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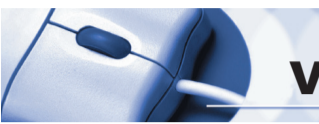
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### City officials concerned with HB 4412's impact on local enterprise zone area

'We didn't make all of that investment to support windmills and solar panels'

BY JEFF HELFRICH  
MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE — City of Rochelle officials are concerned with a piece of recent state legislation's potential future impact on a portion of the Lee-Ogle Enterprise Zone that is in and near-by Rochelle.

House Bill 4412 is a recently-signed state law that sets statewide standards for wind and solar farm siting and takes away previous local controls such as at the county level. The state would effectively



Jason Anderson

be able to greenlight large solar or wind developments without the say of local governing bodies.

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### City of Oregon details plans for Sarah Phelps Community Plaza

'We are excited to make this vision a reality for our community'

OREGON — The City of Oregon is working to bring a new outdoor space to its community.

The Sarah Phelps Community Plaza will be located at the Old Harvard Bank Drive Up location at 5th and Washington Streets. Phase one of the project was the public restroom. The plaza is phase two.

"We will be using a combination of donated funds, grants funds, and ARPA funds to complete this project," a city

Facebook post said. "We are working with our Tree Board, as well as the individuals who have donated to the project, to recommend shade trees and other green space here. There will be tables outside and the interior of the building can be used for food services for events. We are excited to make this vision a reality for our community."

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### Forreton's Zick named IPA Northwest Division Assistant Principal of the Year

'His work with all of our students makes the entire Forretonville Valley family proud'

FORRESTON — On Wednesday, Feb. 15, Forretonville Valley CUSD 221 and the Northwest Division of the Illinois Principals Association announced the winner of the Assistant Principal of the Year. This year's winner was Mr. Kyle Zick, the assistant principal/activities director, as well as assistant coach for Forreton High School's football team.

During his tenure, Mr. Zick has developed positive relationships with all of the staff, students and community members of Forretonville Valley, while holding his students and himself to the highest expectations. He has demonstrated a tremendous ability to make

connections with students from all areas, making sure to provide multiple opportunities for students to get involved in extracurricular activities. His experience and leadership has helped Forreton High School continue to be a leader in the region for academic and extracurricular achievement. Through his leadership, Mr. Zick continues to push FJSHS students to pursue their dreams and goals no matter what the obstacles and has been a great role model on how to continue to strive for success.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## COUNCIL: Director concerned about bill passage

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City Economic Development Director Jason Anderson told the News-Leader March 1 that the legislation has him concerned for the Lee-Ogle Enterprise Zone area on the south east side of Rochelle reaching into Lee County. Over \$75 million has been invested in the area by the city, county, state and federal governments on infrastructure upgrades aimed at attracting future industrial development. Anderson's fear is that a solar or wind developer could make a deal to put a large development into the area and have it greenlighted without the city's, counties' or enterprise zone's say, making all of that development investment for naught.

"The big issue from an economic development perspective is that HB 4412 should be amended or a trailer bill should follow to carve out enterprise zones," Anderson said. "We're not against solar or wind. But we should have the authority so say where it goes, not the state. It should be a local decision. We should have the right to say yes or no."

An enterprise zone is a specifically-defined area where incentives are available to businesses that locate there, most notably a tax abatement on real estate taxes. That same area on the south east side of Rochelle recently attracted Wheatland Tube (Zekelman Industries),



which made a capital investment of over \$100 million in the former Nippon Sharyo facility and brought at least 125 jobs paying an average pay rate of \$50,000 or more per year before benefits.

Anderson said creating the enterprise zone and winning the designation for it required "a lot of effort." It was founded by the city, Ogle County, Lee County and the City of Dixon. Investments made in the south east Rochelle portion include a new well and radium plant, water tower, electrical substation, Steward Road overpass, sewer line, water line and road improvements.

"The primary objective of an enterprise zone is to create jobs and bring new investment," Anderson said. "New buildings and new factories bring taxes and fund schools and city services. Lee

County previously said no solar or wind projects were allowed in this area and made a resolution protecting it. HB 4412 comes in and says the state ultimately will decide and told counties that they must make permitting as permissible as the state would make it. There were counties all across the state that were forbidding any kind of wind or solar. This has taken away the counties' authority to do the permitting."

Anderson said the city is waiting for clarification on what the legislation means to its ability to approve or deny any zoning within a mile and a half of Rochelle, which would apply to the enterprise zone. If that doesn't protect the area, he said he wants enterprise zones carved out of the bill and protection for the state-certified enterprise zones.

City Manager Jeff Fiegenschuh stressed that the city did not make previous investments in the area to support solar panels or windmills.

"They don't create a lot of jobs or add equalized assessed value long term," Fiegenschuh said. "Solar panels and windmills depreciate in value over time. A business like Wheatland Tube does not depreciate over time. One of the things that drew that business to Rochelle was that property being in the enterprise zone. That's why it's such a valuable tool to our community."

### Invested infrastructure

The city and Rochelle Municipal Utilities have invested in infrastructure in the area with additional future industrial growth in mind. Rochelle is also one of the few cities in the state with its own short-line railroad, which also is utilized in the enterprise zone area and would be negatively impacted by the allowance of a large solar or wind power development, Fiegenschuh said.

Anderson and Fiegenschuh said industrial growth in the area has increased the city's equalized assessed value, which has resulted in keeping the city's tax levy and residents' prop-

erty taxes down.

"I'm not against solar, but they don't fund city services," Fiegenschuh said. "Places like Wheatland Tube that use city power and provide high-paying jobs and work with the community are what we want in our community. Solar is great, but it's one-dimensional. Businesses that invest and come here are 10-dimensional because of all the value they bring to our community."

The enterprise zone area could be attractive to solar and wind power developers due to its proximity to RMU and ComEd's new Ritchie Road substation, where they could potentially tie into a transmission line to send power onto the grid.

Anderson said he knows of solar developers that are talking to landowners in the enterprise zone to get them to sign onto a project.

"We know this is going to become a difficult thing going forward because people can sell their land to whoever they want," Anderson said. "The interesting part about it is the asking price for all this land has increased from \$20,000 per acre in 1999 to \$50,000 an acre now. We think it's a win-win for the landowners to allow us to continue to keep this as an enterprise zone and keep the wind

and solar folks in other areas where \$70 million has not been spent on infrastructure."

The city is working with State Sen. Win Stoller on the issue, who has submitted a shell bill to amend HB 4412 to say that enterprise zones and municipally-owned railroads should be exempt from the requirement that allows the state to decide on wind and solar power.

Former State Rep. Tom Demmer is now the Lee County Industrial Development Association's executive director, which gives him a vested interest in the issue. Anderson said Demmer will be using his legislative experience to work on protecting the Lee-Ogle Enterprise Zone from HB 4412's effects.

"We know that there's a lot of people out there that, once educated on this, will support changes to this legislation," Anderson said. "I think we have a pretty good chance. Sen. Stoller has really taken the lead on this and submitted a shell bill that we'll put the guts into. He and Tom are going to work together to get this thing passed."

Fiegenschuh said he believes local control for cities and counties is "of absolute importance."

"If you look at the way our community has grown and all of the money the city, state and federal government have invested in this area, it makes sense for it to be industrial growth because it's going to grow over time. It's a good use of the land. Having solar there is maybe a good use, but it's not as high of a use as industrial commercial growth that adds value to the community. Our people want jobs and to see the town grow. The only way that's going to happen is by supporting the current businesses we have and seeing more growth happen. And it happens in this enterprise zone."



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# LOCAL NEWS



## Ogle County Fair Board elects officers

In November, the Ogle County Fair Board elected its officers. For 2023 the officers are left to right: Rosanne Hurst - treasurer, Nathan Magnuson - vice-president, Tom Simpson - president and Brenda Holm - secretary. (Courtesy photo)



## Longtime volunteer Hinkle elected to Ogle County Fair Board

At the February Ogle County Fair Board meeting, Board President Tom Simpson congratulated Bambi Hinkle for being elected to the Ogle County Fair Board. Bambi grew up in Oregon and has lived in the area her whole life. She has been volunteering at the fair for at least eight years. The fair board would like to welcome her, she will be a great asset. (Courtesy photo)

# Antique appraisals offered March 26 at Oregon antique show

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Allow plenty of time to also enjoy over 40 antique dealers exhibiting their items for sale. Don't forget to enjoy a lunch from the Ladies of Chana United Methodist Church. The Oregon Woman's Club Antique Show and Vintage Market will be held on Saturday, March 25 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, March 26 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Located at the Blackhawk Center, 1101 W. Jefferson St., Oregon, IL 61061, with plenty of free parking and handicapped access. For additional information email [kathew1968@yahoo.com](mailto:kathew1968@yahoo.com).

# 4-H Penny Carnival set for March 18

OREGON — Looking for a fun, inexpensive way to spend a Saturday evening with your kids or grandkids? Put the Ogle County 4-H Penny Carnival on your March schedule!

4-H Penny Carnival is set for March 18 from 5-8 p.m. at the Blackhawk Center, 1101 W. Jefferson St., Ore-

gon. This annual event is open to the public and features 4-H club created games that can be played for 25 cents each or 50 games for \$10. Prizes are awarded win or lose! Plus, a free door prize drawing will be conducted, and a snack stand will be available. This is one of the few

places where families can still have a whole evening of fun on pocket change!

The 2023 game theme is "4-H Family Game Night!" Two 4-H clubs will be awarded special cash prizes for games that are "Most Entertaining" and "Most Creative." This year the event is sponsored by Heels and

Hardhats!

4-H is the youth development program of University of Illinois Extension. For more information about this or any other county 4-H program, call Ogle County Extension at 815/732-2191 or visit on-line at <https://extension.illinois.edu/bdo/4-h-ogle-county>.

## Preschool screenings set

FORRESTON — All children who live in Forrestville Valley School District 221 from ages 3-5 are eligible for this screening. The free screening is conducted to identify children who may have speech, vision, hearing, learning or behavioral needs. The screening is required to participate in one of the district's preschool programs. If you would like your child to participate in one of the district's preschool screenings and your child will be three before Sept. 1, 2023 and not yet enrolled in kindergarten, call German Valley Grade School to schedule an appointment.

Spring screening dates: March 17 & May 12. Children screened will be eligible for possible enrollment in one of the district's preschool programs for the 2023-2024 school year. Screening documentation is to be completed at home and returned before your child's screening appointment. Call 815-362-2279.

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# PLAN: Plaza plans underway

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The former drive up was purchased in December 2017. The family restroom was installed in July 2018. The city hopes to begin renovations as soon as the bid process ends, which could be as soon as April.

The plaza's interior will include "highly-flexible open space" and the building will have a sink and refrigerator. It will be used by the public for

events such as: the Lions pork chop lunch, First Friday music events and citizen block parties.

They key elements of the exterior of the plaza will include open space, a "welcoming oasis," acting as an "anchor to downtown" and green space. Officials hope the project will help with tourism.

Phelps was the wife of the founder of Oregon and the project's committee felt it was important to recognize her.

# ZICK: Forrester's principal awarded

From page 1

Forrester Junior/Senior High School Principal Travis Heinz said, "We are fortunate to have Mr. Zick, who truly does care for the success of all of his students and athletes. He continues to play an instrumental role in the success of our extracurriculars and academic achievement at FHS while providing our students with multiple opportunities to demonstrate excellence in the classroom and on the court/field. Kyle's many years of leadership experience has allowed us to continue to push forward and strive for excellence in all areas."

Superintendent Sheri Smith commented, "Mr. Zick is a great leader and role model for all of our students in Forrestville Valley. His work with all of our students makes the entire Forrestville Valley Family proud."

Kyle will now represent the Northwest Division of IPA and move forward against the assistant principal winners from the other divisions. The state winners will be announced at the Illinois Principals Association's annual Leadership Conference in October.

Zick resides in Byron, with his wife Brittini and children, Anna and Griffin.

**NOTICE**  
**Ogle County – Consolidated Election**

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

Early Voting  
February 23, 2023 – April 3, 2023  
Monday thru Friday – 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 1, 2023  
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# LOCAL NEWS

## Obituaries

### Willard 'Bill' L. Gilbert Jr.

**POLO** — Willard "Bill" L. Gilbert Jr., 84, of Polo, passed away Wednesday, March 1 at Serenity Hospice and Home in Oregon.

Bill was born Oct. 24, 1938, at his home in Polo, the son of Willard Sr. and Viola Gilbert. On April 18, 1987, in Rockton he married Ms. Sherri Beaman. He worked in the parts department for Case IH at Coffey Implement, Polo Equipment and Birkeys. Bill finally retired in 2017 and enjoyed serving the farm community. He liked to fish, hunt and do woodworking. Bill enjoyed collecting antiques, finding toy tractors at local sales and auctions. He belonged to the JC's, volunteered for helping build the Polo Pool and a member of the Good Fellows American Legion. His pride and joy was his family, listening to them laugh, tell stories or telling a good joke.

Survivors include wife Sherri; daughter Cathy (Daniel) Lawton of Polo and step-daughter Nicole (Tom) Hoyle of Dixon; son Jeffrey (Gayle) Gilbert of



Sterling; grandchildren Morgan (Bryan) Becker, Dr. Cort (Maria) Lawton, Shannon (Jake) Scroggins, Lauren (Nick) Vandermyde, Ryan (Elizabeth) Gilbert, Sydney (Hayden) Bittner, Savannah Hoyle, Quinten Hoyle; great-grandchildren Camden and Perri Lynn Becker, Mac and Kane Lawton, Grant and Gabrielle "Gabby" Scroggins, Emery and Jack Vandermyde, Samantha "Sami" and Caysen "Case" Gilbert, Gabriella "Gabi" and Genevieve "Evie" Bittner along with two more on the way.

Bill was preceded in death by his Parents; sisters June Boeckh and Elaine Mount; brother Donald Gilbert.

A memorial visitation will be Saturday, April 8 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Polo Family Funeral Home, 110 E. Dixon St., Polo. Burial will be at a later date at Fairmount Cemetery in Polo.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be directed in his name.

Visit [www.polofamilyfuneralhome.com](http://www.polofamilyfuneralhome.com) to send condolences.

### Gerald 'Jerry' Hitchcock

**OREGON** — Gerald "Jerry" Hitchcock, 85, passed away at Oregon Living & Rehab on Friday, March 3. He was born in Oregon on Aug. 13, 1937 the son of William and Juanita (Personette) Hitchcock.

After school, Jerry served his country in the US Army. He worked for many years as a foreman for Unimin in Oregon. He married the love of his life, Joanne on Dec. 17, 1966.

Jerry was affectionately known as "Papa" to most everyone around him. He was a good and loving man who enjoyed his family and friends. In his spare time, Jerry loved to fix and tinker with things in his garage; teaching himself how to work on all kinds of mechanical things. He loved relaxing by watching westerns on TV; especially the character Matt Dillon on Gunsmoke.

Jerry believed in staying strong and healthy and made sure to work out every day. He loved boxing and would spend

time hitting the speed bag in his garage daily. He used those lessons in health to keep fighting every day.

He is preceded in death by his parents, and siblings, Jack, Charles, Bob, Dolores, and Karen.

He is survived and missed by his wife, Joanne of Oregon; children, Rhonda (Dereck Mast) Hitchcock-Mast of Phoenix, Arizona, Jonette (Brian) Steffa of Oregon, Jim Hitchcock of Hillsdale, Julie (Jason) White of Mt. Morris,



Joyce (Scott) Weems of Minnesota and Teresa (Matt) Baylor of Oregon; brother, Daniel "Doc" Hitchcock of Oregon; many grandchildren and great grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Per his requests no services will be held at this time. Memorials may be directed to the family.

To leave an online condolence please visit [www.farrellhollandgale.com](http://www.farrellhollandgale.com).

### Sheryl M. Rocke

**OREGON** — Sheryl M. Rocke, 83, passed away at Serenity Hospice and Home surrounded by her loving family on Feb. 16.

She was born in Macon Township in Bureau County on a farm by Sheffield on Sept. 6, 1939 the daughter of Gordon and Thelma (Roush) Carper.

After graduating high school Sheryl continued her education graduating from Bradley University majoring in home economics with a minor in English. She married Virgil Rocke on April 9, 1960 in Peoria. Sheryl was someone who loved to stay busy.

She worked many jobs in her lifetime including teaching English and in the appliance department of Montgomery Ward where she sold and taught how to use microwaves. She was a dietician at Pinecrest for many years and in retirement consulted in the dietary department or taught classes at KSB, Pinecrest, Serenity Hospice and the Rock River Senior Center. She helped establish a Nutrition for Older Americans program (NOA) under the federal Older Americans Act with IVCC in Oglesby.

Sheryl was an active member of the United Methodist Church in Oregon and part of the United Methodist Women. In



her spare time, she enjoyed gardening and baking for others. She preferred to spend her days in service to others.

She is survived and missed by her sons, John (Diane) Rocke of Oregon, Benjamin Rocke of Oregon, and Michael (Maizie) Rocke of Rockville, Maryland; siblings, Jim (Carol) Carper of Sun City, Arizona, Janet (John) Swartz of Mt Horeb, Wisconsin and Julie (Rudy) Sigrist of Pleasant Plain, Ohio; grandchildren, Kevin Rocke, Eldon Rocke and Maisie Rocke; and many nieces

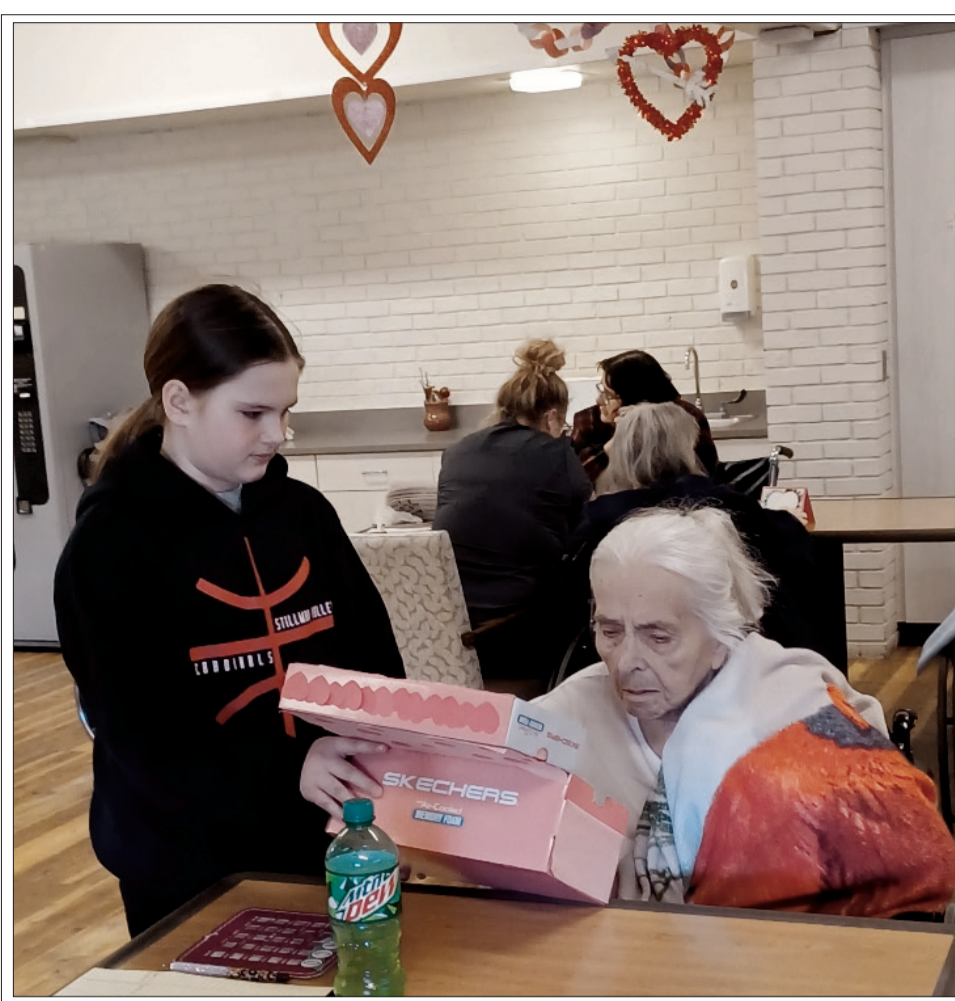
and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, and sister, Susan Crescenzo.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be directed to Serenity Hospice and Home, The United Methodist Church in Oregon, or Lifescape Community Services <https://lifescapeservices.org/donate>. Though the best thing anyone who knew and loved her could do in her memory would be to continue her ministries that were so important to her.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, April 15 at 11 a.m. at the Oregon United Methodist Church.

Visitation will be held from 10 a.m. until the time of service.



**Rogers delivers valentines to nursing home residents**

**Ogle Jolly 4-H Club Member Alyse Rogers recently delivered Valentines to the residents at Generations Nursing home.**



## County electronics recycling event is March 31

**OREGON** — The Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department (OCSWMD) will be hosting a residential electronics recycling event on Friday, March 31 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 909 Pines Road in Oregon.

This event is for Ogle County residents only and a free permit is required in advance of the event. To obtain a free permit call 815-732-4020 or email [solidwaste@oglecountyil.gov](mailto:solidwaste@oglecountyil.gov) and provide your name, address, phone number and email address by 4 p.m. on Thursday, March 30.

Accepted items include all televisions and computer monitors, computers, computer hardware and cables, laptops, tablets, cell phones, printers, FAX machines, scanners, shredders (no tubs), copiers, video gaming equipment, DVD/VCR's, cable/satellite boxes, stereo equipment, radios, digital clocks, cameras, calcula-

tors, phone systems, holiday light strands, extension cords, rechargeable batteries, printer ink cartridges, CD/DVD's and CFL bulbs. Microwave ovens accepted for \$5 per unit. Cash or check accepted.

Limit seven large or bulky items per permit and one permit per county household per month. Business or institutional electronic materials not accepted at these events. Business or institutional electronics are accepted by the OCSWMD via a separate program. Call the number above for more information and pricing for business electronic recycling, and to make an appointment for drop off of the materials to be recycled.

For more information about this recycling event call the OCSWMD at the number above, visit [www.oglecountyil.gov](http://www.oglecountyil.gov), or on Facebook at Ogle County Solid Waste Management Dept.

## Ogle County Democrats donate to local food pantries

**OREGON** — The members of the Ogle County Democratic Central Committee made a difference in their community by recently donating a total of \$800 amongst eight Ogle County food pantries, an idea that originated during the pandemic as a unique way to celebrate the holiday season together since in person gatherings were not possible. The Ogle County Dems have raised over \$2,500 for area food pantries during the last three years.

"I am so proud of our members," Treasurer David "Skip" Donald said. "They understand not



**Ogle County Democrats Treasurer David "Skip" Donald making a donation to Polo Lifeline Food Pantry Director Kathy Wragg. (Courtesy photo)**

only should we be working to elect individuals who strive to help those in need, but we can contribute directly as well."

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Extension's Ready Set Grow event is March 18

**DIXON** — On Saturday, March 18 University of Illinois Extension Master Gardeners of Carroll, Lee, Ogle and Whiteside Counties will be hosting 2023 Ready...Set...Grow... gardening workshop from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Loveland Community Building, 513 W. 2nd St., Dixon.

This year's keynote address: Literary Gardens, will be presented by Master Gardener and natural history writer Cindy Crosby. Cindy takes a fun look at gardens in literature and poetry. From Agatha Christie's mystery series to Brother Cadfael's medieval herb garden to Michael Pollan's garden in "Second Nature," to the "Secret Garden" beloved of children's literature, there are so many gardens that helped shape the books we love to read. See your garden with new eyes and come away with a list of books you can't wait to explore.

Ready...Set...Grow... will also offer two breakout sessions, a swag bag, a book nook, door prizes and a Master Gardener Help Desk. Breakout sessions include Growing Great Grapes, Natural Fairy Gardens, Tree Management, Hummingbird Gardens, Contained Compositions, Backyard Orchard, Growing Vegetables Through the Seasons and Nature Journaling. The fee for this program is \$25, and registrations will be accepted until March 10.

Register online at [go.illinois.edu/ReadySetGrow](http://go.illinois.edu/ReadySetGrow) or call your local Extension office.

If you are interested in more information about Ready...Set...Grow... or becoming a Master Gardener, please contact your local Extension office. Lee County: (815) 857-3525. Ogle County: (815) 732-2191.

## Loaves & Fish to host mobile food pantry March 23

**MT. MORRIS** — On March 23, Loaves & Fish Food Pantry alongside Northern Illinois Food Bank is hosting a Mobile Food Pantry from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. The truck will be located at Mt. Morris Moose Family Center, 101 Moose Drive, Mt. Morris.

Food is distributed on a first-

come, first-served basis, while supplies last. Food is free to neighbors in need; no ID, proof of address or income is required.

Loaves & Fish Food Pantry is located on the lower level of the Mt. Morris Church of the Brethren, 409 W. Brayton Road, and is open on the first and third Thursdays

from 3:30-6 p.m. and second and fourth Mondays from 2-4:30 p.m. Anyone experiencing food insecurity is eligible to receive food. You do not need to have a referral, and no proof of income is required.

If you have any questions call 815-613-8776 and leave a message.

## PAG Spring Show Auditions set for March 14 and 15

**MT. MORRIS** — This spring the Performing Arts Guild will present a readers theatre going back in time with old-time radio shows such as Burns and Allen, Little Orphan Annie and Who's on First. Performance dates are Friday, Saturday and Sunday, April 21-23 at the Pinecrest Grove Theatre.

Men and women, boys and girls of all ages are invited to audition. Auditions will be held on

Tuesday and Wednesday, March 14 & 15 from 6:30-8 p.m. at the Pinecrest Grove Library, 500 Evergreen Lane, Mt. Morris. Dave Sheely and Trudy Whalen are producers.

In a reader's theatre, those involved read a script instead of memorizing it. Materials will be provided at the audition, so come early to review the readings. For more information about auditions, please contact Dave Sheely at 719-740-6162.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## MT. MORRIS POLICE DEPARTMENT

**MT. MORRIS**—On Sunday, Feb. 19 at approximately 10:15 p.m. Mt. Morris Police responded to the Mullarkey's Bar and Grill for the report of a disturbance. After an investigation, Blake A. Britsch, 21, Oregon, was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct and unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia. Britsch was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

On Feb. 21 at approximately 7:20 a.m. Mt. Morris Police responded to the 100 block of South Wesley Avenue for the complaint of a trespassing. After an investigation, Cha E. Keller, 34, Mt. Morris, was arrested and charged with criminal trespass to property. Keller was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

On Feb. 21 at approximately 2:40 p.m. Mt. Morris Police was sent to the 100 block of South Wesley Avenue for the report of a male subject trespassing. After an investigation, Cha E. Keller, 34, Mt. Morris, was arrested

and charged with criminal trespass to property. Keller was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

On Feb. 23 at approximately 9:45 p.m. Mt. Morris Police conducted a traffic stop in the 500 block of North Wesley Avenue. After an investigation, David R. Wendel Jr., 33, was arrested on an Ogle County warrant for failure to appear. Wendel was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

On Feb. 28 at approximately 8:50 p.m. Mt. Morris Police located a subject, Anthony M. Wolfe, 20, Mt. Morris, near the intersection of North McKendrie Avenue and East 1st Street. Wolfe had an outstanding Ogle County warrant for failure to appear. Wolfe was taken into custody and transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

These charges are merely accusations, and defendants are presumed innocent unless proven guilty.

## Illinois State Police Troop 1 announces monthly activity for February

**STERLING** – Illinois State Police Troop 1 Captain Joseph Blanchette has announced enforcement figures and activity for February.

Illinois State Police Troop 1 troopers issued 780 citations, 1,041 written warnings and made 14 criminal arrests during the month

of February. Troopers issued 363 citations for speeding, 25 citations for distracted driving violations and 26 citations for occupant restraint violations.

Troopers investigated 43 traffic crashes, assisted 184 motorists and conducted 365 commercial motor vehicle inspections, 47 of which

were placed out-of-service for safety reasons. There were eight arrests for driving under the influence.

Troop 1, which encompasses Carroll, Jo Daviess, Lee, Ogle, Stephenson, Whiteside and Winnebago counties, investigated no fatal traffic crashes in February.

## POLO POLICE DEPARTMENT

**POLO**—On Feb. 27 at 11:10 a.m. Brook A. Florin, 18, of Shannon was cited for operating an uninsured vehicle. Florin was released on an I-Bond.

The Polo Police Department recently released its general calls for

service for the weeks of Feb. 20 through March 5. Citizen complaints/assists: 16, juvenile: one, fire/medical assists: five, lock out: three, 911 hang up: two, traffic stops: 12 and county assists: one.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## OGLE COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

OREGON — On Feb. 23 at approximately 9:48 a.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 2,000 block of North Illinois Route 251. After an investigation deputies cited Benjamin Webster, 27, of Rochelle for driving without a license and expired registration. Webster was given an I-bond for his citations and given a future court date.

On Feb. 24 at approximately 8 a.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop within the 103 mile marker of Interstate 39 southbound. After an investigation, deputies arrested Estaban Coroy-Juarez, 53, of Rockford, for driving unlicensed. Coroy-Juarez was released at the scene on an I-Bond and will appear before a judge on a later date.

On Feb. 25 at 8:30 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 5,000 block of North Mt. Morris Road. for an equipment violation. After an investigation, Barbara Coleman, 47, of Leaf River was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol. Coleman was additionally issued citations for no registration light and no taillights. Barbara was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

On Feb. 25 at 2:55 a.m. deputies attempted to conduct a traffic stop in the 11,000 block of North Kennedy Hill Road in Byron on a tan colored 2003 GMC Envoy that was driving at speeds in excess of 100 miles per hour. The tan GMC Envoy refused to stop for deputies, and continued to flee southbound on North Illinois Route 2. Deputies deployed stop sticks which were successful at deflating several of the tires on the tan GMC. Deputies continued to pursue the tan GMC into Byron, before it turned south onto South Fox Run Lane and came to a stop on Deer Wood Court. The driver of the tan GMC refused to comply with deputies' commands, almost struck several deputies and struck a Byron Police squad car as it drove away. Deputies continued to pursue the tan GMC northbound onto Creekside Drive at which point the tan GMC pulled into a driveway, reversed, and then struck an Ogle County Squad Car. Both squad cars sustained moderate damage after being struck by the tan GMC.

Deputies continued to pursue the tan GMC westbound onto Illinois Route 72, until the vehicle became disabled, just east of Leaf River. The driver was subsequently taken into custody and identified as Robert J. Murbach, 41, of Byron. Murbach was treated on scene by Leaf River Fire/EMS and transported to Swedish American Hospital for treatment of minor injuries sustained during the incident. Murbach was later transported to the Ogle County Jail pending a court appearance before a judge. Murbach was charged with: aggravated fleeing to elude a police officer (class four felony), criminal damage to government-supported property (over \$500, class three felony), four counts of aggravated assault on a police officer (class A misdemeanor), resisting or obstructing a police officer (class A misdemeanor), possession of a controlled substance (class four felony),

aggravated DUI/license revoked (class four felony) and aggravated battery to a police officer (class three felony). Additionally, Murbach was issued the following citations: DUI alcohol/intoxicating compound, failure to reduce speed/too fast for conditions, leaving the scene, speeding 35+ miles per hour, driving on a revoked license, fleeing/attempt to elude an officer, registration light, improper traffic lane usage, disregard a stop sign, operate uninsured motor vehicle and improper turn signal. Deputies were assisted by the Byron Police Department and Leaf River Fire/EMS. The incident is still under investigation, with additional charges pending.

On Feb. 26 at approximately 10:38 a.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop at the intersection of Stillman Road and Plucker Road. After a brief investigation, deputies arrested Brandon Barber, 39, of Stillman Valley for driving while license suspended. Barber was cited and released with a return court date.

On Feb. 26 at 2:35 a.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop on Illinois Route 72 at Illinois Route 251 for improper lane usage. After an investigation, Gemma Esposito, 26, of Davis Junction was placed under arrest for driving under the influence of alcohol. Esposito was additionally cited for electronic communication device, improper lane usage, speeding 15-20 miles per hour over the limit, depositing material on the highway and operating uninsured motor vehicle. Esposito was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

On June 19, 2022, deputies responded to a two-vehicle crash with a fatality at the intersection of Illinois Route 64 and Mulford Road. At that time deputies determined that a pickup truck driven by Amy M. Anthenat, 47, of Creston, had entered the intersection northbound on Mulford Road and collided with an eastbound motorcycle driven by Richard J. Andrews, 61, of Addison. As a result of the collision Andrews was pronounced deceased. Deputies completed an investigation into the incident and after all evidence was collected and documented, the findings were presented to the Ogle County States Attorney's Office for review of possible charges. As a result, a warrant was issued for Anthenat for the charge of aggravated driving with a drug, substance or compound in breath, blood or urine resulting in death, a class two felony. Anthenat was taken into custody for the warrant on Feb. 27 and was transported to the Ogle County Jail where she later posted \$5,000 (10 percent) as bond. Anthenat was released on the bond and will appear in court on March 24 at 9 a.m.

On Feb. 27 at approximately 3:48 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop at the intersection of Chana Road and Flagg Road. After investigation, deputies placed, Kimberly Sanford, 51, of Dixon under arrest for no valid driver's license. Sanford was additionally issued a citation for

speeding. Sanford was released on an I-Bond at the scene and given a future court date.

On March 1 at 6:48 p.m. deputies conducted a motorist assist near the intersection of Twombly Road and Illinois Route 251. After a brief investigation, Deputies arrested Victor Bundy, 31, of Sycamore, for driving while his license was suspended. Bundy was released on a \$2,500 I-Bond with a return court date.

On March 2 at approximately 7:21 a.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 11,000 block of East Flagg Road. After investigation, deputies placed David Coil, 35, of Ashton under arrest for no valid driver's license. Coil was additionally issued a citation for suspended registration. Coil was released on an I-Bond at the scene and given a future court date.

On March 3 at approximately 5:30 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 9,000 block of North Kishwaukee Road. After investigation, deputies placed Damian Rodden, 23, of Oregon was placed under arrest for driving while license suspended. Rodden was released on an I-Bond at the scene and given a future court date.

On March 3 at approximately 3:26 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop at the intersection of Illinois Route 251 and Big Mound Road. After investigation, deputies placed Miroslava Oliveros, 24, of Rockford under arrest for no valid driver's license. Oliveros was additionally issued citations for improper passing in a no passing zone and failure to change her address with the secretary of state. Oliveros was released on an I-Bond at the scene and given a future court date.

On March 3 at approximately 8:55 a.m. deputies responded to a two-vehicle accident with injuries at the intersection of Freeport Road and White Oak Road. After investigation, deputies learned a black-colored Audi passenger car, driven by Peter Leeson, 22, of Belvidere, was traveling westbound on White Oak Road when he approached the two-way stop intersection of Freeport Road. At the same time a black Chevrolet passenger car, driven by Porchia Moore, 31, of Freeport was traveling southbound on Freeport Road while approaching the White Oak Road intersection and had the right away. The Audi then pulled out in front of the Chevrolet and was struck on the passenger side by the Chevrolet. Both vehicles sustained heavy damage and ended up in the southwest ditch. Forreston EMS responded to the scene and later transported Moore to Freeport Memorial Hospital for non-life threatening injuries. Leeson was transported to Freeport Memorial Hospital by Shannon EMS for minor injuries and was later released. Leeson was issued citations for disobeying a stop sign and failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident. Forreston Police Department and Illinois State Police assisted with the accident.

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### March 15

Serenity Hospice & Home's Men's Coffee Group will be from 9-10 a.m. at The Sunrise, 116 N. 4th St., Oregon. This group is open to all bereaved men in the community. Please call 815-732-4111 by 4 p.m. on Wednesday, March 14 to register.

### March 16

Serenity Hospice & Home's Evening Group will meet from 5-6 p.m. at The Serenity Home, 1658 S. Illinois Route 2, Oregon. This group is open to all adult bereaved in the community. Please call 815-732-4111 by noon to register.

### March 17

Serenity Hospice & Home's Diamond Art will

meet from 9-11 a.m. at The Serenity Shed, 131 N. 3rd St., Oregon. Please call 815-732-4111 by 4 p.m. on Thursday, March 16 to register.

### March 20

At 7 p.m. at Country Crossroads Quilt Guild, Judy Bender of Belvidere will be presenting a trunk show of her work with raw edge applique, including some of her original designs. Judy will also be presenting a workshop for the members, starting at 10 a.m., teaching Shannon Brinkley's technique of raw-edge scrappy applique.

Guild meetings are held at the Forreston Grove Church, 7246 Freeport Road; Forreston, the third Monday of each month at 7 p.m. with ample time to meet and greet members before

the meeting. Visitors are very much welcome; for visitors there is a fee of \$5 at the door. For more information call Program Committee Chairs Dawn Vehmeier 815-291-4592 or Ann Tully 815-238-2218, or Guild President Shelly Holverson 815-297-2381.

### March 23

The Baileyville Reformed Church again will hold their annual soup supper on Thursday, March 23. Serving will begin at 5 p.m. The menu consists of chili, vegetable beef soup, chicken noodle soup, ham and cheese sandwiches, egg salad sandwiches, homemade pies, other desserts and drinks. Our basement is handicapped accessible. Carry outs will be available. Donations will be appreciated for mission outreach.

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## MOMENTS IN TIME

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

\* On March 30, 1855, in territorial Kansas' first election, some 5,000 "Border Ruffians" invade the territory from western Missouri and force the election of a pro-slavery legislature. Although the votes cast exceeded the number of eligible voters, Kansas Gov. Andrew Reeder reluctantly approved the election to prevent further bloodshed.

\* On March 28, 1915, the first American is killed eight months into the conflict that would become known as World War I. Leon Thrasher, a 31-year-old mining engineer and native of Massachusetts, drowned when a German submarine torpedoed the cargo-passenger ship Falaba off the coast of England.

\* On March 31, 1931, Knute Rockne, the legendary Notre Dame football coach, is killed in a plane crash near Bazaar, Kansas, at age 43. His players included All-American George "Gipper" Gip, the inspiration for Rockne's now-famous motivational line "Win one for the Gipper."

\* On March 25, 1958, boxer Sugar Ray Robinson defeats Carmen Basilio to regain the middleweight championship, the fifth and final title of his career. Robinson is considered by many to be the greatest prizefighter in history.

\* On March 26, 1969, a group called Women Strike for Peace demonstrates in Washington, D.C., in the first large antiwar protest since President Richard Nixon's inauguration in January. Criticism of Nixon's handling of the Vietnam War mounted steadily during his term in office.

\* On March 29, 1971, Lt. William Calley is found guilty of premeditated murder at My Lai by a U.S. Army court-martial. Calley, a platoon leader, had led his men in a massacre of 200 Vietnamese civilians, including women and children, in Quang Ngai Province in March 1968.

\* On March 27, 1990, the U.S. government begins broadcasting TV programs into communist Cuba. TV Marti was conceived in the 1940s to beam news and propaganda throughout the world, particularly to communist nations.

## Farm bill critical to keeping America's food supply affordable

WITH winter weather on the horizon, farmers across the state are gearing up for another productive spring planting season. Once the frost melts and the soil temperatures rise, it will be time to hit the fields, but for many farmers high prices for fertilizer, fuel and other critical tools remain a challenge.

Like consumers, farmers are feeling the pain of ongoing inflation. The ripple effects of the war in Ukraine and supply chain issues pose significant hurdles for farmers. Heading into the spring season and farm bill negotiations, these difficulties remain top of mind at Illinois Farm Bureau (IFB).

In early February, the United States Department of Agriculture's latest Farm Sector Income Forecast report indicated that U.S. net farm income will fall nearly 16 percent from the previous year while production costs are expected to increase more than four percent. That's on top of an already record increase in production costs in 2022.

While fuel and fertilizer prices are expected to soften, other costs related to marketing, storage and transportation are expected to increase 11 percent,

and labor by seven percent. Rising interest rates and farm sector costs are another concern as the USDA projects farm sector debt will increase \$31.9 billion to a record \$535 billion.

General inflation is a long-term issue squeezing the pocketbooks of families across America, but the farm income forecast is a reminder that farmers are not benefiting from higher prices at the grocery store.

While some commodity prices are rising, farmers are grappling with additional circumstances, such as drought, avian influenza and supply and labor costs. After accounting for business expenses, farmers' share of the food dollar is only 7.4 cents.

That is why the farm bill is so important for everyone, not just farmers. Farm bill programs provide farmers with critical support to mitigate natural disasters and other crises. Other programs secure America's domestic food supply, which keeps our agricultural economy strong while providing consumers with affordable, high-quality products at the grocery store.

The farm bill also addresses hunger through nutrition programs, which serve our most vulnerable populations and

ensure that everyone has access to affordable, fresh and healthy food. Conservation is another key focus of the farm bill, which invests in agriculture research and conservation programs to increase sustainability.

IFB is dedicated to working with our members and elected officials on both sides of the aisle to pass a farm bill that meets the needs of all agriculture segments.

Our members and leaders believe the farm bill must maintain the link between nutrition and commodity programs. IFB also supports maintaining the current crop insurance program, providing price and revenue protection for farmers, and retaining both SNAP and TEFAP (The Emergency Food Assistance Program) in the farm bill in their current form.

As we head into another eventful spring, I look forward to working with our members and elected officials to get this critical piece of legislation to the president's desk.

*Richard Guebert Jr. is the president of the Illinois Farm Bureau. This story was distributed through a cooperative project between Illinois Farm Bureau and the Illinois Press Association. For more food and farming news, visit FarmWeekNow.com.*



Richard Guebert Jr.

## Illinois youngsters and a balloon

THE Northern Illinois Bottlecap Balloon Brigade is a hobby club with a couple dozen members – some adults, some children – who like to watch balloons circle the globe.

For \$12 apiece, they buy balloons from a California manufacturer, rig them with radio transmitters and send them skyward, Aviation Week reported. One of their projects has circled the globe seven times.

But the U.S. Air Force may have this group of Land of Lincoln nerds in its crosshairs.

It seems one of the club's projects disappeared off the coast of Alaska, the same day the U.S. Government announced shooting down an unknown object in the same area.

Pentagon spokesman Brig. Gen. Pat Ryder told reporters that the object had been travelling at an altitude of 40,000 feet and was about the size of a car.

But they didn't know what the object was, its origin or purpose. President Joe Biden ordered it shot down.

So, a \$216 million F22 jet loaded with \$433,000 missiles was sent to intercept the object and send it crashing to the earth.

When I read this, I couldn't help but wonder, "Why are we shooting at things if we don't know what they are?"

It would be like if I saw something running across my backyard in the middle of the night and I pulled out my gun and started blasting away.

I could be arrested – and rightly so. After all, it's stupid to shoot at something if you don't know what it is. But our government didn't do it just once. It did it three times – in a week's time – in the airspace over Alaska and Canada.

Each time the Pentagon reported not knowing what they destroyed. If you are going to fire a \$433,000 missile at something, shouldn't you at least find out what it is first?

For the price of those three missiles, we could

have bought more than 338,000 school lunches, 75,882 library books or provided a year's tuition for 258 community college students.

Talk about money going up in smoke.

A White House spokesperson felt the need to say that none of the unidentified flying objects, UFOs, are believed to be extraterrestrial in origin.

Of course, what launched this stratospheric level of stupidity is the previous week a Chinese balloon carrying a payload the size of two school buses was allowed to drift across the continental United States.

The Pentagon said it was a spy balloon. China says it was an off-course weather balloon.

Republicans in Congress were quick to condemn Biden for allowing China to violate our "national sovereignty." The president responded to the ballooning controversy by ordering it shot down — after it had already crossed the entire country.

Pieces are still being pulled from the ocean.

Back on the farm, we'd call that shutting the gate after the hog ran out.

But in all seriousness, our nation sends spy satellites over China and they send them over our country. Is a balloon in the upper reaches of the atmosphere all that different?

And even if it were, does it justify shooting down three other objects that don't appear to pose any military threat? In fact, one may well be from Illinois.

But what of the Illinois youngsters who launched their balloon aloft?

Instead of learning about wind currents and radio waves, these junior scientists got a lesson in international politics.

If they want their \$12 back, they should send a bill to 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue.

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Criticism of individuals or organizations that is not broached tactfully will jeopardize the publication of a letter. Letters will be published in the order that they are received, unless there is a time factor involved, space permitting.



# LOCAL NEWS

## OREGON POLICE DEPARTMENT

**Feb. 10**  
At 7:42 a.m., Oregon Police issued Riley J. Birnbaum, 21, Oregon, a citation for operation of a vehicle with an expired registration. This violation occurred in the 700 block of South 4th Street.  
At 12:56 p.m., Oregon Police issued Lawrence J. Perry, 65, of Dubuque, Iowa, a citation for disobeying a red light. This violation occurred at the intersection of 3rd and Washington Streets.

**Feb. 13**  
At 11:20 a.m., Oregon Police issued Danielle A. Dudley, 33, of Harmon a citation for operation of a vehicle with an expired registration. This violation occurred in the 300 block of West Washington Street.  
At 12:38 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Joshua W. Lundstrom, 32, of Machesney Park, for an outstanding Lee County warrant for failure to appear. Lundstrom was also issued a citation for operating a vehicle with an expired registration. This violation occurred in the 600 block of North 4th Street.

At 6:57 p.m., Oregon Police issued Joshua M. Orvis, 29, Byron, a citation for speeding 45 miles per hour in a 30 miles per hour zone. This violation occurred in the 600 block of North 4th Street.  
At 7:49 p.m., Oregon Police issued Norman B. Rosario, 52, of Princeton a citation for speeding 45 miles per hour in a 30 miles per hour zone. This violation occurred in the 600 block of North 4th Street.

**Feb. 14**  
At 10:11 a.m., Oregon Police issued Manuel R. Esquivel, 27, Dixon, a citation for operating a vehicle with an expired registration. This violation occurred in the 100 block of West Washington Street.

**Feb. 15**  
At 10:33 a.m., Oregon Police issued Bethany L. Skowronski, 24, Davis Junction, a citation for operating a vehicle with a suspended registration. This violation occurred in the 600 block of East Washington Street.  
At 11:23 p.m., Oregon Police issued Aaron R. Roe, 34, Oregon, a citation for disobeying a traffic control device. This violation occurred at the intersection of River Road and East Washington Street.

**Feb. 18**  
At 9 a.m., Oregon Police responded to a two-vehicle traffic crash in the Nash Recreation Center parking lot, 304 S. 5th St., involving a 2008 Ford driven by Jacob H. Lewis, 36, Oregon, and a parked 2020 Chevrolet belonging to Alicia C. Winkler, 26, of Savanna. No citations were issued.  
At 7:05 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Derrick J. Welch, 26, Rock Falls, for possession of adult-use cannabis in a motor vehicle. Welch was transported to the Ogle County Jail. This violation occurred in the 700 block of South 4th Street.

At 9:50 p.m., Oregon Police issued Mariah M. Davis, 31, Dixon, a citation for operating an uninsured motor vehicle. This violation occurred in the 100 block of South 4th Street.  
**Feb. 20**  
At 11:29 a.m., Oregon Police issued Marcia A. Frey, 65, Mt. Morris, a citation for operating a vehicle with a suspended registration. This violation occurred in the 100 block of South 4th Street.

**Feb. 21**  
At 4:39 p.m., Oregon Police investigated a two-vehicle traffic crash in the 400 block of South 5th Street involving a 2020 Toyota driven by Rachel R. Plock, 35, Oregon, and a parked 2006 Cadillac owned by Richard W. Weisner, Jr., 54, Oregon. No citations were issued.  
At 9:22 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Devante M. Wesley, 22, Rockford, for driving while license suspended and unlawful use of a weapon. Wesley was issued a citation for operating an uninsured motor vehicle and had two active warrants out of Ogle County and McHenry County. Both warrants were for traffic violations. Wesley was transported to the Ogle County Jail. These violations occurred in the 200 block of North River Road.

**Feb. 23**  
At 3:34 p.m., Oregon Police issued Brian C. Tatum, 32, Chicago, a citation for unlawful use of a cell phone while driving. This violation occurred in the 400 block of North 4th Street.  
At 7:08 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Jairae L. Martinez, 33, Dixon, for driving while license suspended. Martinez was transported to the Ogle County Jail. This violation occurred in the 100 block of South 4th Street.

Twenty eight parking citations and 17 verbal warnings were issued during the week of Feb. 13-19. Five parking citations and 18 verbal warnings were issued during the week of Feb. 20-26.  
*Please note: Any arrests listed below are merely accusations and the defendant is presumed innocent unless proven guilty in a court of law.*



### OES recognizes February Students of the month

Oregon Elementary School recognized the following students as the February Students of the Month for displaying outstanding leadership and positivity: Emmaline Topping, Ryker Groh, Ella Danielson, Mia Canfield, Blair Groenhagen, Macy Messenger, Jonathan Peralta, Logan Smith, Auston Kerce, Nora Rogers, Maisie Hafer, Sadie Zuber, Elizabeth Newcomer, Logan Noble, Sebastian Murphy, Landon Hafer, Addilyn Kilmer, Henry Sandell, Charlie Neisemier, Teagan Strohecker, Liliauna Scheck, Noelle Wells, Graham Kaskavage, Teddy Wissmach, Kenzie Manees, Ava Villarreal, Nathaniel Kennedy, Wesley Rogers, Jesslynn Bartel, Zoey Manees, Callan Gadov, Hannah Mendoza, Carl Buehn, Kimber Ege, Angus Clark, Anya Anaya, Amelia Holland Jones, Antwon Howard, Elkena Shaus and Cori Daniels.

# Reeverts joins Stillman Bank as ag banking representative

**STILLMAN VALLEY** – Stillman Bank is pleased to welcome Ryan Reeverts as ag banking representative. In his position, Reeverts will be involved with all phases of agricultural lending. He will be located primarily in the bank’s Stillman Valley office, 101 E. Main St., but will assist customers at all six Stillman Bank locations.

Born and raised in Ogle County, Reeverts is a fifth-generation farmer on his family’s grain and livestock farm. Reeverts graduated from Byron High School and earned

his bachelor of science degree in agribusiness economics from Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

“We are pleased to welcome Ryan to our banking team,” Thomas R. Hughes, Stillman Bank president and CEO, said. “His education in agribusiness, first-hand farming experience, and commitment to our local agricultural communities will all be strong assets as we move forward in delivering exceptional service to our customers.”

Hughes continued,



Reeverts

nizations.”

He currently serves as an Ogle County Board member and is a member of the Ogle County Regional Planning Commission. Additionally, he serves as an Ogle County Farm Bureau director and is the Young Leader Committee chairman. He also volunteers with the Illinois FFA organization and local FFA chapters.

For more information on Reeverts or to find out more about Stillman Bank’s products and services, please contact (815) 645.2266 or visit [www.stillmanbank.com](http://www.stillmanbank.com).



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# LOCAL NEWS

## County clerk's office complies with federal voting accessibility

**OREGON**—Ogle County Clerk Laura J. Cook announces that her office complies with the Federal Voting Accessibility for the Elderly and Handicapped Act.

Disabled or elderly (over 65) voters who find it difficult or nearly impossible to go to the polls on Election Day may now ask for a Vote by Mail ballot without having a signature from their physician. You can request a Vote by Mail ballot by calling the county clerk's Office at 815-732-1110 or visiting the Ogle County Official website at [www.oglecountyil.gov](http://www.oglecountyil.gov) by going to the "I Want To" tab, Apply select "Vote by Mail".

Once the County Clerk's Office receives verification of your request, we will then mail the Vote by Mail ballot to the voter. After voting the Vote by Mail ballot it must be mailed, hand delivered back to the County Clerk's Office or utilize the Ballot Drop Box located on the West side of the Courthouse. The ballot, if mailed, must be postmarked before or on Election Day.

The Ogle County Courthouse is accessible to disabled or elderly (over 65) citizens by entering on the west side of the courthouse. If you are unable to come to the courthouse and need to be registered or

transfer your voter registration, you may register online at [ova.elections.il.gov](http://ova.elections.il.gov) or contact the Ogle County Clerk's Office at 815-732-1110.

The last day to register to vote or change your address with a deputy registrar is March 7, (with the exception of grace period voter registration and transfer of registration beginning March 8 and ending April 4 in the office of the Ogle County Clerk.)

Early voting will be conducted at the Ogle County Clerk's Office located at the Ogle County Courthouse, 105 S. 5th St., Oregon, Feb. 23 through April 3 for all Ogle County precincts.

Early voting will be conducted at the Flagg Township Building located at 303 West Illinois Route 38 in Rochelle March 29 through March 31 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

and April 1 from 9 a.m. to noon for Flagg and Dement precincts only.

The first day to apply for a Vote by Mail ballot for the April 4 Consolidated Election is Jan. 4. The first day to mail a Vote by Mail ballot is Feb. 23 with the last day for mailing a ballot from the County Clerk's Office being March 30.

If there are any voters in Ogle County who cannot get into the polling place, we can send two Judges of Election within 50 feet of the polling place with the ballot. A request should be made prior to the election on a form provided by the County Clerk's Office. If we can assist you in any way, within the law, please let us know.

If the Ogle County Clerk's Office can help or assist you in any way, call 815-732-1110 and our regular office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.



**Stillman Valley High School names January Students of the Month**  
Stillman Valley High School's Students of the Month were recently named for January. Pictured from left to right are: SVHS Vice Principal Jeff Voltz, Ethan Buhler (ninth grade), Brisa Lopez (10th grade), Matthew Meyer (11th grade), Lexi Dienberg (12th grade) and Stillman Bank Executive Vice President & COO David Mecklenburg. Each of the students received a gift card for their achievement.



**Stillman Valley High School's February Students of the Month named**  
Congratulations to the Stillman Valley High School Students of the Month for February. Pictured from left to right are: SVHS Athletic and Activities Director Heather Alderks, Robert Haven (ninth grade), Megan Swann (10th grade), Leah Madrigal (11th grade), Perla Lopez (12th grade) and Stillman Bank Executive Vice President & COO David Mecklenburg. Each of the students received a gift card for their achievement.

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Check out our Facebook page for all the latest details.

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# Congratulations, Lady Tigers!



### Byron girls hoops finishes 2nd at state

The Byron Tigers girls basketball team finished as runner up at the IHSA Class 2A State Championship after falling to Mater Dei 46-62 on March 4. Byron finished with a 34-3 record overall and became the fourth team in school history to win a trophy at the state tournament. Byron advanced to the final with a 55-43 win over Butler on March 2. (Courtesy photo)

## RE/MAX of Rock Valley

### NEW LISTING!

#### 1032 Highland Avenue, Dixon \$69,900 Call Jenny

Check out this super cute 2 bedroom, 1 bath home! You won't believe the updates it has had. In 2022 a new roof, gutters, and siding were completed and in 2018 a new furnace, AC and water heater were installed. The home has a spacious feel with a large kitchen and a convenient first floor laundry. Beautiful built-in cabinets separate the living and dining rooms and there is nice flooring throughout. Large back yard with alley access, perfect for building a garage. As a bonus, a brand new, Amish built chicken coop stays!



#### 2843 S. Brooks Island Road, Oregon \$179,900 Call Carla

Waterfront getaway that you can enjoy year-round on the Rock River! 2 bedrooms, 1 bath home with Rock River frontage provides great views of the river with large trees on the property to keep the house cool in the summer. The entrance of the home leads to an open concept lower level with vaulted ceilings. Floor to ceiling east facing windows allow for the natural light to emanate through the home. A second level 16x16 loft offers a potential third bedroom with fantastic review views. The open floor plan and over sized wrap-around deck make it perfect for entertaining either inside or outside. Elevated pilings keep the house out of the flood plain. If you love the river, this is the place for you with 75 feet of Rock River shoreline. Easy access to multiple State parks.



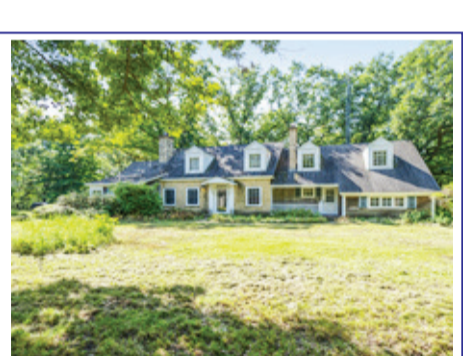
#### 1695 N. Sauk Trail, Oregon \$625,000 Call Rebecca

RIVERFRONT RETREAT! Custom built with many upgrades and exceptional attention to detail, this all-brick home boasts over 7,000 sq feet of finished living space and is situated on a 1.68 acre riverfront lot. This property has 5+ bedrooms, 4 full bathrooms and 2 half bathrooms. The main floor has nearly 3,000 square feet featuring a chef's kitchen, eat in area, formal living room, formal dining room, office and master suite. Many custom elements throughout these rooms: crown molding, hardwood flooring, tray ceiling, private access to the office suite, whole house intercom/radio system and multi pane Pella windows with built in blinds and screens. Chef's kitchen will not disappoint with custom made cherry cabinets, granite counter tops, large island, eat in area and stainless-steel Kitchen Aid and Thermador appliances. Master bedroom features an oversized walk-in closet, bathroom with walk in tile shower and access to the patio. Upstairs you will find 3 large bedrooms and 2 full bathrooms. The lower level is finished with a spacious family room, workout room, full bath and storage area. Workout room has an egress window and could be a 5th bedroom. Gas fireplace in the lower level along with partial exposure and hook ups for a wet bar makes this a great space to entertain! Outside you will find your river access, professionally landscaped yard that includes beautiful perennials and brick paver patio. Also, you will find plenty of space in your attached and heated 3 car garage. This home was built with the finest materials, schedule a showing to see for yourself!



#### 302 Sunset Lane, Mt. Morris \$159,900 Call Carla

Listing in Mt Morris!! Adjoining the Mt Morris Golf course!! This brick/siding stately home offers over 1800 sq ft of living space. A beautiful opportunity for anyone. You'll fall in love with this charming cozy home! 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 levels finished with 2nd story above the 3 car garage that offers loads of opportunity! Super cute kitchen with formal dining area open to large living room with fireplace with hardwood flooring under the carpeting. Covered front porch with its own porch swing! 2 large bedrooms with hardwood flooring under the carpeting! This home has been lovingly maintained with an excellent schedule! Heated garage, Gutter guards recently installed, superior insulation throughout, 2 renewable high end pellet stoves in basement and garage approximately 10K in value! Central vac for easy maintenance. See the difference between Ho-Hum and Wow!! Call today for your showing!



#### 2446 N. River Road, Oregon \$449,000 Call JD

WOODED ACREAGE WITH RIVER ACCESS... charming 5 bedroom 2 bath cape cod with tons of great features & full of potential. This property is nestled on over 11 acres of land with a flag shaped parcel that approaches the very popular Rock River. The home itself features a perfect mix of class & functionality: A galley kitchen with oak cabinets, gas stove, & a brand new high-tech refrigerator; mud room with main floor laundry, dining & living rooms, each featuring hardwood floors and fireplaces respectively & a beautiful sun-room overlooking the brick paved patio. There are 3 bedrooms on the main floor, with one full bath, and an additional bath with 2 larger bedrooms upstairs. This home is complimented by a detached 3+ car garage that is partially heated & insulated, a 42x36 outbuilding with electrical service, whole home generator, and newer propane furnace & water heater. Make this home yours today before it is too late!



#### 000 S. Andrew Drive, Oregon \$45,000 Call Jenny

Look no further! This beautiful 1.5 acre lot is the perfect building site for your new home. It has a country feel, yet is conveniently located just outside of Oregon off of Daysville and Lowden roads. The Sinissippi Point Subdivision has large lots providing ample distance from neighbors. The covenants allow for swimming pools, fences, and out buildings. Get your house plans ready and build your new home this year!



#### 508 N. 6th Street, Oregon \$230,000 Call Lori

Grand, family friendly home. Here is your opportunity to live in a neighborhood with many grand homes. This house on .60 acres is a mix of old world charm and huge modern family room. Features include 9 foot ceilings, 2 wood burning fireplaces, built in hutch and cabinetry, living room with historic tin ceiling, light fixtures from the original period. Outside you will have a beautiful lot, great views, wood deck, huge 3 season porch with vaulted ceiling. The garage is 28 x 48 feet plus a 6 foot overhang on the north side. The 2 overhead doors are 8.75' x 8.75', so bring your bigger vehicles. So many people looking for oversized garages!! Don't miss out on this gem.



#### 7082 S. Hoosier Road, Ashton \$244,900 Call Mark

Looking for a beautiful COUNTRY home on 1.6 wooded acres in Ogle county? This one could be for YOU! This 1.5 story home has 3 to 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, a very spacious kitchen with oak cabinets and nice skylights that bring in the light! Stove, refrigerator and freezer will stay. Tons of storage available, open floor plan, French doors, 1st floor laundry room to save steps and a full basement. Washer & dryer stay. ENJOY the Winter months with a cozy wood burning fireplace and huge 24 x 48 garage with heated workshop! Brand NEW furnace in 2022! Back deck and covered porch. Ashton Franklin Grove Schools.



#### 225 E. Ill Route 38, Franklin Grove \$800 Call Rebecca

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# SPORTS NEWS

## BNC names all conference boys basketball teams

**OGLE COUNTY** — The Big Northern Conference recently named its all-conference boys basketball teams for the 2022-2023 school year. The first team includes Byron junior Ryan Tucker. The second team includes Byron junior Carson Buser and Stillman Valley senior Owen Dunseth. The honorable team includes Oregon senior Jordan Croagaert, Stillman Valley senior Alex Rahn and Byron senior Nick Kesler.

## BNC all-conference wrestling team named for 2022-2023

**OGLE COUNTY** — The Big Northern Conference recently named its all-conference wrestling teams for 2022-2023.

The first team includes Byron junior Carson Behn, Byron junior Kyle Jones, Byron junior Jared Claunch, North Boone sophomore Gavin Ekberg, Genoa Kingston senior Julian Torres, Stillman Valley senior Aiden Livingston, Stillman Valley senior Jack Seacrist, Stillman Valley senior Andrew Forcier, Rock Falls senior Aaron Meenan, Oregon senior Lane Halverson, Oregon senior Seth Stevens, Oregon junior Anthony Bauer, Dixon junior Ayden Rowley, Dixon senior Owen Brooks and Dixon senior Shaun DeVries. The second team includes Byron's Damien Palcios, Jackson Norris and Josh Harris, Winnebago's Charley Murray and Lucas Cowman, Genoa Kingston's Nathan Dutton and Brady Brewick, Stillman Valley's Ethan Engelkens, Henry Hildreth and Randy Manos, Rock Falls' Logan Williamson and Adan Oquendo, Oregon's Grant Stender, Gabe Ekerd, Jonathon Alaniz, Evan Flaharty and Quentin Berry and Dixon's Cade Hey, Steve Kitzman and Ethan Mick. The honorable mention team included Byron's James Cone, Stillman Valley's Rylen Hildreth, Dixon's Jayden Weidman, Genoa Kingston's Shayden McNew, Winnebago's Zander Hartman, Oregon's Jackson Messenger, North Boone's Ethan Delgado and Rock Falls' Ryan McCord.

## 2022-23 BNC girls basketball all-conference teams named

**OGLE COUNTY** — The Big Northern Conference recently named its girls basketball all-conference teams for the 2022-2023 season.

The first team includes Byron senior Ava Kultgen, Byron senior Ella Grundstrom, Dixon senior Harvest Day, Dixon senior Ella Govig, Rock Falls junior Claire Bickett, Rockford Lutheran senior Sydney Carlson, Stillman Valley sophomore Taylor Davidson and Winnebago senior Campbell Shrank. The second team includes Byron freshman Macy Groharing, Genoa Kingston sophomore Ally Poegel, Oregon senior Hadley Lutz, Rock Falls senior Brooke Howard, Rockford Christian junior Kaitlin Park, Rockford Christian senior Avery Demo, Rockford Lutheran freshman Soraya Parker, Stillman Valley junior Mya Janssen and Winnebago senior Ella Provi. The honorable mention team includes Byron sophomore Karsyn Bielskis, Dixon senior Hannah Steinmeyer, Genoa Kingston senior Bryce Boylen, North Boone senior Abigael Haacker, Oregon senior Mariah Drake, Rock Falls senior Rylee Johnson, Rockford Christian senior Courtney Park, Rockford Lutheran junior Kaylee Bankes, Stillman Valley senior Maddy McCammond and Winnebago junior Laney Intravaia.



## BMS wrestling finishes 2nd at IESA Regional

**MT. CARROLL** — The Byron Middle School wrestling team finished second as a team at the IESA Regional in Mr. Carroll on Feb. 23. 10 Byron wrestlers advanced to sectionals on March 4 at Johnsburg Middle School. BMS advancers from the regional included: Aiden Salo (seventh grade, first place, 85 pounds), William Julian (eighth grade, first place, 119 pounds), Anthony Materazza (eighth grade, first place, 275 pounds), Dylan Meyer (seventh grade, second place, 95 pounds), Hunter King (eighth grade, second place, 112 pounds), Cael O'horo (eighth grade, second place, 119 pounds), Keegan Bonnell (eighth grade, second place, 185 pounds), Rylie Meyer (sixth grade, third place, 90 pounds), Aubin Oliver (seventh grade, third place, 112 pounds) and Gavin Springer (sixth grade, third place, 215 pounds). The BMS team is coached by Coach O'horo, Coach Ingram, Coach Brantner and Coach Seaver.

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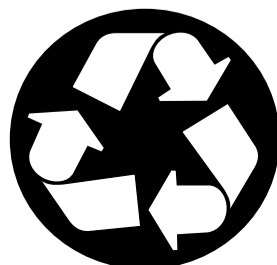
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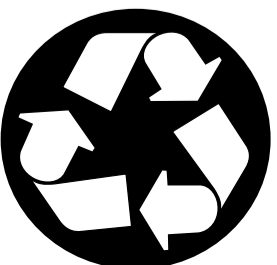
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**Waugh places first at IESA Sectional**  
 Meridian Junior High School wrestler Ethan Waugh placed first at the IESA Sectional on March 4 and qualified for state at Northern Illinois University on Saturday, March 11. (Courtesy photo)



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# SPORTS NEWS



**Oregon advances 4 to IWCOA state finals**

Oregon wrestling recently competed in the Sterling freshman/sophomore sectional. The Hawks advanced four individuals to the IWCOA State Finals in Springfield March 11-12 including: Jackson Messenger (113, runner up), Andrew Young (195, runner up), Landen Elder (220, fourth) and Briggs Sellers (285, runner up). (Courtesy photo)



**3 Oregon Wrestling Club members qualify for state**

During the IKWF Sectionals on March 4 in Rochelle, three Oregon Hawks Wrestling Club team members qualified for state on March 10-11 including Jack Benesh (novice, 80 pounds), Kayden Cover (novice, 74 pounds) and Cannon Ziller (novice, 60 pounds). Along with Benesh, Cover and Ziller, other OHWC competitors at the Rochelle sectional included Graham Kaskavage, Jase Patterson, Kade Lamb, Jacksyn Windham and Andrew Eyster. (Courtesy photos).

## A smorgasbord of hardcourt activity

WITH girls basketball wrapping up and the boys state tournament going on, it's been a smorgasbord of hardcourt activity. Where to start?

How about academics first. After all, isn't that supposed to be the number-one priority for a high schooler and allegedly for so-called college "student-athletes"?

The IHSA has an all-academic team and it may be the toughest of all teams to make, as only 26 individuals from the state are selected. Based on citizenship, grades and sports participation, it is the elite of the elite and Byron's Ava Kultgen was one of the honorees.

In interviewing her after the super-sectional win over DePaul Prep, her intellect and poise were quite evident. If I was a high school kid and was interviewed after a game, it would be difficult to respond in an articulate manner, as is the case with most kids I have interviewed.

It's even taxing on coaches. It would be much better for all parties if time allowed us to wait an hour or so to process the information and sit down in a relaxed environment. An impromptu post-game with a microphone or TV camera in your face isn't conducive for that.

Anyway, congratulations to Ava and also to the Byron Tigers basketball team for the runner-up finish downstate. They have to be running out of room in the school trophy case for all the state trophies accumulated over the last couple decades.

Being out of state, I missed covering the state finals, but in listening to WRHL online, it sounded like champion Breese Mater Dei had a gigantic player clogging up the middle. They also had to be pretty decent to knock off Quincy Notre Dame in the semis.

None-the-less, an outstanding achievement for coach Eric Yerly and his class-act basketball team. With plenty of talent coming back, look for this program to be ranked top 10 to start the 2023-

2024 season.

As expected, the local 1A boys sectional was about as close as possible, with Scales Mound winning for the third time in a row by a narrow margin. First, it was 57-53 regional title over Newman, after trailing late in the game.

Then, it took two overtimes to beat South Beloit in the sectional semi, who had decisively beaten the Hornets earlier. In returning to the super-sectional for the second year in a row, they edged Fulton 50-46.

All three of those games were coin flips and though the odds were against this tiny school that lost all their starters from last year, they came through. One major component for Scales Mound personnel is living the sport all year and being better equipped out-smart an opponent in pressure situations.

Supposedly, last year's squad of four-year starters were a once-in-a-generation team. That term applies to homegrown talent,

not basketball programs that have large population bases or can entice transfers.

To have back-to-back sectional champs with 70 kids in the school is amazing. People from Hebron would be proud of you. The year before they became the smallest school ever to win a state title with the unquestioned best once-in-a-generation team, Hebron was 26-2 in 1951, but lost in the regional.

The local area did well with Rockford Lutheran and Auburn also winning sectionals. That tough regular-season schedule Lutheran played paid huge dividends. The pain of losing can be the touchstone of growth, that's for sure.

Rockford Auburn gets it done with small, fast kids that out-execute more traditional opponents, with Fred VanVleet being the forbearer.

The one sectional final that had to be the most nerve wracking was a four-overtime



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# LOCAL NEWS

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### YOUTH PROGRAM

#### Big Kids, Big Art

Tuesday, March 21st, 4:30 PM Last time, the participants learned about Shape and tried their hand at watercolor painting. 1st through 6th graders are invited to learn the next element of art Miss Jana will introduce.

#### BINGO

Monday, March 27th, 5:00 PM Start spring break with us. This free program is open to all ages with a variety of prizes.

#### Family Movie

Thursday, March 30th, 5:00 PM Puss in Boots discovers that his passion for adventure has taken its toll: he has burned through eight of his nine lives. Puss sets out on an epic journey to find the mythical Last Wish and restore his nine lives.

#### Story Time

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

### ADULT PROGRAMS

#### Create-a-Card

Saturday, March 18th, 9:30 AM Jessie returns on March 18th for card making. Stop in to make a Spring card to brighten the day of that special friend.

#### Microsoft Excel Fundamentals

Monday, March 20th, 5:00PM Learn the basics to get started using Microsoft Excel. This class will include a hands-on overview of the Excel workspace and creation of a basic inventory spreadsheet where you will apply formatting and complete calculations using formulas and functions. Please bring a laptop if you have one. Registration is required: 815-738-2742. Presented by HCC Lifelong Learning.

#### March Craft

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

### Book of the Month

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

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- Arch-Conspirator by Veronica Roth
- Chapter Books
- The Superteacher Project by Gordon Korman
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- Lightyear

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Consolidated Election to be on Tuesday, April 4, 2023, the following proposition will be submitted to the voters of the Monroe Township Fire and Ambulance Protection District, County of Ogle and the State of Illinois:

**PROPOSITION**  
**PROPOSITION TO CREATE A NEW TAX RATE FOR EMERGENCY AND RESCUE CREWS AND EQUIPMENT PURPOSES**

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(1) The approximate amount of taxes extendable at the most recently extended limiting rate is \$269,543 and the approximate amount of taxes extendable if the proposition is approved is \$309,803.

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

The polls at the election will be open at 6:00 a.m. and will continue to be open until 7:00 p.m. of that day.


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### 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, Fresh From the Vegetarian Slow Cooker by Robin Robertson, and bring your dish to pass at our next meeting! Join us on Tuesday, March 7th @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!

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### Explore More Illinois

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### 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.

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

#### CORNERSTONE FAMILY CHURCH

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

#### BYRON ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

#### SHEPHERD EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

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

#### UNITED CHURCH OF BYRON

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

#### BEACON HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD

"Building Faith for Life"  
 6467 N. German Church Rd., Byron, IL - Ph. (815) 234-8032 - beaconhillbyron.org  
 Mailing Address: P.O. Box 448, Byron, IL 61010  
 Pastor: Gary Cortese  
 Service Times: Sundays at 10AM; Wednesday night Faith-Lift at 6:30PM  
 Find us on Facebook/Beacon Hill Assembly of God

### CHANA

#### CHANA UNITED METHODIST

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

### DAVIS JUNCTION

#### DAVIS JUNCTION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

### FORRESTON

#### FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

402 2nd Avenue, Forreston, IL 61030, Phone 815-938-3203  
 Pastor Scott Ralston  
 Sunday Worship 9:00 am; Sunday School 10:00 am

#### FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

402 First Ave., Forreston, IL Phone: 815-938-2380  
 Pastor Sung-Eun Kim  
 OPEN HEARTS, OPEN MINDS, OPEN DOORS  
 Worship at 9:00 a.m. (childcare provided) with coffee and fellowship immediately following. Sunday School Age 3-Adult, 10:15 am.  
 AA meets Mondays, 8:00 AM. Monthly United Methodist Women's meetings.  
 God is Good, All the Time, All the Time, God is Good!

#### ST. JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pastor Karen Tews  
 West Grove Road. Rt. At Columbine Rd.  
 Worship Service 10:30 am. Communion is served every Sunday.  
 "Singing the Song of Christian Faith in Worship, Service, Learning, Outreach and Welcome" in a beautiful rural setting.  
 Everyone is cordially invited to be with us.

### LEAF RIVER

#### ADELINE ZION EVANGELICAL CHURCH

9106 Cedar St. in Adeline, Leaf River, IL 61047 • Ph:815-541-4863 Sunday Services: Sunday School 9:00 am, Worship Service 10:15 am  
 VISITORS WELCOME

#### LEAF RIVER BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor Billy Hardy  
 Live Sermon Streaming: Sundays at 10:00 AM at www.facebook.com/LEAFRIVERBC/  
 Archived Sermons on our YouTube channel: Leaf River Baptist Church (Until further notice)  
 9:30 Church Service. Nursery available, 11:00 Sunday school for all ages.  
 Nursery available  
 6941 N Mt Morris Rd, Leaf River, IL 61047  
 815-738-2205 leafriverbc@gmail.com

### LINDENWOOD

#### IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH – LCMS

immanuel-lindenwood.org or find us on Facebook  
 16060 E. Lindenwood Road, Lindenwood, IL 61049  
 815-393-4500 • office@immanuel-lindenwood.org  
 Sunday Mornings: Divine Service @ 9am; Food & Fellowship @ 10am;  
 Sunday School and Adult Bible Study @ 10:30am  
 Food Bank: 1st and 3rd Saturdays, 9am-11am  
 Pastor: Rev. Dr. Matthew Rosebrock  
 pastor@immanuel-lindenwood.org

#### LINDENWOOD UNION CHURCH

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

### KINGS

#### ELIM REFORMED CHURCH

140 S. Church Road, Kings, IL 61068 • Pastor 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.efcm.org  
 Senior Pastor: Bruce McKanna. Sunday Schedule: 8:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages. 9:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship. 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship with Childcare and Children's Church.

#### MT. MORRIS CHURCH OF THE BROTHERS

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

### MT. MORRIS TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

### LITTLE PRAIRIE MENNONITE CHURCH

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

### OREGON

#### EAST OREGON CHAPEL CHURCH OF GOD

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

#### EBENEZER REFORMED CHURCH

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

#### LIGHTHOUSE UNITED METHODIST

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

#### OREGON CHURCH OF GOD

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

#### OREGON FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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

#### OREGON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

#### RIVERSTONE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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

#### ST. BRIDE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

1000 Highway 64, West (Hwy 64 W & 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. Kidzlink 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

#### RED BRICK CHURCH OF STILLMAN VALLEY (CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN 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 7:15 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/VECCSVY  
 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

## POLO LIBRARY NEWS

**CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS**  
**"Tot Time" Tuesdays**  
 Every Tuesday at 10 a.m., Ages 0 to 5 yrs, come join Ms. Melanie for a story read, various hands-on play, with a mix of music and art fun for the little ones.

**"Maker Monday"**  
 Monday, March 20th from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. - this program is for Grades 4th-12th (Ages 8 to 18) to come into our downstairs kitchen area to make your own mini meal & dessert.

Thursday, March 30th - 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., Friday, March 31st - 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday,

April 1st - 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. - Mini Marketplace for Kid Entrepreneurs at the library. Tables will be available for kids to bring your homemade and handcrafted items to show and sell.

**Ongoing program - "Reading Buddies"**  
 Seniors to Smalls, Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m., moved to Polo Library, buddying up to enjoy reading time together. If interested, please reach out to Melanie, days and times can be flexible for meeting and reading.

For more information or to register for any programs and events please call Melanie at 815-946-2713, call or text 815-677-3586, email [melaniew@pololibrary.org](mailto:melaniew@pololibrary.org), go to the Polo Library website or Facebook page to look for the Google form link.

**ADULT MONTHLY PROGRAMS**  
**Book Club Monthly Meets**  
 2nd Friday, March 10th, 1:00 p.m. at the Polo Senior Center - discussing "The Starless Sea" by Erin Morgenstern. 3rd Wednesday, March 15th, NEW TIME 10 A.M. - Book to Movie Club will be watching & discussing "Julie & Julia" by Julie Powell at the library. 4th Monday, February 27th at 1:30 p.m. at the library, book discussion of "The Separate Country" by Robert Hicks.

**Craft Night**  
 3rd Thursdays, March 16th, 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. - Weathered & Warren, Tiffany Warren will be here to create a bunny and carrot holiday garland. Space is limited, please register so materials can be available for you.

**Yoga with Becka**  
 4th Wednesdays, March 22nd at 6pm to 7pm - Yoga with Becka Reese from "On the Move" Fitness Center. Call 815-946-2713 or email [library@pololibrary.org](mailto:library@pololibrary.org) to register.

**Genealogy Assistance**  
 Stop by the first Wednesday 5-7 p.m. or third Saturday 10 a.m.-12 p.m. and let Donna help with your project. Polo Library is now a FamilySearch Affiliate Library that allows access and research to more digital records while at the library.

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

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

## ROCK RIVER CENTER ACTIVITIES

**Volunteer Opportunity 1 Hr./Month**  
 Retired Dietician needed to facilitate a support group at Rock River Center. Individual must be able to offer support & encouragement of living with diabetes, and offer appropriate menu options.

For more information on this and other volunteer opportunities with Rock River Center, contact Deb Julian at 815-732-3252 or [activities@rockrivercenter.org](mailto:activities@rockrivercenter.org).

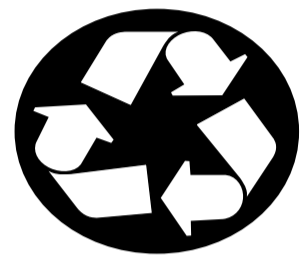
**Drumming at Rock River Center**  
 When: March 21, from

1:00 - 2:30 p.m. Where: Rock River Center. Register by: March 20 @ 815-732-3252

**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 HealthSystem. 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.

Advance registration requested at 815-732-3252.



**Read and Recycle**

## Weekly Brain Busters

### King Crossword

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**ACROSS**  
 1 Pirate's chart  
 4 "Shark Tank" network  
 7 Clench  
 11 Misfortunes  
 13 Monk's title  
 14 Jeans maker Strauss  
 15 Grabbed  
 16 Sailor  
 17 Opposite of "sans"  
 18 Lukewarm  
 20 Soft shoes, for short  
 22 Eggy quaff  
 24 Give  
 28 Limo alternative  
 32 Orange variety  
 33 Online auction site  
 34 "Kapow!"  
 36 Traditional tales  
 37 Winter woes  
 39 Lauded  
 41 Balloon filler  
 43 Little rascal  
 44 Beseech  
 46 Speak one's mind  
 50 Big swig  
 53 Profit  
 55 Alike (Fr.)  
 56 Sheltered  
 57 — Jima  
 58 Activist Parks

**DOWN**  
 2 Catcher's aid  
 3 Skin soother  
 4 Astern  
 5 "Dracula" author Stoker  
 6 Ersatz chocolate  
 7 Fairy-tale footwear  
 8 Speed (up) "— had it!"  
 9 Photo, for short  
 10 Swimmer without a suit  
 12 Medico  
 19 Biz bigwig  
 21 Prattle  
 23 New Mexico resort  
 25 Shrek, for one  
 27 Garden intruder  
 28 Georgia or Cal  
 29 Bassoon's kin  
 30 Humpty's perch  
 31 Knock  
 35 Hosp. scan  
 38 California's Big —  
 40 I love (Lat.)  
 42 Craze  
 45 Evergreen trees  
 47 Mr. Stravinsky  
 48 "Apollo 13" org.  
 49 Panache  
 50 Tank filler  
 51 Last (Abbr.)  
 52 Meadow  
 54 Spinning toy

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### MAGIC MAZE

### FAMOUS HORSES

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

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

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|--------------|------------|-------------|---------|
| Affirmed     | Champion   | Nashua      | Swaps   |
| Alydar       | Citation   | Seabiscuit  | Topper  |
| Black Beauty | Kelso      | Secretariat | Trigger |
| Buttermilk   | Man o' War | Silver      |         |

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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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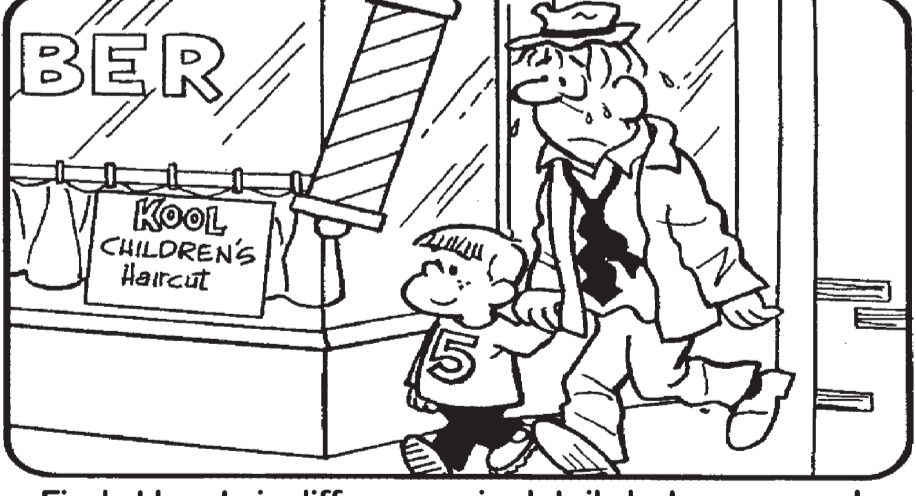
Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

**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. Sign is different. 2. Drape is shorter. 3. Pole stripes are reversed. 4. Number is different. 5. Hat is moved. 6. Tie is shorter.

**Answers**  
 — King Crossword —

**FAMOUS HORSES**

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

**Weekly SUDOKU**

Answer



# Classified Marketplace

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



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**101 LEGAL NOTICE**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Public Notice is hereby given that on Feb. 6, 2023 a certificate was filed in the Ogle County Clerk's Office setting forth the names and post office address of all of the persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as:  
First & Main Makers Market, 101 E Main Street, Forreston, IL 61030  
Dated Feb. 6, 2023  
Laura J. Cook, Ogle County Clerk  
No. 0222  
(Feb. 27, March 6 and 13, 2023)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
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)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Public Notice is hereby given that on February 24, 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:  
Brick and Mordor, 14603 W. Coffman Rd., Forreston, IL 61030  
and  
Dutch Dragons Equestrian, 14603 W. Coffman Rd., Forreston, IL 61030  
Dated February 24, 2023  
Laura J. Cook, Ogle County Clerk  
No. 0308  
(March 13, 20 and 27, 2023)

**NOTICE TO BIDDERS**  
Sealed proposals for the project described below will be received at the office of the Village Clerk 106 N. Elm Street, Davis Junction, IL 61020, until 10:00 am on 4/5/23. Sealed proposals will be opened and read publicly at the office of the Village Clerk 106 N. Elm Street, Davis Junction, IL 61020, at 10:00 am on 4/5/23.  
**DESCRIPTION OF WORK**  
Location: West side of Junction Road between Pacific Avenue and Chicago Avenue (IL72)  
Project Length: 332 Feet  
Proposed Improvement: This project consists of the removal and replacement of the existing concrete sidewalk, concrete driveway, and asphalt parking stalls complete with all necessary striping and restoration work.  
1. Plans and proposal forms will be available in the office of: Plans and proposal forms shall be obtained electronically in PDF format from the Willett, Hofmann & Associates, Inc. website at www.willetthofmann.com. Contractors shall click on "Bid Login" on the homepage of the website and follow the instructions. The contract eBid-Doc# (project number) is 8420464. The project documents can be downloaded from the website by depositing twenty-two dollars (\$22.00) by credit card. Said deposit is NON REFUNDABLE.  
2. Prequalification I f 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 to the contract. The scheduled quantities of work to be done and materials to be furnished may be increased, decreased or omitted as hereinafter provided.  
6. Submission of a bid shall be conclusive assurance and warranty the bidder has examined the plans and understands all requirements for the performance of work. The bidder will be responsible for all errors in the proposal resulting from failure or neglect to conduct an in depth examination. The Awarding Authority will, in no case, be responsible for any costs, expenses, losses or changes in anticipated profits resulting from such failure or neglect of the bidder.  
7. The bidder shall take no advantage of any error or omission in the proposal and advertised contract.  
8. If a special envelope is supplied by the Awarding Authority, each proposal should be submitted in that envelope furnished by the Awarding Agency and the blank spaces on the envelope shall be filled in correctly to clearly indicate its contents. When an envelope other than the special one furnished by the Awarding Authority is used, it shall be marked to clearly indicate its contents. When sent by mail, the sealed proposal shall be addressed to the Awarding Authority at the address and in care of the official in whose office the bids are to be received. All proposals shall be filed prior to the time and 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. 0309  
(March 13, 2023)

Public Hearing on said Budget and Appropriation Ordinances will be held at: 7:00 pm. on Tuesday, April 11th, 2023, at the Monroe Center Fire Station, and that final action on these ordinances will be taken at the Public Hearing. Notice is also hereby given that immediately following the Budget Hearing, the Annual Town Meeting of said Township will take place at 7:15 pm on Tuesday, April 11th, 2023 at the Monroe Center Fire Station, 104 West St., Monroe Center, IL 61052 for the transaction of miscellaneous business of the said Township and after a Moderator being elected, will proceed to hear and consider reports of officers and decide on such measures as may, in pursuance of law, come before the meeting, especially to consider and decide the following agenda and order of business:  
• Nomination, Election, and Swearing In of Moderator  
• Reading of Previous Year's Annual Meeting Minutes  
• Supervisor's Annual Financial Statement  
• Highway Commissioner's Annual Report  
• Motion to adjourn  
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Submitted by Joan Morphey, Monroe Township Clerk  
No. 0310  
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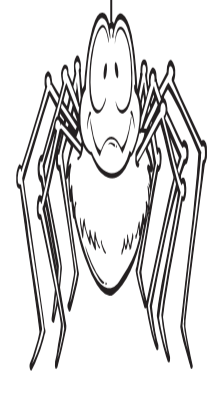
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# LOCAL NEWS

## JULIA HULL DISTRICT LIBRARY STILLMAN VALLEY

### Teens: Hot Sauce Taste Challenge

If you can stand the heat, get out of the kitchen and head to the library! Grab your friends and test your nerves (and taste buds!) in a hot sauce challenge. Wednesday, March 22 at 3:00 p.m. Ages 13-18. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

### The Essential Houdini

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

### Getting Back to Europe

Dreaming of a European vacation this year, but don't know where to begin? Join frequent flyers, Joanna and Wayne, as they share their favorite European itineraries, including food, social and cultural highlights from each. They'll also provide important travel updates about things you need to know before heading across the Atlantic in 2023. Monday, March 27 at 6:00 p.m. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

### Tween Scene: (Soda) Pop Playdough Science

Get ready for an experiment that's fizzy, bubbly and sweet. We're making everyone's favorite hands-on toy: playdough, with a twist! We'll try adding different varieties of pop to see how they affect our final product. Tuesday, April 4 at 6:00 p.m. Ages 10-12. Registration required: 815-645-8611



Last month Pig from Laura Numeroff's classic book "If you Give a Pig a Pancake," visited Julia Hull District Library (Stillman Valley) for an extra special story time.

### Fun Day Monday: Rainbow Science

School's out for the day! Head to the library for some creative play. Spring is finally here and a mix of rain and sunshine means rainbows. We'll experience every color of the rainbow with a variety of science experiments using simple supplies. Monday, April 10 at 1:00 p.m. Ages 5-9. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

### Cricut Lab: Converting Photos into Cuttable images

Experienced Cricut users will learn how to convert a simple photo into a vinyl image to cut and apply it to a mug. BYOCricut Explore Air or Maker, cutting mat, cords, blades and device with Cricut app installed. Please have an image downloaded to your device prior to class. Thursday, April 13 at 6:00 p.m. Adults only. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

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### Flying High: Betty the Pan Am Stewardess

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

### Introduction to Ancestry: Genealogy Basics and Census Records

Explore Census records using Ancestry Library Edition! This class will cover the basics of genealogy. Then, we'll practice how to search for and read census information. Monday April 24 at 6:00 p.m. Adults only. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

## BYRON PUBLIC LIBRARY

### Curbside Delivery

The library is open for browsing, but patrons can still use our curbside service! Place your holds online at byronlibrary.org or call us at 815-234-5107. Not sure what you want? Call us for help! We will call or email you with a confirmation when your holds are ready to be picked up. Call us when you arrive at the library, and we will bring your items out to you, already checked out. A receipt with your due dates will be included with your items.

### SPECIAL HOURS

The Byron Public Library will be closed Sunday, April 9 in observance of the Easter holiday. We wish all of our patrons a safe and happy Easter!

### Egypt Travelogue – Repeat Performance

Monday, Mar. 20. 5:30 – 7:30 pm. Back in September, 2022, Mark shared his Egypt Travelogue at the Byron Library. We have had several requests for Mark to return and repeat his Egypt Travelogue program. Learn a little history and see photos of some incredible monuments while hearing about Mark's travels through the country. Pyramids, temples, tombs, obelisks, the Sphinx and the Nile: you'll see it all! Call 815-234-5107 or visit Byron.evanced.info/signup to register.

### Introduction to Mushroom Identification

Thursday, Mar. 30. 6 – 7:00 pm. Come learn the basics of mushroom identification with Hunter Le Duc. In addition to becoming more familiar with the major mushroom groups from a morphological standpoint you will also learn the basic characteristics of fungi including cap and stipe features, how to use a key, make a spore print and more! Visit Byron.evanced.info/signup or call 815-234-5107 to register.

### Tiny Art Show

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

### Natural Toilet Cleaning Bombs

Monday, April 17. 6 – 7:00 pm. Celebrate Earth Day (April 20) with us as we create these natural toilet bombs. Not only do they clean well, but they are good for the environment. Call 815-234-5107 or visit Byron.evanced.info/signup to register for this program.



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