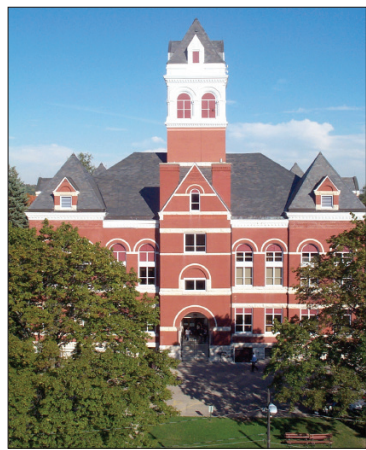


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### Penny Carnival winners announced

The Ogle County 4-H Federation hosted its annual Penny Carnival in Oregon recently. **9A**

## Fire and 'electrical emergency' incident in Byron claims one victim March 25

**BYRON** — A fire and “electrical emergency” incident in Byron on the morning of Saturday, March 25 claimed a Byron woman’s life, a Byron Fire Protection District press release and Ogle County Chief Deputy Coroner Jeanette Bennett said.

On March 25 at 8:47 a.m., Byron Fire was dispatched to 115 W. 3rd St. for an electrical emergency.

Upon arrival fire crews found energized electric lines on the house with fire showing. Fire crews located a deceased victim outside the residence. The coroner’s office identified the victim as Marlana McFarland, 34, of Byron. The cause of death was determined to be electrocution.

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McFarland’s family can be found online at <https://www.gofundme.com/f/family-of-marley-mcfarland>.

The GofundMe said McFarland left behind five children including a five-month-old baby, and that she lost her life “as she attempted to save the lives of her neighbors in a house fire.”

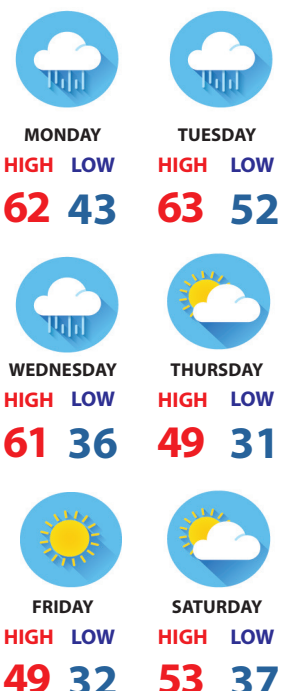
“Marley is one of the most caring and loving human beings we have ever met,” the

GoFundMe said. “While there are many ways people have reached out to help already, we wanted to provide friends and family who aren’t able to be here physically with a way to help.”

The fire is currently under investigation by the Illinois State Fire Marshal’s Office.

Byron Fire was assisted at the scene by the Byron Police Department, Byron Public Works, Ogle County Sheriff’s Office and fire departments from Stillman Valley, Mt. Morris, Oregon, Polo, WinBurSew, Blackhawk, New Milford, Ogle-Lee, Cherry Valley, Rockford, Forreston, Leaf River, German Valley, Lynn Scott Rock, Pecatonica and Dixon City. The Ogle County Coroner also assisted at the scene.

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“Now schools are coming to us to see the possibilities and best practices.”  
*Dr. Joe Mullikin*

Rochester Staff at Monroe Center Grade School and the student leaders from Monroe Center. (Courtesy photo)

## Meridian School District leads the way with Leader in Me

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

help develop individual skills, skills to collaborate with their peers and skills to work through peer conflict.

When Meridian first implemented Leader in Me, staff was trained and visited model schools to learn more. During this time there were visits to multiple schools throughout Northern Illinois. One school in particular, Kipling Elementary

in the Deerfield Public School District 109, was a great partner for the district, even raising money and donating “Leadership Starts Here” signage for both schools. At that time, Meridian was the only district in the area that had implemented Leader in Me.

Since that time, both Highland Elementary and Monroe Center Grade School have

become exemplary schools in the area for Leader in Me.

“We used to go to other schools and think about the great things they were doing and how we could implement them in our schools”, Dr. Joe Mullikin, principal at Highland Elementary, said, “Now schools are coming to us to see the possibilities and best practices.”

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## Olson retiring as RCH CEO after 2 tenures over 12 years

‘I think the family atmosphere is what I’ll remember most’

BY JEFF HELFRICH  
MANAGING EDITOR

**ROCHELLE** — Rochelle Community Hospital Chief Executive Officer Gregg Olson has announced his retirement from the hospital. His last day will be March 31.

Olson has served as RCH’s CEO since January 2020. He was also the organization’s CEO from 1999 to 2007. He was CEO of another institution in Wisconsin in the years in between. Olson has had a 42-year career in

the medical field. Olson told the News-Leader March 15 that it has not been made clear to him who his successor will be at RCH.

“I wish the best for this hospital,” Olson said. “We have a lot of talent here with our staff. That’s what I’m going to miss the most, is our staff. Whether it’s our general staff or physicians and providers, I’ll miss them all. That’s going to be hard for me. I have a lot of good relationships here. I am going to miss these people dearly. They give absolute quality care, they’re great at what

they do and this hospital is a true asset for the community.”

Olson called making the decision to retire “difficult” due to his love for the hospital, its employees and the community. He said he will miss walking around the RCH grounds and interacting with staff. He’s learned over his 42 years that the best way to be a CEO was to be visible and available to employees to meet their needs.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## OLSON: Volunteer work and visiting family in Olson's retirement plans

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In retirement, Olson and his wife plan to do some traveling and thinking about their future. He plans to stay in Rochelle and connected the community. He'll continue to serve on the Greater Rochelle Economic Development Corporation (GREDCO) and City Police & Fire Commission Boards.

"I'm the type of person that needs a purpose," Olson said. "I think volunteering and giving back now after all these years is appropriate. That's something I really want to do. Beyond that, I don't know. I have a daughter in Texas I plan to visit."

Olson said he "really connected well" with Rochelle during his first stint as CEO and felt very comfortable. He came in as interim CEO from SwedishAmerican's corporate office and was hired permanently. From 1999 to 2007, RCH started its multispecialty center, which brought in specialists from the region to see patients locally. It also opened its

walk-in clinic around the same time. Both services were new to the city at the time.

"It's been exciting to see this place grow," Olson said. "We are truly a community asset. My belief is if we can offer the services here in a competent fashion and play to our strengths, that makes a difference to people. Our numbers have jumped and I think it's exciting for the hospital and the community. We're offering orthopedic services that previously weren't available to the community. That makes us a stronger community. It's exciting to me seeing the care being delivered at such a high level and people being satisfied. Because that's why we're here. Because of the patients."

Olson called coming back to RCH as CEO in 2020 "a delight." He returned to find familiar faces, and new ones he enjoyed getting to know.

March 2020 brought the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, which Olson called "prob-



RCH CEO Gregg Olson recently announced his plans to retire after two tenures with the hospital.

ably the most stressful time" in his career. At the height of the pandemic, COVID-19 "engulfed" RCH and its employees' time and energy, he said.

Olson was impressed with the resilience and

commitment of RCH staff during the heights of COVID-19.

"It was a dangerous situation and people were dying," Olson said. "Our staff came to work every day and did their jobs and

took care of our patients. I think our organization did a phenomenal job with the pandemic. The whole entire team here worked towards that. It was truly a team effort. Even though it was difficult to watch and understand what was going on in our society, I was just so impressed with the people here at RCH. I will never forget what they've done. The lesson learned is, 'It's your staff. That's what makes things happen.'"

On top of the pandemic, Olson's three recent years as CEO also included the implementation of Epic, RCH's new electronic system. The implementation took months and Epic is used by a large part of the healthcare industry. Epic has allowed RCH to be compatible with other hospitals and medical facilities around the world and country.

The pandemic brought about staffing shortages in the medical industry, which was another of Olson's priorities in the past three years. He said that the situation has improved

locally and he hopes that will continue.

"Our HR department has done a really good job keeping our facility staffed," Olson said. "We're in a more comfortable place with staffing than we were when things were really bad with the healthcare workforce nationwide. I pray and hope that we're fully back to normal here soon."

Since announcing his retirement plans to RCH staff, Olson has found it difficult to make his usual walks around the hospital where he talks with employees.

"It's been emotionally difficult for me," Olson said. "Every day I go home and I'm drained. I am going to miss these people dearly. I think the family atmosphere is what I'll remember most. People care about each other. The camaraderie and teamwork have been consistent over my total number of years here. It's all about excellence and providing great patient care. The commitment of the staff and their caring nature is my main takeaway."

## LEADER: Students heading program

From page 1

"It's thrilling to see our students getting to be the ones that share what we're doing at Monroe Center to the adults that visit our school," Mrs. Deana Simpson, principal at Monroe Center Grade School, said. "It's an incredible tribute to the leadership skills they are developing and how they're growing as individuals."

During the 2022-2023 school year, multiple schools have come to visit both elementary schools within the district to see how they are implementing and using the program. On March 20, a group from Rochester CUSD 3A came to visit both schools. During this time, they were able to spend time observing the leadership roles and practices both within the school and in classrooms that are present for students.

"We had incredibly im-



Rochester staff with Dr. Mullikin, principal at Highland Elementary. (Courtesy photo)

pactful visits to the schools in the Meridian school district," Mr. James Toland, principal at Rochester Intermediate School, said. "The staff and administration were very welcoming and helpful and the best part was that the student leaders took ownership of the process also."

It was a great testament to the work being done

within the Meridian School District to have a group come on their spring break all the way from a Springfield suburb.

This year, both Highland and Monroe Center Schools will be applying for Lighthouse Certification, the highest recognition for Leader in Me schools. Meridian has worked hard to become

a leader in the area in regards to Leader in Me and continues to see the impact that it makes in all school districts in the area.

"We look forward to continuing to take the lead, along with local districts like Oregon CUSD 220, with Leader in Me," Dr. PJ Caposey, superintendent of schools at Meridian CUSD 223, said.

## County Clerk releases statement on Byron Precinct 3 - Ward 4

OREGON — On March 27, the issue of an unopposed candidate not being listed on the Byron Precinct 3 - Ward 4 ballot was brought to the attention of the Ogle County Clerk's office.

Ogle County Clerk Laura Cook immediately notified State's Attorney Mike Rock and began an investigation. It was determined that a redrawing of the Byron Ward map affected the ballot potentially impacting approximately 87 registered voters with addresses on Crest Court, Crestview Trail and River Drive in Byron.

The ballot will be corrected before the next Consolidated Election in 2025. This will not affect the outcome of the uncontested Byron Precinct 3 - Ward 4 race nor any other race on the ballot.

### POLO POLICE DEPARTMENT

POLO — On March 26 at 1:33 p.m. Charles F. Busse III, 51, of Polo was arrested for domestic battery and transferred to the Ogle County Jail.

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# LOCAL NEWS



**Ogle County Sheriff's Office congratulates Lewis on graduation**

The Ogle County Sheriff's Office recently congratulated Dalton Lewis on his graduation from DuPage County Corrections Academy.

## MT. MORRIS POLICE DEPARTMENT

**MT. MORRIS** — On March 10 at approximately 12:10 a.m. Mt Morris Police were sent to the 200 block of East Main Street for the report of a disturbance. After an investigation, Jennifer L. Spiers, 47, Mt. Morris was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct. Spiers was transported to the Ogle County Jail where she was held in lieu of bond.

On March 16 at approximately 7:35 p.m. Mt Morris Police were sent to the intersection of East Center Street and South McKendrie Avenue to investigate a traffic crash involving a Dodge pickup truck driven by, Jeremy Messenger, Mt. Morris, and a Buick sedan driven by, Zdalza Martinez Hernandez, Mt. Morris. Messenger was issued a citation for failure to yield - stop sign. There were no reported injuries.

On March 19 at approximately 8:20 p.m. Mt Morris Police assisted the Ogle County Sheriff's Office with a

male subject, wanted on an outstanding Ogle County warrant, walking in the 9,000 block of West Illinois Route 64. Mt Morris Police made contact with the subject, Jerrell J.J. Williamson, 20, Freeport, and took him into custody without incident. Williamson was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

On March 24 at approximately 1:25 a.m. Mt. Morris Police assisted members of the Ogle County Sheriff's Office and Oregon Police Department with the apprehension of Nicholas C. Marshall, 35, Polo. Marshall was arrested on an outstanding Ogle County warrant, and he was also charged with unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia. This arrest occurred in the 10 block of West Center Street. Marshall was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

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

## OREGON POLICE DEPARTMENT

**March 12**  
At 5:13 p.m., Oregon Police issued Michael Powless, 59, Rockford, a citation for speeding 43 miles per hour in a 30-miles per hour zone. This violation occurred in the 600 block of South 4th Street.

**March 14**  
At 9:38 a.m., Oregon Police issued Amanda M. Gill, 33, of Argyle, Wisconsin, a citation for use of a cell phone while driving. This violation occurred in the 100 block of South 4th Street.

At 11:15 a.m., Oregon Police issued Seth J. Rudecki, 21, Mt. Morris, a citation for operating a vehicle with a suspended registration. This violation occurred in the 100 block of South 4th Street.

**March 15**  
At 5:52 a.m., Oregon Police arrested Jay K. Davis, 50, Oregon, for driving while license suspended. Davis was transported to the Ogle County Jail. This violation occurred in the 200 block of North 3rd Street.

**March 16**  
At noon, Oregon Police issued Gabriel C. Todd, 22, Oregon, a citation for passing a school bus while loading and unloading. This violation occurred on March 10 at 7:31 a.m. in the 100 block of South 3rd Street.

At 5:03 p.m., Oregon Police responded to a two-vehicle traffic crash in the intersection of North 3rd and Franklin Streets involving a 2014 Mazda driven by Deborah S. Herman, 66, Oregon, and a 2014 Jeep driven by Jessica L. Skinner, 37, Oregon. Herman was issued a citation for failure to yield at a stop intersection.

At 8:07 p.m., Oregon Police issued Edmund A. Schott, 85, Rockford, citations for improper lane usage and speeding, 40 miles per hour in a 30-miles per hour zone. These violations occurred in the 500 block of North 4th Street.

At 11:41 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Blake M. Wellington, 27, Oregon, for driving under the influence of alcohol. Wellington was also issued a citation for improper lane usage and driving under the influence of alcohol with blood alcohol content greater than .08 percent. Wellington was transported to the Ogle County Jail. These violations occurred near the Fair and North 4th Street intersection.

**March 17**  
At 7:35 a.m., Oregon Police investigated a one-vehicle traffic crash in the 500 block of North 4th Street where Jarramee L. Redmon, 36, of Danville, Illinois, was driving a 2014 Freightliner semi that struck several tree branches that broke off causing lane blockage. The Oregon Public Works Department cleaned up the roadway.

**March 19**  
At 12:58 a.m., Oregon Police issued Priscilla R. Kelly, 22, Polo, a citation for speeding, 43 miles per hour in a

30-miles per hour zone. This violation occurred in the 600 block of North 4th Street.

At 11:15 a.m., Oregon Police issued Samih M. Khalil, 54, of Irvine, California, citations for speeding, 59 miles per hour in a 30-miles per hour zone, and operation of a vehicle when registration is suspended for noninsurance. These violations occurred in the 600 block of North 4th Street.

Five parking citations and 13 verbal warnings were issued during the week of March 6-12.

**March 20**  
At 4:59 p.m., Oregon Police issued Tyler M. McWilliams, 23, of Galesburg a citation for operation of a vehicle while registration is suspended for noninsurance. This violation occurred in the 600 block of North 4th Street.

At 6:35 p.m., Oregon Police issued Jeffrey J. Hyde, 43, of Rock Island, a citation for operation of a vehicle while registration is suspended for noninsurance. This violation occurred in the 700 block of East Washington Street.

**March 21**  
At 1:05 a.m., Oregon Police responded to a disturbance in the 200 block of North Nohe Avenue resulting in the arrest of Amy M. Banister, 44, Oregon, for domestic battery. Banister was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

At 6:00 a.m., Oregon Police issued John A. Witkowski, 42, Oregon, a citation for operation of a vehicle with an expired registration. This violation occurred in the 200 block of West Washington Street.

At 10:28 a.m., Oregon Police issued Wesley A. Chapman, 65, Sterling, a citation for operation of a vehicle with a suspended registration. This violation occurred in the 100 block of South 4th Street.

At 11:49 a.m., Oregon Police issued Sara C. Kwak, 48, Mt. Morris, a citation for improper display of registration. This violation occurred in the 100 block of South 4th Street.

At 1:45 p.m., Oregon Police issued Alyssa M. Peavy, 22, Rockford, a citation for operating a vehicle with a suspended registration. This violation occurred in the 100 block of South 4th Street.

At 1:48 p.m., Oregon Police responded to a disturbance call in the 500 block of Ford Street resulting in the arrest of Sandra L. Hessian, 63, Oregon, for battery. Hessian was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

**March 22**  
At 12:50 a.m., Oregon Police arrested Damien R. Jacobson, 23, Oregon, for improper cannabis container as a driver. Jacobson was also issued a citation for operating an uninsured motor vehicle. Jacobson was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

These violations occurred near the intersection of Illinois and West Washington Streets.

At 2:05 p.m., Oregon Police took a report of a hit and run where a 2011 Chevrolet owned by Timothy A. Cline, 37, Mt. Morris, was struck by an unknown white vehicle while parked in the Blackhawk Center parking lot. Anyone who may have any information regarding this incident, please contact the Oregon Police Department at 815-732-2162.

At 5:55 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Robbie M. Carter, 57, Dixon, for driving while license suspended. Carter was transported to the Ogle County Jail. This violation occurred in the 600 block of Gale Street.

**March 24**  
At 1:48 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Kayleigh F. Dougherty, 25, Dixon, for driving while license revoked. Dougherty was transported to the Ogle County Jail. This violation occurred in the 600 block of North 4th Street.

At 2 p.m., Oregon Police took one 16-year-old male juvenile of Chana into limited custody for the charges of aggravated assault and disorderly conduct. The juvenile was released into their parent's custody with a referral to the State's Attorney's Office.

At 8:11 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Kyle M. Mockovak, 23, of Glen Ellyn, Illinois, on an outstanding Ogle County warrant for a traffic offense. Mockovak was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

**March 25**  
At 5:43 p.m., Oregon Police issued Bryce E. Bergstrom, 24, Dixon, a citation for operation of a vehicle with an expired registration. This violation occurred in the 700 block of South 4th Street.

At 6:47 p.m., Oregon Police issued Eugenia L. Backes, 54, Rockford, a citation for operating an uninsured vehicle. This violation occurred in the 900 block of Monroe Street.

**March 26**  
At 6:02 p.m., Oregon Police issued Armando Sancez-Jasso, 42, Rockford, a citation for operation of a vehicle with a revoked registration. This violation occurred near the intersection of 4th and Washington Streets.

At 7:26 p.m., Oregon Police issued a city citation to Mary E. Stromberg, 61, Oregon, for violating the city ordinance for failure to clean up after pets. This violation occurred in the 500 block of South 6th Street.

At 9:41 p.m., Oregon Police issued Nathan J. Bruner, 42, Rockford, a citation for operating an uninsured motor vehicle. This violation occurred in the 700 block of South 4th Street.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Obituaries

### Keith A. Cox

Keith A. Cox, 78, of Mt. Washington formerly of Oregon, Illinois passed away March 20, 2023. He was a 1964 graduate of Oregon High School, a former farmer, retired from Woods Equipment Company and a U.S. Army veteran. Keith loved to work outside, attend farm auctions, attend garage sales, seeing his granddaughters and watching Adam playing roller hockey.



He is survived by his loving wife of 54 years, Iris Cox; son, Adam Matthew Cox (Janey McClain); sister, Janice Shaffer; granddaughters, Frankie and Vivian. Cremation was chosen, there will be no visitation or service. Inurnment will be in Kentucky Veterans Cemetery Central at a later date. Schmid Funeral Home in Mt. Washington was entrusted with the arrangements.

### Mary L. Fisher

**FRANKLIN GROVE** – Mary L. Fisher, age 85, died Friday, March 24, 2023 at Serenity Hospice and Home in Oregon. She was born in Wadena, IA on January 31, 1938 the daughter of Howard and Marie (Brackin) Thomas. She graduated from Oregon High School Class of 1956.

She is survived and missed by her daughter, Arminde (Randy) McClung of Rockford; siblings, Vicki Hunt of Franklin Grove, Duke (Mindy) Thomas of Chana, and Garth (Pat) Thomas of Grand DeTour; grandchildren, Walter McClung and Nina McClung; and many nieces and nephews.

After graduation; she worked at Del Monte Foods until 1977 when she became a full time homemaker. She married the love of her life Roger Fisher on August 6, 1966 in Oregon. She enjoyed almost 49 wonderful years by his side until he preceded her in death on July 13, 2015.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, and siblings, Wayne Thomas, Robert Thomas, and Nancy Greenfield, and nephew, Ethan Thomas.

She was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church, the May Flower Historical Society, and Daughter of the American Revolution. In her spare time, she could be found relaxing at home watching her soaps on tv. Her family was her life and she was a loving mother and grandmother.

Visitation will be held from 10:00 AM until 12:00 PM on Thursday, March 30, 2023 at the Farrell Holland Gale Funeral Home in Oregon. A graveside service will be held at 1:00 PM on Thursday, March 30, 2023 at Trinity Memorial Gardens in Rochelle with Pastor Franky Lay officiating.

Memorials are established in her name. To leave an online condolence please visit [www.farrellhollandgale.com](http://www.farrellhollandgale.com)

### Beth 'Porky' Galor

**POLO** — Beth "Porky" Galor, 61, peacefully passed away February 26, 2023 at home, encircled by her family.

White Pines Inn, working many numerous plus years at each. Never finding the need to leave the area, Beth and Patrick set down their roots in Polo, just a mere 5 minute drive from her childhood home in Brookville.



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She so loved her family, everyone being close was a strong family trait passed on to her daughters. Beth's greatest source of pride was in her grandsons. Becoming Gran-ny filled her heart. Profoundly missed, Porky is survived by her mother Minnie, husband Patrick, daughters: Amanda (Dustin King) Galor of Polo; Ashley (Scott) Disher of Mt Morris, grandsons: Korbin DeVora, Westlee King, and Maverick King of Polo, Brothers: Bruce (Kathy) Irvin of Brookville, Keith (Charity) Irvin of Brookville, Steve Irvin of Oregon, and Sister: Lea (the late Sam) Logan of Oregon, Special Niece: Shannon (Jim) Coffman of Polo and numerous nieces and nephews, and great nieces and nephews.

Per Porky's request there will be no service. Celebration of Her Life will be July 15, 2023 at White Pines State Park. Setup at First State Bank Shannon in Polo is the Beth Galor Memorial.



**Oregon Lions For Literacy donate books**

Thanks to a generous donation by booksellers Barnes and Noble, the Oregon Lions For Literacy Committee was able to donate several new books to students attending the Family Night at Oregon Elementary School on Feb. 27. The Lions in attendance for this event were: Lion Grant Afflerbaugh, Lion Gloria Fallon, Committee Chairperson Lion Joe Kryszak, Lion Carol Ohrn and Lion Jean Hoff.

## 2023 Waste reduction and recycling grants available locally

**OREGON** — Waste reduction/recycling Grants for 2023 are available to Ogle County businesses, schools, churches and non-profit groups wanting to establish or improve on waste reduction and recycling programs and services.

for carts and bins, direct mail and other educational efforts.

The grants are up to \$1,000, and funds are limited, so they will be awarded on a competitive basis in amounts from \$100-1,000, in two rounds or until funds are depleted. The matching fund grant pays 80 percent of the total project cost up to \$1,000, and the applicant must provide a minimum 20 percent match of the total project cost.

Schools may seek funds for special projects that will further a student's understanding of how to reduce the amount of trash sent to the landfill. The requests may be for materials and equipment, such as recycling bins/carts, videos, books, worm (vermicomposting) bins, composters, or other waste reduction or recycling equipment.

The deadline for submittal of applications for the first round of grants is 4 p.m. Friday, May 26, 2023.

Municipalities seeking to improve commercial, curbside or multifamily recycling programs are encouraged to apply. Prior municipal grant awardees have purchased public recycling bins, totes and other infrastructure to improve recycling in their communities.

The application for the grants is simple and flexible. Businesses could use grant funds to help purchase waste reduction and recycling materials and equipment such as collection bins, carts, balers and storage containers. Equipment needed to switch from disposable packaging to reusable packaging for products and supplies could also be considered. Businesses are encouraged to consider projects to reduce food waste or implement food waste recycling programs.

These are just examples, and applicants are encouraged to find innovative ways to reduce waste and increase what is recycled. The grants may not be used to pay for ongoing expenses such as staffing, collection and hauling costs. Priority will be given to new applicants.

Waste hauling companies could use grant funds to improve the quantity and quality of materials collected in their curbside recycling collection programs. This could be done through promotional efforts, instructional stickers

All applications will be reviewed by the Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department and the Ogle County Board HEW/Solid Waste Committee.

For more information or to request an application, please contact the Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department at 815-732-4020, [solidwaste@oglecountyil.gov](mailto:solidwaste@oglecountyil.gov), or visit [www.oglecountyil.gov](http://www.oglecountyil.gov) to download the application.

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Back row left to right: Coehen Kirchner (sophomore), Casey DeVries (senior) and Katee Bismark (senior). Front row left to right: Dausyn Heslop (sophomore), Justin Myers (sophomore), Alivia Miller (sophomore) and Kyla Lamm (freshman).

## Forreston FFA members travel to Pearl City to showcase SAE projects

**PEARL CITY** — Seven members from the Forreston FFA chapter traveled to Pearl City High School on the morning of Feb. 20 to show off the work they had done in their SAE (supervised agriculture experience) projects. These students work on their projects outside of the classroom and complete a record book about their projects. There were three members who excelled and will move on to the district competition at Geneseo High School on March 8. Those students include Casey DeVries in agriculture mechanics repair and maintenance entrepreneurship, Dausyn Heslop in swine entrepreneurship and Justin Myers in diversified crop production entrepreneurship. Forreston also had a few close second-place finishes including Coehen Kirchner in beef entrepreneurship and beef placement, Katee Bismark in dairy production placement, Alivia Miller in agriculture education and Kyla Lamm in sheep entrepreneurship.

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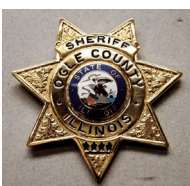
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# LOCAL NEWS

## OGLE COUNTY SHERIFF

**OREGON** — On March 22 at approximately 7:33 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 4,000 block of West Illinois Route 64. After an investigation, deputies arrested Angela Oester, 47, of Sterling, for aggravated driving under the influence of alcohol, aggravated driving while license revoked, driving



ing on a suspended license. Dempsey was additionally issued citations for driving without two tail lights, operate uninsured motor vehicle, suspended registration/non-insured and improper container/driver. Dempsey was released on an I-Bond with a court date to appear.

On March 22 at approximately 3:33 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 2,400 block of North White Rock Road. After an investigation, deputies placed Kent Hull, 61, of Kings under arrest for driving while license revoked. Hull was additionally issued a citation for operating an uninsured vehicle. Hull was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he is being held in lieu of bond.

On March 27 at approximately 10:33 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop on Interstate 39 near mile marker 105. After brief investigation, deputies arrested Brandon Dittbenner, 21, of Rockford, for driving while license suspended. Dittbenner was issued additional citations for operating an uninsured motor vehicle and suspended registration. Dittbenner was given an I-Bond on scene with a return court date later next month and released on scene.

On March 23 at 10:37 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop on a 2017 Chevy Malibu at Illinois Route 38 and Dement Road for a registration violation. After a short investigation, deputies arrested Mark Rocco, 54, of DeKalb, for driving while his license was suspended. Rocco was released on scene and will appear in court at a later date.

On March 27 at approximately 9:41 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 7,000 block of North Illinois Route 251. After investigation, deputies arrested Darcey Glugla, 63, of South Beloit for driving while license revoked and no insurance. Glugla was transported to the Ogle County Jail where she is being held in lieu of bond. Glugla's vehicle was towed from the scene.

On March 24 at about 1:22 a.m. members of the Ogle County Narcotics Task Force located and arrested Nicholas Marshall, 35, of Polo, in the area of Botanic Avenue and West Center Street in Mt. Morris. Marshall was wanted on an arrest warrant for possession of methamphetamine with the intent to deliver out of Ogle County with a bond of \$500,000 or 10 percent. The Ogle County Narcotics Task Force was assisted by numerous Crime Stopper tips and The Mt. Morris Police Department. Marshall was transported to the Ogle County Jail and was scheduled to appear in court on March 24 at 1 p.m.

On March 27 at 12:52 p.m. in the 2,000 block of East Illinois Route 64 deputies stopped a black 2007 Nissan Sentra for a suspended registration violation. During their investigation, it was learned the driver, Sania Brown, 18, of Aurora, had a suspended driver's license. Brown was cited for driving while license suspended and operating a motor vehicle with suspended registration. She was released on a \$2,500 I-Bond and issued a court date of May 3 at 9 a.m.

On March 25 at 7:22 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop on North Stillman Road near the intersection with East High Road. As a result, Christopher M. Zaffarano, 36, of Stillman Valley, was arrested for driving on a suspended license. Zaffarano was additionally issued citations for operating an uninsured motor vehicle and expired registration. Zaffarano was released on an I-Bond with a future court date.

On March 27 at 4:33 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop at Interstate 39 and Illinois Route 64 on a blue 2008 Saturn due to a suspended registration violation. During the course of their investigation it was learned that the driver, Victor A. Byirt, 24, of Rockford, was driving on a suspended license. Byirt was cited for driving while license suspended and operating a motor vehicle with suspended registration. He was issued an I-Bond and released from the scene.

On March 26 at 8:05 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 4,000 block of South Illinois Route 2. As a result, Cierrah B. Dempsey, 23, of Rockford was arrested for driv-

ing on a suspended license. Dempsey was additionally issued citations for driving without two tail lights, operate uninsured motor vehicle, suspended registration/non-insured and improper container/driver. Dempsey was released on an I-Bond with a court date to appear.

*All individuals are considered innocent until proven guilty.*

## Cardinal Christmas committee holds first meeting

**STILLMAN VALLEY** — The Stillman Valley Cardinal Christmas Committee held its first meeting on March 14 at the Village Hall. Again, this year the event will take place the first Sunday in December from 4-7 p.m. Mark your calendar for Dec. 3. The format will be similar to previous years. If anyone is interested in being part of the committee, you are welcome to join. Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month from noon to 1 p.m. at the Village Hall.

## First Fridays Open Mic is April 7

**OREGON** — The First Fridays Open Mic presents its monthly show at the Oregon VFW this April 7. The event attracts many talented performers, but musicians and singers of all skill levels find acceptance from its supportive audience.

The VFW is located at 1310 W. Washington St. in Oregon. It provides ample parking, along with the availability of a restaurant and bar within the building. A fish fry runs from 4-8 p.m.

The show starts at 6:30 p.m. Admission is free, although a jar is available for donations. Performers can sign up for time slots on a first-come-first-serve basis starting at 6 p.m. Interested parties who have questions can contact Jerry Tice, at 815-449-2660.



**Members of the First Fridays committee are, from left to right: Lowell Harp, Jerry Tice (president), Randy Holland and Mike Bratt.**

## NRC names new resident inspector at Byron Nuclear Generating Station

**BYRON** — The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has selected Ashley Demeter as the new resident inspector at the Byron nuclear generating station, which is located in Byron and operated by Constellation Energy.



**Ashley Demeter**

Demeter joined the NRC in 2021 as a project engineer. She has held rotational assignments as a resident inspector at the Illinois-based Dresden, Braidwood and Byron nuclear power plants. Prior to joining the NRC, she served as a shift test engineer at the Norfolk

Naval Shipyard. "We are pleased to welcome Ashley to Region III, especially as the new resident inspector at Byron.

Her work at the Shipyard provided her with great experience and knowledge of nuclear maintenance and testing. In addition, her background as a nuclear quality auditor will be valuable in her resident inspector role. Ashley's great energy, competence, and readiness to actively support all areas of nuclear safety oversight will be great assets in her new position," NRC Region III Administrator Jack Giessner said.

Carolina State University and a bachelor's degree in physics from Baldwin Wallace University. She also performed significant work in areas of nuclear modeling and simulation research at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory during graduate school.

Demeter holds a master's degree in nuclear engineering from North

Each U.S. commercial nuclear power plant site has at least two NRC resident inspectors. They serve as the agency's eyes and ears at the facility, conducting inspections, monitoring significant work projects and interacting with plant workers and the public.

## Chana's Rhodes named Discovery and Innovation winner

**IOWA CITY, Iowa** — Five undergraduate students and two graduate students were among the 18 exceptional researchers, scholars, innovators and administrators named recipients of 2023 Discovery and Innovation awards by the University of Iowa's Office of the Vice President for Research.

Ashley Rhodes, a undergraduate student from Chana, was among the honorees. Rhodes is a biomedical engineering major completing a human physiology minor.


The Excellence in Undergraduate Research Award recognizes outstanding accomplishments in scholarly investigation, artistic creation or performance by undergraduates at the UI.

"We are honored to recognize the University of Iowa faculty, staff, postdocs and students whose research and scholarship betters our community, our state and our world," Marty Scholtz, vice president for research, said. "These

awards celebrate every aspect of research and scholarship at the University of Iowa. The winners range from undergraduate student researchers to faculty members who lead in their fields, from research administrators and professional staff to scholars engaging with the general public."

Each winter, the OVP solicits nominations from the campus community for the awards, which include: Scholar of the Year, Early Career Scholar of the Year, Leadership in Research, Graduate Student Excellence, Postdoctoral Scholar/Fellow Excellence and Excellence in Undergraduate Research, as well as awards that recognize distinguished achievement in communicating research to general audiences, engaging the public through research and scholarship, mentoring student researchers, administering research programs and advancing understanding in diversity, equity, and inclusion. The winners will be recognized at a reception in September.

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## Chana Play Day scholarships available

**CHANA** — The Chana Play Day committee has announced competition for several scholarships. The candidates must be high school graduates or the equivalent with ties to the Chana area.

Applicants who are current or former residents of Chana or who have parents or grandparents who attended Chana School or participated in Chana Play Day may apply. Two-time recipients are not eligible to reapply.

The scholarships will be awarded to the candidates who best meet and

complete the requirements listed in the application.

Scholarship forms may be picked up at the Oregon High School guidance office or Stocking Equipment, four miles east of Oregon on Illinois Route 64.

Please deliver or mail the applications to Ron Stocking, Stocking Equipment, 3749 E. Pine Rock Road, Oregon, IL 61061.

The completed application must be received by 5 p.m. on Friday, April 28, 2023.



### Polo Lions donate to Polo Senior Center

On Tuesday, March 28, Jeff Short of the Polo Lions Club presented a donation to Kathy Wragg, director of the Polo Senior Center. The Polo Lions Club also donated 15 dozen roses to the senior center later that morning. The Lions Club also donated 18 dozen roses to the Polo Nursing Home. The roses were left after the Polo Lions Club Rose Day Fundraiser.

### OES names March 2023 Students of the Month



Oregon Elementary School recently named its March Students of the Month. They include: Anthony Stanley, Jayden Lawnicki, Maverick Moseley, Samuel Frisbie, Jameson McCleary, Ava Meinheit, Parker Waugh, Elizabeth Marriam, Sadie Palmer, Fallon Marcoux, Hayden Baxter, Bryce Webb, Laura Benton, Ahna Stanley, Brynley Huels, Tinley Miller, Wyatt Harvey, Adalynn Harvey, Laura Riekeberg, Henry Nobis, Bishop Comins, Mila Kerce, Jase Truckenbrod, Emily Harbaugh, Jesse Crosby, Owen Martin, Colton Fetterer, Wyatt Porter, Lexi Sarver, Cole Canfield, Braxton Groh, Michael Schwartz, Lucia Wells, Jax Rufer, Evelyn Anderson, Kendra Ege, Levi Martin, Kiera Suits-Gecan, Cainen Lucas and Wyatt VanDrew.



### Polo students get CPR and AED certified

Aplington Middle School and Polo Community High School Students spent their early out day getting CPR and AED certified. Pictured here are: Knox Chesnut, Cooper Huyett, Emily Kitson, Mindy from Northern Illinois CPR and First Aid, Cole Chesnut, Laynie Mandrell and Macie Mandrell.

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## Stateline Music Foundation to host scholarship auditions

**FREEPORT** — Stateline Music Foundation in Freeport will hold music scholarship aid auditions for high school seniors graduating in 2023, public and home school, who will major in a music curriculum in a junior college or a four-year institution.

The auditions are open to students who reside or attend high school in Jo Daviess, Carroll, Stephenson, Winnebago, Boone, Ogle, DeKalb, Whiteside and Lee Counties in Illinois and Lafayette, Green and Rock Counties in Wisconsin. Two awards of \$500 and \$250 are offered. The auditions will be held from 12:30 p.m. until 5 p.m. Saturday afternoon, April 22, in the Freeport Arts Center, 121 N. Harlem Ave. Application forms and repertoire requirements are available by writing to Kenneth Drake, 11481 N. Springfield, Baileyville, IL 61007, or e-mail (keosdrake@gmail.com).



# LOCAL NEWS



## Oregon fourth grade's IKidARod Race takes place

The Oregon Community Unit School District's Annual Fourth Grade IKidARod Race took place in Park West on the morning of March 24 as a culminating activity for their study on the Iditarod Race. Teams of students worked together to pull a wagon through the park, completing various team building tasks along the way.

"Thank you to our fourth grade teachers for planning the event and the many family members and OHS Students who helped volunteer to safely put on the event," an OCUSD Facebook post said.



## 4-H Summer Camp is June 11-15

**POLO** — Registration for 4-H Camp 2023 is open! 4-H Camp is set for June 11-15, 2023, at Rock River Christian Camp in Polo. Sign up today to get your child in on all the amazing fun!

4-H Camp is a five-day, four-night residential camping experience that is conducted cooperatively by University of Illinois Extension staff in Boone, Carroll, DeKalb, Jo Daviess, Lee, Ogle, Stephenson, Whiteside and Winnebago Counties and the professional staff at RRCC.

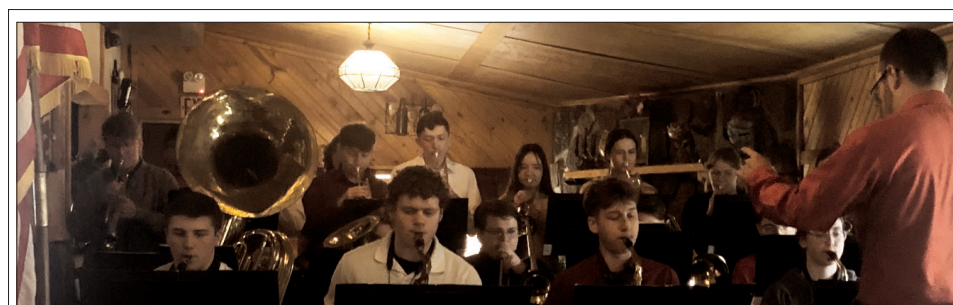
Historically, parents have sent their children to 4-H Camp for a variety of reasons: to have fun, to make new friends, to develop new skills, to be physically active and to appreciate nature. 4-H Camp is about way more than one week of fun. Sending your child to 4-H Camp will allow them to create memories they will carry with them through adulthood. 4-H camp teaches youth to make good decisions, build their self-confidence, become independent and gain the ability to work well with others. These skills will help youth develop into strong adult leaders. In addition, 4-H camp counselors devote much of their personal time to ensure today's campers have the same great experience they did as children.

Campers at 4-H Camp will check in from 6-6:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 11, 2023, and check out from 6-6:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 15. During camp week, youth will

engage in a variety of activities designed to challenge, educate and entertain. Two or three free-choice periods will be offered daily, including hiking, shooting sports, arts and crafts, crate stacking, team-building challenges, zip-lining, swimming and more. Evening activities will be provided by the 4-H camp counselors and include campfires, a games night and a dance. It is guaranteed to be a blast!

4-H Camp is open to all boys and girls, ages 8-14 by June 11, 2023. 4-H membership is not required; however, all participants will be expected to comply with the same high behavior standards expected of 4-Hers. Youth need to be interested and excited to have a week of outdoor fun, away from television and technology.

The cost is \$300 for 4-H members and \$320 for non-4-H members until March 1. After that date, the price goes up \$50. All camp fees must be paid in full by May 15, 2023. Download a camper application online at: <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/bdo/northern-illinois-4-h-camp> or you can register online at: <http://go.illinois.edu/4H-SummerCamp>. You may also call an office near you: Jo Daviess County at 815-858-2273; Stephenson County at 815-235-4125; Ogle County at 815-732-2191; or Whiteside County at 815-632-3611. Slots for boys' and girls' cabins will be filled on a first-come, first-serve basis.



## Oregon Rotary treated to OHS jazz band performance

At the Oregon Rotary meeting held on March 1, members were treated to a performance by the Oregon High School jazz band. Under the direction of Musical Director Andy Eckhardt, the band played several numbers including the American Bandstand tune made famous by the show hosted by Dick Clark. The Rotary club presented a check to Eckhardt for \$250 for the program.

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### April 4

Serenity Hospice & Home's Young Widows will meet from 6-7 p.m. at The Serenity Home, 1658 S. Illinois Route 2, Oregon. This group is for ages 55 and under. Please call our office at 815-732-4111 by noon to register.

### April 13

Serenity Hospice & Home's Lunch Group will meet at 11:30 a.m. at Dos Amigos, 404 E. Washington St., Oregon. This group is open to all adult bereaved in the community. Please call our office at 815-732-4111 By 4 p.m. on Wednesday to register.

### April 14

Serenity Hospice & Home's C.A.F.E. (Coffee and Friends etc.) will meet from 9-10 a.m. at The Serenity Home, 1658 S. Illinois Route 2, Oregon. This group is open to all adult bereaved in the community. Please call our office at 815-732-4111 by 4 p.m. on Thursday, April 13 to register.

### April 14

Diamond Art will meet from 9-11 a.m. at The Serenity Shed, 131 N. 3rd St., Oregon. Please call 815-732-4111 by 4 p.m. on April 13 to register.

### April 21

The United Methodist Men (UMM) of Disciples United Methodist Church, Mt. Morris, are taking orders for flowers until April 21.

Flowers can be picked up at church, or they can be delivered. The church is located at 102 Maple Ave., Mt. Morris.

Carnations are \$15 per dozen. Roses are \$20 per dozen.

Call the church at 815-734-4853, or Rod Avey at 815-734-3056 to place an order. Flowers can be picked up or delivered on April 29.

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## MOMENTS IN TIME

\* On April 16, 1942, the citizens of the Island of Malta were awarded the George Cross by King George VI in honor of their heroic struggle against nearly continuous bombing by German and Italian forces during the early part of World War II.

\* On April 12, 1954, Bill Haley and the Comets recorded the rollicking "Rock Around the Clock." While the song was released in May, it didn't hit No. 1 on the pop charts until July 1955, after being used as the theme song for the movie "Blackboard Jungle."

\* On April 14, 1956, Ampex Corp. demonstrated its first commercial videotape recorder, the VR-1000. CBS was one of the early TV companies to adopt the technology, which allowed a one-hour long program to be recorded on a single reel of tape.

\* On April 10, 1971, a U.S. table tennis team began a week-long visit to the People's Republic of China at the invitation of China's communist government as part of an effort to build better relations between the two countries.

\* On April 15, 1981, Washington Post reporter Janet Cooke relinquished the Pulitzer Prize she had received just two days earlier for her feature "Jimmy's World," published in the Post on Sept. 29, 1980, about an 8-year-old heroin addict, after admitting she made up the story.

\* On April 13, 1999, Jack Kevorkian, aka "Dr. Death," was sentenced to 10 to 25 years in prison for the second degree murder of 52-year-old Thomas Youk, who was in the final stages of ALS. Youk's assisted suicide the previous year was videotaped and shown on the Nov. 23, 1998, broadcast of "60 Minutes." Kevorkian served eight years before being released on parole for good behavior.

\* On April 11, 2006, the Amsterdam Historical Museum presented an exhibition of Anne Frank's private letters. One of them, which was disapproved of by her father, Otto Frank, talked about her friendship with the boy who shared her family's hiding place. Most of the letters were sent to Anne's relatives in Switzerland.

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## Thankful for Habitat volunteers

**Dear editor,**  
With April being Volunteer Appreciation Month, I wanted to thank the wonderful volunteers of Habitat for Humanity of Ogle County. As the new executive director of this wonderful organization, it has been so impressive to see how dedicated our board of directors and volunteers are to the entire Ogle County community.

Oftentimes volunteers of smaller, non-profit organizations are the

unsung heroes of a community. They fly under the radar, working long hours, giving of their time and compassion to the underserved, overlooked individuals who, with a little support, can change the trajectory of their lives. Habitat for Humanity volunteers are not just building foundations of homes, they are building the foundation of the communities of Ogle County. They give their time and talents to create better housing solutions, as well as Brush With

Kindness projects (critical home repairs and mobility projects). Habitat volunteers partner with individuals to find solutions and change lives.

Thank you to all the Habitat for Humanity volunteers, as well as all volunteers in the Ogle County community, who give their time selflessly to serve others. Happy Volunteer Appreciation Month to you all!

**Sheri Anspaugh**

Habitat for Humanity of Ogle County executive director



## Gun law issue is personal to me

**Dear editor,**  
I am thankful that our legislature and governor passed the Protect Illinois Communities Act.

I totally understand the desire to have guns for protection - we have some. We also have guns for hunting. What I don't need, and no one should need, are weapons of war. We don't live in a war zone - if I really needed to defend myself or my home, a handgun would be more than enough.

The Second Amendment is very vague: "A well-regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed." Consider that this was written at a time when "Arms" were muskets - one shot, then reload. Arms at that time didn't include weapons crafted for maximum damage to flesh and high-capacity magazines for shooting as many rounds as possible in a short period of time.

But our sheriff, along with many others in the state, are using the Second Amendment to justify their refusal to enforce a duly-enacted law, signed by our governor.

Where does this stop? Are there other laws that our sheriff will decide not to enforce, because he feels he understands the constitution better than our other elected officials?

Democracy takes work from all of us, every day, to maintain. When elected officials ignore the rule of law just because they don't agree with that law, and use their official capacity to flout the law, we have a problem. And when we have a county board of elected officials who supports the sheriff's stance, then we have a problem. Are we all able to just pick and choose the laws we will follow? If the answer is no, then why can the sheriff do it?

I hope each person who reads this letter will consider that no

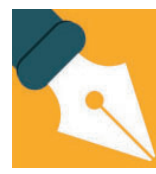
other country has a problem with mass shootings like ours does. The difference is that other countries are willing to sacrifice some personal rights (like owning a weapon of war)

to better protect the lives of their citizens. In our culture, apparently certain guns are more important than protecting human life.

Will the ban stop all shootings? Of course not. But is it a reasonable sacrifice, and will it save lives? Yes. We've been lucky in Ogle County, so far. This ban will provide an additional safety net - one I am grateful for. My grandson was at the Dixon High School when there was a shooter (which luckily ended with no loss of life). My daughter was at Northern Illinois University on Feb. 14, 2008 during that shooting (with a loss of five students). This IS personal to me.

**Linda Pottinger**

Oregon



## New farm bill on the horizon

**G**ETTING the green thumb to start getting some garden in. I guess my gardening is my way to keep honoring my ag heritage; I like to grow food.

And speaking of growing food, a new Farm Bill is on the horizon for this year. Let's look at the economics of that legislation.

The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) releases projections on expected spending for farm programs for the 10-year baseline - the current budget year plus 10 years - up to three times a year. CBO's most recent Baseline for Farm Programs was released on Feb. 15. These projections identify expected outlays for farm program spending, assuming existing programs continue without changes, and indicate program spending available to Congress as crafting of the 2023 farm bill kicks into higher gear.

Farm bill math creates a few possible scenarios. Depending on negotiations between the Budget and Agriculture committees, the next farm bill could be required to be budget neutral, meaning any increase in spending in one part of the bill would require a decrease in spending elsewhere in the bill, it could be required to have an overall net reduction or a decision to increase spending. Given such budget directives, scoring (estimating the additional outlays and potential savings relative to the baseline) would be one of the most critical components of farm bill development.

Inflation has been at the top of the hot-topics list for some time and, as expected, will play a role in government spending in the foreseeable future. In CBO's projections, the Federal Reserve's tighter monetary policy will slow economic output and increase unemployment in the short run with a long-run goal of two percent inflation from year to year. For now, however, consumers continue to face record prices for everyday expenses including food products. The government's nutritional support programs are not exempt from these higher costs. One of the largest outlays for nutrition is for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), which provides benefits to eligible low-income individuals for the purchase of eligible food in authorized retail food stores and is reauthorized within the farm bill. CBO has increased its estimate of outlays for SNAP by \$8 billion (six percent) for 2023 and by \$93 billion (eight percent) between 2023-2034.

One reason for this expected increase is additional SNAP enrollment resulting from the Federal Reserve's attempts to fight inflation. Extended periods of higher interest rates often leads to higher unemployment and more people in need of nutrition support. A second reason for these increases is the upward cost projections for the Thrifty Food Plan (TFP). The TFP is one of four food plans USDA develops to estimate the cost of a healthy diet and represents a "nutritious, practical, cost-effective diet prepared at home for a 'reference' family, which is defined in law as an adult male and female, ages 20-50, and two children, ages 6-8 and 9-11." In addition to record food prices riding the back of inflation, TFP re-evaluations, which per the 2018 Farm Bill will now occur every five years, have resulted in expectations for higher costs of a nutritious diet that would need to be funded under SNAP.

Based on the 2024-2033 10-year outlay projection, a 2023 farm bill would cost nearly \$1.5 trillion, making it the most expensive on record. Crop insurance outlays, which include delivery expenses, underwriting gains and premium cost-sharing, are projected at \$97.1 billion during

the same timeframe. Spending on commodity support programs such as Dairy Margin Coverage (DMC), Price Loss Coverage (PLC), Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and the many authorized disaster support programs are estimated to cost \$61.8 billion, 4% of the total score and one percent higher than the May 2022 forecast. Conservation programs such as the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) are estimated at \$57.5 billion, or four percent, of the total score. This three percent drop from the May 2022 score is primarily linked to a decline in expected CRP spending.

The figure also includes \$34.7 billion in spending that was passed in the Inflation Reduction Act for agriculture, forestry and rural development. CBO scored the IRA conservation baseline at \$18.05 billion for programs traditionally authorized through the farm bill.

Costs for many of the provisions of current farm programs move in the opposite direction of commodity prices. Recent periods of higher prices have resulted in lower commodity support payments. The distribution of farm program payments follows base acreage in the U.S. Corn, soybeans and wheat represent over 70 percent of all program payments, while rice, cotton and peanuts represent another 20 percent. These outlays come in the form of PLC or ARC payments, and the margin protection program for dairy outlays though DMC.

The change in farm bill outlays is due to a variety of factors. First, price expectations for several covered commodities are related to supply and demand conditions. For example, consider that strong global supply uncertainty and high production costs have increased corn prices in recent years (over \$6/bushel) and led to lower actual ARC-CO payments. CBO's February projections are for marketing year average corn prices to remain slightly above \$4 per bushel over the next decade, slightly lower than projections made in previous scores. These lower corn prices contribute to an additional \$8.9 billion in ARC-CO and PLC outlays for corn over the next 10 years compared to CBO's July 2021 report.

While government costs of the corn program are expected to increase due to weaker prices, other commodities saw their outlays decrease due to higher market prices. For example, CBO raised expectations for milk margins in future years.

This most recent CBO baseline on farm program outlays is an important indicator of the budget outlook going into the next farm bill debate. Underpinning these budget forecasts are important estimates of commodity supply and use. Lower than forecasted commodity prices would be expected to result in higher outlays by the next baseline estimate. Similarly, improvements in commodity prices would result in lower projected outlays for farm programs. Record nutrition spending linked to inflation and increased costs leads to questions regarding market-related adjustments within farm-related programs. Like consumers purchasing food at the grocery store, farmers and ranchers face macroeconomic pressures when they purchase inputs and services. Few pieces of legislation are more significant than the farm bill when it comes to safeguarding our domestic food supply.

What's worse than biting into an apple and finding a worm? Biting into an apple and finding half a worm.

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



**Ron Kern**



# LOCAL NEWS



Lions President Joe Kryszak, Nancy Tracy RN, James Brown and Karen Brown. (Courtesy photo)

## Oregon Lions donate to Serenity Hospice

**OREGON** — The Oregon Lions made a \$1,000 donation to Serenity Hospice and Home during their meeting at the VFW in Oregon on Feb. 23.

James and Karen Brown and Lion Gloria Fallon explained the upcoming Serenity Art Dash which is to take place on April 5. The money donated by the

Oregon Lions is earmarked for a sponsorship for this event.

Lion Chris Martin auctioned off two tickets for the Art Dash and raised \$125 that was also donated to Serenity Hospice and Home.

Nancy Tracy, RN, from Serenity Hospice explained

the services provided by the hospice. Their goal is to provide spiritual, physical and emotional support to the patient and their family members during the loved ones last journey. Hospice affirms the belief that every moment of life is precious and each patient should be provided care with dignity and love.

## Polo Lions Club awards 50/50 winner drawn

**POLO** — The Polo Lions Club 50/50 raffle drawing was on Saturday, March 4 at the Lions club toy show. There were three winners drawn that day.

The first place winner got 85 percent of 50 percent, the second place winner got 10 percent of 50 percent and the third place winner got five percent of 50 percent. In the picture is Ryan Shetler who is in charge of the

raffle, Tom Suits, and the first place winner Cassidy Kenney and Winton Bocker, the president of the Lions club. The second place winner Kristen Mejorado and third place winner Randy Mitchell were not present.

Congratulations to the winners. The check was presented at the Lions meeting at the Barnacopia on Tuesday, March 7.



## Ogle 4-H Penny Carnival winners announced

**OREGON** — The Ogle County 4-H Federation hosted its annual 4-H Penny Carnival at the Blackhawk Center in Oregon on March 18. Penny Carnival is much like a fun fair, but features games dreamed up and designed by the 4-H clubs in the county. 11 of the county's 12 clubs participated, dreaming up 12 games, based on the theme "4-H Family Game Night" and encouraged the development of a wide range of game types.

Cash prizes were awarded to two clubs for games determined to be "most entertaining," and two clubs for games determined to be "most creative." Congratulations to all the following:

Most entertaining: Summerhill Huskies, Forreston (Shoot the Can), Blackhawk Crossings 4-H Club, Oregon/



Ogle County 4-H Ambassador team from left to right: Elizabeth Armbruster, Oregon; Molly Ziegler, Oregon; Trent Heller, Dixon and Grant Johnson, Forreston. (Courtesy photo)

Socks Basketball Game), Carefree 4-H Club, Oregon (Memory Match).

Most creative: Summerhill Huskies, Forreston (Shoot the Can), Blackhawk Crossings 4-H Club, Oregon/

Mt. Morris (Hungry Hippo).

Proceeds from the night will be divided equally among participating clubs. Many thanks to the hundreds of Ogle County families who attended!



Above, left, By-Y-Badgers 4-H Club's Andrew Hickman, Byron, collecting tickets for his clubs Chutes and Ladders game. Above, right, Carefree 4-H Club's Alyssa Martin, Oregon, running their Memory Match game. (Courtesy photos)

### Easter Ham Giveaway Winners!

The following list of winners will receive a gift certificate good for \$20 towards the purchase of an Easter Ham. Thanks for all our participating businesses that helped make our annual giveaway a big success.

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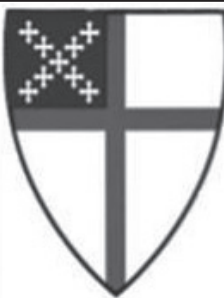
6:30pm: Soup Supper & Service with  
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8:15am: Lectio Divina Meditative Service  
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Easter Sunday (4/9) 10:00 am Service

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From St. Bride's Episcopal Church we're bringing this Easter message hoping it will touch you with many blessings in the name of the One whose Resurrection we celebrate, Jesus Christ.

Happy Easter!





# Oregon's Josh Grove strikes perfection, bowls back-to-back 300 games

'After my first few strikes I knew that I was in the zone'

BY GEORGE HOWE  
CORRESPONDENT

**OREGON** — Bowling is one of those sports that's been part of the fabric of our country since it was first introduced by German immigrants living in New York in the late 19th century. At one time or another, we've all hung out at the local bowling alley with friends. Or, bowled in a league, had a birthday party, participated in a candlelight event for charity, and maybe even met a spouse on a first date.

Most of us don't have the time nor dedication to become really good, so when we lace up the required shoes and hit the lanes, if we roll a couple of strikes along the way, it makes the experience that much more enjoyable. Now imagine throwing a perfect 300 game and doing it back to back. Josh Grove of Oregon accomplished that rare feat on March 12 competing in the Northern Illinois 700 club tournament held at the Mardi Gras Lanes in DeKalb. This was the 43rd time that he accomplished perfection in his career.

Grove could sense the first time that he stepped up to the dotted line, his reliable Brunswick Melee Jab Blood Red ball in hand, that good fortune awaited him.

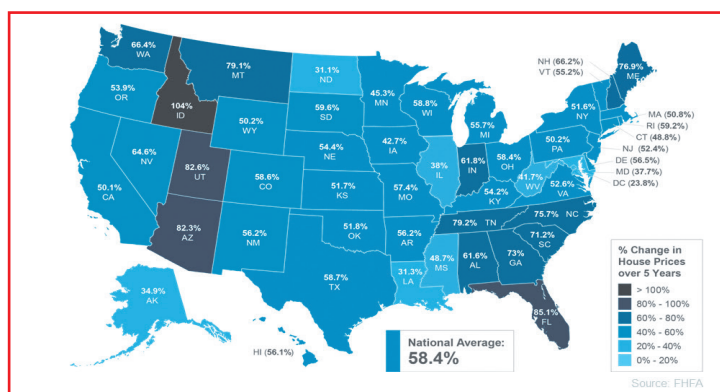
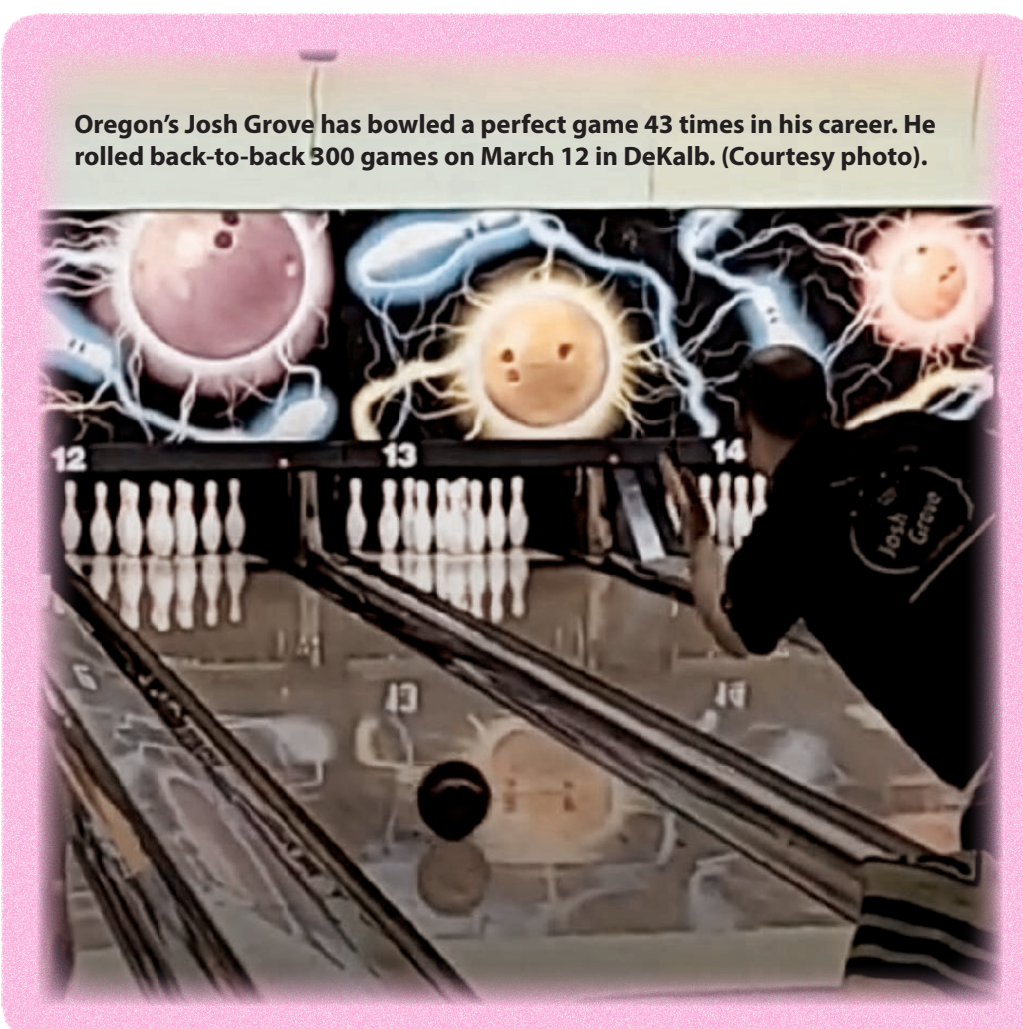
"I was feeling really good, everything seemed to be working as far as my mechanics go," Grove said. "I'm kind of a perfectionist with my technique. My grip, arm swing and release felt in rhythm. After my first few strikes I knew that I was in the zone."

As word spread throughout the house that Grove wasn't leaving any pins standing, a crowd started to gather making it tough for him not to feel the intensity.

"I don't care what anyone says, you get nervous and you have to try and keep calm," Grove said. "I stayed in my pre-shot routine of wiping my ball off a few times, slide twice, put my hand over the dryer, then take a deep breath, and proceed to let my body take over."

Despite all of the commotion and clapping around him, his friends and co-bowlers tried to act like nothing was going on.

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**PERCENT CHANGE IN HOME PRICES OVER 5 YEARS, Q4 2022**



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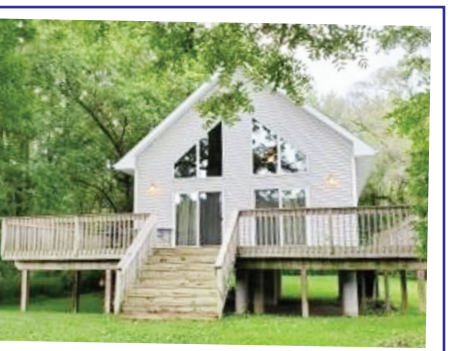
**598 S. Red Oak, Chana \$162,500 Call Mark True**

Looking for a home outside of town with a country feel? This 3 bedroom, 2 bath desirable RANCH home on S. Red Oak Lane, Chana might be for you! Living room has new laminate flooring, wood burning fireplace & sliders to the deck. Dining room also has new flooring & built-in buffet. Kitchen has an island, double stainless sink, gas stove, refrigerator & all appliances will stay. The primary bedroom has 2 large closets, attached full master bath with walk-in shower & linen closet. Convenient 1st floor laundry hook up is right outside of the main bedroom! Both other bedrooms are on the main floor & have new flooring and 2nd full bath has tub for soaking. Spacious 2 car attached garage has ramp into house & has access to basement. Nice space for camper parking next to garage! House & shed roof new in 2021. New vinyl siding in 2014. Radon system installed in 2021. New furnace in 2016. Fenced yard in front AND in back for the kids and pets!



**000 Cambridge Drive, Stillman Valley NOW \$24,000 Call Becky**

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# SPORTS NEWS

## AREA SPORTS

### Oregon softball defeats Kirkland Hiawatha

On March 23, the Oregon varsity softball team defeated Kirkland Hiawatha 21-5. Pitchers Emma Schlichtmann and Ava Hackman struck out a combined 13 batters for Oregon. Hackman had four hits, Gracen Pitts had five hits and Sarah Stevens had six runs batted in. Abi Rogers and Laila Anderson had three runs batted in each as the Hawks defeated Hiawatha in five innings.

### Oregon softball falls to Marengo

On March 24, the Oregon varsity softball team fell to Marengo 11-0 in nonconference play. Oregon dropped to 3-1 on the season following the defeat to Marengo. Reilee Suter and Laila Anderson each had two hits for the Hawks.

## SCORES

### Varsity baseball

March 23: Marengo 16, Stillman Valley 6  
 March 28: Stillman Valley 7, Dominion Christian 4  
 March 29: Rock Bridge 16, Stillman Valley 1

### Varsity soccer

March 28: Stillman Valley 8, Pecatonica 0



**Read and Recycle**

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# BOWL: Grove rolls perfect game

From page 1

“I appreciated the guys trying to keep it real,” Grove said. “After a while, I was just having fun throwing strikes.”

One such friend, Buddy Bell, tried his best to mask his anxiety.

“I wasn’t the one making strike after strike and I wanted to be strong for him,” Bell said. “Josh was amazing, every shot that he threw was with focus and it just looked effortless.”

Grove credits his mom and dad for his love of the game that started at age five when his parents first took him to the bowling alley. He also has fond memories of going to his grandmother’s house on Sundays.

“After church, I would watch bowling on TV at my grandma’s house and I couldn’t get enough of it and wanted to do it all of the time,” Grove said.

Growing up, he bowled on a club team in Byron, since Oregon High School didn’t

have a team. As he matured and gained more knowledge and experience through some instruction, he started to recognize his talent.

“My coach taught me that it’s a feel and touch game,” Grove said. “My strength more than anything else is my accuracy. I’m not a power bowler like a lot of other guys. I use finesse which keeps me more stable.”

Nowadays, he bowls in two leagues and officiates basketball, softball and soccer. And despite thinking about possibly trying his hand on the Pro Bowler’s Tour, he has his priorities in place.

“I think that I’m a good league and house bowler but those pro guys are on another level,” Grove said. “My family comes first. I would much rather be around my kid’s sporting events and enjoy bowling with my 12-year-old son, who’s getting into the sport. As long as my body holds up, you will see me on the lanes hopefully for years to come.”



Josh Grove of Oregon accomplished a rare feat by bowling back-to-back 300 games on March 12 competing in the Northern Illinois 700 club tournament held at the Mardi Gras Lanes in DeKalb. (Courtesy photo).



Oregon’s Josh Grove credits his mom and dad for his love of bowling that started at age five when his parents took him to a bowling alley. (Courtesy photo)

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# SPORTS NEWS

## March Madness thoughts

WITH NCAA men and women's basketball tournaments wrapping up, it's a good time to offer a few thoughts. Admittedly, my focus has been on the men's event, but it is enlightening to see the women making strides in equal opportunities and media coverage.

Even the most casual basketball fan tunes in to March Madness, as thrilling finishes and giant-killer upsets make this as exciting as any sports event in the world. Furthermore, a single-elimination tourney makes the stakes even higher.

You don't even have to know the players to have a rooting interest in a game. With the transfer portal, players switch teams as often as Elizabeth Taylor used to switch husbands (that's a reference for our older readers).

It's not the players, but the colleges themselves we cheer for and you better believe teams like No. 16 seed Fairleigh Dickinson and No. 15 Princeton were the darlings of national television audience in upset wins.

The only gripe I have with the tournament are all the network-mandated commercials and game stoppages to check ball possession, flagrant fouls or correct time on clock. I remember listening to a tourney game with about five minutes left while driving back from Sterling to Oregon. By the time I pulled into my driveway, it had just ended.

Myself and other fans can get past this because is the uncertainty of the 68-team bracket, of which millions of Americans fill out in hopes of bragging rights among their peers or actual cash winnings. Those are all usually in the garbage after the first weekend of games.

Even the so-called experts and talking heads on TV don't have a clue which teams will advance through the various rounds. It is futile to predict to future, so why try? For example, all of the No. 1 seeds failed to make it to the round of eight, such an inexact science March Madness is.

I find it much better to sit back and enjoy the games and whichever way they pan out, so be it. With so much athletic artistry on the courts, they are drama to the first degree.

I can even get past my contempt for these pampered spoiled brats because of the entertainment value. No, I do not personally know these kids.

But the fact the colleges employ a multitude of staffers to cater to the every whim of their players and fat-cat boosters are willing to offer financial incentives, an environment exists for pampering and spoiling young people.

It used to be that colleges set the dictates to the players with a generous offer of a scholarship. Now, it is the other way around with the players calling all the shots.

Room and board has little value compared to personalized NIL deals and the freedom to transfer

elsewhere if the coach offends you or you aren't getting enough playing time.

Strangely, this reversal of roles hasn't affected the popularity of college basketball. As fans, it's all about the game for us, not the personalities.

How did the NCAA basketball tournament get so big? There was a time when state high-school basketball tournaments had more interest.

Other than a 1968 game at the Astrodome in front of 52,000 between powerhouse UCLA and Elvin Hayes-led Houston on national television (which I vividly remember the hype for), the real start began a few years later when the NCAA expanded the field and allowed more than one school from a conference in.

In 1980, newly-formed ESPN began to show early-round games, a stark contrast to the attitude of NBC or CBS of only showing the finals. Lo and behold, it was discovered viewers were keenly interested and the major networks began to get on board the growing March Madness bandwagon.

DePaul, an independent small school in Chicago, was a perfect example of a team that was birthed in the late 1970s because of the NCAA tournament and one that captured the hearts of WGN TV viewers all over the country.

People make a big deal out of the 1979 Magic Johnson and Michigan State versus Larry Bird and Indiana championship game as the turning point for popularity in college basketball. Let's not forget that upstart DePaul with only five legitimate players was every bit as good as MSU and Indiana State.

They added just as much character to the Final Four that year and could have easily been crowned the champ had not a narrow loss in the semis kept them out of the final.

DePaul kept that train rolling for several more years before going off the tracks and reverting to its former life as a nobody in college basketball. Maybe they don't have the means to entice and coddle kids like other schools do nowadays.

Another star from the earlier days of March Madness was one of my childhood heroes in Pete Maravich.

In the category of "records were made to be broken", thankfully Maravich's college scoring mark of 3,667 points did not get broken.

Set from 1967-70 when college freshmen weren't allowed to play varsity, "Pistol Pete" of LSU only played 83 games. Additionally, the 3-point shot was not allowed.

Antoine Davis, who ended his career with 3,664 points at Detroit Mercy this year, had the luxury of playing 144 games over five seasons. Still, if he had scored four more points, he would have been considered the new record holder.

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



Andy Colbert

## OREGON PARK DISTRICT WEEKLY HAPPENINGS

### Perky Pelican Drop-In Event

Come out to Park East to watch American white pelicans and other migrating birds Saturday April 22, 8:00-10:00 AM. Enjoy birding from the wheelchair-accessible Park East observation deck with free coffee provided by Oregon Park District Staff. This program is a free, drop in event, no registration is needed. Free coffee while it lasts.

### Spring Flower and Plant Sale

Jumpstart your garden with a stop at the annual Oregon Park District Spring flower and plant sale, located in Kiwanis Park at the location of the Rivers Edge Farmers Market. Annuals, perennials, vegetables and more. This sale is the perfect cure for spring fever. Sale will take place on Saturday May 6th from 8:00AM-1:00PM. Vendor registration fee is \$15R/\$18NR. All vendors who register before April 15 receive a \$5 early-bird discount.

### Cinco De Mayo Empanadas with Linnie's Kitchen

Lynn Kaufman of Linnie's Kitchen will join us on Wednesday May 3rd at 6:00 PM at Cork & Tap to share a tasty empanada recipe perfect for adding some flavor to any Cinco De Mayo Celebration. Participants will need to bring some dishes and utensils from home, and Lynn Kaufman will supply all ingredients and instruction. Participants will leave class with a dish of empanadas ready to take home and bake and a recipe to enjoy again at home. Deadline to register

is April 26th, registration is \$38R/45NR. A full supply list will be emailed to participants after registration closes.

### Margarita pairing with Hector's Cocina

Enjoy authentic Mexican cuisine from local favorite Hector's Cocina paired with a flight of Margaritas prepared by Cork & Tap. Menu includes a potato flauta, tamale, chips and salsa, and churro doughnut. One seating on Thursday April 27th at 6:00 PM at Cork & Tap. Registration deadline is April 20th, registration fee is \$25R/\$30NR.

### Birds, Bison, and Brews Van Trip

Friday April 28th, meet at Nash Recreation Center for a 2:00 PM departure to the Nachusa grasslands for a guided hike seeking beautiful migrating spring songbirds. After the hike, we will head to the observation area for a chance to view the grassland's bison herd. All transportation is provided by Oregon Park District Vans. Upon return at roughly 6:00 PM, all participants will receive a voucher for a beverage of choice from Cork & Tap. Registration is \$10R/\$12NR. Deadline to register is April 21.

### A Gift for Mom Children's Class-Cin's Treasures

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begins at 4:00 PM, enjoy exploring Conover Square while your children craft. Crafts will need time to dry after class, plan to pick them up at a later date. Class is open to children aged 8-16, registration is \$22R/\$26NR, deadline to register is April 29th.

### Grown Up Field Trip: Franklin Creek

Who says field trips are only for kids? Take a trip back in time on May 17th to the Franklin Creek Grist Mill Historic Site in Franklin Creek State Park for a special guided tour led by Franklin Creek Conservation Association Staff. See how the grist mill was built, operated, and restored. Transportation is provided by Oregon Park District Vans, and all facilities we will visit are wheelchair accessible. We will depart Nash Recreation Center at 12:30 PM and will return at roughly 4:00 PM with a quick stop at the Nachusa Grasslands overlook for wildlife viewing.

### Drop in Playtime

Bring your toddlers and preschoolers (aged 6 mos-5 years) and come drop in on Friday mornings from 10-12:30 to meet friends and actively play at the Nash Recreation Center. We will have mats, balls, pop up tents, music and more set up in the river Room for children to exert some energy and get out of the house. This program is free for members and daily fee for everyone else. Come on out to play! Children must be accompanied by a caregiver who remains with them the entire time. This program runs from January 14-May 19. No registration required.

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Call 815-732-2907 for an appointment in Oregon.

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### Tiny Art Show

Monday, April 10, 5:30 – 7:00 pm. We are going to have a Tiny Art Show during the month of May at the library. Please join us to create a 4"x4" project. (Anyone can paint an abstract.) Your painting will be returned after the show. Visit Byron. [evanced.info/signup](mailto:evanced.info/signup) or call 815-234-5107 to register.

### DIY Tiny Library

Thursday, April 20, 6 – 7:30 pm. Celebrate national library month by creating your very own tiny library. Visit Byron. [evanced.info/signup](mailto:evanced.info/signup) or call 815-234-5107 to register for this program.

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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) 234-8032 - [beaconhillbyron.org](http://beaconhillbyron.org)  
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 448, Byron, IL 61010  
Pastor: Gary Cortese  
Service Times: Sundays at 10AM; Wednesday night Faith-Lift at 6:30PM  
Find us on Facebook/Beacon Hill Assembly of God

## CHANA

### CHANA UNITED METHODIST

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

## DAVIS JUNCTION

### DAVIS JUNCTION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Open Minds, Open Hearts, Open Doors • "God's Heart in Our Community"  
Located in town on Rt. 72 • Our Pastor is Rev. Keith Kelsey-Powell  
Sunday Services: Worship 10:30am, Childrens time during Worship Service.  
Fellowship following the Worship Service each Sunday, Communion the first Sunday of the month. Patluck 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)

## 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.efcm.org](http://www.efcm.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., Monday 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 & Morgan Drive on Liberty Hill), Oregon • 732-7211 - Office Rev. Eldred George  
Webpage: [saintbrides.org](http://saintbrides.org) • E-mail: [saint.bride.church@gmail.com](mailto:saint.bride.church@gmail.com) •  
Worship Services: Sunday 10 am Holy Communion with Hymns Christian Education Available

### ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH, NALC

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

## POLO

### ST. MARY CHURCH

Rectory/Office: 211 North Franklin Ave., Polo, IL 61064  
PHONE: 815-946-2535 • Rev. Joseph P. Nail  
Masses: Sun 10:30am, Tuesday Mass 8 a.m.  
Sacrament of Reconciliation: First Sunday of each month after 10:30 mass  
OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
[www.stmarypolo.org](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@crossroadsn.com](http://polo@crossroadsn.com)  
We offer contemporary worship and relevant Bible teaching through engaging messages and powerful video. Join us after services for coffee, snacks & fellowship. Kidzink Children's Ministry (nursery-5th grade) ~ during 10AM Service  
Cave Youth Group (6th-12th grade) ~ Wed. 6:30PM - June 1st.  
Visit our website: [www.crossroadsn.com](http://www.crossroadsn.com)

### FAITH DISCOVERY CHURCH

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

### FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

## STILLMAN VALLEY

### RED BRICK CHURCH OF STILLMAN VALLEY (CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH)

Pastor Rev. Dr. Chris Brauns | Associate Pastor David Bagner  
207 W Roosevelt Road (Rte 72), Stillman Valley.  
815-645-2526 | [www.theredbrickchurch.org](http://www.theredbrickchurch.org)  
Sunday: Worship at 9:00 am and 10:30 am. Sunday School at 9:00 am.  
Wednesday: AWANA (Sept - April) from 6:00 to 7:15 pm.  
Men, women, youth Bible Studies throughout the year.  
See website for all our 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/VECCSV](http://facebook.com/VECCSV)  
Home of Valley Covenant Preschool 815-645-8882 Director Jill Huber  
Bible Studies, Youth Group, Bread of Life Food Pantry  
Please visit website for more information or contact the church office M-F 9am-2pm

### GRACE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH DAVIS JUNCTION

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

## WINNEBAGO

### MIDDLE CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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



# LOCAL NEWS

## BERTOLET MEMORIAL LIBRARY

### YOUTH PROGRAMS

#### LEGO Club

Monday, April 3rd, 5:00 PM

#### Big Kids, Big Art

Tuesday April 18th, 4:30 PM Miss Jana will have stories and crafts for toddlers-kindergarten age kids.

#### Story Time

Thursdays, 10:00 AM Miss Jana will have stories and crafts for toddlers-kindergarten age kids.

### ADULT PROGRAMS

#### Book of the Month

Journey with Cussy Carter, or Bluet as she is more commonly known, as she delivers books on her Packhorse Librarian route in Appalachia Kentucky during the Great Depression. Cussy has to deal with loneliness, poverty, and discrimination, all while facing harsh conditions on the book route. Stop by the circulation desk to pick up a copy of *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* by Kim Michele Richardson.

#### April Take & Make Craft

Welcome in spring with this

buzzing bumble bee craft. Stop by the circulation desk and pick one up while supplies last.

#### Card Making

Saturday, April 15th, 9:00AM Get ready for graduation season by creating a one-of-a-kind card for those middle school, high school, and college grads! All supplies provided or you may bring your own!

#### Plastic Recycling

We ask that you make sure plastic is clean with no debris in the donation. Also please remove any ziploc-type seals and paper/sticker labels. Thank you for your cooperation.

### NEW RELEASES

#### Adult Books

Earth's the Right Place for Love by Elizabeth Berg

On the Line by Fern Micheals

Countdown by James Patterson

Loyalty by Lisa Scottoline

Picture Book  
Mushroom Lullaby by Kenneth Kraegel

## FORRESTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

### Garden Walk

Are you planning a beautiful vegetable garden or an amazing floral landscape this year? We're looking for local residents who would like to assist in a Garden Walk fundraiser for the library. The event would be held during Sauerkraut Days, which is the first weekend in August, and the only requirement is a willingness to share the beauty of your lovely lawn or garden. If you are interested in participating or would like more information, please contact Julie at (815)938-2624 or forrestonpubliclibrary@gmail.com.

### Toddler/Preschool Storytime

Tuesdays at 10:00 am. Bring your favorite toddler or preschooler for a time of stories, songs, crafts, and fun! This relaxed program is a great way for little ones to meet new friends and discover the joy of reading. Please call the library to register or if you have any questions.

### New Materials

New adult fiction includes: *I Will Find You* by Harlan Coben, *Sister Effect* by Susan Mallery, *Standing Dead* by Margaret Mizushima, and *Loyalty* by Lisa Scottoline.

### Community Room

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

### Soft Plastic Recycling

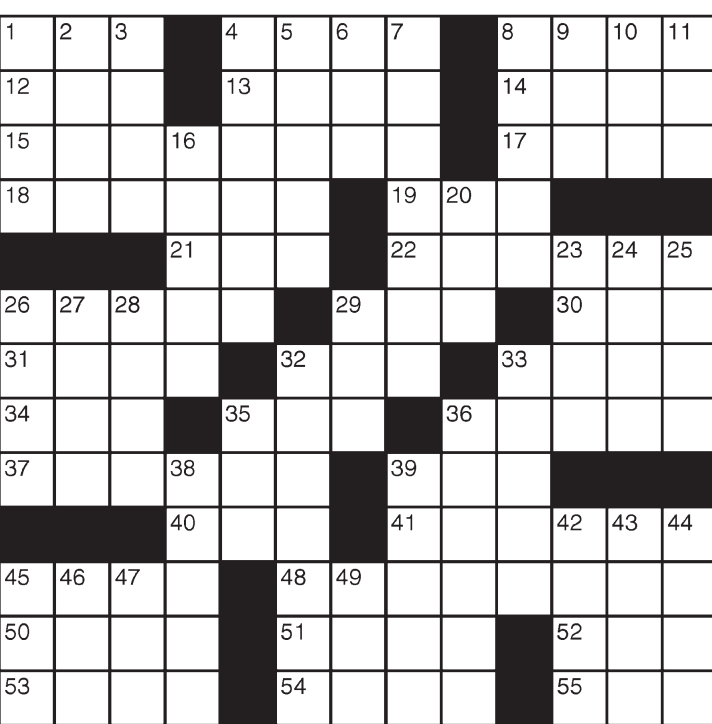
We are collecting film-type plastic for recycling. This includes plastic bags, zipper type baggies (with the zip portion removed), cereal/snack bags, bubble wrap, and other soft plastic. Please make sure bags are free from debris and remove all paper/sticker labels. Thank you!

## Weekly Brain Busters

### King Crossword

#### ACROSS

- 1 Pot brew
- 4 Rosary component
- 8 Tempo
- 12 Rowing need
- 13 Scarce
- 14 "Damn Yankees" vamp
- 15 Polish composer Chopin
- 17 Squad
- 18 Oust from office
- 19 Not 'neath
- 21 Show to a seat, slangily
- 22 Established rule
- 26 Kick out
- 29 Cat's coat
- 30 Ms. Longoria
- 31 Chaste
- 32 River blocker
- 33 Till bills
- 34 Wyo. neighbor
- 35 Corral
- 36 Sanctify
- 37 — acid
- 39 Luau bowlful
- 40 Khan title
- 41 Blacksmiths' blocks
- 45 Indolent
- 48 Curry powder spice
- 50 Dayton's state



- 7 Propriety
- 8 Book jacket write-up
- 9 Long time
- 10 "The Greatest"
- 11 Make lace
- 16 Wimbledon tie
- 20 Where Lux. is
- 23 Actress Russo
- 24 Currier's partner
- 25 Mama — Elliot
- 26 Monumental
- 27 Dame Dench
- 28 Part of Q.E.D.
- 29 Summer cooler
- 32 Illinois city
- 33 Martini garnish
- 35 Glutton
- 36 Witticism
- 38 Synthetic fabric
- 39 Segments
- 42 Persia, today
- 43 Rickey flavor
- 44 Kilt wearer
- 45 Part of UCLA
- 46 Sashimi fish
- 47 Sharp turn
- 49 French article

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### MAGIC MAZE ● ZERO

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 L I E B Y V S Q N K H E B R Y  
 W T H R O L J G E B Y W E U R  
 P N K T I A G D B Z X E V E S  
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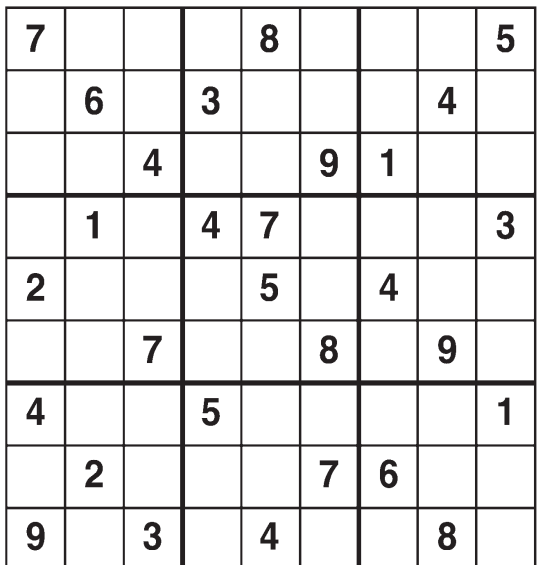
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally  
 Unlisted clue hint: THE — POINT OF WATER C°

- Cipher
- Naught
- No value
- Null
- Goose egg
- Nil
- Nonentity
- Zilch
- Love
- No growth
- North
- Zip
- Nada
- No score
- Nothing

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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

### DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

- ◆ Moderate
- ◆◆ Challenging
- ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



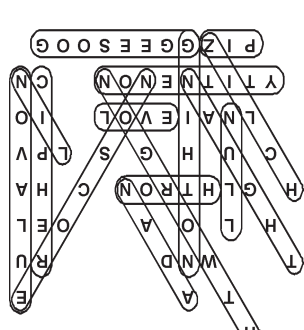
Differences: 1. Neckline is lower. 2. Rag is missing. 3. Arm and mop are moved. 4. Cabinet is lower. 5. Number is different. 6. Skateboard is missing.



Solution time: 26 mins.

Answers

King Crossword



ZERO

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

Answer

Weekly SUDOKU



# Classified Marketplace

## FREE!

Sell your household items for free.  
Total value of item must be \$200 or less. (15 words  
- one week - 7 publications - price must be listed)



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### 101 LEGAL NOTICE

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

IN RE )  
THE )  
ESTATE OF: )  
SHIRLEY )  
NOREEN )  
DOYLE, )  
Decedent. )CLAIM  
NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Shirley Noreen Doyle of the City of Monroe Center, County of Ogle, State of Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on December 2, 2022, to Scott D. Doyle of 4897 N. Wendorf Rd., Monroe Center, IL 61052, County of Ogle, and whose attorney is Maria N. Berger of Berger Law Firm, LLC, of 418 W. Blackhawk Dr., Suite 102, Byron, IL 61010.

#### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

STERLING FEDERAL BANK, F.S.B., Plaintiff, vs. JACQUELINE M. SANCES, JAMES M. HEATHER AND CAPITAL ONE BANK (USA), N.A., Defendants.

2023 FC 19  
PUBLICATION NOTICE  
Capital One Bank (USA), N.A.  
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given you, Capital One Bank (USA), N.A., Defendant in the above-entitled action, that an action has been commenced against you in the Circuit Court of the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit, Ogle County, Case No. 2023FC19 by Plaintiff Sterling Federal Bank, F.S.B., in which the Complaint seeks foreclosure of a mortgage owned by Sterling Federal Bank, F.S.B., dated May 18, 2011, and recorded May 20, 2011, as Document No. 201103354, among the land records of Ogle County, Illinois, in which Plaintiff is the Mortgagee of certain real estate owned by Mortgages Jacqueline M. Sances and James M. Heather, and that foreclosure of said mortgage action is now pending in said court and that the property affected by said cause is described as follows:  
Lot 12 of Kable Addition, a subdivision located in the Northeast Quarter of Section 27, Township 24 North, Range 9 East of the 4th P.M., Mt. Morris, Ogle County, Illinois; according to the Plat thereof recorded July 22, 1930 in Book F of Plats, page 5 Document No. 197957.  
Common address: 213 Sunset Lane, Mt. Morris, IL 61054  
Capital One Bank (USA), N.A. has liens on the property being foreclosed by virtue of two Judgments against Defendant James M. Heather, the first Judgment in the amount of \$1,861.31, recorded July 9, 2018 as Document No. 201803749 and the second Judgment in the amount of \$1,313.56, recorded January 22, 2019 as Document No. 201900394.  
Consequently, unless

you, Capital One Bank (USA), N.A., file your answer to the Complaint in the action or otherwise make your appearance in the Circuit Court of the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit, Ogle County, Illinois, at the Ogle County Courthouse, 106 S. 5th Street, Oregon, IL 61061, on or before April 27, 2023, a default judgment may be entered against you at any time after that date, in accordance with the prayer of the Complaint. A judgment of foreclosure entered pursuant to the Complaint would be subject to your right to redeem or reinstate within the time and manner provided by law, if any.  
Kimberly A. Stahl  
Ogle County Circuit Clerk  
Lisa A Gabriel - ARDC  
6196272 Ward, Murray, Pace & Johnson, P.C. Attorneys for Plaintiff  
202 E. 5th Street P.O. Box 404 Dixon, IL 61021  
P: (815) 625-8200  
gabriel@wmpj.com  
No. 0325  
(March 27, April 3 and 10, 2023)

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

IN RE THE ADOPTION OF: ALICE BAXIN XOLO, a minor, MARESA BAXIN XOLO, Petitioner )  
No. 2022 AD 7  
vs.  
ALICE BAXIN XOLO, a Minor, DILIA DENICE BAXIN XOLO, Biological mother, UNKNOWN BIOLOGICAL FATHER, ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, Respondents.

ADOPTION NOTICE TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN  
TAKE NOTICE that a petition was filed in the Circuit Court of Ogle County, Illinois, for the adoption of a child named ALICE BAXIN XOLO. Now, therefore, unless ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, file an answer to the Petition in the action or otherwise file your appearance therein, in the said Circuit Court of Ogle County, Room #300, 106 S. 5th Street, Oregon, Illinois 61061 on or before the 1st day of May, 2023, a default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a judgement entered into accordance with the prayer of the Petition.  
Maresa Baxin Xolo, Petitioner  
Eric D. Morrow  
SMITH, BIRKHOFF & MORROW, P.C.  
129 S. Fourth Street, P.O. Box 10  
Oregon, IL 61061  
(815) 732-6124  
No. 0326  
(March 27, April 3 and 10, 2023)

#### PUBLIC NOTICE ADVERTISEMENT OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

The City of Rochelle and Rochelle Municipal Utilities (RMU) are soliciting proposals for a Radio Communications System. The system shall provide reliable, efficient, radio functionality for RMU operational groups and will accommodate RMU's communication requirements between Electric Operations, Public Works, and the Water and Water Reclamation Departments. The Radio System must include the features, functions, and capabilities as described within the specifications of the bid packet. Proposals are due no later than 11:00 am CST on Wednesday, May 3, 2023. The bid opening will take place immediately thereafter in the City of Rochelle Council Chambers. It is the responsibility of the bidder to ensure that proposals are received by the above

deadline. Late proposals will not be considered. Requests for bid packets should be addressed to: Blake Toliver, Superintendent of Electric Operations, at btoliver@rmu.net, or you can download the Radio Communications System Bid Packet at <https://www.cityofrochelle.net/calendar.html>.  
No. 0401  
(April 3, 2023)

#### PUBLIC NOTICE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN To the legal voters, residents of the Town of Pine Rock in the County of Ogle and State of Illinois that the Annual Town Meeting of said Town will take place on Tuesday, April 11, 2023 Being the second Tuesday of said month At the hour of 7 o'clock P.M. at the Pine Rock Township Hall 210 West Street Chana, Illinois  
For the transaction of the miscellaneous business of the said town; and after a Moderator having been elected, will proceed to hear and consider reports of officers, and decide on such measures as may, in pursuance of law come before the meeting; and especially to consider the following:  
1) Approval of 2022 meeting minutes  
2) Approval of Funds balances  
3) Setting Moderator's salary for 2024  
4) Setting date, place and time for 2024 Annual Meeting  
5) Vote on county services provided to Township residents  
6) Other business as brought before the meeting  
7) Discussion of possible transfer of monies from Town Fund to R&B Fund  
Budgets will be available for inspection after April 5th at the Township Building. To arrange an appointment please call 815-732-7387.  
Town Clerk Heather Barcai-Mowry  
No. 0402  
(April 3, 2023)

#### NOTICE OF INTENTION OF COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER 226 OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

TO ISSUE \$3,128,000 WORKING CASH FUND BONDS  
Public Notice is hereby given that on the 23rd day of March, 2023, the Board of Education (the "Board") of Community Unit School District Number 226, Ogle County, Illinois (the "District"), adopted a resolution declaring its intention and determination to issue bonds in the aggregate amount of \$3,128,000 for the purpose of increasing the Working Cash Fund of the District, and it is the intention of the Board to avail of the provisions of Article 20 of the School Code of the State of Illinois, and all laws amendatory thereto, and to issue said bonds for the purpose of increasing said Working Cash Fund. Said Working Cash Fund is to be maintained in accordance with the provisions of said Article and shall be used for the purpose of enabling the District to have in its treasury at all time sufficient money to meet demands thereon for expenditures for corporate purposes. A petition may be filed with the Secretary of the Board (the "Secretary") within thirty (30) days after the date of publication of this notice, signed by not less than 507 voters of the District, said number of voters being equal to ten percent (10%) of the registered voters of the District, requesting that the

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By order of the President of the Board of Education of Community Unit School District Number 226, Ogle County, Illinois.  
Dated the 23rd day of March, 2023.  
Phil Kesler  
Secretary, Board of Education,  
Community Unit School District Number 226,  
Ogle County, Illinois  
No. 0404  
(April 3, 2023)

#### PUBLIC NOTICE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

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proposition to issue said bonds as authorized by the provisions of said Article 20 be submitted to the voters of the District. If such petition is filed with the Secretary within thirty (30) days after the date of publication of this notice, an election on the proposition to issue said bonds shall be held on the 19th day of March, 2024. The Circuit Court may declare that an emergency referendum should be held prior to said election date pursuant to the provisions of Section 2A1.4 of the Election Code of the State of Illinois, as amended. If no such petition is filed within said thirty (30) day period, then the District shall thereafter be authorized to issue said bonds for the purpose hereinabove provided.  
By order of the Board of Education of Community Unit School District Number 226, Ogle County, Illinois.  
Dated this 23rd day of March, 2023.  
Phil Kesler, Secretary, Board of Education, Community Unit School District Number 226, Ogle County, Illinois  
Christine Lynde, President, Board of Education, Community Unit School District Number 226, Ogle County, Illinois  
No. 0403  
(April 3, 2023)

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING THE INTENT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER 226, OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

TO SELL \$3,128,000 WORKING CASH FUND BONDS  
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Dated March 28, 2023  
No. 0405  
(April 3, 2023)

#### PUBLIC NOTICE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN To the legal voters, residents of the town of Buffalo in the County of Ogle and the State of Illinois, that the Annual Town Meeting of said Town will take place on Tuesday, April 11, 2023 being the second Tuesday of said month at the hour of 7 o'clock PM at Buffalo Township Hall for the transaction of the miscellaneous business of the said town; and after a Moderator having been elected, will proceed to hear and consider reports of officers, and decide on such measures as may, in pursuance of law, come before the meeting; and especially to consider and decide the following:  
Call to Order  
Pledge of Allegiance  
Minutes of the Last Annual Meeting  
Review Township Revenues and Expenditures  
Questions and Comments  
Adjourn  
Judith A. Norris, Buffalo Township Clerk,  
Phillip Fossler, Buffalo Township Supervisor  
Dated March 8, 2023  
No. 0406  
(April 3, 2023)

#### PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF MONTHLY MEETINGS BUFFALO TOWNSHIP 117 NORTH FRANKLIN AVENUE POLO ILLINOIS 2023-2024

ANNUAL MEETING: Tuesday APRIL 11, 2023 at 7:00 PM.  
April MONTHLY MEETINGS APRIL 11, 2023 FOLLOWING ANNUAL MEETING HELD AT POLO TOWN HALL 117 N. FRANKLIN AVE, POLO IL 61064  
REMAINING MONTHLY MEETINGS ARE HELD ON THE SECOND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH AT 7:30 PM AT POLO TOWN HALL.  
MAY 10, 2023  
JUNE 14, 2023  
JULY 12, 2023  
AUGUST 9, 2023  
SEPTEMBER 13, 2023  
OCTOBER 11, 2023  
NOVEMBER 8, 2023  
DECEMBER 13, 2023  
JANUARY 10, 2024  
FEBRUARY 14, 2024  
MARCH 13, 2023  
No. 0407  
(April 3, 2023)

#### NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed proposals for the project described below will be received at the office of the Village Clerk, 106 N. Elm Street, Davis Junction, IL 61020 until 10:00 am on 4/19/23. Sealed proposals will be opened and read publicly at the office of the Village Clerk, 106 N. Elm Street, Davis Junction, IL 61020 until 10:00 am on 4/19/23.

#### DESCRIPTION OF WORK

Location: Junction Road and Edson Road  
Project Length: 1.14 miles  
Proposed Improvement: Includes the application of an A-2 surface treatment on Junction Road from Northwestern Avenue south to the Village Limits and an A-1 surface treatment on Edson Road from the railroad tracks east to IL 251. Junction Road will include pavement striping.

1. Plans and proposal forms will be available in the office of:  
Plans and proposal forms shall be obtained electronically in PDF format from the Willett, Hofmann & Associates, Inc. website at [www.willett-hofmann.com](http://www.willett-hofmann.com). Contractors shall click on "Bid Login" on the homepage of the website and follow the instructions. The contract eBidDoc# (project number) is 8441960. The project manual PDF can be downloaded from the website by depositing twenty-two dollars (\$22.00) by credit card. Said deposit is NON-REFUNDABLE.

2. X Prequalification  
If checked, the 2 apparent as read low bidders must file within 24 hours after the letting an "Affidavit of Availability" (Form BC 57) in triplicate, showing all uncompleted contracts awarded to them and all low bids pending award for Federal, State, County, Municipal and private work. One original shall be filed with the Awarding Authority and two originals with the IDOT District Office.  
3. The Awarding Authority reserves the right to waive technicalities and to reject any or all proposals as provided in BLSR Special Provision for Bidding Requirements and Conditions for Contract Proposals.  
4. The following BLR Forms shall be returned by the bidder to the Awarding Authority:  
a. Local Public Agency Formal Contract Proposal (BLR 12200)  
b. Schedule of Prices (BLR 12201)  
c. Proposal Bid Bond (BLR 12230) (if applicable)  
d. Apprenticeship or Training Program Certification (BLR 12325) (do not use for project with Federal Funds)  
e. Affidavit of Illinois Business Office (BLR 12326) (do not use for project with Federal Funds)  
5. The quantities appearing in the bid schedule are approximate and are prepared for the comparison of bids. Payment to the Contractor will be made only for the actual quantities of work performed and accepted or materials furnished according to the contract. The scheduled quantities of work to be done and materials to be furnished may be increased, decreased, or omitted as hereinafter provided.

#### PUBLIC NOTICE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS STATE OF ILLINOIS )

SS  
COUNTY OF OGLE )  
Public Notice is hereby given to all persons in Ogle County that a Public Hearing will be held April 27, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. in the County Board Room #317, 3rd floor of the Ogle County Courthouse, 105 S. 5th St., Oregon, Illinois, to consider the request filed March 14, 2023 of Mark Miller, Ogle County Planning & Zoning Administrator, under the direction of the Planning & Zoning Committee of the Ogle County Board for an Amendment to the text of the Ogle County Ammendatory Zoning Ordinance, as follows:  
1. Table of Contents  
2. Division 2, Section 16-2-2: Rules and Definitions  
3. Division 6, Section 16-6-28: Regulation of Commercial Wind Energy Facilities and Commercial Solar Energy Facilities

6. Submission of a bid shall be conclusive assurance and warranty the bidder has examined the plans and understands all requirements for the performance of work. The bidder will be responsible for all errors in the proposal resulting from failure or neglect to conduct an in-depth examination. The Awarding Authority will, in no case, be responsible for any costs, expenses, losses or changes in anticipated profits resulting from such failure or neglect of the bidder.  
7. The bidder shall take no advantage of any error or omission in the proposal and advertised contract.  
8. If a special envelope is supplied by the Awarding Authority, each proposal should be submitted in that envelope furnished by the Awarding Agency and the blank spaces on the envelope shall be filled in correctly to clearly indicate its contents. When an envelope other than the special one furnished by the Awarding Authority is used, it shall be marked to clearly indicate its contents. When sent by mail, the sealed proposal shall be addressed to the Awarding Authority at the address and in care of the official in whose office the bids are to be received. All proposals shall be filed prior to the time and place specified in the Notice to Bidders. Proposals received after the time specified will be returned to the bidder unopened.  
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. 0408  
(April 3, 2023)

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held on the proposed budget for the City of Byron, Ogle County, Illinois, for the fiscal year commencing May 1, 2023 and ending April 30, 2024. The hearing will be held on Wednesday, April 19, 2023 at 6:25 pm at Byron City Hall, 232 W. Second Street, Byron, Illinois 61010. The proposed budget is available at Byron City Hall for review.  
City of Byron, a Municipal Corporation  
John Rickard, Mayor  
No. 0410  
(April 3, 2023)

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

The Byron Park District will be accepting bids for drainage pipe. All bids are due by 2:00PM on Friday, April 7, 2023. The materials and specifications are available from the Executive Director. To request a materials and specifications list, please call the Executive Director at 815-234-6277 or email [pzepezauer@byronparks.org](mailto:pzepezauer@byronparks.org).  
No. 0411  
(April 3, 2023)

#### PUBLIC NOTICE LEAF RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING DATES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023/2024

Board Meetings will be held the 3rd Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m., April 2023 through March 2024, at the Leaf River Township Building, 12 Main Street, Leaf River.  
Dates: April 17, May 15, June 19, July 17, August 21, September 18, October 16, November 20, December 18, January 15 (2024), February 19 (2024), and March 18 (2024).  
No. 0412  
(April 3, 2023)

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### 305 GARAGE SALE

Garage Sale April 6th - 8th 8-5 except Sat. until Noon at 5867 N. Cox Rd., Stillman Valley - Watch for Signs Vintage chrome table and chairs, jewelry, collectibles, air compressor, wrenches, tools, Stihl blower, trimmer, lots of misc.

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The farm contains a total of 90.458 acres, will be sold in 1 tract and represents productive, tillable farmland with a small wooded and grassland area suitable for recreational purposes.

**SNYDER FARM**  
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