately 7:30 p.m., the Mt. Morris Police Department investigated a complaint in which a subject stated she was robbed of her belongings as she was walking

in the 200 block of East Main Street. After an investigation, Connie S. Kise, 55, Mt. Morris, was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct-false call to police. Kise was transported to the Ogle County Jail where she was held in lieu of bond.

On May 2 at approximately 5 p.m., Mt. Morris Police were sent to Sullivan's Grocery Store for the report of a male subject that had previously been given trespass from the location. After an investigation, Cha E. Keller, 34, Mt. Morris, was located and charged with criminal trespass to property and resisting a peace officer. Keller was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

On May 7 at approximately 12:40 a.m., Mt. Morris Police were sent to Mobil for the report of a male subject that was trespassing. After an investigation, Darren T.

Barker, 52, Mt. Morris, was arrested and charged with criminal trespass to property. Barker was given a notice to appear, and he was released on scene.

On May 10 at approximately 1:10 a.m. Mt. Morris Police conducted a traffic stop in the 10 block of West Center Street. The driver, Ashley M. Paddie, 32, Mt. Morris, was issued citations for suspended registration, operating an uninsured motor vehicle and no valid driver's license. Paddie was given a notice to appear, and was released on scene.


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

Police calls for service for April: Other public complaints - 102, citizen assist - 30, Other agency assists - 28, accident reports - one and village ordinance violations - three.

## Gone, But Not Forgotten

Remember your loved one with a special tribute this Memorial Day.

*With Fondest Memories*  
*David C. Andrews*  
July 10, 1961 - May 5, 1980



Your courage and bravery still inspire us all, and the memory of your smile fills us with joy and laughter.

Love, Mom & Dad

### In Honor of Memorial Day

The Ogle County Life will publish memorials of those who are gone but not forgotten. This is a wonderful way to remember those dear to us, and share memories. Tributes include your choice of verse from the right, and an option photo if submitted.

**To remember your loved one in this special way, send this form, a photo and \$10.00 per listing.**

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

If you wish, select one of the following verses below to accompany your tribute.

1. We hold you in our thoughts and memories forever.
2. May God cradle you in His arms, now and forever.
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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**Deadline is Tue., May 23 at 4 p.m.**



# LOCAL NEWS



**Oregon Rotary Club celebrates 85th anniversary, cleans up River Road**  
On Wednesday, May 3, the Oregon Rotary Club held their bi-monthly meeting and celebrated the 85th anniversary of when the club was chartered back on April 28, 1938. Current members gathered for lunch and a photo to commemorate this historic event. Later that same day, members of the Oregon Rotary did the annual "Adopt a Highway" roadside cleanup along a stretch of River Road.



## Forreston's Miller awarded Mary Louise Floski Memorial Scholarship for Education

**FORRESTON** – The Mary Louise Floski Memorial Scholarship for Education was awarded to senior Alaina Miller at Forreston High School honors night. The scholarship was given in memory of long-time Mt. Morris resident Mary Floski, who served for many years as an English teacher at Leaf River Middle School.

In awarding the \$1,000 scholarship, Mary's son, Doug Floski noted: "When my mom decided to go to college on the heels of the Great Depression, she was one of just a handful of women in the state to receive a small scholarship to attend teachers' college at Eastern Illinois University. The scholarship paid for part of her tuition and she paid for the rest of her expenses by working on campus. Mom often said that she would not have been able to fulfill her dream of becoming a teacher with-



out that scholarship."

The scholarship selection committee found that Miller best epitomized Mary's dedication and hard work to become an educator: Miller is ranked sixth in her graduating class with a GPA of 4.06; she is a member of National Honor Society, just as Mary was. She spent her high school years as an athlete, a volunteer and a leader.


Just as Mary served her community as a reading mentor and active volunteer, Miller spent much of her high school career in service – to NHS, student council and volunteering for youth sports during summers. She also took dual credit and advanced placement classes, and worked in the district's teacher assistant program.

"If you knew my mom, you know she never stopped moving, working, volunteering – she was always sharing her gifts," Floski said. "She was a natural-born teacher and we saw that in Alaina's application. The breadth of Alaina's activities – but always with a focus on education and on young people – really spoke to us."

Miller plans to attend Illinois State University in the fall and double major in special education and elementary education.

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# LOCAL NEWS



## Faivre, Graden to wed in July

**POLO**—Michael and Paula Faivre of Polo are pleased to announce the engagement of their son, Tyler, to Sara Graden, daughter of Mark and Kathy Graden of Naperville. Tyler is a 2007 graduate of Polo Community High School and a 2011 graduate of Illinois State University. Tyler works as the director of global customer support at Acrolinx, a software company based in Berlin, Germany. Sara is a 2010 graduate of Waubonsie Valley High School and a 2014 graduate of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. She earned her master's degree in gifted and talented education from Northeastern Illinois University. Sara is a seventh grade English language arts and social studies teacher at Scullen Middle School in Indian Prairie School District 204 in Naperville. Tyler proposed to Sara in July 2022 while hiking on the Sólheimajökull Glacier in Iceland. Their wedding is planned for July 1, 2023.

## Davis Junction Museum events upcoming

**DAVIS JUNCTION**—Welcome all to the Davis Junction Museum. We are open every Wednesday 10 a.m. to noon.

On June 25 at 1:30 p.m. we have a World War II program presented by Dr. John Ulferts. He will speak on liberators of the Holocaust through the eyes who were there. Please join us. You are welcome to come at 1 p.m. when we open. The program will begin at 1:30 p.m. and refreshments

will be served.

Once again we have our engraved brick fundraiser. These bricks will be in our new area in front of the info sign in front of the museum. After this area is full we will have another area by the postal wagon. It is our main fundraiser. The bricks are engraved according to the donors' wishes. The cost is \$48 with clip art, and \$42 without. June 15 we will be sending in our next order of engraved bricks. So

please contact us so we can put your brick on the list for this order.

On June 8 and 9 we will be having a bake sale along with miscellaneous items in front of the museum. This is being held for the "Exploring 610 Days" in the nearby villages. We are always looking for new members. Your support is needed and we look forward to any input you may have, you can contact Kim Smeja at 815-994-0803.



### Oregon Lions host dessert auction

The Oregon Lions Club held a dessert auction during their general meeting on May 11 at the VFW in Oregon. Oregon Lions brought in a variety of tasty treats which were auctioned off by Oregon Lion James Brown. Pictured are Oregon Lion Karen Brown and Oregon Lion James Brown holding a lemon meringue pie baked by Lion Mary Jo Moser.

## Chana's Rhodes participates at Iowa's spring research festival

**IOWA CITY, Iowa**—More than 100 current University of Iowa students participated in the 2023 Spring Undergraduate Research Festival, an event staged annually by the Iowa Center for Research by Undergraduates.

A variety of judges, including faculty, graduate students and peers as well as members of the Iowa City community, were on hand to discuss the students' work and provide valuable feedback.

"This is an incredible opportunity for Iowa students to practice and hone their communication skills," Bob Kirby, director of ICRU, said.

"From designing a poster,

to giving a short pitch about what they study and why it matters, to fielding questions from experts in their field as well as non-experts, everything about this experience is designed to help students boost critical communication skills that will help them succeed in whatever comes next for them."

One of three undergraduates participates in research by the time that they graduate from the University of Iowa.

Ashley Rhodes of Chana participated in the area of mathematics & engineering. Her presentation title was: Novel Gas Entrapping Materials to Improve Treatment of Solid Tumors.

Presentation abstract: "Gas entrapping materials

can have many far reaching and impactful applications. Gasses have been shown to have therapeutic properties, and the ability to deliver gas to a specific area within the body can be beneficial for wound healing, improving cancer treatments, and decreasing inflammation. Many current methods for gas entrapment and delivery are inefficient and difficult to administer. We have fabricated a solid, biodegradable implant that has the capability of high-volume gas release. The goal is to deliver a variety of gasses in vivo and be able to control their dissolution to optimize timing of gas delivery. We are working to evaluate the potential of different biomaterials that form amorphous crystalline arrangements and to alter the properties of the material to control the timing of its dissolution within the body. These innovative devices can be used to store drugs, oxygen, and any other desired material to be delivered to biological systems. One specifically beneficial application is penetrating the hypoxic microenvironment commonly found in tumors, which causes therapeutic resistance. Methods to improve tumor oxygenation have been shown to improve response to standard-of-care cancer treatments, such as radiation therapy and these GEMs provide a controllable, novel solution to this issue."

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### May 23

American Legion Post 97 will be holding its May meeting Tuesday May 23 at 6 p.m. located at the VFW Post in Oregon, 1310 W. Washington. All members are encouraged to attend and all veterans are welcome. We will be planning summer activities and Memorial Day events. Any questions please call Bernadette Bird 815-440-6603.

### May 25

Loaves & Fish Food Pantry alongside Northern Illinois Food Bank is hosting a Mobile Food Pantry on Thursday, May 25, from 10-11:30 a.m. The truck will be located at Mt. Morris Church of the Brethren, 409 W. Brayton Road, Mt. Morris. Food is distributed on a first-come, first-served basis, while supplies last. Food is free to neighbors in need; no ID, proof of address or

income is required. Loaves & Fish Food Pantry is located on the lower level of the Mt. Morris Church of the Brethren, 409 W. Brayton Road, and is open on the first and third Thursdays from 3:30-6 p.m. and second and fourth Mondays from 2-4:30 p.m. Anyone experiencing food insecurity is eligible to receive food. You do not need to have a referral, and no proof of income is required. Call 815-613-8776 and leave a message.

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## MOMENTS IN TIME

\* On June 4, 1411, France's King Charles VI granted a monopoly for the ripening of Roquefort cheese to the village of Roquefort-sur-Soulzon. The cheese's origin more than three centuries earlier was humble indeed, after a shepherd left his noon meal in a cave by accident.

\* On June 1, 1843, antislavery activist Isabella Baumfree became a Methodist and adopted the memorable moniker "Sojourner Truth." Born into slavery herself circa 1797, she chose the name after claiming that God had called her to leave the city for the countryside and testify "to the hope that was within her."

\* On June 2, 1908, the song "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" was copyrighted. Now the unofficial anthem of North American baseball, it wasn't inspired by personal experience, as the tune's writers, Jack Norworth and Albert Von Tilzer, had never actually attended a game when they penned it.

\* On May 31, 1911, the "unsinkable" RMS Titanic was launched from Belfast, Northern Ireland, where it had been built. Its tragic fate the following April remains the deadliest peacetime sinking of an ocean liner or cruise ship.

\* On May 30, 1964, the Beatles' official debut single, "Love Me Do," made it to No. 1 on the U.S. music charts. The tune was co-written by John Lennon and Paul McCartney, though Lennon later would say it was "Paul's song ... I do know he had the song around, in Hamburg, even, way, way before we were songwriters."

\* On June 3, 1989, following student unrest that was spreading to the rest of the country's population, China began using troops armed with assault rifles and accompanied by tanks to subdue protesters in Tiananmen Square, Beijing. Estimates of the death toll ranged from several hundred to several thousand people, with thousands more wounded.

\* On May 29, 2018, Russian journalist Arkady Babchenko faked his own death with the intention of exposing Russian agents. While the media at first reported that he'd been assassinated on his way home to his Kyiv apartment, Babchenko appeared very much alive the next day at a press conference broadcast on Ukrainian television.

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# Baseball on the radio

**M**OTHER'S Day has passed. Hope all of you mother's out there had time to spend with your children and family; and I hope they pampered you for the day in return for the countless times you've pampered them. Who knows; maybe they even did the laundry by themselves!

I was listening to the baseball game the other night on the old AM/FM radio. It got me reflecting back on the old days. You know the old days when you were young. Seems kinda ironic doesn't it?

I remember as a kid sitting out on the patio listening to the baseball game with my Dad enjoying a pop while he puffed on his Camel unfiltered. We had finished off another great meal prepared by Mom and Dad had finished another hard day's work on the farm. Me, I just finished a day at school, polished off homework and felt like sitting around with Pop.

As I hit my teenage years I used to take a Sunday drive in the country, windows down, winding country roads, radio banging out tunes and not a care in the world. Radio was a nice diversion.

However most of my radio listening time was spent on a tractor. Not just any tractor mind you. It was Pop's old 830 model Case, narrow front-end and no cab. Box radio mounted on the fender. It was the first tractor I learned to drive at 12 years old, and it still sits in the barn back home.

You see I was the designated cultivator as Dad grew older. I got

to cultivate the corn once and the beans twice each summer. Right hand up on the fender so you could see the row guide, eating dust for breakfast, lunch and dinner with the radio dialed into WMAY, one of the local Springfield radio stations.

Mostly a few tunes rolling out, news on the hour and if I got lucky an afternoon St Louis Cardinals game. The reception on that old box radio wasn't the best, but with the antennae up it wasn't quite as scratchy. Sometimes it was a little difficult to hear over the hum of the tractor engine, but you got used to tuning out the hum and focusing on the radio.

The older I grew the less I listened. Seems like driving in quiet solitude is more my cup of tea these days. My only radio now is a baseball game when the reception is good.

Never was a big news radio fan and most of today's music I can't understand the lyrics, so why bother being bothered.

But for all you folks who still like having the squawk box in the background I'll share with you the top country songs of all time (tongue in cheek):

Get your tongue outta my mouth 'cause I'm kissin' you goodbye

I don't know whether to pinch myself or go bowling

If I can't be number one in your life then number two on you

I sold a car to a guy who stole my girlfriend, but it don't run so

we're even

Mama get a hammer there's a fly on papa's head

If the phone don't ring you know it's me

She's actin' single and I'm drinkin' doubles

How can I miss you if you won't go away

I keep forgettin' I forgot about you

I still miss you, but my aim's getting' better

I wouldn't take her to a dog fight 'cause I'm afraid she'd win

I'm so miserable without you, it's like having you here

If I'd have shot you when I wanted to I'd be outta jail by now

My head hurts, my feet stink and I don't love you

My wife ran off with my best friend, I sure do miss him

Please bypass this heart

You done tore out my heart and stomped it flat

You're the reason our kids are so ugly

Her teeth was stained, but her heart was pure

She's looking better after every drink

I'd say thank you but I don't know what you've done

Power tools and drinkin' keep me from thumbin' through the pages

Think I'll just go listen to a ball game.

"May your life one day be as awesome as you pretend it is on Facebook." -Anonymous

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



Ron Kern

## An ongoing American tragedy

**W**HEN I read about four adults and one child being killed last month in a shooting rampage in Cleveland, Texas, I just cringed.

We live in a society where gun violence has become commonplace. Mass shootings have become weekly occurrences. During the first 18 weeks of 2023, our nation experienced 20 shootings that have each taken the lives of at least four people.

The five killed in Cleveland were just ordinary folks, immigrants from Honduras. Their next-door neighbor was reportedly outside late firing his rifle into the sky. They asked if he could stop because the gunfire was keeping their baby awake.

It would seem a reasonable request. Instead, police say Francisco Oropeza, 39, took his AR-15 style semiautomatic rifle and killed five people, including an 8-year-old child.

The Washington Post reported three children survived the shooting.

"Two of the women who were killed were found lying on top of the young children in a bedroom. 'They were trying to protect the children,'" San Jacinto County Sheriff Greg Capers told The Washington Post.

"It's horrific," Capers said. "No one should ever have to look at this scene, the blood, the trauma that went on in that house."

A massive manhunt ended May 2 when a law enforcement team found Oropeza in a closet hiding under some laundry. Brave fellow.

When I read that story, I couldn't help but

remember when I was in Cleveland, Texas, five years ago. Oddly enough, I was investigating a different murder.

When I was a young reporter, fresh out of graduate school, I covered a shooting at a day care center near Galveston, Texas. A man walked into the nursery with a gun and shot two teachers in front of two dozen screaming kids.

I covered his trial. He was sentenced to 30 years in prison.

Thirty years later, I found myself in a state prison in Cleveland sitting across a table from him as he awaited his release. He tried to write it off as a big misunderstanding. I have never had such a strong desire to slap someone I was interviewing.

I had spent the preceding days with the family of the teacher he killed, talking to the worker he shot three times but survived and listening to one of the children whose earliest memory was his act of violence.

After I finished the interview in the prison, I did what I always do when I visit a small town for the first time. I ate at the local diner, sat at the "community table" and learned about the town. Two cops sat across from me eating their breakfast.

When I told them why I was in town, they invited me back to their station and regaled me with stories of cases they had investigated over the years. After a few hours of listening, they took me to lunch at a Mexican restaurant. (Nothing is better than TexMex in

small-town Texas.)

When I learned of the recent violence in Cleveland, I thought about the cops I met and wondered if they were working the case. I also thought about the killer

I interviewed in the Cleveland prison.

He's proof that this senseless gun violence is nothing new. It's an ongoing American tragedy. I don't like to

write about gun rights because I don't have much new to say.

The U.S. Supreme Court has said that the Second Amendment gives Americans a right to own firearms. I'm a gunowner. I spend November and December weekends shivering in a deer blind with a gun on my lap.

But I'm the first to acknowledge that no constitutional right is an absolute. Freedom of speech doesn't protect perjury. Freedom of the press doesn't include child pornography. Free exercise of religion doesn't cover human sacrifice.

When I reported on the daycare center shooting 35 years ago, I learned the killer had purchased a cheap handgun in a pawnshop shortly before the crime. In those days before the federal waiting period, he was able to leave the shop angry and fully armed.

I can't help but wonder if a whole lot of heartache could have been avoided if he had had two days to cool off and wait to pick up his firearm like he would today. That's an example of a gun control measure

that has worked and saved lives.

I have never understood why some people feel the need to go outside and fire their gun into the air. According to the New York Times in many areas of rural Texas a person can stand in their front yard and fire a gun repeatedly and not violate so much as a village ordinance.

The night of the Cleveland massacre, Oropeza reportedly had been drinking alcohol, waving a rifle in his front yard and firing off bullets with his military-style rifle. His neighbors called the police five times to complain. Each time, a dispatcher told the callers the officers were on their way.

Such calls are a pretty-low priority, particularly when the complaint doesn't involve someone violating a law.

After hours of hearing a crying baby kept awake by gunfire and finding the police unresponsive, the mother of the child walked next door to ask her neighbor to quiet it down. In the moments afterward, five people ended up dead.

It seems to me that Texas lawmakers ought to consider banning the recreational firing of guns in neighborhoods. And we don't allow people to drink while driving cars, how about banning drinking and firing guns?

If some measures such as these had been on the books, police officers may have had a pretext to intervene and prevent the tragedy that ensued.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Polo Lion Buchar awarded for sponsoring longtime members

At the Polo Lions Club meeting held at the White Pines Lodge on Tuesday, April 18, President Winton Bocker presented an award to Polo Lions Member Dave Buchar. The award Dave is receiving is for sponsoring two members that have stayed for a while. Thank you Dave for your good work and continued membership in the Polo Lions Club.



## Polo Memorial Day parade set for May 29

**POLO** — The Polo Memorial Day Parade will be held on Memorial Day, Monday, May 29. It will consist of members of the Patrick Fegan American Legion Post #83 and Polo VFW 8455, veterans, the Polo Police and Fire Departments, and other groups including the Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts. The parade will step off at 9:30 a.m. and proceed west on Mason to North

on Division to Fairmount Cemetery. If IDOT has not completed their work on Division Street, then an alternate route will be announced.

There will be a ceremony at approximately 10 a.m. to include a wreath laying by both the American Legion and VFW auxiliaries at the tomb of the unknown soldier. All are welcome to march and participate in the parade.



## Messenger, Kalnins win IPA student leadership award

**OREGON** — The Oregon School District recently congratulated Oregon Elementary School sixth graders Jasper Messenger and Abigail Kalnins for being selected for the Illinois Principals Association Student Leadership Award.

They were honored at a Student Leadership Brunch in Dixon May 5. Both were selected for their commitment to service to others, positive leadership, involvement in extra-curriculars and excellence in the classroom.

## Cozzi honored by Back2School America

**OREGON** — Oregon's Mr. Dom Cozzi was honored in Chicago May 4 by Back2School America for the work he and Mrs. Starkey are doing with the Oregon High School transitions program.

As his nominator, Oregon teacher Kim Radostits wrote, "Dom is extremely deserving of this award as he goes above and beyond to provide authentic work experiences for our Hawks and embodies all that we set out to do with our district's mission statement."



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# LOCAL NEWS



**Oregon FFA's Flanagan places at state ag mechanics contest**

Oregon FFA member Owen Flanagan recently placed in the top ten at the state FFA Ag Mechanics contest held in Peoria. The State contest was made up of mechanics finalists statewide.



## Ehrler receives prestigious P.E.O. STAR scholarship

**OREGON** — Kendra Ehrler, a senior at Oregon High School, was selected to receive a \$2,500 STAR Scholarship from the P.E.O. Sisterhood. She was recommended by P.E.O. Chapter CU of Mt. Morris.

her class as a junior. She is also a member of the National Honor Society and is serving as its secretary this year. Kendra has been part of both the marching band and the concert band for four years, along with being on the golf team for four years. She has spent three seasons on the bowling team also. She is also involved in school plays and musicals.

Kendra is an active member of Trinity United Church and has helped with Vacation Bible School and the Strong Girls to Women summer camps. Another activity she has enjoyed is helping the Mt. Morris Fire Department with their pancake breakfasts and has helped build crisis kits.

Kendra Plans to attend St. Norbert College in De Pere, Wisconsin and has plans to major in biology with an emphasis on genetics.

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## Oregon Park District's Mix Park playground opens

**OREGON** — The Oregon Park District opened a new playground structure at Mix Park on May 16. The district purchased the new playground equipment in December with plans to replace the existing structure installed in 1999. Capital improvement funds and a \$43,726 grant provided by GameTime were used to fund the Mix Park addition.

Oregon Park District staff began removal of the old playground in April. Equipment was donated to Kids Around the World, an organization based in Rockford. Kids Around the World refurbishes existing playgrounds and re-installs in poverty-stricken communities.

The new playground equipment was installed by staff as a cost-saving measure. Installation by staff, and not a contracted installer, saved the district more than \$59,000 in additional expenses. Erin Folk, executive director, said, "We're truly fortunate to have talented employees who were willing to rise to the challenge when asked to complete the

installation." The new playground provides 2,600 square feet of play space and meets all ADA standards for accessible design. The structure is designed to meet the play needs for children ages 2-5 and 5-12. The district will also be adding a Zero-G Swing allowing children who need additional support to swing alongside their friends. The swing will be installed upon delivery.

Following installation, the structure was inspected and approved by a certified playground safety inspector. All playgrounds installed after March 15, 2012, are required to comply with the 2010 ADA standards for accessible design. "Creating ADA-accessible spaces continues to be a top priority and we're always looking for ways to move beyond the minimum standards," Folk said.

In 2020, the district looked to exceed the minimum ADA standards and constructed a new playground at Park West

to comply with accessible design standards and be fully inclusive. Park West is a National Demonstration Site for inclusive play and can be viewed at [www.playcore.com/nds/map#15099](http://www.playcore.com/nds/map#15099).

Inclusive designs address the developmental needs of the whole child by intentionally providing opportunities for physical, cognitive, communicative, social/emotional and sensory development. This site was chosen for inclusive play due to Park West being a recreation hub for the community and its proximity to Oregon Elementary School and the Village of Progress.

Mix Park is owned by the City of Oregon but leased to the Oregon Park District through 2045 for maintenance and park management. The park includes 2.4 acres of open space, a playground, shelter, two pickleball courts and two sculptures on the Oregon Sculpture Trail, Paths of Conviction and The Fish Boys.

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# The vanishing whistleblowers: County schools battling official shortage

BY GEORGE HOWE  
CORRESPONDENT

**OGLE COUNTY** — The future of high school team sports, especially in the rural areas, is in peril. Some of the contributing factors are a general lack of interest in sports as a result of social media, and gaming. The other is the amount of abuse that comes along with putting on the shirt and whistle.

“Not that long ago, people would come out of college in their 20s or a semi-retired individual would be looking for something to do and there would be an abundance of officials, not so today,” Oregon High School Athletic Director Mike Lawton, whose school is part of the Big Northern Conference, said. “It’s a fundamental change in our society since I started in 2011. The level of abuse at games is at an all-time high. It’s sad, schools like us try to make sportsmanship announcements and hang signs along the field and in the gym. It hasn’t helped too much.”

If you’ve had a child, relative or family friend participate in sports over the years, you might have found yourself getting caught up in the heat of the emotion of the game and yelled at an official. It’s the human condition of competitiveness. Most officials understand going in that getting yelled at is unfortunately part of the job. In a split second, one group that just cheered a call is now jeering.

According to Don Cook, who’s been an official for 53 years and thought that he had heard and seen it all but with modern technology, there is a new element to the cruelty.

“It’s happened on more than one occasion when one of our officials will be followed out to their car by an unhappy spectator trying to show the call made record-

ed on their phone,” Cook said. “Fans are tough and mean-spirited. Every year rules change but most fans don’t stay up with it and yell about an old rule getting everyone worked up.”

The officials that have continued to walk out on the field and the court are starting to get up in age, yet continue to stick around.

“I’ve had many conversations with the guys and they’ve told me that they would like to retire but don’t want to see the kids lose opportunities to compete,” Forreton High School Athletic Director Kyle Zick said. “These officials in our Northern Upstate Illinois Conference have done a fantastic job considering how short we are.”

The COVID-19 pandemic didn’t help matters. All sporting events were canceled and a lot of the regulars had to find other things to do.

“The guys that had been doing it all of these years liked the fact that they had their Friday nights open and could take their wives to supper”, Cook said. “There wasn’t any worry about covering games on the weekend and they found new interests and didn’t come back.”

Of the handful of new brave souls that have decided to step in between the lines, the lack of officials has thrust them into working varsity games when they might not be ready, making matters worse.

“We are forced to use inexperienced officials in varsity games or cancel the them because we don’t have anyone else,” Lawton said. “The coaches, players and parents don’t understand that. Why would anyone want to put up with the abuse? Often times they don’t come back. Then if a student is sitting in the stands and was possibly considering trying to referee, the yelling and screaming makes it an easy decision not to.”

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# SPORTS NEWS

## AREA SPORTS

### County boys track teams compete at BNC meet

Ogle County boys track teams recently competed in the Big Northern Conference meet at Hinder's Field in Rock Falls. Byron finished seventh (37 points), Stillman Valley finished eighth (33 points) and Oregon finished ninth (24 points). Dixon won the 10-team meet with 110 points.

### Oregon softball defeats Winnebago

On May 16, the Oregon varsity softball team defeated Winnebago 9-7. Oregon's Ava Hackman hit a home run and struck out seven batters as the Hawks outlasted Winnebago, scoring two in the top of the seventh inning to break a 7-7 tie. Laila Anderson squeeze bunted in the go-ahead run for the Hawks. Sarah Stevens and Reilee Suter both had two hits and Emma

Schlichtmann struck out four at pitcher for Oregon. The Hawks moved on to the regional championship game on Saturday against Marengo at 10 a.m. in Oregon.

### Scores

#### Varsity baseball

May 11: Stillman Valley 14, Oregon 1

May 13: Woodstock North 7, Stillman Valley 0

#### Varsity softball

May 11: Rock Falls 2, Stillman Valley 0

May 13: Stillman Valley 9, Johnsbury 1

May 13: Johnsbury 4, Stillman Valley 2 (game two)

May 15: Stillman Valley 4, Dixon 3

#### Varsity girls soccer

May 13: Stillman Valley 3, Winnebago 1 (SV wins regional championship)

"I have legitimate fears for the sustainability of high school sports."

**Mike Lawton**  
Oregon High School Athletic Director

Local official Don Cook, who has worked at the craft for 53 years, spoke with the Ogle County Life about the impact of the referee shortage on local high school sports. (Courtesy photo)



## REFEREE: County schools facing referee shortage

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Both schools now have to cancel games as

a result of not being able to find anyone.

"Here's an example," Lawton said. "We typical-

ly leave Wednesday and Fridays open for makeup games due to weather. Those games are now not being made up."

Zick said every sport has seen issues with officials. Right now, there doesn't seem to be a solution to the problem.

"I have legitimate fears for the sustainability of high school sports," Lawton said. "If we continue to have teacher, coach, bus driver, and referee shortages, high school sports goes away after more than 80 years. It might not be in the next couple of years but certainly in the next 8-10."

So, the next time you go to a football, basketball or volleyball game and you're ready to lose your cool, just take a moment to realize what's at stake and turn that negative energy into something positive. And consider putting on a whistle.



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# SPORTS/LOCAL NEWS

## How Polo supports one of its own

**L**AST weekend was one of the best of the year for me with an Oregon pole vaulter I help coach qualifying for state on Friday and then spending Sunday with the woman who gave me birth 65 years ago on Mother's Day.

But, the most gratifying experience was on Saturday. That is when I saw firsthand how the community of Polo supports one of its own.

Clarification here. It wasn't just Polo, but people from neighboring towns from all over the area that came out for a benefit for beloved citizen, coach, family member and friend in Jeff Grobe.

This wasn't your normal gathering for someone with a health ailment. This was big time, with street closures, live bands and hundreds of people converging on the town.

And why not? From what I learned about Jeff Grobe, he normally would have been the one leading the charge on helping others throughout his decades of living and working in Polo.

I got to know Jeff from covering his girls basketball teams. What was refreshing about interviewing him is that he told it like it was, rather than bland coach-speak.

That man was genuine. Likewise, Polo is a genuine town, one that I've been appreciated since helping at the Jaycees chicken fry during Town and Country Days over 30 years ago.

Polo reminds me of a similar-sized town I grew up in during early grade school, Galva, Illinois. Good people and willing to lend a hand wherever is needed.

Walking along Mason Street the morning of the benefit and seeing volunteers setting up, there was a feeling of small town Americana at its best.

In the calm before the rush, I had the pleasure of speaking with Jason Grobe, son of Jeff, about what his father meant to the community and the connective tissue of high-school sports.

It always seems like sports means more to these small towns than the bigger ones. And, though these towns have fierce rivalries, like the ones we see in the NUIC, those same towns support each other in time of need.

A small example I noticed was a gift basket from the Eastland basketball

team in the silent auction. I'm sure there were others too.

Getting back to the ongoing sports beat, two schools that share a spirited rivalry are Byron and Stillman Valley. In what appears to be a fairly equal girls soccer sectional, those two could possibly meet in the finals.

Stillman needs to beat Indian Creek to get there and Byron the same with Rock Island Alleman. The competitive advantage enjoyed by Alleman is playing bigger schools in the Western Big-6 conference.

In fact, there is such an enrollment disparity going up against teams like Moline and Rock Island, Alleman gave up playing football because of getting beat up so bad.

Still, Byron is capable of beating Alleman. The feel good story of Stillman's regional title over Winnebago was foreign-exchange student Sigrid Larsen of Norway. With her parents coming over from the homeland to watch her for the first time, Larsen played a pivotal role in the win.

With relay powerhouses in Winnebago and Rockford Christian present, Forreton-Polo and Oregon were still able to have big outings at the 1A girls track & field sectional.

Both had their best showings in years by qualifying for state in six events each. Grabbing a medal at Charleston will be tough, but the Hawks are seeded No. 8 in the 1,600-meter relay.

In a strange placement by the IHSA, the Forreton-Polo boys teams heads all the way to Rockridge, south of the Quad-Cities for its track sectional. Usually they are slotted in with the locals at Oregon, which would have been a far shorter drive than the 100 miles to Rockridge high school.

However, the F-P 400, 800 and 1,600 relays are seeded No. 1 at Rockridge. At Oregon, they would have been in a real dog fight with RC and 'Bago.

And, it's baseball and softball kicking off the post season this past week. More to report on that later, as regionals are settled.

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



**Andy Colbert**



### OHS congratulates Ultimate Hawk award winners

Oregon High School recently congratulated its Class of 2023 Ultimate Hawk award winners. The honor can only be earned by participating in three sports (fall/winter/spring) all four years of high school. Winners included Hunter Buchanan, Gabe Eckerd, Ava Hackman, Hadley Lutz, Liz Mois and Ava Wight.

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### Rock River Center

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No transportation or activities will take place when the Center is closed. Please plan accordingly. Have safe and happy holidays.

### OCEC's Bailey completes doctorate

**OREGON** — The Ogle County Education Cooperative recently congratulated School Psychologist Trisha Bailey, who recently completed her doctorate in education from Loyola University Chicago. Prior to earning her doctorate, Mrs. Bailey attended Northern Illinois University where she received a bachelor of arts in psychology. In 2006, she obtained her specialist in school psychology from Illinois State University. In 2019, Trisha obtained her board certification in behavior analysis (BCBA). Prior to working as a school psychologist, Trisha worked at a community mental health agency advocating for adults with chronic mental illnesses and with children ages 0-3 and their families through Illinois Early Intervention. Trisha has worked as a school psychologist in the public-school setting for the past 17 years.



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# LOCAL NEWS

## OREGON PARK DISTRICT WEEKLY HAPPENINGS

### Secret Life of Butterflies

It is hard to find a more beautiful creature than a butterfly, and it is hard to find a better place to see butterflies than the Secret Life of Butterflies exhibit at the Nicholas Conservatory in Rockford. See butterflies from around the world from caterpillar to adult. This trip departs Nash Recreation on May 30 at 12:00 pm. After the conservatory closes for the day, we will go to the Prairie Street Brewery for dinner and return at roughly 6:00 PM. Registration is \$10R/\$12NR and covers conservatory admission and transportation, please bring money for dinner. Deadline to register is May 23.

### Joe Kerwin Memorial Baseball and Softball Celebration

This free community event in Oregon Park West on Saturday June 3 from 8:30 am-12:30 pm celebrates the beginning of the baseball and softball seasons and honors the life of former Oregon Park District scorekeeper Joe Kerwin. There will be double headers on each ball diamond with a special awards presentation for players. Come out to pack Park West and watch our youth play ball.

### Hello Summer Door Hanger

Welcome summer by crafting a sizzling 22-inch flamingo door hanger perfect for any porch, patio, or pool. Class takes place on Saturday June 3rd from 4-7 pm at Cin's Treasures Studio in Conover Square Mall. Cindy Hendrickson will supply all class materials and instruction, participants are welcome to bring snacks and beverages. Registration fee is \$44R.\$55NR, deadline to Register is May 27.

### Rhubarb Crumb Pie

Early summer is rhubarb season. Let Lynn Kaufman of Lynn's Kitchen teach you a delicious rhubarb crumb pie recipe for a perfect summer sweet treat. Class takes place on Thursday, June 8 at 6:00 pm in Cork & Tap. Participants will need to bring some dishes and utensils from home, with a full list of supplies being emailed to participants after registration closes. When class is over, you will have your own pie ready to take home and bake, as well as a recipe card to enjoy again and again. Lynn Kaufman will supply all ingredients and class instruction. Registration is \$38R/45NR, deadline to register June 1.

### Guided Evening Paddle

Evenings are better on the water. Enjoy a 4-5 mile guided paddle from Oregon to Castle Rock State Park. Oregon Park District staff will serve as group guide, and White Pelican Rentals will supply the kayak, paddle, and life jacket. Paddling experience is a plus but is not required. All participants must sign a White Pelican waiver to participate. Paddle will take place on Friday June 16 at 5:00 pm, rain date of June 17th. Deadline to register is June 6. Park at the Castle Rock

boat landing and be driven to the launch point. We will then paddle back to our vehicles. The registration fee is \$ 50R/60NR.

### Wine Bottle Succulents

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### Supper With Sculptures

Art has been an important part of the Oregon Community for generations. Join us at the Lorado Taft Field Campus, site of the historic Eagles Nest Art Colony, for a fried chicken dinner featuring presentations about the Eagles Nest Art Colony and about the Oregon Community Art Legacy Project. After dinner, we will take a tour of the Taft Campus to see original Eagles Nest Art Colony Structures. Supper with sculptures takes place on Wednesday June 28 from 5:00-7:30 PM. Program participants will receive a flyer for a self-guided tour of Oregon's sculptures. Registration is \$18R/\$22NR, children under 10 are \$10 and 2 and under are free. Deadline to register is June 21

### Camp OPD

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

### Adult Mini Pitch League

Join us for an adult small sided soccer league on our new Mini Pitch court at Park West on Wednesday evenings. Games will be a 4 v 4 format, with 1 goalie and 3 field players. Each week teams will play 3 officiated matches in their 1 hour time slot. Each match will feature two 6 minute halves with a 4 minute half time break. Team rosters may have up to 6 people. A tournament will be played the last week of the season. Players must be at least 18 and have graduated High School. Season starts May 31st through July 26th, and deadline is May 24th. Fee \$250 per team.

### Youth Tennis Camp

Tennis Camp is back at Oregon Park West! Join Coach Kristy Eckardt for a fun filled week learning basic skills and improving on your current skills, June 20th-June 23rd. Kristy is an experienced certified Tennis Coach and is the current Rochelle High School Tennis Coach. Please bring a Tennis racket and a water bottle. All camp participants will receive a T-shirt. There will be a limited number of Park district tennis rackets that you can borrow. Two sessions, one for players entering 3rd-6th grade in the fall, and one for players entering 7th-12th grade.

Registration Deadline is June 7th. Fee \$35/\$40NR

### OHS Summer Basketball Camp

Join the OHS Basketball Coaches Reynolds and Donahue and their teams for a fun summer Basketball camp, June 5-9th at the Blackhawk Center. This Co-ed camp will concentrate on developing your fundamental skills and learning new strategies. The week will end with a friendly 3 v3 tournament for the players on Friday! All participants will receive a camp T-shirt and medals will be awarded to the tournament winners. All proceeds will benefit the OHS Boys and Girls Basketball Programs. Deadline to register is May 23rd and the cost is \$30/\$35NR

### Summer Running Series

Calling all 5th-8th Graders! Join Certified Running Coach Matt Hussung for our new summer running series and get prepared for the fall season. The group will meet weekly on Friday afternoons for an hour to train and run. Series runs June 2nd through August 1st. Coach will develop a training program for workouts that runners can do on their own! The series will conclude with an entry into the Park Districts Color Run on August 1st, and an exclusive summer run series/color run shirt to wear to the event.

No Meeting on Friday June 30th. Deadline is June 2nd and the fee is \$60/\$72NR

### OHS Summer Athletes Camp

Oregon High School Football and Boys Basketball teams will be hosting a COED Athlete Camp for athletes entering 1st-5th grade this fall. The camp will consist of training and movements needed to become a better athlete. Focus will be on speed, agility, plyometrics, and strength through an assortment of different activities and games. Camp meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1-2pm at the Blackhawk Center from June 6th through July 20th. There will be no camp the week of July 4th. All athletes will receive a Athlete Camp T-Shirt. Proceeds will go to support the OHS Football and Boys basketball programs. Registration deadline is May 31st and the fee is \$40/\$48.

### OHS Middle School Summer Strength Camp

The OHS Football and Basketball teams and Coaches will be hosting summer strength for any boy entering 6th-8th grade in the fall. Your athlete will be taught the basics in the weight room along with improved speed and agility throughout the summer. Camp will be every Tuesday and Thursday from 2-3pm at the Blackhawk Center, June 6th through July 20th. (Note there will be no camp the week of July 4th). Every athlete will receive a Summer Strength Camp T-Shirt.

All proceeds benefit the OHS Football and Basketball programs. Registration deadline is May 31st and the fee is \$40/\$48.

### OHS Soccer Camp 2023

Oregon High School Soccer Camp is back! Varsity coaches Seger Larson and Tiffany Rufer and the Oregon Hawks team will run this fun, interactive, and informative camp at Park West! The coaches and players will teach the fundamentals of the game, various age appropriate strategies, as well as team work. Each participant will also receive a camp shirt, please bring your own practice ball. A limited number of balls will be available to borrow. Camp runs June 12-16. 4-8 yr olds meet 9am-10am, fee is \$25/\$30NR. 9-14yrs old meet 10am to 12:30pm, fee is \$40/\$46.

Registration deadline is May 29th.

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### Hoekstra receives Lions Foundation Fellow award

**Carol Hoekstra of the Stillman Valley Lions Club has received the Lions Foundation Fellow award. This award shows her commitment to the Lions of Illinois Foundation in programs and services to the visually and hearing impaired. Carol coordinates the sight and hearing testing bus at the Ogle County Fairgrounds and the Rock River Senior Center. This is a free service to the community.**



# LOCAL NEWS

## BERTOLET MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Bertolet Memorial Library will be closed Monday, May 29 2023 in observance of Memorial Day.

Bertolet Memorial Library will be closed Saturday, June 3, 2023 for Leaf River Daze.

### YOUTH PROGRAMS

#### LEGO Club

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

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

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

#### Have Book, Will Travel

Thursdays, June 15th - July 13th, 10:00AM Have Book, Will Travel with Bertolet Memorial Library this summer. Kids, pre-k through 5th grade, are invited to join Miss Jana on an adventure around the world. You will visit far off places such as Japan, Peru, and Madagascar through books, crafts, and games.

### ADULT PROGRAMS

#### MayTake & Make Craft

Welcome in spring with this simple flower craft. Stop by the circulation desk and pick up a kit while supplies last.

#### May Book of the Month

Little Fires Everywhere by Celeste Ng: In a nice neighborhood of Shaker Heights, a suburb of Cleveland, trouble brews. Elena Richardson feels everything should be just right and her new tenant, Mia Warren, is more of a free spirit. Explore how having secrets and wanting to know other's secrets can harm the families involved in Little Fires Everywhere by Celeste Ng. Stop by the circulation desk to pick up a copy.

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- Picture Books
- Here by Ally Condie
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## MT. MORRIS 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, drop-in, and take-and-make 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, 5/24. Story time is every Wednesday @ 11:15, bring your little ones to enjoy stories and a craft at the Mount Morris Library!

#### Adult Book Club

The 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 22nd at the library.

#### Cookbook Club!

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

#### Ink with a Friend: Card Making at the Library

Join us in 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 this Thursday, June 15th, from 6:00 - 6:45pm! Bring a friend and build some fun with Lego bricks! All children and parents are invited every third Thursday of the month. Children under 8 need to bring a parent with them.

#### Memorial Gifts

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#### Display Case Showings

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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

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. You can find the information on our website, www.mtmorris-il.org under the resources page.

## AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

### BYRON

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

**CORNERSTONE FAMILY CHURCH**  
205 N. Peru St., Byron 815-234-8737 [cornerstonelutheran.org](http://cornerstonelutheran.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](mailto:ucb@comcast.net)  
Website: [unitedchurchofbyron.org](http://unitedchurchofbyron.org)  
Pastor: Rev. Tyler Spellious  
Youth Ministry Coordinator: Richard Simpson  
Sunday Schedule & Worship opportunities:  
Service of Meditation & Prayer: 8:15am- 8:45am  
Adult Sunday School Hour: 9am  
Kids Sunday School: (for ages 3 thru 5th grade) 9:30 -10:15am  
Coffee & fellowship time: 9:30am - 10:30am  
Main Worship: 10:30am  
Spark Youth Group (for ages 6th grade thru 12th grade) - Sundays, 5pm-7pm  
For complete ministry schedule and other activities, please check our website or Facebook page or contact the church office.  
Whoever you are or wherever you are on your journey, you are welcome here!

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

### CHANA

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

### DAVIS JUNCTION

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

### DIXON

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

### FORRESTON

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

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

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

### LEAF RIVER

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

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

### LINDENWOOD

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

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

### KINGS

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

### MOUNT MORRIS

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

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

**MT. MORRIS CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN**  
409 W. Brayton Road, Mt. Morris, IL 61045 Phone 734-4573  
Pastor-Rodney Caldwell. Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m. Worship service available online, call for details. Other activities currently suspended due to pandemic.  
Email: [mtmcob@frontier.com](mailto:mtmcob@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  
3 miles east of Oregon on Rt. #64 then 2 miles north on German Church Rd.  
• Rev. Josiah Youngquist  
[www.EBENEZERREFORMED.com](http://www.EBENEZERREFORMED.com) • Sunday school 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

**ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH, NALC**  
114 S. 5th St. Oregon, IL Phone: (815) 732-2367  
Website: [stpaulnalcaregonil.weebly.com](http://stpaulnalcaregonil.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](http://www.stmarypolo.org)

**CHURCH OF THE OPEN BIBLE**  
302 S. Franklin Ave., Polo, Illinois • 815-946-2848 • Luke N. Schier, Pastor  
Sunday Worship: 9:30am We include our children in our Sunday Worship Experience. "THE GRAND KIDS CLASS" Ages 3-10 are then dismissed right after Praise & Worship. Blended Services. "Passion for God" "Compassion for People" Visit our website: [PoloOpenBible.org](http://PoloOpenBible.org)

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

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

**FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
702 E. Dixon Street, Polo, IL 61064 • Tel:815-946-3212  
Sunday School for all ages 9am followed by Worship at 10am  
Pastor Brian LeBaron  
Website: [www.faithumpolo.com](http://www.faithumpolo.com) • [facebook.com/Faithumpolo](http://facebook.com/Faithumpolo)

### STILLMAN VALLEY

**RED BRICK CHURCH OF STILLMAN VALLEY**  
Pastor Rev. Dr. Chris Brauns | Associate Pastor David Bogner  
207 W Roosevelt Road (Rte 72), Stillman Valley.  
815-645-2526 | [www.theredbrickchurch.org](http://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](http://www.kishchurch.org)  
Sunday Schedule: Discipleship Hour 9:00 AM, Coffee Fellowship 11:15 AM  
Gathered Worship 10:00 AM  
For complete ministry schedule check out our website or call the church office.

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

**GRACE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH DAVIS JUNCTION**  
Pastor Brad Pittman [www.graceforyou.com](http://www.graceforyou.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: [middlereckchurch@gmail.com](mailto:middlereckchurch@gmail.com)







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OGLE COUNTY • OGLE COUNTY • OGLE COUNTY • OGLE COUNTY

**101 LEGAL NOTICE**

**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  
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)

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The Heirs and Devisees of Gloria May Ohnstad, deceased, Rodney Ohnstad, Kevin Ohnstad, 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. 0511  
(May 8, 15 and 22, 2023)

**PUBLIC NOTICE STATE OF ILLINOIS, CIRCUIT COURT OGLE COUNTY PUBLICATION NOTICE OF COURT DATE FOR REQUEST OF NAME CHANGE (ADULT)**  
By the Request of William Patrick Egan, Case Number 2023 MR 16  
There will be a court date on the request of William Patrick Egan to the new name of Trishelle Rosalyn Williams on June 21, 2023 at 9 am at 106 S. 5th Street, Oregon, Ogle County, in courtroom #304.  
No. 0522  
(May 15, 22 and 29, 2023)

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  
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.  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS**  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF )  
)  
) ROBERT C. LAIDIG, deceased.  
)  
) No. 2023 PR21  
**CLAIM NOTICE**  
Notice is given to creditors of the death of Robert C. Laidig, of 3772 Illinois Street, Dixon, Ogle County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued to Melissa A. Horton, 6953 S. Roger Way, Chandler, AZ 85249, as Independent Executor, whose attorney of record is Emily R. Vivian, Ehrmann Gehlbach Badger & Considine, LLC, 114 E. Everett Street, Dixon, Illinois 61021. The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under section 28-4 of the Probate Act (75 ILCS 5/28-4) any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the clerk. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court at the Ogle County Judicial Center, 106 S. 5th Street, Suite #300, Oregon, IL 61061, or with the representative, or both, on or before the date which is six (6) months after the date of the first publication of this Claim Notice, or, if mailing or delivering of a notice from the representative is required by section 18-3 of the Probate Act of 1975, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. By Melissa A. Horton, Independent Executor Emily R. Vivian ARDC: 6290977  
Ehnnann Gehlbach Badger & Considine, LLC 114 E. Everett Street, Suite 300 Dixon, IL 61021  
vivian@egbclaw.com (815) 288-4949 (815) 288-3068 FAX No. 0524 (May 15, 22 and 29, 2023)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
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No. 0531  
(May 22, 2023)

**NOTICE TO BIDDERS**  
Sealed proposals for the project described below will be received at the office of the Village Clerk, 120 N. Walnut Street, Stillman Valley, IL 61084, until 10:00 am on 06/07/23.  
Sealed proposals will be opened and read publicly at the office of the Village Clerk, 120 N. Walnut Street, Stillman Valley, IL 61084, at 10:00 am on 06/07/23.  
**DESCRIPTION OF WORK**  
Location: Milwaukee Street & Pershing Street  
Project Length: 2,000'  
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4. The following BLR Forms shall be returned by the bidder to the Awarding Authority:  
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9. Permission will be given to a bidder to withdraw a proposal if the bidder makes the request in writing or in person before the time for opening proposals.  
No. 0537  
(May 22, 2023)

**REQUEST FOR BIDS**  
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The Julia Hull District Library, Stillman Valley, Ogle County, Illinois, will receive bids for the procurement of Bid Package A - Finishes replacement including painting, flooring replacement and mill-work including miscellaneous electrical and plumbing. Bid Package B: reupholstery of existing seating. Bid documents will be available at [www.dgdplanroom.com](http://www.dgdplanroom.com), click on public projects, locate specific project, on Tuesday, May 23, 2023. A pre-bid conference will be held at 10:00 am on May 30, 2023 at the project site. Bids will be due on or before 2:00 p.m.

on Wednesday, June 7, 2023, and should be mailed to Attention: Joanna Kluever, Library Director, Julia Hull District Library, 100 Library Lane, Stillman Valley, IL 61084. If delivering in person on bid date, it should be delivered prior to bid due time at the Library.



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Cash on Hand May 1, 2022	\$ 993,916.84
<b>Receipts</b>	
Interest	\$ 1,173.63
Pop Machine	\$ 838.79
Rentals, Misc.	\$ 6,837.12
LCC Rentals	\$ 5,542.50
Taxes (County)	\$ 159,714.95
Dredge Bond	\$ 61,594.67
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$ 235,701.66</b>
<b>Disbursements</b>	
Administration	\$ (3,466.19)
Insurance	\$ (4,647.00)
Lake, Beach & Stream Maintenance	\$ (148,933.13)
Lake Court Center and Grounds	\$ (15,118.90)
Property Maintenance	\$ (25,428.91)
Office Supply & Postage	\$ (5,495.35)
Printing and Communication	\$ (1,957.05)
Professional Services	\$ (1,438.75)
Travel	\$ (37.80)
Utilities	\$ (4,397.06)
Volunteer Outreach	\$ (0.00)
Wages	\$ (38,958.45)
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>\$ (249,878.59)</b>
<b>Undeposited Funds</b>	<b>\$ (1,300.00)</b>
<b>Payroll Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 460.86</b>
<b>Cash on Hand as of April 30, 2023</b>	<b>\$ 978,900.91</b>

/s/ Beth Caudill  
Beth Caudill, Office Manager

/s/ Jeff VanQuathem  
Jeff VanQuathem, Secretary

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# CANCER AWARENESS

## What cancer does to the body

**C**ANCER affects tens of millions of people each year. The World Health Organization said cancer accounted for nearly 10 million deaths in 2020, the most recent year for data. Depending on where cancer strikes, various symptoms may present. However, cancer also affects the body as a whole. Here is a more in-depth look at how cancer affects the body and overall health.

in the blood, according to Cancer Research UK. White blood cell numbers may drop and risk of infection may increase. Cancer treatments may cause low levels of red blood cells, resulting in anemia, which can make a person feel tired and breathless and require a blood transfusion.

- **Weight loss:** According to a 2011 article in the Journal of Genetics, weight loss occurs in up to 80 percent of people with cancer. Lost mass occurs in both muscle and fat tissue. Cancer may suppress the appetite and cause alterations in biochemical pathways for the production of proteins and other compounds necessary to maintain a healthy body weight and muscle composition.

- **Decreased infection resistance:** Some mutations caused by cancer give cancer cells the ability to reduce or even cripple immune response, according to Healthfully. Therefore, the immune system becomes limited in its ability to recognize foreign organisms. Viruses and bacteria may take hold. This is why many people who have cancer may ultimately die from pneumonia.

- **Hormonal changes:** Some cancers can produce hormones that will circulate and cause symptoms known as paraneoplastic syndrome. It may cause muscle weakness or even change the balance of salt and water in the body. Hormone therapies



may be used in cancer treatments to help address the symptoms caused by the cancer.

- **Constipation:** Pain medications and chemotherapy can cause constipation. It's important to drink plenty of liquids and eat high-fiber diets to

help combat this problem.

- **Fatigue:** Along with weight loss, fatigue is another common body effect of cancer. Preserving energy by napping and resting, especially during treatment, can help.

- **Eye changes:** Chemotherapy can increase

the risk of dry eye syndrome and the formation of cataracts, says OSU Knight Cancer Institute. Additional vision problems may occur as well.

- **Premature aging:** Both cancer and the necessary treatments can speed up some signs of

aging. For example, it may increase the risk of osteoporosis or bring on early menopause.

Cancer doesn't just affect the area of the body where it's located. The entire body can be affected by cancer and cancer treatments.

## The relationship between race and ethnicity and cancer risk

**M**ANY variables affect a person's risk for developing cancer. Lifestyle choices like the foods a person eats and how much that person exercises can go a long way toward reducing cancer risk. However, certain risk factors for cancer, including race and ethnicity, are beyond individuals' control.

as high for African American males who have access to such services.

Cultural factors also must be considered when discussing the potential link between race and ethnicity and cancer risk. The MDACC notes that cultural factors can involve practices and beliefs that are prevalent within certain communities. Those beliefs and practices, which can include eating certain foods, may increase or decrease a person's risk for certain cancers. But again, simply because a person identifies with a certain race or ethnicity does not mean that individual adheres to all of the cultural practices associated with those communities. Individuals who do adhere to practices, such as consuming a diet that includes lots of ethnic foods, may want to speak with their physicians about the potential that such a diet, and other cultural practices, could increase their cancer risk.

The complicated relationship between race and ethnicity and cancer risk



makes it difficult to say individuals of certain racial and ethnic backgrounds are definitively at higher risk of developing certain forms of the disease. However, the National Cancer Institute and the American Cancer Society report that incidence rates for

the three most common types of cancer (lung, prostate and breast) are highest among certain ethnic groups.

- **Lung cancer:** Both the incidence and death rates for lung cancer are highest among African American males.

- **Prostate cancer:** Prostate cancer death and incidence rates are highest among African American males.

- **Breast cancer:** Incidence rates for breast cancer are highest among White, non-Hispanic women. The death rate for breast cancer

is highest among African American women.

Recognition of the relationship between race and ethnicity and cancer risk is important. Individuals with questions about their risk are urged to speak with their physicians.

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## Five fruits and vegetables associated with reducing cancer risk

**T**HE prevalence of cancer is widely known. Affecting people of every ethnicity and across the socioeconomic spectrum, cancer poses a threat to people in all corners of the globe. And that threat could be more significant in the immediate future. Estimates from the International Agency for Research on Cancer indicate that the global population boom and the growth of the world's aging population could result in more than 16 million cancer deaths each year by 2040.

The statistics surrounding global incidence rates for cancer are startling, which can give the impression that cancer is an inevitability for hundreds of millions of people across the globe. However, there's much individuals can do to reduce their cancer risk.

According to the MD Anderson Cancer Center, a healthy diet can help reduce cancer risk. A diet that focuses on plants and emphasizes healthy choices may not eliminate the threat of cancer, but it can

be an integral component of a preventive health care regimen. With that in mind, the following are five fruits and vegetables associated with reducing cancer risk, courtesy of the MDACC.

1. Berries: Berries contain antioxidants, which protect the body from cell damage that can contribute to various cancers, including skin cancer, lung cancer and breast cancer, among others. Blueberries, raspberries and strawberries make wonderful additions to anyone's diet.

2. Cruciferous vegetables: Cruciferous vegetables include broccoli, bok choy, cabbage, and brussel sprouts, among others. The MDACC notes that studies have indicated that special plant compounds in cruciferous vegetables may protect the body from stomach cancer and cancers of the mouth, pharynx, larynx, and esophagus.

3. Garlic: The experts at Mount Sinai note that garlic is often linked with reduced risk for heart disease, notably the pre-



vention of atherosclerosis, which affects the arteries through the deposition of plaques of fatty acids along the arterial walls. However, antioxidant-rich garlic also helps the body fight off harmful free radicals that can contribute to cancer.

4. Spinach: The Cen-

ters or Disease Control and Prevention notes that colorectal cancer is one of the leading causes of cancer deaths in the United States. Studies have found that spinach inhibits the growth of colon polyps that can develop into colorectal cancer.

5. Tomatoes: Lycopene

is an antioxidant that gives tomatoes their bright red color. According to the National Cancer Institute, though human studies have produced inconsistent results, various in vitro and animal studies have indicated that lycopene may have chemopreventive effects for cancers of

the prostate, skin, breast, lung, and liver.

Eating these five fruits and vegetables is not the only way to use diet in the fight against cancer. Individuals are urged to speak with their physicians to learn about the many ways to utilize food in cancer prevention.

## The link between viruses and cancer

**C**ANCER is a prolific disease that does not discriminate based on age, gender or locality. Many people are aware that various environmental or genetic factors can raise their risk for cancer. However, some may be surprised to learn that certain viruses and other infections also can lead to cancer formation.

While certain viruses are responsible for the sniffles that come with the common cold, people do not often mention viruses and cancer in the same breath. Such individuals may be surprised to learn that some viruses actually can contribute to cancer, according to WebMD. Verywell Health notes that studies have found around 10 percent of cancer cases worldwide are caused by viruses, with the majority of these cases affecting people in developing countries. Viruses, like other pathogens, are composed of genetic material that can invade host cells, causing genetic damage or mutation. Viruses also may alter the immune system so that it is less able to fight off cancer cells that may be present for another reason.

Learning about viruses that can cause cancer can

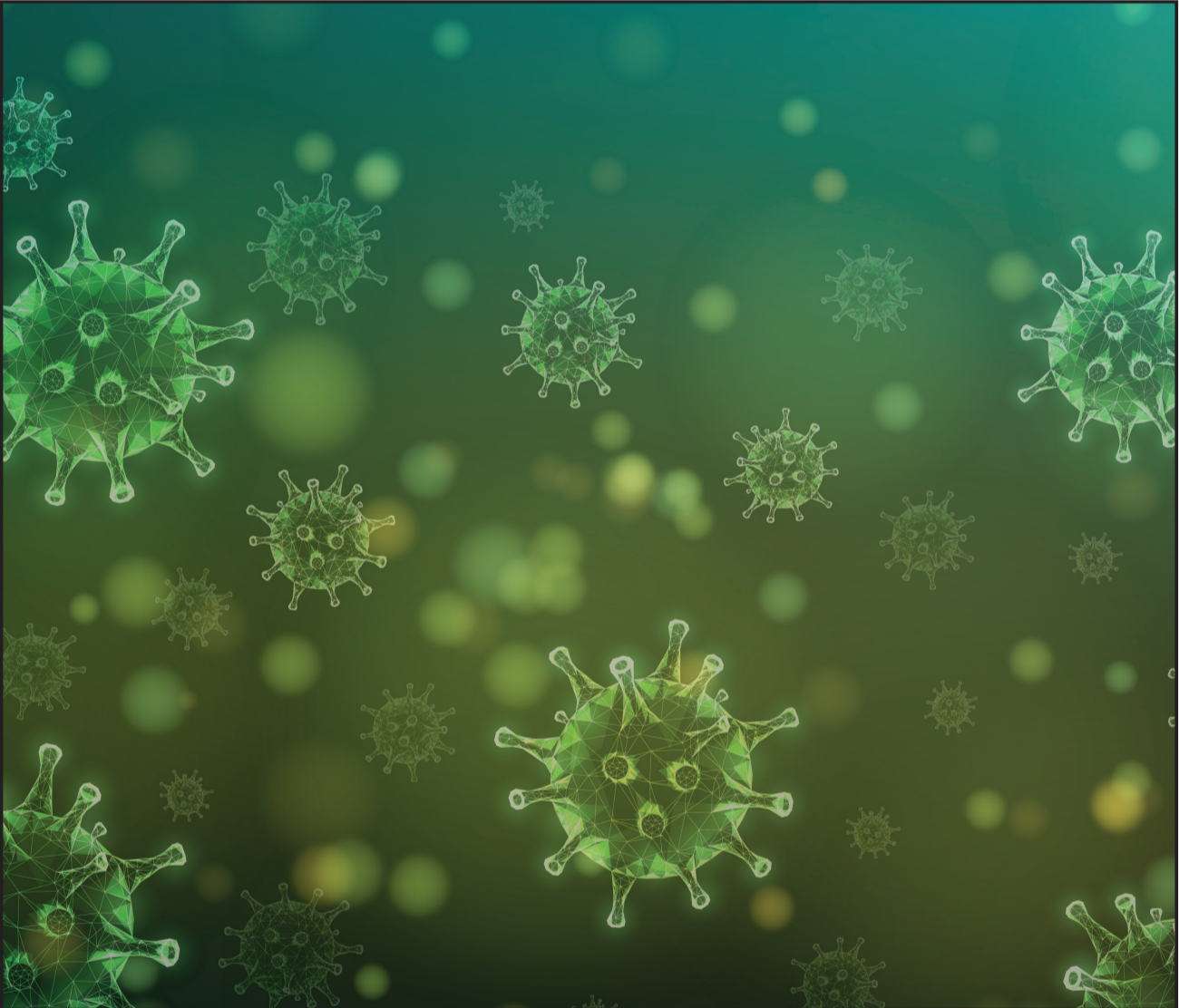
be an important component of preventive health care. The American Cancer Society says these viruses are linked to cancer in humans.

- Human papillomaviruses: This group of more than 150 viruses are implicated in the formation of genital warts as well as cervical cancer. HPV also can contribute to cancers of the penis, anus, vagina, vulva, and mouth and throat.

- Epstein-Barr virus: This virus is commonly linked to mononucleosis or "the kissing disease." It is a type of herpes virus. EBV infection can increase the risk of nasopharyngeal cancer, fast-growing lymphomas, and also Hodgkin's lymphoma.

- Hepatitis B and C viruses: Both HBV and HCV cause a type of liver infection and inflammation that can potentially lead to liver cancer. Some research also links HCV to non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.

- Human immunodeficiency virus: HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, isn't a direct cause of cancer, but infection can increase a person's risk of getting several types of cancer linked to other viruses. For example, HIV has been linked to higher risk of Kaposi sarcoma and



cervical cancer. Bacteria and parasites also can contribute to cancer formation. Long-term infection of the stomach with Helicobacter pylori bacteria, for example, may

cause ulcers and stomach cancer. Chlamydia trachomatis is a bacteria that affects women's reproductive systems and can increase risk for cervical cancer.

Certain parasitic worms that can live inside the human body also increase the risk of developing some types of cancers, such as those of the bile ducts and bladder. These are rare in

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Infections from viruses, bacteria and even parasites may lead to cancer in some people.

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# CANCER AWARENESS

## Understanding the basics of thyroid cancer

**T**HYROID cancer affects the thyroid gland, which is located in the neck. The thyroid is a part of the endocrine system and is responsible for a number of metabolic functions that help the body utilize energy. The thyroid also helps to regulate body temperature, blood pressure and heart rate, says the Cleveland Clinic.

When healthy, the thyroid gland, which is butterfly-shaped, cannot be felt. If the thyroid becomes impaired, changes in the shape or size of the thyroid may be noticed, and such a change could indicate the presence of thyroid cancer, according to the American Cancer Society.

Thyroid nodules, which are bumps or lumps on the thyroid, are typically benign. Two or three out of every 20 nodules turn up as cancerous. While these often cannot be detected by feeling the thyroid, the ACS says doctors use imaging technology to check for thyroid nodules if patients are experiencing symptoms that may be indicative of a thyroid that is

not functioning properly. Thyroid cancer also may be detected when testing for other ailments.

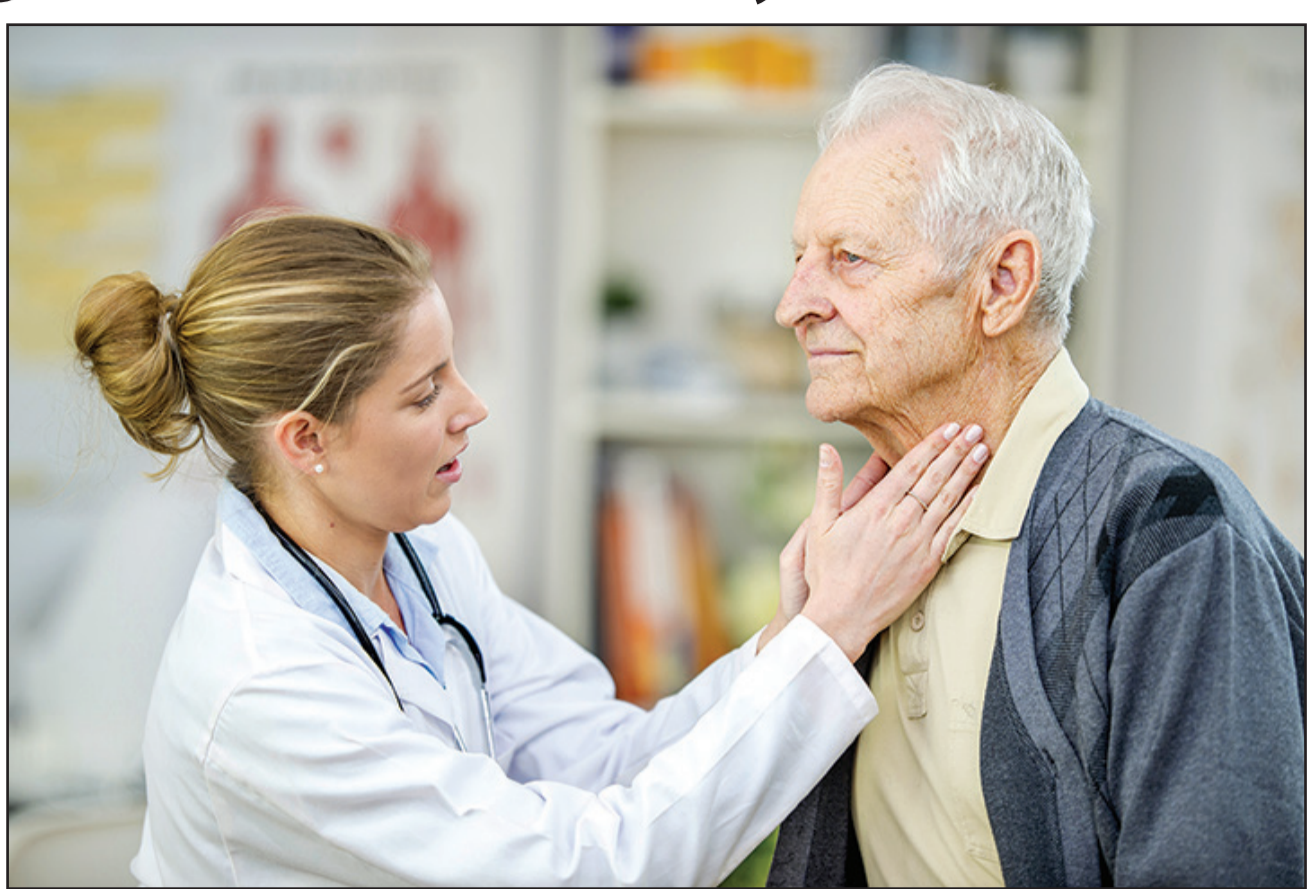
Johns Hopkins Medicine says most thyroid cancers are asymptomatic. Others may produce pain, difficulty swallowing, voice changes, and enlarged lymph nodes. Thyroid cancer is typically diagnosed after the discovery of a nodule that is either felt or seen on an ultrasound or another imaging study. Biopsy is utilized to confirm a thyroid cancer diagnosis.

According to the Mayo Clinic, thyroid cancer rates are increasing. That spike is likely caused by improved imaging technology that helps doctors find small thyroid cancers on CT and MRI scans conducted when testing for other conditions.

Thyroid cancers can grow from a number of different cells.

- **Papillary:** This type accounts for around 80 percent of all thyroid cancers. It is a slow-growing cancer that responds well to treatment.

- **Follicular:** Up to 15 percent of cases of thyroid cancer are follicular. This



type of cancer is more likely to spread to bones and other organs, says the Cleveland Clinic.

- **Medullary:** Only about 2 percent of thyroid cases are medullary. A faulty gene may be to blame, and one-quarter of patients with this type of thyroid cancer have a family history of the disease.

- **Anaplastic:** An aggressive thyroid cancer, this can be hard to treat because it can grow quickly and often spreads to surrounding tissue and other parts of the body. Only 2 percent of thyroid cancers are anaplastic.

One of the reasons thyroid cancer survival rates are high is that the primary treatment is to

surgically remove a portion or all of the thyroid gland. Johns Hopkins says most thyroidectomies are quite successful. While the thyroid is an essential gland, the functions of the thyroid can be replicated with the use of synthetic thyroid hormones to keep the body's metabolic needs in balance.

Additional cancer treat-

ment methods can include radioactive iodine and immunotherapy. Radiotherapy and chemotherapy are infrequently used to treat thyroid cancer.

Thyroid cancer is highly treatable, rarely fatal and people can go on to live long lives even if surgery is needed to remove some or all of the thyroid gland.

## Four ways that people can reduce cancer risk

**C**ancer affects lives in every corner of the globe. Whether it's encountered as a patient, caregiver or supporter, cancer will affect the vast majority of individuals at some point in their lives.

That prevalence underscores the significance of learning about the disease, including ways to reduce the risk of being diagnosed.

According to the National Cancer Institute, cancer is a disease in which cells in the body grow uncontrollably and spread to other parts of the body. Cancer can start just about anywhere, as humans are made up of trillions of cells. When a person has cancer, abnormal or damaged cells grow and multiply when they normally should die and have new, healthy cells take their place.

Cancer cells differ from normal cells in that they don't need signalling to grow, nor do they stop multiplying. They also do not stop growing when encountering other cells and can hide from the immune system. All of these conditions and others combine to make cancer a very serious condition. That means it could be of the utmost importance to do everything possible to reduce your risk of acquiring the disease. Though there's no guaranteed way to avoid cancer,

these four strategies are highly effective at reducing risk for the disease.

Consuming a healthy diet can go a long way toward reducing cancer risk. The Mayo Clinic says people should eat plenty of fruits and vegetables, and even choose foods from plant sources as the foundation of their diets. Limiting refined sugars and fats from animal sources also is effective.

Eating processed meat also has been linked to an increased risk of certain types of cancer, according to the World Health Organization. Consumption of alcohol also increases cancer risk.

Lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death, says the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Smoking cigarettes is the number one risk factor for lung cancer, with about 80 to 90 percent of lung cancer deaths attributed to cigarettes in the United States. Tobacco also causes cancer elsewhere in the body. The single best way to reduce cancer risk is to avoid tobacco to begin with or, for current smokers, to quit smoking immediately.

The CDC says being overweight or obese has been linked to a higher risk of 13 different types of cancer. Diet is important in maintaining a healthy

weight, but so is regular physical exercise. People should strive for at least 150 minutes a week of moderate aerobic activity or a minimum of 75 minutes a week of intense aerobic activity.

Skin cancer is one of the most common forms of the disease. Covering the skin, avoiding midday sun, using a broad-spectrum sunscreen with an SPF of at least 30 every day, and avoiding sunlamps and tanning beds is essential.

While there is no completely foolproof way to prevent cancer, there are many ways to reduce risk for the disease.





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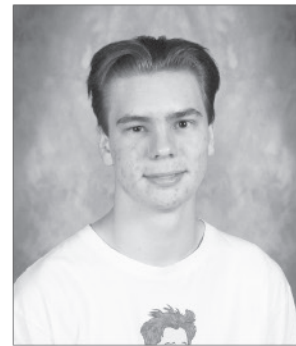
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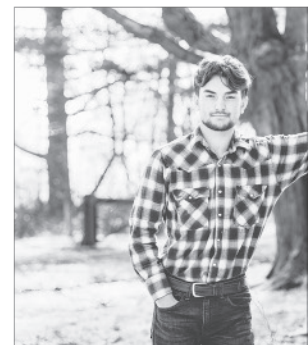
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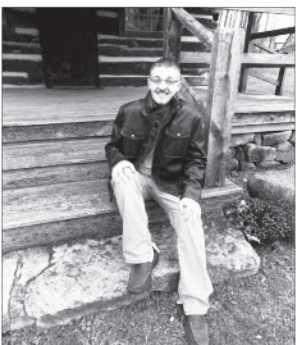
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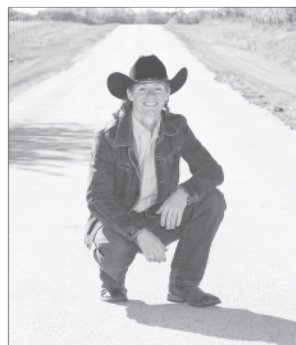
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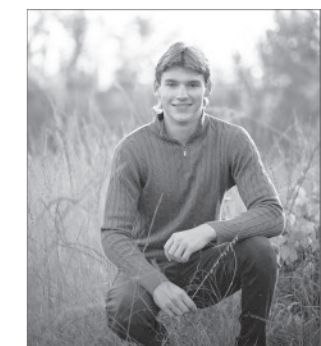
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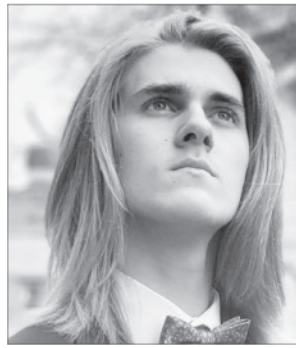
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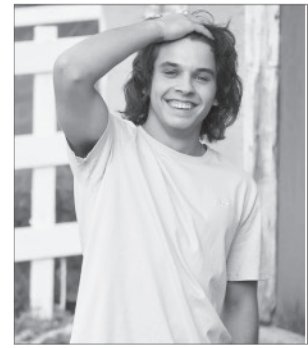
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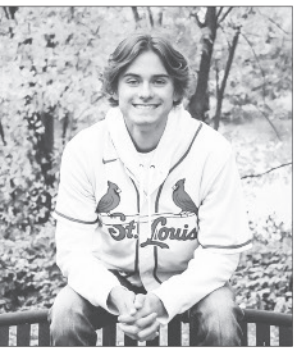
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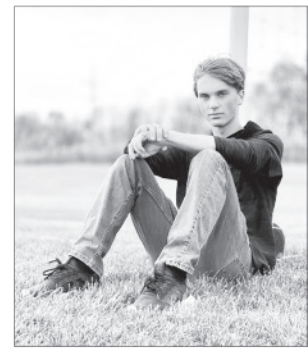
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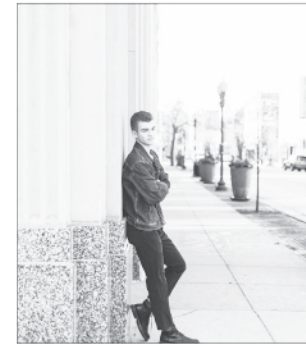
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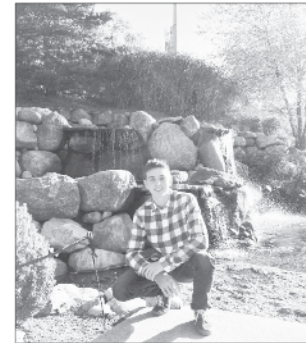
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## Ideas for displaying diplomas

**G**RADUATION day is one of the proudest moments in students' academic careers. Diplomas are symbolic of hours spent honing skills and working on assignments and, ultimately, success in the classroom. High school diplomas represent an opportunity to go on to higher learning or a trade, while college degrees indicate young people are ready to begin their professional lives.

Many graduates are excited about the prospect of receiving their diplomas. Once in hand, the document can be put on display. The following are some unique ways to showcase diplomas at home or at work.

### Framing

One of the classic ways to display a diploma is in a frame. Many businesses offer customized framing where the frame material and the matting can be chosen. Some grads may want to include a photograph of the school or a picture of the graduate above the diploma. Graduates also may want to select a frame and mat that coordinates with school colors.

### Create a shadow box

Consider displaying the diploma with other mementos from school. A shadow box is a large, deep display frame that can house items that are thicker than photographs or papers. Items such as a graduation tassel, medal or other award, a varsity jacket patch, or a program from a school performance or awards ceremony can be placed in the shadow box.

### Create a photo wall

Display the diploma among other framed photos from school activities. This can elicit a trip down memory lane every time the wall is viewed. Some families may want to display their diplomas together, especially if multiple family members attended the same school.

### Make a work of art

Various online art vendors can turn the diploma

into different works of art. For example, engravers can laser engrave the diploma onto a wooden plaque. Then the diploma can be displayed in one location and the wood plaque in another.

### Place it under glass

Display the diploma beneath the glass top of a cof-

fee table. When entertaining guests, the diploma can make for a unique conversation piece.

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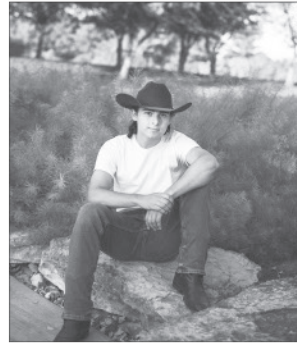
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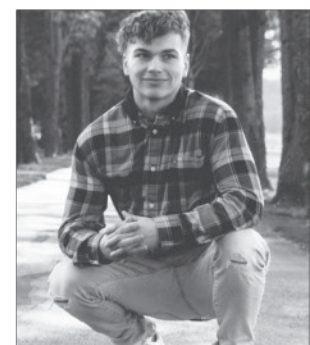
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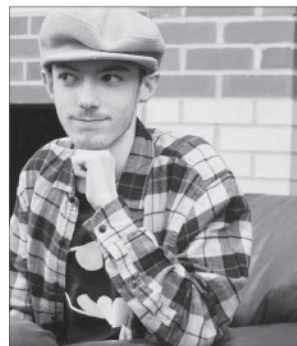
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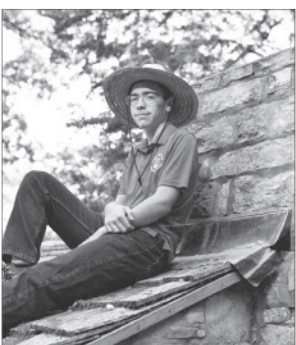
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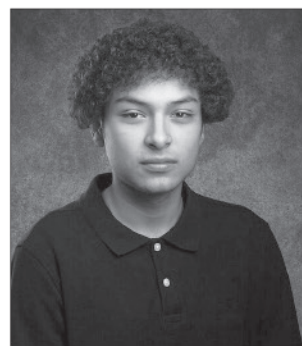
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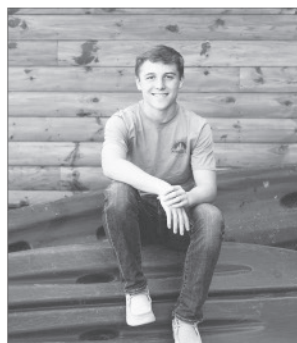
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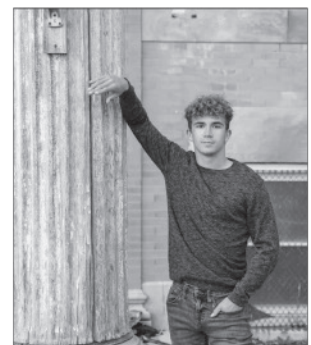
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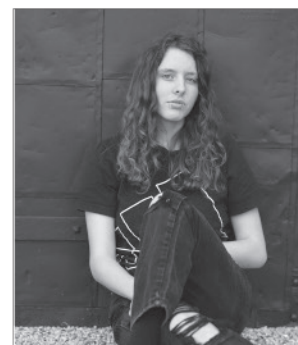
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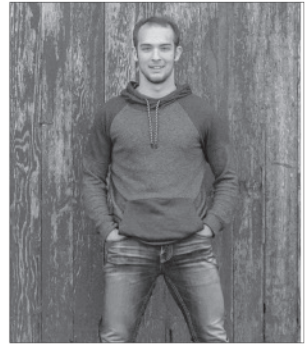
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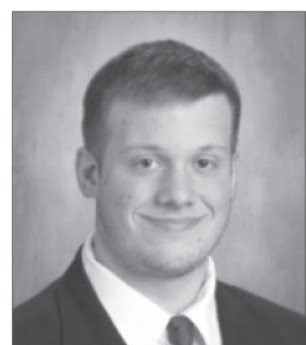
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