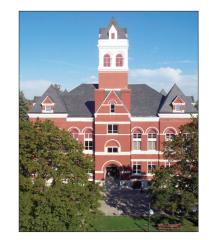
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TODAY



Man arrested in **Rochelle death**

A Palatine man was arrested Tuesday stemming from the September 2022 death of a Rochelle woman. 10A

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report of car in pond at Mt. Morris golf course Sheriff: No foul play suspected, autopsy took place Tuesday **BY JEFF HELFRICH** ponds on the north end MANAGING EDITOR of the property of the

Oregon woman found deceased following

MT. MORRIS — An Oregon woman was found

deceased on the evening of Sunday, Feb. 26 following the report of a vehicle in a pond at Sunset Golf Club at 216 Sunset Hill Lane in Mt. Morris, Ogle County Sheriff Brian Van-Vickle and Ogle County Coroner Lou Finch said.

Finch identified the woman as Erin Groves, 39, of Oregon. On Sunday afternoon, a Sunset Golf Club employee located what they believed to be the roof of a vehicle submerged in one of the

golf course. The sheriff's office and Mt. Morris Fire Department responded and confirmed it to be a vehicle and called in divers from the Byron and Oregon Fire Departments, VanVickle said. Divers looked inside

the submerged vehicle and determined it was unoccupied. They began searching the rest of the pond until light was lost, which stopped the water search for the night. Deputies were also searching the area around the pond and located Groves approximately 300-400



yards from the vehicle in a fence row, Van Vickle said.

"At this time it looks like exposure to the elements is probably going to be the cause of death,' VanVickle said. "There will be an autopsy Tuesday, but we don't suspect any foul play."

VanVickle said the pond where the vehicle was found is not close to any roadway and tracks appeared to show that the vehicle traveled through the golf course "a significant distance before it ended up in the pond."

"It appears a person

ended up in the pond and got out of the pond and was walking away from the area," Van Vickle said.

A missing persons post was circulated on Facebook over the weekend in search of Groves. The post said Groves was last seen leaving a bar and grill in Mt. Morris on Thursday, Feb. 23 at 12:30 a.m. driving a burnt orange Dodge Caliber.

Van Vickle said the Oregon Police Department took a missing persons report on Groves over the weekend and he believes that the time frame fits how the car was found.

Williams retires after 39 years as RCH chaplain

BY JEFF HELFRICH MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE — Rochelle Community Hospital Chaplain Judy Williams is retiring this month after 39 years in her position.

Williams has spent her time at the hospital supporting and giving spiritual guidance to RCH staff, patients and their families. She lends a friendly ear when someone wants to talk or is going through a tough health or personal situation.

"From minor things to major things at a hospital, people have emotions about them," Williams said. "It's about showing people that what they're going through is important and trying to give them some love from Christ in all of that. It blesses me to be able to do it, and I hope I could give some hope and comfort to them."



Williams would typically spend her time as chaplain coming into the hospital each morning and checking to see what sort of patients the hospital had that day and if there was someone who was going to potentially pass away or just found out about a disheartening diagnosis. She would go and see patients that told staff that they wanted to see the chaplain.

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Oregon Park District receives grant from Ogle Natural Areas Alliance

The Ogle Natural Areas Alliance recently announced it awarded the Oregon Park District with a \$1,500 grant to support its new outdoor education program. Events and Adult Programing Coordinator Caleb Jenks will use the grant to build out a curriculum and purchase supplies to help kids and adults alike engage with the outdoors and learn about our local wildlife, natural areas and ecosystems. ONAA thanked the park district and wished it good luck with the new programming. From left to right are ONAA President Trevor Hogan, Jenks, OPD Executive **Director Erin Folk and OPD Superintendent of Recreation Tina Ketter.**





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RCH: Williams will continue outreach

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Williams' job as chaplain required her to be available at all times and she occasionally received a call in the middle of the night to come into the hospital. She believes that half, if not more, of her work involved being there for and talking with RCH staff members.

"This is a stressful place," Williams said. "Sometimes it's staff members stopping by and giving them a little encouragement. Sometimes it's praying with them and sometimes it's just letting them talk. People need to talk to be able to continue to function and I like to think I was a safe place and people could share things with me and be able to keep doing their good, every-day job." Williams called most

days as a hospital chaplain "difficult, emotional and painful," but said she believes God prepared her to shoulder that emotional weight. Before she was chaplain, she worked at RCH in admitting and in the emergency room. She believes that even before she got certified, she was a chaplain in her heart "from day one."

"When you've seen really terrible things happen and you know that you can maybe help that person through, it makes it better and gives you a sense of, 'I'm doing what I'm supposed to do,'" Williams said. "I am where I'm supposed to be, being the chaplain here. I love my



job. I'm blessed that I got to come here. I hope that I gave a lot of love while I was here. I hope I made a difference in some people's lives. I believe that God does, and I wanted to share that with them. God is the strength, not me. I'm just the delivery woman. That makes me happy."

Williams also spent time officiating weddings for people she met through RCH as chaplain. She's often officiated funerals as well, some honoring people she spent time with at the hospital during their treatment. She wants to continue doing those things in retire-

ment. She doesn't want to give up being "chaplain of the community."

"I want to keep doing that," Williams said. "I want to continue to reach out to people and do things like funerals and weddings and help where I can. I just won't be on call 24/7 here, and that's hard. I won't be coming in in the middle of the night anymore. Unless they call me. If they call me, I'll come. I hope the community knows that I'm still chaplain."

Williams plans to spend her retirement with her husband, and the couple is planning on doing some

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traveling. She's already had her last day of work and has cleaned her office out. RCH hosted a retirement celebration for her on Feb. 23.

"It's going to be really tough to leave this place and the people here," Williams said. "I've already cried a lot. I had my last day where I gathered up my stuff and left. I couldn't go and visit everyone here because I would've cried and been here until the next day. I've made a lot of valuable friends here. Because I come from a small family, this family became my family. They made my birthdays special or felt for me when I had my hip replaced. Those are the hard parts of leaving a place. It's the people who you've made friends with that support you. I felt very supported here."

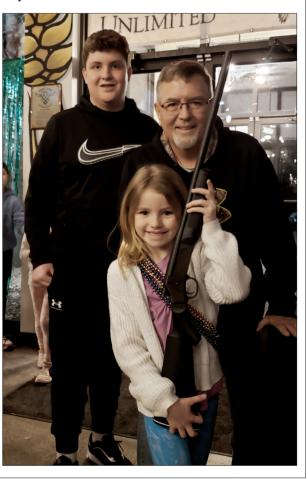
Williams believes the small-town aspect of Rochelle has made it easier for her to be chaplain and to comfort those in need. She believes that having at least some sort of prior relationship with someone helps them to relate and open up. She thanked the RCH administration and her coworkers for all 39 of her years.

"It's just been my dream job," Williams said. "Some people probably wouldn't think that a little place like this would be a dream job. But it is. Because these are the people I love. It's my community. I'm going to miss it here a lot. I really love serving God. Being here, I can do that all the time."



Scott R. Bowers Memorial Fund makes donations

The Scott R. Bowers Memorial Fund recently donated two shotguns to Four Rivers Ducks Unlimited for the Greenwing drawing. Shown are Landon Dempsey, 11, of Byron with his new Mossberg youth model semi-auto 20-gauge shotgun and Avery Hogan, 7, of Byron with her new Rossi youth model 20-gauge single-shot shotgun The banquet was held at Hairy Cow Brewery with a Mardi Gras theme on Feb. 21 (Fat Tuesday). Pictured with the winners are Scott's father and son, Mike and Brayden. Scott Bowers was a Boone County deputy and passed away in 2020. The **Bowers family wished to thank the Four Rivers Ducks Unlimited Chapter and Pete Oliver for their** dedication to conservation projects that were so important to Scott.



Byron Rotary offers scholarship

BYRON – Rotary Club of Byron is once again offering a \$1,000 scholarship to a worthy Byron High School senior.

The 2023 "Bob Adams Service Above Self Scholarship" is being offered for the 14th year to a graduating senior who plans to further his or her education in the fall. The winner will be someone who has demonstrated academic achievement while exemplifying the Rotary motto of "Service Above Self". Family income is not a consideration.

Bob Adams was a charter member of Byron Rotary whom the club credits with tirelessly working to establish a local club and to expand our membership. Because of Bob's vision, and with the support of the Byron community, the Rotary Club of Byron helps in the worldwide effort to eradicate polio, to assist victims of natural disasters and to provide clean drinking water to small villages in third world countries.

Locally, Byron Rotary provided seed funding for the Byron High School Pantry, made donations to the Byron Cemetery war memorial, funded construction of the Byron Forest Preserve Sled Shed, collects pop tabs to help pay for family stays at Ronald McDonald House and provides financial assistance to foster families through Believe in the Children. The club also joined with other community members to provide the beautiful mural downtown across the street from Byron Bank.

Applications

Applications for the "Bob Adams Service Above Self Scholarship" are available in the Byron High School Guidance Office and on the students' Naviance-Family Connection Accounts. The application deadline is Monday, April 17. The winner will be announced at the Honors Convocation on May 10 at 6:30 p.m.



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Tri-County **Opportunities Council announces** 2023 scholarships

ROCK FALLS—At least 12 scholarships will be awarded by Tri-County Opportunities Council to income-eligible students residing in the agency's service area.

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The scholarships are worth up to \$1,250 and have been made available by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Development (DCEO) through its Community Services Block Grant funds.

Eligibility

To be eligible for the scholarship competition: The applicant must be a member of an income-eligible household. The applicants must attend an Illinois-accredited post-secondary educational institution of higher learning during the fall of 2023. Applicants must be a resident of Bureau, Carroll, La-Salle, Lee, Marshall, Ogle, Putnam, Stark or Whiteside County in Illinois.

Students must be considered full-time (minimum of 12 semester hours) to qualify for the full \$1,250 scholarship.

Part-time students will be considered in the competition. However, scholarship awards will be pro-rated if they are selected as a winner.

Applications

The application deadline is March 24, 2023.

Further information and application forms may be obtained by contacting the office at 800/323-5434, extension 710, or on the website at www.tcochelps.org.

Locals named to Augustana College's fall semester dean's list

ROCK ISLAND — Augustana College announced more than 1,000 students were named to the dean's list for the 2022-23 fall semester. Students who have earned this academic honor have maintained a grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a four-point scale for courses taken during the term.

They include: Leslie Bandera of Oregon, Jenna Hale of Davis Junction, Jonathan Hansen of Lindenwood, Maja Johnson of Stillman Valley, Emily Medford of Monroe Center and Isabella Olalde and Adam Thorsen of Mount Morris.

A Special Thank You Accidents happen...and you never know how they will change you, until they do. Some have said I am lucky to be alive. And while I do indeed feel lucky to have survived my accident, I have felt even luckier to be blessed not \$\frac{1}{2}\$ with such an amazing community of family, friends, first responders, medical staff, therapists, well-wishers and neighbors who have supported, visited and encouraged me and my family beyond imagine through my ongoing recovery and rehabilitation. Please know how much gratitude I have for each and every one of you. Thank you from the bottom of my heart,

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favorite spot is on the couch cuddled up near my person. I still have some spunk in my step for a ten year old and enjoy playing with toys or taking short walks. In my foster home, I was around other dogs, kids and cats without any problems! Fun fact about me, I was at Tails six years ago when at the time I had 13 puppies! My foster home actually had one of my kiddos and I got to hang out with him these past few weeks. Do you have room on your couch and your heart for a wonderful girl like me? My adoption fee has been fully sponsored in honor of a friend's birthday, so I'm all ready to go home with you!

OES Counselor | OCUSD's Pace nominated for ISBE award

OREGON — Oregon Elementary School Counselor Krystal Stewart was the OCUSD #220 nominee for the Student Support Personnel of the Year as part of the Illinois State Board of Education's Those Who Excel Awards.

Krystal was nominated for her leadership in the student services department, supporting students in crisis and partnership with community organizations to better serve students.

Krystal will be awarded



an award of Meritorious Service at the Those Who Excel Banquet in April.

Sarantakos nominated as Community Volunteer of the Year for OJSHS work

OREGON—Oregon Community Unit School District 220 recently congratulated Illinois State Board of Education Those Who Excel award winner Mr. Matt Sarantakos. Sarantakos was nominated as the Community Volunteer of the Year and recognized with an award of

"Mr. Sarantakos volunteers numerous hours assisting with our theatre productions, specifically with lights and sound," a district Facebook postsaid. "Mr. Sarantakos gives so much of

himself to our fine arts programs. He has been a catalyst in upgrades in the theatre. He is also a great teacher, as he helps the student technical teams learn and understand how to operate the lights and sound. Mr. Sarantakos is an amazing member of the OJSHS community. We are beyond grateful for all he gives of himself to make sure we have the best productions possible! Thank you, Mr. Sarantakos! We are so happy to honor you at the Those Who Excel banquet in April. "



nominated for **ISBE** award

OREGON — Oregon Community Unit School District 220 recently congratulated District Food Services Director Kelly Pace for being the district's nominee for the Illinois State Board of Education's Those Who Excel Educational Support Personnel award for the 2023-24 School year.

"Mrs. Pace was recognized for her outstanding leadership of the food services department," a district Facebook post said. "Kelly

took on with exceptionality, the challenge that the pandemic forced upon her department in her first year as Food Services Director and has since continued to go above and beyond for our students and staff."

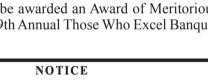
Kelly will be awarded an Award of Meritorious Service at the 49th Annual Those Who Excel Banquet on April 29.

OES teacher nominated for ISBE award

OREGON — The Oregon School District recently congratulated Oregon Elementary School third grade teacher Katie Groharing for being OCUSD #220's nominee for the Illinois State Board of Education's Those Who Excel Teacher of the Year Award for the 2023-24 school year.

Mrs. Groharing was recognized for her leadership at OES, outstanding academic outcomes and commitment to improving instructional practices across the district.

Groharing will be awarded an Award of Meritorious Service at the 49th Annual Those Who Excel Banquet on April 29.



Ogle County – Consolidated Election

EARLY VOTING and GRACE PERIOD REGISTRATION & VOTING will be conducted at the Ogle County Clerk's Office located in the Old Courthouse at 105 S. 5th Street, Oregon, IL.

Early Voting

February 23, 2023 – April 3, 2023

Monday thru Friday – 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, April 1, 2023 9:00 a.m. - Noon

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LOCAL NEWS

Obituaries

Ronald Karl Duane Bjorklund

MT. MORRIS — Ronald Karl Duane Bjorklund, 87, passed away on Tuesday Feb. 28 in Pinecrest Manor

Nursing Home, Mt. Morris. Ron was born on Feb. 19, 1936 in Milroy, Minnesota; the son of Robert A. & Ellen A. (Johnson) Bjorklund. He graduated from high school in Tracy, Minnesota the class of 1954. Ron was a member of the Michigan National Guard and he moved to Mt. Morris in 1974 from Michigan.

Ron married Neita A (Weigle) Buck on Jan. 6, 1974 in Oregon and she preceded him in death in 2008.

Ron was a member of the Mt. Morris Lions Club, Mt. Morris Moose Lodge #1551, he was on the Trinity Lutheran Church Council for six years and five of the six years he served as president, and he was an avid Cubs fan.

Ron is survived by his children: Nancy (Michael) Prier, West Burlington, Iowa, David (Beverly) Bjorklund, Byron, Wayne (Marcy) Bjorklund, Oregon; two grandsons: Brendon (Amber) Hamann and Austin Bjorklund; four granddaughters: Elizabeth (Chase) Phelps,

Brianne Bjorklund, Ashtin Bjorklund, and Brittany (Rob) Rubio; three great grandsons and two great granddaughters; three brothers: James Bjorklund, Gold Canyon, Arizona and Curtis Bjorklund, Winder, Georgia; sister: Ruth Sanbo, Scottsdale, Arizona.

Ron is preceded in death by his parents; wife: Neita; one son: Bruce; three brothers: Robert, Roy, and Kenneth; and five sisters: Alice, Margaret, June, Mae

and Irene. Memorial services will be held on Friday March 3 in Finch Funeral Home, 405 E. Hitt, Mt. Morris at 11 a.m. with Rev. Josh Ehrler officiating. Visitation will be held on Friday March 3 from

Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Trinity Lutheran Church and or Serenity Hospice

10:30 a.m. until service time in Finch

Verlo Jon DeWall

SHANNON—Verlo Jon DeWall, 81, of Shannon, passed away peacefully on February 22, 2023 at Swedish American

Heart Hospital in Rockford. Born June 22, 1941, to John and Elva DeWall.

Verlo leaves to cherish his memory his loving wife of 58 years, Ardath, their devoted sons Steve (Mary) DeWall, and Jeff (Lori) DeWall, beloved grandchildren Alyssa DeWall, Seth (fiancé Amanda Zahm) Posey, Brooklyn and Bryce De-Wall, siblings Donald (Marian)

DeWall, Eldon (Elsie) DeWall, Leola Juergens, and Anita (Robert) DeVries, brother-in-law Alan (Sherry) Flack, and numerous nieces and nephews. Verlo was preceded in death by his parents,

parents-in-law Leonard and Lois Flack, brother-in-law, Kenneth Juergens, and sister-in-law, Charlene Krum. Visitation will be held at

Burke-Tubbs Funeral Home, 504 N. Walnut Ave., Freeport on Monday, February 27, 2023, 2 - 7 pm. Funeral service will be held at Forreston Grove Church, 7246 N. Freeport Rd, Forreston on Tuesday, February 28 at 10:30am, with Ken Renkes officiating. A memorial fund has been established

For a complete obituary or to sign Verlo's guest book and share a memory, please go to burketubbs.com. Friends may contact Burke-Tubbs Funeral Homes, Freeport, for additional information.



Watts Dudley, 82, of Hope Mills, passed away on Feb. 20. Judy was born on April 24,

HOPE MILLS, NC — Judith Ann

1940, in Stephenson County. Judy is the daughter of the late Ralph and Elsie Watts. She is also preceded in death by her husband, Glen Dudley.

Judy was raised in Oregon. She graduated from Oregon High School in the class of 1958.

She attended and graduated from Sterling School of Beauty Culture. Judy worked in Oregon and then purchased the Petite Beauty Salon in the 1960's. She later spent many years at Salon Farouche in Huntington, West Virginia.

She is survived by her son, Paul Race of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina; son, Peter Race of Fayetteville; grandchildren, Brent Race (fiancé Sarah McComas),

granddaughter on the way Eleanor Fran-

cis Race; siblings, Joyce Davis (Larry), Roger Watts, Roland Watts (Linda), Vicky Beard (Bub), and Jeff Watts (Denise); stepmother, Verna Watts; several nieces and nephews and a host of other family and friends.

Judy enjoyed several hobbies in her free time, to include her love of gardening, fishing, bird watching and caring for her fur babies. She loved her

family immensely and was an amazing wife, mother, grandmother, daughter, sister and friend. Judy will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

A memorial service will be held March 13 at the Pinecrest Funeral Home in Hope Mills, NC, at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, please donate to Kind Keeper Animal Rescue, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

Report policy

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

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Cornelia Aileen (Cordes) Petritz

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Cornelia Aileen (Cordes) Petritz, 76, of West Lafayette, Indiana quietly slipped away from this life, surrounded by her

two children and husband on Friday, Feb. 24. She was born in Rockford on Nov. 3, 1946, to Margaret (Ferguson) and Floyd Cordes. Cornelia grew up in Oregon

attending Ruby Nash Elementary School and went on to graduate from Oregon High School in 1964. She graduated in 1968 from the University of Wisconsin-Platteville with her bachelor of science degree in elementary education.

Cornelia was introduced to her future husband, David, at a New Year's Eve party in 1963 and they were married on June 29, 1968, in Oregon. They moved

in 1972 for David's first job at Purdue

University and they raised their loving family in West Lafayette.

Cornelia gave her heart and soul to her family, her local P.E.O Chapter, her community, and the Purdue University men's basketball team. Cornelia dearly loved to bake, and family and friends were often the lucky recipients. She was also the family photographer, her photo books and albums are treasured keepsakes that documented numerous

made payable to P.E.O. Program for Continuing Education and sent to Jane Heman, P.E.O. Chapter CW Treasurer, 3504 Wakefield Drive, West Lafayette, IN 47906. Share memories and leave condolencfamily milestones and the abundance of es at www.soller-baker.com

Wayne T. Seymour **BYRON** – Wayne T. Seymour, 63,

passed away on Tuesday, Feb. 28. He was born on Oct. 3, 1959 in Rockford the son of Jack and Phyllis (St. John) Seymour.

After high school, he went into the trades; eventually owning and operating Wayne Seymour Plumbing in Rockford. Wayne loved the simple things in life and found happiness by working and spending his spare time hunting.

He is survived and missed by his children, Jenifer (Ken) Moore of New Braunfels, Texas, and Brandon Blake of Tucson, Arizona; sisters, Wen-

dy (Joe) Kerwin, Leaf River, and Cheri (Kevin) Bielema of Sellersburg, Indiana:

> and grandchildren Celia and Alayna. He is preceded in death by

his parents and niece Erika Bielema. Visitation will be held on

Monday, March 6 from 10-11 a.m. at Farrell Holland Gale Funeral Home in Byron. Private graveside services will be held at Silver Creek Cemetery in rural Mt. Morris.

Memorials are established in his name. To leave an online condolence please visit www.farrellhollandgale.com



William "Bill" Tracy was born in Salem, Illinois on July 19, 1944, and died peacefully on Feb. 26 with his wife and

daughter by his side. While in the Army, Bill married his sweetheart, Nancy, on July 23, 1966. Shortly after their marriage, he served in Vietnam. Bill returned home to Nancy and the first of his two children, Diane, and two years later they were blessed again with their son, Sean. Bill spent 37 years working

for the Village of Winnetka, before retiring in 2001 from their water and electric department. Bill's family, faith, and friends were the foundation of his world. He will be remembered as being a hard worker, and as someone who went out of his way to make sure everyone around him was happy.

He is survived by those who loved him most, his wife of 56 years, Nancy; his children Diane May (Walter Fisher) of Volo, Illinois, and Sean Tracy (his

wife Tracy) of Palmer, Alaska; Bringing additional joy to his life were his grandchildren Justin (Tara) May, Kyle May,

Taylor Tracy, Luke Tracy, Erin Tracy, Jillian Tracy, Katie Joy Tracy, Bridget Tracy and Daphne Tracy, as well as great grandchildren Carson, Cameron and Emery May; he is also survived by his siblings, Marilyn (Jim) Alexander, Dennis Tracy, Linda (Billy) Brasket, Brenda Tracy, and Steve (Leanne) Tracy, and numerous nieces and nephews.

He is predeceased by his parents,

William and Mary Jane Tracy Sr. A memorial service will be held at Fitzgerald Funeral Home & Crematory, 1860 S. Mulford Road, in Rockford, at

11 a.m. on Saturday, March 18. In lieu of flowers, donations to Serenity Hospice and Home would be greatly

appreciated. To send online condolences or share memories, please visit www.fitzgeraldfh.

Richard (Toby) Lee Way

STILLMAN VALLEY — Richard (Toby) Lee Way, 82, passed away at his home surrounded by his loving family on

Feb. 17. He was born in Rockford on March 30, 1940, the son of Violet (Rubow) and Burton Way.

After graduating from Lakeland High School in Minocqua, Wisconsin in 1958, Toby attended one semester of college before enlisting in the US Air Force. He served in Korea from 1959-1962. Upon returning home he met the love of his life Patsy Ann

Capes, they married on May 25, 1963 and were lifelong residents of Stillman Valley.

Toby worked and was a stockholder at Quality Metal Finishing Company in Byron until he retired in 2002. Toby served on the board of directors at the Village of Progress for 20 years. He was a member of the VFW Post 8739 in Oregon. Toby enjoyed his retirement traveling and spending time with his grandchildren and teaching them life lessons. If you didn't find him in

his shed building a project for someone

you would find him on the golf course. Toby will be missed and is survived

by his wife of almost 60 years, Pat (Byron), daughter Brandie Messer (Stillman Valley); son Toby (Amy) Way Jr., (Phoeniz, Arizona); four grandchildren, Brett (Emily Lund) Messer, Devan (Seth) Kuss (Stillman Valley); Cody (Lacey) Way, Samuel (Riley Ferguson) Way (Phoenix); and two great-granddaughters, Remi Way (Phoenix)

and Reagan Kuss (Stillman Valley).

He was preceded in death by his parents, siblings Bud Way, Sue Nevel, Pat Huls & Tom Way; his son-in-law Steve Messer and grandson Douglas Way. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Village of Progress.

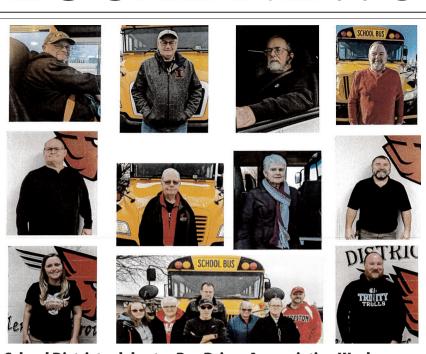
A celebration of life will be held in Toby's honor on March 19, 2023 from 1-4 p.m. at Fritz's Wooden Nickel in Stillman Valley.











School District celebrates Bus Driver Appreciation Week The Forrestville Valley School District recently celebrated Bus Driver Appreciation Week. Members of the district's transportation department include: Dan Miller, Glenn Wichman, Jim Hillman, John Mershon, Chet Strehlow, Clif Schoonhoven, Jean Noonkesser, Kirk Janicke, Kelley Parks, Erin Leibow, Marsha Birkholz, Brent Smith, Laura Hill (transportation director), Troy Rudy, Mike Gaston, Heather Weaver and Joel Tuten.

Roger D. Hartman

OREGON—Roger D. Hartman, 75, of Oregon passed away Feb. 26 at Rock River Hospice and Home in Sterling following a brief illness.

Roger was born January 12, 1948, in Freeport, the son of Joseph W. and Mabel (Broege)

Hartman. Raised and educated in Mount Carroll, he graduated from Mount Carroll High School in 1966. Roger married Janice Brunner on Nov. 25, 1967, in Mount Carroll. He worked as a quality control technician at Clinton Corn Processing Company for 13 years. Roger graduated from Sauk Valley Community College in 1988 and returned to work as a quality

control technician at Loparex (Daubert) in Dixon, until his retirement in 2011. He was a proud union member, and an enthusiastic Democrat. Roger and Janice made their home in Fulton, and raised three children, later moving to Oregon. Roger's greatest priority was his family, always showing his love and devotion to his children and grandsons. Enjoying family meals, going fishing, building O-gauge model train layouts, and supporting the Chicago Cubs were among his favorite pastimes.

He is survived by his wife, Janice Hartman of Oregon; his children, Kate Hartman of DeKalb, Phillip Hartman of Sterling and Benjamin and Dawn Hartman, and grandsons, Owen and Emmett Hartman, of Batavia; his sister, Nancy

Zink of Shannon; and his niece, April Zink, of Alachua, Florida. He is also survived by his sister-in-law, Karen Coulter of Texarkana, Texas; his brothers-in-law, Robert (Sheila) Brunner of Chadwick, Illinois, and Kurt (Pam Naples)Brunner of Mount Carroll; two nieces, Hillary Brunner and Elizabeth (Chris Zwolan) Brunner; and nephew, Nicholas (Noel Leckemby) Brunner of

Sacramento, California.

Roger was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Joseph E. and Frank W. Hartman; and a niece, Emily Coulter.

Family and friends will be invited to a memorial service to be announced at a later date.

Join us in honoring Roger's memory by supporting the important work of Catholic Charities of the Rio Grande Valley https://www. catholiccharitiesrgv.org/Donations.aspx or Rock River Hospice and Home bit.ly/rrhospice





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LOCAL NEWS

OGLE COUNTY SHERIFF

OREGON — On Feb. 14 at approximately 9:34 p.m. deputies responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of South Commercial Street in Baileyville. After investigation, deputies placed John Lehmann, 58, of Freeport under arrest for driving under the influence of alcohol. Lehmann was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond. On Feb. 15, Ogle Coun-

ty detectives arrested Jesus F. Cornejo-Garcia, a 37 year-old male of Rochelle, for eight counts of possession of child pornography under 13 (class

2022, Illinois State Police investigators initiated an investigation after receiving information that Cornejo-Garcia was allegedly engaged in downloading child pornography. A thorough investigation ensued in conjunction with the Illinois Attorney General's Internet Crimes Against Children Unit, the ISP, Belvidere Police Department, Rochelle Police Department and the Ogle County Sheriff's Office. A search warrant was executed on Feb. 15 at Cornejo-Garcia's residence. During the warrant execution, investigators seized evidence supporting an arrest for child pornography.

On Feb. 15 at approximately 5 a.m. deputies responded to the 600 block of North Second Street in Holcomb regarding a reported disturbance. After an investigation, deputies placed Laura A. Dee, 35, of Machesney Park, under arrest for disorderly conduct. Dee was transported to the Ogle County Jail, where she was held in lieu of bond.

On Feb. 15 at approximately 2:54 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop at the intersection of North Kilbuck Road and East Illi-

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nois Route 72. After an initial investigation, deputies placed Ali M. Saleh, 23, of Rockford, under arrest for driving unlicensed. Saleh was additionally cited for avoiding a traffic control device. Saleh was released from the scene on an I-Bond and provided with a future court date.

On Feb. 15 at 10:47 p.m. deputies responded to the area of 7000 W. Penn Corner Road for the report of a vehicle in the ditch. After an investigation, it was discovered the vehicle struck a mailbox prior to entering the south ditch. The driver, Frank Hatch, 68, of Polo was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol. Hatch was also issued citations for expired registration and improper lane usage. Hatch was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond. On Feb. 16 at 7:31 a.m.

deputies, along with the Polo Fire and Ambulance and the Mt. Morris Fire Department responded to the intersection of Illinois Route 64 and Freeport Road for a report of a three-vehicle accident with serious injuries. Upon investigation, deputies determined that a 2003 GMC Yukon driven by Rebecca A. Marschang, 50, of Polo, was northbound on Freeport Road and was unable to stop for a stop sign, possibly due to icy road conditions. As a result the GMC entered the intersection and collided with a 2011 Honda Accord driven by Karen S. Harmon, 57, of Lanark that was eastbound on Illinois Route 64. After being struck by the GMC, the Honda then spun into the westbound lane where it was struck by a 2016 Peterbilt semi-tractor and trailer driven by Robert S. Engen, 45 of Champlin, Minneosta that had been westbound on Illinois Route 64. Engen was uninjured in the collision and Marschang was transported by private vehicle to Freeport Memorial Hospital for treatment of possible minor injuries. Harmon was pronounced deceased at the scene by the Ogle County Coroner and was transported to the Ogle County Coroner's Office. The Incident remains under investigation. Sheriff's deputies were assisted at the scene by the Illinois State Police as well as the Polo

Police Department. On Feb. 16 at approximately 5:23 a.m. deputies and Lynn-Scott-Rock EMS responded to the intersection of Northwestern Avenue and North Junction Road in Davis Junction regarding a vehicle parked in the roadway with two unresponsive male occupants. After an investigation, deputies placed Julio C. Ramos, 21, of Rochelle, under arrest for driving under the influence. Ramos was additionally cited for illegal parking and illegal transportation of alcohol. The passenger, identified as Anthony C. Nunez, 18, of Rockford, was arrested for underage consumption of alcohol and released on an I-Bond. Ramos was translieu of bond.

ported to the Ogle County Jail, where he was held in On Feb. 17 at about 10 a.m. in the Judicial Center parking lot deputies arrested Matthew Rodkey, 49, of Rockford for unlawful possession of a controlled substance (crack cocaine). Rodkey was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held pending a bond hearing. Deputies were assisted

On Feb. 17 at approxi-

by Oregon Police.

responded to a driving complaint of a vehicle traveling southbound in the 11,000 block of North Illinois Route 2. A short time later deputies located the vehicle before conducting a traffic stop on it at the intersection of Illinois Route 2 and Town Line Road. After investigation, deputies placed on Interstate 39 near mile marker 103. After brief in-Ryan Dinkelman, 36, of Mt. Morris under arrest vestigation, deputies arrestfor driving under the influed Michael A. Bear, 30, of ence of alcohol. Dinkelman Rockford, for driving while was additionally issued a license revoked. Bear was citation for improper lane issued additional citations

mately 5:20 p.m. deputies

On Feb. 17 at approximately 4:10 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop at Illinois Route 38 at Dement Road in Rochelle on a 2002 maroon GMC Yukon. After conducting an investigation Gilberto Quintana, 26, of Lee was arrested for driving while license suspended. In addition, Quintana was issued citations for possession of cannabis/improper container, operating an uninsured motor vehicle, expired registration and failure to display driver's license. Quintana was transported to the Ogle County Jail on a valid Dekalb County warrant where he was held in lieu of bond. On Feb. 18 at approxi-

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mately 9:17 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop near the intersection of Illinois Route 251 and Flagg Road. After investigation, deputies placed Alejandro Gonzalez-Gonzalez, 21, of Rochelle under arrest for aggravated driving under the influence of alcohol, possession of a controlled substance (cocaine - class four felony), driving under the influence of alcohol, no valid driver's license and improper container of cannabis/driver. Gonzalez-Gonzalez was also issued citations for speeding, improper lane usage, illegal window tint and operating an uninsured vehicle. Apassenger in the vehicle named Juan Mandujano-Camacho, 26, of Rochelle, was also placed under arrest for an active failure to appear Ogle County warrant and possession of a controlled substance (cocaine - class four felony). Both Gonzalez-Gonzalez and Mandujano-Camacho were transported to the Ogle County Jail where they were held

pending a court appearance in front of a judge. On Feb. 18 at approximately 3:38 a.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop on East Illinois Route 64 near Chamberlain Road. After an investigation, deputies arrested William A. Marshall, 42, of DeKalb, for driving under the influence of alcohol. Marshall was issued additional citations for following too closely and failure to signal. Marshall was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

On Feb. 18 at approximately 5 p.m. deputies initiated a traffic stop in the 500 block of North 4th in Oregon. After further investigation, deputies arrest Christian Bejna, 34, of Oregon, for a failure to appear Ogle County warrant for driving while license suspended. Benja was also charged with another count of driving while license suspended. Benjawas taken into custody and transported to the Ogle County Jail in lieu of bond.

On Feb. 19 at approximately 8:47 p.m. deputies initiated a traffic stop for disobeying a stop sign and an inoperable plate

light. Upon further investigation, deputies arrested Brian Henson, 39, of Byron, for driving while license suspended. Henson was later released on an individual bond and was given a later court date. On Feb. 19 at approximately 12:36 a.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop

motor vehicle and an equipment violation. Bear was subsequently transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond. On Feb. 19 at approximately 3 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop on Interstate 88 at mile marker 76 on a 2018 blue Chevrolet Equinox. After conducting an investigation, Sydney Morgan Mittan-Ybarra, 24, of Davenport, Iowa was placed under arrest for driving while license suspended. Mittan-Ybarra was also issued a speeding citation for traveling 88 miles per hour in a 70 miles per

hour zone. Mittan-Ybarra

was released on an I-bond

and provided with a future

for operating an uninsured

court date. On Feb. 19 at approximately 1:11 a.m. deputies responded to a residence in the 9,000 block of East Fowler Road in reference to a home invasion in progress. Prior to arrival, deputies were updated with information that a male offender had been shot by someone living at the property. Deputies responded to the scene and administered aid to the offender after learning the male had been shot at least once in the lower abdomen. Rochelle and Flagg Center EMS arrived on scene a short time later and began administering aid. The male subject was then transported to the Rochelle airport, where he was flown to Saint Anthony's Hospital in Rockford by a Life Flight helicopter. The male subject at the time was in critical, but stable condition. The incident remains under investigation pending possible charges.

On Feb. 20 at approximately 1 a.m. hours deputies were involved in a police pursuit that started westbound on East Illinois Route 64 at Moore Road. The pursuit continued westbound and the offending vehicle, a red Ford Mustang, reached speeds of 120 miles per hour and disregarded multiple traffic control devices. The pursuit continued through Oregon city limits and the vehicle proceeded to crash and finally come to rest at 14 East Front St. in Mt. Morris. The driver identified as Derrick Holmes, 33, of Highwood, was taken into custody and charged with aggravated fleeing to elude, driving under the influence, reckless driving and multiple traffic violations. Holmes was transported to the Ogle County Jail until further proceedings with a judge. On Feb. 20 at 7:40 p.m.

deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 7,000 block of West Illinois Route 64 for a speeding violation. After an investigation, Charles West, 51, of Byron was arrested for unlawful possession of cannabis 100-500 grams (class four felony). West was also issued a citation for speeding. West was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he will be held pending a court appearance

before a judge. All individuals are considered innocent until proven guilty.

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Forreston High School names fall 2022 honor roll

FORRESTON—Forreston High School recently named its honor roll students for the fall 2022 semester.

Excellent honor roll (3.75-4.0)

Freshmen: Caroline Bawinkel, Danica Fong, Gavin Fox, Noah Genandt, Cadan Hoffman, Kyla Lamm, Elizabeth Ludwig, Jeremiah Newill and Jayda Perkins. Sophomores: Ericka Alexander, Ennen Ferris, Evelyn Haller, Dausyn Heslop, Ayla Kiper, Sophia Lewis, Colton McGlynn, Lucas Nelson, Josiah Newill, Michael Owens, Morgan Penn, Lacey Politsch, Aubrey Sanders, Alec Schoonhoven, Dane Setterstrom and Aidan Yordy. Juniors: Sydni Badertscher, Jenna Greenfield, Nevaeh Houston, Zoriah Jenkins, Kaeden Motszko, Owen Mulder, Micah Nelson, Julia Parra, Autum Pritchard, Codey Rohdy, Alexander Ryia, Paige Scott, Elizabeth Shenberger and Nikolas Valenzuela. Seniors: Elizabeth Bishop, Brooke Boettner, Kristina Bondele, Rylee Broshous, Mikayla Brown, McKenna Dorty, Hailey Greenfield, Owen Greenfield, Bryonna Harson, Daemyn Heslop, Dixie Johnson, Lily Johnson, Johnathen Kobler, Alexis Koehl, Emma Manus, Alaina Miller, Alexander Milnes, Sydney Regez, Chloe Reubin, Madyson Schoonhoven, Hailey Schultz, Brock Smith, Kobe Southerland, Kaia Stralow and Emalee VanDeWarker.

Honor roll (3.0-3.74)

Freshmen: Emilee Bocker, Emma Chamberlin, Hunter DeWall, Kylie Dieterman, Kailey Encheff, Brady Gill, Darin Greenfield, Hayden Harvey, Jacquelyn Hernandez, Ethan Holaday, Emma Hundertmark, Min-Jee Johnson, MaKenna Jordison, Braelyn Kloster, Jakob Kobler, Kayden Loomis, Anthony Maestas,

Hunter Miller, Brooklynn Parra, Gage Rozakis, Christian Ryia, Kaylynn Schiesher, McKenna Zink and Brady Zipse. Sophomores: Tayton Bandy, Evan Boettner, Devin Bratt, Maddie Chesnek, Grace Kaiser, Daniel Koehl, Deigon Krieger, Aspen McGlynn, Jayleigh Newill, Cassie Pals, Ashlyn Rinaldi, McKenna Rummel, Mason Sanders and Jaiden Schneiderman. Juniors: Haleigh Altherr, Samantha Appel, Elly Bamberg, Letrese Buisker, Hannah Harvey, Ella Ingram, Grant Johnson, Olivia King, Brynn Lamm, Keeli Larson, Zachary Pierson, Natalia Roach, Christopher Symons, Dylon Timmer, Andrew Wells and Madison Zipse. Seniors: Katelynn Alexander, Andrew Baumann, McKenna Crase, John DeHaven, Cole DeWall, Drew Dieterman, Payton Encheff, Jace Engbert, Quinten Frederick, Kyler Ganz, Sydney Greenfield, Carli Hollis, Colin Kuhn, Logan Miller, Ian Pannkuk, Maia Sanders and Lacie Williams.

Lebers of Mt. **Morris welcome** new baby

MT. MORRIS — Reggie Arlen Leber was born Feb. 18, 2023 at 8:54 a.m. weighing seven pounds. 14 ounces and at a length of 19.5 inches. He was born at KSB Hospital in Dixon to parents Joseph and Kassandra Leber of Mt. Morris.

Reggie will join one sibling, Myles Leber. His grandparents are Tracy and Steve Bushland of Mt. Morris, Dennis and Toni Massolle of Oregon and Julie and Bill Leber of Loves Park. Nancy Bearman of Oregon is a great grandparent.

August and Hutton Rundle named to MTSU fall dean's list

MURFREESBORO, **Tenn.** — Former Byron residents and Byron High School graduates August T. Rundle and Hutton W. Rundle have been named to the fall 2022 dean's list at Middle Tennessee State

University. To qualify for the dean's list distinction at MTSU, a student must maintain a current semester GPA of 3.5 or above and have earned a minimum of 12 semester

The "dean's list" notation applies only to undergraduate students.

Kishwaukee College announces graduates

MALTA — Kishwaukee College is proud to announce the graduates for the fall 2022 semester. Graduation honors are divided into three categories based on final cumulative grade point average (GPA) on a 4.0 scale: summa cum laude indicates a cumulative GPA between 3.75-4.0; magna cum laude indicates a cumulative GPA between 3.5-3.749; and cum laude indicates a cumulative GPA between 3.25-3.499. Students who fulfill requirements for a certificate and have a final cumulative GPA of 3.25 or higher are awarded a certificate with distinction. Students who are members of the Phi Theta Kappa honor society are recognized as PTK.

The graduate total for the semester is 145 students who completed a total of 162 degrees and certificates for fall 2022.

The following students completed the requirements for graduation from Kishwaukee College:

Byron — Ralee Tecora Corkran, Associate in Science, Summa Cum Laude.

Creston — Ariel Janae Zuercher, Associate in Arts, Cum Laude.

Davis Junction — Mikayla Savannah Garnhart, Associate in Science; Samuel J. Keast, Associate in Science.

Esmond — Carly C. Summers, CERT, Basic Nurse Assisting.

Kings—Keri Jean Creason, CERT, Medical Billing and Coding, With Distinction; Sara R. Sanderson, Associate in Arts, Summa Cum Laude, PTK.

Monroe Center — Erica Bethany Floyd, Associate in Science, Magna Cum Laude.

Mt. Morris — Megan D. Buttens, Associate in Arts, Magna Cum Laude.

Oregon — Soren Balle Cates, Associate in Science; Teresa Jo Jacobsen, AAS, Horticulture Floral Design, Summa Cum Laude; Fatjona Kamberi, AAS, Registered Nursing, Summa Cum Laude.

Rochelle—Kyle Daniel Aldridge, AAS, Registered Nursing, Cum Laude; Kaitlynn M. Cook, CERT,

Medical Assistant, With Distinction; Angel Cruz, Associate in Arts; Rhylie Erdman, Associate in Science; Edgar Javier Garcia, Associate in Arts; Arlette Garcia, Associate in Science; Ahllam Khattab, Associate in Arts; Mandi Faith Lamb, AAS, Registered Nursing, Associate in Science, Summa Cum Laude, PTK; Ryan Patrick Mickey, Associate in Arts; Ilse Mariana Molina, Associate in Science, Magna Cum Laude; Jose A. Morales, CERT, EMT, With Distinction; Chelsea Nicole Nally, Associate in Arts; Gabriel S. Neece, CERT, Google IT Support; Johnathan Vaughn Nguyen, Associate in Science, Magna Cum Laude; Tanner Peterson, Associate in Arts; Nicole Marie Sheets, AAS, Registered Nursing, Magna Cum Laude, PTK; Kevin Daniel South, AAS, Marketing and Management; Erika Marcela Villalobos-Miller, Associate in Arts; Kayla Elizabeth Wiedemann, Associate in Science.

Stillman Valley—Nicole Scullion, AAS, Registered Nursing.

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MARCH 9

Here is a great opportunity to try something new or just have a fun night out with friends at the Mt. Morris Senior Center! Do you know how to play Euchre? Would you like to learn? On Thursday, March 9, the Mt. Morris Senior Center will be hosting a Euchre Tournament at 9 E. Front St. in Mt. Morris. We will start by teaching those who would like to learn how to play the game (or those who just need a refresher) at 5:30 p.m. If you already know how to play, please be there by 6 p.m. so you can get instructions as to how this tournament will work, and at 6:15 p.m. the tournament will begin. There will be plenty of snacks and drinks provided, but you may also bring your own adult beverages. The cost for this evening is \$10. and there will be case prizes. There is no need to RSVP,

but if you have questions please call the senior center at 815-734-6335. All ages (18+) are welcome. Let's have some fun together!

MARCH 11

Chana United Methodist Church is hosting its annual Chicken Noodle Lasagna Dinner Drive Thru on Saturday, March 11 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Cost of the dinner is \$12 and includes: a hearty portion of homemade (from scratch) noodles and chicken, a generous piece of homemade lasagna and fresh from the oven apple crisp. Chana UMC is a certified kitchen and is COVID-19 compliant. Dinner is drive thru only.

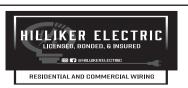
MARCH 15

Basics of Medicare Byron: An educational and informational presentation only on the Medicare insurance program will be presented for the community at 6-7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 15 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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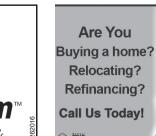
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"Congress shall make no law. . .

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MOMENTS IN TIME

* On March 17, 1756, St. Patrick's Day was celebrated for the first time in New York City at John Thompson's Crown and Thistle public house. Interestingly, Thompson was nicknamed "Scotch Johnny," and his tavern was only part-time Irish.

* On March 16, 1834, Charles Darwin, on the HMS Beagle, anchored in the British-owned Falkland Islands for the first time, to carry out a zoological survey. At first unimpressed by the desolate landscape, he soon discovered fossils of about 400 million years old, most of which are now housed in London's Natural History Museum.

* On March 19, 1916, eight Curtiss "Jenny" planes of the First Aero Squadron were used in support of the 7,000 American troops who had invaded Mexico with the intent of capturing Mexican revolutionary Pancho Villa, marking the U.S.' first use of air combat.

* On March 18, 1922, British lawyer Mohandas K. Gandhi was sentenced to prison in India on the charge of civil disobedience after urging for mass civil disobedience, including boycotts of British educational institutions and law courts and foreign-made goods. His speeches always emphasized the wrongness of physical violence. He served just two years of his six-year sentence.

* On March 15, 1956, the musical "My Fair Lady" made its Broadway debut. Based on George Bernard Shaw's play "Pygmalion," it starred Rex Harrison and Julie Andrews in the lead roles of domineering Professor Henry Higgins and his protegee, the equally strongwilled but good-hearted Cockney flower seller named Eliza Doolittle. It was an immediate smash hit.

* On March 13, 1997, a heated debate was launched among believers in UFOs when a series of unidentified lights appeared above Phoenix, Arizona. It was later revealed that the lights were not from alien aircraft, but illumination flares dropped from a U.S. Air Force plane.

* On March 14, 2014, it was announced that public transportation systems in Paris, France, would run for free for three days in an effort to combat the heavy smog and air pollution the country was experiencing due to unseasonably warm temperatures.

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Being in a group has its advantages

OOKING back on life it seems the most fun I've had was with others. Old high school buddies, fraternity brothers and farm bureau folk I've met along the way. There's plenty of good memo-

ries there after 66 years and I hope to have a few more years

to make a few more. Some things I could

elaborate on, then again there's others that I've been sworn to secrecy never to repeat. Then there's the ones that usually elicit from folks "And you are still alive?!" Yep, being in a group has

its advantages. Same goes for agriculture and the work we do at farm bureau. So I'm sharing with you an

article from Scott Herndon, president of Field to Market. Made me think about how things moving forward need to look. Enjoy. Collaboration. That was a key theme that emerged from the

inaugural Field to Market: The Alliance for Sustainable Agriculture Farm Bill & Agriculture Policy Conference recently held at the American Farm Bureau Federation's D.C. office. Commodity groups, stakeholder organizations, a member

of Congress, Hill staff, a USDA official, growers and more, all gathered for the event to discuss their priorities for the 2023 farm bill. Unsurprisingly, many shared the same goals – improve the baseline, protect crop insurance, broaden partnerships for voluntary, incentive-based conservation efforts and more.

Each of those goals were connected by the same thread -aneed to collaborate to achieve these priorities.

The concept of collaboration was not new to the groups in the room, and is certainly not new to Field to Market, whose mission centers around collaboration across the agricultural supply chain to support resilient ecosystems and enhance farmer livelihoods.

For over 15 years, Field to Market has united the agricultural value chain to advance sustainable outcomes for agriculture, encouraging collaboration to reach shared goals. Throughout the year, we host convenings, like the

Farm Bill & Agriculture Pol-

icy Conference, to bring organizations with diverse perspectives together to discuss strategies to unite and make meaningful partnerships that will improve sustainability outcomes.

If there are two things we know, it is that the journey to a sustainable future cannot be achieved alone and that there is no one-size-fits-all solution to the challenges we are facing. Field to Market's membership is united to overcome the serious challenges of our time, as well as continuously evolving to include more diverse voices at the table.

By bringing together five membership sectors – affiliates, agribusinesses, brands & retailers, civil society and growers – in a precompetitive space, all sectors of the agricultural value chain come together to collaborate to meet the growing demand for food, feed, fiber and fuel in a sustainable and responsible way.

Field to Market members have access to the Fieldprint Platform, a pioneering assessment framework that allows supply chain participants at every stage of their sustainability journey to measure the environmental impacts of

commodity crop production and identify opportunities for improvement.

With over 4.5 million acres of farmland across 36 states enrolled in projects within the Fieldprint Platform, supply chain actors are harnessing the power of collaboration to drive sustainable agriculture forward. Members are exploring new and innovative ways to deploy conservation practices on the ground, in ways that are beneficial to farmers and help protect their bottom line. As farmers know, economic sustainability

Participating companies are also able to utilize the Fieldprint Platform to reach their own environmental sustainability goals, utilizing data outputs including greenhouse gas emissions factors to show progress.

is a fundamental component of

agricultural sustainability.

In a time where the challenges impacting our nation's farmers and value chain stakeholders are continuing to evolve, Field to Market is working to foster collaboration to reach shared goals.

We all must challenge ourselves to think outside the box and consider the innovative ways we can collaborate to reach a goal shared with someone sitting across from us in the value chain. We sincerely value our relationship with the American Farm Bureau Federation and its many grower members.

We are stronger, together, and I welcome conversations on how Field to Market can further collaborations that reach shared goals.

"One man alone can be pretty dumb sometimes, but for real bona fide stupidity, there ain't nothing can beat teamwork." -Edward Abbey

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

It's none of your business

८ ८ WHY aren't you drinking?"

My former boss slurred those words as he looked across a table while he and my co-workers downed a pitcher of beer at a mandatory staff pizza party.

Drinkers ask that question. Not only is it off-putting and rude it's ubiquitous.

I've never quite understood why that's anyone's business but my own; but it's asked continually in the circles where I have worked: politics and journalism.

I don't care if someone drinks around me. Why should they care if someone doesn't drink around them?

Please note, I'm not talking about beer and burgers fellas or those who enjoy an occasional sip of wine. I'm talking about those who lack an on/off switch, who don't know when

My first exposure to alcoholism was my maternal grandfather. He started the day with a shot of whiskey before breakfast and couldn't function without some amount of alcohol flowing through his veins.

My recollections of him are primarily as a sad drunk, always in a stupor in his red recliner, smoking Marlboros and playing solitaire. Did I ever see him fully sober? I don't know.

Neither his wife nor three children drank alcohol. Growing up, my mother remembered hellacious arguments as Grandpa disappeared with his drinking buddies to spend money on booze rather

Addiction is a pernicious disease.

My mother, a registered nurse, was convinced a genetic predisposition for alcoholism lurked in our DNA. Recent scientific studies have since found there is a genetic component to substance abuse. So, maybe she was onto something 40

Regardless, I chose not to start drinking. I'm 58 years old and have never tasted alcohol. That's not a badge of honor or disgrace. It's just a choice. Interesting enough, both presidents Biden and Trump make the same claim about lifelong abstinence from alcohol. Both men also have a history of family substance abuse.

In school, I was hassled a bit for not engaging in the hard-drinking lifestyle. I chose friends who didn't care.

But it's in the workforce that I've found the pressure to conform to a particular behavior the most extreme. When I was a young reporter, my abstinence from alcohol was mentioned as a detriment during a formal job-performance

The boss said a good reporter has to be a drinker to really understand the world. It would be easy to mark this off as one bad boss among many good ones. But it's a situation I keep en-

Years later, I found myself in another state sitting next to another boss, as I sipped my Diet Coke, and he slurred, "Is this some sort of religious thing, you know, that you don't drink?"

No, it isn't. But if were, would it be any of your business?

By that time in my career, I was supervising people, some of whom had substance abuse problems.

During one out-of-state meeting, I saw one particular reporter's hands shake and he'd shift uncomfortably in his chair. He'd then announce that he forgot something in his hotel room and disappear for a fix.

When I expressed concern, I was told, "He's not an alcoholic – they go to meetings." Not a compassionate way to deal with someone who is suffering – or a smart way to deal with a team member who is impaired.

The organization claimed it couldn't afford an employee assistance program but hosted plenty of events with open bars. Usually before opening the bar the boss would point to one fellow who would often get sloshed at lunch before returning to work and announce, "Don't get in front of him on the way to the bar, he'll run you over."

Where he saw amusement, I saw a problem. Alcoholism isn't a matter of bad character. It's a disease and should be treated as such.

But when I'd raise concerns to those above me about employees in my charge, it was dismissed with a wave of the hand as if to say, "You're a teetotaler, what do you know about alcohol?"

Yeah, the problem is the folks who don't drink – not the ones who can barely function. Privately, I guided one of my co-workers into a 12-step program.

At future work gatherings, he'd be sipping coffee while others were downing cocktails.

Inevitably, someone would ask, "Why aren't you drinking?" He'd shift uncomfortably from foot to foot and try to come up with a response.

How about: It's none of your business. Scott Reeder, a staff writer for Illinois Times, can be reached at sreeder@illinoistimes.



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Palatine man arrested and charged with murder in September 2022 death of Rochelle woman

Freeman faces 4 counts of 1st degree murder in death of Devin Gibbons

BY JEFF HELFRICH MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE — On Tuesday, a Palatine man was arrested and charged with four counts of first degree murder stemming from the September 2022 death of a Rochelle woman.

On Sept. 18, 2022 at 10:46 a.m. Rochelle Fire and Police Departments were dispatched to an apartment located at 503 7th Ave. for smoke in a residence. Upon entry into the residence, fire personnel located a deceased female. The fire was deemed suspicious, and additional investigators arrived on scene.

The victim was identified as Devin K. Gibbons, 28, of Rochelle. During the course of the investigation, Gary C. Freeman, 27, of Palatine was developed as a suspect. On Tuesday, Freeman was arrested in Schaumburg and transported to the Ogle County Jail and charged with four counts of first degree murder, one count of residential arson and one count of concealment of a homicidal death. A grand jury indicted Freeman Tuesday.

Freeman is currently in the Ogle County Jail on a \$10 million bond. He appeared in Ogle County Circuit Court Wednesday afternoon for the first time.

A press conference was held Wednesday morning in Rochelle by Ogle County State's Attorney Mike Rock and RPD Chief Eric



Wednesday press conference in Rochelle announcing the arrest of a Palatine man in the case of 28-year-old Rochelle woman's death. (Photo by Jeff Helfrich)

Higby. Rock detailed the charges against Freeman and reminded the public that they are merely allegations and he is presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Freeman faces three counts of first degree murder (class M felony) punishable by 20-60 years in prison. Truth in sentencing applies to those charges, meaning any sentence he receives within that range will be served for the full term. He's also charged with one count of first degree murder in a cold and calculated fashion, which is also a class M felony

and makes the defendant, if found guilty, eligible for natural life sentencing.

The residential arson charge is a class one felony punishable by 4-15 years in prison and the concealment of a homicidal death charge is a class three felony punishable by 2-5 years in prison.

"On behalf of my office, I can't thank law enforcement enough for the amount of work that they put into this case, particularly the Rochelle Police Department," Rock said. "It was hundreds of hours and a number of law enforcement agencies came



On Feb. 27, Rochelle Police arrested Gary C. Freeman, 27, of Palatine, and charged him with four counts of first degree murder stemming from the September 2022 death of Devin K. Gibbons of Rochelle.

together on this. We're very hopeful that we're going to be able to bring justice for Devin Gibbons' family at the conclusion of this case."

Rock said Wednesday that Gibbons and Freeman knew each other and declined to elaborate any further. Gibbons did have children, but officials declined to say Wednesday whether Freeman was the father. Rock did say law enforcement was aware of "pending legal matters in family court" that helped inform their investigation.

Law enforcement and the state's attorney's office do know where the children are at this point, Rock said. He declined to talk about any potential witnesses to the alleged crime when speaking Wednesday. RPD

is not aware of Freeman living in Rochelle at any time in the past.

"I believe the facts are going to indicate that there was some type of relationship between them and violence was the end result," Rock said.

Rock said the cause of Gibbons' death will come out during the course of the court proceedings and officials believe she was already deceased before the fire. Higby declined to discuss the cause of the fire and said that will be revealed in court proceedings as well.

RPD narrowed its investigative search to Freeman "within a short amount of time," Rock said.

"One of the counts alleges that this was done in a cold and calculated way," Rock said. We believe there was premeditation and a plan involved when he came to Rochelle."

The Ogle County Sheriff's Office, Illinois State Police, State Fire Marshal's Office, The Red Cross, Illinois State Police Crime Scene Investigators, Ogle County Coroner's Office, Ogle-Lee Fire Protection District, Federal Bureau of Investigation (Rockford and Chicago Offices), Schaumburg Police Department, Palatine Police Department, Sterling Police Department and Shining Star Children's Advocacy Center assisted

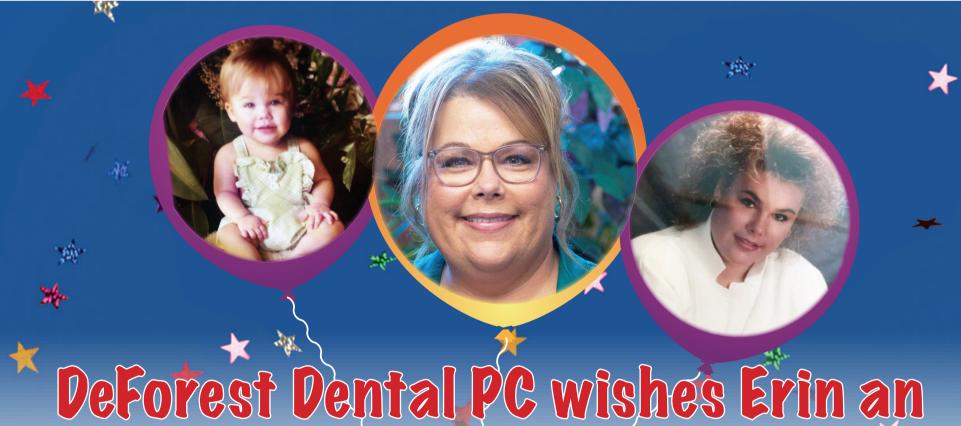
with the investigation.

Rock said he believes that due to the nature of the case, the investigation was brought to "about as swift a conclusion as it could have been."

"Good, old-fashioned police work led us to today," Rock said. "A number of interviews and speaking to a number of people, collecting a lot of evidence and having that all analyzed, all this was work done by law enforcement. We had meetings while the investigation was ongoing and we worked together as a team and that's how the charges came about. It was hundreds of hours put in on this case."

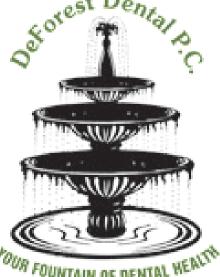
Higby thanked all of the law enforcement agencies that assisted with the case, along with his own officers and detectives.

"Fortunately in Rochelle, we do not have many crimes of this magnitude," Higby said. "When they do happen, it can be a burden on a smaller agency. We're immensely appreciative of all of the law enforcement and other entities that came together to help us bring this case to a resolution. I'd like to specifically point out Deputy Chief Terry Inman, Det. Sgt. John Kaltenbach and Det. Elvis Baneski. Without their work, this does not come to fruition. They put in a lot of hard work on a difficult case and I want to publicly thank them for all of the hours they've spent on it."



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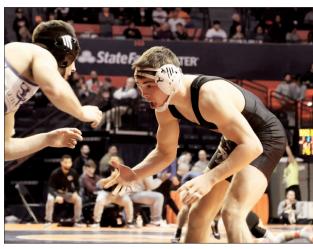
Ogle County wrestlers battle at state

CHAMPAIGN —

Wrestlers from Ogle County high schools recently competed at the IHSA State Tournament Feb. 16-18 in Champaign.

Byron competitors Included Kyle Jones (182-pound junior, placed third) and Jared Claunch (220-pound sophomore, state qualifier). Polo competitors included Josiah Perez (106-pound freshman, state qualifier) andWyattDoty(132-pound senior, placed fourth). Rochelle all-state qualifiers included Tommy

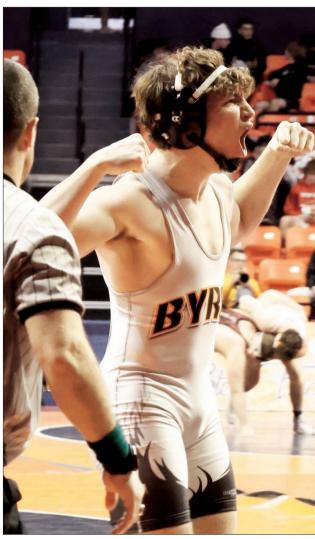
Tourdot (113-pound junior), Xavier Villalobos (120-pound sophomore), Joseph Nadig (126-pound sophomore), Brock Metzger (182-pound junior), Kaiden Morris (220-pound sophomore) and Dempsey Atkinson (145-pound sophomore, girls qualifier). Stillman Valley competitors included Aiden Livingston (145-pound senior, placed fifth), Jack Seacrist (152-pound senior, placed sixth) and Andrew Forcier (182-pound senior, placed fifth).



Stillman Valley wrestler Aiden Livingston (145-pound senior, placed fifth) took part in the IHSA State Wrestling Tournament Feb. 16-18 in Champaign. (Photo by Jodi Jones)



Rochelle wrestler Joseph Nadig (126-pound sophomore, state qualifier) took part in the IHSA State Wrestling Tournament Feb. 16-18 in Champaign. (Photo by Jodi Jones)



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SPORTS NEWS

Byron girls basketball headed to state after 52-45 win

BY ANDY COLBERT

CORRESPONDENT

ELGIN – An attacking DePaul College Prep girls basketball team kept coming and coming at the Byron at the Class 2A super-sectional. Byron, which jumped out to a 12-4 lead and never trailed, had an answer each time in a 52-45 win.

"Yes, they were really an attacking offense and we had to weather the storm," post player Ava Kultgen said. "The entire time, we ignored the noise, played our game and stayed calm."

That synopsis by the senior all-state candidate summed up the fast-paced game at Elgin Community College. The closest DePaul would come was within two points early in the second quarter and then with three minutes left in the game.

Thoughout the post-season, Byron coach Eric Yerly has stressed that survival is all about defense. That was truly the case in those final three minutes,

Tigers return to the state finals for the fourth time in school history

as DePaul was forced into three turnovers and missed five of six shots.

Another significant aspect at that juncture was that Kultgen and freshman Macy Groharing had scored 37 of Byron's first 43 points. That's when an outlier gave the Tigers a much-needed spark.

Following a missed Byron shot, Karsyn Bielskis broke a three-minute scoring drought to keep her team ahead 45-39. Four straight points got DePaul within 45-43, before Bielskis hit critical free throws on consecutive possessions for a 49-43 advantage.

"I really just knew this could be the last game for the seniors and wanted to pull it together," Bielskis said.

Byron was also aided by DePaul's best player, Nora Leadstrom, fouling out in that same time frame. Leadstrom, who battled Kultgen in the paint, made seven of DePaul first eight baskets, as the Rams (29 percent for the game) only shot 3-for-15 in the first quarter.



The Byron High School varsity girls basketball team is headed to state after a Class 2A super-sectional win over DePaul College Prep. (Courtesy photo)

Meanwhile, the Tigers looked sharp in the opening minutes, with Kultgen, Bielskis, Groharing and Malia Morton all scoring for a 12-6 lead.

"We made a big emphasis on starting early," Yerly said. "The more I watched game film of

them, the more nervous I became. I knew this would be a tight game."

With Grohering taking a break early in the second quarter, Byron had four quick turnovers and DePaul pulled with 14-12. After she came back in, it was all her (21 points) and Kultgen (18) keeping pacing with

Kultgen made a pair of inside shots on left side drives and Groharing finished the quarter up with seven more points, two of which came on a nifty Kultgen assist.

"Macy's a special player," Yerly said. "Someone had to step up and her and Ava did that."

Kasey Galloway start-

ed to get hot for DePaul and put in five points to pull her team from a 26-16 deficit to 26-21 at halftime.

"I thought we did a good job of attacking their 1-3-1 zone, but they killed us in transition," DePaul coach Sarah Zarymbski said.

In the third quarter, it was another heavy dose of Groharing and Kultgen before Morton put in a lay-up off a steal for a 39-33 lead going into the fourth quarter.

Essentially, it was an even game throughout other than the early lead Byron started with. The fourth quarter was a back-and-forth until Byron took control late in the contest.

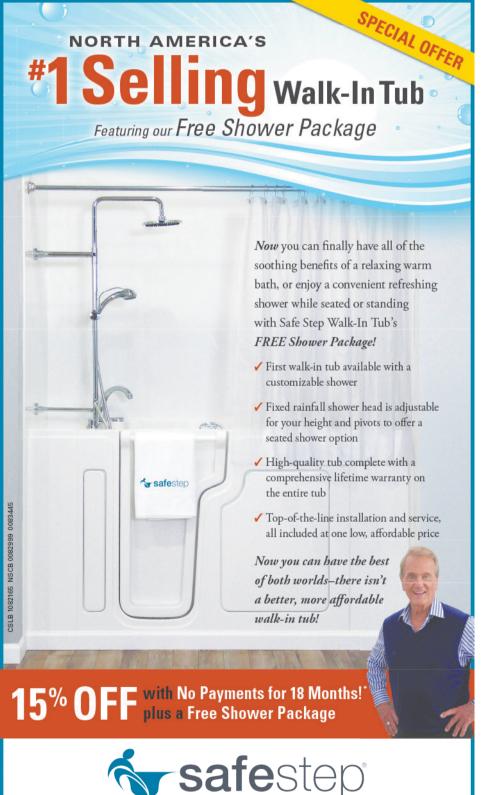
"This was the closest we've came in one of these," said Zarymbski in regard to the other two super-sectionals they have been in.

DePaul College Prep (25-7) is a 10-year old school and was formerly known as Gordon Tech. Byron (33-2) returns to the state finals for the fourth time in school history, claiming titles in 2016 and 2017 under 12-year coach Yerly (286-86).

Other than Byron holding a 44 to 29-percent shooting advantage, rebounding, turnovers and free throws shooting were about even. A key for the Tigers was forcing the Rams to take off balance shots.







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Five fresh/soph Hawk wrestlers move on to sectionals

The Oregon Hawks started their fresh/soph state series Feb. 26 in DeKalb. Seven wrestlers took the mat with five moving onto Sterling Sunday, March 5 at sectionals. They include Jackson Messenger (champion, 113), Landyn Windham (182 runner up, not pictured), Andrew Young (195 runner up) Landen Elder (220, third place) and Briggs Sellers (champion, 285). (Courtesy photo)



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SPORTS NEWS

Hawk softball set to fly high in 2023

Oregon returns 9 from 2022 regional winner

BY NATE ROGERS

OREGON—The off-

HEAD COACH

season was a productive one for the Oregon Hawk softball program. The team first took to the field playing in a July Wednesday night league versus teams like Freeport, Orangeville, Forreston and Lena-Winslow. Led by seniors Laila Anderson, Ava Hackman, Liz Mois, Abigail Rogers, Reilee Suter and Imagin Terlikowski, the Hawks had a 6-3-1 record during the summer league. These games included a tie with reigning IHSA third place Forreston and a blowout victory over perennial power Orangeville. The group of seniors have played in big games all throughout their high school careers and will be fantastic leaders for a team full of young and talented players. Hackman and sophomore Emma Schlichtmann led the Hawks pitching this summer, and even freshman Alexi Czochara got in on the action helping pitch

the Hawks to a victory

over Pearl City. Hackman, Suter and Mois have all received softball all-conference honors in the past. Rogers and Anderson started many games for the Hawks as underclassmen over the past two years making big contributions at the plate, on the bases and in the field. These seniors are definitely hungry to leave their mark!

Travel softball has been a big part of the Oregon Hawks successful ways and the Oregon Avalanche 18U saw 13 girls from the high school team play this fall. Speedy junior slapper Haleigh Burkhart and power hitting Abi Fletcher showed up big for the summer and fall teams. Returning varsity players Gracen Pitts (junior) and Sarah Stevens (junior) have also seen their skills grow while playing for their 18U Aftershock team. The junior class has paid their dues and area ready to spread their wings in 2023 at the varsity level. Sophomores Ella Dannhorn (Pride), and Emma Schlichtmann (Thunder-



The Oregon Hawks varsity softball team celebrating its 2022 Regional title in Rock Falls. The 2023 Hawks return nine varsity letter winners from last year's team. (Courtesy photo)

stix), Kaelin Shaffer (Avalanche), Madi Shaffer (Avalanche), and Abree Barker (Avalanche) all have worked hard to develop their skills over the summer, fall

and winter. Last year, the power hitting Dannhorn was named to the all-conference listing as a freshman, a rare feat.

The Big Northern Conference will be hotly

contested with North Boone, Rock Falls, Stillman Valley, and of course Oregon, all having solid programs. 2022 saw North Boone edge Rock Falls, Oregon and Stillman Valley to take the BNC with Oregon and Stillman tying for the conference title in 2021. Oregon also has a strong non-conference schedule playing Newark, Lena-Winslow, Marengo, Orangeville and Pearl City. The players understand playing great competition is the best way to improve and grow one's game. You can follow all the Oregon Hawks softball action on a user-friendly app called GameChanger. The app runs games live and has the entire schedule loaded for you when you subscribe to the team. You can also come out and support the Hawks softball team at any home game at Oregon Park West. We definitely appreciate all the wonderful fans who come to cheer us on at our home games! The Hawks will be coached by new additions Karly May and Abby Baker along with returning coaches Ryan Dannhorn, Ryan Fletcher, Jeff Hen-



Oregon Junior High wrestling wins IESA regional

The Oregon Hawks Junior High Wrestling team recently won the IESA regional championship. Oregon Community Unit School District congratulated Coach Marchetti, Coach Martin and all of the sixth, seventh and eighth grade wrestling team members on the regional championship. (Courtesy photo)

AREA SPORTS

Boys varsity basketball

Feb. 22: Stillman Valley 52, Kewanee 46 (Stillman advances to Feb. 24 regional

Feb. 24: Princeton 69, Stillman Valley 37 (regional championship)

Girls varsity basketball

Feb. 23: Byron 61, Stillman Valley 38 (Byron wins Class 2A Winnebago sectional final)

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SPORTS NEWS

The high school hoops postseason heats up

HE difference in Byron's 52-45 win over DePaul College Prepinthe Class 2A girls basketball super-sectional? The Tigers were better schooled, shot better and were able to withstand the pressure.

Watching the game at Elgin Community College the thought came to me that these were nearly identical teams, or as coach Eric Yerly described them, "mirror images."

Rebounding, turnovers and free throw percentage were fairly even. From the field, Byron shot 44 percent compared to 29 for DePaul.

Byron's shooting technique was much better, as the DePaul squad had a tendency to be a bit wild on some shots. But, they weretheaggressors, playing fearlessly throughout and putting a scare into Byron into the very end.

Apositive coming out of the game was seeing a Black female official as part of the

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three-person crew. This isn't equal opportunity either, as all officials in the post-season must meet IHSA ranking criteria.

In looking at the IHSA website for state tournament info for the Redbird Arena in Normal, former Oregon sports star Alex Cain was listed as the manager of the event. Cain attended EIU to play



Andy Colbert

baseball and studied sports management.

How good are the Galena girls in basketball?

If you're a Polo fan who saw your team decisively lose to Orangeville and then see Orangeville get beat 48-17 by Galena, you had to be impressed. Reports I received on the game said that Galena's defense is suffocating.

After losing 32-31 to Brimfield in the 1A state championship game, the Pirates (33-1) are hungry

for their first state title. Its only loss was to Byron. The Tigers have a much tougher hill to climb with

> defending champ Quincy Notre Dame the team to beat in 2A. Last vear. Winnebago made it to the final against QND and lost 63-56, with QND bringing back most of its starters. The Byron boys

basketball team met an untimely end, though, falling in the regional finals to a Rock Falls team with a losing record. Not only

that, but Byron whipped the Rockets by 26 points in the regular-season.

Talk about peaking about the right time. Rock Falls, a No. 6 sub-sectional seed, upset No. 2 Eureka in the regional semis before beating No. 3 Byron.

There is another team present with a lower seed in No. 7 Riverdale. Same deal as Rock Falls - they got hot and had a couple upsets to reach the sectional.

Before its regional final against Erie-Prophetstown, Riverdale was called for a technical foul. Its offense was bringing the wrong colored uniforms.

E-P, which brought both home and away jersey as a precaution, could not take advantage and missed both technical foul shots before the opening tip off.

Riverdale and Rock Falls' runs will likely soon come to an end, though, with the presence of state-ranked Princeton and Rockridge in the same sectional.

The boys 1A sectional at Eastland is much more balanced with upper seeds Pecatonica (30-4), Fulton (24-9), Scales Mound (29-5) and South Beloit (26-5) squaring off. That promises to be a fun week of basketballwatchingwithallranked in the top 10 state rankings at various times this season.

Wrestling wrapped up with a combo meet of the girls state individual and boys dual team. Brilliant idea to fill Grossinger Arena in Bloomington.

In looking the oneclass girls results, it was primarily Chicago suburban dominating, which makes sense. Occasionally, a small-school wrestler

grabbed a medal. For the second year in a row, nationally-ranked Candence Diduch of Freeport, daughter of former Forreston football coach Denny Diduch, claimed first place.

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









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12473 Montague Road, Winnebago, IL 61088 Located West of Tower Road on Montague Rd. Sunday: Sunday School at 9:15 am and Worship Service at 10:30 am. Office Hours: Mon., Tues., Thurs. & Friday 9am-2pm. Phone: 815-335-2609. Email: middlecreekchurch@gmail.com



ROCK RIVER CENTER ACTIVITIES

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

Mike Maxwell Clean Comedy

Monday, March 13, 2023. Mike Maxwell is a Chicago area comedian, emcee and actor. He has been a regular guest on WLS-890 and WGN-720 AM and was a featured writer for the Tribune's RedEye newspaper. Mike is a regular at the Chicago Improv and has performed at all the major clubs in Chicago, and performs nationally

In May of 2018, Mike was one of three comedians selected to the Chicago Nerd Comedy Festival. Third Coast Review caught his performance and noted 'Maxwell is a guy you can't help but like, and his relatability and charm are immediately obvious in his set." Since 2014, he has earned 'Best of'

honors from, a booking site for corporate and private events. Mike was selected to perform for the NFL/Ford, Twitter, Delta

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Dental, Allstate, Salesforce, and the Boy Scouts of America, among many more. In 2020, he has been booked for national events with Guaranteed Rate on over a dozen shows.

Outside of stand-up comedy, Mike is a writer, producer and performer of several projects. Time: 1:00 p.m. Cost: \$8.00 Suggested Donation. Make your reservations at Rock River Center, 810 S 10th St, Oregon or by calling 815-732-3252. Requested Reservation deadline: Thursday, March 9, 2023. Please call the Center at 815-732-3252 or toll free 1-800-541-5479 for more information.

March Krafting with Kerri

Kerri Villa-Nantz of Liberty Village of Rochelle offers crafts and other activities at Rock River Center. Class details for March are as follows. Time: 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. When: Monday, Mar. 13 - St. Patrick's Day craft. Where: Rock River Center/Activities Room. Registration: Advance registration requested at 815-732-3252.

Cell Phone Assistance Come to Rock River Center on Wednes-

day, March 15, 2023 from 9:30–10:30 a.m. Linda Engel of Shepherd Premier Senior Living will be available assist anyone with questions about their cell phones. Bring your cell phone and your questions. Advance registration requested. Contact Rock River Center at 815-732-3252 to sign up.

BERTOLET MEMORIAL LIBRARY

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Story Time: Thursdays, 10:00 AM Story Time returns on Thursdays at 10:00 AM. Miss Jana will have stories and crafts for toddlers-kindergarten age kids. We look forward to seeing you then!

LEGO® Club

Monday, March 6th, 5:00 PM Create with us on the 1st Monday of each month. We will have the LEGO® bricks waiting for you!

Big Kids, Big Art Tuesday, March 21st, 4:30 PM

Big Kids, Big Art is back! Last time, the participants learned about Shape and tried their hand at watercolor painting. 1st through 6th graders are invited to learn the next element of art Miss Jana will introduce.

ADULT PROGRAMS:

Create-a-Card:

Jessie returns on March 18th for card making. Stop in to make a Spring card to brighten the day of that special

Saturday, March 18th, 9:30 AM

Microsoft Excel Fundamentals:

Monday, March 20th, 5:00PM Learn the basics to get started using Microsoft Excel. This class

MAGIC MAZE

will include a hands-on overview of the Excel workspace and creation of a basic inventory spreadsheet where you will apply formatting and complete calculations using formulas and functions. Please bring a laptop if you have one. Registration is required: 815-738-2742. Presented by HCC Lifelong Learning.

March Craft

Stop by the circulation desk and pick up all the materials to make your own rainbow and pot of gold for the month of March.

Book of the Month

Travel to Scotland's Shetland Islands for the first book in Ann Cleeve's Shetland Island series. Raven Black follows Inspector Jimmy Perez as he tries to solve a murder of a young girl.

Plastic Recycling

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

NEW RELEASES: Adult Books

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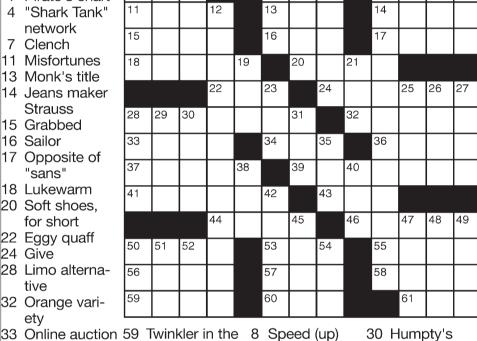
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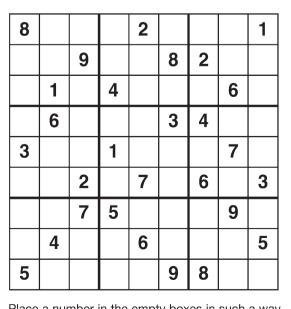
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Weekly **SUDOKU**

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.

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

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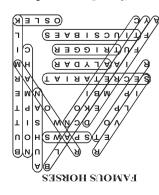
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Weekly SUDOKU

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

101 LEGAL NOTICE

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STATE OF ILLINOIS. CIRCUIT COURT,

Request for Name Change, Adult, with the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Ogle County, Illinois, Kimberly A. Stahl

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Case No. 2023MR12 Request of Nicole Marie Jakubiak to appear in court April 19, 2023, Room 304, Ogle County Courthouse, 106 S. 5th Street, Oregon, IL, at 9

Proposed name change of Nicole Marie Jakubiak to Nicole Jakubiak Winterz Requested by Nicole Marie Jakubiak on February 14, 2023. No. 0219

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on Feb. 6, 2023 a certificate was filed in the Ogle County Clerk's Office setting forth the names and post office address of all of the persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as: First & Main Makers Mar-

ket, 101 E Main Street, Forreston, IL 61030 Dated Feb. 6, 2023 Laura J. Cook, Ogle County Clerk

No. 0222 (Feb. 27, March 6 and 13,

PUBLIC NOTICE

Sealed bids will be received for the following purchases by the Ogle County Highway Department, Oregon, Illinois, until 2:00 P.M. March 10, 2023 for: 1. 2022 County Striping

2.23-00000-01-GM County Patching Materials 3.23-XX000-00-GM Township Patching Materials 4. 20-00325-00-BR Leaf River Road Bridge

5. 22-00345-00-BR Eagle Point Road Culvert Proposals are available at the Ogle County Highway Department, 1989

South IL Rt. 2, Oregon IL between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 3:30 P.M. Monday - Friday. The Road and Bridge Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. No. 0224

(Feb. 27 and March 6 2023)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on February 21, 2023 a certificate was filed in the Ogle County Clerk's Office setting forth the names and post office address of all of the persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as: Jon Wilson Agency 201 S Walnut St - PO Box

822 Byron, IL 61010

Dated: February 21, 2023 Laura J. Cook, Ogle County Clerk

No. 0303 (March 6, 13 and 20,

2023)

NOTICE

The Village of Stillman Valley will hold a Public Hearing before the Planning and Zoning Commission on Thursday, March 23, 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: A proposed revision to Ordinance 1001 adopted

on September 12, 2022

has been proposed by

the Board of Trustees.

The proposed amend-

ment to Ordinance 1001

deletes certain defini-

tions 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 Sec-

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tion 5B-8-6. The proposed ordinance shall be available for review at Village Hall prior to the March 23, 2023 Zoning and Planning Commission Meeting. Dated this 1st day of March, 2023 Submitted by Yvonne Dewey, Village Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Village of Stillman Valley

STATE OF ILLINOIS

No. 0304

(March 6, 2023)

COUNTY OF OGLE) Public Notice is hereby given to all persons in Rockvale Township that a Public Hearing will be held Thursday, March 30, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. in the County Board Room, 3rd floor of the Ogle County Courthouse, Oregon, Illinois, to consider the request filed February 2, 2023 of Gerald Martin, 2456 E. Pleasant Grove Rd., Oregon; and Wesley Martin, 2478 E. Pleasant Grove Rd, Oregon dba NITRAM Properties, Inc. for an Amendment to the Zoning District to rezone from AG-1 Agricultural District to B-1 Business District on property described as follows and owned by the petition-

Part of the Southeast Quarter (SE1/4) of the Northwest Quarter (NW1/4) of Section 25 Rockvale Township 24 North, Range 10 East of the 4th P.M., Ogle County, IL,7.5 acres more or less of 34.17 acres, more or less

Identification **Property** Number: Part of 09-25-100-011 Common

Location(s): 2456 E. Pleasant Grove

All persons in attendance at the hearing shall have an opportunity to be heard. Any person who also wishes to appear as an interested party with the right to cross-examine others at the hearing must complete and file an appearance form with the Ogle County Planning & Zoning Department no later than five (5) business days before the date of the hearing. The application for this map amendment is on file with detailed description and available for examination at the Planning & Zoning Department, 911 Pines Rd., Oregon, Illinois or at the following URL: http://www.oglecounty. org/departments/planning_and_zoning/zon $ing_board_of_appeals.$

ZONING BOARD OF AP-PEALS RANDY OCKEN, Chairman

Dated at Oregon, Illinois this 2nd day of February, 2023

#001-23AM No. 0305 (March 6, 2023)

101 LEGAL NOTICE

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105 **BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES**

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113 **FINANCIAL**

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119 **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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127 SERVICES AND **REPAIRS**

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NO INDIVIDUAL, unless licensed or holding a permit as a childcare facility, may cause to be published any advertisement soliciting a child care service. A childcare facility that is licensed or operating under a permit issued by the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services may publish advertisements of the services for which it is specifically licensed or issued a permit. Your Hometown Newspaper strongly urges any parent or guardian to verify the validity of the license of any facility before placing a child in its care.

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307 **MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE**

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FOR SALE Sterling silver spoons. Snow White & The Seven Dwarfs -\$35.00. Six Easter designs - \$12.00 each. Call 815-246-9593. (03-20-23)

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Wanted to Buy Older

Comic Books. 815-481-4922. (03-15-23)

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This is an online sale ONLY. Omer and Joyce Deets Sale 17887 W. Barclay Rd., Milledgeville, IL, 61051 Please visit https://aandtauctionservices.hibid.com/ for

sale viewing beginning 3/9/23. Personal Property: Some local Milledgeville memorabilia; vintage toys (including tractors, implements, and trucks); glassware/china; lots of tools (wrenches, crowbars, sock ets, etc.); antique milk cans; fence posts; wire fencing; antique roller mill; antique corn-sheller; various steel trim; hardware (nails, screws, bolts); bushel baskets; canning jars; hand tools; antique scythes; miscellaneous wood/lumber; various sized log chains; hog feeder; plus more!

Item Viewing: There will be an optional viewing for sale items on Thursday, March 9th from 5-7pm at the sale site. Item Pick-up: Items will be available for pick-up on Thursday, March 16th from 5-7pm at the sale site. Terms & Conditions: This is an absolute sale. There will

be a 10% Buyer's Premium added to all items sold. Items

can be purchased with cash, GOOD check, or credit card. There will be a 3.5% fee added to any credit card trans-Follow A & T Auction Services on Facebook for the Online Sale Link and additional sale information,

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hacksauction.hibid.com BIDDING OPENS: Mon., March 13 @ 8 A.M. BIDDING CLOSES: Thurs., March 23 @ 4 P.M.

RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES

Property 1: Two-Unit Property Located at 605-607 Bridge St. Winslow IL 61089 **Property 2**: Single Family 2-Story Home Located at 1231 S. Maple Ave., Freeport IL

By Order of the Circuit Court. 'Online Only Auction'. 10% Buyer Premium.



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Thursday, March 9th to Saturday, March 11th This is an online sale ONLY. Doretta Newendyke Moving Sale

PERSONAL PROPERTY AUCTION

407 9th Street, Milledgeville, IL, 61051

Please visit https://aandtauctionservices.hibid.com/ for sale viewing beginning 3/7/23. This sale will offer online viewing ONLY. Personal Property: Collectible Toy Tractors (John Deere and

Case IH); Depression glass (multiple colors, mainly pink) in several different designs; sewing equipment (including singer sewing machine, serger, thread, etc.); antique roll top desk; antique Olympia typewriter (like new); queen bedroom set; furniture, including wooden kitchen table & chairs, rolling kitchen chairs bar stools; various kitchenware, several sets of dishes(including Corelle); various household decor items; lots of holiday decor antique toys; books; vhs tapes (including Disney); tools; patio furniture; gardening items; outdoor decor; Too much to listsomething for everyone!

Item Pick-up: Items will be available for pick-up on Saturday, March 18th from 9AM-12PM. Terms & Conditions: This is a sale WITH reserve-if an item

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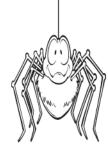
109 CEMETERIES AND LOTS

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