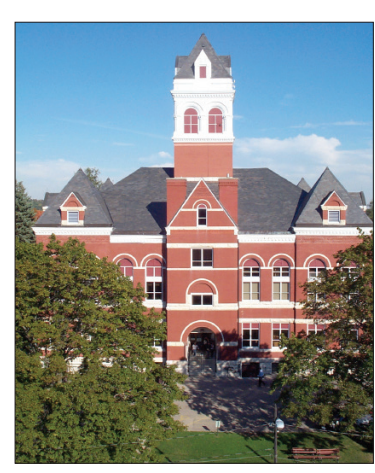


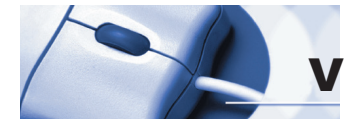


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Consolidated election results for Ogle County

City, village and school board races take place

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

OGLE COUNTY — Local races took place in Ogle County during the April 4 Consolidated Election. The county saw a 19.4 percent voter turnout with 6,349 ballots cast of 32,648 total registered voters.

On election day, 4,486 ballots

were cast (70.7 percent), 491 ballots were cast during early voting (7.7 percent) and 1,372 ballots were cast by mail (21.6 percent).

Oregon

Oregon Mayor Ken Williams (318 votes, 57.3 percent) was reelected Tuesday over Michael Ariens (237 votes, 42.7 percent).

City of Oregon Commissioners Terry Schuster, Melanie Cozzi, Kurtis Wilson and Timothy Krug ran unopposed Tuesday.

Polo

For the City of Polo, the race for ward two alderperson saw Larry Weaver (72 votes, 67.2 percent) defeat Beth Sundman (35 votes, 32.7 percent).

Forreton

For the Village of Forreton board, Kenneth Vinnedge (116 votes, 29.9 percent), Monty Cotter (124 votes, 32 percent) and Gary Buss (85 votes, 21.9 percent) were elected over Mahmoud Zayed (62 votes, 16 percent).

See **ELECTION** page 3

2nd Annual Village of Progress Winter Games awards ceremony held

Ceremony marks end of 10 weeks of competition

OREGON — The Oregon Park District hosted the second annual Winter Games Awards Ceremony on Thursday, March 23. The ceremony is a culmination of 10 weeks of competitive games with the Village of Progress. Over the 10 week period the athletes competed in football, soccer, basketball and hockey.

The Winter Games are made possible through the generous donation from the Oregon Park District's presenting sponsor, E.D. Etnyre & Co.

The athletes entered the ceremony to the horns played by Oregon Junior Senior High School teachers Miles Beske, Andy Eckardt and Zach Hall.

The Star Spangled Banner was performed by the quartet of Mark Tremble, Miles Beske, Andy Eckardt and Zach Hall.

Following introductions by Oregon Park District Executive Director Erin Folk and Neal Trainor, Oregon Park District VOP coordinator, the athletes enjoyed hearing from OJSHS Principal Dr. Heidi Deininger. Deininger spoke to the character and strengths the athletes possess. Sportsmanship was the common theme over the past 10 weeks.

Medals were presented to the following athletes:

Event one: Football - longest throw: Gold – Cameron (Rochelle), Silver – Clo (DeKalb) and Bronze – Karl (Stillman Valley).

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Rochelle Christian Food Pantry seeing record need numbers

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE — The Rochelle Christian Food Pantry saw 1,000 more visits and spent \$30,000 more in 2022 than it did in 2021, Board President Cal Jacobs said.

The food pantry also added 300 new clients in 2022, and Jacobs said trends have stayed the same so far in 2023. In January, the RCFP saw an all-time record high of 475 visits. In February, it set a record for that month at 388 visits. Jacobs said March 30 that the month of March was headed for another record.

"Last Tuesday we had 58 visits and the Friday before that we had 74, which is an all-time record for one day," Jacobs said. There's a real need out there. A lot of people lost their food stamps or had their LINK card reduced from \$800 a month to \$300 a month. The price of natural gas has gone up a bunch and has hurt a lot of people. A lot of people have had their rent taken up by \$75 a month. There's just all kinds of factors that are making our numbers grow. And I don't see them slowing down for quite some time."

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GAMES: Awards handed out following 10-week competition

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Event two: Football - best accuracy throw: Gold – Matthew (Stillman Valley), Silver – Jessica (Lindenwood) and Bronze – Chris (Rochelle).

Event three: Basketball - speed dribble: Gold – Adon (Rochelle), Silver – Austin (Byron) and Bronze – Sue (Leaf River).

Event four: Basketball - most lay ups: Gold – JR (Stillman Valley), Silver – Matthew (Stillman Valley) and Bronze – Chris (Rochelle).

Event five: Basketball - dribble down and back: Gold – Brian (Oregon), Silver – Tony (Lindenwood) and Bronze – Darren (Polo) and Sam (Holcomb).

Event six: Hockey - longest shot: Gold – JR (Stillman Valley), Silver – Ben (Oregon) and Bronze – Liz (Oregon).

Event seven: Hockey - most saves: Gold – Summer (Oregon), Silver – Cameron (Rochelle) and Bronze – Rebecca (Byron).

Event eight: Soccer - speed/dribble control:

Gold – Rachel (Mt. Morris), Silver – Jim (Oregon) and Bronze – Clo (DeKalb) and Tim (Oregon).

Event nine: Soccer - most goals: Gold – Hope (Rochelle), Silver – James (Rochelle) and Bronze – Sharon (Rockford).

Event 10: Soccer - most saves: Gold – Stacey (Oregon), Silver – Sherri (Rochelle) and Bronze – Darren (Polo)

Leadership & MVP awards

These athletes demonstrated sportsmanship, enthusiasm and leadership at every turn. Winners in each category were: Football MVP – Cameron (Rochelle), Basketball MVP – Matthew (Stillman Valley), Hockey MVP – JR (Stillman Valley) and Soccer MVP – Hope (Rochelle).

The ceremony concluded with everyone's favorite activity...dancing! The crowd joined Oregon Park District and Village of Progress for the YMCA, Macarena and the chicken dance.



At left, over the 10-week period the athletes competed in football, soccer, basketball and hockey. Shown is the awards ceremony. Above, the ceremony concluded with everyone's favorite activity, dancing. The crowd joined Oregon Park District and Village of Progress for the YMCA, Macarena and the chicken dance.



At left, VOP Winter Games athletes receiving their medals. Above, The quartet of Zach Hall, Mark Tremble, Miles Beske and Andy Eckardt sang the Star Spangled Banner for the athletes. (Courtesy photos)

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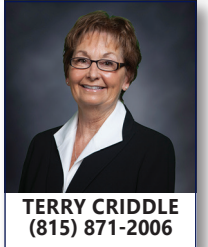
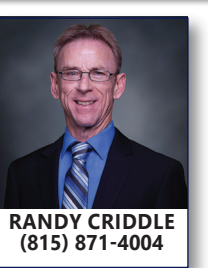
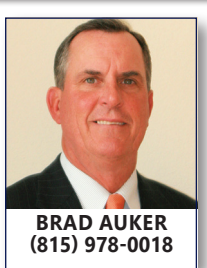
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LOCAL NEWS

ELECTION: Voters turn out for April 4 election

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For the Oregon Park District Board of Commissioners, Mark Tremble (650 votes, 30.3 percent), Brian Beckman (564 votes, 26.3 percent) and Maia Johnson (590 votes, 27.5 percent) were elected over George Howe Jr. (343 votes, 15.9 percent).

For the Oregon Public Library District, Martha Bohrer (533 votes, 41.7 percent) and Richard Bunton (390 votes, 30.5 percent) won six-year trustee seats over Todd West (356 votes, 27.8 percent). For two-year terms on the board, Karly Spell (613 votes, 36.4 percent) and Randi Webb (539 votes, 32 percent) won seats over John Young (531 votes, 31.6 percent).

For the Meridian Community Unit School District Board, Dustin Collins (624 votes, 19.8 percent), John W. Smith III (620 votes, 19.7 percent) and Karl Hall (565 votes, 17.9 percent) earned seats over John P. Seper (343 votes, 10.9 percent), Matthew Reynolds (367 votes, 11.6 percent), Jennifer Maahs (202 votes, 6.4 percent) and Larry McAnarney (433 votes, 13.7 percent).

For the Oregon Community Unit School District Board, Mary Jo Griffin (847 votes, 24.2 percent), Molly Herman Baker (787 votes, 22.5 percent) and Stephanie Haugh (693 votes, 19.8 percent) earned seats over Bruce Obendorf (621 votes, 17.7 percent) and Aaron Mudge (556 votes, 15.9 percent).

For the Polo Community Unit School District Board, Richard Knutson (455 votes, 23.4 percent), Jennifer L. Grobe (429 votes, 22 percent), Deanna Mumford (360 votes, 18.5 percent) and Michael Z. Collins earned seats over Suzanne Hall Stout (261



votes, 13.4 percent) and Jessica May (176 votes, nine percent).

For the Byron Community Unit School District Board, Mary Jo Casens (532 votes, 19.3 percent), Danny Reed (441 votes, 15.9 percent), Rachel A. Muszynski (435 votes, 15.8 percent) and Darrel "Phillip" Kesler (431 votes, 15.6 percent) earned seats over Jeff Monson (323 votes, 11.7 percent), Pete Rosa (256 votes, 9.3 percent) and Kory Spear (341 votes, 12.4 percent).

A proposition that authorizes the Monroe Township Fire and Ambulance Protection District to levy a new tax of .10 percent of the equalized assessed value of the taxable property in the district for emergency and rescue crews and equipment purposes passed 133-95.

For the 2022 tax levy year, the approximate amount of the additional tax extendable against property containing a single-family residence and having a fair market value at the time of the referendum of \$100,000 is estimated to be \$33.33.



Eagle's Nest Art Group Spring Show is April 29

OREGON — Eagle's Nest Art Group invites the public to attend its annual Spring Membership Art Show. The opening reception is on Saturday, April 29 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Come to see some of the best in local art by local artists from Oregon, Mt. Morris, Byron, Dixon, Forreston, Rochelle, Sterling, Rock Falls and Rockford.

The show continues on Sunday, April 30 and Saturday and Sunday, May 6-7, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. The ENAG gallery is on the second floor of Conover Square Mall,

located at 201 N. Third St., Oregon. An elevator is available.

Artists will be on hand to welcome you. Refreshments will be served.

A wide variety of original art will be on display including: oil, acrylic & watercolor paintings, glass work, pottery, gourd art, calligraphy and drawings. Also included is a fine selection of art prints and cards for sale.

In support of the Hands On Oregon project, ENAG is selling specially marked art pieces. All of the proceeds go to help with the work of this non-for-profit

community project.

The annual art show is dedicated to celebrating the long history of art in this community. The Eagle's Nest Art Group began in 1957 and continues to support the work of local artists with art shows, programs and classes. More information about the group will be available at the show.

The shops of Conover Square will be open during show hours. The show is free. Parking is plentiful.

For more information call (815)732-7783 or (815)734-6594.

PANTRY: Volunteer numbers still abundant

From page 1

The food pantry is open Tuesdays and Fridays from 1-3:30 pm. About a dozen volunteers are on staff for each opening. There are two lanes for vehicles and the inside lane is for drive thru and patrons receive a box of meat, dry goods and produce. The outside lane is all choice, and patrons can come into the pantry and choose their own dry goods, produce, bread and meat.

Jacobs called seeing recent increases in food prices "crazy." Eggs are one example of price increases that have been seen, but the RCFP has "luckily" been supplied with eggs by the Northern Illinois Food Bank, Jacobs said. The RCFP recently submitted a grant application to the Rochelle Area Community Foundation to be able to supply all of its families for an entire year with gallons of milk and dozens of eggs.

Jacobs said other area food pantries are seeing the same increase in need, and that the need differs each day that the RCFP is open.

"I actually like the bigger numbers because it makes the day go faster," Jacobs said. "The days when we only have 30-35 can be a little boring. But the days when we have 70, that's a good day. It's great. The more people we can help, the better."

Two of the RCFP's biggest donors are ALDI and Walmart. When its van comes back from those grocery stores with donations, it's full, Jacobs said. The food pantry also gets two deliveries a month from the Northern Illinois Food Bank at a reduced cost. So far, the community's need hasn't been anything the food pantry can't handle, Jacobs said. Monetary donations have also helped it

to continue to offer services to anyone who needs them.

"We're very lucky that we live in Rochelle," Jacobs said. "Rochelle is a very generous community. I don't have any concern about meeting people's needs in the future. Because we always seem to find a way to get it done. That's why Christian is in our name. I've said it many times, we live in a great community."

April is National Volunteer Month, and Jacobs said that despite the recent pandemic, the RCFP's volunteer numbers are right where he'd like them to be.

Churches and local civic organizations send volunteers each week.

Jacobs called the food pantry's volunteers "incredible," and he said it makes him proud to call Rochelle home.

"They always show up and we get the job done, no matter what gets thrown at us," Jacobs said. "They're just unbelievably good people. And they're very kind, generous and treat the clients as well as they can be treated. I can't say enough about our volunteers. And that speaks about the whole city. Every time a crisis

"I don't have any concern about meeting people's needs in the future. Because we always seem to find a way to get it done. That's why Christian is in our name."

Cal Jacobs

comes to a family in this town, the whole town steps up and takes care of it. You don't find that everywhere. We're very fortunate. And I don't think everybody knows that. We offer a lot."

Jacobs himself made volunteering and giving back a goal when he retired. He was involved with the RACF for eight years total, including six as RACF board president.

"2020 was my last year there and I ran into Jennie O'Rourke at the From the Heart gala and started asking her about the pantry," Jacobs said. "I came in and started volunteering and after a couple months I was asked to join the board. At the end of the year, they asked me to be president. I said whatever it takes to help. I like giving back."

If you would like to make a donation to the Rochelle Christian Food Pantry or volunteer, contact the food pantry at 815-562-6654 or rochellefoodpantry@gmail.com.



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LOCAL NEWS

Area 4-H camp counselors train for this summer's camp

OREGON — Twenty-eight local teens will soon serve as 4-H Camp Counselors for over 150 youth for the 2023 Northwestern IL 4-H Camp in Polo. While camp is a fantastic way to teach younger children to make good decisions, learn to be independent, make lifelong friendships and gain new skills, the experience for camp counselors is just as impactful, if not more. Stepping in as a parent and taking on the responsibility for someone else's child is a powerful experience for our teen counselors, who have participated in mandatory trainings since January.

Because many of our camp counselors have been campers, they understand the impact they can leave on a camper for life. These teens also gain an appreciation for volunteerism and devote over 200 hours of their time to train, plan, and participate in the counselor experience. "When I was a camper, I had a goal of one day becoming a camp counselor. I looked up to my counselors and wanted to be just like them," says Quinn James, current camp counselor.

The opportunity to build life skills like employability, responsibility, character, caring, and respect are also take-aways for these teenage counselors. "Camp isn't just a week away from your home, but a week full of memories to last a lifetime. I have met some of my best friends through Camp and 4-H. Going to Camp has always been something I look forward to all year. Looking up

to my counselors while I was a camper definitely encouraged me to be a counselor once I was old enough. "Five years later, I have loved every year of being a counselor," shares Ellie Rothermel.

Johnna Jennings, University of Illinois Extension 4-H & Youth Development Unit Educator, adds, "Our camp counselors are very dedicated and committed individuals that are big believers in that 4-H camp experience for youth. They know the joys of 4-H Camp and realize that many campers look forward to that one week this summer. The counselors work hard to ensure the youth are safe, healthy, and having a good time. These teen counselors are not getting paid to serve in this role, but instead, they are volunteering their time and talent to be trained to be the best possible counselors. In exchange for their time, the teens develop tremendous leadership skills, the ability to work well with others, enhanced communication skills, and the admiration from our 4-H campers and camp staff for a job well done. We are thrilled to have so many wonderful teen counselors on our team for this year's 4-H Camp."

A study conducted by the 4-H Camp staff with counselors and counselor alums indicated that the top five skills counselors develop as a result of their training, and on-the-job experiences are: 5) to work with others as a team; 4) to act as leaders by setting an example; 3) how to make real, life-



(COURTESY PHOTO)

Counselor Training: The 2023 4-H Camp Counselors gathered for their March training at the Ogle County Extension Office in Oregon. Left-right back row: Campbell Russo, Armando Batista, Dawson Stache, Damon Dittmar, Ellie Rothermel, Kyle Haas, Jackson Wells, Riley Bourquin, Lucas Odle, Sarah Rothermel, Frank Ciangi and Robbie Thurow. Middle row: Adelein Halstad, Paige Dykstra, Ashton Miller, Quinn James, Carson Conderman, Olivia Carlson and Jordan Heimann. Front row: Jenna Haas, Maggie Penate, Hannah Zinke, Katie Eggsmeyer, Grace Costello and Allison Duggan (not pictured: Lydia Esterbrook, Carissa Hinderman, and Cody Noller)

long friends; 2) the importance of being prepared, and 1) to be responsible for the care of children.

The 2023 4-H Camp Counselor Team is ready for a fun-filled camp! Counselors include Armando Batista (Pecatonica), Riley Bourquin (Warren), Olivia Carlson (Rockton), Frank Ciangi (Galena), Carson Conderman (Byron), Grace Costello (Stillman Valley), Damon Dittmar (Elizabeth), Allison Duggan (Thomson),

Paige Dykstra (Fulton), Katie Eggmeyer (Morrison), Lydia Esterbrook (Rockford), Jenna Haas (Stockton), Kyle Haas (Stockton), Adelein Halstad (Rockford), Jordan Heimann (Warren), Carissa Hinderman (Warren), Quinn James (Morrison), Ashton Miller (Galena), Cody Noller (Stockton), Lucas Odle (Paw Paw), Maggie Penate (Sycamore), Sarah and Ellie Rothermel (Durand), Campbell Russo (Rockford), Dawson Stache

(Rock City), Robbie Thurow (Davis Junction), Jackson Wells (Pecatonica) and Hannah Zinke (Morrison).

4-H Day Camp is set for Sunday, June 11 to Thursday, June 15 at Rock River Christian Camp, Polo. We are thrilled that 4-H Camp is back to overnight. 4-H Camp is open to ALL boys and girls, ages 8-14, by June 11. 4-H membership is not required; however, all participants will be expected to comply with the same high behavior

standards expected of 4-Hers.

The cost is \$350 for active 4-H members and \$370 for non-members. All camp fees must be paid in full by May 15. Download a camper application online or register online at: <https://extension.illinois.edu/bdo/northern-illinois-4-h-camp>. You may also call an office near you: Jo Daviess County at 815-858-2273; Ogle County Extension at 815-732-2191; or Whiteside Counties at 815-632-3611.

Illinois Extension program offers online gardening training

OREGON — For 48 years, University of Illinois Extension Master Gardeners have measured success by gardens planted, insects identified, produce harvested and the millions of hours volunteers have logged by helping others learn to grow.

Take your love of gardening to the next level in 2023 by joining an online training course that will be offered through Ogle County Extension. Whether you're interested in the Master Gardener certification process and continuing on to volunteer in your community, or

you're simply interested in bettering your own gardening knowledge, Illinois Gardener Training is for you.

Online training is again being offered starting June 12. This self-guided course is for Illinois residents and can be taken from the comfort of home on a desktop, laptop or tablet.

"Our online training is a great opportunity for folks who need more flexibility to participate," State Master Gardener Specialist Candice Anderson said. "It is a self-paced program that can be completed at any time."

The training includes

videos, a manual, reading materials, and quizzes. The course can be completed in 14 weeks with four hours of weekly work. A strong internet connection is highly recommended.

This course is aimed at exposing participants to in-depth horticulture content through 13 modules including soils and fertilizers, plant diseases, entomology, pest management organic gardening and more. For more information, visit <https://extension.illinois.edu/mg/become-master-gardener>.

The course costs \$300 and registration is open until May 22. Local fees

may also apply. For more information, contact your local Illinois Extension Office at go.illinois.edu/ExtensionOffice. Not all counties are offering the online training option.

After finishing training, participants have the option to put their newfound gardening knowledge to use by applying to become an Illinois Extension Master Gardener Volunteer. To become a Master Gardener, you must fill out and submit an application by contacting your local county extension office. After the local coordinator reviews the application, applicants will be asked for

an interview. Acceptance of trainees will be based on an established need for local Master Gardener volunteer activities. Please note that different counties have different periods for accepting applications and applying does not guarantee acceptance, as some units receive more applications than spaces available for training.

Master Gardener volunteers participate in education programs in their communities. Those opportunities may include speaking at garden clubs, civic groups or schools; answering calls or emails at garden help desks;

establishing demonstration gardens that serve as educational tools and educating citizens on how to establish community gardens.

University of Illinois Extension provides equal opportunities in programs and employment. If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in programming, contact Cindy Jankiewicz, Ogle County Extension program coordinator at 815-732-2191 or email at cjankie@illinois.edu. Early requests are strongly encouraged to allow sufficient time for meeting participant needs.

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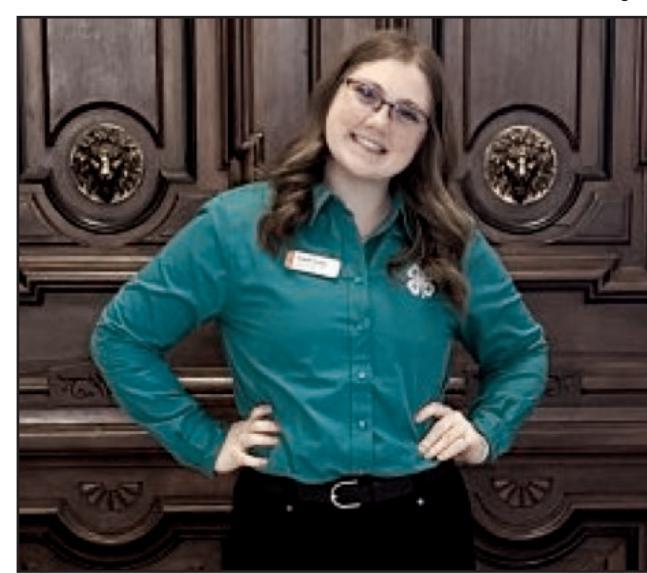
Ogle County's Prose, Carlson awarded scholarships for 4-H excellence, mastery

URBANA — The career achievements of Illinois 4-H members are being celebrated with \$45,000 in scholarships awarded by the Illinois 4-H Foundation.

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

"These youth exhibit excellence and mastery in these interest areas," Lisa Diaz, University of Illinois Extension assistant dean and 4-H director said. "These awards celebrate the hard work, dedication, growth, and leadership these youth have exhibited."

Forty-five young adults were chosen as scholarship winners in one of nine divisions of the State 4-H Award. Each winner receives a \$1,000 scholarship. The Civil Engagement & Global Living award



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recognizes youth that have focused on 4-H work in service to/for others. The winners include Gracie Prose, Ogle County. This award is sponsored by Pat Clickener, Barbara & George Clark, Dr. Janice Seitz, and the Illinois 4-H Foundation Legacy Endowment.

The Personal Growth award recognizes youth that have focused on personal growth through their

participation in the 4-H program. The winners include Lauren Carlson, Ogle County. This award is sponsored by Pat Clickener, Barbara & George Clark, Dr. Janice Seitz, and the Illinois 4-H Foundation Legacy Endowment.

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LOCAL NEWS

St. Paul Lutheran Church celebrates 175 years

Celebratory service will be held on Sunday, April 23

OREGON — The year commonly accepted as the beginning of the City of Oregon is 1843; services for the first Lutheran Church were held in 1844. The first services were held in the old Spoor Hotel, formerly located on the corner of Fifth and Washington Streets. Later services were held in the Phelps schoolhouse. Occasional services were held from 1844-1948 when the Oregon congregation was organized as a congregation of the Synod of Illinois. The first name of the congregation was “The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Oregon, Illinois.” The organizational date was March 16, 1848. Pastor Stroh was named chairman of the congregation and the board of trustees and Charles W. Haller secretary.

The congregation purchased a lot on the north side of the courthouse square, approximately where the World War II veterans memorial monument now stands. Just over two years after the congregation was organized, the cornerstone was laid, April 27, 1850. There were 64 active members in the congregation in 1852.

In 1851, “The Ladies Philanthropic Sewing Society of Oregon” was formed. Through the society’s efforts, with help of interested citizens of the community, \$300 was raised for the purchase of a bell that was hung in the only place available, the tower of the Lutheran Church. St. Paul had the only church building in the city at the time. When the bell was given it was understood that it would be used for the benefit of both congregation and community. In addition to ringing the time of services each Sunday, the bell was used to alert the community to events of local or national importance. Records indicate that it was rung in joyous celebration on April 9, 1865, Palm Sunday, when the news was received that General Robert E. Lee had surrendered his Army of Northern Virginia to the Army of the Potomac and Lt. General Ulysses S. Grant at Appomattox Court House. The bell sounded again the following Saturday to announce the grim news that on Good Friday night President Abraham Lincoln had been murdered in Ford’s Theatre, Washington, D.C.

By 1858 the membership of St. Paul had increased to 98 active members. In its first 25 years the congregation has been served by eight pastors. In 1873-1876 a parsonage was built for the sum of \$1,530 and a pipe organ was purchased for the church at a cost of \$1,500. The middle of the 1870s mark the beginning of more difficult time in the life of St. Paul as other denominations organized congregations in the community and some of St. Paul’s members became active in these newer

churches. By the 1870s - 1880s the membership dropped below 100.

On June 3, 1894 the name of the church was officially changed to “St. Paul’s Evangelical Lutheran Church of Illinois.” With the building of the new courthouse, the church was left standing on a high bank of dirt and was considered a detriment to the appearance of the square. The only solution was to tear down the church. The congregation sold their property back to the county for \$1,500. Lots were purchased on the northwest corner of Fifth and Jefferson Streets at a Master in Chancery sale on June 28, 1892. The total cost for the lots was \$870. The cornerstone for the new building was laid on June 22, 1893. The ground-breaking ceremony had taken place on April 28 of that year. On Dec. 17, 1893 the first service was held in the new building. The cost of the new red brick building was approximately \$9,000. The old parsonage was sold in 1874 for \$1,100. In 1903 a new parsonage was built directly north of the red church. That parsonage was later sold and moved to River Road.

The next 50 years of the church’s history are unfortunately lost. The early years of the 1900s must have been relatively difficult for the congregation. In the first decade of the 1900s a meeting of the congregation was held to determine if the congregation should remain open or disband. Only nine members attended the meeting, Mrs. Myra Cox (a young widow who had been left with a large family of small children to raise) stated her views. She did not think that the church should be closed. She believed that if everyone in the congregation would pray hard and work hard, with God’s help the church would survive. The people at the meeting were so impressed by her words and faith that the decision was made \$51.92. January 1, 1898 records show a beginning balance of \$.57.

During the 1920s pastors walked to a farm located near Unimin to call on congregation members and then proceeded to walk to the farm owned by the Young family, currently the Jamey Young farm, on Oregon Trail Road, for confirmation classes with the children of Albert Young.

With a congregation of 400 confirmed and 600 baptized members, the congregation voted to build a new church on June 3, 1954. Ground breaking ceremonies for the new church were held on April 28, 1957. The building would be constructed directly west of the red brick church. This church is still in use today. The total cost of the building was \$186,734.95. The debt was retired on April 24, 1966.

In 1948 under the Refuge Plan, the churches of America were invited to assist in handling placements for displaced persons in America. St. Paul’s Brotherhood agreed to sponsor 22 of these people, agreeing to find homes and employment for them. Of the 22 agreed upon, 16 eventually came to Oregon, mainly from the Baltic states of whom 13 moved on to different communities and different jobs. Three, the Harry Nurmet family, remained in Oregon.

A service of farewell was held for the 1893 structure in June 1971. Demolition began in July. The new building was ready to receive its date-stone on Nov. 7, 1971. By Easter 1972 the building was being used for Sunday School.

On Jan. 11, 1970, the congregation voted to accept a new Howell pipe organ as a gift from June S. Etnyre and William S. Etnyre. The organ, which eventually included about half of the pipes of the former Reuter organ, was given in memory of George M. Etnyre.

St. Paul thrived over the next 50 years as a church that grew by being a supportive family of believers striving to always be Christ-like to our neighbors.

St. Paul has been served by 42 pastors, full-time and interim, in its 175 years. The ladies sewing society started in 1851 and is still active. During the past 25 years more than 600 quilts, 25 lap robes, 135 health kits, 151 school kits and 74 baby layettes have been donated to Lutheran World Relief and NALC Disaster Response. The congregation is very proud of the fact that from 1918, the year that the United Lutheran Church in America was formed, St. Paul has each year met its responsibility for the work of the church beyond the local congregation. A record that stayed intact until 2012, until joining the NALC (North American Lutheran Church), which does not require a pledge from its members.

A Celebratory Service will be held on Sunday, April 23. Previous pastors as well as pastors who attended St. Paul as youth (Michael McPherson, deceased; Ed Davis; Brad Davis, Wayne Stroschein) have been invited to join us. Bishop Dan Selbo of the NALC will be the guest speaker for the service. Pastors Carl Rasmussen and Phil Gronbach, present interim pastors, will conduct the service. A celebratory luncheon will be held at River’s Edge Experience at 1 p.m. that day. St. Paul is very proud of its history and with God’s help and guidance, we hope to continue for another 175 years, 25 at a time!

Material taken from St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, Oregon, IL 1848-1973 by Armin G. Weng

ISP announce results of distracted driving enforcement

OGLE COUNTY — Illinois State Police (ISP) Troop 1 Commander Joseph Blanchette announces the results of Distracted Driving Enforcement Program patrols held in Ogle and Winnebago during March. This program provided extra patrol coverage for ISP officers to focus on saving lives and reducing serious crashes by enforcing distracted driving laws.

Hand-held phone/driver citations: 11, texting while driving citations: two, other types of distracted driving citations: zero, total distracted driving citations: 13, total distracted driving written warnings: zero, total of all citations: 34 and total of all written warnings: eight.

The extra enforcement patrols were made possible by federal traffic safety funds administered by the Illinois Department of Transportation.



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LOCAL NEWS

ISP announces results of occupant restraint enforcement patrols

OGLE COUNTY — Illinois State Police (ISP) Troop 1 Commander Captain Joseph Blanchette announces the results of occupant restraint enforcement patrols (OREP) held in Ogle, Lee, Stephenson, Whiteside and Winnebago Counties during March. These OREPs provided extra patrol coverage for the ISP so officers could focus on saving lives by making sure all vehicle occupants were buckled up.

Safety belt citations: 52, child restraint citations: three, total citations: 110 and total written warnings: 14.

Most motorists know safety belts save lives, but some ignore their safety and that of their families by neglecting to use safety belts and child restraint devices. These patrols reinforce the occupant protection message by focusing on those who ignore the law. Lives can be saved if people simply “buckle up!” This project is funded through the Illinois Department of Transportation.

POLO POLICE DEPARTMENT

POLO — On March 28 at 10:31 p.m. Jelani Christopher Woods, 20, Polo, was arrested for an outstanding Ogle County warrant and resisting/obstructing a police officer. Woods was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

The Polo Police De-

partment also released its general calls for service from the weeks of March 20-April 2. Citizen complaints/assists: 13, juvenile: one, animal complaint: four, disturbance/domestic: one, fire/medical assists: four, 911 hang up: one and county assists: four.



Polo Lions Club hosts 38th annual toy show

On Saturday, March 4, the Polo Lions Club had their 38th Annual Toy Show at the Polo Community High School. Lions members Cynthia Reynolds and Jeff Short took money at the front desk as people came into the show. Dealers and buyers alike enjoyed the show. There were about 360 people that paid to go through. It was a successful day. (Courtesy photo)

Country Crossroads Quilt Guild to host April 17 program

FORRESTON — For its program for Monday April 17 at 7 p.m., Country Crossroads Quilt

Guild will host Rhonda Streich from Sassy Farm Chicks Quilt Company in Orfordville, Wisconsin, who will present a trunk show. Rhonda will also be presenting a workshop for the members, starting at 10 a.m., teaching a fabric strip technique to create a Mariner’s Compass.

Also save the date of May 15. We have a very special musical entertainment program planned featuring Lil Rev (Marc Revenson)

- a heart-warming, one-man show that weaves a unique tapestry of songs, stories, poems and quilting lore. He dedicates his program to the millions of quilters whose gifts of patience have kept the world warm in the thick of winter, brought a piece of home to the thick of war, and showered daily lives with a love that is unique to all who strive to let their stitches tell the story. You won’t want to miss this fun evening. Guild meetings are

held at the Forreston Grove Church, 7246 Freeport Road; Forreston, the third Monday of each month at 7 p.m. with ample time to meet and greet members before the meeting. Visitors are very much welcome; for visitors there is a fee of \$5 at the door. For more information call Program Committee Chairs Dawn Vehmeier 815-291-4592 or Ann Tully 815-238-2218, or Guild President Shelly Holverson 815-297-2381.

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OREGON POLICE DEPARTMENT

March 27

At 1:38 p.m., Oregon Police issued Jessica L. Nehring, 38, Byron, 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.

March 28

At 7:21 a.m., Oregon Police issued Shirley I. Schuller, 43, Oregon, a citation for operating a vehicle with an expired registration. This violation occurred in the 100 block of South 4th Street.

At 8:18 a.m., Oregon Police arrested Hayley A. Gordon, 22, Dixon, on two Lee County warrants for failure to appear. Gordon was also issued a citation for no valid driver’s license. Gordon was transported to the Ogle County Jail. These violations occurred in the 600 block of North 4th Street.

At 4:18 p.m., Oregon Police issued Chalee G. Mueller, 22, Mt. Morris, a citation for failure to wear a seat belt as a driver. This violation occurred in the 500 block of Jefferson Street.

At 9:02 p.m., Oregon Police cited a 16-year-old juvenile of Oregon for violating the graduated driver’s license program for drivers less than 18 having too many passengers. This violation occurred near the 5th and Jackson Street intersection.

March 29

At 9:58 a.m., Oregon Police issued Owen M. King, 18, of Oak Creek, Wisconsin, a citation for speeding 49 miles per hour in a 30-miles per hour zone. This violation occurred in the 600 block of North 4th Street.

At 11:46 a.m., Oregon Police issued Ralph A. Milliman, 69, Oregon, a city citation for violating the dogs running at large ordinance. This violation occurred

in the 600 block of Monroe Street.

At 10:21 p.m., Oregon Police cited a 16-year-old juvenile of Oregon for violating the graduated driver’s license program for drivers less than 18 having too many passengers, disobeying a traffic control device and no driver’s license. These violations occurred at the intersection of Mix and Monroe Streets.

March 31

At 11:22 a.m., Oregon Police arrested Jason R. Grenoble, 40, Polo, for driving while license revoked. This violation occurred in the 100 block of North 4th Street.

At 2:23 p.m., Oregon Police responded to a two-vehicle traffic crash in the Dollar General parking lot, 1050 Pines Road, involving a 2016 Chevrolet driven by Ronald J. Weber, 76, Dixon, and a 2006 Dodge driven by a 16-year-old juvenile of Oregon. No citations were issued.

April 1

At 8:46 p.m., Oregon Police issued Alissa M. Lewis, 31, Dixon, a citation for speeding 46 miles per hour in a 30-miles per hour zone. This violation occurred in the 600 block of North 4th Street.

At 10:42 p.m., Oregon Police issued Mona R. Coyle, 62, Dixon, a citation for operating a vehicle with an expired registration. This violation occurred in the 100 block of South 4th Street.

April 2

At 9:11 p.m., Oregon Police issued Katie J. Smith, 42, of Monroe Center, a citation for operating an uninsured motor vehicle. This violation occurred in the 300 block of East Washington Street.

Six parking citations and 13 verbal warnings issued during the week of March 27 through April 2.



Mt. Morris February Finds donates to moose lodge, fire foundation

Edie White, organizer for Mt. Morris February Finds Antique and collectibles market, recently presented a donation to Ed Goldstick, Mt. Morris Moose Lodge, from proceeds raised during the antique market held in February. Pictured at left is Mt. Morris Fire Chief Rob Hough also accepting a donation from the Mt. Morris Fire Foundation from proceeds raised during the market.

LOCAL NEWS

County paint, aerosol recycling and shredding event is April 15

OREGON — The Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department (OCSWMD) will be hosting a latex paint/aerosol can recycling and document shredding event on Saturday, April 15 at 909 Pines Road in Oregon. This event is for Ogle County residents only and identification is required. No permits are required for this recycling event.



Latex paint will be collected for recycling from 8 a.m. until noon. The OCSWMD will subsidize the cost to recycle the first 10 containers of latex paint. Any additional containers of latex paint will be charged the full price to recycle. Cash, credit card or checks payable to "EarthPaint.org" will be accepted for payment. See the fee structure at www.oglecountyil.gov for liquid paint recycling.

Aerosol cans, small 14-16-ounce propane cylinders, and small butane cylinders will also be accepted by Flatcan Recycling. There is no cost for up to 10 containers. Most aerosol spray products will be accepted for recycling.

Flatcan Recycling will also accept alkaline batteries for recycling for \$4 per pound and one child car seat at no charge. Additional child car seats will be \$20 per seat.

Secure, on-site document shredding will be conducted by Freeport Recycling's Shred-Beast truck from 9 a.m. to noon. There is a limit of three banker boxes per vehicle. There is no cost to residents for paper shredding, because the OCSWMD will cover the cost of the Shred-Beast truck and staff.

In addition, there will be free tree saplings available during the event. Limit 10 per household. Species of available saplings include Bur Oak, Red Oak, Swamp White Oak, and Shag Bark Hickory, while supplies last. Saplings provided by the Living Lands and Waters Million Trees Project.

Please call the OCSWMD at 815-732-4020, email solidwaste@oglecountyil.gov, or visit www.oglecountyil.gov or the Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department on Facebook for more information about this recycling opportunity.

BYRON POLICE DEPARTMENT

BYRON — On March 15, Latiasha D. Dunnell, 36, of Kansas City was issued a citation for speeding.

On March 20, Allison B. Kittinger, 33, of Byron was issued a citation for speeding.

On March 21, Ashwaq K. Blaney, 52, of Dixon was issued a citation for improper lane usage.

On March 21, Devan M. Horvath, 27, of Byron was issued citations for speeding and operating a vehicle with no proof of valid insurance.

On March 21, Shannon D. Zellers, 59, of Leaf River was issued citations for disobeying a stop light and operating a vehicle with no proof of valid insurance.

On March 21, Mickie R. Gardner, 46, of Rockford was issued a citation for speeding.

On March 22, Kyle M. Cooper, 34, of Rock Falls was issued a

citation for driving while license suspended.

On March 22, Alex M. Miller, 29, of Mt. Morris was arrested for possession of methamphetamine. Miller was transported to Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

On March 23, Trey J. Murbach, 20, of Byron was issued a citation for passing a school bus while loading/unloading.

On March 24, Tiffany M. Stuart, 27, of Byron was issued a citation for improper use of electronic communication device.

On March 25, Robert C. Taylor, 27, of Rockford was issued a citation for speeding.

On March 26, Jack R. Fleeger, 26, of Byron was issued citations for speeding and operating a vehicle while license expired less than one year.

On March 26, Andrew D. Klingele, 33, of Byron was issued citations for operating an uninsured motor vehicle and driving while license suspended/revoked.

On March 27, Scott C. Crain, 39, of Byron was arrested for domestic battery and an out-of-state warrant. Crain was transported to Ogle County Jail and held with no bond.

On March 27, Dylan P. Cheek, 32, of Oregon was issued a citation for speeding.

On March 27, Mohammed Hu maed, 31, of Coralville, Iowa was issued citations for speeding.

On March 29, Travis R. Mason, 40, of Oregon was issued a citation for disobeying a traffic control device.

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



Stillman Bank donates to RRVBC Fund the Bus campaign

In the past two decades, the Rock River Valley Blood Center has been able to expand their reach within the stateline region thanks to the purchase and operation of their iconic pink Bloodmobile. However, the current bloodmobile is aging out and the RRVBC is making arrangements to purchase a new state-of-the-art bus. Stillman Bank was honored to contribute \$5,000 to the Rock River Valley Blood Center Fund the Bus Campaign! Pictured here is Stillman Bank Executive Vice President and COO David Mecklenburg presenting our contribution check to the Rock River Valley Blood Center CEO Lisa Entrikin. Interested in contributing to this campaign? Visit www.rrvbc.org/fund-the-bus/ to help RRVBC reach their goal and serve our community with a new Bloodmobile for years to come.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

April 18

Trees, especially native trees, are crucial to the health and well-being of our communities. Illinois' native trees like oak, hickory and walnut support over 800 different species of birds, wildlife, pollinators and insects, and they are a significant part of our cultural and natural heritage.

Join Tricia Bethke, The Morton Arboretum's plant health care outreach specialist, for a lively discussion on native trees, and learn how to identify and protect our community trees. Bethke's presentation will be held on April 18 at 4 p.m. in the third floor County Board room in the Old Courthouse, Oregon.

Bethke provides education and outreach to Illinois residents on all things tree-related including identification, tree pest threats, preservation and tree health monitoring. The Morton Arboretum in Lisle is a 1,700-acre public garden and outdoor museum with a library, herbarium and program in tree research including the Center for Tree Science. For more information contact mheuer@oglecountyil.gov.

April 19

An educational and informational presentation on the Medicare insurance program will be presented for the community from 6-7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 19,

at the United Church of Byron located at 701 W. Second St., Byron. The emphasis will be on the eligibility and enrollment periods, benefits and options concerning all parts of Medicare. All are welcome. Presenter will be Greg Wills for the program. This program is sponsored by the Legacy and Endowment Committee of The United Church of Byron as a community service. The United Church of Byron is a fun and diverse church with a heart for mission! Check us out at www.unitedchurchofbyron.org. Disclaimer: We do not offer every plan in your area. Any information we provide is limited to those plans we do offer in your area. Please contact Medicare.gov or 1-800-Medicare to get information on all of your options.

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VIEWPOINT

"Congress shall make no law . . ."

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MOMENTS IN TIME

* On April 19, 1927, blond bombshell Mae West was confronted by the New York Police Department's Municipal Vice Squad, sentenced to 10 days in a workhouse on the charge of obscenity for her play titled "Sex," and fined \$500. She later quipped that the only thing that really bothered her about the experience was having to wear cotton underwear.

* On April 23, 1940, a fire broke out in the Rhythm Club in Natchez, Mississippi, causing the deaths of more than 200 African Americans due to boarded up windows and a padlocked back door. At the time, it was the second deadliest building fire in American history.

* On April 20, 1957, the Mayflower II, a replica of the original Mayflower that transported Pilgrims to the New World, set out to re-create that voyage from Brixton, England to Plymouth, Massachusetts. The journey took 55 days, and the ship is currently docked at the Plimoth Patuxet Museum.

* On April 17, 1964, the Ford Motor Company unveiled its new Mustang model at the New York World's Fair. Championed by Ford Division general manager Lee Iacocca, the car came with a suggested retail price of \$2,368 and was a great success, with more than a million sold in just its first 18 months.

* On April 18, 1988, a retired U.S. auto worker identified as "Ivan the Terrible" was found guilty of Nazi war crimes in an Israeli court and sentenced to death. His conviction was overturned in 1993 after evidence suggested another Ukrainian was actually Ivan the Terrible, and he was returned to America, but later deported back to Ukraine when a judge ruled there was enough evidence to prove he had indeed been a death camp guard.

* On April 22, 1993, the Holocaust Memorial Museum opened in Washington, D.C. Dedicated to documenting, studying and interpreting the history of the Holocaust, it serves as the official American memorial to the millions of Jews and others who lost their lives under the directives of Hitler's Nazi Germany.

* On April 21, 2014, Kraft Foods recalled 96,000 pounds of Oscar-Meyer hot dogs that had been mislabeled. The company stated that some of their "Classic Cheese Dogs" had been placed in regular hot dog packaging, posing a threat to consumers with dairy allergies.

* On April 23, 1564, the great English dramatist and poet William Shakespeare is born in Stratford-upon-Avon, the son of a leather trader and the town bailiff. At age 18 he married Anne Hathaway, who was eight years his senior.

* On April 21, 1918, in the skies over France, Manfred von Richthofen, the notorious German flying ace known as "The Red Baron," is killed by Allied fire. Richthofen was the top ace on both sides of the Western front, downing 80 enemy aircraft.

* On April 24, 1945, President Harry Truman learns the full details of the Manhattan Project, in which scientists are attempting to create the first atomic bomb. The project was so secret that the former vice president only learned of it after President Franklin Roosevelt's death.

* On April 26, 1954, the Salk polio vaccine field trials, involving 1.8 million children, begin in McLean, Virginia. A year later, researchers announced the vaccine was safe and effective, and it quickly became a standard part of childhood immunizations in America.

* On April 22, 1970, Earth Day, an event to increase public awareness of the world's environmental problems, is first celebrated in the U.S. Millions of Americans, including students from thousands of universities, participated in rallies, marches and educational programs.

* On April 20, 1980, the Castro regime announces that all Cubans wishing to emigrate to the U.S. are free to board boats at the port of Mariel west of Havana, launching the Mariel Boatlift. The first of 125,000 Cuban refugees from Mariel reached Florida the next day in about 1,700 boats, overwhelming the U.S. Coast Guard.

* On April 25, 1990, the crew of the U.S. space shuttle Discovery places the Hubble Space Telescope, a space-based observatory about the size of a bus, into a low orbit around Earth. The solar-powered telescope remains in operation to this day.

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Tax time has arrived

“THE only two sure things in life are death and taxes.” -Benjamin Franklin

“The only difference between a taxidermist and a tax collector is that the taxidermist only takes your skin.” -Mark Twain

“Be thankful you’re not getting all the government you pay for.” -Will Rogers

Ah yes, as I gaze at the calendar the 15th of April is but a mere few days in the offing. Tax time has arrived! You know, that time of year when most of us think it’s okay to lie. After all, the politicians do it all the time.

One issue I can tell you that has been on the forefront of Farm Bureau for the four decades I’ve worked for the organization has been taxes. So let’s look at where the organization sees the most need for reform and repeal:

While important strides, such as the 2017 passage of the Tax Cut and Jobs Act, have been made in recent years, Farm Bureau supports a number of changes to help provide stability and security for America’s farms and ranches.

Estate taxes should be permanently eliminated. At the very least, Farm Bureau believes that the \$11 million per person/\$22 million per couple indexed estate tax exemption that was passed as part of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act should be made permanent and that unlimited stepped-up basis should continue.

The limitation on the amount that property values can be reduced under Special Use Valuation Section 2032A should be removed. Timber harvesting or the sale of a conservation easement should not trigger a recapture of estate taxes.

The capital gains tax rate

should be reduced and assets should be indexed for inflation.

Capital gains should not be collected at death and there should be an exclusion for agricultural land that remains in production, for transfers of farm business assets between family members, for farmland preservation easements and development rights, and for land taken by eminent domain.

Passage of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act in 2017 benefits most farm and ranch businesses and has allowed

them to build their operations and stimulate the agricultural economy. Important provisions include reduced tax rates, the new business income deduction, provisions to allow the matching of income and expenses, immediate cost recovery and an increase in the estate tax exemption. USDA Economic Research Service documented the expected benefits of the tax reform in its June 2018 publication “Estimated Effects of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act on Farms and Farm Households.”

The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act contains many new, permanent provisions that help agriculture:

Sect. 179 Small Business Expensing Increased to \$1 million. Indefinite Carry Forward of Deductions Indexed for Inflation. Depreciation for Farm Equipment Shortened from 7 to 5 Years. New Flat 21 percent Corporate Tax Rate and Repeal of the Corporate Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT).

Many of the pass-through business provisions in the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act are temporary and should be made permanent. More the 98 percent of farm and ranches operate as “pass-through businesses,” sole proprietorships, partnerships and Sub S corporations. Failure to extend these important provisions will result

in a tax increase for farmers and ranchers and leave them without ways to deal with the cyclical and unpredictable nature of their businesses.

Reduced Pass-Through Tax Rates and Expanded Brackets: If not extended, higher tax rates will increase taxes on the majority of farm and ranch businesses.

New 20 percent Business Income Deduction (phase-out starts when taxable income exceeds \$315,000/joint): Allowing the business income deduction to expire would expand the tax base of pass-through businesses, erasing much of the benefit of tax reform legislation.

Unlimited Bonus Depreciation (Expensing): If not continued, farmers and ranchers will be unable to offset income with deductions for their business expenses. This is especially critical because like-kind exchanges for equipment and livestock are repealed.

Doubled Estate Tax Exemption to \$11 million person/\$22 million couple: If the exemption is allowed to revert back more farms and ranches will be subject to estate taxes. And, as long as the exemption level is temporary money must be spent on estate tax planning rather than on growing farm and ranch businesses.

Increased Alternative Minimum Tax Threshold for Individuals: Rollback of the higher AMT threshold will cancel out important deductions and credits put in place by tax reform.

Only time will determine our success.

“Government’s view of the economy could be summed up in a few short phrases: If it moves, tax it. If it keeps moving, regulate it. And if it stops moving, subsidize it.” -Ronald Reagan

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



Ron Kern

The spiritual practice of Lenten fasting

HAVING married a Catholic and now being the only Protestant in a household of six, I’ve learned a few things in the past 20 years.

One of those things I’ve learned is how to bake really good macaroni and cheese during Lent. Like many families we don’t eat meat on Ash Wednesday and the following Fridays leading up to Easter.

A couple of decades ago, I thought these fasts were silly and overly legalistic.

In fact, early in our marriage, I had no problem eating a steak while my wife and kids munched on pasta. To her credit, my wife never said anything to me about it.

My kids, on the other hand, eyed me with envy bordering on irritation.

But as I’ve aged and learned more, I’ve changed my view. It’s a beautiful tradition that can be honoring to God if done not out of obligation but a desire to commemorate.

The problem is so many people don’t fully understand the spiritual practice of fasting. Growing up Protestant, I never once heard a pastor extol the virtues of

even a partial fast.

According to abstinence rules within the Catholic Church, meat includes flesh from warm-blooded animals and birds. Fish and other seafood are OK to eat on Lenten Fridays.

There are exceptions. In the New Orleans Diocese, it’s permissible to eat alligator and in Detroit muskrat can be a Lenten Friday entrée. I’m not particularly keen on trying either exception.

Before Vatican II, Catholics abstained from meat on almost all Fridays throughout the year.

Even though I grew up post-Vatican II, my best friend’s family continued the year-round practice.

When I ate at the Reeds on Fridays, on good days it was cheese pizza and on bad ones, pea soup.

Being a rather inquisitive child, I asked my friend’s dad, just why they didn’t eat most types of meat on Fridays. He gave me a rather long explanation about a pope centuries ago wanting to help fishermen out.

Since my dad was

a hog farmer, my 10-year-old-self worried that the pope had it in for folks like us. But, no, that isn’t the case.

While it is an interesting, oft-repeated fable within the church, it also happens to be nonsense.

Another explanation I’ve been told by some folks of a more progressive bent is that chickens, hogs and cattle

eat grain, so if Catholics abstain from eating their flesh more food will be available for hungry people.

It’s a nice thought. But it also doesn’t hold up to scrutiny. Modern aquaculture feeds soy, corn and rice to farm-raised fish. And some cattle, goats and sheep eat only grass.

Since I’m no theologian, I asked Springfield Bishop Thomas Paprocki to explain the practice.

“We don’t have this visible presence right in front of us where we can actually see and talk to Jesus the way his disciples did,” he said. “So, there is that longing in our hearts to be with Christ, to be present with him. And fasting

in a way is analogous to that. When we’re fasting, we get hungry. Hunger is a longing for food. . . . We long to be with Christ. We look forward to the day when we’ll be with Christ in his kingdom. But for the time being, we have to grow in the sense of patiently awaiting that day.”

That makes sense. And it’s something I’ll be thinking about as I participate in the partial fast with my family this year.

I occasionally hear folks pooh-pooh the practice. They’ll say a partial fast doesn’t amount to much.

This sort of disparagement of another’s religious practice is perplexing. After all, why should someone care what someone else is giving up? And let’s be honest, most of the folks critical of the practice are not giving up anything themselves.

In a self-centered age, it’s refreshing to see others sacrificing to remember something greater than themselves. Isn’t that the meaning of Lent?

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Scott Reeder

LOCAL NEWS



Easter Bunny visits Oregon Park District

The Easter Bunny visited the Oregon Park District Children's Center and surprised them with an Easter Egg hunt in the River Room.

PAG's An Evening Around the Radio is April 21-23

MT. MORRIS—This spring the Performing Arts Guild of Mt. Morris will present An Evening Around the Radio. The audience will be entertained with the following radio plays: Burns & Allen – Easter Hat War Council, Abbott & Costello—Who's on First, Father Knows Best – Aunt Martha and the Ball Game, My Friend Irma – The Boss Buys a Race Horse and Little Orphan Annie – Annie's Big Surprise Party. This performance will be held

on Friday through Sunday, April 21-23 at the Pinecrest Grove Theatre, 500 Evergreen Lane, Mt. Morris. Friday and Saturday shows are at 7 p.m. and the Sunday matinee is at 2 p.m. General admission tickets are \$12 with students and seniors (65 & over) at \$10. Reservations are suggested. For information or to order tickets call 815.734.2103 or order online at www.performingartsguild.com and click on tickets. Tickets will go on sale April 3.

Cast members are Dylan Stormont, Montana Larson, Mary Mead Cantrell, Gerald Sheely, Priscilla Osborne, Jeff Bold, Mary Cheatwood, Larry Ubben, Norah Cotts, Dave Sheely, Kelly Houston, Hannah Sheely, Julie Spaine, Ethan Sheely, April Bold, Dennis Cheatwood, Eleanor Guinn and Emily Borgman with Renae Taylor as the Foley. The play will be directed by David Sheely and Trudy Whalen. Karen Urish is the producer.

Polo Lions Club gives thanks for Candy Day donations

POLO—The Polo Lions Club would like to thank the following businesses for their contributions to Candy Day. They are as follows: Bergy's Automotive, Country Floral, Birkey's Farm Store, Northern IL TV, Haldane Custom, Country Companies-Jeanette Linker, Polo Chiropractic,

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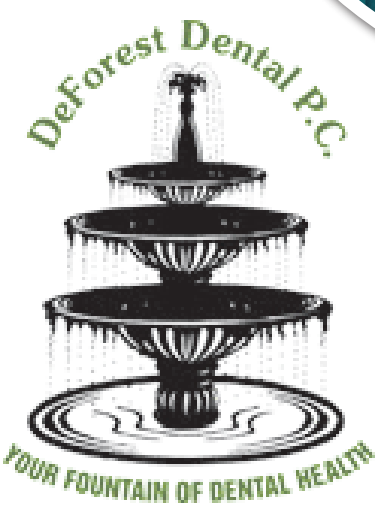
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OGLE COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

OREGON — On March 29 at 7:07 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop at Illinois Route 38 and Interstate 39. After a brief investigation, deputies arrested Haiyang Zhang, 29, of Chicago for driving without a valid license. Zhang was released on a \$2,500 individual bond with a return court date. Zhang was also issued a citation for suspended registration.

On March 29 at 4:35 p.m. deputies were dispatched to the 8,000 block of North River Drive for a domestic disturbance. As a result, Jonathan M. Keegan, 27, of Schaumburg was arrested for violation of order of protection. Keegan was transported to the Ogle County Jail pending an appearance before a judge. Deputies were assisted on scene by the Byron Police Department.

On March 29 at 10:36 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop at Illinois Route 251 and Illinois Route 72. After a brief investigation, deputies arrested Roshen Howard, 44, of Rockford for driving without a valid license. Howard was released on a \$2,500 individual bond with a return court date. Howard was also issued a citation for window tint.

On March 30 at approximately 6:40 a.m. deputies responded to a one-vehicle rollover accident in the 4,800 block of South Illinois Route 26. After an investigation it was determined that a silver Cadillac being driven by Kaitlyn Marschang, 21, of Polo was northbound on Illinois Route 26 when she fell asleep behind the wheel. Marschang was transported to KSB Hospital for injuries sustained and was released by medical personnel after being checked. No other persons were involved in the accident and no citations were issued.

On March 30 at 7:21 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 3,000 block of South Illinois Route 26. The driver, identified as Shireen E. Price 50, of Springfield, Illinois was arrested for driving while license suspended. Price was additionally arrested on warrants out of La-

Salle County, Boone County and Dekalb County. Price was issued citations for speeding (75 miles per hour in a 55-miles per hour speed zone), expired registration and operate uninsured motor vehicle. Price was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond. Deputies were assisted on scene by the Polo Police Department.

On March 30 at approximately 8:11 p.m. deputies initiated a traffic stop at East Illinois Route 64 and Mulford Road. Upon further investigation, deputies arrested Brittany Henry, 37, of Chicago, for no valid driver's license. Henry was released on an individual bond with a future court date given.

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On March 31 at approximately 1:37 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop at Division and Arlington Street in Polo. After an investigation, deputies arrested Cole Rajnowski, 37, of Sterling for driving while license revoked and obstructed front side window. Rajnowski was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he is being held in lieu of bond. Rajnowski's vehicle was towed from the scene.

On April 1 at approximately noon, deputies conducted a traffic stop on a grey Mitsubishi Lancer on Interstate 39 at mile marker 100. After conducting an investigation, Yovany Antonio Mendoza-Grande was placed under

arrest for no valid license. Mendoza-Grande was issued an additional citation for illegal window tint. Mendoza-Grande was released from the scene on an I-bond and provided a future court date.

On April 1 at approximately 1:07 a.m. deputies initiated a traffic stop on North Stillman Road at Wildwood Road. Upon further investigation, deputies arrested Michael Pontnack, 55, of Chana, for driving while license suspended. Pontnack was released on an individual bond with a future court date given. Pontnack was cited for speed and suspended registration.

On April 2 at approximately 11:42 p.m. deputies initiated a traffic stop on Interstate 39 southbound at mile marker 111. Upon further investigation, deputies arrested Kiara Rosario, 23, of Channahon for unlawful possession of cannabis. Rosario was released on an individual bond with a future court date given. Rosario was cited for illegal window tint and an inoperable registration light.

On April 2 at approximately 2:45 a.m. deputies were dispatched to the 6,000 block of East Grist Mill Road in reference to a possible accident. After receiving further information, the vehicle was located in the 11,000 block of East Hemstock Road. After examining the scene, it appeared that a silver BMW SUV, driven by Laurie Watson, 46, of Rochelle, was traveling westbound on East Hemstock Road. Watson lost control of the vehicle and entered the north ditch, uninjured. After an investigation, Watson was placed under arrest for driving under the influence of alcohol, resisting a peace officer and an active DeKalb County warrant. Watson was issued additional citations for failure to reduce speed, improper lane usage, failure to report an accident as the driver, expired registration and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. Watson was transported to the Ogle County Jail, where she was held in lieu of bond.

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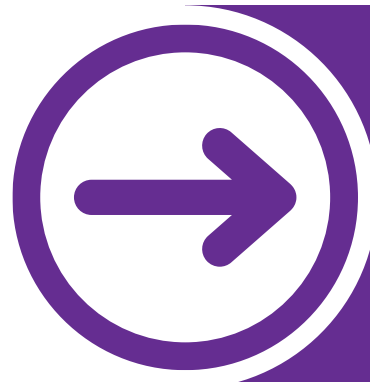
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Ziller earns All-American wrestling honors, fourth-place finish

Four Oregon Hawks Wrestling Club members took on some of nation's top wrestlers and represented Oregon well. Cannon Ziller walked away with All-American honors and a fourth-place finish. "The future is bright in Oregon and these are just a few of the athletes putting in the work to reach their goals!" an Oregon Hawk Wrestling Facebook post said.



Ogle County sports roundup for April 10

Soccer

On April 3, the Oregon varsity girls soccer team defeated Rochelle 1-0. Teagan Champley scored a goal for the Hawks on a goal kick.

Sarah Eckhardt had seven saves in goal. Oregon raised its record to 2-0-0

with the victory.

Softball

On April 3, the Oregon girls softball team defeated Byron 15-2. The Hawks hit three home runs in the game.

Sarah Stevens hit a first inning two-run home run

followed by Ella Dannhorn and Gracen Pitts home runs later in the game.

Local Scores

Varsity baseball
March 30: Jefferson City 9, Stillman Valley 6 (Georgia trip)
March 31: Stillman

Valley 4, Westerville 1 (Georgia trip)

Varsity soccer
March 30: Stillman Valley 2, Sterling 0
April 4: Stillman Valley 2, Rockford Christian 0
Varsity softball
April 3: Winnebago 4, Stillman Valley 3



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304 Adams St., Oregon
\$98,000 Call Jenn Goley

LOTS OF CURB APPEAL! 2+ bedroom, 1 bathroom close to downtown shopping and entertainment. This charming bungalow has loads of potential. Main level includes sun room, living room with gas fire place, kitchen, bathroom, office and bedroom. Entire second floor has been converted into a bedroom, or it can be used for storage space. Basement includes a well maintained work shop, laundry area, and an additional room. With an attached one car garage, the outside is super cute with its white picket fence.



212 W Front Street Mt Morris
\$115,000 Call Lori

Welcoming, cozy house with everything you need. This house sits on a corner lot with a fenced in backyard and patio. The detached garage holds 2 cars easily and is insulated. Living room has a picture window currently covered with a decorative, removable vinyl piece. First floor bathroom remodeled in 2012. First floor bedroom and a huge 2nd floor bedroom.



902 Timber Trail Dixon
\$44,900 Call Carla

Water front lot on Lost Lake. Located on the East side- 2 adjoining lots that would allow for full exposure. Views of the lake from one end to the other! You get the best of both with this double lot there's towering pines with Northwoods feel plus partial clearing. Adjoining community park area offers picnic areas. Annual Association fee \$389 and water bill \$22 every 2months. All with lake access, tennis courts, golf course, community building, beaches, camping and so much more!



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921 S Ottawa Avenue Dixon
\$119,900 Call Carla

New Listing in Dixon! This 4 bedroom, 2 bath home conveniently located close to shopping and downtown! One bedroom on the main floor with the additional 3 bedrooms in the upper level. Large living room and dining room with eat in kitchen. One bathroom on each level! Kitchen appliances stay. New 90 plus furnace. Inviting enclosed porch. Loads of character throughout! Located on a corner lot.



421 7th Avenue Rochelle
\$79,000 Call Carla

New Listing in Rochelle! Investor Alert! Loads of opportunity for your handyman skills! Spacious rooms throughout, Main entry with open staircase, bathrooms on each level, one main floor bedroom and 2 bedrooms upstairs. Two enclosed porches plus 2 car garage. Located close to downtown shopping and entertainment!



4874 Antioch Drive
NOW \$179,900 Call Taylor

Buyers financing fall through! Welcome to 4874 Antioch Dr, a beautifully maintained home located in a quiet neighborhood. This charming 3-bedroom, 2-bathroom ranch-style home boasts many features that are sure to impress. As you enter the home, you are greeted with a spacious living room that flows into the open-concept dining area and family room areas. The master bedroom features an en-suite full bathroom. Two additional bedrooms provide ample space for a growing family, home office, or guest room. A second full bathroom with a bathtub and shower combo completes the living space. The spacious backyard features a large deck perfect for summer barbecues, a newer above ground pool, and a fenced-in yard for privacy and security. The home also has a two-car attached garage and a partially finished basement that is awaiting your final touches. This home is conveniently located near shopping, dining, and entertainment options, as well as easy access to major highways for commuting. Don't miss out on the opportunity to make this beautiful home yours! Sold "as is"



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What to do if you're forced to evacuate

NATURAL disasters and extreme weather pose a significant threat. No one is invulnerable to such events, and even if the idea of evacuating your home seems unlikely, preparing for evacuation can ensure calmer heads prevail in the case of adverse situations like natural disasters.

Ready.gov is a public service campaign that was established in February 2003 to help people prepare for, respond to and mitigate various types of emergencies, including natural disasters. The campaign notes that many types of emergencies can necessitate evacuation, and offers the following tips to individuals who have been told evacuation is their best option.

- Download the FEMA app. The FEMA app is an invaluable resource for individuals facing evacuation. The app, which is available for download through the Google Play store as well as the Apple App Store, provides a host of important information, including a list of open shelters for individuals living in areas where officials are urging residents

to evacuate.

- Follow local evacuation instructions. Everyone has seen images of individuals stranded in areas that have been overtaken by flooding or destroyed by storms like hurricanes and tornados. Staying in place when evacuation orders have been issued puts your own life at risk as well as the lives of those who may attempt to help you, such as public safety officials. Many local public safety organizations will not send workers to help stranded citizens if the conditions pose a threat to the workers, which underscores how important it is that individuals evacuate when orders are issued.

- Don't delay. The longer individuals wait to evacuate, the more risky the situation becomes. Ready.gov urges individuals to leave early enough to avoid being trapped by severe weather. Even if the storm is not scheduled to touch down for awhile, getting caught in last-minute traffic could put evacuees in harm's way. When you begin to evacuate, stick to the recommended evacuation routes, as alternative routes may be closed.



- Respect shelter pet policies. Evacuees who hope to stay in shelters must recognize that only service animals will be allowed in public shelters. Evacuees should still take their pets with them but should make arranging shelter for their companion animals part of their emergency strategy. Speak with friends or family members who live near-

by but beyond the eye of the storm to determine if they can take in your pets should you be forced to evacuate your home.

- Secure your home. Prior to evacuating, secure your home by locking doors and windows and unplugging electrical equipment like radios, televisions and small appliances. Pay attention to evacuation order details,

which may advise residents to shut off water, gas and electricity before leaving their homes.

- Stay in touch. Do your best to stay in touch with friends and family once you have evacuated your home. Let others know where you are going and inform them once you have arrived at your destination. In the days prior to evacuating, forward a

copy of your evacuation plan to family members in other regions but also those who live locally so they can follow suit if need be.

Few people want to imagine evacuating their homes. Such a scenario can be frightening, but it's considerably less daunting when individuals know what to do and where to go during the evacuation.



How to plan for changing weather patterns

THE allure of the great outdoors compels many people to hike, kayak, fish, and engage in myriad other activities in the fresh air. The call of nature can be difficult to ignore, but inclement weather can quickly turn a fun day under the sun into a race to escape the elements.

Regardless of which activity is beckoning you to answer the call of the wild, a few simple safety measures should be taken to ensure your day is not derailed by sudden changes in the weather.

- Do your homework prior to traveling. The Department of Homeland Security advises travelers and outdoor recreation enthusiasts to learn about

potentially severe weather in areas they plan to visit prior to beginning their trip. For example, if an area is vulnerable to tornados, learn about what to do in the wake of a tornado. The National Weather Service notes that emergency response protocols differ depending on the type of storm or severe weather. For example, what to do in

the wake of a tornado differs from what to do when confronted by a flash flood. Familiarizing yourself with these response protocols can help you make it through unforeseen weather changes safely.

- Take along an extra set of keys. The NWS advises taking along an extra set of keys should your keys get lost due to inclement

weather. The spare keys to a vehicle, for example, can help you escape inclement weather if your vehicle is still accessible and the roads are safe enough for travel. Without a backup set of keys, outdoor enthusiasts may find themselves stranded even if their vehicles can still run.

- Create a communication plan with your family prior to leaving. A predetermined communication plan can help family members keep in touch should the weather suddenly take a turn for the worse. Before embarking on a getaway, let loved ones who won't be joining you know exactly where you will be staying and how to reach you. This can make it easier for them to

get you help should you need it.

- Monitor local forecasts. Changes in the weather can be sudden, so anyone planning to spend significant time outdoors should monitor local forecasts before and during their trips. This is especially important for travelers who will be visiting areas during certain times of year when inclement weather is normal. For example, travelers should be ready to postpone their plans if they will be visiting areas vulnerable to hurricanes during hurricane season.

- Purchase travel insurance. Insuring a trip with travel insurance can serve as a financial safety net if a trip is not possible due to inclement weather. With such a policy in hand, vacationers may not feel compelled to travel if the forecast is less than ideal.

Inclement weather can threaten outdoor excursions. But outdoor enthusiasts can take various measures to protect themselves in the face of sudden changes in the weather.



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SPORTS NEWS

BNC and Rochelle enrollment changes

AFTER reading the column of two weeks ago that listed high-school enrollment changes of the NUIC conferences, my good friend Curt Freeberg asked if the discussion could be expanded to the Big Northern conference and Rochelle.

Here are a few excerpts from his email:
 ...Those figures say a lot more about the area than what (class) the sports teams will be in. How can the schools with less than 200 kids provide a complete education by today's standards? How can they keep up with changes in technology that the kids must know to be competitive in the economy? Just about all the factors that you listed for the changes have to do with the loss of good-paying

jobs. Many of the families with kids left for better jobs while us retirees stayed behind. Several years ago a county board member told me that Ogle County was the fastest-aging county in Illinois. That has strained local organizations like churches, civic groups and local businesses from grocery stores to car dealers to barber shops.

When we moved here in 1989 (I went to Stillman schools) I think Byron and Oregon were both bigger than Stillman. Hasn't that reversed?

Has Rochelle's attempts to attract businesses enabled them to maintain their school enrollments?...

Here's the data - School (1966, 2023, percentage change): Byron (200, 449, +55); Dixon (1,150, 760, -33); Genoa-Kingston

(369, 510, +38); Oregon/Mt. Morris (830, 417, -50); North Boone (291, 479, +64); Rock Falls (1,010, 576, -43); Stillman Valley (280, 504, +80); Winnebago (325, 403, +24).

Rockford Christian (305) and Lutheran (282) didn't exist in 1966.

The biggest shocker is Oregon, which added the Mt. Morris school district in 1994, dropping 50 percent. Oregon had 490 kids and Mt. Morris 340 in 1966.

Compare that with huge growths in Byron and Stillman Valley.

Stillman's district includes the two fastest-growing towns in the county over the past 30 years in Davis Junction and Monroe Center,

both full of subdivisions located on either side of Interstate 39 and with easy access to Interstate 90. Byron's enrollment growth has been fueled by the nuclear power plant and the tax revenue it provides.

Families fleeing the Rockford public school system are more apt to settle in nearby Byron, Stillman Valley and Winnebago (which has benefited most from infusion of athletic talent) instead of Oregon or Mt. Morris.

Since the BNC began, one of the top geographic rivalries in the state has been between Oregon, Byron, Stillman and Winnebago. Currently, they are fairly close in enrollment, but Oregon has struggled more as of late.

A growing North Boone, which made a big jump from the small-school Four Rivers, has trouble staying competitive, though they have more students than Byron, Oregon and 'Bago.

In 1966, it would have been unthinkable for either Dixon or Rock Falls (both in the large-school NCIC) to end up with these former Mid Northern teams. But, as their enrollments took precipitous drops, they luckily found a conference they feel fortunate to be a part of as the largest schools.

Rockford Christian and Lutheran have always been the wild card in that you never know from sport to sport what type of talent pool they will draw from the 150,000 population of that city. Relative to public schools, it is inconsequential for them

having the lowest enrollments.

As an answer to the query on Rochelle and its successful industrial growth and job creation, that has not translated to a correlation to enrollment growth.

A new high school was built several years ago with a flexibility of handling hundreds of more students than what are enrolled. Actually, there are even less now than a few years ago.

Officials in this progressive transportation hub were baffled until a survey determined that over 70 percent of the people that work in Rochelle live in other communities.

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, 8:00-10:00AM. 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.

Spring Garden Planters With Hagemann's Horticulture

Even small spaces can be beautiful with the help of a garden planter. Let Tyler Hagemann and the staff of Hagemann Horticulture guide you through plant selection and care for your own 14" garden planter. Registration includes 14" pot, soil, and five plants. Come ready to get hands-on as you plant your own pot perfect for your porch, patio, or spring gift giving. Class takes place from 6:30-8:00PM at Merlin's Greenhouse. Three class dates to choose from, Wednesday April 26th, Thursday April 27th, and Tuesday May 2nd. Registration cost is \$55R/66NR, deadline to register is April 19th.

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.

Rock River Center Activities

ROCK River Center is a resource center located at 810 S. 10th Street, Oregon. Do you need help with Benefit Access Application for a license plate discount, Medicare, housing, homemaker service, heating assistance or other things? Our Informa-

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

Nothing says THANK YOU on Mother's Day like a handmade gift. On Saturday May 6th, Cindy Hendrickson of Cin's treasures will open her studio in Conover Square Mall for a special children's class where participants craft a wooden flower block for mom or grandma. Class 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.

Circa '21 Theatre Trips

Live Theatre is back in business at Circa '21 in Rock Island, IL and the Oregon Park District has two trips planned to see shows. The second show is *Mamma Mia!* This show is about a daughter's search for her father when she brings three men from her mother's past back to the Greek island paradise, they last visited 20 years prior. The timeless music of ABBA helps to tell the story. This trip for adults takes place on May 24 from 10 AM to 4 PM and includes transportation by OPD van and your meal

and ticket at Circa '21. Cost is \$58 for residents and \$68 for non-residents and registration deadline is May 8.

Camp OPD

Registration is now open for Camp OPD Summer 2023: Literary Times. Camp runs from May 30 through August 11. Tuesday through Thursdays feature activities that are themed around different book series. Familiarity with the book series is not required to enjoy the camp activities. Each week will feature a field trip on Wednesday. Mondays and Fridays may be added each week for an additional cost and will feature non-themed activities, with Fridays being spent at the Splash Pad. Don't miss

out on this summer of fun for your child. Space is limited to 24 kids each week. See the website for details about costs, themes and field trips.

Adult Sand Volleyball League

This Co-Ed Sand Volleyball League will be played at our sand volleyball courts at Park West on Thursday evenings. There will be regular season followed by an end of year tournament. Teams may have up to 6 players on the court at a time, but may never exceed 3 males on the court. Players must be 18+ and graduated from High School. Gather your friends and come on out for some summer fun on Thursday nights! Season starts May 18th, and dead-

line is May 11th. Fee \$165

Adult Mini Pitch League

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

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LOCAL NEWS

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For several years, Clare MaGee has driven from New Market, Ontario, Canada to visit friends in Oregon and provided an upbeat musical program at Rock River Center. Clare will have his guitar and banjo for accompaniment with oldies, folk songs and a sing-a-long in an array of tunes along with stories and laughter.

Please call Rock River Center at 815-732-3252 if you plan on attending this free program. Registration requested by April 13 to accommodate seating.

Oregon Public Library

Passport Fair
Saturday, April 15, 10 am -2pm. The Oregon Public Library is hosting a special passport event at the Oregon Public Library, 300 Jefferson Street, Oregon IL, on Saturday, April 15, 2023 from 10am to 2pm to provide passport information to U.S. citizens and to accept passport applications. Information on the cost and how to apply for a U.S. passport is available at travel.state.gov or contact the Oregon Public Library at 1-815-

Hummingbirds in the Midwest

Monday, April 24 10:00 am @ Rock River Center. Presented by Maria Pearson, Heritage Woods-Belvidere; and Kathy Michel, Ogle County Master Gardener. Together they will discuss the "Bird" areas of our communities and the characteristics of Hummingbirds in the Midwest. Illustrations of the various types of hummingbirds will be available. A question and answer period will follow. All participants will receive a FREE Hummingbird Feeder. This is

a FREE program.

Registration requested by Thursday, April 20 to accommodate seating. Please call Rock River Center at 815-732-3252 if you will be attending.

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Support groups

Cancer support group meets the fourth Wednesday of March, June, September and November from 2-3 p.m.

Caregiver support group meets the first and third Tuesday of each month from 10-11:30 a.m.

Diabetic support group meets the first Wednesday of each month from 11 a.m. to noon.

Low vision group meets the second and fourth Tuesday of the month from noon to 1:30 p.m.

Rock River Center at 815-732-3252 or 1-800-541-5479.

732-2724. U.S. citizens may also obtain passport information by phone, in English and Spanish, by calling the National Passport Information Center toll-free at 1-877-487-2778.

Book Clubs

The 2WBC Book Club meets April 12, at 12:30 pm to discuss Gone Girl by Gillian Flynn. Cocktails & Crimes will meet Sunday, April 16 at 5pm at Ogle County Brewery. Stop by the Library to find out what you're reading! The Afternoon Book

Club meets Wednesday, April 19, at 1:00 pm to discuss the Sea of Tranquility by Emily St. John Mandel. Books on Tap meets Thursday, April 27 at 6 pm to discuss The Candy House by Jennifer Egan. Is This Just Fantasy? Book Club will meet Tuesday, April 25, 6 pm at the Library to discuss The Ruin of Kings by Jenn Lyons.

Preschool Story Time (18 months - 5 years)

Join us at the Library for stories and crafts on Mondays at 10 am. Reg-

istration is required. Go online or call to register.

Tiny Art Show- Celebrate World Art Day - All ages

Return your art creation by Thursday, April 6th to be entered into the art show. All art entries will be exhibited during the month of April. Voting will occur between April 12th-29th and prizes will be awarded to those who receive the most votes.

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donate seeds or 'borrow' seeds.

Climate Progress, but, is it enough?

Tuesday, April 11th at 6:00pm. Climate Change is a daily news item nowadays. While predicted for decades, we now see more extreme weather events and wonder what's causing them, and what can we do about them. Even faster than a changing climate, the policy and legislative landscape is evolving rapidly.

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This program will cover: Key causes of climate change, • How much will the climate change, • Key aspects of recently passed legislation, How much will emissions be reduced, Is more needed to be done, Can we afford the cost of climate change, Encourage local officials to obtain approved funding. The presenter, Mike Zaniolo, is a climate policy advocate and Community Outreach Coordinator for Citizens Climate Education. He meets regularly

with key congressional and senatorial offices in Washington DC to advise on public climate policy. He is guest contributor to local newspapers and has presented educational sessions on the topic of climate change policy at over a 100 clean energy conferences, community groups, churches, schools and libraries. Mike, a former technology executive, is a graduate of the University of Chicago with a Bachelor's degree in Economics and studied graduate-level business programs at Loyola University and North-

ern Illinois University. Registration requested, please visit www.oregonpubliclibrary.com or call (815) 732-2724.

Joan & Bette, Bette & Joan

Monday, April 17th at 1:00pm. This event is being held at/in collaboration with The Rock River Senior Center. Joan Crawford and Bette Davis, iconic superstars of the silver screen from the 30's, 40's, 50's, 60's and beyond, find themselves in Purgatory...IN THE SAME BODY! Comedic rapid-fire exchanges and attacks drag out all

the skeletons from each others closet...including: their disdain for each other, their professional jealousy, their failed marriages, their competition for the same men, their troubled childhoods, and their eldest daughters who both wrote scathing books attempting to destroy them. Exhaustively researched, this innovative one-woman musical presents fourteen songs with hilarious, brilliant lyrics. Fireworks! **Registration required**, please call (815) 732-2724 or visit www.oregonpubliclibrary.com.

Try It Tuesday

Tuesday, April 18th at 1:00pm or 5:30pm (Choose your time slot). Window Suncatchers. This is NOT a Take and Make. All supplies are provided. This is an adult class. Registration required, please call (815) 732-2724 or visit www.oregonpubliclibrary.com.

Bees - The Great Pollinators

Saturday, April 22, 10:30 am. Jeff Ludwig, local beekeeper, will present the life & home of the honeybee. He will share his knowledge

about bees, beekeeping, how they affect the food we eat, and what plants are important to the bee's life cycle. Register at <http://www.oregonpubliclibrary.com> or call 815-732-2724.

OPLD Dial-A-Story & Oregon Public Library StoryWalk at Oregon Park West

Call 815-732-2724, follow the prompts and presto...a story! Current story- Avocado Asks: What Am I? by Momoko Abe. Current story at the StoryWalk is An Extraordinary Egg by Leo Lionni.

Byron Public Library

Help stock Our Makerspace

Do you have crafting material, supplies or tools that you don't need anymore? Donate them to the Byron Library and help us stock our new makerspace!

Yarn, thread, fabric, needles, paper—you name it, we can use it. Please bring all craft supply donations to the front desk.

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 or call 815-234-5107 to register for this program.

Curbside Delivery

The library is open for browsing, but patrons

can still use our curbside service! Place your holds online at byronlibrary.org or call us at 815-234-5107.

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Visit the Byron Library Facebook page to keep up to date on library news and virtual programs!

Be sure to also check out the Byron Library and Byron Library Teen Instagram pages!

Polo Library

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Cold-Blooded Red-head Reptile Show

Saturday, April 15th - 1pm to 2pm in the library children's area. Lindsay would like to give kids & adults alike the chance to learn, discuss, and touch various reptiles and arachnids. Registration is not required, a family program.

3rd Mondays monthly

Monday, April 17th - 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. - this program is for Grades 4th-12th (Ages 8 to 18) to come into our downstairs kitchen area to make your own mini meal & dessert.

For more information or to register for any programs and events please call Melanie at 815-946-

2713, call or text 815-677-3586, email melaniew@pololibrary.org, go to the Polo Library website or Facebook page to look for the Google form link.

ADULT MONTHLY PROGRAMS

Book Club Monthly Meets

2nd Friday, April 14th at 1:00 p.m. at the Polo Senior Center - discussing "Eleanor Oliphant Is Completely Fine" by Gail Honeyman.

3rd Wednesday, April 19th at NEW TIME 10 A.M.-Book to Movie Club will be watching & discussing "Life of Pi" by Yann Martel at the library.

4th Monday, April 24th at 1:30 p.m. at the library, book discussion of "In A Sunburned Country" by

Bill Bryson.

Craft Night

3rd Thursdays, April 27th, 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. - Weathered & Warren, Tiffany Warren will be here to demonstrate and assist mosaic birds with tile pieces. Space is limited, please register so materials can be available for you.

Yoga with Becka

4th Wednesdays, April 26th at 6pm to 7pm - Yoga with Becka Reese from "On the Move" Fitness Center. Call 815-946-2713 or email library@pololibrary.org to register.

Genealogy Assistance

Stop by the first Wednesday 5-7 p.m. or third Saturday 10 a.m.-12 p.m. and let Donna help with your project. Polo Library is now a FamilySe-

arch Affiliate Library that allows access and research to more digital records while at the library.

Online Catalog

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

Special Procedures

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

AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

BYRON

ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

CORNERSTONE FAMILY CHURCH

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

BYRON ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

SHEPHERD EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

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

UNITED CHURCH OF BYRON

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

BEACON HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD

"Building Faith for Life"
6467 N. German Church Rd., Byron, IL - Ph. (815) 234-8032 - 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: chanaucm@gmail.com) Adult & Children's Education 9:00 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion celebrated the first Sunday of each month. At Chana Church you will find Open Hearts-Open Minds-Open Doors.

DAVIS JUNCTION

DAVIS JUNCTION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

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/
Archived Sermons on our YouTube channel: Leaf River Baptist Church (Until further notice)
9:30 Church Service. Nursery available, 11:00 Sunday school for all ages. Nursery available
6941 N Mt Morris Rd, Leaf River, IL 61047
815-738-2205 leafriverbc@gmail.com

LINDENWOOD

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH - LCMS

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

LINDENWOOD UNION CHURCH

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

KINGS

ELIM REFORMED CHURCH

140 S. Church Road, Kings, IL 61068 • Pastor Mary Jacobs
Phone 815-562-6811 E-mail: goelimchurch@gmail.com
Website: 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
(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
Senior Pastor: Bruce McKanna. Sunday Schedule: 8:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages. 9:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship. 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship with Childcare and Children's Church.

MT. MORRIS CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

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

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

RIVERSTONE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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

ST. BRIDE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH, NALC

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

POLO

ST. MARY CHURCH

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

CHURCH OF THE OPEN BIBLE

302 S. Franklin Ave., Polo, Illinois • 815-946-2848 • Luke N. Schier, Pastor
Sunday Worship: 9:30am We include our children in our Sunday Worship Experience. "THE GRAND Kids Class" Ages 3-10 are then dismissed right after Praise & Worship. Blended Services. "Passion for God" "Compassion for People" Visit our website: PoloOpenBible.org

CROSSROADS COMMUNITY CHURCH ~ POLO CAMPUS

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

FAITH DISCOVERY CHURCH

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

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

STILLMAN VALLEY

RED BRICK CHURCH OF STILLMAN VALLEY

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

KISHWAUKEE COMMUNITY EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

VALLEY EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH

Interim Pastor Barry Norris
103 S Maple St, Stillman Valley, IL 815-645-8872 | www.valleycov.org
Sunday Morning 9am "Gather" for learning & conversation, 10:15am Worship both onsite and online at

LOCAL NEWS

Mt. Morris Public Library

Story Time!

Join us this week for some books for the little ones! Children will read books and create a craft this Wednesday, 4/12. Story time is every Wednesday @11:15, bring your little ones to enjoy stories and a craft at the Mount Morris Library!

Adult Book Club

The April book is "The Midnight Library" by Matt Haig. Everyone is welcome to join this book club group! Copies of the book are available at the library. This group will meet in-person on Monday, April 24th at the library.

Cookbook Club!

Join us as we explore The Cookbook Club! Wonderful recipes combined with friendship creates something both beautiful and delicious! Stop by to choose your recipe from this month's book and bring your dish to pass at our next meeting! Join us on Tuesday, May 2nd @6pm at The Senior Center for another

exciting meal!

Ink with a Friend: Card Making at the Library

Join us in May to make some lovely home-made cards to send to family and friends. We will be offering a card-making class from local crafter, Liz Gullett. She will be here on Thursday, May 11th from 5-7! You will get all the materials to make two beautiful cards to take home. Stop by to see the samples, fees are by donation. Registration is limited so call the library or stop by to save your spot before May 4th!

Lego Club!

Our next Lego night is Thursday, April 20th, from 6:00 – 6:45pm. Bring a friend and build some fun with Lego bricks! All children and parents are invited every third Thursday of the month. Children under 8 need to bring a parent with them.

Memorial Gifts

Give a gift that lasts, brings joy to many, and doubles in value. Your

memorial gift to the library is matched by the Mt. Morris Library Foundation, doubling your generosity! Many thanks to all who gave memorial gifts in 2022.

Display Case Showings

Stop by to see our new display for the month from Cynthia Laughlin! She is showcasing her own acrylic art pieces. It's not just for nails! Enjoy the whimsy of all her miniature creations (and some nail designs)! **We are always looking for collectors or artists who are willing to share their treasures in our display cases. If you are interested, please call, 815-734-4927.**

Newspaper Available!

We will now be receiving the Dixon Telegraph daily! We receive the Ogle County Life, Sauk Valley, and Mt. Morris Times. If you want to keep up with the local news-stop on by!

Explore More Illinois Welcomes McCormick Bridgehouse and Chicago River Museum

Explore More Illinois, RAILS' online cultural and recreational pass program for Illinois libraries, welcomes its newest attraction, McCormick Bridgehouse & Chicago River Museum in Chicago! Beginning at river level and spiraling five stories up, the McCormick Bridgehouse & Chicago River Museum provides a one-of-a-kind opportunity to explore a historic landmark bridgehouse.

At river level, visitors can view the massive gears of Chicago's most famous movable bridge and then journey through time as they experience the story of the Chicago River.

Once at the top of the Bridgehouse, visitors are treated to magnificent 360-degree views of the city and river and will gain a whole new perspective on the beauty and complexity that is Chicago.

McCormick Bridgehouse & Chicago River Museum in Chicago is offering Buy One Get One Free Admission (Up to 4

Free Admissions). Explore More Illinois users can access and reserve passes from any of our attractions on their participating library's website.

Explore More Illinois is easy to use with your library card. Visit the library's website to browse attractions. You can find the information on our website, www.mtmorris-il.org under the resources page.

Adult Programming

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

Curbside Service is available!

We want to remind everyone that you still have the option of having your materials delivered to your

vehicle. If you have holds waiting for you, call us to tell us you are on your way, and we will bring them out to your vehicle when you arrive.

Call us if you need more information.

Additional Services Offered

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

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

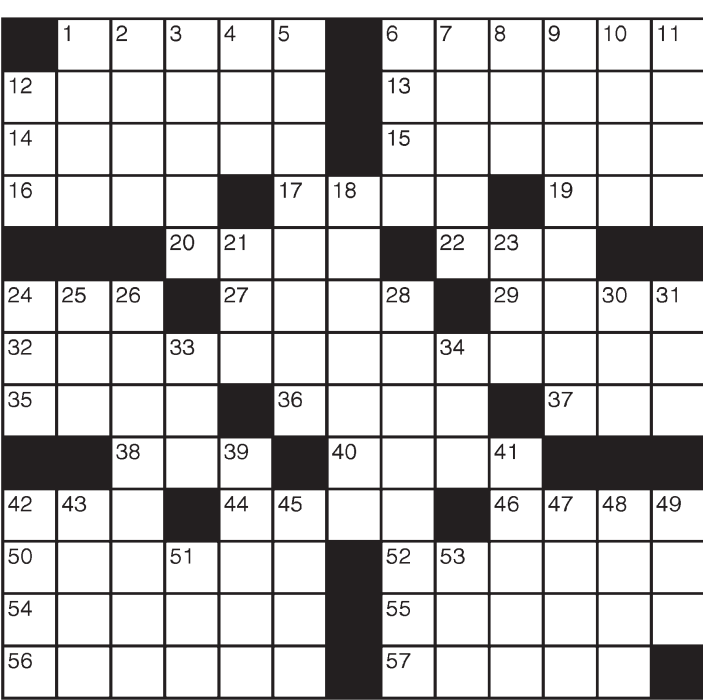
The Mount Morris Public Library is located at 105 S. McKendrie Ave. Mt. Morris IL 61054 – 815-734-4927 Fax-815-734-6035 www.mtmorris-il.org

Weekly Brain Busters

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Shred
- 6 Tyke
- 12 Alaskan capital
- 13 Actress Lansbury
- 14 Soak up
- 15 Packed in a box, as oranges
- 16 Boxer Spinks
- 17 Like dried mud
- 19 Mac alternatives
- 20 Round Table titles
- 22 First lady?
- 24 Expected
- 27 Facts and figures
- 29 Congers
- 32 Elvis Presley hit song
- 35 Spiked club
- 36 Mandolin's kin
- 37 UFO crew
- 38 Billboards
- 40 Minor quibbles
- 42 Nile biter
- 44 &&&&
- 46 Deal (with)
- 50 Weak
- 52 Missouri-born president
- 54 "— serious?"
- 55 Small song-birds



- 8 Links org.
- 9 Personal bug-aboo
- 10 Power co. supply
- 11 Tiny amounts
- 12 Tokyo-based carrier
- 18 Amaze
- 21 Altar promise
- 23 Victory sign
- 24 Poorly lit
- 25 Actress Hagen
- 26 Fugitives
- 28 Creative flair
- 30 Allow
- 31 Soon-to-be grads
- 33 Homer's neighbor
- 34 Profit
- 39 Beauty parlor
- 41 Diving gear
- 42 Miles away
- 43 Withered
- 45 Neither fem. nor masc.
- 47 Skip
- 48 Frying needs
- 49 Em halves
- 51 "See ya!"
- 53 Caviar

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MAGIC MAZE

THINGS THAT WEAR OUT



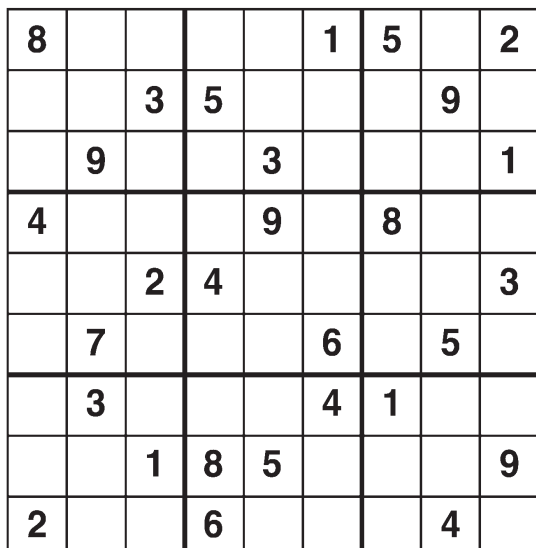
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Unlisted clue hint: CLOTH FLOOR COVERING

- Boots
- Brake pads
- Gloves
- Hip joints
- Horseshoes
- Knees
- Old jokes
- Parents
- Pillows
- Relationships
- Sandpaper
- Sneakers
- Socks
- Tires
- Toothbrush

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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.

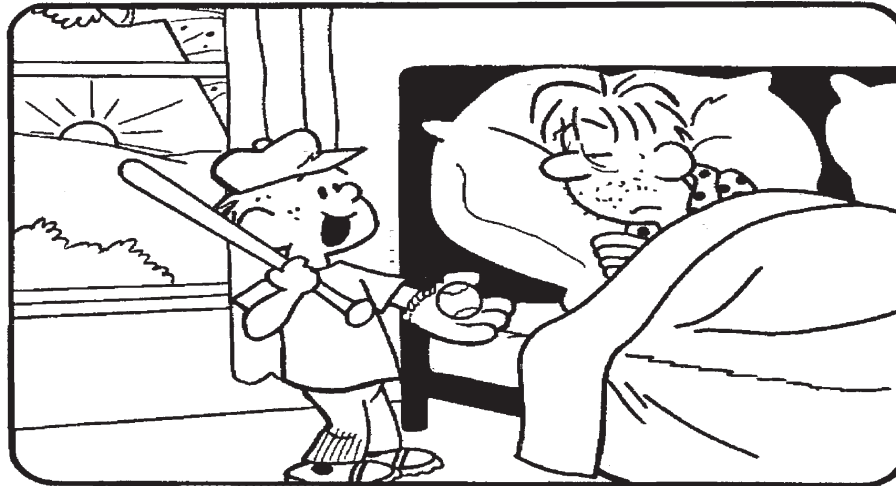
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- ◆ Moderate
- ◆◆ Challenging
- ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

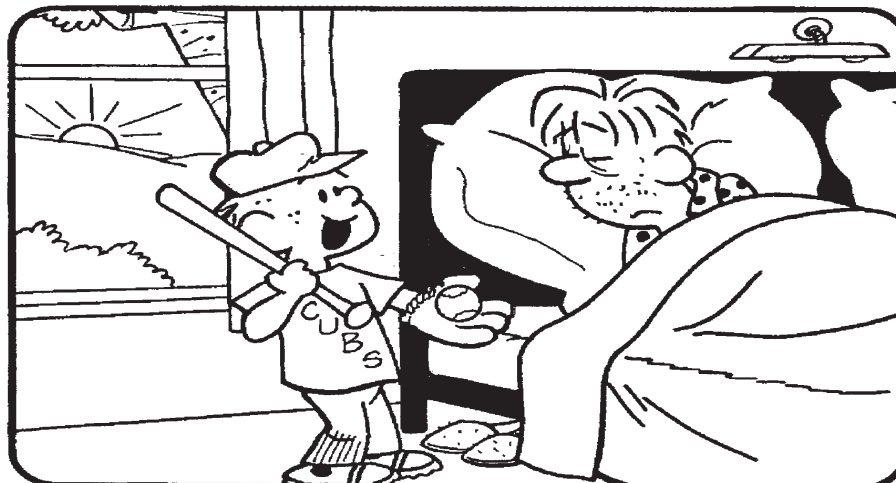
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



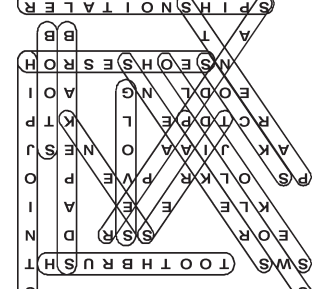
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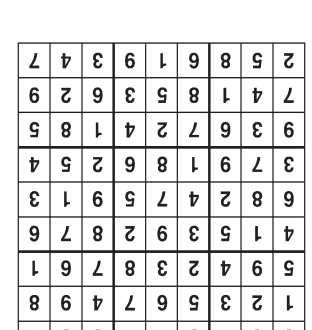
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Answers

King Crossword



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Answer

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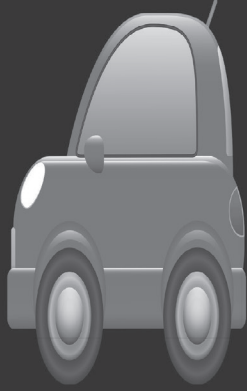
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Sell your household items for free. Total value of item must be \$200 or less. (15 words - one week - 7 publications - price must be listed)



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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 Mortgagors 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, BIRKOLZ &

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
 Notice of Public Hearing
ON TOWNSHIP BUDGET
 Notice is hereby given that a Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the Township of Rockvale, in the County of Ogle, State of Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2023, and ending March 31, 2024, will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection at 6057 IL Route 2 N. from and after P.M., 7:30 P.M., on March 20 2023
 Notice is further given hereby that a public hearing on said Budget and Appropriation Ordinance will be at 7:30 P.M., April 17, 2023 at 6057 IL Route 2 N and that final action on this ordinance will be taken at a meeting to be held at 6057 IL Route 2 N at 7:30 P.M., April 17, 2023
 Dated this 4th day of April 2023
 (Supervisor)
 (Clerk)
 Rod Snodgrass, Supervisor
 Karen Wolber, Clerk
 No. 0416 (April 10)

PUBLIC NOTICE
LEGAL NOTICE
 The Village of Stillman Valley will hold a Public Hearing before the Planning and Zoning Commission on Thursday, April 7, 2023 at 6:00 pm at the Stillman Valley Village Hall located at 120 N Walnut Street, Stillman Valley, IL. The purpose of the public hearing is to hear the proposed revisions to Title 5B, "Zoning Regulations", Chapter 1, "General Zoning Provisions, Sections 5B-1-3, "Definitions"; 5B-1-7, "Accessory uses"; 5B-6-2(b), "Special uses in Agricultural Districts; and 5B-8-6, "Off Street Parking and Loading in Agricultural Districts". That the said requests are as follows:
 1) Owner/applicant is requesting to rezone from B-1, Business to classification R-1, Single Family, said property is legally described as:
 ADDRESS: 124 E Main Street, Stillman Valley
LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS:
 Rng/Blk: Twp:0 Sect/Lot: Lots 3-4-9&10 & Alley Adj Same Ex W 22ft Lot 4 & S77' Lots 9&10 BLK 9 Vil OF Stillman Valley, situated in the township of Marion and the County of Ogle, in the Recorder's Office in Ogle County, Illinois
PARCEL NUMBER: 10-01-308-005
 2) A proposed revision to Ordinance 1001 adopted on September 12, 2022 has been proposed by the Board of Trustees. The proposed amendment to Ordinance 1001 deletes certain definitions of Section 5B-1-3; an accessory use for solar farms in districts zoned for Agriculture in Section 5B-1-7; various special uses in districts zoned Agriculture in Section 5B-6-2(d); and various off-street parking and loading for various special uses in districts zoned Agriculture in Section 5B-8-6.
 Dated this 4th day of April, 2023
 Submitted by Yvonne Dewey, CMC
 Village Clerk
 Village of Stillman Valley
 No. 0417 (April 10)

PUBLIC NOTICE
 Notice of Public Hearing
ON ROAD DISTRICT BUDGET
 Notice is hereby given that a Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the Rockvale Road District, Ogle County, Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2023, and ending March 31, 2024, will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection at 6057 IL Route 2 N from and after 7:30 p.m. on March 20, 2023.
 Notice is further given hereby that a public hearing on said Budget and Appropriation Ordinance will be held at 7:30 p.m. on April 17, 2023 at 6057 IL Route 2 N. and that final action on this ordinance will be taken at the public hearing.
 Dated this 4th day of April, 2023.
 Ron Snodgrass, Supervisor
 Karen Wolber, Clerk
 No. 0415 (April 10)

PUBLIC NOTICE
TO:
 Edward Holder
 Linda Holder
 116 Primrose Lane
 Davis Junction IL 61020
 Date of Notice: April, 10th 2023
 You are notified that SCI Rolling Meadows LLC has declared that a certain mobile home 1990 Vin# HE2281 located at 116 Primrose Lane Davis Junction IL 61020 is an abandoned mobile home within the meaning of the Abandoned Mobile Home Act. Unless all delinquent monies owed \$6245.00 are paid and electric and water service restored to this mobile home within 30 days of the date of this notice, SCI Rolling Meadows LLC shall remove and dispose of the mobile home, and it shall be disposed of or sold at public auction free and clear of any existing liens.
 If you have any questions regarding this notice, you should contact the following person.
 Cecilia Raza
 SCI Rolling Meadows LLC
 4989 N. US RT. 251
 Davis Junction IL 61020
 1.815.200.1229
 No. 0418 (April 10, 17, 24)

PUBLIC NOTICE
TO:
 James Allen
 116 Foxglove Lane
 Davis Junction IL 61020
 Date of Notice: April, 10th 2023
 You are notified that SCI Rolling Meadows LLC has declared that a certain mobile home 1986 Schult, Vin# M208440 located at 116 Foxglove Lane Davis Junction IL 61020 is an abandoned mobile home within the meaning of the Abandoned Mobile Home Act. Unless all delinquent monies owed \$6245.00 are paid and electric and water service restored to this mobile home within 30 days of the date of this notice, SCI Rolling Meadows LLC shall remove and dispose of the mobile home, and it shall be disposed of or sold at public auction free and clear of any existing liens.
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 No.0419 (April 10, 17, 24)

PUBLIC NOTICE

305 GARAGE SALES

Sale Sale Sale Sale Sale Sale Sale
Combination Moving/Garage Sale
 Friday, April 14th, 8am-4pm
 and Saturday, April 15th,
 8am-12:00 noon
 at 9368 E Big Mound Road,
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TO: Edward D. Ritchie
150 Dayflower Circle
Davis Junction IL 61020
Date of Notice: April, 10th 2023

You are notified that SCI Rolling Meadows LLC has declared that a certain mobile home 1987 Holly Park, Vin# 010P16786 located at 150 Dayflower Circle Davis Junction IL 61020 is an abandoned mobile home within the meaning of the Abandoned Mobile Home Act. Unless all delinquent monies owed \$6245.00 are paid and electric and water service restored to this mobile home within 30 days of the date of this notice, SCI Rolling Meadows LLC shall remove and dispose of the mobile home, and it shall be disposed of or sold at public auction free and clear of any existing liens.

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Davis Junction IL 61020
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No. 0420 (April 10, 17, 24)

PUBLIC NOTICE
TO: Emma Beam
418 Club Cir
Belvidere IL 61008
Date of Notice: April, 10th 2023

You are notified that SCI Rolling Meadows LLC has declared that a certain mobile home 1988 Schult,

Vin#236468 located at 118 Jasmine Avenue Davis Junction IL 61020 is an abandoned mobile home within the meaning of the Abandoned Mobile Home Act. Unless all delinquent monies owed \$6245.00 are paid and electric and water service restored to this mobile home within 30 days of the date of this notice, SCI Rolling Meadows LLC shall remove and dispose of the mobile home, and it shall be disposed of or sold at public auction free and clear of any existing liens.

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Davis Junction IL 61020
1.815.200.1229
No. 0421 (April 10, 17, 24)

PUBLIC NOTICE
TO: Ronald W. Bannister
Plantation MHPK
8046 RT 76 LOT 1
Belvidere IL 61008
Date of Notice: April, 10th 2023

You are notified that SCI Rolling Meadows LLC has declared that a certain mobile home 1988 Fairmont, Vin#MY8867328K located at 117 Primrose Lane Davis Junction IL 61020 is an abandoned mobile home within the meaning of the Abandoned Mobile Home Act. Unless all delinquent monies owed \$6245.00 are paid and electric and water service restored to this mobile home within 30 days of the date of this notice, SCI Rolling Meadows LLC shall remove and dispose of the mobile home, and it shall be disposed of or sold at public auction free and clear of any existing liens.

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SCI Rolling Meadows LLC
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Davis Junction IL 61020
1.815.200.1229
No. 0424 (April 10, 17, 24)

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No.0422 (April 10, 17, 24)

PUBLIC NOTICE
TO: Plantation MHPK
8046 RT 76 LOT 1
Belvidere IL 61008
Date of Notice: April, 10th 2023

You are notified that SCI Rolling Meadows LLC has declared that a certain mobile home 1988 Fairmont, Vin#MY8867328K located at 117 Primrose Lane Davis Junction IL 61020 is an abandoned mobile home within the meaning of the Abandoned Mobile Home Act. Unless all delinquent monies owed \$6245.00 are paid and electric and water service restored to this mobile home within 30 days of the date of this notice, SCI Rolling Meadows LLC shall remove and dispose of the mobile home, and it shall be disposed of or sold at public auction free and clear of any existing liens.

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Davis Junction IL 61020
1.815.200.1229
No. 0423 (April 10, 17, 24)

PUBLIC NOTICE
TO: Lighting Bear Investments LLC
2726 Stearman St.
Poplar Grove IL 61065
Date of Notice: April, 10th 2023

You are notified that SCI Rolling Meadows LLC has declared that a certain mobile home 1982 Fleetwood, Vin#GAFLIAC09071 370 located at 120 Foxglove Lane Davis Junction IL 61020 is an abandoned mobile home within the meaning of the Abandoned Mobile Home Act. Unless all delinquent monies owed \$5110.00 are paid and electric and water service restored to this mobile home within 30 days of the date of this notice, SCI Rolling Meadows LLC shall remove and dispose of the mobile home, and it shall be disposed of or sold at public auction free and clear of any existing liens.

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No. 0424 (April 10, 17, 24)

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LOCAL NEWS

Julia Hall District Library

Storytime at the Library

Join us at the library, every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m., for songs, stories and crafts! Ages 2-5. Space is limited: call to register: 815-645-8611.

Flying High: Betty the Pan Am Stewardess

Fasten your uniform buttons and get ready to travel back to the golden age of air travel. In the 1960s, when jets were new, the stewardess was an all-American fantasy: hostess, nurse, cook, therapist and even sex symbol. In this historical portrayal, historian Leslie Goddard, Ph.D., takes you on an exciting, true story about the real-life stewardesses for Pan Am, the most glamorous U.S. airline. Learn about serving the rich and famous, about the strict height, weight and age requirements, about cooking gourmet meals and enduring some wild rides. Buckle up! This is one flight you won't forget. Monday, April 17 at 6:30 p.m. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

Young Critics Book Club

Join us for a book discussion and hands-on craft/activity all about the new sports biography, "All-Star: How Larry Doby Smashed the Color Barrier in Baseball," by Audrey Vernick. Copies available at the library. Tuesday, April 18 at 6:00 p.m. Ages 7-9. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

Introduction to Ancestry: Genealogy Basics and Census Records

Explore Census records using Ancestry Library Edition! This class will cover the basics of genealogy.

Then, we'll practice how to search for and read census information. Monday, April 24 at 6:00 p.m. Adults only. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

Teen Crafternoon: Bad Art Competition

Think you're "bad" at art? Perfect! You'll be in good company. Dive into our art supplies to create your own "disasterpiece"—whether it's wacky or just plain tacky. No talent necessary. Friday, April 28 at 3 p.m. Ages 13-18. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

Adult Book Club

Pick up a book, then join us for a lively discussion of former child star, Jennette McCurdy's, candid and compulsively readable memoir, "I'm Glad My Mom Died." Monday, May 1 at 6:30 p.m. Adults only. Copies of the reading available on loan. Email Joanna at jkluever@mail.meridian223.org to register for a link to this Zoom program.

Tween Scene: Pictionary Party

Dust off your speed, imagination, guessing ability and horrible drawing skills. You'll need them for this larger-than-life version of the game that's both classic and ridiculous. Tuesday, May 2 at 6:00 p.m. Ages 10-12. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

DIY Stained Glass Suncatcher

Celebrate sunny days with this splendid spring craft. Children will use simple supplies to create a stained glass-inspired suncatcher. Saturday, May 6 at 10:00 a.m. Ages 5-9. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

Forreston Public Library

Supply Drive

The library is a collection point for the Summerhill Huskies Donation Drive.

The 4-H club is collecting items for Miss Carly's, which is a charity that provides clothes, meals, and other necessities to help those in need. Items requested include: bottled water, juice boxes, soft snacks, small bags of chips, socks, shoes, shampoo, conditioner, body wash, deodorant, and other hygiene products. Donations

Bertolet Memorial Library

Closed

Bertolet Memorial Library will be closed Saturday April 8th for Easter Weekend.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

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

Story Time

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

ADULT PROGRAMS

Book of the Month
Journey with Cussy

may be given to any club member or dropped off at the library during business hours through April 21st. Thank you for your support of this service project.

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 large print fiction includes: The Lost English Girl by Julia Kelly, The Lindbergh Nanny by Mariah Fredericks, The Fires of Blackstone and Riding the Nightmare by William Johnstone and Critical Threat by Lynette Eason. Stop in to check out these or some of our other new large print titles.

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!

NEW RELEASES

Adult Books
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