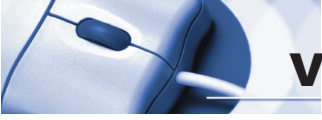


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Class goes to the dogs

'It's been almost two years now. But every morning, the kids are excited to see them'

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

BYRON — At the beginning of the 2021-2022 school year, Byron Middle School agriculture teacher Maggie Folk started a veterinary science unit for her eighth graders.

As part of the unit, Folk brought in her two dogs, Brady and Woody, to help students learn how to restrain animals and take vital signs including heart and respiration rates. The dogs have not left BMS since and were approved by the school board and administration to stick around due to their positive impact on the school environment.

"The dogs just became part of the school



community," Folks said. "They're out in the hallway in the mornings greeting everyone and the teachers come in and see them. It just creates this start for the day that's really nice. And

the students liked the vet science unit so much that I ended up offering it for seventh and sixth graders. The dogs spent all year in school. They just started joining us on a daily basis, despite not

always being involved in the curriculum."

BMS Principal Mike Sand gave his approval for the dogs to be involved at the school and the handbook allows for animals to be present for educational purposes. In the past, Folk has also brought horses to the school for learning and students have brought their cattle and raised meat chickens as part of the ag program.

"That's what ag is about," Folk said. "We learn everything and then apply it in whatever topic we're learning. It was kind of a natural progression that when we do a small animal unit, we should have live small animals. It

just makes students' experiences much more authentic."

Folk believes the main benefit of having Brady and Woody in the school has been the social emotional aspect for students. She says they've changed the classroom culture in a positive way. Students come in with an "automatic smile" and greet the dogs each day.

Students have expressed to Folk that they've had a greater desire to come to school because of Brady and Woody. Some students, and even teachers, have overcome their fear of dogs by getting to know the pair.

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Huels named Oregon Elementary School principal

OREGON — The Oregon School Board is expected to approve Ryan Huels as the new principal at Oregon Elementary School during its board meeting on March 20. Huels will become principal on July 1, 2023.

"The district is looking forward to Huels transitioning into this new role. He works hard to build relationships with students and staff members," Dr. Tom Mahoney, Superintendent of Oregon Community District 220, said. "Overwhelmingly, Ryan stood out as the best candidate for the open position, and I don't think there is a better choice for Oregon Elementary."

Huels began his journey with OCUSD as an elementary school teacher in 2012, where he served in that role for five years. He then transitioned to his current position as OES assistant principal in 2017.

"Thank you to Dr. Mahoney, the OCUSD Board of Education, Kelli Virgil and the entire OCUSD administrative team for their support," Huels said. "It has been an honor to serve the community as an assistant principal, and I am eager to expand on my established positive relationships with students, staff and the community to continue to improve academic outcomes for our students."

The current OES Principal, Kelli Virgil, accepted a position as assistant superintendent in Streator Elementary School District #44.

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"I am eager to expand on my established positive relationships."

Ryan Huels

Zeigler named January Polo HS Student of the Month

POLO — Polo Community High School senior Rebekah Zeigler was recently named the school's January Student of the Month. She received a scholarship from the Polo Schools Foundation for her efforts.

Zeigler is the daughter of Mark and Alissa Zeigler. She participates in volleyball, basketball, track, student council, FCCLA, Spanish club and National Honor Society. After high school, she plans to attend a four-year university to major in biology with the hope of

pursuing a career in medicine.

Upon winning the award, Zeigler filled out a list of questions about her school experience.

If you could create any new class at your school, what would it be?

-A career preparatory course that exposes students to various jobs so they have some sort of idea what they want to do after graduation.



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DOG: Students looking forward to ag classes

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"There's just a lot more to the social emotional side," Folk said. "Kids open up and talk about their animals and I get a lot more insight into their home life and their personalities. Just teaching a class regularly, you don't have those opportunities and connections."

More BMS students are now looking forward to their ag classes, Folk said. Some BMS teachers will borrow the dogs for a class or come in on their lunch breaks to see them. Sometimes the school's counselors will utilize them for a meeting with a student. Eighth graders will ask to walk the dogs during their study hall periods.

Folk has read studies about the positive effects of having dogs in schools and says she's seen the positive impacts firsthand. She believes all schools should have something like it.

"I'll have kids that are having a rough day and come in and say, 'I just need a dog break. Can I lay down with them?'" Folk said. "One kid said once that 'Brady is a really good listener. I can tell him all my secrets.' There's something about a dog that a kid can open up to. I can sit there and talk while they're petting the dogs and so much more comes out in conversation because there's just like this buffer."

BMS sixth grader Daniel Cornett said that having Brady and Woody in his classes made him feel "a lot more relaxed."

"If I was having trouble, I could just pet the dogs for a bit and come back fresh,"



Cornett said. "It felt like it made agriculture a better experience for me. I never thought I'd be in a class that had dogs in it all day. I think it made me more comfortable in school to have them there. They're definitely useful to help students be more comfortable, happier and more determined."

Sixth grader Hallie Clark said the dogs made it easy for students to practice veterinary skills in class. Clark has anxiety, and petting them would help her when she would get anxiety attacks.

Sixth grader Dylan Sproule said Brady and Woody would make him happy every time he walked into class.

"And they really comforted me when I was having a bad day," Sproule said. "When I was feeling sad, I would always go over to them and they'd make me happy."

Byron sixth grader Jackson White said he didn't really like dogs before having class with Brady and Woody. They helped

him to be more comfortable around dogs and in school.

Sixth grader Gwen Brandt called having the dogs in class "a real relief" and said it helped with the stress of school.

"When you're petting a dog, you don't really think about anything else except petting that dog," Brandt said. "That's just taking your mind off everything that's going on around you. That's a really big stress reliever. It's more fun in the classroom with a dog."

Folk said the positive effects brought by Brady and Woody came at an opportune time after the

COVID-19 pandemic impacted schooling in recent years. Students were separated by remote learning and after that, by masks, plexiglass dividers and being unable to share equipment and do group projects. Folk said those impacts required some recovery.

"As soon as I brought the dogs in, it was like all of us had this common ground again," Folk said. "I could barely get them to put their hands down because everybody wanted to share their pet stories. It was really like a healing connection because of that common compassion and love of our animals that helped to bridge that COVID-19 gap."

While Folk's class is moving on from the vet science curriculum, Brady and Woody will remain.

"It's been really extraordinary," Folk said. "I knew that everybody loves dogs. But I thought it would kind of wear off a little bit. It's been almost two years now. But every morning, the kids are excited to see them. A teacher comes in or a group of students coming down the hall. They're just greeted like they've never seen them before."



POLO: Student honored

From page 1

What does it take to be a successful high school student?

-Prioritization, goals, and good friends.
How would you describe your group of friends?
-They're hardworking, supportive, and the funniest people I know.

What do you do in your free time?
-I like to hang out with my friends, play volleyball, go to Starbucks and see movies.

What class do you find really engaging and why?
-STEM courses are my favorite, as they all build on each other, so naturally my favorite class this year is Biology 105 with Mrs. Cole. I enjoy learning about applicable content, and Mrs. Cole makes both her lectures and lessons really engaging. We're about to start a genome modification lab I'm really excited about.

What are your career and post-graduation plans?
What school(s) or other instruction, travel or endeavors do you have planned?

-This summer, I plan to spend time with family and friends, maintain a job and get ready for wherever I decide to spend the next four years. I know I'll miss summer league sports, but I'm excited to have some more free time. As an occupation, I think I eventually want to pursue a career as a nurse anesthetist, but that's tentative for now though I am thinking of a career in medicine.

What are your two favorite extracurricular, volunteer or community activities you participate in?

-Although the season's over now, volleyball is one of my favorite extracurricular activities, as it's my favorite sport. I've played on both school and club teams throughout the years since sixth grade and plan to join either a club or an intramural team in college. I've learned to be more cooperative, supportive and appreciative. My other favorite activity is probably student council, as we do a lot for both the school and community. I really enjoyed helping out with the Doggy Dash and our local nursing home essentials drive this year and have learned to be a better leader, friend and citizen.

Please share a moment, group event or activity at school that was meaningful or memorable. -Winning basketball regionals this year was really special, as Polo hasn't done it since 2008. Basketball's not even close to my favorite sport, but I had lots of fun and am super proud to have been part of the team. Shout out to secret weapon Sydney Rahn.

What is your hope for the future?

-My hope for the future is to be happy, successful and surrounded by good friends. I also want to feel like I'm contributing to the community, as I feel super lucky to have grown up in such a welcoming environment. Go Marcos.

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Oregon Rotary presents donations, hears presentation



At a recent Oregon Rotary meeting, checks were presented to Brion Brooks, executive director of the Village of Progress, and Lynn Knodle, executive director of Serenity House. Each received \$10,000 from the proceeds of the annual Angel Ball sponsored by the Oregon Rotary Club. The club also heard a presentation from Oregon Junior Senior High School Principal Heidi Deininger, who explained the function and her role in the Illinois Principals Association. Deininger is the new regional president for 2023. She is pictured with Oregon Rotary Board representative Julie Mann. (Photos by George Howe)



Boyle wins Oregon junior high spelling bee, Melges is alternate

The Oregon School District recently congratulated its junior high spelling bee winner, Kendall Boyle, and alternate, Olivia Melges. "All participants did a great job the last couple days of competition!" a district Facebook post said.

BYRON POLICE DEPARTMENT

BYRON—On Feb. 21, Victoria L. Wight, 29, of Byron was issued a citation for an unattended motor vehicle. Wight was arrested for endangering the life or health of a child. Wight was transported to Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

On Feb. 23, Pierre L. Douglas, 42, of Rockford was issued a citation for driving while license suspended.

On Feb. 24, Kyle A. Ramos, 18, of Byron was issued a citation for speeding.

On Feb. 25, Robert J. Murbach, 41, of Rockford was issued citations for aggravated fleeing or attempting or elude a police officer, criminal damage/government support property, disobeying stop sign, failure to reduce speed, failure to signal, improper lane usage, leaving the scene property damage accident, operating an uninsured motor vehicle, reckless driving, resisting/obstructing police Officer, unlawful use or damage to highways, appurtenances and structures and speeding. Murbach was transported Swedish

American Hospital in the custody of Ogle County Sheriff's deputies.

On Feb. 25, Andrew R. Wilt, 34, of Byron was issued a citation for speeding.

On Feb. 25, Madison E. Moser, 18, of Byron was issued a citation for speeding.

On Feb. 25, Laurene D. Schneider, 57, of Rockford was issued a citation for speeding.

On Feb. 26, Dylan R. Hensley was arrested on a warrant. Hensley was transported to Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

On Feb. 26, Nicholas R. Nave, 45, of Mt. Morris was issued a citation for a driving under the influence of alcohol. Nave was transported to Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

On Feb. 26, a juvenile aged 16 of Byron was issued a citation for speeding.

On Feb. 26, Eboni L. Pabst, 49, of Beloit, Wisconsin was issued a citation for speeding.

On Feb. 26, Matthew D. Vanderkolk, 22, of Oregon was issued a citation for speeding.

On March 2, Angelica Blackmon, 34, of Andrew, Iowa was issued a citation for operating a motor vehicle while registration is suspended.

On March 2, Jennifer I. Wicklein, 49, of Byron was issued a citation for speeding.

On March 5, Thomas F. Debman, 61, of Byron was arrested for disorderly conduct. Debman was transported to Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

On March 5, Rufus E. Dismuke, 52, of Rockford was issued citations for operating a motor vehicle without valid insurance and driving while license suspended.

On March 5, Taylor C. Maurice-Banks, 25, of Winnebago was issued a citation for speeding.

On March 6, Carsyn J. Lauer, 18, of Monroe Center was issued a citation for speeding.

On March 6, Jake Momper, 26, of Willmington, Illinois 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.

RCH nurse champions \$4 Million in scholarships available to Illinois students

Increase of \$2 million over last year to combat nursing shortage

ROCHELLE – Pursuing a degree in nursing in Illinois? Now is the time to apply for up to \$4 million in nursing scholarships, a substantial increase over last year due to the statewide nursing shortage.

Rochelle Community Hospital (RCH) Nurse Practitioner Stephanie Crawford is championing the Nursing Education Scholarship Program, a state program providing financial assistance to qualified individuals pursuing an associate, bachelor's or graduate degree in nursing or those pursuing a certificate in practice nursing.

"Investing in the education and training of nurses is not only an investment in their future, but also in the health and wellbeing of our communities," Crawford, who is also serving as president of the Illinois Society for Advanced Practice Nursing, said. "By nurturing and cultivating the talents of our future nurses, we can create a brighter, healthier future for all."

Scholarships range from one year to five years and can go up to

\$10,000. Over 200 recipients received combined scholarships of \$2 million last year and the success of the program pushed it to double in size to \$4 million in scholarships this year.

As the state's population ages, the need for nurses increases, yet Illinois is facing a growing nursing short-

age and deficit of nearly 15,000 registered nurses by 2025.

The \$4 million nursing scholarship program is accepting applications from March 1, 2023 – April 30, 2023. It's managed through the Illinois Student Assistance Commission and can be found here: <https://www.isac.org/>

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If you already have a nursing degree or are looking to pursue a new opportunity in nursing, visit <https://www.rochellehospital.com/careers/>.

White Rock Cemetery clean-up is last week of March

KINGS—The annual spring clean-up of White Rock Cemetery will be during the last week of March. Any decorations or accessories you want to keep must be removed before this time.

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- Feb. 1 - Deanna Hill, Rochelle, \$25
 - Feb. 2 - From the Heart, \$25
 - Feb. 3 - HOPE of Ogle County, \$25
 - Feb. 4 - Melanie Bonilla, Rochelle, \$250
 - Feb. 5 - Jesse Johnson, Cambridge, Wis., \$50
 - Feb. 6 - Adlai Schaefer, Rochelle, \$25
 - Feb. 7 - Marie McNames, Byron, \$25
 - Feb. 8 - Holly Kubale, Rochelle, \$25
 - Feb. 9 - Jessica Johnson, Edgerton, Wis., \$25
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 - Feb. 12 - Sandra Cummings, Rockford, \$50
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 - Feb. 23 - RACF, \$25
 - Feb. 24 - Dorie Golt, Rochelle, \$25
 - Feb. 25 - Larry Hageman, Rochelle, \$25
 - Feb. 26 - From the Heart, \$50
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LOCAL NEWS

Men arrested after report of UPS theft

OREGON — On March 13, a vehicle was reported to have broken into the UPS drop boxes in Byron and Oregon. The Oregon Police Department stopped a vehicle that matched this description in the 100 block of South 3rd Street. The Ogle County Sheriff's Office and the Byron Police Department responded to assist with the stop. The driver, Egan Maginas, 30, Rock Island, was taken into custody and charged with possession of methamphetamine. Maginas was also issued citations for no valid registration, no driver's license and no insurance.

The passenger, Kevin Franklin Torrey, 47, of Plano, Texas was taken into custody for the charges of theft under \$500 and possession of burglary tools. Both Maginas and Torrey were transported to the Ogle County Jail. Other jurisdictions may have charges pending.

If you have packages that have not been accounted for, please contact the Oregon Police Department at 815-732-2162.

The individuals are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Candidates night is March 23 in Mt. Morris

MT. MORRIS — The Mt. Morris Economic Development Corp is hosting a Candidates Night on March 23 at 7 p.m. at Pinecrest Grove, located at 500 Evergreen Lane. All candidates running for the Oregon Community School District

220 Board and candidates running for the Village of Mt. Morris trustee positions have been invited to participate.

This is an opportunity for the public to meet their potential school board and village candidates. We encourage

the public to attend, feel free to ask questions. If residents are unable to attend, they may submit questions to Paula Diehl, economic development and director@mtmorrisil.net, and we will be happy to submit them on your behalf.



Cadie named OJSHS February Senior of Distinction

Oregon Junior Senior High School recently named Ashley Cadie its February Senior of Distinction. "Although I have not had the pleasure of having Ashley in an actual class, I feel like there are so many other factors I know about Ashley that show she is completely deserving of this recognition. I have known Ashley since she was little, and can only say that I have more admiration for her every year watching her grow. Ashley is an amazing student, always so kind and so supportive of all her friends. She is one of the most self-driven students I have ever met, constantly advocating for herself when it comes to both her school and work. Most of all it is Ashley's kind heart that is filled with so much compassion for career choice that I am certain she will succeed in the medical field," Mrs. Mowry, OJSHS registrar/student council advisor, said.

Local students named to Knox College fall 2022 dean's list

GALESBURG — High-achieving students were named to the Knox College dean's list for the 2022 fall term including Jed Bothe of Oregon and Luke Mathieu of Byron.

To be named to the dean's list, a student must have earned at least 2.5 credits in the term, with a grade point average of 3.6 or better (on a 4.0 scale).

Obituaries

Melvin Duane Gobin

LEAF RIVER — Melvin Duane Gobin "MEL" (88) of Leaf River passed away in his home March 10, 2023, after a brief terminal medical situation. He is now pain free and healthy again with the Lord.

Born June 28, 1934 in Crawford County, WI. farming area, the youngest Son of James William, and Lily "Agnus" (Willows) Gobin. Graduating from Blue River High School in 1953 in Bell Center, WI. He was recruited by the Rockford Machine & Tool industry in 1954 and became a Machinist Apprentice, working the trade for 47 years to become a Master Machinist on the Ingersoll "Big Mill."

A Diehard "PACKER FAN", born & raised. He loved football and lived season to season hoping for one more PACKER super bowl. He also loved to play and coach softball in his younger years and never missed his children's games in all sports.

Mel purchased and moved to his "Circle G" Ranch on Egan Road in 1966 and prided himself in his garden, rhubarb, and tomatoes. Raising pigs and cattle for family and friends to enjoy and for greater than 20 years taking Mel's Pig Cooker to birthday parties, family reunions, and special events.

He was instrumental in the success and growth of Rockford 392 Fraternal Order of Eagles; a member for 43 years where he was president from 1993-2006.

Survived by his sister Katherine (Frank) Steiner of Blue River, WI.; two sons, Thomas (Barbara) Gobin of Sullivan, MO. and Surprise, AZ, and Terry (Sandy) Gobin of Byron, IL.; seven grandchildren; fifteen great-grandchildren; one great-great-granddaughter, numerous special friends, Egan Rd. neighbors, and countless Fraternal Order of Eagles Brothers and Sisters.

Predeceased by his parents; four brothers; wife Shelva Ann; daughter Tracey LeMae Gobin; four nephews and a niece. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, March 25, 2023 at Fred C. Olson Chapel, 1001 Second Ave, Rockford. Visitation will be from 12:00-2:00 p.m. prior to the service. Burial to follow at Twelve Mile Grove Cemetery and a Celebration of Life at Rockford 392 Fraternal Order of Eagles, 3829 11th St. Rockford, IL.

Memorials may be made in lieu of flowers to UNITY HOSPICE of Rochelle, IL. for their loving care at his home. To share a memory or to send a condolence, visit olsonfh.com



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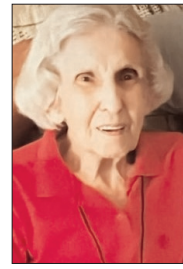
OREGON — Dorothy Janssen, 95, passed away peacefully on Sunday, March 12 in Dixon Healthcare Center. Dorothy was formerly of Oregon for 93 years. She was born on June 8, 1927 in Startford, Illinois, the daughter of Henry & Ida (Withers) Rosenbalm. Dorothy graduated from Oregon High School class of 1945. Dorothy married Walter Janssen in Oregon and he preceded her in death on January 23, 2010.

Dorothy is survived by her children:

Gary (Joan) Janssen, Dixon, and Judy (Mike) Musgrave, Sterling; grandchildren: Veronica (Don) Lovett, Dixon, and Michael (Kortney) Janssen, Sterling; 10 great grandchildren; and two great great grandchildren.

Dorothy is preceded in death by her parents; husband: Walter; son: Larry Janssen; grandson: David Janssen; and brother: George Rosenbalm.

Cremation rites have been accorded with Finch Funeral Home, 405 E. Hitt, Mt. Morris.



Marvin Arthur Kunde

OREGON — Marvin Arthur Kunde of Oregon passed away peacefully with his family by his side in Rockford on Jan. 26. He was born in Dixon on June 24, 1939 to Arthur Walter Ferdinand Kunde and Leota Helen (Howe) Kunde. Marvin graduated from Dixon High School in 1957.

Marvin served in the US Air Force for eleven years as a EOD technician and served in Vietnam. Being in the military was something Marvin was very proud of. On special holidays he would fly all his flags on his fence, while people driving by would admire his garage door where he painted the famous POW MIA symbol.

After leaving the Air Force Marvin came back to the Dixon area. His Dixon friends remember him as a DJ at WIXN which was one of the jobs he loved most.

Marvin spent most of his adult life living in Oregon. In Oregon Marvin ran many businesses, including the Standard Oil Station as well as the Oregon Aire Restaurant. His most recent job which he retired from was head chef at White Pines State Park Restaurant where he was famous for his raspberry pies. Employees have fond memories of his funny personality and willingness to teach others hard work and dedication, often times calling him a father figure.

In retirement Marvin enjoyed playing bass guitar in the band, Lyle Grobe and the Rhythm Ramblers, where he had many dear friends. He spent many hours working on his artwork or just sitting in his music room cranking up the music. He loved collecting antiques and restoring old clocks and lamps. But mostly he just loved spending time with family and his best buddy, his cat Junior aka "JR". Marvin made a friend everywhere he

went. No one was a stranger. He loved to joke, and had a funny sarcastic kind of personality. He was quick witted and was loved by most anyone who met him.

He leaves behind so many friends and family that will miss him dearly, especially seeing him out on his bike, wearing his fluorescent sweatpants.

Survivors include his children; Kerrie (Mike) Bowers, Mike (Dawn) Kunde, Wayne (Tonya) Kunde, Shari (Will) Stump. Grandchildren; Amanda (Nikolas) Manthei, Brandon

(Alyse) Bolhaus, Craig (Iris) Bowers, Erica (Jeremy) Chamness, Shawn (Kendahl) Kunde, Lyndsey (Kyle) Jacob, Jenna (Nick) Takacs, Jacob (Kelsey) Kunde, Tarah (Jake) Ziegler. Great grandchildren; Alivia, Gwendalyn, Abram, Mattis, Halle, Brayden, Brooklyn, Libby, Kolby, Lucille, Josephine, Jaxon, Kirah, Selah and Baby Ziegler who will be arriving June of 2023. Great great grandchildren; Owen, Bentley and Asher. Siblings; "Butch" LaVern (Judy) Kunde, Marcia Vaskie and Doris Pierce. Many cousins, nieces and nephews. Former son in law Dave Bolhaus. Close friends; Carolyn Hackbarth and Jerry Frana. And "JR" the cat.

Marvin was preceded by his parents, brother in law Mike Vaskie, grandson Scott Bowers and his special furry friend "Turd Bird" the dog.

The family will have a Celebration of Life with Military Honors at the Oregon VFW on March 25 at 11 a.m.

In lieu of flowers memorials and condolences can be sent to Shari Stump at 407 Clay St., Oregon, IL 61061. The family will decide at later date where to dedicate the memorial to.



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LOCAL NEWS

OREGON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Feb. 28

At 2:58 p.m., Oregon Police issued Amy M. Benton, 39, Oregon, a citation for operating an uninsured motor vehicle. This violation occurred at the intersection of 5th and Jefferson Streets.

At 6:23 p.m., Oregon Police issued Richard E. Whitney, 49, Byron, a citation for improper use of a registration. This violation occurred in the 500 block of West Washington Street.

March 2

At 6:31 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Joseph M. Coster, 36, Oregon, on an outstanding Ogle County warrant for violation of orders of protection. Coster was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

March 3

At 12:40 a.m., Oregon Police arrested Joshua R. Shank, 37, Polo, for possession of drug paraphernalia, and possession of a controlled substance. Shank was also issued a citation for failure to signal. A passenger in Shank's vehicle, Alyssa M. Trotter, 30, Polo, was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia and charged with two counts of possession of a controlled substance. Both Shank and Trotter were transported to the Ogle County Jail.

At 9:55 a.m., Oregon Police arrested Juan M. Cervantes, 23, Oregon, for driving while license suspended, improper cannabis container as a driver and possession of controlled substance. Cervantes was also issued citations for operation

of a motor vehicle with no insurance and operation of a vehicle with a suspended registration. Cervantes was transported to the Ogle County Jail. These violations occurred in the 200 block of West Washington Street.

At 12:36 p.m., Oregon Police issued a civil citation to a 13-year-old male juvenile of Oregon for possession of cannabis not more than 10 grams. This violation occurred at Oregon High School, 210 S. 10th Street.

March 4

At 8:48 p.m., Oregon Police issued Michael T. Bower, 21, Dixon, a citation for operating a vehicle with an expired registration. This violation occurred in the 100 block of South 2nd Street.

Five parking citations and 23 verbal warnings were issued during the week of Feb. 27 through March 5.

March 7

At 5:20 a.m., Oregon Police issued Sarah N. Ames, 42, Rockford, a citation for speeding 51 miles per hour in a 30-miles per hour zone. This violation occurred in the 600 block of North 4th Street.

At 7:39 p.m., Oregon Police issued Zoe L. Jones, 23, Oregon, a citation for operating an uninsured motor vehicle. This violation occurred in the 900 block of West Washington Street.

March 8

At 10:13 a.m., Oregon Police responded to a disturbance in the 300 block of South 2nd Street resulting in taking

one 16-year-old juvenile, Oregon, into limited custody for the offense of domestic battery. The juvenile was then released into their parent's custody with a referral to the state's attorney being indicated.

March 9

At 11 a.m., Oregon Police issued one 16-year-old male juvenile of Mt. Morris a civil citation for possession of cannabis not more than 10 grams. This violation occurred at Oregon High School, 210 S. 10th Street.

March 11

At 12:41 a.m., Oregon Police arrested Katrina A. Miller, 37, Mt. Morris, for driving while license revoked. Miller was also issued a citation for failure to signal. Miller was transported to the Ogle County Jail. These violations occurred at the intersection of West Washington Street and Oregon Trail Road.

At 11:16 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Anthony J. Berg, II, 37, Oregon, for driving under the influence of alcohol and resisting/obstructing a peace officer. Berg II was also issued citations for no turn signal first and second, disobeying a stop sign and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. Berg II was transported to the Ogle County Jail. These violations occurred in the 400 block of South 4th Street, at the intersections of 9th and Madison Streets and Madison and 10th Streets.

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LOCAL NEWS

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BYRON — The Byron Women's Club Empowerment Scholarship is awarded to a woman residing in the Byron School District who would like to continue their education in college/community college, a GED program or a vocational/professional training program. Please pick up an application at the Byron High School Guidance Office. You may contact Emma Ewing at 815-494-7098 or emmaewing816@gmail.com. Completed application forms may be turned to the Guidance Counselor's office at Byron High School or sent to Ewing by April 21, 2023.

Leaf River UMC hosting blood drive April 3

LEAF RIVER — The Leaf River United Methodist Church is hosting a Community Blood Drive on Monday, April 3. Staff from the Rock River Valley Blood Center will draw blood between noon and 5 p.m. Why do people give blood? Because they like to help others and because giving feels amazing. In busy, complicated times, giving blood is an easy, meaningful way to make a difference. In fact, this simple task give can enhance the lives of up to three people. Giving blood only takes about one relaxing hour, and we — and your body — do all of the work. Remember, blood is a

gift — straight from the heart. Your heart. Please share it today! If you are at least 17 years old (16 years old with parental consent), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in general good health, you should be eligible to donate blood. Join us in sharing the Gift of Life. For more information or to schedule an appointment, you can find the Leaf River United Methodist Church on Facebook or contact Cheryl at cheryl+newcomer@yahoo.com, or the Rock River Valley Blood Center at 815/965-8751, toll free at 877-RRVBC-99 or on the web at www.rrvbc.org.



Stillman Bank donates casual day funds to Cause for Paws

Stillman Bank recently hosted an employee Casual Day where employees were encouraged to make a monetary donation in exchange for casual dress. All the money raised went directly to support Cause For Paws Rescue, an organization chosen by our Oregon office! Pictured here Stillman Bank Senior Vice President Pat Donahue (right) and Stillman Bank Teller Dawn H. (left) presenting Diane Elliott (second from left) and Lillian Santchi (second from right) from Cause for Paws our donation check totaling \$482.



Stillman Bank donates casual day funds to HOPE of Ogle County

Stillman Bank recently hosted an employee Casual Day where employees were encouraged to make a monetary donation in exchange for casual dress. All the money raised went directly to support HOPE of Ogle County, an organization chosen by our Rochelle office! Pictured here Stillman Bank Retail Office Manager Ryan Spradlin (second from right) and Stillman Bank Tellers Colleen R. (left) and Paige D. (right) presenting HOPE of Ogle County Executive Director Ruth Carter (second from left) our donation check totaling almost \$300.

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Early Voting
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9:00 a.m. – Noon

Grace Period Registration & Voting
March 8, 2023 – April 4, 2023
Monday thru Friday – 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Dated this 16th day of February, 2023
Laura J. Cook, Ogle County Clerk and Recorder

Al-Anon family group starting in Byron

BYRON — Al-Anon is a 12-step support group for families of those struggling with alcoholism or other addictions. A new group called Sunday Night Serenity Al-Anon Family Group has started meeting on Sundays at 6 p.m. at All Saints Lutheran Church in Byron. For more info: <https://al-anon.org/al-anon-meetings/find-an-al-anon-meeting/>

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LOCAL NEWS

OGLE COUNTY SHERIFF

OREGON—On March 7 at 7:56 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop at Rolling Meadows Road and Illinois Route 251, Davis Junction. After a brief investigation, deputies arrested Matthew Lovejoy II, 32, of Rockford, for no valid driver's license. Lovejoy was released on a \$2,500 individual bond with a future court date. Lovejoy was also issued a citation for operating a vehicle with suspended registration.

On March 7 at 6:53 p.m. deputies were dispatched to Lowden State Park (1444 N. River Road, Oregon) for a report of a suspicious vehicle. Deputies located the vehicle, and as a result, arrested Adam M. Kuehl, 31, of Machesney Park for driving under the influence of alcohol. Kuehl was additionally issued citations for expired registration and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. Kuehl was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond. A driving complaint involving this same vehicle was reported at 4:45 p.m. in the area of East Illinois Route 72 and North Kishwaukee Road. Deputies were assisted at Lowden State Park by the Oregon Police Department, and additional charges may be pending.

On March 7 at 9:53 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 15,000 block of East Twombly Road, Rochelle. After a brief investigation, Tiffany Bolen, 37, of Rochelle was arrested for driving without a valid license. Bolen was also issued a citation for obstructed registration. Bolen was released on a \$2,500 individual bond with a future court date.

On March 8 at approximately 9:46 p.m. deputies initiated a traffic stop at the intersection of East Illinois Route 64 and Interstate 39 for illegal window tint. Upon further investigation, deputies arrested Jaydin Vautsmeier, 23, of Freeport for driving while his license was suspended. Vautsmeier was released on an individual bond with a future court date given.

On March 8 at approximately

11:22 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop on East Illinois Route 38 at Hartman Road. After a brief investigation, deputies arrested Jaden L. Joseph, 19, of Franklin Grove, for unlawful possession of cannabis 30-100 grams and unlawful possession of cannabis-improper container/driver. Joseph was taken into custody without incident and transported to the Ogle County Jail, where he was held in lieu of bond. Joseph was additionally cited for speeding.

On March 9 at approximately 2:50 p.m. deputies responded to a rollover accident with an injury in the 5,000 block of South Ridge Road. Upon arrival deputies learned a black Chevrolet pickup truck driven by Courtney Rogers, 24, of Mt. Morris was traveling northbound in the 5,000 block of South Ridge Road. The Chevrolet pickup then lost control on the snow-covered road before traveling off of the west side of the roadway and overturning once before coming to rest upside down. Rogers was transported to KSB Hospital by Oregon EMS for non-life threatening injuries.

On March 10 at approximately 9:44 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 7,000 block of East Illinois Route 72. After an investigation, Trace H. Woolbright, 24, of Davis Junction, was placed under arrest for driving under the influence of alcohol. Woolbright was also cited for speeding. Woolbright was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

On March 10 at 11:41 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 1,000 block of North Illinois Route 2 for a traffic violation. After an investigation, Chantel Miller, 38, of Oregon was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol. Miller was also issued a citation for improper lane usage. Miller was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

On March 12 at 3:08 a.m. deputies along with Lynn-Scott-Rock

and Stillman Valley Fire and EMS responded to a single-vehicle ATV accident with injuries near the intersection of West Chicago Avenue and North Maple Avenue in Davis Junction. After an investigation, it was determined a red Honda ATV driven by Michael Ricci III, 46, of Stillman Valley was traveling westbound on Chicago Avenue, just east of Maple Avenue, when the ATV entered into the north ditch. The ATV overturned several times in the ditch. Ricci was transported to Mercy Riverside Hospital by Lynn-Scott-Rock ambulance for serious injuries. The crash remains under investigation.

During the crash investigation, it was determined Ryan Brantley, 31, of Stillman Valley was traveling in front of Ricci on Chicago Avenue in a black Polaris UTV. After an investigation, Brantley was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol. Brantley was also issued a citation for operating an off-road vehicle on the roadway. Brantley was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

On March 13 at approximately 6:13 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop on West Illinois Route 72 at West Pond Road. After a brief investigation, deputies arrested Trina S. Goodwin, 44, of Dakota for driving while her license was suspended. Goodwin was taken into custody without incident and released on a \$2,500.00 individual bond. Goodwin was additionally cited for failure to obey a stop sign.

On March 13 at approximately 5:51 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop on Interstate 39 near mile marker 108. After an investigation, deputies arrested Galina Pettis, 34, of Freeport, for driving while her license was revoked and an active Stephenson County warrant. Pettis was transported to the Ogle County Jail, where she was held in lieu of bond.

All individuals are considered innocent until proven guilty.

LR Lions to host 'Love my music' April 1

LEAF RIVER—The Leaf River Lions are planning a fun night called "Love My Music" on Saturday, April 1. The evening will be like the old television program called "Name That Tune" and will have local teams competing. As of this time the United Methodist Church, Leaf River Firemen and the Leaf River Lions have submitted teams however there are a couple more working on a team. Each team will have five players with only three playing at one time. At each intermission and new participant will replace one of the players on their team.

Songs played will range from children's songs, Christmas songs, movie themes, rock n' roll, country western and gospel songs. The first player to recognize the song will have to sound their device and then name the song. If they are incorrect or none of the five teams can identify the song, the audience will have the opportunity to name the song and win the money. Everyone is eligible! Some songs may also ask for the name of the person singing for bonus money.

The event will be in three 20-minute sessions with a short intermission between them. The first session will be pretty easy songs to identify with each session getting progressively more difficult. Prize money will be awarded to the team that correctly identifies the song being played first. Each round will increase in prize money.

General admission will be \$10 regardless of age so if you enjoy having fun and listening to music you will enjoy the evening. There will be light refreshments available also. Come and support your favorite team and cheer them on to win big money! The main thing for the evening is to get out and have fun, laughter and listen to music. Who doesn't like music?

Lifeline Food & Self-Help Project has new hours

OREGON—Lifeline Food & Self-Help Project is located at Conover Square (the old piano factory) at 201 N. 3rd St. Suite 3 in Oregon 815-732-7891.

Lifeline has new hours as of March 5 that are: Tuesday 1:30-4 p.m. (food and clothing), Thursday 1-4:30 p.m. (clothing only), Friday 1:30-4:30 p.m. (food and clothing) and Saturday 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. (clothing only).

Thanks the community for helping us with food and donations, and your time. We appreciate it very much.

Lifeline Food & Self-Help Project is in need of Jell-O, Hamburger Helper, juice, soup, canned fruit and spaghetti sauce. Thank you for all of your help and donations. If your group would like to come to see what Lifeline does, call Sharon at 815-564-8234.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Oregon Depot Museum to host Camp Grant program March 25

OREGON—The March 25, the Oregon Depot Museum program will be the history of Camp Grant, the Rockford military training base for World War I and World War II. The program will be presented by the Rockford Midway Village Museum staff.

Camp Grant was developed in 1917, there were 10s of thousands troops trained there during WWI and over 300,000 troops during WWII.

There were approximately 1,500 buildings on the site. The camp was covering about 5,000 acres most of what is now the Rockford Interna-

tional Airport.

The February Depot program featured the history of Ulysses S. Grant the General of the Union Army. Camp Grant was named after General Grant, the 18th president of the United States.

The program will begin at 10 a.m. at the Oregon Depot Museum on March 25. This program is one you will not want to miss as it offers a glimpse of local history that only a few persons living today can remember.

For additional details about this or any other Depot information call Otto Dick at 815-440-0639, Roger Cain 815-757-9715 or Chris Martin at 815-742-8471.

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"Congress shall make no law. . .

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MOMENTS IN TIME

* On March 27, 1909, fingerprint evidence was used to solve a murder case for the first time. The world's first official Fingerprint Bureau had already been created in Scotland Yard in 1901, while the first Fingerprint Bureau debuted in Calcutta, India, in 1897.

* On March 29, 1943, Americans who had already been subjected to the rationing of gasoline were given books allowing them to purchase only set amounts of meat, cheese, butter and cooking oils per month as well.

* On March 31, 1943, Rodgers and Hammerstein's first musical, "Oklahoma!" (originally titled "Away We Go"), debuted on Broadway. Based on the 1931 play "Green Grow the Lilacs" by Lynn Riggs, the beloved theatrical staple about a young farmgirl named Laurey and her two suitors continues to be produced across the country.

* On April 2, 1992, mob boss John Gotti, aka the "Teflon Don," was finally convicted in New York of racketeering, murder, obstruction of justice, hijacking, illegal gambling, extortion, tax evasion and loan sharking, thanks largely to the testimony of a former high-ranking Mafia member. Gotti received a life sentence without the possibility of parole, and died in prison in 2002.

* On April 1, 1999, David Smith was arrested and charged with originating the "Melissa" email virus, which infected more than a million computers worldwide and caused more than \$80 million in damage.

* On March 28, 2000, racial tensions showed no signs of abating in the African country of Zimbabwe as President Robert Mugabe pushed forward with his plan to remove Zimbabwean farms from white ownership. The latest death occurred when a white farmer was shot by squatters occupying his land.

* On March 30, 2011, Peru welcomed the return of hundreds of Inca artifacts with a lavish ceremony after they'd been out of the country for nearly a century. The items were taken from the ancient site of Machu Picchu and held at Yale University, prompting the Peruvian government to launch an extended campaign against the school, insisting the artifacts had only been on loan.

* On March 30, 1867, U.S. Secretary of State William Seward signs a treaty with Russia to buy Alaska for \$7 million. Despite the bargain price of roughly 2 cents an acre, the Alaskan purchase was ridiculed as "Seward's Folly" and "Seward's icebox."

* On March 31, 1889, the Eiffel Tower is dedicated in Paris in a ceremony presided over by Gustave Eiffel, its designer, and French Prime Minister Pierre Tirard. At 984 feet, the Eiffel Tower remained the world's tallest man-made structure until the completion of the Chrysler Building in New York in 1930.

* On April 2, 1902, the first American theater devoted solely to movies opens in Los Angeles. Housed in a circus tent, the venue was dubbed "The Electric Theater." A ticket cost 10 cents for a one-hour show.

* On April 4, 1913, Chicago bluesman Muddy Waters is born in Clarksdale, Mississippi. Born McKinley Morganfield, he wrote "Rollin' Stone," "Hoochie Coochie Man" and "Got My Mojo Working," songs that would later inspire Bob Dylan.

* On April 5, 1931, Fox Film Corp. drops John Wayne from its stable of actors after he failed to impress the studio in a series of bit parts. In 1939, Wayne had his breakthrough in "Stagecoach," and 30 years later he would win an Oscar for "True Grit."

* On April 3, 1955, the American Civil Liberties Union announces it will defend Allen Ginsberg's racy book "Howl" against obscenity charges after 520 copies of the book were seized entering the U.S. from England. American publisher Lawrence Ferlinghetti was later arrested and tried for promoting obscene material, but was found not guilty.

My favorite cap and what it represents

I wear an old battered blue cap. It may not look like much. But I consider it one of my most prized possessions. Eighteen years ago, my father was diagnosed with stage III cancer of the esophagus. His prognosis was bleak.

Doctors told him he had a five percent chance of surviving one year – with treatment. It was devastating news for our entire family.

Oddly enough, the person least ruffled by the prognosis was my father. He responded in his typical manner: work hard and try to find an answer.

My dad was born during the Great Depression to a family of modest circumstances. His parents were tenant farmers with not enough land for a son to return.

After being drafted into the Army, he wrote a letter home to his fiancé, Roberta, announcing he was going to become a veterinarian.

It left the family stunned.

College had never been considered an option. His father told him he wouldn't last a week at a university, because college people were "different."

Instead, he persevered. He not only was admitted to veterinary school two years earlier than most, but graduated near the top of his class.

But his first love was farming. For much of my life, Dad held down two full-time jobs. One was raising corn, soybeans and hogs. And the other was working as a veterinarian.

Most folks around town didn't know him as "Don." They simply called him "Doc."

I have no memories of playing catch with my father, flying a kite or even watching a football game on TV. That just wasn't who he was.

If you wanted to spend time with him, you worked with him. When I was no older than six, I found myself often holding a flashlight while he delivered

calves. When I was 10, he was teaching me to plow. (My furrows didn't always touch, but it was a good time with Dad.)

Work was important to him and so was family. That being the case, he saw no reason not to combine the two.



Scott Reeder

So, when my father faced this challenging cancer prognosis, he pored over medical research papers, interviewed doctors, traveled to the Mayo Clinic and told his physician what treatment regimen he wanted based on his research.

Knowing that he would lose all of his hair, I wanted to give him a cap. He had plenty of seed corn caps but that didn't seem quite right to wear to his treatments. A baseball cap seemed like the right style, but he didn't root for any teams.

Finally, I called the University of Illinois' College of Veterinary Medicine and asked if they had a cap with the vet school logo on it. They did and I gave it to my Dad.

It became a permanent part of his wardrobe. He wore it to his treatments to remind the doctors and nurses that he knew a thing or two about medicine too. And after he finished the entire chemotherapy regimen, numerous radiation treatments and a difficult surgery, he went home wearing that cap.

In fact, he wore it off and on another 13 years. The cancer never returned. When Dad died in 2015, one of the first things I searched for was his cap.

Now I wear it. It reminds me of the values of perseverance, hope and hard work. Most folks don't recognize the veterinary logo on the cap, but occasionally someone does.

A while back, I was walking out of a Springfield café and a passerby glanced at my cap and said, "Hey, Doc."

I just smiled. I considered it the highest compliment.

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A bipartisan project worthy of the Land of Lincoln

I'M teaching a class on statesmanship at Southern Illinois University this spring and one of my recurring themes is that statesmanship can take place not only on national and international stages but also in city councils, schools boards and state legislatures.

Statesmanship, at its essence, is the determination of leaders to look to the long term and a disposition to take difficult and politically-unpopular actions to advance the public good.

Illinois' state budget cries out for statesmanship.

It's important to note that there has been substantial fiscal progress in Illinois over the past several years. In late February, S&P Global, a top global rating agency, raised Illinois' long-term credit rating to A- from BBB.* This represented the seventh upgrade the state has received from a rating agency in less than two years. S&P Global cited the state's "accelerating repayment of its liabilities, rebuilding its budget stabilization fund to decade highs, and a slowing of statutory pension funding growth."

This is positive and most budget experts agree that Illinois' fiscal future is better than it has been in some time. However, this is a low bar.

The state still faces formidable budgetary challenges. If the economy weakens significantly, today's surpluses will be quickly transformed into deficits. The state's long-term pension

challenges remain enormous, and Illinoisans continue to want more state services than they are willing to pay for.

In my discussions with members of the Illinois General Assembly, I often hear that there is more bipartisan cooperation in Springfield than the public assumes but that this cooperation largely occurs on narrow issues.



John Shaw

On budget policy, there is a familiar and dispiriting pattern. The majority party examines revenue estimates, tallies up spending requests, and assembles a budget that satisfies as many in its party as possible while remaining in balance, at least on paper. The minority party typically sees the budget not as opportunity to present an alternative vision but as an opening to criticize the majority.

It would be inspiring and important if a small group of Democratic and Republican lawmakers formed a bipartisan Future of Illinois caucus that worked thoughtfully and diligently on a long-term budget plan. This group would carefully examine the medium- and longer-term budget outlook and probe revenue projections and spending programs. It would not just "cut and paste" ideas from past budget cycles but contemplate major reforms of taxes and spending. It would honestly frame alternatives for Illinois voters.

This Future of Illinois project could accomplish two significant things: generate substantive and creative fiscal proposals and establish a habit of bipartisan cooperation on large issues.

The group might begin its deliberations by reviewing a recently issued report by the Civic Federation that persuasively argues that a successful fiscal plan for Illinois should eliminate structural budget deficits for the foreseeable future, reform pension funding, and set a goal of Illinois achieving an AA credit rating in five years.

How would the public react to this budget caucus? Would members get a hearing? Would they get a primary opponent for the impertinence of working with members of the other party?

I don't know. However, I can make this modest pledge. They will be invited to the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute for a public event and offered a platform to present their ideas and explain the state's fiscal predicament.

Paul Simon understood that sound and future-oriented budget policy was the foundation of successful governance. "Anything worthwhile requires sacrifice. The worst course is drifting," he once wrote. Policymakers, he said, should "be builders of the future, not simply custodians of what we inherited from the past."

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LOCAL NEWS

2022 Ogle County final multiplier announced

SPRINGFIELD — Ogle County has been issued a final property assessment equalization factor of 1.0000, according to David Harris, director of the Illinois Department of Revenue.

The property assessment equalization factor, often called the “multiplier”, is the method used to achieve uniform property assessments among counties, as required by law. This equalization is particularly important because some of the state’s 6,600 local taxing districts overlap into two or more counties (e.g. school districts, junior college districts, fire protection districts). If there were no equalization among counties, substantial inequities among taxpayers with comparable properties would result.

Under a law passed in 1975, property in Illinois should be assessed at one-third of its market value. Farm property is assessed differently, with farm homesites and dwellings subject to regular assessing and equal-

ization procedures, but with farmland assessed at one-third of its agriculture economic value. Farmland is not subject to the state equalization factor.

Assessments in Ogle County are at 33.29 percent of market value, based on sales of properties in 2019, 2020 and 2021.

The equalization factor currently being assigned is for 2022 taxes, payable in 2023. Last year’s equalization factor for the county was 1.0000.

The final assessment equalization factor was issued after a public hearing on the tentative factor. The tentative factor issued in November 2022 was 1.0000.

The equalization factor is determined annually for each county by comparing the price of individual properties sold over the past three years to the assessed value placed on those properties by the county supervisor of assessments/county assessor.

If this three-year average level of assessment

is one-third of the market value, the equalization factor will be one (1). If the average level of assessment is greater than one-third of market value, the equalization factor will be less than one (1). And if the average level of assessment is less than one-third of market value, the equalization factor will be greater than one.

A change in the equalization factor does not mean total property tax bills will increase or decrease. Tax bills are determined by local taxing bodies when they request money each year to provide services to local citizens. If the amount requested by local taxing districts is not greater than the amount received in the previous year, then total property taxes will not increase even if assessments increase.

The assessed value of an individual property determines what portion of the tax burden a specific taxpayer will assume. That individual’s portion of tax responsibility is not changed by the multiplier.



MJHS names December Student Leaders of the Month
Meridian Junior High School would like to congratulate the December Student Leaders of the Month. These students were first nominated and voted on by their classmates for the December trait – kindness and also Leader In Me Habit #4 – think win-win. Congrats to the following: Josephine Rosko (sixth grade), Abigail Bogner (seventh grade), Quinn O’Connor (eighth grade), Brooke Gutierrez (eighth grade) and Mason Revera (sixth grade). Missing from the photo is Jacob Way (seventh grade).



MJHS names January Student Leaders of the Month
Meridian Junior High School would like to congratulate the January Student Leaders of the Month. These students were first nominated and voted on by their classmates for the January trait – Respectful and also Leader In Me Habit #5 – Seek First to Understand, then to be Understood. Congrats to the following (from left to right): Garrett Schwartz (sixth grade), Brooklyn Buhler (seventh grade), Hudson Pollock (eighth grade) Samantha Denton (eighth grade), Dex Shook (seventh grade) and Ashlyn Farris (sixth grade).

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LOCAL NEWS

Oregon Park District Board releases statement on workplace environment

'The overwhelming majority of staff shared that significant improvement has occurred'

OREGON — In the fall of 2021, complaints and allegations about the workplace environment at Oregon Park District were raised. The Park Board took these complaints seriously. The Board moved to conduct a workplace climate investigation and found there was a need for management coaching and training, which has since been successfully completed. In addition, the Board instituted certain policy changes designed to ensure that all employee concerns about the workplace could be raised and addressed. The Board has also continued to closely monitor the workplace environment.

Most recently, the Board engaged legal counsel to have one-on-one conversations with all full-time staff concerning the workplace climate and culture. We encouraged candor and employees spoke openly with our investigator. The overwhelming majority of staff shared that significant improvement has occurred since the fall of 2021, and they are satisfied with the workplace environment. The Board thanks the staff for their willing participation in our assessments. Staff's candor and management's willingness to embrace change have brought about a genuine improvement in the workplace climate and employee morale. We are grateful for everyone's commitment to making the Park District a great place to work. We are confident that moving forward workplace challenges will

be addressed promptly and professionally and when necessary, with Board assistance.

The Board has always been committed to maintaining a safe, respectful, rewarding, and enjoyable workplace. The Board will remain active and involved in ensuring that the workplace is exemplary.

It should be noted that over the last year the Park District has continued to operate at the highest level. A complete list of accomplishments of Oregon Park District Staff is located at <https://oregonpark.org/achievements/>

The Board is very proud of the Park District's staff for these considerable achievements over the past year and a half. They occurred because the Park District's management and staff remained fully engaged and committed to the Park District's mission-delivering the highest quality park and recreational services and facilities to our residents, while at the same time honestly and constructively doing the real work of improving the quality and collegiality of the Park District's workplace environment.

Our investigator has concluded that no further investigation is required at this time. But the Board of Park Commissioners will continue to partner with our exemplary staff to provide the very best in park and recreational services and facilities to the residents and users of the Oregon Park District.



Polo Lions judge pinewood derby, make donation
On Saturday, Feb. 25, Polo Lions Club members Cynthia Reynolds and Jeff Short had the privilege of judging the cars of Boy Scouts Troop #337 of Polo. This was held at the Faith United Methodist Church in Polo. The scouts did an awesome job with the designs and racing of their cars. Lions member Cynthia Reynolds is in between Erica Spenger and Sarah Rowland. Cynthia is handing Sarah a donation on behalf of the Polo Lions Club.

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Poper reflects on storied Polo girls hoops career

Bond with coach helps senior to reach 1,000 points, team to win first regional since '08

BY GEORGE HOWE
CORRESPONDENT

POLO — For Polo girls basketball's Lindee Poper and Head Coach Jason Grobe, it's been a lifelong journey of friendship, development and love for the game of basketball.

It started when Poper went to a summer camp back in the third grade that Grobe and longtime coach and father had put on.

"I've lived in Polo all of my life and it's been fun to see Lindee and the rest of the girls' growth and maturity," Grobe, who finished his first season as varsity head coach after several years as a JV assistant, said.

"I don't think that I would have achieved the success that I've had on and off the court without Coach Grobe," Poper said.

That relationship went a long way this season helping the varsity girls team to their first Regional



Championship since 2008 over longtime rival Amboy on their home court.

"That by far will be my most favorite memory now and always," Poper said.

Along the way, Poper achieved a personal milestone, scoring 1,000 career points, joining only four other players in school history. Poper's mother also played high school basketball and steered her to the hardwood.

"My mom has always loved the game, we both play the center post position, and she has also helped and encouraged me," Poper said.

Both of Poper's parents are tall at six foot and above. Lindee knew that it was possible that she would grow at some point.

"One morning back in seventh grade, I woke up to find that I had had a serious growth spurt and found myself six feet tall," she said with a laugh. "I'm 6'2 and a half now but back then I definitely had to work into my new-found height. I was kind of wonky at first but, as I matured I became more coordinated."

Poper continued her development throughout high school, culminating with a very successful senior season. She led the Lady Marcos to a 19-11 overall record, 13-4 from Christmas on once she and the rest of the team got healthy. In the opening game of the season against Morrison, Poper sustained a high-ankle sprain that kept her out of action for two weeks, which didn't sit well with one of the captains of the team.

"It was really tough mentally to sit out knowing that we had a very good group of players and it was my last year," Poper said. "I stayed strong and was determined to come back even better." That she did, leading the squad to five of six wins where she scored in double figures in all of them. Poper even posted a triple double in a 53-41 win over Genoa-Kingston back on Jan. 12, finishing with 17 points, 11 rebounds and 11 blocked shots. Grobe appreciated the fact that Poper didn't say much about her milestone and concentrated on the team's success.

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"You don't have relationships with clients, other agents, or a real estate agency to bring the largest pool of potential buyers to your home."

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Instead of going toe-to-toe with these parties alone, lean on an expert. They'll know what levers to pull, how to address everyone's concerns, and when you may want to get a second opinion.

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edges the agricultural industry and the role it plays in stabilizing the economy. The holiday gives thanks to the industry as a whole for being a source of abundant food, fiber, and renewable products. It also provides millions with stable jobs and careers. It also empha-

sizes the efforts made by those involved in agriculture for providing us with necessities that most of us take for granted.

HISTORY OF NATIONAL AGRICULTURE WEEK

Agriculture is the biggest food contributor in America. America is the net exporter of food, which means that this industry is a source of food and wealth. The rich history of agriculture in the U.S. attracted

colonists to the area. Since most colonists were European, the styles of agricultural cultivation and production were Europe influenced as well. Colonists also brought a large amount of livestock with them to America, which caused changes in its natural landscape.

As the population grew, farms expanded, and settlements moved from the east into the west. This caused the agricultural industry to grow exponentially,

with a larger variety of produce being rooted. Once the west was populated and cultivated, a wheat frontier was formed. The east was firmly set on cattle and livestock with only a handful of small-scale crops. On the other hand, the south was dominated by tobacco and cotton. Lastly, the north was dominated by people who planted only what they needed, anything in excess was sold to the market.

in farming techniques in the U.S. It comprises influential leaders in agriculture, food, and farming who work together as a non-profit organization dedicated to educating the world on the importance of agriculture in American Society.

At the same time when the council was formed, the first National Agriculture Day was also introduced, which soon developed into an entire week-long celebration. National Agriculture Week has been celebrated ever since, with full enthusiasm to support agriculture and spread awareness about the potential and vitality of agriculture.

It was only during the Civil War and the Second World War that the agricultural system became centralized, and a proper agricultural system was introduced. The Agriculture Council of America, formed in 1973, has supported the farmers and agricultural advancements

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SPORTS NEWS

Successful weekend across all levels for Oregon wrestling

OREGON — The Oregon Hawk Wrestling program's Facebook page recently shared of a recap of

what it called "one of the most successful weekends" in its history. Across all levels, Oregon wrestlers par-

ticipated in four different state tournaments and had at least one medalist at each event. Four wrestlers com-

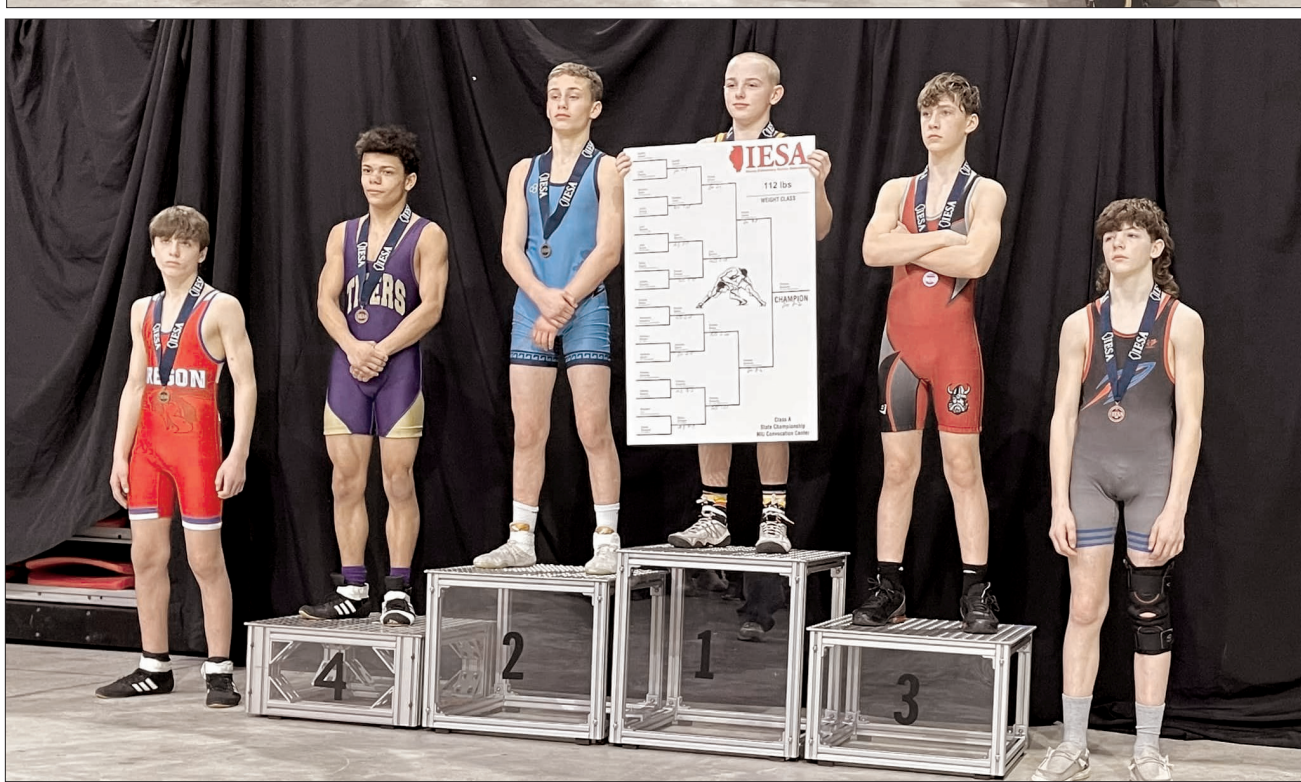
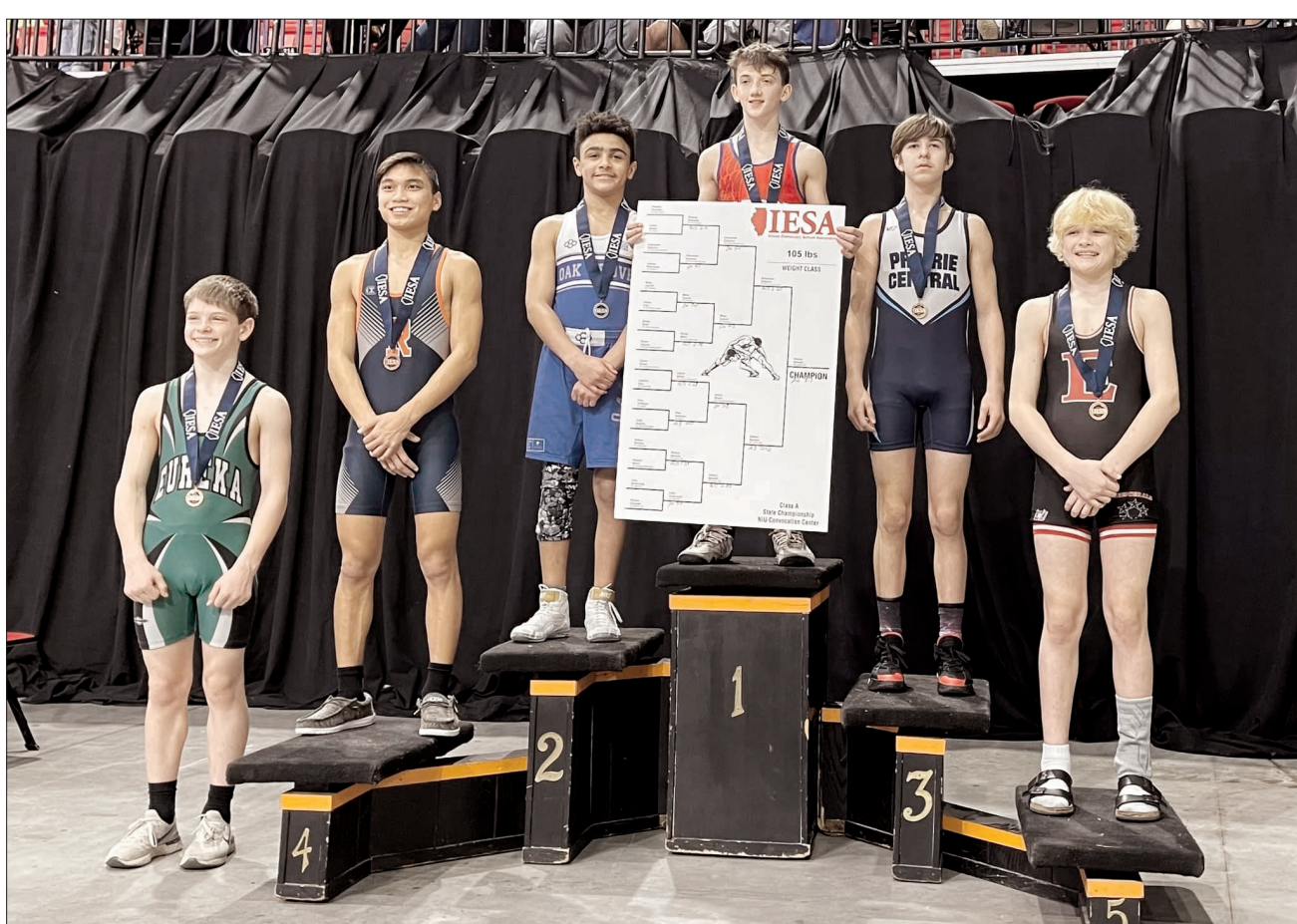
peted at the IWCOA State Finals with Briggs Sellers walking away with a sixth place finish.

Three more competed in the IKWF State Finals with Jack Benesh taking eighth and Cannon Ziller a runner-up.

State Champion. "We have a great group of coaches, parents, families and friends that make it such a successful program," the Facebook post said. "These accomplishments don't happen without all of the support and these young athletes are becoming awesome wrestlers but even better members of society! It's great to be an Oregon Hawk!"

Nine more competed in their first IESA State Finals with Levi Benton finishing in sixth and Oregon's first-ever IESA State Champion Nelson Benesh.

Kendra Ege competed in the Illinois Girls State Finals and became Oregon's first-ever Girls



Benesh

Ege

More photos on B5

POPER: Polo player will continue at Sauk Valley Community College

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"She always led by example and was vocal in huddles during timeouts and never once asked about how many points she needed to tie the record," Grobe said. "Her hard

work and physical post play with help her continued success at the next level."

Poper will continue her playing career at Sauk Valley Community College for two years with the hopes of finishing up at a four-year

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"Right from the first visit to SVCC, I loved the atmosphere, the team and coaching staff," she said. "I decided pretty quickly and look forward to new challenges both on the court and in the classroom."

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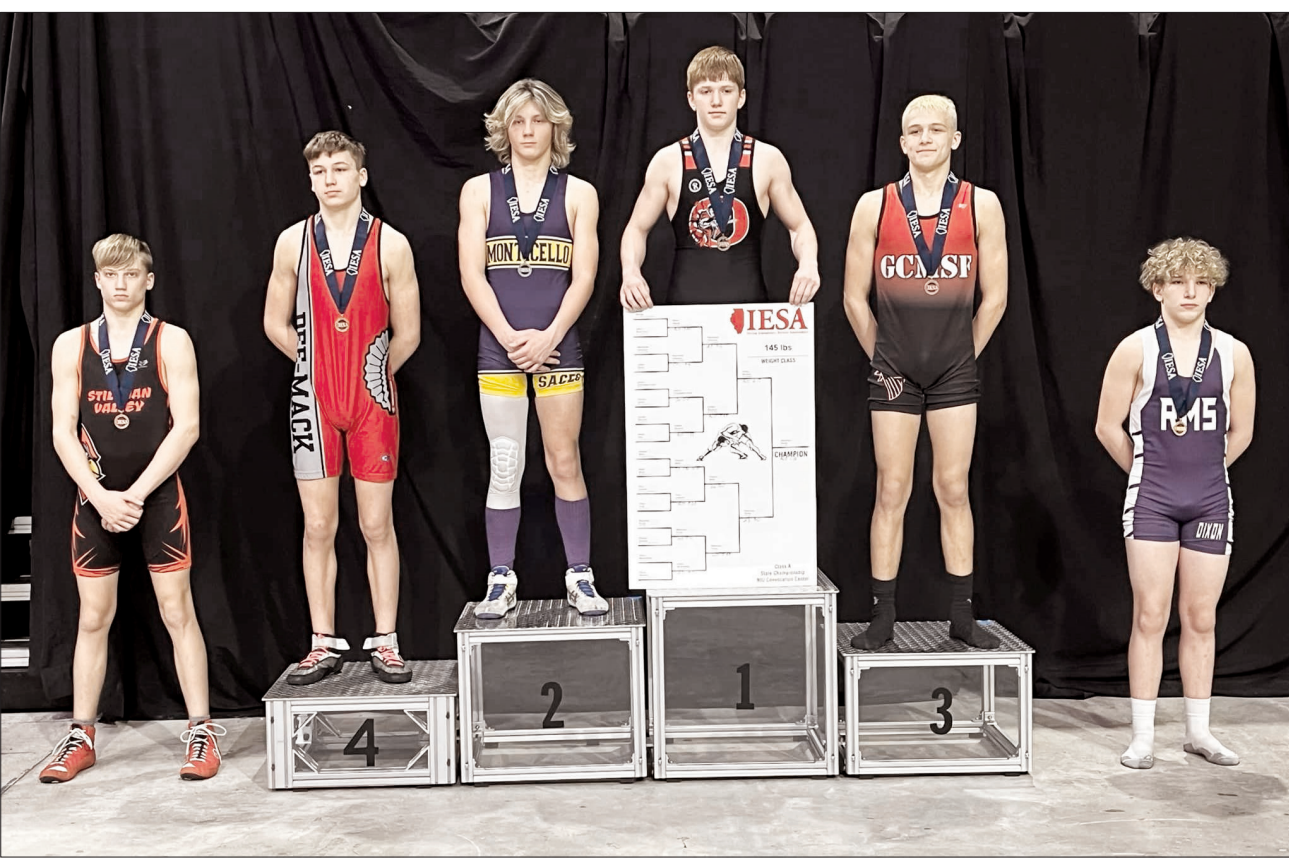
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Briggs Sellers walking away with a sixth place finish.



Cannon Ziller placed as runner-up in the IKWF State Finals.



MJHS's Waugh places 6th at IESA state

Meridian Junior High School wrestler Ethan Waugh placed sixth at IESA state on Saturday, March 11 at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb. Waugh advanced to state after placing first at the IESA Sectional the previous week. (Courtesy photos)



Scales Mound defies the odds

IN a story nobody saw coming, it was Scales Mound making it to the championship game of the IHSA boys 1A basketball tourney. This is after finishing third in 2022 with a team of a lifetime.

I do recall a conversation with coach Eric Kudronowicz last year and he casually mentioned to me that even though Scales Mound would graduate its starting five, it would still be pretty decent in the upcoming year. He spoke of how good the jayvee team had been lately, but even he had to be surprised by what transpired this season.

How could anything top last year's success for the tiny school? That last time anything like this happened was in 1986 when Ohio, with a nearly identical enrollment to Scales Mound at 70 students, also made it to the championship game.

Ohio's achievement was even more amazing considering the state was still in a two-class system and they were competed against schools as large as 700-plus enrollment.

Waterloo Gibault, who beat Scales Mound in the championship, gave coach Dennis Rueter his first title after 42 years at the school. That's almost as big of a story as if Scales Mound would have won.

Rueter's 793 wins ranks eighth all-time in the Illinois, with Gene Pingatore of Westchester holding the record of 1,035. Like Rueter, Pingatore did it all at the same school, which is now closed but did produce the incomparable Isiah Thomas.

Waterloo Gibault played in one other state title game, leading Rock Falls by 11 points midway through the fourth quarter, but losing 45-43 on a last-second shot. It was in 1999 and it was still a two-class system with the Rockets having double the enrollment.

One of the stars for Rock Falls was Jedidiah Johnson, who has freshman and sophomore boys on Oregon's varsity team.

The title by Rock Falls was the only area small-school boys state title in basketball in the over 100-year history of the tournament. From 2003-2005, Mt. Carroll and Winnebago came close.

Probably the best small-school squad ever from this part of the state was Rock Falls in 1958. Led by great all-around athlete Ken Siebel and Gary Kolb, who would play major league baseball, the Rockets lost 70-64

to Chicago Marshall in the championship game when there was only one class.

The best game of this year's state tournament was Metamora's overtime win over Chicago Simeon in

Class 3A. Isn't Metamora a football school and what business did these country kids have in beating a traditionally-strong program that produces NBA talent?

Metamora was no fluke. Last year, they finished second, falling in double overtime. It goes to show that building up a program is possible anywhere in this state.

Scales Mound and Metamora are two examples of this and also full of players that are as fundamentally sound as they come in high school. Instead of flash and glitter, it was a joy to watch basketball as it was meant to be played.

Crowds at the State Farm Center in Champaign were down for 1A and 2A, but Metamora and Moline brought huge fan bases for 3A and 4A.

The best atmosphere for any tournament game was not at Champaign, but at Ottawa, site of a super-sectional between Metamora and Aurora Marmion.

Held in iconic Kingman Gymnasium in front of a sellout crowd, it was reminiscent of times long ago when the original March Madness (as trademarked by the IHSA) ruled the sports scene in Illinois.

As a statistician for the Rochelle basketball team in 1973, I had a prime seat on the bench for a game at Kingman between the Hubs and Ottawa. I don't remember much about the game, but overwhelmed by the environment of a 2,400-seat arena that was built in the 1930s.

A few years ago, a statewide Twitter poll selected this gym as best in Illinois, ahead of places like Moline's Wharton Fieldhouse and Collinsville's gym. Historically and architecturally, our state has some wonderful old gymnasiums.

Sterling's Musgrove Fieldhouse, which made it to the round of eight in the poll, hosted the 2A boys super-sectional. Having these events as high-school gyms instead of college campuses make more sense, not just in terms of atmosphere, but also in cost to rent.

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



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Local students include:
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pastor@immanuel-lindenwood.org

LINDENWOOD UNION CHURCH

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

KINGS

ELIM REFORMED CHURCH

140 S. Church Road, Kings, IL 61068 • Pastor Marv Jacobs
Phone 815-562-6811 E-mail: goelimchurch@gmail.com
Website: www.goelimchurch.org
Sunday morning worship 10:00 am

MOUNT MORRIS

DISCIPLES UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH OF MT. MORRIS

102 S. Seminary Ave., Mt. Morris, IL 61054 815-734-4942 www.efcmm.org
Senior Pastor: Bruce McKanna. Sunday Schedule: 8:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages. 9:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship. 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship with Childcare and Children's Church.

MT. MORRIS CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

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

MT. MORRIS TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

308 E. Brayton Rd. Mt. Morris, IL Phone: 734-6354 Rev. Josh Ehrler
Worship Services: Saturday 5:30 PM; Worship Sunday 9:30 AM.
Sunday Church School - follows Worship Service (Sept-May) Chime Choir Wednesday 6:00 PM;

LITTLE PRAIRIE MENNONITE CHURCH

409 W Brayton Rd. Mt. Morris, IL 61054 (Church of the Brethren Basement Entrance) Worship Services: 10:00 AM Sunday Morning, 7:00 PM 1st & 3rd Sunday Evening, 7:30 PM 2nd & 4th Wednesday Evenings of the Month.
Pastor: Norman Reinford 779-861-3700

OREGON

EAST OREGON CHAPEL CHURCH OF GOD

East Oregon Chapel Church of God
The Sharing is Caring Church.
107 N Daysville Rd. Oregon, IL Phone: 815-732-2960.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Monday Worship 10:30 a.m.
Breakfast is served the Fifth Sunday of the Month beginning at 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday activities: Adults & Children meet weekly beginning at 6:30pm.
In the event that Oregon Schools are not in session we do not meet on Wednesdays.

EBENEZER REFORMED CHURCH

2997 N. German Church Rd., 815-732-6313
3 miles east of Oregon on Rt. #64 then 2 miles north on German Church Rd.
• Rev. Josiah Youngquist
www.EBENEZERREFORMED.com • Sunday school 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m.

LIGHTHOUSE UNITED METHODIST

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

OREGON CHURCH OF GOD

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

OREGON FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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

OREGON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

RIVERSTONE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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

ST. BRIDE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH, NALC

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

POLO

ST. MARY CHURCH

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

CHURCH OF THE OPEN BIBLE

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

CROSSROADS COMMUNITY CHURCH ~ POLO CAMPUS

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

FAITH DISCOVERY CHURCH

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

STILLMAN VALLEY

THE RED BRICK CHURCH

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

KISHWAUKEE COMMUNITY EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

VALLEY EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH

Interim Pastor Lisa Orris
103 S Maple St, Stillman Valley, IL
815-645-8872 | www.valleycov.org
Sunday Morning 9am "Gather" for learning & conversation, 10:15am Worship both onsite and online at facebook.com/VECCSV
Home of Valley Covenant Preschool 815-645-8882 Director Jill Huber
Bible Studies, Youth Group, Bread of Life Food Pantry
Please visit website for more information or contact the church office M-F 9am-2pm

GRACE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH DAVIS JUNCTION

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

WINNEBAGO

MIDDLE CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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



LOCAL NEWS

MT. MORRIS PUBLIC LIBRARY

Successful Quiche & Scone Sale!

Thank you to everyone who ordered the delicious delicacies from our library! We hope you enjoyed everything! This is an annual event, so keep an eye out next spring for our sale!

Story Time!

Spring Has Sprung! Pop up this week for some books all about SPRING! Children will read books and create a craft this Wednesday, 3/22. Story time is every Wednesday @11:15, bring your little ones to enjoy stories and a craft at the Mount Morris Library!

Spring Break Activities

Spring break will be here soon and the Mount Morris Library has lots of activities to keep your kids busy and excited! We will be having a number of projects to complete here or take-make, Lego days to come build some challenges in addition to all the games, books, movies, and fun that is available each day here at your library!

Phenomenology Research Professionals – Jaci and Bill Kousoulas

We will be having Jaci and Bill Kousoulas here on Saturday, March 25th to tell us more information about their book, "Bridging the Tragedy," a book based upon the 1967 Silver Bridge Disaster in Point Pleasant, WV, Mothman, and post-traumatic growth, a phenomenon that often occurs after tragedy. Since 2016, Bill & Jaci have visited Point Pleasant regularly, where they have become friends with several area residents, including Mothman Museum owner Jeff Wamsley and the late Carolin Harris, co-founder of the Mothman Festival.

Adult Book Club

The March book is "Gingerbread" by Helen Oyeyemi. Everyone is welcome to join this book club group! Copies

of the book are available at the library. This group will meet in-person on Monday, March 27th at the library.

Cookbook Club!

Join us as we explore The Cookbook Club! Wonderful recipes combined with friendship creates something both beautiful and delicious! Stop by to choose your recipe from this month's book, The New Appetizer from Taste of Home, and bring your dish to pass at our next meeting! Join us on Tuesday, April 3rd @6pm at The Senior Center for another exciting meal!

Ink with a Friend: Card Making at the Library

Join us in April to make some lovely home-made cards to send to family and friends. We will be offering a card-making class from local crafter, Liz Gullett. She will be here on Thursday, April 13th from 5-7! You will get all the materials to make two beautiful cards to take home. Stop by to see the samples, fees are by donation. Registration is limited so call the library or stop by to save your spot before April 6th!

Lego Club!

Our next Lego night is Thursday, March 16th, from 6:00 – 6:45pm. Bring a friend and build some fun with Lego bricks! All children and parents are invited every third Thursday of the month. Children under 8 need to bring a parent with them.

Bonus Lego Club!

Join us over spring break on Monday or Thursday from 2-4 for some extra brick time! We will have some challenges for builders to create or they can work from their own imaginations!

Memorial Gifts

Give a gift that lasts, brings joy to many, and doubles

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

Display Case Showings

We are always looking for collectors or artists who are willing to share their treasures in our display cases. If you are interested, please call, 815-734-4927.

Newspaper Available!

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

Explore More Illinois

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

Adult Programming

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

Curbside Service is available!

We want to remind everyone that you still have the option of having your materials delivered to your vehicle. If you have holds waiting for you, call us to tell us you are on your way, and we will bring them out to your vehicle when you arrive. Call us if you need more information.

Weekly Brain Busters

King Crossword

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12				13			14			
15				16			17			
18				19			20			
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38	39	40		41			42	43	44	
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48				49			50			
51				52			53			

ACROSS

1 Two-wheeler
5 Bumped into
8 Pack (down)
12 Ireland
13 Peyton's brother
14 "The Time Machine" people
15 Octopus arm
17 Lunch hour
18 Request
19 IV measures
20 Must-haves
21 Chai, e.g.
22 Vagrant
23 More recent
26 Goddess of wisdom
30 Tehran's country
31 Sly one
32 Tidy
33 Workshop cutter
35 Rock
36 Very long time
37 Possesses
38 Brainy
41 Small barrel
42 "The Wedding Planner" actress, to fans
45 New York's — Field
46 Bicycle type
48 N. Mex. neighbor
49 — Lingus

DOWN

1 Test version
2 Enrages
3 Neck problem
4 Tolkien creature
5 Pilgrimage site
6 Building wings
7 Dead heat
8 Some urban homes
9 Medicinal plant
10 Disposition
11 Bowling targets
12 Layer
13 Round Table titles
16 Computer brand
20 Convent manager
21 Prepare meat for cooking
22 Beiderbecke of jazz
23 Pen tip
24 Mound stat
25 Pallid
26 Trim the grass
27 Old
28 Moving day rental
29 Packed away
31 Summer cooler
34 Drunkard
35 Droops
37 Ford or Hudson
38 Ella's style
39 Surrealist
40 Bickering
41 Fall (over)
42 Ryan of "Boston Public"
43 Tragic king
44 Probability
46 Light touch
47 "Frontline" ailer

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MAGIC MAZE

NAUTICAL TERMS

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

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
Unlisted clue hint: THE LEFT SIDE OF A SHIP

Afterdeck Boatswain Forecastle Lanyard
Astern Cofferdam Foresail Wardroom
Belay Dogwatch Gangway Windlass
Bilge Ensign Gunnage

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

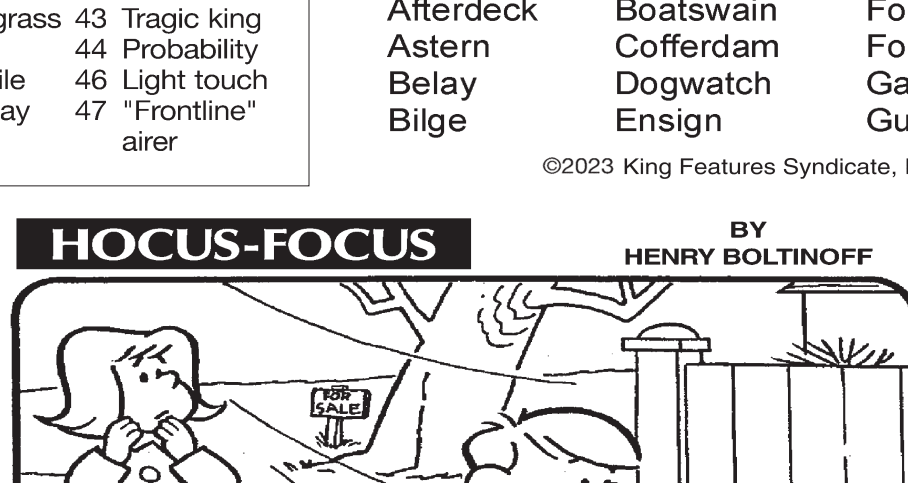
- ♦ Moderate
- ♦♦ Challenging
- ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Jacket is moved. 2. Pocketbook is missing. 3. Sign is missing. 4. Leg is moved. 5. Post is different. 6. Hat is moved.

Answers

King Crossword

Solution time: 23 mins.

Answers

King Crossword

Answers

King Crossword

Answers

Weekly SUDOKU

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

Answers

Weekly SUDOKU

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MARKETPLACE

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on February 21, 2023 a certificate was filed in the Ogle County Clerk's Office setting forth the names and post office address of all of the persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as:
 Jon Wilson Agency
 201 S Walnut St - PO Box 822
 Byron, IL 61010
 Dated: February 21, 2023
 Laura J. Cook, Ogle County Clerk
 No. 0303
 (March 6, 13 and 20, 2023)

to: beth.caudill@lostlakercd.org
 Lost Lake RCD
 404 Lake Court
 Dixon, IL 61021
 Requests may also be made through the RCD website at <https://www.lostlakercd.org/contact-us>.
 All bids shall be SEALED and must be received no later than Wednesday, April 19th, 2023, at 2 PM marked "Lost Lake Dredging" at the RCD office located at:
 LNNLRCD
 404 Lake Court
 Dixon, IL 61021
 Phone: (815)652-2006
 All bids received will be opened at a special meeting on Thursday, April 20th, 2023, at 6 PM at the Lake Court Center at 404 Lake Court in Dixon. All bids received under this notice must contain labor costs at the current prevailing wage. We also request a list of previous work experience, references, and proof of insurance and worker's compensation.
 No. 0311 (Mar. 20)

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS
 The Lost Nation / New Landing River Conservancy District of Illinois Board (RCD) is seeking bids for Lake Dredging improvements to be performed on Lost Lake.
 All work described is detailed in the bid specifications, which are to be distributed only by the RCD. Said bid specifications can be obtained by emailing or written request made

PUBLIC NOTICE

Sealed bids will be received for the following sections by the Ogle County Highway Department, Oregon, Illinois, until 2:00 P.M. April 6, 2023 for:
 1. 23-XX000-00-GM 2023 Township Sealcoats,
 2. 23-00000-02-GM 2023 County Sealcoats,
 3. 22-26131-00-FP Oregon-Nashua Township Paving,
 4. 23-06143-00-RS Flagg Township Paving
 5. 23-13116-00-RS Marion Township Paving
 6. 22-00000-04-GM Center/Bethal Roads Resurfacing
 Proposals are available at the Ogle County Highway Department, 1989 South IL Rte. 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 and or all bids.
 Mar 20 & 27
 No. 0312 (Mar. 20, 27)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Route 2 to River Drive - South Maple Avenue from Route 2 to River Drive
 - Glacier Drive from Short Lane to Joanne Terrace
 Slurry Seal Application Only:
 - Short Lane from Glacier Drive to Joanne Terrace
 - Brookview Drive from Southfield Lane to Silverthorn Drive
 - Old Hunter Run from Mill Road to Southfield Lane
 1. Plans and orososal forms will be available in the office of Fehr Graham, 515 Lincoln Highway, Rochelle, IL 61068 for a non-refundable fee of \$100.00. Also available electronically at www.fehrgraham.com for a non-refundable fee of \$25.00.
 2. IZI Prequalification If checked, the 2 apparent as read low bidders must file within 24 hours after the letting an "Affidavit of Availability" (Form BC 57) in triplicate, showing all uncompleted contracts awarded to them and all low bids pending award for Federal, State, County, Municipal and private work. One original shall be filed with the Awarding Authority and two originals with the IDOT District Office.
 3. The Awarding Authority reserves the right to waive technicalities and to reject any or all proposals as provided in BLRS Special Provision for Bidding Requirements and Conditions for Contract Proposals.
 4. The following BLR Forms shall be returned by the bidder to the Awarding Authority:
 a. Local Public Agency Formal Contract Proposal (BLR 12200)
 b. Schedule of Prices (BLR 12201)
 c. Proposal Bid Bond (BLR 12230) (if applicable)
 d. Apprenticeship or Training Program Certification (BLR 12325) (do not use for project with Federal funds.)
 e. Affidavit of Illinois Business Office (BLR 12326) (do not use for project with Federal funds)
 5. The quantities appearing in the bid schedule are approximate and are prepared for the comparison of bids. Payment to the Contractor will be made only for the actual quantities of work performed and accepted or materials furnished according

PUBLIC NOTICE

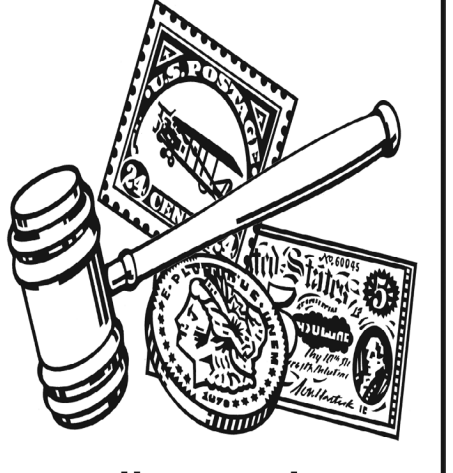
The scheduled quantities of work to be done and materials to be furnished may be increased, decreased or omitted as hereinafter provided.
 6. Submission of a bid shall be conclusive assurance and warranty the bidder has examined the plans and understands all requirements for the performance of work. The bidder will be responsible for all errors in the proposal resulting from failure or neglect to conduct an in depth examination. The Awarding Authority will, in no case, be responsible for any costs, expenses, losses or changes in anticipated profits resulting from such failure or neglect of the bidder.
 7. The bidder shall take no advantage of any error or omission in the proposal and advertised contract.
 8. If a special envelope is supplied by the Awarding Authority, each proposal should be submitted in that envelope furnished by the Awarding Authority and the blank spaces on the envelope shall be filled in correctly to clearly indicate its contents. When an envelope other than the special one furnished by the Awarding Authority is used, it shall be marked to clearly indicate its contents. When sent by mail, the sealed proposal shall be addressed to the Awarding Authority at the address and in care of the official in whose office the bids are to be received. All proposals shall be filed prior to the time and at the place specified in the Notice to Bidders. Proposals received after the time specified will be returned to the bidder unopened.
 9. Permission will be given to a bidder to withdraw a proposal if the bidder makes the request in writing or in person before the time for opening proposals.
 No. 0314 (Mar. 20)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of the Ogle County Courthouse, Oregon, Illinois 61061, or with the representative, or both, within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this claim notice and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the Attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.
 Clerk of the Court
 No. 0315 (Mar. 20, 27, April 3)

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You'll never know what treasures you'll find at an auction!

103 AUCTIONS

ONLINE REAL ESTATE AUCTION RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES

hacksauction.hibid.com
 BIDDING OPENS: Mon., March 20th @ 8 A.M.
 BIDDING CLOSURES: Thurs., March 30th Beginning @ 4 P.M.
Property 1: Two-Unit Property Located at 605-607 Bridge St. Winslow IL 61089
Property 2: Single Family 2-Story Home Located at 1231 S. Maple Ave., Freeport IL 61032
 By Order of the Circuit Court. This is an 'Online Only Auction'. 10% Buyer Premium.
 Contact Hack's Auction & Realty Inc. For Terms & Further Information at 815-239-1436.

ONLINE AUCTION Antiques, Farm Toy Collection & Art Pottery

PREVIEW: Thurs., March 23rd - 10 A.M. to 1 P.M.
 BIDDING OPENS: Mon., March 20 @ 8 A.M.
 BIDDING CLOSURES: Thurs., March 30 @ 6 P.M.
 Hack's Antique Center
 400 W. Third St., Pecatonica, IL 61063
Great Auction! Featuring Antiques & Collectibles; Primitives; Art Pottery & Hull Art; Stoneware; Country Store; Show Cases & Spool Cabinets; Advertising; Old Tobacco & Smoking Pipes; Railroad Lanterns & Lighting; Pocket Knives & Old Padlocks; Jewelry; Vintage Camera & Photography Collection; Art & Carnival Glass; Old Sleepy Eye; Longaberger; Dolls; Small Antiques; WW II Photographs; Quality John Deere & International Farm Toy & Machinery Collection (200+) - Many Precision Classics & Prestige Models - Big Bud - Yoder - 70% Boxed, Farm Implement Books & Memorabilia; **More!**

Oregon Antique Show & Appraisal Event

Sun., March 26th @ 10 A.M. to 2 P.M.
 Blackhawk Center
 1101 W. Jefferson St., Oregon, IL 61061
 Join Us at the 73th Annual Antique Show. Presented by The Oregon GFWC Woman's Club. Hack's Auction will be Providing Their Appraisal Services. A \$5 Fee per Item will be Charged as Donation to the Woman's Club. 1-3 Items Suggested. Bring a Family Heirloom or Antique That You Are Not Sure What It Is or What It's Worth. Greg & Swan Hachmeister of Hack's Auction & Realty Service, Inc. will give you their Opinion.

Dolan Trust - 80-Acre Farm Home & Buildings Auction

SUN., APRIL 23rd - 1:00 P.M.
 7464 Blomberg Rd., Cherry Valley, IL 61016
 Featuring 80-Acre Farm to be Sold in (2) Parcels. Cherry Valley Twp. - Part of Section 23.
 Auction Conducted Live On-Site
Parcel 1: 75 Acres +/- Of Good High Producing Farmland. Nearly All Tillable. **Major Soil Types:** 223 B Varna, 293A Andres, 152A Drummer, 102A La Hogue. Soil Pl: 122.8
Parcel 2: Nice 2-Story, 5-Bedroom Country Home, Large Metal Storage Building & Acreage.
Great Location & Opportunity.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

"Notice of Annual Meeting for Lincoln Township, Ogle County, will be held April 11 at 7:00 P.M. in the township building. Monthly meetings are held every 2nd Tuesday of the month, at 7:30 A.M."
 No. 0313 (Mar. 2)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Local Public Agency City of Byron Ogle County Streets 2023 Slurry Seal

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed proposals for the project described below will be received at the office of City Clerk, City of Byron, 232 W. Second Street, Byron, IL 61010 until 11:00 a.m. on 04/03/23. Sealed proposals will be opened and read publicly at the office of City Clerk, City of Byron, 2332 W. Second Street, Byron, IL 61010 at 11:00 a.m. on 04/03/23.

DESCRIPTION OF WORK

Location Byron, IL
 Project Length 7,070 feet
 Proposed Improvement The contract work consists of a slurry seal application at the following locations in the City of Byron:
 Fabric and Slurry Seal Application:
 - Luther Drive from Mineral Street to Route 2
 - Allison Circle from Luther Drive to End
 - Perene Avenue from

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

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Adult Book Club

Pick up a book, then join us for a lively discussion of Bobby Finger's page-turner of a first novel, "The Old Place." Monday, April 3 at 6:30 p.m. Copies of the reding available on loan. Email Joanna at jkluever@mail.meridian23.org for a link to this virtual program. Adults only.

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What is Metabolic Health?

Find out on Thurs., March 23, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. at an educational session at Rock River Center.

Our speaker is Traci Beauchamp, RN, of OSF Health System. As a home health nurse in Freeport, DeKalb, and all of Ogle County, Traci will discuss metabolic health issues, some causes, and what changes we can make.

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March 29, 2023
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Money management tips for retirees

WHAT 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 welcome 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.

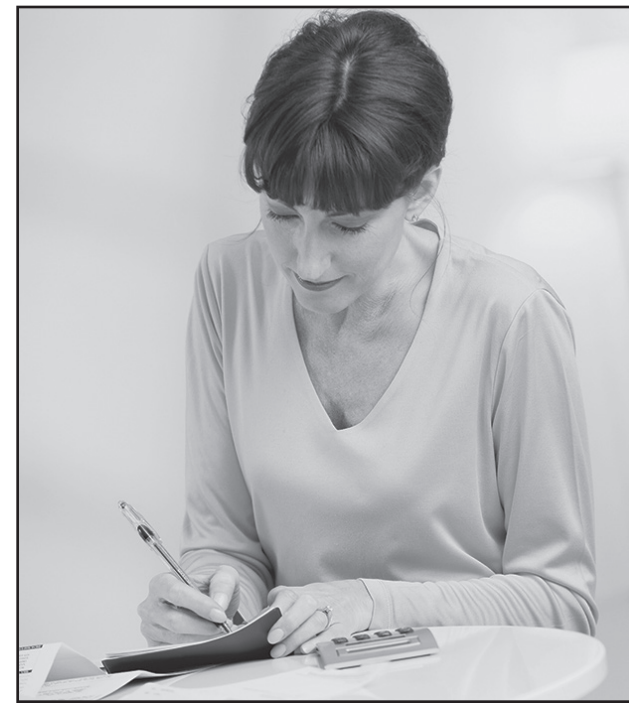
- Study up on the tax

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.

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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.

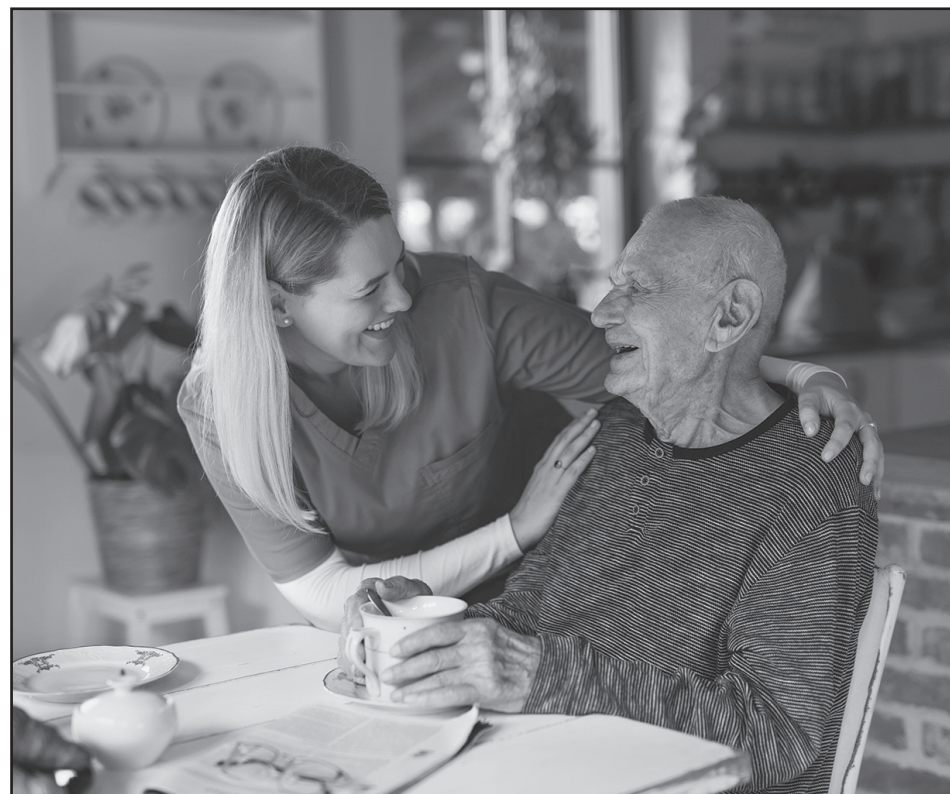
- Examine your housing situation. Equity in a home is a feather in the cap of many retirees. Retirees who own their homes and live in locations with high property taxes might be able to cash in on their

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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Several travel opportunities for retirees

RETIREMENT provides individuals with ample time to engage in activities they enjoy. Many seniors spend that newfound free time relax-

ing and seeing the sights. Seniors are a travel-friendly demographic. The World Tourism Organization says that, in 1999, more than 593 million international travelers were

age 60 years and older. Seniors are projected to take two billion trips annually by 2050. As Baby Boomers and Generation Xers continue to retire, a larger portion of the

overall population will have time to travel.

When seniors plan trips, they have many ways to get around in style.

Cruising

Cruising can be an ideal way for older adults to travel. Cruise ships depart from ports across the world and travelers can choose from an array of itineraries. People can travel on cruises that are at sea for as few as three to five days to others that are out for weeks at a time.

One reason seniors enjoy cruising is because it's all-inclusive with little extra planning required. Step aboard a cruise ship and enjoy a floating hotel complete with food, lodging, entertainment, shopping, gambling, and much more. Organized

excursions at ports of call can add to the thrill of cruising.

Guided tours

Escorted tours are another option seniors may want to consider. By working with reputable tour operators, seniors can engage in affordable, safe and comfortable tours via bus, train or other modes of travel. Tour companies take the work out of the trips by handling the details and showcasing the best locales. Tour experts know when to schedule meals and sightseeing to avoid the crowds so that everyone can sit back and relax on their adventures.

RV excursions

Travel by recreational vehicle is a great way for individuals with time on their hands to see

the sights up close and personal. When RVing, the time spent traveling is the adventure, and the destination is simply the cherry on top.

The RV industry exploded during the pandemic because it provided a safe way to enjoy a vacation and get away from home. MARVAC Michigan RV & Campgrounds says currently more than nine million households own an RV in the United States. There's no age limit to buying an RV, although the RV Industry Association says the average owner is 48-years-old and married.

RV-friendly campsites and parks enable travelers to mingle with each other, providing affordable and fun ways to travel.

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Timeshares

Seniors who got in on the timeshare bandwagon early in life can choose to enjoy their travel years even further. The timeshare model enables buyers to purchase the right to use particular homes, condos, hotel rooms, resorts, or other accommodations for specific periods of time.

For example, some timeshare agreements are for one week each year in a designated location. Seniors with more time on their hands may want to revisit timeshare agreements to increase the frequency in which they can use properties or to

find timeshare companies that enable swapping properties with others so that different locales can be enjoyed.

Visiting family

Retirees may aspire to spend more time with family members who do not live nearby. Families may want to consider mother-daughter residences or properties with small guest houses so that seniors can stay in the residences when visiting but have some privacy at the same time.

Seniors have many travel options, and retirement is the ideal time to get out of the house and enjoy time away from home.



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How to start a seniors' social club

VARIOUS changes are associated with aging, and these can be physical, mental and emotional. Though each person manages these changes in their own way, there's no denying that social interaction can benefit people from all walks of life as they navigate their golden years.

The Foundation for Senior Care says socializing can give seniors a sense of purpose, stimulate the mind, relieve boredom, potentially prevent feelings of depression, and give individuals some-

thing to look forward to. The senior living center Aston Gardens says socialization provides a significant boost to the cognitive health of older adults, helping to prevent or delay conditions that can affect memory.

Individuals looking to cultivate healthy social interactions may turn to clubs and other groups. If there's a dearth of opportunities, individuals can start and promote their own social club using this useful guideline.

Social clubs can meet and be organized around any number of themes or interests. Social clubs

may meet to discuss gardening, crocheting, reading, or other shared hobbies. Friends also may be interested in doing food and beverage sampling. In such instances, a luncheon social club makes perfect sense.

Meeting details can be posted in a community bulletin or on a message board at a local house of worship. However, the internet can be a speedy messenger and help like-minded people figure out how to connect. Facebook groups are one way to organize social clubs, as is the website Meetup.com. The latter is a large



online network of offline groups that meet all over the country and the world.

The website makes it a snap to organize a local group or find an existing club.

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Tax breaks aging taxpayers may be eligible for

GROWING older comes with many perks for those who are open to exploring the benefits. In addition to senior discounts on movies, meals and more, moving into one's golden years could offer some breaks when it comes to taxes and finances.

It is always best to go over tax- and finance-related plans with an accountant or certified financial planner to figure out what is in your best interest. However, generally speaking, here are some potential age-related tax perks.

Older individuals can contribute more to employer-sponsored retirement

accounts and Roth or traditional individual retirement accounts (IRAs), according to AARP. For 2023, the contribution limit for employees who participate in 401(k) and 403(b) programs, most 457 retirement savings plans and Thrift Savings Plan through the U.S. Federal Government can increase their contributions to \$22,500 — a jump of \$2,000 from last year. Those over age 50 can maximize contributions even more, up to a total of \$30,000.

The Balance Money says for tax year 2022, people age 65 or older can add an extra \$1,750 to the standard deduction

they're eligible for if they are unmarried and not a surviving spouse. Those who are married and file joint returns can add \$1,400. For tax year 2023, those amounts go up to \$1,850 and \$1,500. In addition, the standard eligible deductions increased. Most older taxpayers feel the bigger standard deduction plus the extra standard deduction is more than any itemized deductions they can claim and choose this option when filing their returns.

The ability to contribute more to tax-deferred retirement accounts enables older adults to reduce their taxable incomes. This, in turn, reduces the amount

that needs to be spent on income taxes.

According to The Arbor Company, which oversees senior living communities, the filing threshold is the income that must be made before being required to file a tax return. Typical taxpayers who are either employees or retired and drawing pensions or Social Security find the threshold increases over age 65. Single filers over age 65 do not need to file returns if their incomes are \$14,050 or under. Married filers over age 65 have a threshold of \$27,400. If primary or sole income comes from Social Security or a pension, those over age 65 may not have



to file returns at all.

Differing from deductions, a credit for taxpayers is available to people age 65 or older or retired persons on permanent and total disability who receive taxable disability income for the tax year, according to the Internal Revenue Service. In addition, this credit is for

those who have an adjusted gross income or the total of nontaxable Social Security, pensions, annuities, or disability income under specific limits. The eligibility levels change from year to year. Credits range from \$3,750 to \$7,500. Individuals can visit www.irs.gov for information.



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Conduct a search of groups already meeting within a 50-mile radius to see if an existing group already meets your criteria. If not, proceed full speed ahead as you establish your own club.

Most people prefer a schedule so they can plan their days accordingly. Choose a regular meeting time and place to hold the social club; otherwise, it can be confusing to accommodate everyone. Inconsistency also can make it hard to get the

club off the ground.

For those new to hosting social clubs, it may be better to begin with only a few members as everyone gets into a groove. As the group becomes more established, it can be opened up to more members. Although it may be wise to cap membership so that things are more easily managed.

Social clubs are a great way for seniors to stay connected and active. When there isn't one that meets a person's interests, it's relatively easy start one from scratch.

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