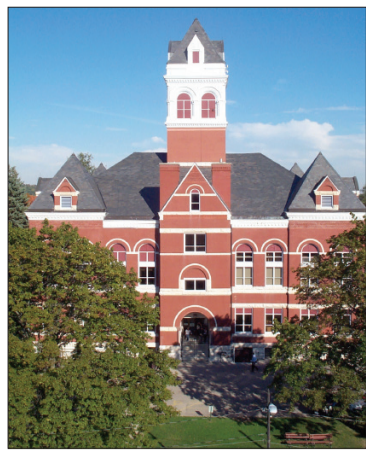




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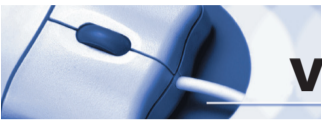
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## Residents speak out against HB 4412

Recently-signed legislation removes local control for solar, wind farms

BY JEFF HELFRICH  
MANAGING EDITOR

OREGON—At its monthly meeting Tuesday, the Ogle County Board heard concerns from three residents about House Bill 4412, a recently-signed state law that sets statewide standards for wind and solar farm siting and takes away previous local controls such as at the county level.

Counties previously had the ability to set rules for where wind and solar developments could be located. The new law prevents any local ordinance from being more restrictive than the new state standards. At its meeting last month, the county board passed a resolution opposing HB 4412 and Chairman John Finfrock said it was taking away from Ogle County citizens and the board's ability to do its job.

Richard Cashen of Lindenwood was the first to speak at Tuesday's meeting on the topic. He had concerns on the impact that solar and wind developments could have on nearby residents and their homes.

"There aren't a lot of us who live right next



to the fields, but we're scared to death that this is going to destroy our homes and we'll have to leave and that the values of our homes will be drastically reduced," Cashen said. "I think as a citizen it's my job to let you know how I feel and what my concerns are. I also

feel it's your job to protect those concerns and interests. I believe that's why you were elected, not to serve the state, but instead the people who elected you."

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"Everyone has been extremely supportive of my call to duty."

Dr. Timothy Williams



## KSB physician Williams deploys for military service

DIXON — Dr. Timothy Williams, a KSB Medical Group family medicine physician practicing in Town Square Centre, will soon be deployed with the 1-106th Aviation Regiment Helicopter Assault Battalion under Operation Inherent Resolve. As a U.S. Army flight surgeon holding the rank of lieutenant colonel, he will serve as battalion flight surgeon and primary care provider, providing routine medical and emergent trauma care. Airframes include Blackhawk and Chinook helicopters. Williams is a Stillman Valley resident.

"I will miss my KSB clinic team and

the comradery among my colleagues," Williams said. "Everyone has been extremely supportive of my call to duty. I can deploy knowing that my patients and practice will be well taken care of in my absence."

After two weeks of training at Fort Bliss, Texas, Dr. Williams will fly to Kuwait to join his battalion for approximately 90 days. This deployment is his third mobilization, the most recent being in 2016, and this year will mark his 20th year of military service.

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## Sikyta named executive director of The Next Picture Show

'I have already recognized what an invaluable resource this organization is'

DIXON — The Next Picture Show (TNPS) has turned over the executive director role from Philip Atilano to Amy Sikyta.

For the past 12 years, Sikyta has worked in the advancement office at Pincrest Community in Mt. Morris, holding a few different roles, most recently as director of advancement. There she planned and executed all aspects of many fundraising events and oversaw marketing and community relations. In addition, she worked closely with the Village of Mt. Morris for several years, managing their website and social media. Working at a small non-profit allowed her to think creatively, cultivate relationships, develop excellent multi-tasking skills and the ability to handle many different projects. Sikyta is eager to bring these skills to TNPS.



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# LOCAL NEWS

## COUNTY: Health department fees increased

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John Cox, a resident of Stillman Valley, spoke at the meeting as well and said the state has shown it “doesn’t care” about Ogle County residents that desire “rural and peaceful quality of life.”

“We hope that you do care,” Cox said to county board members. “Our board has researched the industry far more in-depth than most county boards in the state. This legislation abates most of the requirements that our county put into place to protect its residents. Our restrictions can’t be more stringent than the state’s, but the state’s restrictions aren’t stringent at all. It means the potential for many of us to have to endure what these industrial applications bring to us. Solar plants and wind turbines aren’t farms or agriculture. Those are industrial applications that belong on industrial-zoned land.”

Cox said he’s been appreciative of the county’s efforts to “protect residents” from solar and wind farms in the past. His worry is that developments will be brought to the county in the future without any local say. He challenged the county board on fighting the law and approached the idea of litigation.

“We ask you to make sure that the state does hear us as our elected representatives,” Cox said. “All of us, especially the farmers, should wake up. This decision of HB 4412 is now saying they could take away more of the best farmland in the state. Is Ogle County ready to sue the state of Illinois for infringement on its residents? We hope you are and we hope you’ll take our case, hear our voices, let it be known and do what we can to ensure the quality of life within Ogle County.”

Finfrock said a few words following the public comment portion of the meeting.

“Thank you all,” He said. “Your comments are taken on strongly.”

### Fees

The board approved an increase in some Ogle County Health Department fees by a vote of 17-5.

“This is an updated fee schedule for the health department fees,” Board member Dean Fox said. “The health department has done quite a bit of detailed research on these fees. The only significant change



in my opinion is the Type I facilities go from \$300 to \$450 for a food permit. A Type I facility is the highest level of facility, so that process takes several days to complete and that’s why that fee was brought up to a reasonable level. Everything else on the list was either no increase or a fairly nominal increase.”

Board Members Dan Janes, Skip Kenney, Ben Youman, Dan Miller and Joseph Simms voted against the increase.

### ARPA

The board unanimously approved a \$15,000 grant of county American Rescue Plan Act funds to the Rochelle Fire Department Social Organization. That organization applied for the federal COVID-19-related funds on the basis of lost revenue.

Due to the pandemic, the Rochelle Fire Department Social Organization estimates it lost \$20,000 from not being able to hold its fundraisers. Its long-anticipated

100th annual Fireman’s Ball has been put off for three years and participation in the Lincoln Highway Heritage Festival was limited as well. The organization plans to use the money to bring its levels of service and community involvement back to pre-pandemic levels.

The board also approved a grant of \$18,604 in ARPA money to the Ogle County Public Defender’s Office for a hallway and door renovation.

### Broadband

Board Vice-Chairman Patricia Nordman asked residents of the county to participate in a broadband survey that will help to ensure reliable, high-speed and affordable broadband for all residents in the county, especially for those in rural areas. The survey can be found at <http://go.illinois.edu/connectogle>.

“This is really important for our agricultural sector and rural residents,” Nordman said. “This is your voice. Please go and do it so we are accounted for.”

## DEPLOY: Doctor’s patients to be cared for during service

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“It’s always difficult to determine exactly what our days will look like, but in a standard Army field set-up, we will start with sick calls (urgent care), scheduled medical patients, and annual flight physicals,” Williams said. “We will always be prepared to accept trauma/mass casualty patients as the theater of war is very unpredictable. Depending on the mission, a physician may go out with a combat ground element if greater casualties are expected.”

As a flight surgeon, administrative duties also include serving as special counsel to the battalion commander,

overseeing the aviation life support equipment shop, serving as chief examiner in aviation accident investigations, and flying as part of the aircrew.

“KSB Hospital has a long history of supporting military service,” KSB president and CEO Dave Schreiner, Ph.D., said. “The U.S. military is world-class in producing leaders. I love having veterans as part of the KSB Family! I’m grateful for Dr. Williams’ service and wish him safe travels during his deployment.”

During his deployment, Dr. Williams’ patients will be well cared for by Dr. Joseph Welty, Sara Fordham, NP, and KSB’s other family medicine providers.

## SHOW: Sikyta has managerial experience

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Before working at Pinecrest, Sikyta worked as the youth and family manager for the Sterling Park District. During her time at the park district, she implemented and managed many programs and events for youth; and is excited to

be able to continue developing youth art programs in the Dixon community. “In the short time I have been at The Next Picture Show, I have already recognized what an invaluable resource this organization is by offering art and culture and a sense of community,” Sikyta said. “I am excited to

help continue this legacy.” The Next Picture Show is a 501c3 nonprofit organization whose goal is to nurture, develop, educate, foster the arts and galvanize artists and patrons within the community. For more information about the fine arts center, visit [www.nextpictureshow.org](http://www.nextpictureshow.org).

## Broadband survey available

**OGLE COUNTY** — In addition to planning for reliable, high-speed, affordable broadband to all residents and entities in Ogle County, leaders would like to especially ensure infrastructure for the agricultural sector and rural

residents. County, regional, and state organizations have put together a survey on broadband to participate in getting better internet. The survey can be found online at <https://go.illinois.edu/connectogle>

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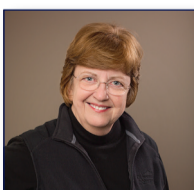
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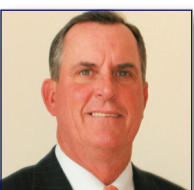
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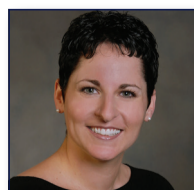
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# LOCAL NEWS



**Byron High School's January Students of the Month named**  
 Congratulations to the Byron High School Students of the Month for January. Pictured from left to right are: Avril Silva (ninth grade), Max Johnson (10th grade), Taryn Dolan (11th grade), Lily Swiech (12th grade) and Stillman Bank Executive Vice President & COO David Mecklenburg. Each of the students received a gift card for their achievement.



**Byron High School all-state musicians Alaina Haas, Maison Brand, Armani Paulino, Ledger Groen and Micah Hilliker. Not pictured: Emma Rehberg. (Courtesy photo).**

## Byron High School congratulates 6 ILMEA All-State musicians

Festival took place on Jan. 25-27 in Peoria

**BYRON** — Six Byron Music Students were selected to participate in the 2023 Illinois Music Education Association (ILMEA) All-State Festival. The festival took place on Jan. 25-27, in Peoria. ILMEA sponsors District and All-State competitions for the State of Illinois.

This year Byron also had a student prepare a nomination for the Future Music Educators Seminar. In an effort to identify and encourage potential future music educators into the profession, ILMEA has created this forum for high school students at the annual Illinois Music Education Conference: selected students will be mentored and exposed to various aspects of the profession. This pre-professional opportunity is a strong first step toward a career as a music educator. There was a maximum of 55 students selected to participate in the seminar.

The six Byron musicians who qualified for the All-State event this year are:

Maison Brant is a junior and a two-time All-State Honors Musician. He is in Chamber Choir and Symphonic Band. Maison's parents are Ann & Jake Brandt. Maison made the Honors All State Choir as a Bass 2. His future plans are to attend a four-year college. While in high school he has participated in Golf, Basketball, and the Illinois Music Educators Honor Society.

Ledger Groen is a sophomore who was selected to the Future Music Educators Seminar. Ledger is in Concert & Symphonic Band. His parents are Alicia Groen & William Groen. He plans to continue his music education throughout high school and pursue music education in college, eventually becoming a band or orchestra director. In high school he is active with Scholastic Bowl, Chess, WYSE Team, Math Team, Illinois Music Honor Society, and United Sound.

Alaina Haas is a senior and three-time All-State Musician. She is in the Symphonic

Band. Alaina's parents are Nate and Natalie Haas. Alaina made it into the Honors All State Band on the French horn. Her future plans are to attend college at Olivet Nazarene University to study elementary education. Alaina is involved in speech, cross country, and the Illinois Music Honor Society.

This was the first time the Illinois Music Educators voted to allow freshman to try out for the All State choir ensembles. Byron's Micah Hilliker had a high enough score on his audition that he was selected for the All State choir. Micah was selected as a Tenor 1 in the group. Micah's parents are Kelley and Matt Hilliker. Micah is a member of the Chamber Choir. Micah's future plans are to make All State again. He is a runner on the cross country team.

Armani Paulino is a junior who is in Chamber Choir. Her parents are Arminda and Victor Paulino. He made it into All-State Choir as a Tenor 2. His future plans are to go into the trades, construction emphasis. He is a member of the soccer team.

Emmalyn Rehberg is a senior and a member of the Chamber Choir. She made it into the All State Choir as a Soprano 2. Her parents are Jenn and Mat Rehberg. She plans to attend the University of Illinois at Chicago, where she is trying out for a vocal scholarship. Other activities she has been involved in are four years of cheer, including the competitive team, and Illinois Music Educators Honor Society.

While the students are at the Festival, they will be in numerous rehearsals, attend workshops, panel discussion and master classes. They also will perform a final concert at the Peoria Civic Center. They will be accompanied to the festival by their teachers, Natalie Haas, band director, and Amy Harn, choir director. The students are grateful for the financial support from the Byron School District to make it possible for them to attend the All-State Festival.

## Forreston Junior High School names 2nd quarter honor roll

**FORRESTON** — Forreston Junior High School recently named its second quarter honor roll students.

Excellent honor roll (3.75-4.0) - Sixth grade: Kaleb Bergin, Adalyn Bocker, Weston Diehl, Joseph Haller, Gage Loomis, Brayden Pauls, Evan Ricks, Cora Schmidt and Addison Yordy. Seventh grade: Kye Alderks, Ryleigh Alexander, Joleen Colbert and Hagen Schubert. Eighth grade: Carter Fox, Zakary Glick, Cammie Kent, Jonathan Milnes, Jillian Moore, Kolton Motszko, Addison Shenberger and Henry Warren.

Honor roll (3.0-3.74) - Sixth grade: Brayden Beckmeier, Max Beltran, Brianna

Borgmann, Emily Buttel, Sabelia Collis, Peyton Garnhart, Xairyn Goeddeke, Grace Holaday, Eva Hundertmark, Joseph Kearns, Bryson Kloster, Hattie Krigbaum, Colson Lamm, Isaiah Ludwig, Isabella McIlvanie, Piper Menke, Gabriel Morris, Tenlei Patterson, Elise Rummel, Kinsley Ryia, Reagan Scheffner, Brycen Schneiderman, Gerald Sheely, Brylee Weaver and Brody Zettle. Seventh grade: Lucille Bawinkel, Brennan Byers, Brynn Gill, Oakley Goeddeke, Landon Graden,

Lilyana Haller, Gavin Hoffman, Aaliyah Kaiser, Alice Kobler, Joseph Kobler, Chloe Lerch, Lucas Miller, Cara Pals, Connor Politsch, Antonio

Reiners, Charleigh Rinaldi, Blake Sanders, Brooke Schulz, Liam Setterstrom, Karissa Shurtleff, Madalynn Thiel and Hannah Vinnedge. Eighth grade: Jenna Alexander, Drue Behrends, Levi Bocker, Mia Cox, Jayden Daniels, Faith Encheff, Eli Ferris, Alivia Harson, Alivia Ingram, James Jablon, Cylee Kirchner, Emma Lenkaitis,

Charlie Lindquist, Jared Merkel, Sofia Pacheco, Isaiah Perez, Chloe Pritchard, Mickey Probst,

Daylen Rahn, Adreanna Roach, Christopher Rohdy, Mya Saxby, Nevaeh Schefner, Erica Tryggestad, Hayden Vinnedge, Hannah Wagner, Mason Wilson and Adam Wubena.

## OJSHS 7th grade team wins ISBE award

**OREGON** — Oregon Community Unit School District 220 recently congratulated its Oregon Junior Senior High School seventh grade team for being OCUSD 220's nominee for the Illinois State Board of Education's Those Who Excel Team of the Year.

This team was recognized for their Professional Learning Team (PLT) work which resulted in the tremendous academic growth of last

year's seventh graders. This team is committed to improving student outcomes, especially in math and ELA, along with social/emotional growth. The team will be awarded the Award for Meritorious Service at the 49th Annual Those Who Excel Banquet on April 29.

The team includes Mrs. Mahoney, Mrs. O'Neil, Mrs. Bothe, Mr. Albrecht, Mr. Martin and Mr. Gale.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Obituaries

### Eleanor Chance

**FREEPORT** — Eleanor Chance, 81, of Freeport, passed away on, Thursday, Jan. 19 at Parkview Home in Freeport. Eleanor was born on June 23, 1941 in Dixon, the daughter of Albert and Olive (Hawbecker) Iske.

Eleanor taught Home Economics at Freeport High School where she met the love of her life William “Bill” Chance. They were married on Dec. 23, 1965 and he preceded her in death on June 14, 2011. She also taught nutrition classes and was director of the Upward Bound Program at Highland Community College. She finished her teaching career back at Freeport High School teaching childcare classes.

Eleanor enjoyed cooking and baking. She also was a skilled seamstress as she loved sewing and quilting.

She is survived by her son, Michael (Susan) Chance; two grandchildren, Jordan Elaine Chance and Carter William



Chance all of Sterling; one step-sister, Janet Rink of Freeport; one step-sister-in-law, Lois Gordan of Galena; one brother-in-law, Jim Hogge of Raleigh, North Carolina.

Eleanor was preceded in death by her parents, husband, sister (Marilyn Hogge), step-mother (Ruth Gordan Iske) and step-brother (Dick Gordan).

A memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 11 at Faith United Methodist Church, 1440 S. Walnut Ave., Freeport, IL 61032 with Rev. Melissa Meyers, officiating. Burial of Cremated Remains will be 1:30 p.m. on Saturday at Fairmount Cemetery in Polo.

A memorial visitation will be from 4-7 p.m., Friday, March 10 at Burke-Tubbs Funeral Home, 504 N. Walnut Ave., Freeport, IL 61032. A memorial has been established in Eleanor’s memory.

### Dorothy Erwin

**POPLAR GROVE** — Dorothy Erwin passed away on Feb. 21 at St. Anthony’s Hospital in Rockford after a short illness. She was the first of seven children to Benjamin and Jewel (Holder) Ramsey. She grew up on a cotton farm in rural central Texas and graduated from Mart High School in 1937. Dorothy attended Business School and night school classes at TCU in Fort Worth, and for six years worked for an advertising agency as a copy writer and accountant.

On January 22, 1943, Dorothy married Robert W. Erwin, who, at that time, was an engineer for Consolidated Aircraft which designed wings for the B-36 used during WWII. In 1946, Bob and Dorothy moved to the Erwin family farm near Poplar Grove where they raised their four children. Dorothy was involved in many community activities including a board member of the Poplar Grove United Methodist Church and Sunday School teacher; Poplar Grove School PTA; Site Selection Committee for the first North Boone H.S.; and former president of the Belvidere Women’s Club. Dorothy and Bob were honored as “Best Poplar Grove Neighbors” in 1993. When her children were mostly grown Dorothy worked at Apache Foam as an office manager for 6 years. Also, she was on the board for Candlewick Lake Assoc.,



and worked in the Candlewick office for 5 years. Dorothy was preceded in death by her husband, Robert, in 1996. She continued to live on the farm for 12 years and spent the winters back in Texas with family and friends. She left the farm in 2008 and moved to Wesley Willows.

She leaves behind one sister, Carmen McKinney; brother-in-law, Jim Kemp; and sister-in-law Merrill Ramsey. Dorothy’s four children are Randall (Donna), Leland (Diane), Meredith (Brad) Townsend and Keith (Andrea Cailles). She was blessed to have 9 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren as well as many nieces and nephews.

Dorothy loved playing table games and watching the Cubs and Fighting Illini. She will be remembered by all who knew her for her sincere interest in everyone she met.

In lieu of flowers you are welcome to send memorials to the Poplar Grove United Methodist Church or Pancreatic Cancer Action Network, 1500 Rosecrans Ave., Suite 200, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266 ([www.pancan.org](http://www.pancan.org))

A visitation for Dorothy will be held Monday, February 27th between the hours of 10am-12pm at Poplar Grove United Methodist Church. Located at 105 E Grove St, Poplar Grove, IL 61065. Funeral to follow at 12pm. Burial at Poplar Grove Cemetery.

### Jerome Scott ‘Jerry’ Gorsegner

**OREGON** — Jerome Scott “Jerry” Gorsegner, 64, died Sunday, Feb. 19 at Swedish American Hospital in Rockford. He was born Sept. 10, 1958 in Greeley, Colorado; the son of Leonard E. and Marcia A. (Kilmer) Gorsegner. He graduated from Stillman Valley High School in 1976. Jerry married Lynnette “Lynn” Hayton on May 13, 1986 in Oregon.

He worked for many years at the Byron Nuclear Power Station in several roles, retiring as a control room operator. Jerry was very active in his children’s lives. He was their Boy Scout and Girl Scout leader for many years, even serving as the Northern Ogle Unit Service Director for the Girl Scouts for three years. He coached their t-ball, softball and baseball teams. He enjoyed fishing and playing darts. He was also a passionate and excellent home cook and will be remembered for many of his recipes. Jerry was preceded by his parents.



He is survived by his wife Lynn of Oregon and five children: Jennifer (Lucas) of Bayfield, Colorado, Tyler (Alora) of Mt. Morris, Nicole, Heather, and Marissa of Oregon; two grandsons, Brexty and Soiy, and a granddaughter on the way. He is also survived by a brother, David (Kim) of Loves Park; sister, Karen of Freeport and many nephews and nieces.

Visitation will be held Friday, Feb. 24 from 5-7 p.m. at the Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home, 136 W. Roosevelt Road in Stillman Valley. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 25 at the Kishwaukee Community Evangelical Presbyterian Church near Stillman Valley with the Rev. Nick Garner, pastor of the church, officiating.

A memorial fund is established in Jerry’s name and may be directed to the family. Visit [www.farrellhollandgale.com](http://www.farrellhollandgale.com) to leave a condolence or a memory of Jerry.

### Francis ‘Frank’ Edward Mullally

**BYRON** — Francis “Frank” Edward Mullally of Byron, IL, passed away peacefully at home on February 19, 2023. Frank was born on January 23, 1936 to James and Ann Jane Mullally.

After graduating St. Ignatius High School in 1953, Frank went on to study at the University of Chicago, where he received his Associates Degree in Fire Science. During that time Frank joined the Marine Corps in 1955 at 29 Palms, California and upon his return, began his long fire department career.

During his lifetime, he served with three fire departments. Two of them he served concurrently for seventeen years working for the River Grove Volunteer Fire Department and the Chicago State Hospital Fire Department. In 1965 went on to serve as Captain of the Chicago Fire Department and retired as Battalion Chief in November of 2000.

Frank loved serving the Chicago fire department as he said, “it was his heart of hearts”. He had a love and passion for serving his community.

Frank and Valerie were married in October 1994 and blended their two families. Frank and his wife Valerie retired in Byron, IL in 2004. Frank was very active in the Church community with St. Mary’s Catholic Church. He transferred his membership with the Knights of Columbus from Chicago and was very excited to continue his work as an honorary member as 4th Degree honor guard. Frank truly dedicated his life serving others.

He loved to travel and had the fortunate opportunity to visit Antarctica, Scotland, Italy and many US states in between. In Italy he and Valerie renewed their vows and visited many Cathedrals. He was a history buff and loved learning about the Civil War, so he toured almost

every civil war battlefield he could.

Frank was a loving and devoted husband, father, and grandfather. He loved spending time with his family, especially being with his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was such a loving and giving man and would do anything to take care of them. Frank had five children and Valerie had two. Together they had 13 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren and 2 more great-grandchildren on the way.

Frank was predeceased by his brothers, James, John, Michael, Thomas Mullally, William and his stepson Norbert Holeman. He is survived by his wife Valerie, his sister Maureen, 5 children, Dennis Mullally, Linda (Ken) Miles, David Mullally, Carol (Jim) Parquette, Joanne (Tim) Pell, Step daughter Renee’ Holeman, daughter in law Limor Holeman, 13 grandchildren, Jennifer (Matt) Parquette, Christopher (Christy) James, Danny Miles, Matt James, Meaghann Mullally mother Chris Mullally, Nancy Jo (Zacharia) Menich, Edward (Courtney) Scharlow, father Tom Scharlow, David Jr Mullally, Eva Holeman, Ethan Holeman, Ian Holeman, Avir Jr Holeman, 4 great grandchildren, Brianna Parquette, Genevieve Parquette, Ryder James, and Maggie Sanchez.

Funeral mass will be held on Monday, February 27, 2023 at 11:00 AM at St. Mary Church, 220 E 2nd St, Byron, IL 61010 with Father Rich Rosinski officiating. Visitation will be held on Sunday, February 26, 2023 from 2:00 - 4:00 PM at Farrell Holland Gale Funeral Home, 506 W. Merchant St., Byron, IL 61010. Burial will be at St. Mary Catholic Church in Byron. In lieu of flowers donations may be directed to the Passionist Monastery, Rockford Poor Clares, or the Knights of Columbus.



### Carolyn June Hilliard Scharfenberg

**STERLING** — Carolyn June Hilliard Scharfenberg, 75, passed away in her home in Sterling on Feb. 20 with her family by her side. Carolyn was born on Nov. 26, 1947 in Freeport, the daughter of Dwight & Rose (Christian) Hilliard. She was raised in Leaf River and graduated from Leaf River High School class of 1965. Carolyn also lived in Rockford and Mt. Morris before moving to Sterling in 1986.

Carolyn married Michael Scharfenberg on Dec. 29, 1987 in Morrison.

Her hobbies were reading, needlework, gardening, canning, cooking, baking, in her younger years, bowling and roller skating, but most of all she loved spending time with her grandchildren.

Carolyn is survived by her husband: Michael Scharfenberg, Sterling; sons:

Stephen (Amy) Feary, Charles Feary, Michael (Kelly) Feary and Thomas (Kim) Feary; grandchildren: Damian Feary, Andrew (Jessica) Feary, Nicholas Feary, Andrea Feary, Rowan Riney, Tamzie Feary and Nathan Feary; great grandchildren: Harlan Feary, Luna Feary and Lydia Feary.

She is preceded in death by her parents; sisters: Sharon and Connie; brother: Orval; and mother in law: Erma.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, Feb. 25 at 11 a.m. in Finch Funeral Home, 405 E. Hitt, Mt. Morris; with Pastor Brian Vickers officiating. Burial will be held in Cedar Hill Cemetery, Mt. Morris. Visitation will be held on Saturday, Feb. 25 from 10:30 a.m. until service time in Finch Funeral Home.



### Lavern W. Stamm

**SHANNON** — Lavern W. Stamm, 84, of Shannon, passed away at his home surrounded by family and friends on Wednesday, Feb. 15. He was born in Stephenson County on Jan. 2, 1939, the son of Milford and Elta Mae (Lestikow) Stamm. He graduated from Forrester High School and started working as a carpenter.

He later began his own business, with two other men, and continued that work under the name SAM Builders. He was a long-time member of the Forrester Lions Club. He received the Melvin Jones Fellow award from the Lions Club International Foundation for dedicated humanitarian services. Lavern enjoyed playing cards and having a beer with his friends. He spent a lot of time cutting and chopping wood, tilling the garden and picking beans and tomatoes.

His family was his greatest joy. He is survived by his wife Helen, his two sons, Cody Stamm and Marc (Jill) Stamm, his daughter, Denise (Dan) Ball, his grandchildren Braxton Stamm, Lizzy Stamm, Annalise Stamm, Shayla Stamm, Stephanie (TJ) Stamm, his great-grandson, Parker Stamm, his two sisters, Glenda Carter and Theo Harrenstein, and his brother, Gary Stamm.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his sisters, Gail Babcock, Carol Barker and Donna Runte, and his grandson, TJ Stamm. Lavern will be remembered as fun-loving, kind, and “always ready to help” by his family and his many friends.

A celebration of life party will be held in the near future for his family and his close friends. In lieu of flowers, a memorial will be established for the St. Jude Children’s Hospital.



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# LOCAL NEWS

## Byron Rotary fundraiser sponsorships available

**BYRON** – Sponsorships and business marketing opportunities are now available for Byron Rotary's Annual "Pot of Gold" draw-down fundraiser to be held Saturday, March 11 at Prairie View Golf Pavilion at 6:30 p.m. The event will once again feature a \$3,000 grand prize!

This is Byron Rotary's sixth year hosting Pot of Gold. Kathy Wickler, the event chair, said, "The event was not held in 2020 and 2021, but returned in 2022. Pot of Gold is a much-anticipated community event and is a wonderful way for Rotary to raise funds for worthy initiatives, including a local scholarship."

There are three ways a business may use Pot of Gold to get their name out: Our gold sponsors for \$300 or silver for \$200. A gift card or prize for the draw-down in the amount of at least \$10. A special raffle or auction item. Many do

more than one!

"We would like to thank Holcomb Bank for supporting the event as our presenting sponsor this year," Sponsorship Chair Amanda Jennings said.

Businesses will receive credit for their sponsorships in all publicity surrounding the event including on Facebook and in email blasts. They will also be announced several times throughout the evening. This is a wonderful way for businesses to be recognized and, at the same time, support a great cause. All net proceeds from this event will help Rotary Club of Byron continue to offer the "Service Above Self" public service scholarship to worthy Byron High School students and support of other Byron school programs. Rotary also supports local organizations such as Believe in the Children and the Village of Progress. Most recently they fundraised to

send money to the hurricane relief efforts in Ft. Myers, Florida.

This year's Pot of Gold will include complementary beer and a cash bar, dinner and live music. Games and raffles will be played throughout the evening, including black jack and a live auction. In the draw-down, every ticket wins a prize; every 10th ticket wins \$100 and the grand prize winner will leave with \$3,000.

Businesses interested in sponsorships may contact the sponsorship committee at [OCCC2014@comcast.net](mailto:OCCC2014@comcast.net), or Jennings at 815-234-2222.

Tickets to the event cost \$100, which admit two to the draw-down party and one chance at the \$3,000 grand prize. Tickets will be available from any Byron Rotary member and on Eventbrite. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/pot-of-gold-2023-tickets-489804688007>

## First Fridays Open Mic is March 3

**OREGON** — The First Fridays Open Mic presents its monthly show at the Oregon VFW this March 3. The event attracts many talented performers, but musicians and singers of all skill levels find acceptance from its supportive audience.

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

The show starts at 6:30 p.m. Admission is free, although a jar is available for donations. Performers



**High school student Michael Mott is a new-comer to First Fridays.**

can sign up for time slots on a first-come-first-serve basis starting at 6 p.m. Interested parties who have questions can contact Jerry Tice at 815-449-2660.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## BYRON POLICE DEPARTMENT

**BYRON** — On Feb. 10, Amber J. Carmody, 31, was issued citations for operating a motor vehicle when registration is suspended and operating an uninsured vehicle.

On Feb. 10, Clarice L. Brisart 43, of Byron was issued a citation for speeding.

On Feb. 10, Dane M. Mitchell, 30, of Rockford was issued a citation for speeding.

On Feb. 11, Kelli A. Appenzeller, 36, of Rochelle was issued a citation for operating a vehicle with expired registration.

On Feb. 11, Ryan H. Reeverts, 24, of Byron was issued a citation for speeding.

On Feb. 11, Henry T. Barnhart, 66, of Rockford was issued a citation for operating a motor vehicle when registration is suspended.

On Feb. 11, Noah A. Saunders, 25, of Rockford was issued a citation for operating an uninsured vehicle and operating a vehicle with expired registration.

On Feb. 11, Carl G. Balestrieri, 65, of Byron was issued a citation for obstruction of windshield.

On Feb. 12, Mikel S. Barnhart, 18, of Rockford was issued citations for disobeying a no passing zone and speeding.

On Feb. 12, Kenneth L. Lamb, 18, of Rockford was issued a citation for operating an uninsured vehicle.

On Feb. 12, Lee E. Heeren, 71, of Rockford was issued a citation for speeding.

On Feb. 13, Christopher A. Foster, 43, of Mt. Morris was arrested on a warrant out of Lee County for failure to appear. Foster was transported to Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

On Feb. 14, Joseph D. Dawsey, 39, of Rockford was arrested on a warrant out of Ogle County. Dawsey was transported to Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

On Feb. 14, a minor aged 17, of Byron was issued a citation for leaving the scene of an accident.

On Feb. 14, Joshua Wright, 19, of Byron was arrested for domestic battery. Wright was transported to Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

On Feb. 18, Karl P. Emerick, 59, of Winnebago was issued a citation for operating an uninsured vehicle.

On Feb. 18, Karam A. Mansour, 49, of Vernon Hills, Illinois was issued a citation for speeding.

On Feb. 20, a minor aged 17, of Byron was issued a citation for speeding.

On Feb. 20, Stephon C. Smith, 26, of Amboy was issued a citation for speeding.

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

## MT. MORRIS POLICE DEPARTMENT

**MT. MORRIS** — On Feb. 7 at approximately 12:45 p.m. Mt. Morris Police responded to the 300 block of West Hitt Street for the report of a domestic disturbance. After an investigation, Cha E. Keller, 34, Mt. Morris, was arrested on an outstanding Ogle County warrant for failure to appear. Keller was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

On Feb. 14 at approximately 11 p.m. Mt. Morris Police were sent to the 10 block of West Center Street for the report of a disturbance in the area. After an investigation, Anita E. Chavez, 32, Rochelle, was arrested on an outstanding Ogle County warrant for failure to

appear. Chavez was transported to the Ogle County Jail where she was held in lieu of bond.

On Feb. 17 at approximately 11:05 p.m. Mt. Morris Police were sent to the 100 block of South Wesley Avenue for the report of a disturbance. After an investigation, Cha E. Keller, 34, Mt. Morris, was arrested and charged with aggravated assault and criminal trespass to property. Keller was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

On Feb. 19 at approximately 1:10 a.m. Mt. Morris Police responded to the Dollar General in the 3,000 block of West Illinois Route 64. At that time, Denise R. Wagoner, 37, Mt. Morris, was arrested for criminal trespass to property. Wagoner was transported to the Ogle County Jail where she was held in lieu of bond.

On Feb. 19 at approximately 4:10 a.m. Mt. Morris Police responded to the 500 block of North Hannah Avenue for the report of a disturbance. After an investigation, Arkadiusz W. Stachurski, 40, Mt. Morris, was arrested and charged with criminal damage to property and criminal trespass to property. Stachurski was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

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

# Constellation making \$800 million investment in Byron Nuclear Plant

**BYRON** — Constellation (Nasdaq: CEG), the largest producer of carbon-free energy in the U.S., said Jan. 21 it will invest \$800 million in new equipment to increase the output of its Braidwood and Byron Generating Stations in Illinois by approximately 135 megawatts, enough to power the equivalent of 100,000 average homes around the clock every year. The additional always-on, carbon-free power generated will result in the equivalent of removing 171,000 gas-powered vehicles from the road per year, or the equivalent of adding 216 intermittent wind turbines to the grid, using Environmental Protection Agency data.

The project is expected to create work for thousands of skilled union workers during construction while expanding economic activity for surrounding businesses in the plant communities. The additional jobs come on top of the 1,200 permanent workers at the two plants.

“These investments in our world class nuclear fleet will allow us to generate more zero-carbon energy with the same amount of fuel and land, and that’s a win for the economy, the environment and Illinois families and businesses who rely on our clean energy,” said Joe Dominguez, president and CEO of Constellation. “These projects will help create family-sustaining jobs and are a direct result of state and federal policies that recognize the incredible value of nuclear energy in addressing the climate crisis while keeping our grid secure and reliable.”

Braidwood and Byron were among the Illinois nuclear plants saved from premature retirement by passage of the state Climate and Equitable Jobs Act in 2021. Since then, Congress passed the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) last year, which

provides a base level of support for nuclear energy nationwide. Both pieces of legislation have enabled renewed investment in nuclear energy.

Support for nuclear in the IRA has made extending the lives of U.S. nuclear assets to 80 years more likely assuming continued support. It has caused Constellation to examine nuclear uprate opportunities that were cancelled a decade ago due to market forces. The 45Y tax credit for the production of new carbon-free electricity helps make these investments economic.

The Braidwood and Byron projects involve replacing the main turbines at the two facilities with state-of-the-art, high efficiency units that are expected to add approximately 135 carbon-free megawatts of output at the nuclear plants. Constellation expects to see increased output at the stations as early as 2026, with the full uprated output available by 2029. Work on the uprates will occur in stages during scheduled refueling outages.

The Illinois uprates come on the heels of Constellation’s announcement of significant progress at its clean hydrogen project at Nine Mile Point Generating Station in upstate New York, and the start of work on operating license renewals at the Clinton and Dresden nuclear plants in Illinois.

“It is gratifying to see new long-term projects at our nuclear facilities getting the green light. This is an exciting time for our industry as we continue our investment in the future of our plants,” said Dave Rhoades, chief nuclear officer, Constellation. “Our workers stand at the ready to welcome new employees for these projects as we continue building upon creative new efforts that provide additional clean energy to the communities we serve across the nation.”

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**MARCH 5**  
Disciples United Methodist Church in Mt. Morris is hosting a Potato Bar from 11-12:30 p.m.. No registration is needed. Donations will be accepted. Proceeds will be used toward the missions of the church. The church is located at 102 Maple Ave., Mt. Morris. Call 815-734-4853 with any questions.

**MARCH 7**  
The Polo FFA Alumni is hosting a spaghetti dinner from 5-7 p.m. at the Polo Community High School cafeteria. Dinner will include tossed salad, spaghetti, garlic bread, dessert and beverage. Ticket cost is \$10 for adults, \$7 for children 12 and under. Proceeds will be used to fund the FFA Alumni Scholarship, awarded to a Polo High School senior or seniors that are pursuing higher education in the agricultural fields. Contact any Polo FFA Alumni

member, or Ginger Albano at 815-631-0457 to purchase tickets.

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

**MARCH 8**  
The United Methodist Men at Disciples UMC, Mt. Morris, are hosting a Pancake and Sausage supper on Wednesday, March 8 from 4-7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Chicken and biscuits will also be served. Donations are accepted. Proceeds will be used for the projects and missions of UMM. The church is located at 102 Maple Ave., Mt. Morris. Call

815-734-4853 with any questions.

**MARCH 9**  
Serenity Hospice & Home’s Lunch Group will meet at Bella’s Café, 317 Washington St., Oregon at 11:30 a.m. Please call 815-732-4111 by 10 a.m. to register.

**MARCH 10**  
Serenity Hospice & Home’s C.A.F.E. will meet at The Serenity Home, 1658 S. Illinois Route 2, Oregon from 9-10 a.m. This group is open to any bereaved in the community. Please call 815-732-4111 by 4 p.m. on Thursday to register.

**MARCH 10**  
Serenity Hospice & Home’s Diamond Art will meet from 9-11 a.m. at The Serenity Shed, 131 N. 3rd St., Oregon.

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"Congress shall make no law. . ."

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## MOMENTS IN TIME

\* On March 6, 1475, Michelangelo Buonarroti, the greatest of the Italian Renaissance artists, is born in Caprese. His most important early work was the Pieta (1498), a traditional type of devotional sculpture that showed the body of Christ in the lap of the Virgin Mary.

\* On March 7, 161 A.D., Marcus Aurelius became emperor of Rome at the age of 39, after the death of his predecessor, Antoninus Pius, and after patiently waiting more than 20 years to assume that role. He was extremely popular, and his reign would later be recalled as a "golden age."

\* On March 9, 1562, kissing in public was banned in Naples, Italy, and actually punishable by death, but not for reasons of morality. Rather, it was part of an effort to halt the spread of a plague throughout Europe. Perhaps unsurprisingly, the legislation failed to achieve its goal.

\* On March 8, 1941, Hugh Mulcahy, a pitcher for the Philadelphia Phillies, gained national attention when he became the first major league baseball player to be drafted into the Army. He continued to pitch during his service, which lasted for four years, before he returned to his old team.

\* On March 6, 1986, American painter Georgia O'Keeffe, whose work included large-format paintings of natural forms, especially flowers and bones, died at age 98. She had continued painting, with the help of assistants, into her last years, even though nearly blind from macular degeneration.

\* On March 9, 1985, the first-ever Adopt-a-Highway sign is erected in Texas. Highway 69 was adopted by the Tyler Civitan Club, which committed to picking up trash along a 2-mile stretch of the road. The program eventually spread across the U.S.

\* On March 10, 1945, 300 American bombers continue to drop almost 2,000 tons of incendiaries on Tokyo for a second day. The attack destroyed large portions of the Japanese capital and killed 100,000 civilians.

\* On March 10, 1988, Prince Charles narrowly escaped death from an avalanche while skiing at a Swiss resort. Sadly, though he managed to help dig out the body of his friend Major Hugh Lindsay, a former aid to the Queen, Lindsay was declared dead on arrival at a local hospital. Diana, Princess of Wales, and Sarah Ferguson, Duchess of York, had accompanied Prince Charles on the trip but were not skiing when the avalanche occurred.

\* On March 10, 2015, a copyright infringement suit filed against Pharrell Williams and Robin Thicke led to a record payout of \$7.3 million to the family of Marvin Gaye. Williams and Thicke had copied from Gaye's 1977 hit "Got to Give It Up."

\* On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared that the COVID-19 outbreak was a pandemic, citing more than 118,000 cases of the coronavirus illness in over 110 countries and territories around the world.

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## Waiting on spring

WELL in only a couple of days we will know if March comes in like a lion or a lamb. Not sure what your preference is, but I've never eaten a lion. But I've been told you have to eat an elephant one bite at a time. That or have some Tums ready.

According to the Farmers Almanac, March looks stormy and cold. Apparently all month as they predict a snowy start to April. Looks like I may have to give up hope getting my potatoes planted by Good Friday. No need to worry, I've found over the years that particular saying is nothing more than an old wives tale. Of course I've often wondered... Don't new wives have any tales?

What all this means in reality is that I'm not putting my snow shovel away and looking for my hoe just yet. Of course I might look awfully funny mowing my yard in the snow.

The Environmental Protection Agency announced a proposed rule to designate perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (PFOS), the two most common per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), as hazardous materials under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA).

CERCLA is the federal law that provides a federal "Superfund" to clean up uncontrolled or abandoned hazardous waste sites as well as accidents, spills and other emergency releases of pollutants and contaminants into

the environment.

Through CERCLA, EPA has the power to seek out those parties responsible for any release and ensure their cooperation

in the cleanup. CERCLA imposes liability on parties responsible for, in whole or in part, the presence of hazardous substances at a site.

Since PFAS chemicals are known as "forever chemicals," they don't easily break down over time and can be transported through rain run-off, which means they have been found in surface water and groundwater aquifers.

PFOA and PFOS have been voluntarily phased out by U.S. manufacturers for the most part but are still in limited use in products ranging from stain-resistant clothing and furniture to cookware and food packaging.

Farmers and ranchers do not produce PFOA or PFOS; however, these chemicals can be found in the water that has been provided to their livestock and crops. In certain areas of the country, PFAS levels have risen in milk, beef and row crops.

Another source of PFAS contamination on farms comes from the use of soil amendments (biosolids, paper byproducts), a practice that has long been supported and encouraged by the EPA. Farmers would never intentionally spread PFAS. Food safety is their top priority. But society is learning that PFAS is all around us, including on farms and ranches.

To date, PFAS has been detected on some farms, along with many other sites, but farmers do

not manufacture or knowingly spread PFAS on their farms. Currently, farmers in Maine, Michigan and New Mexico are severely impacted by PFAS detection.

It's important that farmers are not held responsible for the presence of PFAS chemicals that they did not produce or intentionally use.

Additionally, a Superfund designation could devastate land values and leave farmers with land that they are unable to use. Under CERCLA, clean-up funds are disseminated based on a priority list, and it is likely that farmland would be the last in line to receive such assistance.

The proposed rule would require anyone who releases certain levels of PFOA and PFOS into soil or water to report it to federal or tribal authorities. The goal of this rule is to force responsible parties to take remedial actions and pay for the cleanup of a contaminated site. While EPA has stated that the intent of this rule is to hold the producers and users of these chemicals accountable, there is no language in this rulemaking that protects innocent landowners who passively receive these chemicals.

It is important for farmers to let their Congressional representatives know how this affects their farm and find means that work without negatively affecting farm values and profitability.

When I was a younger man the old timers used to tease me at weddings by saying "you're next!" They stopped when I started saying the same thing to them at funerals.

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



Ron Kern

## Surprising facts about America and guns

DIFFERENCES of opinion about guns have become tribal, part of a larger culture war, with people dug in on both sides. Maybe the way forward is to acknowledge that we're all probably wrong in one way or another. Our ideas about how people die from firearms are an example.

The most common type of gun death, according to Pew Research's website (February 2022), isn't murder, but is instead, at 54 percent, suicide. And only a fraction of the remaining fatalities—perhaps as few as 10 percent according to Steven Pinker in his book, "The Better Angels of Our Nature"—take place during the commission of a robbery or other crime. The typical gun homicide instead involves someone resolving a personal dispute with a person or persons he/she knows.

The mass slayings that are so prominent in the news cause only the tiniest fraction of gun deaths — 0.2 percent according to Larry Wallace at theconversation.com. And only 30 percent of those involve the use of the assault weapons that command so much attention, or rifles of any kind for that matter (see statista.com.) Handguns are by far the preferred weapon.

All of these facts suggest that the intensity surrounding the debate about Illinois' recent assault weapons ban is somewhat misplaced on both sides. The ban probably won't, on the one hand, do much by itself to reduce gun violence, nor is it likely, on the other hand, to limit people's ability to defend themselves. 63 percent of the American public in an August 2021 Pew survey favored banning assault weapons.

Preventing gun deaths, whether by suicide, crime, personal disputes or the demented dreams of mass slayers, is an essential duty for any civilized society. The United States is far behind in this when compared to the rest of the developed world. Part of the reason seems to lie in two facts.

The first is that America ranks first by far in firearm death rates among comparable high-income countries (see healthdata.org). Our rate is 13 times greater than France's, for example, and 22 times greater than the European Union's as a

whole.

The second is that we also rank number one, by an incredible margin, in the possession of firearms per person. We own 46 percent of the world's civilian-owned guns, yet make up only five percent of its population, according to pbs.org/newshour.

This connection between gun ownership and gun deaths likewise applies to comparisons among states within the U.S. Nine of the 10 states with the most permissive gun laws have gun death rates that are far above the national average (see Elbie Bentley at visualcapitalist.com). Gun fatalities in eight of the 10 with the most restrictive regulations, on the other hand, are well below average.

And yet we're all aware of the many incidents in which gun owners with firearms have saved themselves and others. The explanation for this seeming contradiction lies, I believe, in something I heard from a conservative economics professor of mine many years ago: "That which is true of the part is not necessarily true of the whole."

He used a football game as an example. When one fan in the audience stands up, he can see the game better. But when everyone does likewise, they're all worse off.

One person with a gun has an advantage. But as more and more others follow his/her example, the correlation between guns and gun deaths takes its toll. We can see it not just in homicides, but also in the most common form of gun death, which is, as noted above, suicide.

Reasonable regulations that respect the right to own firearms for recreation and self-protection are only part of the answer. The deeper problem is the fears that lie behind America's extraordinary rate of gun ownership. The solution requires us to heal our society's social, cultural and political wounds. When that happens, people will no longer believe that guns will make us safer.

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Lowell Harp

# SENIOR LIFESTYLES

## Money management tips for retirees

**W**HAT constitutes a perfect retirement is different for everyone. Some people may imagine spending their golden years fishing their days away, while others may aspire to finally embrace their inner globetrotter. Though individuals' retirement dreams differ, every retiree will need money, which only underscores the importance of a wise and disciplined approach to money management.

Average life expectancies have risen considerably over the last several decades. According to estimates from the United Nations Population Division, the average life expectancy in Canada for both sexes is just under 83 years, while it's slightly more than 79 in the United States. Those figures are a good sign, but they may inspire a little fear among seniors who

are concerned that they might outlive their money. No one knows how long they will live, but everyone can embrace a handful of money management strategies to increase the chances that they won't feel a financial pinch in retirement.

- Study up on the tax implications of withdrawing from your retirement accounts. Every retirement investment vehicle, whether it's an IRA or a 401(k), has tax implications. Money withdrawn too early may incur tax penalties, and even money withdrawn long past retirement age could elevate retirees into a new tax bracket that could prove costly. A financial advisor can help retirees determine the tax implications of withdrawing money from their retirement accounts and may even develop a detailed guideline of when withdrawals should be made and how much should

be withdrawn in a given year in order to minimize tax liabilities.

- Prioritize your own needs. Though retirees, particularly those with children and grandchildren, may feel an obligation to help their families in difficult financial times, generosity can be very costly for adults who have stopped working. Retirees may or may not have opportunities to generate new income, and even those who do likely won't make enough to meet their daily financial needs. Given that reality, retirees must prioritize their own financial needs, including their immediate needs and those they will have for the rest of their lives. Though it might be difficult to turn down loved ones' requests for financial help, retirees must make sure they can pay their bills and maintain a quality of life that won't jeopardize their long-term health.



- Examine your housing situation. Equity in a home is a feather in the cap of many retirees. Retirees who own their homes and live in locations with high property taxes might be able to cash in on their equity by selling their homes and downsizing to a smaller home with lower property taxes. If moving is not a consideration, discuss a reverse mortgage with a financial advisor. A trusted financial advisor can highlight the advantages and disadvantages of reverse mortgages, which

are a great option for some people to improve their financial well-being in retirement.

- Stick to a budget during retirement. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services reports that roughly 70 percent of individuals who turn 65 will need long-term care in their lifetimes. That's just one expense retirees must budget for, and it's more sizable than some people may recognize. In fact, the Fidelity Retiree Health Care Cost Estimate found that the average retired couple

age 65 in 2022 will need roughly \$315,000 to cover health care expenses in retirement. And health care costs are just one of many expenses retirees can expect to have. Budgeting and avoiding overspending can ensure retirees have the money they need when they need it.

No one wants to outlive their money in retirement. Various strategies can help retirees effectively manage their money so they can enjoy their golden years without having to worry about their finances.

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## Did you know?

**T**HE burden on health care costs in retirement could be a significant hurdle for retirees without

a sizable nest egg or effective strategy to cover such expenses.

According to the Fidelity Retiree

Health Care Cost Estimate, an average retired couple aged 65 in 2022 could need around \$315,000 after taxes to cover their health care expenses in retirement. Thoughtful traditional retirement goals like financing travel or relocating to a warmer climate are worthy pursuits, it's vital that individuals of all ages, including those on the cusp of retirement, recognize the importance of saving for health care expenses as well. Such expenses, which include medication costs, are easy to take for granted when individuals are still working.

However, Fidelity notes that generics, branded drugs and specialty drugs account for roughly 17 percent of retirement health care expenses. That equates to around \$53,500 that might be needed to pay for medication alone.

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# SENIOR LIFESTYLES



## Lowering blood sugar may reduce Alzheimer's risk

**A**GING is associated with certain ailments, some of which concern seniors more than others. One of the conditions many older adults worry about is dementia, particularly in the form of Alzheimer's disease. Though there's no cure for Alzheimer's disease, recent research suggests reducing blood sugar may be associated with a lower risk.

Doctors and researchers have determined a link between high blood sugar levels and the formation of dementia, which includes a loss of memory and thinking skills that afflicts millions of older people. A 2013 study published in the *New England Journal of Medicine* found that, even when diabetes was not evident, there is a correlation between sugar and dementia. A blood sugar level above normal levels (depending on activity level and weight, among other factors) can contribute to an elevated risk of developing dementia. Furthermore, a longitudinal study published in 2018 in the journal *Diabetologia*, which followed 5,189 people over 10 years, found those with high blood sugar had a faster rate of cognitive decline than those with normal blood sugar — whether or not those blood sugar levels classified the people as being diabetic.

The link could be due to an enzyme that breaks down insulin. Insulin-degrading enzyme, a product of insulin that breaks down both insulin and amyloid proteins in the brain, which are the same proteins that can lead to Alzheimer's disease, is a factor in the connection to dementia. Melissa Schilling, a professor at New York University, reviewed studies and found that people who have type 1 diabetes and don't produce enough insulin can't break down the amyloid proteins naturally. Furthermore, those who take insulin to treat diabetes can end up with a surplus of insulin in the body. The insulin-degrading enzyme gets used up trying to break the surplus down. This doesn't leave enough enzyme to tackle amyloid brain clumping proteins. These same scenarios can occur in people if their blood sugar levels are elevated, even if they don't have diabetes yet.

Data published by Harvard Health Publishing indicates "any incremental increase in blood sugar was associated with an increased risk of dementia." Individuals who have elevated blood sugar levels, or roughly 100 mg/dL or higher after a fast, can tame sugar levels by exercising, losing weight and shifting away from highly refined grains. Individuals also may want to favor a Mediterranean style of eating, which focuses on fish, olive oil, fruits, vegetables, and beans over a processed carbohydrate- and sugar-laden diet.

High blood sugar is another factor linked to the formation of Alzheimer's disease and other dementias. Making lifestyle changes can keep seniors healthy throughout their golden years.



## Fun ways for seniors to stay active

**P**HYSICAL activity is an important component of overall health. Health experts advise that exercise can increase lean body mass, prevent conditions like diabetes and cardiovascular disease, improve balance, and positively affect mental health/cognition. Exercise also can foster socialization with others, helping people overcome boredom and isolation.

As individuals get older, they may not be able to participate in all of the activities they enjoyed as youths, but that doesn't mean older adults must resign themselves to sedentary lifestyles. There are plenty of entertaining ways to remain physically active that can accommodate any limitations a person may have. Explore these methods for staying active.

**Explore senior center offerings**  
Community senior centers often fill calendars with a vast array of activities, some of which can include physical activities. Hikes, walking tours, dances, and other activities all serve as entertaining ways to get out and about while meeting some fitness goals.

**Garden or do yard work**  
The Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotions says adults should get 150 minutes of

moderate exercise per week. Raking leaves, mowing the lawn, digging in flower beds, trimming bushes, and other outdoor tasks could help a person meet this quota in a way that doesn't seem like exercise at all.

**Play games with grandchildren**  
Little kids may inspire older adults to be more active, as it can be difficult to keep up with those youngsters. Take infants or toddlers for walks or push them in strollers. Attach a child seat or towing carriage to a bicycle and ride around the neighborhood. Play games that require movement, such as hide-and-seek or Marco Polo in the pool. If it's snowing, have a snowball fight or make a snowman in the yard.

**Take up a new hobby**  
Find hobbies that incorporate physical activity. Perhaps learning to salsa dance or taking Zumba™ will be fun? Pickleball has caught on across the nation. The sport is a mix of tennis, racquetball and badminton that caters to all ages. Joining a bowling team is another way to get active and meet new people.

Physical activity is important at any age. Seniors can explore fun ways to stay in shape and be active to reap all the benefits of exercise.



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# LOCAL NEWS

## Meridian's Caposey comes up just shy of nation's top honor

**SAN ANTONIO, Tex.** — On Thursday, Feb. 16, Dr. PJ Caposey was among four nationwide finalists to be considered for the title of the National Superintendent of the Year. The recognition is announced annually at the National Conference on Education which took place in San Antonio, Texas this year. Kevin McGowan of Brighton Schools from New York was ultimately named the winner.

Caposey is in his 10th year of employment for Meridian CUSD 223 and was the fifth superintendent in three calendar years when he was first named to his current position. Since his arrival, Meridian has passed two referenda, regained financial stability and has been recognized nationally multiple times



for different academic and technological achievements.

In addition to his work within the district, Caposey represents Meridian at the national level by frequently speaking and sharing lessons learned while in the district. He has also worked in the education department for three universities while at Meridian, has authored

nine books, and works in a myriad of capacities for the Illinois Principals' Association.

Dr. Caposey noted, "This was a once-in-a-career opportunity and I worked hard to soak up every minute of the experience. Dr. McGowan is a great man and leader and more than worthy of this recognition. I am proud to have this

opportunity to represent Meridian223 on the national stage." Caposey added that every winner of the award in the past decade has come from a district at least twice as large as Meridian and he felt proud to give voice to the work being done in small town and rural districts throughout the country.

AASA, the School Superintendent's Association, annually names a National Superintendent of the Year. The process is rigorous and requires any individual applying for the top honor to have been recognized first by their state organization. In Illinois that recognition is provided by the Illinois Association for School Administrators which named Dr. Caposey the Illinois winner in November of 2022.

### OGLE COUNTY SHERIFF

**OREGON** — On Feb. 10 at 5:48 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop at Center Road and Illinois Route 38. After an investigation, deputies arrested Marco Hernandez-Mandujano, 29, of Rochelle for no valid driver's license. Hernandez-Mandujano was released on a signature I-Bond with a future court date. Hernandez-Mandujano was also issued citations for window tint and no front registration.

On Feb. 10 at approximately 4 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop at the intersection of Jeffery Avenue and Erickson Road in Hillcrest after investigating a driving complaint. The vehicle disobeyed audible sirens and emergency lights and continued traveling before pulling in to an address

on Jefferson Avenue. After an investigation, deputies placed Dominic G. Larson, 27, of Franklin Grove, under arrest for driving under the influence and possession of a controlled substance. Larson was additionally cited for fleeing to elude and speeding. Larson was transported to the Ogle County Jail, where he was held pending an appearance before a judge.

On Feb. 11 at 12:03 a.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop on Illinois Route 251 at Illinois Route 64. After an investigation, Byadunia Malembe, 24, of Houston, Texas was arrested for no valid driver's license. Malembe was released on a signature I-Bond with a future court date. Malembe was also issued a citation for an inoperable registration light.

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# Byron swimming: 'We are small, but we are mighty'



## 10-swimmer team recently finished 3rd at sectional

BY GEORGE HOWE  
CORRESPONDENT

**BYRON** — Swimming has to be one of the most taxing sports on the body. It takes a special kind of athlete to endure the sacrifices made like long hours getting yardage and sets in. In order to stay competitive, aquatic enthusiasts need to be in the pool year round. It's not for everyone.

Proof in point, the Byron High School swim team has been a co-op for many years with the opportunity to pick from eight schools. Yet, this season's squad features just 10 swimmers and no divers, where most teams have 20 members. Under the direction of first-year Head Coach Carrie Bell, she recently led her team to a third-place finish, missing second by a mere two points (199.5) behind runner-up

Hononegah (201.5) and champion DeKalb (230) at the Rockford Jefferson Sectional.

It's a testament to Bell's leadership style and communication regardless of how many are on the team.

"We are small, but we are mighty," Bell said. "I coach to point out things that need to be worked on or changed. Most of these swimmers have the ability to grab onto the water and along with technique that needs to be on point helps them to avoid spinning their wheels and using up needed energy. I try to make sure as competitors that they are enjoying their experiences and can have fun while working hard to be successful."

That was apparent at sectionals where the boys were champions in over half the events including; the 200 IM medley relay with a time of 1:37.95 that featured seniors Levi Schamper (Stillman Valley),

Nathan Bell, Tyson Politsch (both of Byron) and freshman Gage Helfrich (Dixon). Helfrich also won the 500-yard freestyle in 4:54.93. Schamper won the 100 butterfly in 51.16 seconds. Bell took the 200 IM in 1:59.96 and Politsch won the 100 breaststroke in 59.69 seconds. All advanced to the IHSA State finals held on Feb. 25 at the FMC Natatorium in Westmont. This new location built in 2022, features an Olympic-size competition pool. Bell's accomplishments didn't go unnoticed by the rest of the coaches as she was named sectional coach of the year.

"Carrie is an impactful coach and did a good job of getting the team tuned in at the right time," Byron Athletic Director Jim Kann said. "She is very deserving of this award and we are all very proud and happy for her and the team."

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# SPORTS NEWS

## SWIM: Team commends coach for stellar season

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Now with the reality of going to state, Schamper and mates can take it all in with the possibility of standing on the podium at day's end. "Going to state is a lot less stressful knowing

that we made it and can now take a deep breath knowing that our hours put in has paid off," Schamper said. "Personally, it's a dream come true and I wouldn't want to do it with and other guys or coach. She is like a mother to all of us

and has great energy. We always want to do our best for her and ourselves." The respect and closeness of this group for their leader was never more apparent than when after an invitational hosted and won by the TigerSharks and the traditional victo-

rious jumping in the pool, they pulled their coach in too. "Coach has meant a lot to us and took over so we could compete," Helfrich said. "This is such a great group of boys that I'm fortunate enough to coach," Bell said. "I'm very proud of all of them and I'm optimistic for our chances at state."



Freshman Gage Helfrich (Dixon) is a member of this year's Byron High School swim team that recently finished third at the Rockford Jefferson Sectional. (Courtesy photo)



At right, Nathan Bell is a member of this year's Byron High School swim team that recently finished third at the Rockford Jefferson Sectional. (Courtesy photo)

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The Byron High School swim team has been a co-op for many years with the opportunity to pick from eight schools. This season's squad features just 10 swimmers and no divers, where most teams have 20 members. (Photo by George Howe)

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### AREA SPORTS

#### Forreston boys hoops falls to AFC

On Feb. 17 on the road, the Forreston varsity boys basketball team fell 49-44 to Ashton-Franklin Center. The Cardinals were led in scoring by Kendall Erd-

mann (13 points) and Payton Encheff (11 points).

#### Oregon's Wight finishes 31st at state

The Oregon High School girls bowling season officially came to a close Feb. 18 at the IHSA

State Finals at The Cherry Bowl with Oregon senior Ava Wight rolling a 2,346 12-game series (195.5 average), good enough for a 31st place finish. On Friday, Ava rolled games of 181, 182, 212, 211, 153, 184 for a 1,123 series and a 57th-place position. She rebounded on Saturday with games of 223, 224, 176, 237, 168, 195 for a 1,223 series climbing into a 31st place finish. Through the course of the tournament she set three girls all-time second high Oregon historical marks: individual place 31st (Ava 20th, 2022), six-game series 1,223 (1,225 - Sammantha Meyers, 2020) and 12-game series 2,346 (Ava 2,394, 2022).

#### Scores Girls varsity basketball

Feb. 11: Stillman Valley 42, Alleman 35  
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Feb. 16: Rockford Christian 87, Stillman Valley 56

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# SPORTS NEWS



## Polo girls hoops wins regional

With a 49-43 win over Amboy on Friday, Feb. 17, the Polo varsity girls basketball team was crowned regional champions (courtesy photo)

# Polo falls to Orangeville at Class 1A sectional

Sectional appearance was Marcos' first since 2008

BY ANDY COLBERT  
CORRESPONDENT

**POLO** – It was going to be an uphill climb for the Polo girls basketball team against state-ranked Orangeville at the Class 1A sectional. In a 55-27 loss, the Marcos got off to a slow start and never recovered. Polo turned the ball over on first seven possessions and missed their first eight shots.

“Nerves were a big part,” Polo coach Jason Grobe said. “It was awesome seeing the crowd and the atmosphere was great.”

It was a packed house for Polo (18-12) in their first sectional appearance since 2008. After Orangeville built up an 11-3 first quarter lead, the home crowd never was a factor.

Polo’s all-time leading scorer Lindee Poper gave the Marcos their first point five minutes into the game on a free throw. Freshman Camrynn Jones, another star in the making, added a basket on a drive

to the hoop against 6-foot-3 Whitney Sullivan for the only other points in the quarter.

She also had consecutive plays of a steal, blocked shot and another steal to help keep Orangeville’s lead at 4-0 midway through the first quarter. The staunch 1-3-1 zone then caused the Broncos to miss nine of their next 10 shots before sophomore guard Laney Cahoon hit a 3-pointer at the end of the quarter.

Grobe had a good game plan against Sullivan, but could not get any offense flowing against the ball-hawking Broncos. Polo had 22 total turnovers.

Taking a 26-10 lead into halftime, Orangeville was content to play a deliberate passing game, looking to get Sullivan open. That ball movement resulted in only eight turnovers for the entire contest.

Also significant was lack of fouls by both teams in what one referee said at halftime was a “very clean game”. In the first half, Orangeville had four and Polo three.

With Poper scoring to start the third quarter and Jones nailing a 3-pointer on the next possession to keep within 30-15, there was a faint hope for a comeback. But, the only score the rest of the quarter was a basketball by Sydnei Rahn and Orangeville led 34-17, as Sullivan hit a 3-pointer at the buzzer.

Sullivan (22 points), Cahoon (20 points) and the only senior on the team, Leah Baker, continued the scoring onslaught in the final period before both teams emptied their benches with the score 50-27.

Polo was also hurt on the boards, with the Broncos gaining an advantage, especially offensively.

“We gave it our all, but didn’t have it tonight,” Grobe said.

Polo loses Poper, Bekah Zeigler, Annalise Stamm and Jasmine Ludewig, but returns four starters.

“Those seniors were a lot of fun to be around. I told the girls in the locker room, they have big shoes to fill,” said the first-year coach. “I walked into a good spot with talent at the varsity and lower levels.”

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Sportsmanship and the state format

I had hoped to cover Polo's regional final win over Amboy in girls basketball, but Sauk Valley News Sports Editor Ty Reynolds asked if I would cover Morrison vs Orangeville for him instead, as he planned to be at the Polo game.



Andy Colbert

In regard to the Morrison game, it was disappointing to hear all the complaining aimed at the officials by the head coach and her assistant, finally culminating in a technical in the second half. I even saw a player stand up on the bench and question a call, emulating learned behavior from the coaches.

My advice is to spend that time and energy coaching your team to play better. Anytime we are critical of others, be it in any aspect of life, we are not accepting responsibility for our own actions.

I try to be sympathetic, as high-school sports are emotional, especially in post-season play. Additionally, the assistant coach had two of his daughters playing.

Those of you who are parents know what that can do to a person. Sometimes we say things that are uncharacteristic of us because we want so much for our kids to succeed.

I get it, but it is not a license for berating officials, whose ranks are thinning because of the verbal abuse. Sitting the Morrison cheering section reminded me why I don't go to basketball games that much anymore. Bottom line - leave the officials alone to do their job and have respect for the fact the games don't go on without them.

In post-game interviews, I talked with

Orangeville coach Jay Doyle, who also was their football coach this past season. I heard rumors that Orangeville and Freeport Aquin were co-opting for eight-man football this fall.

He verified that will be the case, perhaps not shocking considering Orangeville had 107 kids and Aquin 88. However, both teams have won state titles in 11-man football and were state qualifiers right up until joining eight-man ball.

As I looked at the Orangeville cheering section, it looked like enough boys on hand to field an eight-man team. But, we have seen other schools that have plenty of boys without much interest in football.

This is the second year of the boys and girls state finals being condensed from four to two weekends. Besides fans being able to watch all four classes on the same weekend, it also allows the 1A/2A girls an extra week and shortens the 3A/4A boys by a week.

That's a win/win, especially with the 3A/4A no longer having to go head-to-head against the NCAA tournament. There was a time when the Illinois high-school tourney, the original "March Madness", was more popular than the NCAA.

It hasn't been that way since the 1980s, though, as college ball began to capture the imagination of a television audience, starting with the Magic Johnson vs. Larry Bird championship game in 1979.

Up until that time, Assembly Hall was usually sold out for the boys state final. Now, one of the major concerns for the IHSA is declining attendance.

Besides the influence of college basketball, the IHSA tourney lost something when it went from a one-class system to two classes and eventually the current four.

Don't get me wrong. Four classes are more equitable and creates excitement in places that would have never had a chance to advance downstate under a one-class system.

After boys basketball went to two classes in 1972, wrestling followed suit in 1974. There are some small school wrestlers that would have preferred to stay at one class, as it would be the chance to go against the best in all of Illinois.

Prior to 1974, Dakota never had a state champ, let alone a medalist. Since then, they have crowned 49 champions, the most in Class A, including three this past weekend.

That's fantastic for a school that small, but you have to wonder how the elite of Dakota would have fared in one class.

The first two-class state wrestling meet was memorable for Stillman Valley in that they had four state placers (Mark Johnson, Roger Bybee, Bryan Lantz and Harold Hackworth) and took third in the team standings, close behind powerhouse Savanna and Dennis Hastert-coached Yorkville.

Under legendary coach Charlie Anderson, Savanna would go on to claim five more titles before the IHSA went to a state dual meet format. Probably more impressive was finishing fourth in the entire state in 1968.

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

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## Read and Recycle







# LOCAL NEWS

## OREGON PUBLIC LIBRARY

### Book Clubs

**New- Is This Just Fantasy?** Book Club meets at the Library on Tuesday, February 28 at 6 pm to discuss Bone Shard Daughter by Andrea Stewart. The 2WBC Book Club meets March 8, at 12:30 pm to discuss Along Came a Spider by James Patterson. Cocktails & Crimes will meet Sunday, March 12, 5 pm (grab a book to find out what) at Trippy's. The Afternoon Book Club meets Wednesday, March 15, at 1:00 pm to discuss the The Maidens by Alex Michaelides. Books on Tap meets Thursday, March 23 at 6:00 pm to discuss Firekeeper's Daughter by Angeline Boulley.

### Preschool Story Time (18 months- 5 years)

Join us at the Library for stories and crafts on Mondays at 10 am. Registration is required. Go online or call to register.

### YOGA -New Day – Wednesday's at 9:30 am Functional Yin-Yasa

This class is a hybrid of yang (active yoga) with yin (passive yoga). We will use fundamental yoga postures combined with functional movements to build strength and warmth followed by passive, long-held poses to help with flexibility and mobility of the joints and soft tissues. A yoga mat and blocks will be useful props for this class! All levels welcome." Oregon Library Patrons only. Registration required, this class fills quickly. Please call (815) 732-2724 or visit www.oregonpubliclibrary.com.

### The History of the Beach Boys – Wednesday, March 1st at 4:00pm

If summer had a sound it would be the Beach Boys... surf, sun and California dreaming. This presentation

will focus on The Beach Boys "sunniest" years from 1962-1967. With the use of performance and interview clips, Gary Wenstrup will trace the arc of the Beach Boys' early career from "Surfin' U.S.A.", "Fun, Fun, Fun" and "California Girls" to the more mature Pet Sounds, "Good Vibrations" and the abandoned Smile project. Surf's Up! Come warm up and get ready for summer with this fun program. Register online at www.oregonpubliclibrary.com or call (815) 732-2724.

### Disney Trivia - Thursday, March 9th at 6:30 pm at Cork N Tap

Grab your friends and have a night out of fun! Are you a Disney fan? This trivia will cover Disney history, parks, songs, movies and characters. Program intended for 18 and over. Register your team of up to 6 players at (815) 732-2724 or www.oregonpubliclibrary.com. Prizes!

### Ladies of Laughter: Great Comediennes- Monday, March 13th at 1:00pm

In the early days of comedy and beyond, many top-notch classic comedienne have made audiences laugh. Join Film Historian Dr. Annette Bochenek as she presents about the funny women of film, television, and radio, including Gracie Allen, Lucille Ball, Eve Arden, and more. The program will include a multimedia presentation consisting of photos, video clips, and captivating stories. Register online at www.oregonpubliclibrary.com or call (815) 732-2724.

### TRIVIA at the Rock River Center is back!

Thursday, March 16th - 12:30pm. Test your knowledge of sports, history, movies and much more. Come

alone, bring your friends and make a team of 4, or join a team when you arrive. Registration required, www.oregonpubliclibrary.com or call (815) 732-2724.

### Ink with A Friend Monthly Card Club- Monday, March 20th at 6:00pm

Sending personal cards to your friends and family is a way to let them know you care and are thinking about them. All designs include beautiful colored cardstock, gorgeous designer series paper, detailed stamped images, die cut pieces, matching ink, ribbon, and embellishments. All cards come with matching envelopes. Whether you're a new card maker or seasoned pro, our kits are suited to every skill level. Don't wait! Sign up today to reserve your spot. Oregon Patrons only. Registration required (815) 732-2724 or www.oregonpubliclibrary.com.

### Try It Tuesday

Tuesday, March 21st at 1:00pm or 5:30pm (Choose your time slot) Spring Door Hangers.

This is NOT a Take and Make. All supplies are provided. This is an adult class. Registration required, please call (815) 732-2724 or visit www.oregonpubliclibrary.com. Registration deadline March 15th.

### Puzzle Library

The library has a free puzzle library. Take a puzzle, leave a puzzle. This is open to anyone in the community.

### OPLD Dial-A-Story

Need a quick story? Call 815-732-2724, follow the prompts and presto...a story! Children's stories are changed monthly. Current story- How to Read a Story by Kate Messner.

## Weekly Brain Busters

### King Crossword

	1	2	3	4	5		6	7	8	9	10	
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**ACROSS**

- 1 Shade of blue
- 6 Wanderer
- 11 Physician, slangily
- 12 Lessened
- 14 Veep before Biden
- 15 — del Fuego
- 16 Some fridges
- 17 Egypt's Anwar
- 19 Have a bug
- 20 Sunrise direction
- 22 — Alamos
- 23 Faction
- 24 Cybercommerce
- 26 Pungent relish
- 28 Scratch
- 30 Pub pint
- 31 Passageway for Santa
- 35 "Three Sisters" sister
- 39 — Inova
- 40 Dict. godiva
- 42 "Star Trek II" villain
- 43 "Hail, Caesar!"
- 44 Carvey and Delany
- 46 "— had it!"
- 47 Winter, for one
- 49 Lon of horror films
- 51 Inventor's insurance

**DOWN**

- 1 Prepare left-overs
- 2 Black Sea port
- 3 Feminine principle
- 4 High cards
- 5 Faithful
- 6 Boris' cartoon partner
- 7 Final notice
- 8 West of Hollywood
- 9 Subway line in an Ellington
- 10 Mock
- 11 "Me and Bobby —"
- 13 Longtime Chicago mayor
- 18 Elmer, to Bugs
- 21 "Lassie" lad
- 23 Porterhouse, e.g.
- 25 PC linking system
- 27 Einstein's birthplace
- 29 Stinging insects
- 31 Purse fastener
- 32 Attack
- 33 Think up
- 34 Hankering
- 36 Polishing
- 37 Sanctuaries
- 38 In the blink of —
- 41 Confronted
- 44 Word of warning
- 45 Actress
- 48 Gender
- 50 Bio stat

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### MAGIC MAZE ● APPLE VARIETIES

L R S Q N K H E B Y W H T R O  
 L J A S H H G E B Y W S U R P  
 N K I T U O G D B Z X U V S Q  
 O M I K S N E I G I E R Y E C  
 Z M E A Y E D W U D K D T S Q  
 S Z P S L Y Z A N O A L R L J  
 H F A I O C E C N L S O E A Y  
 X V B J E R U S K C P G B Q P  
 N U M U M I L N K A E J I H F  
 J E C F A S I E L B E A L A G  
 Z Y X V C P U T M R K Q P O M

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

Cameo	Honeycrisp	Liberty	Pink Lady
Fuji	Jazz	Lodi	Sundance
Gala	Jubilee	Melrose	Zestar
Goldrush	Keepsake	Opal	

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### Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

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

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging  
 ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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### HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Backpack is missing. 2. Bush is smaller. 3. Scarf is shorter. 4. Strap is moved. 5. Earlap is smaller. 6. Zipper is missing.

### Weekly SUDOKU

Answers

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

Answer

# Classified Marketplace

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
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Pursuant to the Landlord's Lien Provision, in paragraph #11 in the rental agreement between KCH Enterprises DBA K & P Self Storage, Landlord, and Jessica Greer - unit #70. These items will be held in possession for ten (10) days, at which time they will be disposed of unless tenant pays the landlord in full, in accordance with the Self Storage Facilities Act. Outstanding balance must be paid in full by 2/28/23.  
No. 0217  
(Feb. 20 and 27, 2023)

address of all of the persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as:  
First & Main Makers Market, 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, 2023)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Taylor Township meeting schedule 2023  
Taylor Township 2023 regular meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 7 pm.  
Annual township meeting - April 12, 7 pm to be followed by the regular meeting.  
The meetings are held at the Taylor Township building at 280 West Flagg Road.  
For questions, contact Melody Jackovich, Clerk Taylor Township 630-886-3351.  
Meeting dates are as follows: March 14, April 11 (immediately following annual township meeting), May 9, June 13, July 11, August 8, September 12, October 10, November 14, December 12.  
No. 0223  
(Feb. 27, 2023)

**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**  
The Polo Community School District will be holding a Public Hearing on March 15, 2023 at 6:00pm at Centennial Elementary School 308 S. Pleasant Avenue. This Public Hearing is to continue to offer E-Learning Days in lieu of Emergency Days.  
No. 0221  
(Feb. 27, 2023)

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### 113 FINANCIAL

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### 201 DOMESTIC/CHILD CARE

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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.

### 301 ANTIQUES

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### 307 MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE

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### 315 WANTED TO BUY

Wanted to Buy Older Comic Books. 815-481-4922. (03-15-23)

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### STATE OF ILLINOIS, CIRCUIT COURT, OGLE COUNTY

Request for Name Change, Adult, with the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Ogle County, Illinois, Kimberly A. Stahl 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 a.m.  
Proposed name change of Nicole Marie Jakubiak to Nicole Marie Jakubiak Winterz Requested by Nicole Marie Jakubiak on February 14, 2023.  
No. 0219  
(Feb. 20, 27 and March 6, 2023)

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**Deputy Superintendent of Facilities**

Salary Range: \$50,000-54,000 DOQ

The Oregon Park District is hiring a Deputy Superintendent of Facilities to perform high-level oversight in the operation and maintenance of Nash Recreation Center.

The **Deputy Superintendent of Facilities will be responsible for planning, developing, and implementing building maintenance and custodial services, identifying purchasing and contracting opportunities, and implementing long-range building maintenance plans.**

This position will report directly to the Superintendent of Parks & Facilities and be responsible for supervising support staff.

A successful candidate will have **experience in building maintenance best practices, budgeting, contracted services and the ability to provide leadership and guidance to employees who report directly to them.** Position will be expected to have a **strong understanding of complex and technical building systems, including HVAC, plumbing and pool operations.**

An associate degree or successful completion of a skilled trade program is preferred. A minimum of 5 years of professional experience in facilities maintenance or an equivalent combination of education and experience is also preferred.

Position must perform all job tasks within the rules and guidelines of the Oregon Park District's policies and procedures.

**Employee Benefits:** Medical, dental and vision coverage - Life Insurance - IMRF Pension Plan - Paid holidays, sick time, and vacation time  
A full job description is available upon request.

Deadline for submission is March 15, 2023.  
Resume, references and employment application can be submitted to Dan Griffin at dan@oregonpark.org.

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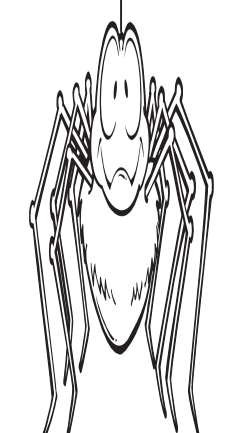
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**401 BUSINESS PROPERTY**

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# LOCAL NEWS

## JULIA HULL DISTRICT LIBRARY STILLMAN VALLEY

### Cricut Lab: Layering with Vinyl

Experienced Cricut users will learn how to cut and position a multi-layered design using different colors of vinyl and transfer tape. BYO Cricut Explore Air or Maker, cutting mat and device with Cricut App installed. Other materials provided. Thursday, March 2 at 6:00 p.m. Adults only. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

### Tween Scene: Tie Dye Scrunchies

Add a splash of color to your outfit

by creating an accessory as unique as you. We'll use sharpies to tie dye scrunchies in this fun, simple-to-do technique. Tuesday, March 7 at 6:00 p.m. Ages 10-12. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

### Toddler Time: Dance Party

Indulge your little one's curiosity with a hands-on event just for them. We're gonna shake our groove thang to some happenin' tunes with shakers, scarves and our mini parachute. Friday, March 10 at 10:00 a.m. Ages 1-4. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

### Introduction to GoodReads

Looking for your next favorite book? Meet Goodreads. In this class, participants will download the Goodreads app and set up an account. Then, we'll learn how to navigate the app, make lists, find recommendations, read and write reviews and connect with friends. BYO favorite device: phone, tablet or laptop. Thursday, March 16 at 6:00 p.m. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

### The Essential Houdini

Magician and award-winning story

teller, William Pack, goes beyond the myth and brings to life the true stories of Houdini: handcuff king, master magician and prison breaker. GASP at the story of his remarkable death, RELIVE his baffling magic and escapes and HEAR the only known recording of his voice. Thursday, March 23 at 6:30 p.m. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

### Getting Back to Europe

Dreaming of a European vacation this year, but don't know where to begin? Join frequent flyers, Joanna and Wayne, as they

share their favorite European itineraries, including food, social and cultural highlights from each. They'll also provide important travel updates about things you need to know before heading across the Atlantic in 2023. Monday, March 27 at 6:00 p.m. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

### Flying High: Betty the Pan Am Stewardess

Fasten your uniform buttons and get ready to travel back to the golden age of air travel. In the 1960s, when jets were new, the stewardess was an all-American fantasy:

hostess, nurse, cook, therapist and even sex symbol. In this historical portrayal, historian Leslie Goddard, Ph.D., takes you on an exciting, true story about the real-life stewardesses for Pan Am, the most glamorous U.S. airline. Learn about serving the rich and famous, about the strict height, weight and age requirements, about cooking gourmet meals and enduring some wild rides. Buckle up—this is one flight you won't forget. Monday, April 17 at 6:30 p.m.

Registration required: 815-645-8611.

## POLO SENIOR CENTER MARCH EVENTS

### Exercise with Ronna

Tues 9:00 am & 10:15 Thursday 11:00am & 12:15 pm

### Chair Yoga

Wednesdays 3/15, 3/22, 3/28 - 10:00 am

### Movie Mondays

3/6 10:00am "The Philadelphia Story", 3/13 NOON "Auntie Mame", 3/20 10:00 am "You can't take it with you"

### Vintage Vixens, Re-salers club

3/8 depart for Oregon at 9:00am via church bus from FUM parking lot, please sign up

### Game time

Every Thursday from 1 - 3

### Breakfast club

Mon 3/13 meet at Farmers Restaurant - Forreston 9:30

### Birthday Bingo

3/10 at 10:00am, Please sign up

### St Patrick's Day Special PASS

lunch 11:00 Corn Beef & Cabbage fundraiser, Live

Irish Music, Carryout to the public from 11:00 until gone. Members \$10, Non-members \$15. Please sign up if eating in.

### Wheel of Fortune

3/22 11:00 am

### Benefit access help

Thursday 3/23 from 10:00 - 11:00am

### NICIL Program

"Staying at home longer, how NICIL can help" - Ice cream served 3/24 at 11:00. Donation only

### Breakfast & Bluegrass

4th Sunday, breakfast begins serving at 11:30, Music starts at 12:00. Please sign up, Donation only

### Caregiver Support Group

2/27 @ 2:00 pm, If you

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### Brain Wits

3/27 at 11:30, snacks served, please sign up

### Garden Program

3/31 @ 10:00am, Wicking Garden Tub, Mike and Beth Green Presenting.

## Best of Motown program is March 16 in Rochelle

ROCHELLE — Rock River Valley IEA-Retired Teachers is sponsoring the Best of Motown presented by Gary Wenstrup at Hub City Senior Center, 401 Cherry Ave., Rochelle, on Thursday March 16.

Learn about the groundbreaking music produced by Motown

Records. Listen to the music that moved the world. Tickets are \$10 and includes lunch at 11:30 a.m. Wear your dancing shoes, the music is that great!

Reservations at tracydiestelmeier@gmail.com Questions: 815-238-1757. Deadline March 6.



**VFW Post #8739**  
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