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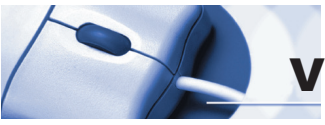
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RCH CEO Olson receives award

RCH CEO Gregg Olson received the ICAHN Presidential Award for exemplary leadership and vision. **Page 2**

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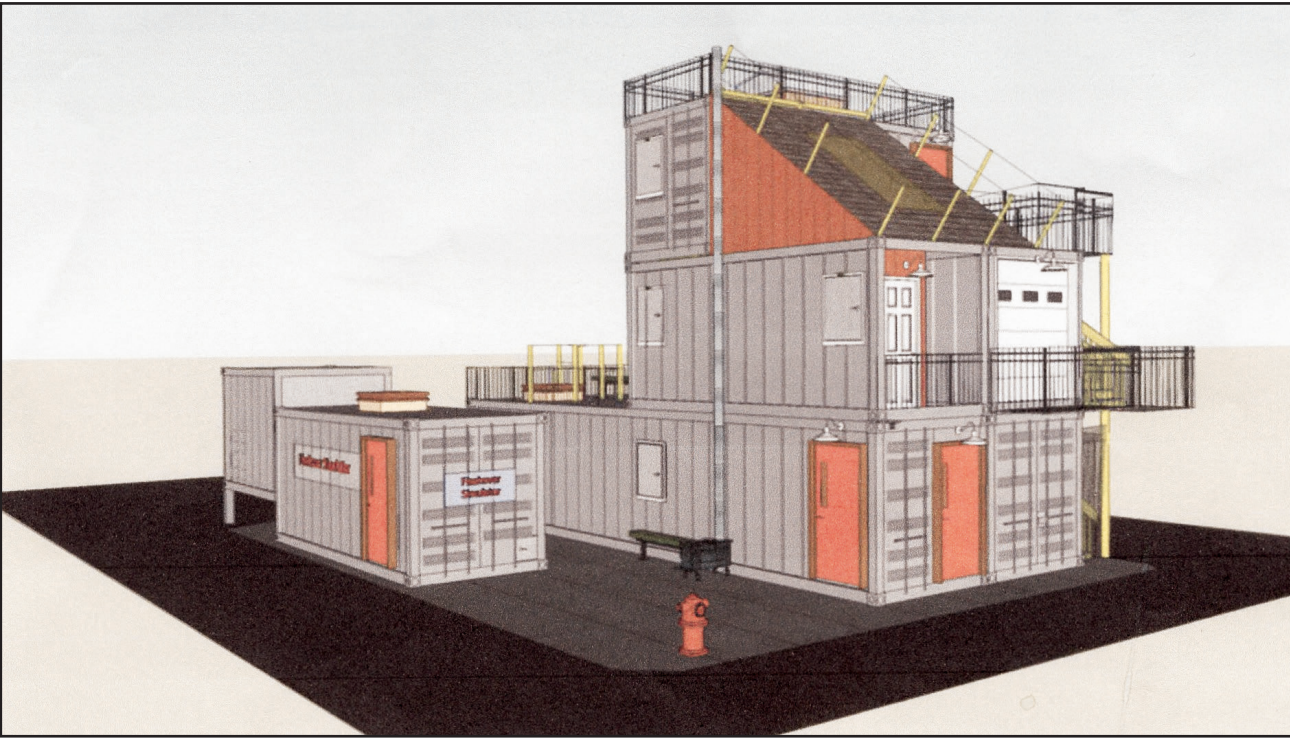
Facility is slated for use by multiple other regional entities

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE — At its November meeting, the Ogle County Board awarded the Rochelle Fire Department and the Ogle-Lee Fire Protection District \$50,000 in American Rescue Plan Act funds for a planned multi-disciplinary training facility project to serve local and regional public safety personnel.

The joint project between the City of Rochelle and the OLFPD started to see movement in the past year. The facility is planned to be located at 920 S. Main St. in Rochelle, a 12-acre property that was donated to the city in 2020.

Along with serving local fire personnel that struggle at times to find good training locations, the facility is planned to serve other entities in the region including law



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enforcement, electrical lineman, other City of Rochelle departments and possibly railroad personnel, Rochelle Fire Chief

Dave Sawlsville said. "Our hope is that having so many uses opens it up to many different avenues for funding," Sawlsville

said. "The mayor plans to talk to elected officials about fundraising. If you can make it multi-jurisdictional and multi-disci-

plined, hopefully you'll increase your funding capabilities too."

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(PHOTOS BY GEORGE HOWE)



Demolition of former Ogle County Jail facility underway

Demolition of the former Ogle County Jail began in recent weeks. In October, the Ogle County Board approved a \$98,300 bid from Martin & Company Excavating of Oregon for the work. American Rescue Plan Act funds are being used to pay for the demolition. The county recently moved its jail operations into the newly-constructed Ogle County Judicial Center. The hope is to get the demolition completed before the end of the year.

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LOCAL NEWS

RCH's Olson honored with ICAHN Presidential Award

ROCHELLE—Gregg Olson, chief executive officer, Rochelle Community Hospital, recently received the Illinois Critical Access Hospital Network's highest award for exemplary and visionary leadership in rural healthcare, the 2022 Presidential Award, bestowed upon him during ICAHN's annual conference, held Nov. 10 at the I-Hotel and Conference Center, Champaign.

Olson was instrumental in converting RCH into a critical access hospital and financially turning the hospital around more than two decades ago. He played a major part in the formation of the ICAHN in 2003 and served as a charter board member until 2007.

Located in Princeton, ICAHN is a network of 58 small, rural Illinois hospitals dedicated to strengthening the operations of its member hospitals through collab-

oration. The organization is composed of Illinois hospitals, including RCH, who have earned critical access hospital designation by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. ICAHN is recognized nationally for its work with rural healthcare and administers several state, federal and private healthcare programs.

In 2007, Olson left RCH for a leadership position in Wisconsin but returned in 2020 as the hospital's new CEO, reconnecting with ICAHN at the same time. He served as ICAHN's co-chair of the regulatory and legislative committee in 2021, as chairman of the regulatory and legislative committee in 2022, and joined the inaugural rural health fellows advisory committee, serving as a mentor and a panelist during graduation ceremonies. He continues to serve on the education committee



Gregg Olson, CEO, Rochelle Community Hospital with Pat Schou, ICAHN Executive Director. Olson received the Illinois Critical Access Hospital Network's highest award for exemplary and visionary leadership

and was among the first to offer information and COVID-19 updates on weekly CEO calls during the pandemic. "Gregg is always eager to lend support and lead efforts to change and to make rural communities and healthcare better," Pat Schou, ICAHN executive director, said.

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LOCAL NEWS



(COURTESY PHOTOS)

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a wide variety of local organizations and civil services.

“The AOP Committee believes it to be our civic duty to give back to the people and organizations in our community who so selflessly serve those

in need,” Debbie Dickson, Autumn on Parade president, said. “We are grateful for the ongoing support of Habitat for Humanity, whose volunteer staff cheerfully donate their time throughout the festival weekend patrolling

parking lots, assisting the disabled, and securing intersections.”

Dickson also said “the devastation that the Pegasus folks suffered this year is a challenging scenario” and the committee hopes this contribution will help

replace components not covered by insurance.

With the spirit of sustainability in mind, a donation to purchase a water bottle filler fountain was also made to Village of Progress.

“Autumn on Parade

thanks all sponsors, the City of Oregon, our park district, Ogle County and especially each volunteer,” Dickson said. “These partnerships have created 51 years of fun-filled family and friends time, and we’re looking forward to 2023!”



(COURTESY PHOTOS)

Ogle Jolly 4H decorates tree and thanks local veterans

On Nov. 28, the Ogle Jolly 4H group joined together to decorate the 4H Christmas Tree for the Stillman Valley Cardinal Community Christmas. The tree’s theme is “Soaring to New Heights.” The Ogle Jolly 4H Club met with local veterans to say thank you for their services on Nov. 10.

OCSWMD’s tips to reduce waste this holiday season

OREGON — The holiday season seems to be in full swing all over the county as residents and businesses are decorating and preparing for all of the festivities that lie ahead.

The holiday season, with all of the celebrating, also comes with a large increase in the waste we produce. Take some steps this holiday season to go green and have a more waste-free holiday experience. The more we do now to go green and help our earth is a gift that keeps on giving for future generations in more ways than one. Choose from some of the ideas below to go green this holiday season and reduce our waste footprint.

When deciding on gifts, choose a gift of experience, gift cards or certificates if possible. These gifts are truly enjoyable for the recipient and require very little packaging, no shipping, and very little gift wrap, and will not become a burden to the recipient when the item has lost its use or value and would be disposed of.

When entertaining, plan meals accordingly and plan for how to distribute the leftovers to your guests, or ask them to bring a reusable container for leftovers to take home. Skip the disposable plates and utensils and use washable and reusable items to avoid excess waste.

There’s some extra work with doing the dishes, but very well worth it to avoid single-use items.

When preparing the house for the holidays, many people clean and have many items that are no longer wanted. Consider taking all of your gently used, but still useful items, to a local resale shop or another outlet that accepts donations. Doing so helps those in need and gives items another life as opposed to final disposal in a landfill.

When shopping, shop local first to help local businesses, avoid longer drives, and avoid excess packaging from purchasing items online. Bring reusable shopping bags

and consider gifts that last and have real value to the recipient. When wrapping gifts, avoid excess paper and trim and consider reusable gift bags or other creative gift wrap. The excess ribbons, bows and other trim is not recycled and ends up for final disposal, creating additional waste. Save gift boxes for reuse next year if possible, and try to recycle boxes from packaging and gifts. Remember to flatten boxes and keep them clean and dry for efficient recycling of these items.

Remember the 10 county locations to recycle your holiday light strands, located at fire stations in Mt. Morris,

Byron, Rochelle and Stillman Valley, and at village halls in Forreton, Polo, Creston and Davis Junction. There are also containers at the old courthouse and at the county offices located at 909 Pines Road.

Finally, starting Dec. 26, there will once again be several drop off locations around the county for your live tree so it can be recycled into usable mulch, and there will once again be pick up service available in Oregon, Mt. Morris, Polo and the

Forreton areas courtesy of the local FFA groups on Saturday, Jan. 7, 2023.

Enjoy this holiday season safely and as green as you can. What will your “one thing” be from the ideas above? If we make that “one thing” a habit, we can grow from there and make it a lifestyle. For more information on waste reduction and recycling in Ogle County, visit the county website, call 815-732-4020, or on Facebook at Ogle County Solid Waste Management Dept.



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LOCAL NEWS

Obituaries

Thomas Lou Mahon

BYRON — Thomas Lon Mahon of Byron passed away on Dec. 4 in the company of family.

He was born on July 21, 1941 in Berwyn, Illinois. He was 81. Tom grew up in the Chicago suburbs. He graduated from Maine Township High School in 1959. He married Jean Wobbe in 1959 and they settled in Des Plaines, Illinois. Tom graduated from Northwestern University before launching his career as a mathematics instructor and later department chair at the Maine Township High Schools South and East.

While teaching, he coached cross country and track for many years. Tom was elected to and served four years as treasurer and 12 years as park district commissioner for the City of Des Plaines. Tom retired to Ogle County,

where he met and married Dorothy Albright in 2005. They were members of the United Church of Byron, participated in the Lions Club of Leaf River and traveled frequently.

Tom is preceded in death by his parents Alonzo Thomas Mahon and Arthur and Virginia Clausen, his brother Scott Clausen, his granddaughters Emily and Lisa. He is survived by their children Thomas Jr. (Christine), Jane (Jeffrey) Underwood, David (Amber), Donna (Patrick) Jones, James (Jo Ann), Deborah (Larry) Pierce, Julie (James) Chadwick, Robert (Patricia) Albright, brother Arthur (Wanda) Clausen, nieces, nephews, 14 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, and many friends.

Funeral service will be held Thursday, Dec. 8



at the United Church of Byron with the Rev. Tyler Spellious, pastor of the church officiating. Visitation will be held prior to the service from 9:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. at the church.

Burial will be 2 p.m. at the Chapel Hill Memorial Park in Freeport. A memorial fund is established in Thomas Mahon's name for the United Church in Byron and the Prairie View Assisted Living in Winnebago.

Visit farrellhollandgale.com to leave a condolence or memory of Thomas.

Darrell L. 'Curly' Hagemann

OREGON—Darrell L. "Curly" Hagemann, 89, died Tuesday, Dec. 6 at his home surrounded by his loved ones. He was born June 30, 1933 in Rockford the son of Fred and Mildred (Butterbaugh) Hagemann. He attended Morris-Kennedy School in Rockford and graduated from Mount Morris High School in 1951.

He married Marian "Joan" Smith on Nov. 21, 1952 in Dixon. He served his country in the U.S. Army from 1953-1955. Curly was a former member of the Church of the Brethren in Mt. Morris and currently a member of the Pine Creek Christian Church near Polo and the Mt. Morris Moose Lodge. He loved taking care of his cows on the family farm, remodeling

everything, mowing his yard, and loved cutting wood throughout the year making sure he would be warm during the winter.

He was predeceased by his parents and his brother Ralph Hagemann. He is survived by his three sons; Mike Hagemann of Rockford, Mark (Judy) Hagemann of Rochelle and Brad (Sandy) Hagemann of Waukesha, Wisconsin, his companion Elizabeth Elliott of Oregon, six grandchildren; Ashley (Ryan) Stewart, Taryn (Zachary) Larsen, Kylee Hagemann-Alderks, Markee (Kyle) Macklin, Cody Hagemann and Taylor Hagemann, nine great grandchildren; Liam, Madden, Maizy, Haedyn, Cooper, Boone, Beckett, Brixlee and Wrenlee.

A memorial service



with military honors will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 15 at the Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home, 110 S. 7th St., Oregon, IL 61061 with the Rev. Suzanne Hall Stout, pastor of the Pine Creek Christian Church officiating.

Visitation will be held prior to the service at the funeral home. A memorial fund is established for the Carefree 4-H Club. Visit www.farrellhollandgale.com to leave a condolence or memory of Curly.

Wiley Scott Rosenbalm

ON Dec. 3, after battling a multitude of health issues, Wiley Scott "Scottie" Rosenbalm passed away peacefully at Northwestern Hospital in Chicago with his daughter holding one hand and granddaughter holding the other.

Scott was born on Nov. 19, 1950, in Rochelle to Phyllis Lizer and Earl "Wiley" Rosenbalm. After graduating from Mt. Morris High School in 1970, where he was an avid runner and Homecoming King, Scottie went on to serve proudly in the Vietnam War as a member of the United States Army.

Spending most of his adult life in Northern Illinois, Scottie loved spending time with family and friends. He loved sports... playing them, watching them and also coaching baseball, softball and track in his younger years.

As a father, he treated

all of his children's friends as one of his own, making it the place that everyone wanted to be. There weren't many things that could steal his joy. He was always joking (often inappropriately) and trying to lighten any situation. His joy, love and kindness will be missed tremendously!

Scott is survived by his brothers Randy (Nina) Rosenbalm, Rory (Mary Ann) Rosenbalm, daughters Desiree (Charlie) Morrison and Allyssa (Dennis) Dunn, stepdaughter Katie Ballard, step-son Andrew (Randa) Ballard, grandchildren Melanie Edison, Mikah Dunn, Kai Morrison, Mason Dunn and Maximus Dunn and great grandsons Matthew Merrick and Miller Brady.

Preceded in death by his beloved wife Lisa who passed only 48 days before him, his parents Phyllis Lizer and Wiley Rosenbalm, step-mother:



Bonnie, daughter Melanie Rosenbalm and grandmother Lola Allen.

A celebration of life visitation will be held on Sunday Dec. 11, 2022, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Finch Funeral Home, followed by military honors provided by the DeKalb American Legion. A family remembrance will follow the military honors. Cremation was entrusted to Finch Crematory. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the family to be established at a later date. Arrangements were entrusted to: Finch Funeral Home, 310 Oak St. DeKalb, IL, 60115 (815) 758-3841.

Michelle R. Goeking

DIXON — Michelle R. Goeking, 52, of Dixon, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 7 at KSB Hospital in Dixon.

Michelle was born Dec. 20, 1969, in Freeport, the daughter of Bernard and Cheryl Goeking. She graduated from Polo Community High School in 1988. She then went on to Northern Illinois University where she majored in music and minored in piano performance. She journeyed on to pursue many different career paths, including being a licensed massage therapist, Reiki Master, pharmacy technician, a teacher of pharmacy tech students and a published author of pharmacy technician training. Her passion for medicine pushed her to follow her dream of becoming a pharmacist. She received her PharmD from the Uni-

versity of Illinois, Chicago, graduating in 2014. She was the current pharmacy manager at Snyders Pharmacy in Dixon. Michelle married Terry Scott Frazer on Oct. 21, 2017. Michelle was known in the area for her gift of music, playing piano, her singing talent and performances in local theater. She wrote and recorded her own music and gave many recitals showcasing her gifts. She enjoyed traveling, attending Comic-con events and concerts, knitting, gardening, and taking care of her two fur babies Loki and Princess.

Michelle is survived by her mother Cheryl (Kane) of Polo; sisters Angela Goeking of Polo and Erin Goeking of Dixon and husband Terry Scott Frazer of Cherry Valley.

She was preceded in death by her father Ber-



nard; maternal grandparents Robert and Jessamine Kane, paternal grandparents Harold and Lila Goeking.

Visitation will be Wednesday, Dec. 14 from 5-7 p.m. at Polo Family Funeral Home, 110 E. Dixon St., Polo. Services will be 10 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 15 at St. Marks Lutheran Church, 201 N. Division Ave., Polo. Burial will be immediately following at Fairmount Cemetery in Polo.

To send condolences please visit www.polofamilyfuneralhome.com

Deputies respond to single-vehicle accident

OREGON — On Nov. 30 at approximately 4:10 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop at the intersection of Depot Street and Worth Street in Oregon. After investigation, deputies placed Andrew Swift, 36, of Mt. Morris under arrest for unlawful possession of methamphetamine and driving while license suspended. Swift was additionally issued a citation for operating an uninsured vehicle. Swift was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held pending a court appearance in front of a judge.

On Dec. 2 at approximately 2 a.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop within the 4,000 block of South Illinois Route 2. After a brief investigation, Gustavo Martinez Suarez, 45, of Olathe Kansas, was arrested for driving without a valid license. Martinez Suarez was also issued citations for speeding and inoperable registration light. Martinez Suarez was released on a \$2,500 individual bond with a return court date.

On Dec. 3 at approximately 11:35 a.m. deputies with the assistance of Stillman Valley Fire/EMS were dispatched to a single-vehicle crash at the intersection of Kishwaukee Road and Meridian Road in rural Stillman Valley. Upon

arrival, a brief investigation was conducted. As a result, it was discovered Leann Gray, 80, of Kirkland, was traveling northbound in a Toyota Rav4 on Kishwaukee Road when she failed to negotiate a curve just prior to the intersection with Meridian Road. Grays sustained several non-life-threatening injuries and was subsequently transported to Swedish American Hospital for further treatment.

On Dec. 5 at 1:41 a.m. deputies along with the Rochelle and Creston Fire Departments responded to a single-vehicle rollover crash on Mulford Road at Gillis Road. Investigation by deputies revealed that a Honda Accord operated by Ryan Anderson, 42, of Sycamore was traveling north on Mulford Road and failed to negotiate a curve near the Gillis Road intersection. As a result, the Honda left the west side of the roadway and overturned in the field. Anderson was extricated from the Honda and transported by Rochelle ambulance to Saint Anthony's Hospital in Rockford where he was in stable condition. Anderson was cited for driving under the influence and improper lane usage. Anderson was released on a I-bond and will appear in Ogle County court at a later date.

On Dec. 5 at approxi-

mately 6:07 p.m. deputies, along with Lynn Scott Rock EMS were dispatched to the intersection of North Illinois Route 251 and East Lindenwood Road for a two-vehicle accident with injuries. It was further reported that one vehicle on scene was fully engulfed in flames from the accident. After investigation, it was determined that a silver Hyundai Sonata, driven by Andrew Sampson, 31, of Lindenwood, was traveling eastbound on East Lindenwood Road, just west of North Illinois Route 251. Sampson failed to stop at the posted stop sign, at which time he entered the intersection and struck a gray Ford Focus, driven by Renee Rowe, 51, of Rockford, in a head-on collision. Both vehicles sustained major front end damage and Rowe was later transported to Swedish American Hospital for non-life threatening injuries. Sampson was placed under arrest for driving under the influence of alcohol and transported to the Ogle County Jail, where he was held in lieu of bond. Sampson was issued additional citations for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident and failure to stop at an intersection.

All individuals are considered innocent until proven guilty.



VanVickle sworn in for third term as sheriff

On Thursday, Brian VanVickle was sworn in for his third term as Ogle County Sheriff by Judge John B. Roe at the Ogle County Courthouse in Oregon.

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LOCAL NEWS



(COURTESY PHOTOS)

Three Oregon High School students, Anna Marquardt, Maxwell George and Sophia Stender, were chosen to design one-of-a-kind Christmas tree ornaments that will decorate trees in the 2022 National Christmas Tree Display in President's Park in Washington, D.C.

Oregon High School students chosen for National Christmas Tree Display in Washington, D.C.

OREGON—Three Oregon High School students were chosen to design one-of-a-kind Christmas tree ornaments that will decorate trees in the 2022 National Christmas Tree Display in President's Park in Washington, D.C.

OHS is the only school in the state chosen to participate and is one of 58 schools in the country participating in this year's event. Students decorated ornaments representing their home, district or state. This year marks the 100th National Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony in Washington, DC.

"We are honored to have been selected and excited to see our students' creative work on display in Washington, D.C." Heidi Deininger, principal of OHS, said.

Three students, Sophia Stender, Anna Marquardt

and Maxwell George will travel with their teachers, Mrs. Kincaid and Ms. Radostits, to view their ornaments on the trees at the White House.

The America Celebrates ornament program is an annual collaboration of the National Park Service, the U.S. Department of Education and the National Park Foundation (NPF). Each federal partner worked within their organizations to facilitate the identification of schools across the nation to participate in the America Celebrates program.

Fifty-eight schools across the country were chosen to design ornaments for the 100th National Christmas Tree display in President's Park. The ornaments will adorn 58 smaller trees that surround the National Christmas Tree.



Bread of Life Food Pantry distribution event scheduled Dec. 13

STILLMANVALLEY —The Bread of Life Food Pantry, located at the Valley Evangelical Covenant

Church, 103 S. Maple St. in Stillman Valley, will hold the food distribution on Tuesday, Dec. 13 from

3-5 p.m. We serve Byron, Stillman Valley, Davis Junction, Monroe Center, Kings,

Holcomb, Leaf River and Meridian School District #223. If you are unable to shop, please call Bonni

at 815-298-5035 by noon on Jan. 13 and we will prepare you a box to be picked up. Please bring

your own boxes and bags. January distribution will be on Tuesday, Jan. 10 from 3-5 p.m.

Notice of Proposed Property Tax Increase for Leaf River Township Road District

I. A public hearing to approve a proposed property tax levy increase for Leaf River Township Road District for 2023 will be held on December 19, 2022 at 6:45 p.m. at 12 Main Street, Leaf River, IL.

Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may contact Janet Cunningham, Clerk, 12 Main Street, Leaf River, via email at LRtownship@gmail.com.

II. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended or abated for 2021 were \$68,336.57.

The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 2022 are \$74,386. This represents an 8.85% increase over the previous year.

III. The Property taxes extended for debt service and public building commission leases for 2021 were \$0.

The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for 2022 are \$0. This represents a 0% increase/decrease over the previous year.

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LOCAL NEWS



The Leaf River Soaring Eagles 4-H Club won the Club of the Year for the 2021-2022 4-H Year. Clare Montavon, Davis Junction, and Alex Williams, Leaf River, were awarded the Co-op Watch Award at this year's 4-H Achievement Day.



(COURTESY PHOTOS)

Ogle County 4-H members and clubs honored

OREGON — Ogle County's top 4-H members and clubs were honored for outstanding achievement at a special program held Sunday, Nov. 13 in the Byron Middle School Theatre.

Top county honors went to 4-H teens Clare Montavon, Davis Junction, and Alex Williams, Leaf River. Montavon, Mighty Clovers 4-H Club, and Williams, Leaf River

Soaring Eagles 4-H Club, were the recipients of the co-op watch awards sponsored by Ogle County Farm Bureau and its affiliates. Watches are awarded yearly to the two 4-Hers with the most impressive records of long-term leadership and service at the club level and beyond.

Nicholas Cassens, Byron, was the recipient of a \$50 cash award sponsored by the Ogle County 4-H

Foundation. The Foundation Award is presented annually to a single 4-Her who has shown leadership skills, a willingness to help with 4-H activities, and has served as a positive example to younger members.

Four youth were challenged to greater leadership and service as recipients of the "I Dare You" Leadership Award. New owners of William Danforth's inspiring book, "I

Dare You," these youth were selected based on their previous leadership, citizenship and project work. Winners included: Trent Heller, Grand Detour Greens; Lydia Sherburne, Leaf River Soaring Eagles; Lacie Williams, Leaf River Soaring Eagles and Tristin Williams, Ogle Jolly.

Other special award winners included:

Outstanding Club President: Ali Danekas, Pine Creek Valley and Sarah-Beth Haenitsch, Grand Detour Greens.

Outstanding Club Vice-President: Courtney Bushman, Pine Creek Valley and David Wehler, Leaf River Soaring Eagles.

Outstanding Club Secretaries: Alexandria Cassens, By-Y-Badgers and Natalie Johnson, Leaf River Soaring Eagles.

Outstanding Club Treasurers: Kendall Boatman, By-Y-Badgers and Kaeden Motszko, Leaf River Soaring Eagles.

Outstanding Club Reporter: Braden Rogers, Ogle Jolly.

Outstanding Club His-

torians: Lauren Carlson, By-Y-Badgers and Cheyenne Somers, Hub Hickory Nuts.

Ogle County Club Recreation Chairperson: Melinda Goldstick, Byron Emerald Eagles and Lacie Williams, Leaf River Soaring Eagles.

Outstanding Club Junior Leaders: Tristin Williams, Ogle Jolly.

Electricity Achievement Award: Preston Taylor, Hub Hickory Nuts.

Illinois Holstein-Friesian Association Award: Shelby Harbaugh, Carefree.

Several awards were distributed to community clubs throughout the county to recognize outstanding community service, educational programming, and promotional efforts. Additionally, one club's leadership team was recognized for their exceptional efforts to work together to effectively meet the needs of and coordinate the work of their club. Congratulations to all the following club winners:

Window Display Pro-

motion Award: First place - By-Y-Badgers 4-H Club, second place - Leaf River Soaring Eagles 4-H Club and third place - Summerhill Huskies 4-H Club.

Ogle County 4-H Club-of-the-Year: First place - Leaf River Soaring Eagles 4-H Club, second place - Summerhill Huskies 4-H Club and third place - Carefree 4-H Club.

Top Leader Team Award: Leaf River Soaring Eagles 4-H Club; Nickie Lingbeck, Kenlie Motszko and Annette Williams.

4-H is an informal youth education program of University of Illinois Extension. For more information or to get involved, call 815-732-2191 or visit us online at <https://extension.illinois.edu/bdo>. Now is the best time of year to join!

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Byron High School's Brandt selected for NAFME National Honor Choir

BYRON — Byron High School choir is proud to announce that junior Maison Brandt was selected for the NAFME (National Associate for Music Educators) All-National Honor Choir.

Maison submitted an audition recording in May and was notified in July that he was selected to the ensemble. The criteria for audition was that each student had to be a member of their state's all-state ensemble. Mai-

son was a member of Illinois All State Choir last January. This year's event was held in Maryland at the Gaylord Hotel. The 200-member honor choir rehearsed for three days and held a final concert.

The other ensembles on the program included a modern band group, guitar ensemble, concert band and orchestra. The choir was under the direction of Frances Fonza. She is the director of worship and arts at Mt. Ennon Baptist Church in

Clinton, Maryland, and is on faculty at Stephen F. Austin State University where she teaches undergraduate and graduate courses in music education.

When asked, before the event, Maison said: "I'm very excited for the opportunity to sing in the All National Honor Choir. This experience will be amazing, and I want to thank Mrs. Harn for everything that she has done to get me to this point in my music journey."

LOCAL NEWS



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Cardinal Community Christmas held in Stillman Valley

STILLMAN VALLEY — The Village of Stillman was a bustle of activity Sunday night, as it celebrated its annual Cardinal Community Christmas. Santa arrived by fire truck at 4 p.m. and was busy taking lists from children all evening. The annual tree lighting contest took place at 5 p.m. and winners of the tree decorating contest

were announced. Winners include: Creativity/originality - Ogle Jolly 4-H Club, best use of theme - Stillman Valley FFA and overall appearance - Stillman Valley Fall Festival Committee. The People's Choice winner was Ogle Jolly 4-H. Trees will be up through the season, so be sure to drive by the lot next

to Stillman Bank and take a look. 102.3 was broadcasting live from the Valley and were on hand to help draw winners of the area business punch card. The winner of the Family four pack to Disney on Ice tickets was The Medema Family. The winner of the four pack of Ice Hogs tickets was Nichole

Hammer. The Red Brick Church hosted an open house serving Cliff's Cider Donuts and coffee while visitors listened to Christmas Carols by area organizations. A live Nativity was outside with some adorable animals. A craft show was held at the junior high. Children could also meet their

favorite superhero or princess. Visitors could take a wagon ride or a horse drawn carriage ride down Main Street. The Lions served cookies and cocoa by the lighted trees. S'mores could be made at the fire pit downtown. Stillman R.E.D. collected donations for our 63 military members from the Stillman area. Donations of food

were also collected for Bread of Life, as well as hats, gloves and mittens for area needy. Area businesses provided food and drink specials. It was a great evening and will be held again the first Sunday in December 2023. If you are interested in participating or being part of the committee, let Yvonne know at the Village Hall.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, Dec. 15

Serenity's Evening Group will meet from 5-6 p.m. at The Serenity Home, 1658 S. Illinois Route 2, Oregon. Please call 815-732-4111 by 4 p.m. on Dec. 14 to register.

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VIEWPOINT

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Holiday food prices remain high

AMERICANS look forward to celebrating the simplest of gifts and gathering with family and friends around the table during the holiday season. It is also often a time of giving thanks as Illinois farmers mark the end of another growing season. The past few years have confronted all Americans to pivot, adapt, and learn as we navigate uncharted waters. In March 2018, American farmers were dealing with market destruction because of China's trade wars. The May 2019 spring planting season reminded Midwest farmers that Mother Nature was in charge when many acres went unplanted. The pandemic

that began in March 2020 forced all of us to pivot. Farmers continued to grow food to feed our neighbors in rural, urban and global communities.

The curveballs continued in 2022 with high inflation, the Russian invasion of Ukraine, and uncertainty for an already fragile economy. Farmers vividly remember the role inflation played in the 1980s farm crisis. That crisis is forever etched in farmers' memories as historically high-interest rates reached 19 percent. Many farmers didn't survive the crisis. Those who did spent many years paying off the debt created by the high-interest rates.

Despite the adversity many family farms have

faced over the years, 96 percent of Illinois farms are still family-owned.

I understand firsthand the role inflation has had inside our home and farming operation. Inflation running at 7-9 percent in recent months is robbing consumers (and farmers) of their buying power. Food price inflation is even higher. Other factors include supply chain disruptions and the war in Ukraine, with other countries pulling back on exports to protect domestic food supplies.

When I've been interviewed by news media over the past four years, the standard question is, "How will this impact consumers?" The truth is a farmer's share of the

food dollar is only 7.4 cents.

Illinois shoppers participating in the 37th annual American Farm Bureau Federation's Thanksgiving Cost survey captured a statewide average price of \$65.53 for a classic Thanksgiving meal for 10 people, a 13 percent increase over the previous year's state average of \$58.15. General price inflation is a big part of the increase in cost for the meal.

It is likely those high prices will continue through the remaining holidays and into the new year.

Food prices reflect many factors including transportation, distribution, and food company

marketing costs. Rising costs for fuel, which have more than doubled, and fertilizer, which have tripled, are driving food prices up. As President Kennedy said many years ago, "Farmers are price takers and not price makers."

The food we grow is shared with our family, friends and neighbors. Farmers understand the pain consumers are feeling at the checkout counter this holiday season. As we give thanks again this year for our many blessings, please know farmers will strive to provide affordable food sustainably to make sure our traditions continue.

Richard Guebert Jr. is the president of the Illi-

Guest Opinion
By Richard Guebert Jr.



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Inflation, recession and the farmer

FOR the past year inflation has been the worry of many Americans. We see it at the fuel pump, at the grocery store and in almost anything we buy. Although the current Biden administration keeps telling us it's temporary they never tell us when they expect it to end.

Below is an article published by the American Farm Bureau Federation that does a great job of giving us a perspective on inflation, recession and the effects it has on rural America.

During a meeting in November, the Federal Open Market Committee of the Federal Reserve Bank (often called "the Fed") once again raised the rate at which the Fed lends to other banks, this time by 0.75 percent to about 3.75 percent, and indicated an intent to continue raising rates at future meetings. This has been a rapid run-up from near zero percent in February.

The Fed's purpose in raising rates is to slow down the economy until prices stop rising.

They may slow down the economy, but they won't reduce inflation any time soon, if history is any lesson.

Inflation

More than 40 years ago, respected economist Paul Volcker took over as Chair of the Fed and raised interest rates to control inflation. This slowed demand and led to a couple of painful recessions, but that was not Dr. Volcker's purpose. He was explicitly reining in the money supply, which had grown too fast under his predecessors, and at that time his only tool to do this was raising the Fed's interest rate. For decades afterward, the Fed kept to a policy of stable growth in the money supply, leading to low inflation, low interest rates, and strong growth in the

U.S. economy. Financial markets developed a faith that the Fed would keep inflation under control. This faith gave the Fed additional flexibility to provide modest stimulus in the form of a burst of extra money in the economy when demand lagged; markets had faith that the extra money would not cause inflation, and the Fed rewarded that faith by returning the money supply to the long-term trend.

In 2020, as we have discussed before, there was a short but severe recession caused by COVID-related supply shutdowns (not lagging demand). The Fed responded by stimulating demand with a massive 42 percent increase in the money supply in 22 months, using both low interest rates and "quantitative easing." As we have also said before, this monetary stimulus was an overdose of the wrong prescription.

We were optimistic in April that the Fed was taking steps to manage the money supply, even though Fed Chair Jerome Powell (a lawyer and banker by training and profession – the first non-economist to chair the Fed since before Dr. Volcker) made no mention of the money supply.

We were less optimistic when Chairman Powell, speaking in September, said that the money supply is not a factor in inflation, and certainly not a tool he is considering. The only tool he is looking at to address inflation is the interest rate, and slowing the economy with high interest rates is his only route to inflation reduction. "The relationship between the money supply and inflation . . . has been much more unstable than it was in Friedman's day," Chairman Powell said, and "monetary aggregates [i.e., the money supply] don't play an important role in our formulation of policy, and we don't

think they're generally a good way to think about policy or inflation."

This is the conclusion that "modern monetary theorists" have come to, partly because of the market's faith in the Fed's grip on inflation over the last 40 years; this is like theorizing that a well-trained dog never needed training, because he behaves so well now. Modern Monetary Theory says that we can get all the benefits of free money created by the Fed and casually waves away concern about inflation: it asserts that monetary stimulus is a free lunch with no limit except for the capacity of the economy to produce.

This has led Chairman Powell to believe that the only way to control inflation is to squash demand in the economy until it is within the economy's current capacity to supply. In his words, he is "strongly committed" to the objective of controlling inflation and "hope[s] to achieve growth below trend [and] bring wages back down to a level more consistent with 2% inflation."

So what can the Fed do? If today's Fed is doing the same thing that Dr. Volcker's Fed did, aren't they doing the right thing? Yes and no.

Chairman Powell is using the same tool that Dr. Volcker used to control inflation: interest rates. When Dr. Volcker used them, they were chasing long-term rates that had already climbed to very high levels as the world had assumed inflation would continue at a rapid pace. The result was very painful, and the high long-term interest rates took years to come down to the levels we (and the economy) have enjoyed in the last decade.

But Chairman Powell has a tool that Dr. Volcker didn't have, and he has used it for other purposes: the Fed's asset portfolio allows for expansion and

contraction of the money supply, independent of interest rates. The "quantitative easing" that the Fed undertook in 2020 – and which no one had thought of in 1980 – was accomplished by massive purchases of financial assets – including government bonds – to pump Fed-created money into the economy, even more than zero percent interest rates could. As a result, the Fed is sitting on an asset portfolio worth \$8.7 trillion. Selling more of those assets ("quantitative tightening") instead of raising rates could have managed money supply growth in a more direct way than raising interest rates would, and without threatening the economy so severely. These sales would have some minor impact on capital markets, lowering prices for securities (as it would for goods and services); but that would be much less damaging than the raising of interest rates' upheaval of the entire economy. (More on this later.)

Ironically, Chairman Powell has already begun to shrink the money supply; but it will take time for inflation to slow because, in Chairman Powell's own words, "money growth was extraordinarily high in 2020." If he was applying the same rules of monetary policy that four decades of his predecessors did, he would be done raising rates and accept that the excess money simply has to work out through more inflation over the next year or two.

The Fed's interest rate could still be near zero with better prospects of managing inflation, if it had committed to unwinding more of its asset portfolio. The Fed could still return to its foundation in traditional monetary theory, which has always worked in the past, and focus on the money supply as the tool to rein in inflation. They could halt (or even partially

reverse) the interest rate increases and commit to selling additional trillions of their portfolio.

Recession

Instead, Chairman Powell keeps raising rates, choking the economy to achieve inflation goals using the modern theory that he can balance supply and demand in the economy and, so, control inflation. Applying this theory will require substantial additional increases in the interest rate, given the robust demand reflected in the still exceptionally large number of job openings in the U.S.

Modern Monetary Theory and Chairman Powell will be inextricably linked to this recession; and we have little prospect of above-target inflation ending before 2024.

The Farmer

So how does all this affect farmers?

First, short- and long-term interest rates are high and rising. In recent years, interest expense has been about 5% of farm cash production expenses. Farmers will be facing interest rates double and triple what they were just a few years ago, with corresponding increases in interest expense; high interest rates, caused by both high inflation and the Fed's steps to address inflation, led to the farm debt crisis in the 1980s. A doubling or tripling of interest expenses now could cause similar pressures, especially for any farmer already committed to new investments, beginning farmers or farmers forced to borrow for succession. If history is a guide, it could take years for long-term interest rates to come back down to where they were for the last decade. (For additional discussion, see this report from the University of Illinois Farm Doc program.)

Second, higher interest rates tend to lower property values, including

Guest Opinion
By Ron Kern



farmland values, which would make worse the debt trap of higher interest rates and lower farm returns.

Third, rising interest rates will raise the cost of all debt, including government debt, which will ultimately cost the taxpayer and limit the government's flexibility to provide assistance in a debt crisis.

Fourth, inflation is slashing the purchasing power of American consumers, and weakening the economy, which both undercut demand for farm products and lowers prices.

Fifth, inflation undermines the real value of USDA programs, including the value of reference prices and budgets for most commodity programs.

Sixth, the aggressive interest rate increases by the Fed are making the dollar attractive to foreign investors and strengthening the dollar, which undermines U.S. agricultural export competitiveness.

Seventh, a Fed-driven recession in the U.S. is bad for the global economy, which will also undermine U.S. agricultural exports.

Farmers have a lot at stake in the actions of the Federal Reserve Bank, just as they did 40 years ago.

Due to the economy and inflation my bucket list has now become a Dixie cup.

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

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LOCAL NEWS



Polo Lions Club hosts Christmas dinner on Saturday, Dec. 3

(COURTESY PHOTOS)

On Saturday, Dec. 3 during the Christmas Festival in Polo the Polo Lions club held a Christmas dinner at the Polo fire station. It was a busy and successful evening. The members that volunteered are: Mark Ebert, Ellen Ebert, Nate White, Tom Suits, Mark Bocker, Ron Chamberlain, Jim Adams, Aaron Miller, Winton Bocker, Margaret Tyne, Don Hay, Greg Cross and Henry Bocker. Thank you to the Polo Wrestling Club volunteers also and they are: Zandra Vock, Lynorah Hansen, Ethan Albee, Zakk Albee, Ryder Wilema, Zayden Imel and Aspen Mon.

County conducting 2022 holiday light recycling event

OREGON — Autumn is upon Ogle County, and it seems folks are getting an early start on holiday decorating. Some of those light strands from previous years may not be working anymore and can be recycled very easily here in Ogle County.

The Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department (OCSWMD) is again partnering with local fire departments and villages to again offer several convenient drop-off boxes so those frustrating, nonfunctional holiday light strands can be recycled and kept out of the landfill.

Starting Nov. 18, drop-off boxes will be available at the following fire departments: Rochelle, Byron, Stillman Valley and Mt. Morris. They will be located at the village halls in Polo, Forreston, Davis Junction and Creston. Light strands are also accepted at the Ogle County courthouse and at the OCSWMD office at 909 Pines Road in Oregon. Boxes will remain at these locations until Jan. 20, 2023.

Accepted light strands include Italian mini-lights,

traditional lights, LED lights and other holiday light strands. Extension cords are also accepted. Material not accepted include rope lights, wreaths, garland, metal stakes or silhouettes, live greens,

plastic decorations, timers, and light packaging, plastic bags, or cardboard boxes. Placing just the light strands and cords into the bins increases material value and makes the recycling process more efficient for

the processor.

Lights and cords will be shipped to Dynamic Lifecycle Innovations in Onalaska, Wisconsin to be recycled. In 2021-22, over 1,400 pounds of material was collected and recycled

through this program.

So as we prepare to untangle, test and put out those holiday lights this season, remember you can help the environment and recycle all those strands of lights which have brightened our

homes in the past but now

refuse to light up anymore. If you have any questions about this program, or wish to learn about other recycling opportunities, call 815-732-4020 or visit www.oglecounty.org.

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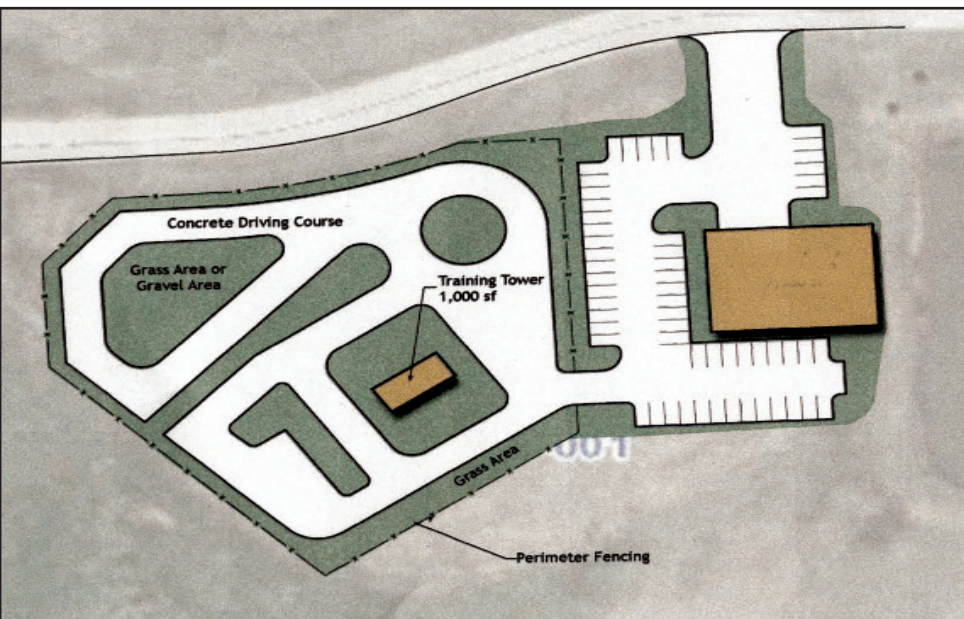
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LOCAL NEWS



(COURTESY PHOTOS)

The joint project between the City of Rochelle and the OLFPSD started to see movement in the past year. The facility is planned to be located at 920 S. Main St. in Rochelle, a 12-acre property that was donated to the city in 2020.

FIRE: Rochelle, OLFPSD receive Rescue Plan funds

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The project will be done in phases as money becomes available. Sawlsville called the \$50,000 a “huge shot in the arm” for the project’s progress. The first phase is a small initial facility for firefighters to start training on.

The ARPA money will offset “a lot of” that initial cost and was needed especially due to prices of building materials continuing to rise. The initial structure has about 300 days of lead time and upfront money could help it to get delivered sooner, Sawlsville said. The project’s initial construction will also include a concrete pad and spring of 2023 is the plan for construction of facets of it to begin.

“We have prevailing wages in this state and that adds huge costs to any project that you’re trying to do,” Sawlsville said. “You couple that with what we’re seeing in high construction costs, this is huge. This money will shore up any kind of shortcoming we would’ve had for phase one. It’s huge. I can’t overstate it.”

Sawlsville has said in the past that conversations have been ongoing for a few years about a potential training facility. Most training is currently done at the Rochelle and OLFPSD fire stations and is limited due to fear of damaging buildings.

Local fire departments train at acquired training sites such as the recently-demolished Hickory Grove facility in Rochelle when it was vacant and at abandoned homes slated for demolition when access to them can be received.

Another benefit of the planned facility is its potential to lower homeowner’s insurance rates for area residents. The Insurance Service Organization rates fire departments and that plays into residents’ insurance costs. Rochelle and Ogle-Lee having access to a fire training facility would give them a better rating.

Local training facilities are more common in the firefighting industry in recent years due to added benefits. It will provide local training access for both full-time and paid on-call staff and longer distances won’t have to be traveled.

The City of Rochelle has discussed a partnership with the Tennessee Valley Authority and the American Public Power Association to utilize the location for a midwestern pole climbing school and lineman training center.

Rochelle City Manager Jeff Fiegenschuh said in the past that he’s most excited by the facility’s potential to provide training for all city departments, especially the utility side and added there’s a “real good chance” it could be home to a pole climbing or line training school for national organizations.

When Rochelle Municipal Utilities employees go to pole climbing school, they go down to Tennessee. The Rochelle facility could be the only one or one of the few in the Midwest.

SVHS recognizes 2023-24 Illinois State Scholars

STILLMAN VALLEY – Stillman Valley High School Principal Leslie Showers is pleased to announce that 14 students from the SVHS graduating class of 2023 have been designated as Illinois State Scholars.

The Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC), the state’s college access and financial aid agency, presents this important recognition of academic achievement to exceptional Illinois high school students annually. This year, more than 17,340 honorees join the other outstanding students who have been honored since the designation was first introduced in 1958.

The following students were named 2023-24 Illinois State Scholars: McKenna Alcock, Jeremiah Bogner, Philip Broski, Eleanor Bussan, Ella Chaland, Norah DeRosso, Lane Jones, Lauren Kerr, Madison McCammond, Sophia Morrison, Kennedy Swenson, Aidan Taylor, Jacob Whittington and Nicholas Youman

“On behalf of ISAC, congratulations to all of the Illinois State Scholars for their hard work and commitment inside and outside of the classroom,” ISAC Executive Director Eric Zarnikow said. “In the past two years students and families have faced unprecedented difficulties as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic; from financial and personal ordeals to all of the challenges of remote learning. The achievements of these students are a credit to their perseverance and resilience, and to the support and encouragement of their families, principals, teachers, mentors, counselors and others invested in their growth and success.”

The Illinois State Scholar acknowledgement is a non-monetary award. Each state scholar designee receives a congratulatory letter and Certificate of Achievement from ISAC, and can download an official Illinois State Scholar badge to display on their online profiles and social media platforms, as well as share with their high school counselors, colleges, employers, family members and others. The program designates honorees based on the year they would begin any postsecondary education, not based on the year they graduate from high school.

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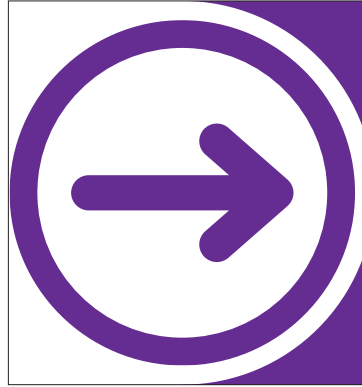
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Five Ogle County 4-H Ambassadors honored

OREGON — Five Ogle County 4-H members are new Ogle County 4-H Ambassadors for the 2022-2023 4-H year. They include Elizabeth Armbruster, Oregon; Trent Heller, Dixon; Grant Johnson, Forreston; Gracie Prose, Oregon; and Molly Ziegler, Oregon. All five members completed a rigorous application and interview process that screened candidates for leadership abilities, 4-H expertise and communication skills. As 4-H Ambassadors, this team will represent the county 4-H program at various events and activities in Ogle County throughout the 4-H year.

Armbruster is a first-year 4-H ambassador and a four-year Grand Detour Greens 4-H Club member. Elizabeth's main project area is interior design. Elizabeth has helped her club with community service projects, such as helping at the nursing home by playing music, singing and pulling weeds.

"Knowledge is a valuable asset, and 4-H has given me, as a child, reason to pursue knowledge. I am so glad I joined 4-H and will be sad when I become too old," Elizabeth said.

Heller is a first-year 4-H ambassador and an eight-year Grand Detour Greens 4-H Club member. He is serving as the federation treasurer, and his main project areas are poultry and woodworking. Trent is the Key Club president at school, on the student council and choir, a LEAD representative, National Honor Society Member and FCS Key Club most service hours. He is on the basketball, volleyball and soccer teams and is a member of the trap shooting team. Trent shared that the connection to people through the years, the ability to serve and help people, and overall development have helped him develop and work towards his future goals.

Johnson is a first-year 4-H ambassador and an 11-year Leaf River Soaring Eagles 4-H Club member. Grant's main project areas are poultry and welding. He is the reporter of his 4-H Club and the chairman of the Leaf River Christmas Light Parade committee. He has participated in the Ogle County 4-H Horse Bowl and Hippology Team. At school, Grant is on the servant leader organization and academic team, plays

basketball and football and participates in the trap shooting team. He has volunteered at the children's farm at the Ogle County Fair and helped set up, tear down and work the farm daily during the fair. He has earned many awards with 4-H, including grand champion in welding, and qualified for judging at the Illinois State Fair. Grant commented, "I have learned how to have confidence in doing all things. I have gained friends as a 4-H member and learned to work together as a team."

Prose is a second-year 4-H ambassador and a 10-year member of the Carefree 4-H Club. Gracie's major project area is leadership. Gracie has been her club secretary for four years and a member of the Ogle County 4-H Federation, where she currently is the president. Gracie has also taken her leadership roles to the Illinois 4-H Youth Leadership Team, where she is the co-social chairman. At school, Gracie is an active student council member, serving as the community service chairman for two years. She is on the volleyball team, soccer team and band. She has participated in numerous



(COURTESY PHOTO)

New Ogle County 4-H Ambassadors for the 2022-2023 4-H year. Pictured are (left to right) Grant Johnson, Forreston; Trent Heller, Dixon; Molly Ziegler, Oregon; Elizabeth Armbruster, Oregon; and Gracie Prose, Oregon.

community service projects that show how willing she is to give back to her community. Gracie shared that, "4-H has not only helped me gain leadership and communication skills, but friendships as well. 4-H has opened many doors for opportunities that I would've never thought were available to me. I have gained great life lessons along with valuable leadership skills that I can carry with me for the rest of my life."

Ziegler is a first-year 4-H ambassador and an eight-year member of the Carefree 4-H Club. Mol-

ly's main project areas are dogs and horses. Molly has served as her club reporter for two years. She participates in FFA and serves on the building communities committee. Molly has participated in many community services, such as volunteering at Pegasus Special Riders, Kids and K9s 4-H Club and the FFA Christmas tree sales. She earned the Miss Mal Award, awarded to a student with notable leadership skills. Molly says that, "4-H has opened the door to opportunities in dog and horse training that

has led to successes in both areas. It has allowed me to grow in my leadership and education and has allowed me opportunities to share my knowledge with other young people."

Elizabeth, Trent, Grant, Gracie, and Molly began their ambassador work for 4-H in late September. They were recently honored at the county 4-H Achievement Celebration on Nov. 13. All look forward to a busy year, including promoting 4-H in local parades, conducting classroom presentations and staffing displays at community events.

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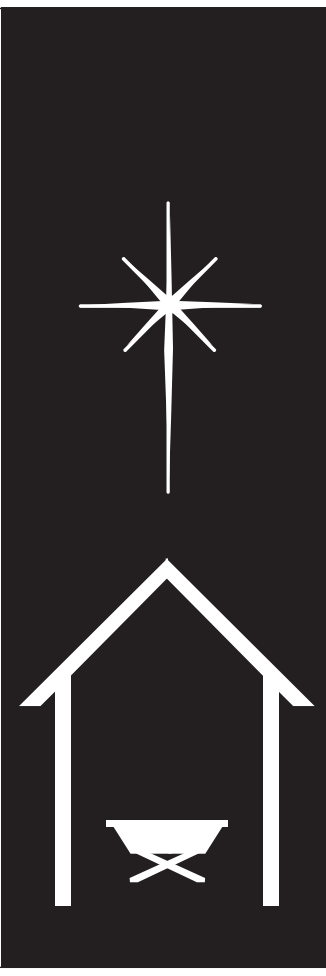
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LOCAL NEWS

Finfrock, Nordman re-elected to Ogle County Board leadership positions

OREGON—On Monday, the Ogle County Board held an organizational meeting with all newly-elected members of the board and voted on leadership positions and began the process of committee assignments.

John Finfrock and Pat Nordman were re-elected as the chairman and vice chairman, Deputy Clerk June Jacobs said. Committees have not been set yet and Finfrock and Nordman will now look at reorganizing the

committees based on the new board members. On Monday, Finfrock asked board members new and old to let him know if there are any personal interests before they start looking at placement of new members.



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OHS students named state scholars

OREGON — In a Dec. 2 Facebook post, Oregon Junior Senior High School congratulated its 2022-2023 Illinois State Scholars.

They include: Ashley Cadie, Jennica Ciesiel, Alexys Davis, Ryan Fox, Valerie Nyderek, Abigail Rogers, Ethan Schafer and Sophia Stender.

To celebrate the achievement, students will be recognized for their accomplishments and receive their certificate between the girls and boys varsity game on Jan. 6, 2023 in the Blackhawk Center.

For students to qualify, the Illinois Student Assistance Commission consid-

ers data such as unweighted class rank and SAT/ACT scores from sixth semester transcripts that are submitted by state high schools each school year. This is truly an accomplishment and an honor to top students in Illinois, declaring their potential as college-bound scholars.

Ogle County 4-H Achievement Day winners named

OREGON — Ogle County 4-H'ers were recognized for excellence in 4-H project work at the recent county 4-H Achievement Celebration. Held Nov. 13 at the Byron Junior High School Theatre, the program featured the presentation of numerous awards, including the "County Project Honor Award."

An unlimited number of awards are given to all 4-Hers who obtain a score of 30 or greater on the County Project Honor Award Application (20 or greater for 8-11 years old). 4-Hers may only be recognized in one project area annually. The award consists of a plaque and silver/gold discs. (* indicates 1st time winner) This year's winners were as follows:

Gold: Kaitlyn Adams, Child Development; Immanuel Arellano, Food & Nutrition; Lauren Carlson, Floriculture; Nicholas Cassens, Food & Nutrition; Carson Conderman, Woodworking; *Harmony Coy, Public Speaking; *Alayna Doane, Photography; Maggie Eden, Visual Arts; *Trinity Feltz, Visual Arts; Colton Gehrke, Geology; Alex Grygiel, Woodworking; Cian Grygiel, Beef; Andrew Hickman, Cats; AJ Hinrichs, Sportsfishing; *Mallory King, Visual Arts; *Aubrey Kusnierz, Food & Nutrition; *Madeline Kusnierz, Visual Arts; Eli Lotz, Woodworking; Allissa Martin, Beef; Clare Montavon, Visual Arts; *Parker Morss, Electricity; Josie Pals, Child Development; Dylan Reimer, Woodworking; Hazzel Reimer, Visual Arts; *Jaxson ReVelle, Food & Nutrition; Alyse Rogers, Horse & Pony; Braden Rogers, Dairy Goats; *Madysyn Ruthe, Natural Resources; Lydia Sherburne, Robotics; *Lily Smith, Weather; Joshua Snow, Visual Arts; Kathryn Snow, Food & Nutrition; *Alivia Thies, Public Presentations; *Elliott

Thies, Rabbits; David Wehler, Forestry; *Briannah West, Visual Arts; Zakkary West, Leadership; Alexander Williams, Goats; Lacie Williams, Dairy Cattle; Makayla Williams, Dogs; *Emma Wissinger, Visual Arts; *Madilynn Woods, Geology; *Adelaide Zimmerman, Clothing & Textiles; *Orion Zimmerman, Public Presentations and *Phoenix Zimmerman, Food & Nutrition.

Silver: Adrien Booker, Food & Nutrition; Grace Costello, Leadership; *Ali Danekas, Rabbits; *Kamryn Feltz, Robotics; *Roselyn Goldstick, Rabbits; Zachary Goldstick, Swine; *Josie Hammond, Shooting Sports; Shelby Harbaugh, Dairy Cattle; Jenna Heller, Food & Nutrition; Trent Heller, Visual Arts; *Cora Herring, Tractor; Jacob Hickman, Photography; Grant Johnson, Welding; Natalie Johnson, Vet Science; *Nicole Koziol, Visual Arts; Kaden Lingbeck, Cats; *Haven Marks, Photography; *Savannah Marks, Rabbits; *Lucia Miller, Rabbits; Kaeden Motszko, Welding; *Jaxson Thies, Woodworking; *Kailee Thies, Rabbits; Tristin Williams, Shooting Sports and *Raiden Zimmerman, UAV: Drones.

Ogle County 4-H'ers between the ages of five and seven years old are known as Cloverbuds. Cloverbuds who obtain a score of 40 or above on the Cloverbud County Project Honor Award Application are recipients of the Cloverbud Project Honor award. This year's Cloverbud winners were as follows:

Nolan Adams, Ogle

Jolly; Lilian Anderson, Blackhawk Crossing; Delaney Byers, Summerhill Huskies; Hayden Capes, Hub Hickory Nuts; Owen Collins, Ogle Jolly; Joslyn Countryman, Summerhill Huskies; Declan Franks, By-Y-Badgers; Luke Gehrke, By-Y-Badgers; Ashley Harbaugh, Carefree; Emily Harbaugh, Carefree; Anna Herring, Ogle County Clovers; Julia Herring, Ogle County Clovers; Lauren Hickman, By-Y-Badgers; Kenzie Hongsermeier, Leaf River Busy Beavers; Zeke Janoski, Ogle Jolly; Reese Johnson, Ogle Jolly; Kaylee King, Mighty Clovers; Hunter Kreams, Blackhawk Crossing; Phineas Nadig, Ogle County Clovers; Josanna ReVelle, Blackhawk Crossing; Noah Richardson, Ogle County Clovers; Alana Smith, Summerhill Huskies; Gunnar Swank, Byron Emerald Eagles; Emersyn Thies, Blackhawk Crossing and Drake Woods, Blackhawk Crossing.

A percentage of 4-Hers were selected from among the silver and gold County Project Honor winners to receive the Top 30 Award. This award is given to 4-Hers for thoroughness of records; comprehensiveness of project coverage; appropriateness of goals set; learning documented; overall size and scope of 4-H experience; educational experiences, community service efforts, and leadership efforts in project areas; involvement in club and beyond; and record book organization and appearance enhancements.

Kaitlyn Adams, Child

Development; Immanuel Arellano, Food & Nutrition; Ella Beran, Vegetable Gardening; Lauren Carlson, Floriculture; Nicholas Cassens, Food & Nutrition; Carson Conderman, Woodworking; Grace Costello, Leadership; Alayna Doane, Photography; Maggie Eden, Visual Arts; Trinity Feltz, Visual Arts; Colton Gehrke, Geology; Brooke Hammond, Visual Arts; Andrew Hickman, Cats; Jacob Hickman, Photography; Grant Johnson, Welding; Natalie Johnson,

Vet Science; Mallory King, Visual Arts; Kaden Lingbeck, Cats; Eli Lotz, Woodworking; Allissa Martin, Beef; Clare Montavon, Visual Arts; Parker Morss, Electricity; Alyse Rogers, Horse & Pony; Madysyn Ruthe, Natural Resources; Lydia Sherburne, Robotics; Joshua Snow, Visual Arts; David Wehler, Forestry; Makayla Williams, Dogs; Tristin Williams, Shooting Sports and Emma Wissinger, Visual Arts.

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Oregon Elementary School names November students of the month

(COURTESY PHOTOS)

Oregon Elementary School is pleased to recognize the following students as the November students of the month for demonstrating outstanding leadership and positive behavior: Romeo Hernandez, Prince Gonzalez, Theodore Bauer, Brooks Huels, Ivy Costa, Katmai Fenske, Forrest Guzman, Weston Smith, Sophia Swanson, Tatum Lee, Hudson Albrecht, Tegan Davis, Jayella Moser, Peighton Reeverts, Maleah Peterson, Ruby Hahn, Callum Groenhagen, Lennon Oliver, Gage Diehl, Kenzi Dillabough, Greyson Meyer, Rylan Downs, Mike Lewis, Lexi Ditzler, Hudson Long, Tanner Smice, Easton Currier, Flora Brunner, Hope Moore, Makyla Larson, Jackson Drozd, Nevaeh Rivers, Jack Benesh, Madison Wilson, Landyn Day, Avery Young, Matty Emmons, Dakota Nelson and Evie Elder.

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Leaf River Soaring Eagles 4-H holds November meeting

LEAF RIVER — The Leaf River Soaring Eagles 4-H club meeting was held on Nov. 14.

The 4-H club discussed the upcoming Christmas Party, winter clothing drive for Ms. Carly's and

Valentine's Day Party. The club also welcomed Valarie Pfoust, nurse practitioner, as our guest speaker to learn more about the nurse practitioner role and medical field career paths. We also rallied in

recognition of our fearless leaders!

Pictured on the right (left to right) include Kenlie Motszko, Nickie Lingbeck and Annette Williams. Thank you to our leaders for guiding

our club to be named the Ogle County 4-H club of the year!

Picture on the left includes 4-H members present at the November meeting (left to right) David Wehler, Kaeden

Motszko, Grant Johnson, Kaden Lingbeck. Front row: Lacie Williams, Valarie Pfoust, NP, Lucy Miller and David Bagwell. The Leaf River Soaring Eagles 4-H Club meets the second Monday of every

month at the River Valley Complex in Leaf River. If interested in joining, please contact the Ogle County Extension Office at 815-732-2191. Respectfully submitted by Grant Johnson, club reporter.

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Rev. Julie Bunt, Pastor

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

MT. MORRIS CHURCH OF THE 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: mtmcb@frontier.com

MT. MORRIS TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

308 E. Brayton Rd. Mt. Morris, IL Phone: 734-6354 Rev. Josh Ehrlar
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.
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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., 815-732-6133
3 miles east of Oregon on Rt. #64 then 2 miles north on German Church Rd.
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Pastor Matthew J. Smith 4962 S. Daysville Rd., Oregon, IL 61061 815-732-7683
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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.

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

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH, NALC

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

POLO

ST. MARY CHURCH
Rectorry/Office: 211 North Franklin Ave., Polo, IL 61064
PHONE: 815-946-2535 • Rev. Joseph P. Nail

MASS: 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

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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

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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, IL
815-645-2526 | www.theredbrickchurch.org
Sunday: Worship at 9:00 and 10:30 am. Sunday School at 9:00 am.
Wednesday: AWANA (Sept - April) from 6:00 to 7:15 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/VECCSV
Home of Valley Covenant Preschool 815-645-8882 Director Jill Huber
Bible Studies, Youth Group, Bread of Life Food Pantry
Please visit website for more information or contact the church office M-F 9am-2pm

GRACE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH DAVIS JUNCTION

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

WINNEBAGO

MIDDLE CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

12473 Montague Road, Winnebago, IL 61088
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LOCAL NEWS



Ogle County law enforcement participates in Shop with a Cop

(COURTESY PHOTOS)

Over the weekend of Dec. 3-4, the officers of the Forreston Police Department, along with deputies from the Ogle County Sheriff's Office, the Stephenson County Sheriff's Office, police officers from City of Oregon Police Department, Illinois Conservation Police and the troopers of the Illinois State Police all met at Farm and Fleet in Freeport for Shop with a Cop. "It was a great time and several kids had a positive interaction with law enforcement, as well getting a few gifts," A Forreston Police Department Facebook post said. "Thank you to Farm and Fleet for hosting the event again. To all of our volunteers and to those who donated to the event, Thank you!"

2022 Ogle County tentative multiplier announced

SPRINGFIELD — Ogle County has been issued a tentative property assessment equalization factor of 1.0000, according to David Harris, director of the Illinois Department of Revenue. The property assessment equalization factor, often called the "multiplier," is the method used to achieve uniform property assessments among counties, as required by law. This equalization is particularly important because some of the state's 6,600 local taxing districts overlap into two or more counties (e.g. school

districts, junior college districts, fire protection districts). If there were no equalization among counties, substantial inequities among taxpayers with comparable properties would result. State law requires property in Illinois to be assessed at one-third of its market value. Farm property is assessed differently, with farm homesites and dwellings subject to regular assessing and equalization procedures, but with farmland and farm buildings assessed according to standards based on productivity.

The equalization factor is determined annually for each county by comparing the sales price of individual properties sold over the past three years to the assessed value placed on those properties by the county supervisor of assessments/county assessor. If this three-year average level of assessment is one-third of market value, the equalization factor will be one. If the average level of assessment is greater than one-third of market value, the equalization factor will be less than one. And if

the average level of assessment is less than one-third of market value, the equalization factor will be greater than one. Assessments in Ogle County are at 33.29 percent of market value, based on sales of properties in 2019, 2020, and 2021. The equalization factor currently being assigned is for 2022 taxes, payable in 2023. Last year's equalization factor for the county was 1.0000. The tentative factor is subject to change if the County Board of Re-

view takes actions which significantly affect the county assessments or if local officials or others can present data showing that the Department of Revenue's estimates of the average level of assessments in the county should be adjusted. A public hearing on the tentative multiplier will be held between 20 and 30 days after the tentative factor is published in a newspaper of general circulation within the county. A change in the equalization factor does not mean total property tax bills will increase or

decrease. Tax bills are determined by local taxing bodies when they request money each year to provide services to local citizens. If the amount requested by local taxing districts is not greater than the amount received in the previous year, then total property taxes will not increase even if assessments may have increased. The assessed value of an individual property determines what portion of the tax burden a specific taxpayer will assume. That individual's portion of tax responsibility is not changed by the multiplier.

Mt. Morris church's Candlelight Service scheduled Dec. 18

MT. MORRIS — The Evangelical Free Church of Mt. Morris invites you to attend our annual Christmas Candlelight Service, Dec.

18 at 6 p.m. This special evening will include a variety of musical pieces, such as a mixed ensemble, children's choir, special

music and congregational singing. Our service will feature a brief message by our senior pastor, Bruce McKanna. The program

will be followed by a birthday party for Jesus with a dessert reception for all. Please join us for an evening that will prepare your

hearts for Christmas. The Evangelical Free Church is located at 102 S. Seminary Ave., at the intersection of Front Street and Seminary

Avenue in Mt. Morris. For more information, go to www.efcmm.org or find us on Facebook at [Facebook.com/efcmm](https://www.facebook.com/efcmm).

Coffee Break

MAGIC MAZE

F A X W V S Q F N K I F D A X
V D T I Q O A M J S H F C A D
Y Y A D A R A F W U E R D P E
N L J E M Y H F D N L R R K H
B O Z S R X D V T E G R A Q C
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Unlisted clue hint: **Largest City in North Dakota**

Farad
Faraday
Farce
Fares

Far-fetched
Farms
Farmacyard
Wide-angle

Wide awake
Wide-body
Wide-open
Widely

Widen
Widescreen
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Hair is different. 2. Pocket is missing. 3. Corals is different. 4. Jacket is opened. 5. Shark is moved. 6. Sign is moved.

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FENTON; PARTIES IN POSSESSION; INTERESTED PERSONS, UNKNOWN OWNERS, and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS
Defendants.
CASE NO. 2022 FC 72
NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION - NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE (735 ILCS 5/2-206, 5/2-207, 5/2-413, 5-15-1501(c) 5/15-1502 AND 5/15-1503)
The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to Interested Persons, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, Defendants in the above captioned action, pursuant to the provisions of 735 ILCS 5/2-206, 5/2-207, 5/15-1502 and 5/15-1503, that the above captioned action has been commenced in the Circuit Court of Rock Island County, Illinois, seeking to foreclose mortgages covering the following described real estate situated in Rock Island County, Illinois, to wit:
1. L e g a l description: Lot T in the Resubdivision of part of Southview in the City of Rochelle, according to the Plat thereof recorded in the Book J of Plats, page 27, in the Recorder's Office in Ogle County, Illinois; situated in the Township of Flagg, County of Ogle and State of Illinois.
PIN: 06-24-36-227-003
2. C o m m o n address or location of the mortgaged premises: 114 Southview Drive, Rochelle, IL 61068.
and for such other relief. Summons were duly issued by the Court as provided by law and this action is now pending. Unless you file your answer to the Complaint in this action or otherwise make your appearance in the Circuit Court of Carroll County, Illinois on or before January 11, 2023, default may be entered against you.
1. The names of all Plaintiffs and the case number are identified above.
2. The Court in which the action was brought is identified above.
3. The names of the titleholders of record are: Richard M. Fenton
4. A common address or description of the location of the

real estate is as follows: 114 Southview Drive, Rochelle, IL 61068.
5. Identification of the mortgages sought to be foreclosed are as follows:
(a) Name of Mortgagor: Richard M. Fenton
(b) Name of Mortgagee: Central Bank Illinois
(c) Date of Mortgage: December 6, 2001
(d) Date of Recording: December 7, 2001
(e) C o u n t y where recorded: Ogle County, Illinois
(f) Recording

Document Identification: Document No. 0114721
DATED: December 2, 2022
/s/ Kimberly A. Stahl
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