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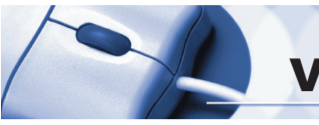
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Ogle County Board Chairman John Finfrock recognized four members of the board that will be departing including Dorothy Bowers, Greg Sparrow, Bruce McKinney and Lloyd Droege.

County board: Budget approved

ARPA requests approved

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

OREGON — At its monthly meeting Tuesday, the Ogle County Board approved its new 2023 budget and appropriations by a vote of 22-1.

The budget has a general fund total of over \$17.3 million. The 2022 amended budget general fund total was \$16.3 million.

The budget included a 2023-2027 long range capital expense plan. 2023 has plans

for demolition and planning for the old Ogle County Jail site (\$700,000) and the Judicial Center Annex solar project (\$300,000). 2024 has plans for sheriff/maintenance building project (\$300,000), county facilities capital projects (\$200,000) and contingencies including lighting, HVAC, IT support and renewable energy/solar (\$500,000).

The total for the five-year capital expense plan is \$4.23 million.

During the public comment portion of the meeting, the board heard concerns from

Ogle County Board of Health Chairwoman Carol Hoekstra about funding for her board's allotments.

The allotment for the board of health as listed in 2023 is \$56,000. In 2022 that number was \$80,000 and in 2021 it was \$83,000. It is currently looking to hire a new administrator for the Ogle County Health Department due to the planned departure of current Administrator Kyle Auman.

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Groundbreaking event held for Intermodal Transload Center

'The impact and benefits of this facility will be felt regionally for many years to come'

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE — On Wednesday, Nov. 9, the City of Rochelle and the Greater Rochelle Economic Development Corporation (GREDCO) hosted a groundbreaking ceremony for the Rochelle Intermodal Transload Center (RITC) at 1851 S. Steward Road, a new intermodal container yard in the heart of Rochelle's industrial park.

The project will return intermodal services to the city after the Union Pacific Railroad's decision to close the intermodal ramp at Global III in Rochelle in May 2019. The RITC will be served by the City of Rochelle Railroad, a city-owned short line railroad that connects businesses and industries to both the Union Pacific (UP) and Burlington Northern



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Santa Fe (BNSF) main line Railroads.

City officials aim for the facility to give local and regional industries a cost-effective alternative to moving freight through Chicago.

"To see this project come to fruition today

makes me very proud to say the least," Mayor John Bearrows said. "It represents a public-private partnership that is truly in the best interest of the region. This is truly a monumental milestone for this area relative to the shipping business. With

the current fuel cost, labor shortage, supply chain troubles and many other issues that face our smaller and larger shippers alike, this will be their saving grace."

The container yard will be operated by the Burlington Junction Railway

(BJRY) of Burlington, Iowa. The creation of the intermodal container yard is a collaboration between the city, GREDCO and the BJRY. The BJRY has operated the city's railroad for nearly 16 years.

BJRY General Manager AJ Martin has worked with the city since 2017 and said he's been "amazed" with what can be accomplished in the community.

"This is a prime example of something you don't find anywhere else in North America," Martin said. "People come together and push back on things like this to make it possible for industries to grow. That's a testament to the tenacity of this community. Rochelle sees rail as a tool to better the lives of people in this community."

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LOCAL NEWS

BOARD: Three projects approved for American Rescue Plan Act funds

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“As a health board, we won’t be able to function with the stipend decrease of \$24,000,” Hoekstra said. “We’re having a hard time currently. We’re losing our administrator. We’ve been going through interviews and have seen trouble finding qualified

administrators. At this time, it makes it impossible to attract someone for the job with problems with the budget already. Please reconsider what you have there.”

Hoekstra said she believes the health department should be kept in the county and it’s handled a difficult few years due

to COVID-19 on top of handling its regular duties.

ARPA

The board unanimously approved funding for three projects with American Rescue Plan Act funds in the county that total \$88,090.

The first involves cameras for the downtown

campus and in parks in Mt. Morris for \$25,590. In recent years, the village has seen an increase in crimes including burglary, criminal damage and defacement in those areas.

The Village of Stillman Valley was given \$12,500 in matching funds for a stormwater project. The village recently had a drainage study done and purchased two properties to facilitate the addition of green space to the drainage that runs through the entire village. There will be construction of a dry drainage ditch to slow the path of water through town.

The Rochelle Fire Department and Ogle-Lee Fire Protection District were awarded \$50,000 for a multi-disciplinary training facility project to serve local and regional public safety personnel. The project’s needs include a concrete pad and training structure.

The board also approved ARPA funding for its own human resources department for \$350,000 over three years.

Recognition

Board Chairman John Finfrock recognized four members of the board that will be departing including Dorothy Bowers, Greg Sparrow, Bruce McKinney and Lloyd Droege.

Tuesday’s meeting was the last for Bowers, Sparrow, McKinney and Droege. Bowers served on the board for 18 years, mostly as chairwoman of the HEW committee.



Ogle County Board Chairman John Finfrock and Vice Chairwoman Patricia Nordman participate in Tuesday’s meeting.

Sparrow served for 10 years, mostly as chairman of the finance committee. Droege was on the board for four years and served on the committees of road and bridge, personnel and salary and state’s attorney. McKinney was on the board for 10 years and on the committees of assessments and planning, road and bridge and personnel and salary.

“These four people have been on the board for a long time,” Finfrock said. “We’re going to miss every one of them.”

Election

Ogle County Clerk

Laura Cook thanked her staff for their work during the recent midterm election.

“It was a tough one this time, even though it was just a midterm,” Cook said. “There was a lot of voter turnout. We had 60 percent, which is great. I also want to thank the township supervisors and all the election judges and volunteers that helped out. Without their assistance, we couldn’t do it.”

The board also voted unanimously to raise the compensation for election judges from \$100 to \$150 going forward.

CP Holiday Train to stop in Byron

BYRON—The Canadian Pacific (CP) Holiday Train will be stopping in Byron on Dec. 3 at 11:45 a.m. for a holiday performance. The Train will benefit People Helping People, which is the food pantry in Byron that serves six townships in northern Ogle County.

This is a Saturday, so grab the kids, grandparents and make this a family holiday outing. Monetary and healthy canned goods are all needed to help them continue their service to those in need in the area.

The Canadian Pacific (CP) Holiday Train will return to the rails this season on its first cross-continent tour in three years, following virtual concerts in the pandemic years of 2020 and 2021. The train will again raise money, food and awareness for local food pantries in communities along the CP network.

“I’m grateful to the CP team members who adapted during the COVID-19 pandemic to deliver two exceptional virtual Holiday Train shows and to all those who continued to donate while we kept community members safe,” said Keith Creel, CP’s president and chief executive officer. “The Holiday Train is all about families and communities coming together to celebrate the season and help those in need. We are excited to be back out on the rails and in our communities, taking these two beautiful trains across our network and sharing the joy that comes with gathering in the spirit of giving.”

Details about this year’s artists and which performers will play which shows are available at cpr.ca/holidaytrain.

Holiday Train shows are free to attend. CP asks attendees to bring a cash or non-perishable food donation if they’re able. Local food shelves will set up collection stations at each event, with all donations made staying with the local food pantry to help people in need in the community. Because local food pantries buy food at a discount, cash donations can go further than food donations to help those in need, but either are appreciated.

Since the Holiday Train program launched in 1999, the CP raised more than \$21 million and collected five million pounds of food for community food pantries across North America. Come out to see the train, enjoy the show and help the local food bank, People Helping People fill their pantry.

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LOCAL NEWS

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Missouri man arrested for domestic battery

BYRON — On Oct. 24, Marshall P. Daniels 45, of Joplin, Missouri was arrested for domestic battery. Daniels was transported to Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

On Oct. 24, Richard E. Jorgensen, 84, of Plainfield, Illinois was issued a citation for speeding.

On Oct. 25, Gabriel R. Bauer 20, of Byron was issued a citation for operating a vehicle with suspended registration.

On Oct. 25, Bryson L. Vietmeier 28, of Forreton was issued a citation for no insurance.

On Oct. 26, Jay K. Tyler, 38, of Winnebago was issued a citation for speeding in a school zone.

On Oct. 26, Brian A. Raffaele, 43, of Marengo was issued a citation speeding.

On Oct. 26, Karen L. Sheik, 65, of Machesney Park was issued a citation for speeding.

On Oct. 27, Joel R. Pauley, 18, of Byron was issued a citation for speeding.

On Oct. 27, Kelley F. Korcek, 52, of Loves Park was issued a citation for speeding.

On Oct. 31, Mertica Hall, 32, of Rockford was issued citations for speeding and operating an uninsured vehicle.

On Nov. 1, Brooks Donovan, 41, of Byron was issued a citation for speeding.

On Nov. 1, Joshua McClearin, 41, of Nelson, Illinois was issued a citation for speeding.

On Nov. 1, Adam Vickery, 42, of Byron was arrested on a warrant. Vickery was transported to Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

On Nov. 1, Anna M. Seidelman, 71, of Leaf River was issued a citation for speeding.

On Nov. 3, Melena B. Starks, 44, of Lynwood, Illinois was issued citations for driving while license suspended and operating an uninsured vehicle.

On Nov. 5, Lamar A. DaeQuan, 21, of Vera Beach, Florida was issued a citation for speeding.

On Nov. 7, Matthew L. Harmon, 23, of Central, South Carolina was issued a citation for speeding.

On Nov. 9, Allison R. Zoller 30, of Byron was issued citations for operating a vehicle while registration is suspended and operating an uninsured vehicle.

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

CENTER: Facility will also handle dry bulk, liquid bulk and other shipping services

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Intermodal service could begin as early as spring 2023. The project includes paving the entrance to the RITC, construction of an 1,100-by-60-foot concrete lifting pad and constructing an intermodal container yard adjacent to the existing transload center.

In addition to adding intermodal services within the RITC, the facility can handle a variety of shipments including dry bulk, liquid bulk, dimensional, oversize, machinery, metals and other commodities and products.

GREDCO Board Vice Chairman Claude McKibben spoke at the groundbreaking and touted the city and GREDCO's investment in Rochelle's industry sector.

"Through GREDCO's vision and leadership, the city's railroad was created, the industrial park we stand in was developed, along with numerous other projects that have attracted over a dozen industries bringing over 1,000 jobs," McKibben said. "The development of the RITC is yet another example of GREDCO's



Rochelle Mayor John Bearrows speaks Nov. 9 at the groundbreaking ceremony for the Rochelle Intermodal Transload Center.

role in collaborating with the city to bring about economic development opportunities where businesses can thrive."

City Economic Development Director Jason Anderson was tasked with working to return intermodal service to the city after Global III closed. He called Wednesday "a monumental day" and said the RITC will create opportunities for dozens of industries to reduce freight costs.

Anderson said that over the past four years, at times his faith wavered on whether or not the intermodal facility would come to fruition.

"Today we're here to celebrate it," Anderson said. "I've thought and dreamed and believed for 18 years that this project would come to fruition. We've overcome many obstacles. Today we celebrate a new beginning where local and regional businesses will begin to have access to a new rail and truck intermodal service, saving millions of dollars in transportation costs."

When Global III closed, Bearrows told local media that it would affect the area adversely and said that the city would do everything it could to provide a city-owned intermodal rail

service. It accomplished that goal Wednesday.

Bearrows believes the project will have "a huge impact" on the community and region for "many years to come." Anderson said the new service will attract new businesses that offer good-paying jobs to citizens in Rochelle and the region.

"We're celebrating the laying of a new foundation where businesses seeking a friendly place to do business can know that this group of leaders will go the extra mile to bring profitability and success to these businesses," Anderson said. "I call this the Rochelle way."



Officials from the City of Rochelle, the Greater Rochelle Economic Development Corporation, the Burlington Junction Railway and members of the community posed for a photo at the Nov. 9 groundbreaking.

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Thank you to all who sent flowers, plants, cards, memorials, Masses, phone messages of sympathy, food, and cooked meals for us.

Thank you to Serenity Hospice and Home for your gentle care and compassionate teamwork given Bruce the last 3 weeks of his life. You all are Angels.

Thank you to the caring staff of Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home. You helped us through a trying time.

Thank you doesn't seem to be enough for all the kindness that was shown to me and my family during our recent loss of a loved one. Please know that each of you are in our thoughts and prayers.

May God bless you all.

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LOCAL NEWS

Obituaries

Michael Paul Anthony Estes

OREGON — Michael Paul Anthony Estes, 31, passed away on Nov. 10.

He was born in St. Louis on Jan. 27, 1991 to Christina Barrett and Brian Estes. He graduated from Sycamore High School and worked as an assistant warehouse manager for K&M Tire in DeKalb.

Michael married the love of his life, Amanda Hyland, in Rockford on Sept. 19. He was a member of Riverstone Christian Church in Oregon. Michael enjoyed watching NASCAR and cheering on the Chicago Bears and Cubs. He was a holiday person especially enjoying Christmas and Halloween. He recently started woodworking and liked researching his family tree. He was someone you could count on when he committed to something. He was a family man. He adored his wife and made memories with her on a trip to Sanibel Island where he found great joy in collecting shells. He loved being a father to his children and could be found playing games and spending time with them whenever he could.

He is preceded in death by his son

Holden, grandmother, Phyllis Holden and father-in-law, Thomas Hyland.

He is survived and missed by his loving wife, Amanda of Oregon; mother, Christina Doty of Hillcrest; father, Mark Doty of Sycamore; children, Gracelynn, Madison, and Connor; siblings, Nathan Estes of Eugene, Oregon, Kelli of Oregon, Miranda LaBorn of Sycamore and Kyle Doty of Hillcrest; grandmothers, Nancy Doty of Boston and Karen Poole of Rochelle; mother-in-law, Penny Hyland of Belvidere; brothers and sisters-in-law, Greg Hyland, Dan (Anna) Hyland, Lori (Chris) Beyer, Jim (Tausha) Markell; and many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Visitation was held from 5-7 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 17 at Riverstone Christian Church, 609 S. 10th St., Oregon, IL 61061. A memorial service was held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 18 at the church with Pastor Craig Arnold officiating. Memorials are established in his name.

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Bernice A. McPhillips

BROOKVILLE — Bernice A. McPhillips, of Brookville, passed away Friday, Nov. 11 at KSB Hospital in Dixon.

Bernice was born Aug. 23, 1954, in Dixon, the daughter of Harry and Evelyn Shafer. On March 17, 1990 in Brookville, she married Robert McPhillips. She worked at Rolling Hills in Lanark for a time and then went to work at PNC in Polo until her retirement.

Bernice was a collector of all things. She enjoyed spending time with her grandson Riley, cooking or baking for her family pulling out recipes from her many cookbooks. Bernice was the first to wish a happy birthday and if you didn't remember your own she remembered for you.

Survivors include husband Robert; daughter Tracy (Richard) Krebs

of Lanark; son Cory McPhillips of Polo; step-daughters Amy Bell, Dana Dunivan, Tanya Mitchell, Misty Linstrom, Joni Beyer; sister Linda (Jerry) Martz of Byron; grandson Riley McPhillips and numerous step-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; infant daughter and step-daughter Pam McPhillips.

Visitation was scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 16 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Brookville United Methodist Church, 17725 W. Chambers St., Polo. Funeral services will begin at 11 a.m. following visitation also at the church with burial in Brookville United Methodist Church Cemetery rural Polo.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established her name.

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William 'Bill' Cates

ST. CHARLES — William "Bill" Cates (Nov. 23, 1939 - Nov. 14, 2022)

Bill is survived by his wife, Jayne Hay Cates of 63 years, daughter Leanna (Keith) Hershey, grandchildren Kyle and Zach Hershey, Claire and Ian Cates, brother Larry Cates. He was preceded in death by his son Donald Cates, parents Raymond and Judy (Conway) Cates and sister Carolyn May.

Bill was known for his infectious smile and the twinkle in his blue eyes. He worked for Piggly Wiggly in Oregon as a teen and worked his way through the grocery business with Eagle Foods. Bill loved to work on the family farm, attend family gatherings and listen

to music. He enjoyed flying his single engine airplane and looking to the sky to identify others. He liked to plan local and international travel and then enjoy the experience. He would go anywhere in his little red truck.

Bill was a member of the Smoky Mountain Historical Society, the DeKalb Masonic Lodge, Rotary and Sons of the Revolution.

Visitation was held Nov. 18 from 12:07-1 p.m. at Farrell Holland Gale Funeral Home in Oregon. Services were at 1 p.m. followed by burial at Lighthouse Cemetery.

To leave an online condolence please visit www.farrellhollandgale.com



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Louise Marie Painter

WINNEBAGO — Louise Marie Painter, 85, of Winnebago, died Sunday, Nov. 6 at her home with her family by her side. She was born June 14, 1937 in Ashton, the daughter of Cornelius and Myrtle Elaine (Colby) Gonnerman. She graduated from Winnebago High School in 1955. Louise married Richard William Zimmerman on April 26, 1955. She later married Russell "Russ" Allen Painter on June 8, 1979.

Louise worked in accounting at Barber-Colman in Rockford. She and Russ owned and operated Nana's Dinner Bell. During her retirement she enjoyed working at McDonald's in Winnebago. Louise was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Pecatonica and was actively involved in the Mary and Martha Society. She enjoyed crocheting and knitting, making new born baby hats for the hospitals in Rockford. She enjoyed helping people with various needs.

Louise is survived by her daughter, Lois (Michael) Virtue; son, Robert "Rob" (Sherri) Zimmerman; grand-

children, Bryan Zimmerman, Charlene (Christopher) Murdakes, Marianne (John) Podraza, Anthony (Michelle) Orlandi, Kaitlin (Sam) Jackson, Kyle Zimmerman; several great-grandchildren; several nephews and nieces; special friends, Ida Bolen and Tom Hazzard.

Louise is predeceased by her husband, Russ Painter; son, Dale Zimmerman; brother, John Gonnerman; sisters, Pauline Rash, Donna Johnson; twin sister, Lois Westphal.

A celebration of life will be 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 10 at St. John Lutheran Church, 1301 N. Jackson St., Pecatonica.

Cremation rites accorded. Interment at Twelve Mile Grove Cemetery near Pecatonica. In lieu of flowers a memorial will be established for St. John Lutheran Church in Pecatonica.

Arrangements by Genandt Funeral Home, 602 N. Elida St., Winnebago. For an online obituary and tributes go to www.genandtfuneralhome.com.



Betty Jo Wubbena

FORRESTON — Betty Jo Wubbena, 88, passed away peacefully Sunday, Nov. 13 in her home with family present.

Born April 1, 1934 to John and Lula (Allen) Gale in Union, Iowa. Betty married the love of her life, Phillip M. Wubbena on Feb. 1, 1953 in Sterling. They had four children and eight grandchildren.

Betty came from humble beginnings. Living through the Depression made her appreciate the little things in life. She wanted for nothing but felt she was given everything. She was always happiest when doing things for others. Betty once said God had told her, her job here on earth was to love unconditionally and serve others. Everyone who met Betty adored her and was taken in by her friendliness, wit and humor. Betty's heart was open to everyone with no judgement, truly a pure heart. She was a beautiful private lady poised in every way.

Her family was her greatest pride and joy. They will say she was a consummate mother and grandmother. She was immensely adored by them. Betty was a servant of God strong in her faith and enjoyed her church and playing old time hymns on her piano. Betty's passing is a

testament of eternal life with Christ.

Phil and Betty founded Phil's Fresh Eggs, Inc. in 1959. Their quality egg brand quickly became an industry model for today's humane animal food industry. Both Phil and Betty were inventors in their own right, showing that an idea and hard work could create a successful business.

Betty was a member of the Forreton Reformed Church.

She is survived by children Christine (Marc) Strich of Wellington, Florida, Rodney (Denise) Wubbena of Belvidere, Audrey (Tim) Padden of Palatine, and Keith (Helen) Wubbena of Stillman Valley; grandchildren, Katrina & Jon Strich, Anne & Jane Wubbena, Brittany and Edward Padden, and Samuel and Carly Wubbena.

She was predeceased by her loving husband Phil, parents and nine brothers and sisters.

A private funeral will be held at the Forreton Reformed Church with interment in White Oak Cemetery, Forreton. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Forreton Reformed Church.

Please visit www.burketubbs.com to sign her online quest book and to share memories.



Saralu Evelyn Thomas (Callanan) Garland

COLORADO SPRINGS, Col. — Saralu Evelyn Thomas (Callanan) Garland, 88, of Colorado Springs, Colorado and previously Arlington Heights and Barrington, Illinois. Beloved wife of the late Jeremy Turell Garland. Previously married to Robert Callanan. Loving mother of John F. (Shana) Callanan, Carol L. (Gregory) Callanan-Uhl, James D. (Elke) Callanan, Catherine L. Rivera and step mother of Thomas M. (Brenda), James T. (Franca) and the late Laura Sullivan. Cherished grandmother of 14. Preceded in death by Thomas brothers Franklin Eugene (Barbara) and William Dean (Mary) and survived by brother Lawrence Joseph (Sharon).

Saralu earned a BSN from Northwestern University in 1957 and worked as a nurse in Chicago. She raised her four children in Arlington Heights, and frequently relished the annual Thomas reunions in Ogle County where she could connect her next generation to their elders and ancestors. Saralu was an active member of Southminster Presbyteri-

an Church, singing in choir, teaching Sunday school and helping out as requested.

With her competence, integrity and positive attitude, Saralu pivoted to bookkeeping/office management recruited by kindred spirits in her many social circles. She worked for various accounting, technology and medical firms such as Thomas Mead CPA, JA Callanan Co., Thomas Laguban & Assoc Inc and Medicine Ltd. Saralu volunteered at the Barrington and Luther Village libraries, and also

coordinated reunions for her classmates from Barrington High School and Wesley nurses. Saralu was familiarly renowned for her consistently annual Thanksgiving celebration, which often featured random people, along with and occasional Ogle County Thomas.

Memorial was held on Nov. 19, and internment Nov. 20 at Oakwood Cemetery, Mt. Morris. In lieu of flowers, memorials appreciated to Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, PO Box 22324, New York, NY 10087 (www.lls.org).



Mt. Morris Goodfellows accepting donations for the holidays

MT. MORRIS — The Mt. Morris Goodfellows are accepting monetary donations for those in need this holiday season. Donations are greatly appreciated. Jerry Griffin and Charlie Beard, Goodfellows co-chairmen, say that the Goodfellows will once again be able to provide assistance this Christmas thanks to the financial support of the community.

Each holiday season, for nearly 70 years, the Goodfellows have provided food assistance and fruit baskets to residents in Mt. Morris.

Donations can be mailed to Mt. Morris Goodfellows, P.O. Box 75, Mt. Morris, IL 61054 or dropped into a Goodfellows donation can located at local businesses. Participating Mt. Morris businesses are Sterling Federal Bank, Union Savings Bank, Rockford Bell Credit Union, Ciminio's Pizza, The Idle Hour, Moose Lodge, Peppermill Restaurant, Sharky's, Shell Express, Sullivan's Grocery, Village Hall, Mobil, Eclips Hair Salon, Campus Café, Mullarkey's Bar & Grill and Nava Family Restaurant.

LOCAL NEWS



From left to right: Deanna Forrest, Donna Fellows, April Bold, Karen Urish, Maja Shoemaker and Sue Robbins.

100 Women Who Care of Ogle County donates to Pegasus Special Riders

OGLE COUNTY — At their October meeting, the members of 100 Women Who Care of Ogle County voted to donate \$5,300 to Pegasus Special Riders to help with the rebuilding of their facility

which was a near total loss due to high winds this year. 100 Women Who Care donates money to four different charities per year. The members meet only four times, once in January, April,

July and October. To date they have donated \$29,000 to charities in Ogle County. For more information about 100 Women Who Care, contact Deanna Forrest at forrestdede5@gmail.com.

Byron PD's Operation Santa event is Dec. 3, donations being taken

BYRON — Byron Police Department's Operation Santa has been making Christmas a little brighter for the less fortunate children in the Byron community for the past 32 years. Byron Kiwanis has been partnering with the police department for 14 years, hosting Breakfast with Santa and Mrs. Claus where all toy and monetary donations benefit Operation Santa.

COVID-19 restrictions canceled Breakfast with Santa and Mrs. Claus for 2020 and 2021. Through generous community donations the needs of the children in the Byron area were still met, providing Christmas gifts to those who otherwise would have gone without. Now, in 2022, the Byron Kiwanis is once again offering Breakfast with Santa and Mrs. Claus! This year's event will be held in the cafeteria at Mary Morgan Elementary school on Saturday, Dec.

3 from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. Breakfast will consist of pancakes, sausage, applesauce, juice, milk and coffee. Breakfast is free. However, a donation of a new, unwrapped gift would be appreciated. Our greatest need is gifts for children ages 7-10 and 11-14. In lieu of a gift, monetary donations will be gratefully accepted. If you are unable to make it to the breakfast and would like to contribute, checks payable to Operation Santa can be

dropped off at or mailed to the Byron Police Department, PO Box 923, Byron IL 61010. These donations will be used to purchase gifts for specific age groups that will be distributed through People Helping People. Operation Santa continues to succeed through dedicated volunteers and thrives on the generosity of our community members. Through this program, over 4,950 children have received gifts at Christmas.

Oregon Rotary Club awards 7 scholarships

OREGON — Oregon Rotary Club Foundation is excited and honored to be able to award scholarships to seven exceptional college students this year. Owen Ketter, Lauren Montavon, Reese Theisen, Grant Cermak, Lydia Cermak, Even Vache and Adam Thorsen are the applicants whom the board agreed best represent the ideals of Rotary International this year. Lauren Montavon and Owen Ketter will share the honor of being named as the 2022 co-recipients of the "Helen and Andrew Cirksema Scholarship."

The annual Oregon Rotary Club Foundation scholarship program began in 1984, thanks to the Cirksema family's generous donation to the club. The club awarded one \$500 college scholarship that first year. Foundation members nurtured the scholarship program and it continued to develop. In 2014, the program expanded to include graduating high school seniors due to a generous donation from Catherine Ehnen.

Over the course of these 37 years, the program has awarded over \$400,000 to more than 200 students who best manifested the ideals of Rotary International. The yearly decision process is a very difficult yet a rewarding experience because of the large number of outstanding applicants that apply each year. The Oregon community should be

very proud of these individuals who are not only excellent students but participate in activities geared toward helping others as well. The Oregon Rotary Club Foundation, Inc. appreciates the many applicants to the scholarship program. Our district is fortunate to have so many scholars of distinction. The board members would like to thank all the students for taking the time to apply and for sharing their talents and leadership in our community. Their hope is that these financial awards will help the students pursue their college education and enable them to continue to support our fine community. A separate scholarship opportunity will be given to graduating OHS seniors in the spring. Rotary is a service club whose mission is serving. Rotarians provide community service, both locally and internationally. Becoming a Rotarian provides the opportunity to do something for someone else and to sense the highly rewarding self-fulfillment that comes with the process. Oregon Rotary Club is always looking for new members. For additional information or to apply for membership visit their website at <https://portal.clubrunner.ca/5761> or email Rotary Club President Erin Folk at Erin@oregonpark.org.

Donations needed for Washington Grove Cemetery

ASHTON — Do you have a loved one buried at Washington Grove Cemetery on East Flagg Road in rural Ashton? Perpetual cemetery care of mowing, weed control and tree maintenance is constant and costly. The cemetery relies heavily on funds received from burials and donations.

With approximately three burials a year, the cemetery's funds are extremely low. Please consider donating to keep your loved one's burial site looking nice. Send donations to the cemetery treasurer at 4317 E. Hogan Road, Chana, 61015. Thank you.

Polo Police Department

POLO — On Nov. 8 at 6:28 p.m. William E. Rice, 25, Sterling, was cited for driving an uninsured motor vehicle and a verbal warning for expired registration. Rice was released on an I-Bond. On Nov. 12 at 4:20 p.m. Paulina Sulaiman, 34, Des Plaines, was cited for failure to yield to right of way resulting in an accident. Sulaiman was released on an I-Bond.

On Nov. 13 at 11:03 p.m. Deangelo L. Fernandez, 16, Polo, was cited for operation of an uninsured motor vehicle. Fernandez was released on an I-Bond. General calls for service for the weeks of Oct. 31 through Nov. 13: Citizen complaints/assist 13, juvenile 1, animal complaint 2, fire/medical assist 2, alarm/open door 1, 911 hang up 3 and traffic stops 14.



Thanksgiving Turkey Winners

The following lucky winners have been selected to receive a Gift Certificate towards a Thanksgiving Turkey.

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LOCAL NEWS

Chana UMC Candlelight Christmas Dessert is Dec. 3

CHANA — Once again the Chana United Methodist Church will be hosting their Candlelight Christmas Dessert on Saturday, Dec. 3 at the Chana UMC at 7 p.m. The program will feature Jamie Young, a vocal and instrumental musician from rural Oregon — a former member of the Spirit's Harmony group which frequently were featured at many local events. Following the program a dessert buffet will be held in the candlelit social hall.

There is no admission charge — a love offering will be taken for a local special need. A door prize will be awarded at the close of the program and additional drawings for other prizes will take place during the social time.

All women and girls in the area are welcome. Please call the church office at 815-732-7683. Pat Kloopping at 915-453-2345, or Carole Sutton at 815-595-4559 by Dec. 1 if you plan to attend and have not been previously contacted.



Leaf River Lions crown Halloween costume contest winners

The Leaf River Lions recently crowned the winners of their Halloween costume contest. The Lions sponsor the event held in the Bertolet Memorial building in Halloween each year. Each person in costume receives a hot dog, chips and lemonade. The contest is open from infant to adult. Each entry receives one dollar and first place receives \$5 while second receives \$3. Among the winners were: Adults first place Trevor Penn as a Scarecrow (left) and in the 3-4 years division first place was Pierce Reemtsma as a British soldier.



Local church raises funds for Oregon Elementary School teachers

OREGON — The Oregon Church of God held its annual yard sale and raised more than \$2,200 to donate to OCUSD Elementary School teachers to assist with covering out-of-pocket costs that teachers may incur purchasing classroom supplies and materials throughout the school year.

"We have many retired teachers in our congregation and so we understand that teachers are an invaluable resource to our children and give back to our community in ways we will never know," said Nathan Massey, assistant pastor at Oregon Church of God. "We wanted to show our appreciation to our local elementary school teachers by donating the proceeds from our annual yard sale to help cover classroom costs."

Typical out-of-pocket costs are well into the hundreds even thousands of dollars, that teachers spend on their own classrooms each year to make it the best environment possible for students. According to a national survey completed by adoptaclassroom.org, in 2020-2021, teachers spent on average \$750 of their own money, with 30 percent of teachers spending \$1,000 or more on school supplies. Teachers may spend money to decorate their classrooms, plan

engaging activities for their students that require extra materials, or buy books that they or their students will use to extend their learning. Oregon Elementary School plans to distribute funds to each classroom to be spent on classroom supplies and materials in helping relieve the burden of teachers spending their hard-earned money to create a welcoming classroom environment each year. "Teachers do not get enough credit for all they do to meet the needs of their students. We routinely have staff who spend their own money on their classrooms to meet the needs of their students," said Ryan Huels, assistant principal of Oregon Elementary School. "In a time when so much is put on our teachers' plates, I am appreciative of a local organization that recognizes the incredible work teachers do on a daily basis, and we are grateful for our community's continued support of our staff and students."

The Oregon Church of God's annual yard sale committee donates the proceeds to one or two causes to support community growth each year. For those interested in donating, please contact the church directly at 815-732-6847 or visit www.oregoncog.com/contact-us.html.

The 2023 From The Heart Cash Calendars are NOW AVAILABLE!!

The proceeds of the sale of the calendars benefit our From The Heart recipients: Pegasus Special Riders, Rochelle Christian Food Pantry, HOPE, Focus House, Shining Star Children's Advocacy Center, CASA, Rochelle Area Community Foundation, Hub City Senior Center & Rochelle Rotary.



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NOTICE OF PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX INCREASE FOR MONROE TOWNSHIP FIRE AND AMBULANCE PROTECTION DISTRICT

I. A Public Hearing to approve a proposed Property Tax Levy Increase for Monroe Township Fire and Ambulance Protection District for 2022 (payable in 2023) will be held on December 1, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the Monroe Township Fire Station, 104 West Street, Monroe Center, Illinois.

Any person desiring to appear at the Public Hearing and present testimony to the Taxing District may contact Attorney Nathan J. Noble, attorney for the District, 504 North State Street, Belvidere, IL 61008, telephone no. (815) 547-7700.

II. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended or abated for 2021 (payable in 2022) were \$269,543.48.

The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 2022 (payable in 2023) are \$296,497.00. This represents a 10% increase over the previous year.

III. The property taxes extended for debt service and public building commission leases for 2021 (payable in 2022) were \$00.00.

The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for 2022 (payable in 2023) are \$00.00. This represents a 0% increase over the previous year.

IV. The total property taxes extended or abated for 2021 (payable in 2022) were \$269,543.48.

The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 2022 (payable in 2023) are \$296,497.00. This represents a 10% increase over the previous year.

John Johnson, Monroe Township Fire and Ambulance Protection District Treasurer

LOCAL NEWS

Petitions available for 3 HCC Board of Trustees positions

FREEPORT—On April 4, 2023, Highland Community College District residents will elect three people to serve six-year terms on the seven-member HCC Board of Trustees. Potential candidates must circulate and file nominating petitions with the secretary to the board of trustees during the filing period. These petitions are available in the office of the secretary to the board of trustees at Highland Community College, room H-231, second floor, student/conference center, 2998 W. Pearl City Road, Freeport. The petitions are available Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. to noon, and 1 to 5 p.m.

To be eligible to serve, a candidate must be a citizen of the United States, at least 18 years old, a registered voter, and a resident of the State of Illinois and the Highland Community College District for at least one year immediately preceding the election. A statement of candidacy must accompany

nominating petitions. Certification that a statement of economic interest has been filed with the Stephenson County Clerk's Office must be submitted by the end of the filing period. The filing period is Dec. 12 - 19, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

All petitions filed by people waiting in line at 8 a.m. on the first day of filing, Dec. 12, petitions received in the first mail delivery on Dec. 12, and two or more petitions filed within the last hour of the filing deadline (4 to 5 p.m.) on Dec. 19 are considered filed simultaneously. To determine placement on the ballot for petitions filed simultaneously, a lottery will be held on Dec. 20 at 8:30 a.m. in the Robert J. Rimington Board Room in (room H-228), Highland Community College Student/Conference Center. The objection period for petitions will be Dec. 20-21, 2022, and Jan. 3-5, 2023 due to campus closure Dec. 22 to Jan. 2.

Nominations being taken for county soil and water conservation board

OREGON — Nominations are being accepted for Ogle County Soil and Water Conservation District Board. To all persons of legal voting age who own or reside on land located within the boundaries of the Ogle County Soil and Water Conservation District.

Nominations are being accepted for two, 2-year terms as directors of the Ogle County Soil and Water Conservation District. Nominations can be made at the district's office, 1213 Pines Road, Suite 3, Oregon, IL 61061, during the normal business hours of 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

To be considered for nomination as a candidate for the office of director, nominees must provide proof of residency or ownership of land located within the boundaries of the district.

Interested persons must respond by 4 p.m. on Jan. 13, 2023.



Girl Scouts take on White Pines Skating Rink

Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois of Southern Ogle County celebrated the birthday of the organization's founder, Juliette Low, by skating at White Pines Skating Rink on Oct. 30. They collected items for donation to HOPE of Ogle County to benefit those who fleeing domestic abuse. Join the fun! If you have a daughter who would like to join Girl Scouts (and cookie season is approaching quickly!) please contact Patty Head at 815-973-6753.

Engineering scholarships available for local students

DIXON—High school seniors looking for ways to help finance their college engineering education can apply for a scholarship available from the Rock River Chapter of the Illinois Society of Professional Engineers. Applications are available now until the application deadline of Jan. 20, 2023. Applications are available from high school guidance counselors of all public

and private high schools in the Rock River Chapter area which includes Bureau, Carroll, Lee, Ogle and Whiteside counties in northwestern Illinois. Applications for scholarships are judged from national standard test scores, essays, transcripts and extracurricular activities. Scholarships are available only for students attending an accredited engineering program.

In our 2022-2023 scholarship

cycle, the Rock River Chapter will award at least one scholarship of \$1,000. Last year the chapter awarded three new scholarships. Local scholarships are made possible by the Rock River Chapter through its annual scholarship fund raisers.

For more information contact Rock River Scholarship Chairman, Erik Larson, at 815-284-3381.

Higley Light Extravaganza to begin Nov. 26

MT. MORRIS — Higley Light Extravaganza is ready to begin their 11th year of lights synced to music for the holiday season. We will turn everything on Saturday, Nov. 26 at 5 p.m. at 309 West Front Street in Mt. Morris.

Have your child bring their letter to Santa to drop off in our North Pole Express Mailbox. Hot cocoa and cookies will be provided. We will be accepting donations for the Mt. Morris Fire Fund for the new fire house.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Byron Civic Theatre presents Christmas Memories

Join us as we celebrate the joy of Christmas in a small town! Everyone is coming home for the holidays and while families gather at the local diner, a blizzard hits and traps everyone inside. To keep spirits high until their inevitable rescue, they share their favorite memories of Christmas in the Square. Laughter and warm

moments are shared and will surely bring back warm memories of your own. This heartwarming original play is written by local playwright Andrew Mahan and features musical performances. Tickets are \$15 each general admission. Tickets can be purchased in advance at <http://www.byronparks.org/ByronCivicTheatre> or at the door.

Show dates: Nov. 25 & 26 - 7 p.m., Nov. 27 - 2 p.m., Dec. 2 & 3 - 7 p.m. Dec. 4 - 2 p.m.

Mt. Morris Moose to host free holiday bazar

Come one come all! Mt. Morris Moose Lodge (101 Moose Drive, Mt. Morris) is hosting a free holiday bazar on **Dec. 3 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.** Kids will get to meet with Santa, do some crafts and adults can do some shopping. Food will be available to purchase.

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"Congress shall make no law . . . abridging the freedom of speech or of the press"

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Company A, 2nd Illinois Calvary

IT was 4:30 a.m. on April 12, 1861 when Brigadier General P.G.B. Beauregard opened fire on Fort Sumter. The time for talking was over, the Civil War had begun.

President Lincoln called for those loyal to the Union to enlist. In the words of Luke 22:36, "He who hath no sword, let him sell his coat and buy one."

The Village of Lane (Rochelle) answered the call on July 23, 1861. A crowd gathered in front of the Bain Building and watched with pride as 64 men, 29 from Lane, gathered to form a volunteer cavalry. Local resident John R. Hotaling was elected captain of the group. The crowd cheered and called for a speech. Nick Hotaling, John's brother, obliged.

He pointed toward the American flag, "It is against this that they have made war. It is to defend this that we have come. It was Washington's flag, it is yours and mine. I have followed that flag over continents and seas from frigid zones to the equator. I have saluted it beneath every star that shines upon the round world. In all my wanderings it has floated over me. In strange lands it has been my friend and my pride, my guardian and my protector. That flag stands for humanity! I stand for that flag. And by the God who gave me breath, I will fight for it now."

The group supplied their own equipment. Their greatest pride was in the horses. Lane was renowned for the high quality of its horses, and the local breeders made sure that only the best were provided for "their" cavalry.

The next morning the boys began their trek south through Mendota, LaSalle, onward to Bloomington. From Bloomington they are transported to Springfield, Illinois. It is here at Camp Butler, on Aug. 12, 1861, they are mustered into state service. From Camp Butler they traveled to Carbondale, Illinois, and then Duquoin for additional training in horse maneuvers. Training was intense and very competitive. The units would be rated alphabetically, with A being the best. For the Ogle County men there was no second grade, they wanted A, and nothing less would suffice. And so it was the contingent from Lane became Company A, 2nd Illinois Calvary.

Shortly after training, Company A moved to Birds Point, Missouri. From this location the northern forces would lead a desperate fight for control of the Mississippi River.

One of the first from Ogle County to distinguish himself was Harvey R. James of Oregon. Harvey was intelligent, strong and almost scarily brave. Harvey was to become the "James Bond" of the 1860s. General Grant needed information on the enemy strength and positions across the Mississippi River. Harvey James volunteered. Harvey crossed the Mississippi at night and worked his way past enemy lines. Throughout the night he located enemy emplacements, artillery locations, ammunition depots and other important information. This alone would have established

Harvey as a hero.

There is more. Harvey was caught and faced a trial for being a spy. Harvey was found guilty and sentenced to die at sunrise. Harvey was locked in a small shed and placed under guard. During the night Harvey took a small saw blade that was concealed in his boot and cut through the lock on the door. He then knocked his guard unconscious and fled back to the Mississippi River.



Tom McDermott

Morning found Harvey back at Birds Point reporting to his officers and General Grant himself. Harvey continued in the secret service for several more months until he was injured and could no longer face the rigors of the spy business.

With the information supplied the Union forces chose to attack Belmont, Missouri. This was not only the first major combat for Company A, but also the first major combat directed by Ulysses S. Grant. The Illinois cavalry fought at Fort Henry, Fort Donelson, Shiloh, Vicksburg and the Battle of Atlanta.

At different times the Ogle County lads served as personal escorts for General Edward Ord, escorts for General Logan and frequently were chosen by General Grant for use in battle. Grant was extremely proud of his Illinois troops and they were proud to serve under his command.

Dr. Gould of Lane worked endless days amputating arms and legs in a battle to save lives.

Henry Phelps of White Rock

accidentally stole the surrender papers from Vicksburg, signed by Generals Grant and Pemberton. He had intended to steal a horse, the surrender papers just happened to be on the horse. He gave them back.

Captain John R. Hotaling of Lane (Rochelle) was promoted to major and led troops in several campaigns.

J.A.B. Butterfield of Oregon survived the war, only to be lost when the sidewheeler Sultana exploded while returning northern prisoners.

Through countless battles and skirmishes Company A faced the enemy and held their lines. They witnessed the evils of slavery and the savagery of combat. As they reached the end of their enlistment they lost their horses. The fearless steeds, bred in Lane, were taken by the army.

When the Union troops were routed at the Red River Expedition in 1864, Colonel Nathan Dudley asked Colonel Benjamin Marsh commander of the Illinois forces which included Company A, "Can you hold this line for five minutes?" Colonel Marsh replied, "I can hold it until I die."

The soldiers from Lane, Ogle County never forgot the words of Nick Hotaling, "That flag stands for humanity! I stand for that flag. And by the God who gave me breath, I will fight for it now." Fight they did with honor and pride.

Tom McDermott is a Flagg Township Museum historian and Rochelle city councilman.

Dementia and saying goodbye

AS I sat in the barber's chair Friday, the old man came up to me and extended his hand and introduced himself.

As the fellow left the shop, my barber said it was nice of him to introduce himself.

I nodded and explained I've known him for more than 20 years. And it is the sixth or seventh time in the last two years that he has introduced himself to me.

He was once a man of influence and power. Supplicants came to his office daily asking for favors. If one looked up the word "shrewd" in the dictionary, I swear his mug would run beside it.

Today, when he extends his hand, I smile, look him in the eye, repeat my name and tell him it's nice to meet him.

I don't correct him. I don't remind him of the times I've interviewed him for stories or try to nudge his memory by naming mutual friends. I just smile and say, "It's nice to meet you."

The encounter brought back sad memories of visiting my maternal grandmother in a Rushville nursing home. She looked at me blankly. Her blue eyes traced my face. Finally, she said, "Who are you?"

I said, "I'm your youngest grandson, Scott." She shook her head and said, "I don't have a grandson named Scott." Oh, yes you do.

I tried to remind her of things we had done together over the previous 38 years. She eyed me suspiciously, as if I were a con man trying to trick her into believing the preposterous.

Before she entered the nursing home, she'd wander the house and complain to my aunt, "Daddy didn't come home again last night." My Aunt Barb would take her to the bedroom closet and open the door.

She'd say, "Look, Daddy's clothes aren't in the closet. He died 20 years ago." She gave my saintly aunt the same look of suspicion that she gave me when I insisted that I was her grandson.

It was clear that grandma was worried about her husband of 49 years and 364 days stepping out on her – even 20 years after his death. It's strange, but unwarranted fears of adultery seem a persistent theme of those suffering from dementia.

At least that's my observation from comparing notes with others about my age who have cared for loved ones as tender strands of memory come unmoored from reality.

Being over 50 puts me in that spot in life where when I get together with friends we talk about our children's accomplishments and our parent's frailties.

I lost my mother in 2013 and my father two years later. During his final two years, his memory began to slip. He'd get lost driving home from church. Never mind, that he had attended the same church and lived in the same small town for 53 years.

When a family member's cat was injured by a wild animal, my dad, the retired veterinarian, jumped into action. Despite the dementia he remembered a normal feline temperature was between 101.5 and 102.5 degrees, just what antibiotic dosage to give and just how to bandage up its wounds.

But he couldn't remember to stick checks in the mail or whether a close friend, who had died the year before, was still alive. The birthdays of his kids were particularly problematic. ("No, it's not June 6, Dad. That was D-Day.")

In 2015, my family took him on a road trip to see the mountains of Colorado and California.

As we would drive by miles of pastureland, he'd comment on how there were more Angus cows than Herefords grazing. We'd then talk about his clients who raised cattle and the merits of different breeds.

A few hours later he would look out the car window and make the same observation and we'd have the same conversation – word for word. One day driving across Nevada cow country we had that same conversation six sep-

arate times.

My wife, who was driving, could nod her head to the anticipated beat of the conversation.

The week after we returned from that trip, Dad had trouble breathing and visited a free-standing clinic. They sent him home that Saturday night.

He called me later and said clinic staff had called and they had found something on his chest x-ray. He said they told him he needed to see his primary care physician first thing Monday morning.

He asked me to remind him to make that call Monday. I told him I would.

Sadly, I didn't get to give that reminder. He was found dead on the floor of his home Sunday morning. I don't know how my father died. After his death, the clinic refused to give me his x-ray or medical records. (Even after I had received clearance from their corporate headquarters and had driven two hours to pick them up.)

The reporter in me wants to scream, "cover-up."

But there may be other explanations.

I'm left wondering if whatever was detected that night killed him? Or if he wasn't hospitalized because his dementia made his life seem more dispensable in the eyes of clinic staff? And for the life of me, why on earth would a medical office leave an important message with someone with dementia rather than their next of kin?

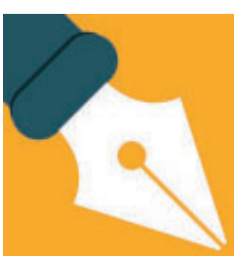
Those are questions I'll never have answers to. But they are common ones asked by family members of those caring for parents with dementia.

When a patient can no longer advocate for themselves do they just fall through the cracks?

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LOCAL NEWS

Ogle County Sheriff

Deputies arrest woman for driving without valid license

OREGON — On Nov. 5 at 7:25 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop at North Freeport Road and West Harper Road. After a brief investigation, deputies arrested Maria Arellano-Martinez of Richland Center, Wisconsin, for driving without a valid license. Arellano-Martinez was released on a \$2,500 individual bond with a future court date.

On Nov. 5 at 9:27 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop at Illinois Route 26 and Illinois Route 72. After a brief investigation, deputies arrested Donna Brunner of Lena, for driving under the influence of alcohol. Brunner was also issued a citation for improper lane usage. Brunner was transported to Ogle County Jail where she was held in lieu of bond.

On Nov. 5 at approximately 2:37 a.m. deputies conducted a motorist assist at the intersection of Illinois Route 64 and Meridian Road. After a brief investigation, Edgar Ivan Solano-Ruiz, 23, of California, was arrested for no valid driver's license and unlawful possession of cannabis. Solano-Ruiz was additionally charged with possession of methamphetamine (class three felony). Solano-Ruiz was transported to the Ogle County Jail pending an appearance before a judge.

On Nov. 5 at approximately 10:58 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop on Interstate 39 at mile marker 108. After a brief investigation, deputies arrested Candy Cruz, 20, of Rockford, for no

driver's license. Cruz was taken into custody without incident and released on the scene on a \$2,500 individual bond. Cruz was additionally cited for suspended registration and operating an uninsured motor vehicle.

On Nov. 6 at approximately 1:46 a.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop on Interstate 39 at mile marker 105. After a brief investigation, Lucia Ibarra-Goytia, 29, of Rockford, was arrested for driving while license suspended. Ibarra-Goytia was additionally cited for suspended registration. Ibarra-Goytia was released on scene with a return court date.

On Nov. 6 at approximately 6:31 p.m. deputies initiated a traffic stop at Caron Road and McConaughy Avenue in Rochelle for window tint. After further investigation, deputies arrested Ivan Martinez, 22, of Rochelle, for no valid license. Martinez was released on an individual bond with a future court date given.

On Nov. 6 at approximately 8:16 p.m. deputies initiated a traffic stop on Interstate 39 northbound at mile marker 111 for speed. After further investigation, deputies arrested Darius Triplett, 19, of Rockford, for driving while license suspended. Triplett was released an individual bond with a future court date given.

On Nov. 7 at approximately 2:32 a.m. deputies conducted a traffic on Interstate 39 near mile marker 103. After a brief

investigation, Anthony Linenfelser, 31, of Peru, was arrested for driving while license suspended. Linenfelser was released on scene with a return court date.

On Nov. 7 at 5:38 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop near the intersection of East Illinois Route 64 and South German Church Road. As a result, Charles V. Alba, 36, of Forreton was arrested for driving while license suspended. Alba was additionally issued citations for suspended registration, operating an uninsured motor vehicle and illegal transportation of alcoholic liquor. Alba was issued an I-Bond and released.

On Nov. 7 at 7:53 p.m. deputies were dispatched to the 200 block of North Oak Avenue in Forreton for a juvenile complaint. As a result of the subsequent investigation, Mi-

chelle R. Simpson, 39, of Forreton was arrested for domestic battery. Simpson was transported to the Ogle County Jail pending a court appearance.

On Nov. 7 at approximately 10:39 p.m. deputies were dispatched to the area of East Lindenwood Road and Illinois Route 251 for the report of a suspicious vehicle. After investigation, deputies located the offending vehicle on East Illinois Route 64 near Interstate 39, at which time Todd Gorski, 57, of Rochelle, was placed under arrest for driving under the influence of alcohol. Passenger Raymond Mifflin, 78, of Rochelle was also arrested for an active Ogle County Warrant. Gorski and Mifflin were both transported to the Ogle County Jail, where they were held in lieu of bond.

All individuals are considered innocent until proven guilty.

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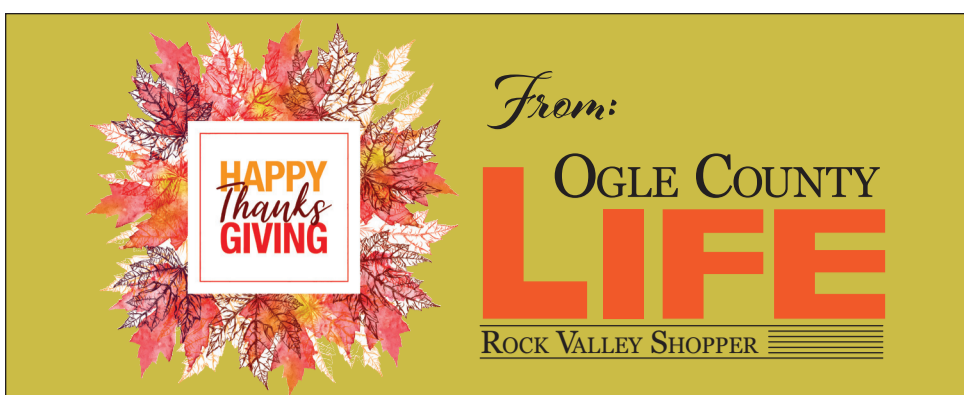
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St. Paul Lutheran Church thanks health care workers
St. Paul Lutheran Church of Oregon recently thanked local health care workers with boxes of cookies. Boxes were delivered to Pinecrest Manor, Oregon Living and Rehab Center, Shepherd Premier and KSB Center for Health Services. Pictured are staff from KSB and a resident from Shepherd Premier accepting cookies from Sandy Strohecker, representing St. Paul Lutheran Church.



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NEW LISTING

1510 Prophet Road, Rock Falls
\$499,000 Call JD

Calling all investors! Very unique property situated on over 3 acres of land just off of Route 30, featuring a two-story 4 bedroom home, two retail store front buildings with multiple tenants, 35x70 outbuilding, and Quonset building. The home itself is zoned residential and offers a large remodeled kitchen and open living room connected to a main floor master suite with walk in closet and master bathroom, with its own two car attached garage. Recent updates include water heater (2021) and roof (2016). Adjacent to the west, is the first of two storefronts with 3 rentable units and two public restrooms, as well as a "man cave" and large two car garage connected to the backside of the building. Each or either of these units could also be rented out for additional income. The second storefront to the north has 7 total possible units, 5 exterior and 2 interior, as well as a kitchen area, 4 more public restrooms, and washer/dryer. In total, current rent equals more than \$30,000 with empty spaces & plenty of potential to grow. The north building also houses "Gramma's, Saltz & More" which is currently operated and offered for sale as well by current ownership. Annual store sales equal an additional \$67,413 ("store inventory not included in price, real estate professionals see private remarks"). As mentioned previously, this property also has a large Quonset style building with garage door that is currently vacant, and large 3570 outbuilding that is currently not in use. Either of these structures could be greatly beneficial to ownership and/or offered as even more rental income opportunities! Let your imagination run wild!

NEW LISTING

000 W. Penn Corner Rd., Oregon
\$249,000 Call Lori

This 12 acre parcel offers two main building locations depending on if you want to be closer to the road or closer to the 2 acre stocked pond. There is a creek running through this lot with a footbridge giving access to the pond. It's hard to beat the country views with a beautiful pond at back. Come see all this lot has to offer! Combine adjoining properties for sale to be up to 55 acres! Parcel C on last picture.

NEW LISTING

1953 S. Marsh Road, Chana
\$149,900 Call Carla

New Listing in Oregon school district! This 3 bedroom, 2 bath ranch offers an abundance of main floor living with its huge kitchen and loads of kitchen cabinets plus center island, formal dining room and large living room! Main floor master with huge private master bathroom with shower and jacuzzi tub! Vaulted ceilings throughout, new flooring, freshly painted and so much more! French doors lead to the enormous deck facing to the west for spectacular evening sunsets! You'll love the heated 6 car garage! It is the ultimate man cave or additional space for your hobbies. All of this and more with Agricultural zoning sitting on an acre of land of your own paradise!!

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NEW LISTING

302 Sunset Lane, Mt. Morris
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NEW LISTING

754 E. Equestrian Dr., Oregon
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SPORTS NEWS

A whirlwind playoff football weekend

WITH home football playoff games at Byron, Forreton, Polo and Rochelle on Nov. 12, where do we start?

How about at Byron, where I was so enthralled with what was transpiring, that my original plan to leave at halftime and go watch Rochelle went by the wayside. Curiosity got the best of me and I had to stay and see how this theatre of the gridiron would turn out.

That wasn't the case in the first quarter, with an athletically-superior Reed-Custer team in control, seemingly ruining the suspense factor.

Football is such a unique game, though, that dramatic changes can occur. That's what happened in the second quarter and it carried over until the final curtain in the fourth quarter with a closing scene for the ages.

How did Byron orchestrate such a stirring comeback against a more formidable opponent?

It may sound cliché, but the truth of the

matter is that Byron is well-schooled. These young men execute fundamentals, don't make mistakes, are in the right position, know their assignments and can perform under pressure. Plus, they aren't afraid to hit.

I'd rather have a team like that than one with humungous linemen and speedy skill players. But, it takes a special coaching staff to put the pieces together and Byron has it.

The proof speaks for itself. I counted eight freshmen, sophomores and juniors on defense for Byron, while seven were on offense. Reed-Custer had returned most of its starters from last year.

As a sentimentalist, I felt sorry for Reed-Custer. This should have been their year with all that experience and generational talent.

Byron has had their moment in the spotlight many times over before and will likely have it again, especially with all those young kids coming back, provided a replace-

ment could be found for Braden Smith at quarterback.

It was a mad dash west on Illinois Route 72 to Forreton, to catch the fourth quarter against Dakota. As a law-abiding citizen and member of the Ogle County Sheriff's Merit Commission Board, I grappled with the morality of speeding on a somewhat lonely stretch of roadway, in daylight.

Let's just say I maintained a balance of not being a threat to other motorists and arriving before the game ended.

It made me appreciate former Forreton coach Denny Diduch, who had Saturday night playoff games in his tenure. That enabled fans to do a Saturday doubleheader and also brought in big crowds to Forreton, as it was the only game going on at that time.

In an ode to my selfishness, the most pressing post-game question I had for coach Keynon Janicke was not

about game strategy, but why Forreton stopped playing at night.

To my surprise, I learned the gracious Janicke allows the players to decide when they want to play. Nowadays, there is more player empowerment and this decision makes sense.

Of course, there has to be a balance and it's incumbent on coaches to be authority figures instead of buddies. After observing to the post-game team huddle, there is no question who is the boss at Forreton, with every single player intently focused on their head coach and responding to him with "yes sir" and "no sir."

Ten miles separate Forreton and Polo, but the gap between post-game reactions was interminably long. While Forreton players and fans whooped it up after an exciting win, it was a

state of disbelief at Polo. Tears of joy versus tears of sorrow.

My colleague and Sauk Valley Sports Editor Ty Reynolds was at the Polo-West Central game and almost felt like crying himself, he felt so bad for Polo. Like everyone there, he could not believe what he was seeing in the final seconds of that game.

Reynolds used words like agonizing, gut-wrenching and haunting to describe the feelings imposed upon the Marcos by a true escape artist by the name of Kaiden Droste, as he scored on a 26-yard touchdown as time expired (the final buzzer actually sounded before he reached the goal line), preventing Polo from a third straight trip to the eight-man state championship game.

With a narrower field than 11-man, one would think it would be harder to maneuver for touchdowns. However, there

are three less defenders on the field and that makes a big difference, even as Polo appeared to have Droste penned in at the sideline.

One person I felt particularly bad for was Marco star Avery Grenoble, who could only watch the proceedings from a wheelchair, as he recuperated from a knee injury. In 2021, I thought he should have been the Sauk Valley's Player of the Year because he played with such determination.

As far as not making it to Rochelle, that will have to wait until next year, as the Hubs lost to a parochial power Wheaton St. Francis. Like Byron, Rochelle uses a lot of sophomores and juniors and will be a force to contend with in 2023.

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SPORTS NEWS

Byron defeats Reed-Custer to advance to 5th straight semifinals

11-1 Tigers pick up 32-27 win with late score

BY ANDY COLBERT
CORRESPONDENT

BYRON — Reed-Custer was more athletic, bigger, talented and senior-laden than the Byron Tiger football team. But, the defending 3A state champs possessed the most important intangible — knowing how to win football games.

In a near repeat of their last-second quarterfinal win over Reed-Custer last year, Byron scored with 12 seconds left for a 32-27 win in what R-C coach Gavin Johnston called “déjà vu.”

It was freshman Caden Considine going in from a yard out for the win, leaving the Comets shaking their heads over many what-ifs.

What if R-C hadn't have fumbled on its opening drive after QB Jake McPherson ran 25 yards to give his team a first-and-10 at Byron's 26-yard line?

With a 7-0 lead and holding Byron to a pair of 3-and-outs, what if R-C had been able to convert on a second-and-inches on Byron's side of the field instead of going for the dagger on the next play that resulted in an incomplete pass? Two plays later, Byron took over on downs.

What if a 34-yard touchdown by Ashton Henkel had been ruled incomplete, as one official conferred with another before the final call was made, as the R-C coaching staff ve-

hemently protested the ruling of a completed catch? Even the Byron PA was confused on whether or not it was a score.

What if McPherson hadn't mishandled a snap two plays later, giving Byron the ball in the red zone in the third quarter, leading to a critical (2-possession lead) field goal by Nick Drake?

With the wind at their back, what if R-C kicked the ball deep instead of squibbing it after taking a 27-25 lead with just over 2 minutes left in the game, allowing a return to the 50-yard line, nicely setting up the final touchdown drive.

All of these what-ifs contributed the demise of the previously undefeated Comets, along with Byron big-play capability and none was bigger than a 51-yard run by Considine at the start of the second quarter.

Not only did a jump start a sluggish Tiger offense, but set up a 4-yard touchdown run by quarterback Braden Smith to make it 7-7.

After being dominated by R-C, it was game on after Considine's long run and Smith became the catalyst for it.

With R-C stuffing Byron for no gain on its next two runs, Smith took to the air and found Ashton Henkel for 14 and 48 yards, the latter a touchdown and 14-7 Tiger lead.

With the Comet defense stacked at the line

of scrimmage to stop their run-heavy opponent, they now had to loosen up the defensive scheme, opening up the ground game.

R-C regained the lead 15-14 after McPherson took his team on a 9-play, 76-yard drive, effectively mixing pass and run.

On the first possession of the second half, it was a repeat performance of the Smith and Henkel combination (4-for-112 yards) slicing up the Comet defense. A 9-play, 63-yard drive was capped up with a 34-yard touchdown catch by Henkel.

With Henkel losing possession of the ball in the end zone after first catching it and crossing the goal line, there still remained a question as to whether he retained possession of it.

The initial call of touchdown held up and Byron led 22-15, with R-C angrily berating the officiating crew.

Drake increased the lead to 25-15 on a 42-yard field goal after Carsen Behn recovered a McPherson fumbled snap. It was the first time all season that R-C faced such a deficit, normally forcing a running

clock in the second half.

With Nick Bohac (19-115 yards) carrying the load, the Comets went 73 yards on 13 plays to pull within 25-21 and that was how the third quarter ended.

R-C had a chance to take the lead back after stopping Byron on fourth down and getting the ball on the Tiger 46-yard line. Jacob Ross, the smallest player in the field at 5-foot-5, intercepted a duck thrown by McPherson to stop the scoring threat.

R-C got the ball back with 3:23 left after a Tiger punt and it was Bohac running 40 yards to pay dirt for a 27-25 Comet lead, as the large visitor's fan base roared its approval.

Besides the ill-fated squib kick following the score, two consecutive penalties against the R-C defense on Smith passing attempts set the stage for Considine's game-winner.

That touchdown absolutely demoralized Reed-Custer, with its best team in school history and sights on a state title. Meanwhile, Byron (11-1) advanced to the semifinals for the fifth straight year.

7 from Ogle County named to BNC all-conference volleyball teams

OGLE COUNTY — Seven players from the county were named to the 2022 Big Northern Conference all-conference volleyball teams.

The second team included Ava Wight (Oregon), Kennedy Swenson (Stillman Valley), Sophie Stender (Oregon) and Maia Carlson (Byron).

The honorable mention team included Sarah Nyamwange (Byron), Liz Mois (Oregon) and Madilyn Smith (Stillman Valley).

Oregon girls basketball defeats Richmond-Burton

To kick off the Oregon Girls Tipoff Tournament, the varsity Oregon Lady Hawks defeated Richmond-Burton 53-30. Oregon held Richmond-Burton to single digit points in three of the four quarters. The Lady Hawks were led in scoring by Hadley Lutz (19 points) and Mariah Drake (12 points) as both drilled three 3-pointers.

Oregon boys bowling picks up Tuesday win

MT. MORRIS — The Oregon boys bowling team raised its season record to 2-1 with a 3,180-3,095 win over Mendota at Town & Country Lanes in Mt. Morris on Tuesday. The Hawks used a balanced attack with five bowlers over a 500 series to overcome a match high 714 series by Mendota's Landon Bauer. Oregon was led by Styler

Klapp with a 604 series (171,221,212), followed by Brady Davis — 548, Gavvin Surmo — 531, Brandon Rowe — 512, Codey Dunbar — 506 and Bryan Immel — 479. The JV team continued its domination of opponents this season with a 3,157-2,141 victory and was led by Matthew Stahl with a 570 series.

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SPORTS NEWS

Forreton defeats Dakota in 1A playoff quarterfinals

BY ANDY COLBERT
CORRESPONDENT

Lena-Winslow up next for Cardinals

FORRESTON — In a 20-8 win over Dakota in the 1A playoff quarterfinals, Johnny Kobler made his presence felt with 113 yards and 2 touchdowns. There was also another Johnny that made the biggest play of the game to completely flip the game around in Forreton's favor.

That would be "Johnny-on-the-Spot," a.k.a. Kaleb Sanders.

Early in the second half with Dakota ahead 8-6 and in the possession of the ball at midfield, it was Sanders to the rescue with a 40-yard fumble recovery for a touchdown. With Colin Kuhn pressuring Indian quarterback Kaidyn Niedermeier, the ball came loose and bounced right into the hands of Sanders.

"It was one of the luckiest plays I've ever seen in football," Forreton coach Keynon Janicke said.

Once Sanders became the fortuitous recipient of such a valued possession, there was nothing but open field ahead for the defensive back.

"I knew if I scored, it could change the game," Sanders said. "I was so excited and saw Payton Encheff and Q Frederick coming up behind and jumping on me."

The game was far from over, though. Behind Niedermeier, who threw a last-minute touchdown pass to defeat Forreton in the regular season, the Indians marched to the 9-yard line

late in the third quarter and had a chance to take the lead back. In the most important defensive stand of the game, the Cardinals held strong and denied Dakota the end zone.

"Our backs were up against the wall the entire game," Janicke said. "But, this is a group of fighters."

Dakota was too. They forced a 3-and-out and got the ball back at Forreton's 40-yard line following a punt. However, the Indians were severely hampered by a 10-yard penalty and could not convert a first down.

Taking over at its own 39-yard line, it was a heavy dose of Kolber in a game-clinching drive for the Cardinals. Gaining 46 of the final 61 yards, the 240-pound fullback punched it over from a yard out with 3:44 left for a 20-8 lead.

"Johnny's one of those kids that has a special passion. I've never seen anyone else in sports like him," Forreton QB Brock Smith said.

On the ensuing possession, Forreton appeared to have the game locked up, as Dakota faced a 4th-and-28 situation after a holding penalty. But, Niedermeier found Adrian Arellano on a wheel route screen and it went for 40 yards.

The Indians got into the red zone, but consecutive pass break ups by Jace Engbert and Endeuff forced a 4-and-out.

With time running out, the Dakota defense was stacked to stop Kobler on third down, but

Smith faked everyone out on the keeper for a first down to seal the victory.

"It's just a mentality with us," said Smith explaining his team's never-say-die attitude.

It didn't look that way in the first half, though. "Dakota punched us in the mouth," Janicke said. "Nothing was going our way. It really helped scoring just before half."

It was Kobler with a 4-yard run to close the gap to 8-6 with 1:10 left in the second quarter. Arellano had earlier scored on a 13-yard touchdown for Dakota following a turnover.

"Our defense played lights out," Dakota coach Dan Sheets said.

The Cardinals were "held" to 182 yards rushing, 200 less than they had in the earlier contest with the Indians.

Other than the 40-yard reception to Arellano, Niedermeier completed only three other passes in 13 attempts in the cold, blustery conditions for another 21 yards. Dakota (7-5) did have 221 yards of total offense, 50 more than Forreton.

"It was unfortunate that they capitalized on (fumble)," Sheets said.

Forreton (8-4) advances to the semifinals for the sixth time, where they are 3-2. The last two semifinal contests were splits with Lena-Winslow (12-0), the opponent this Saturday at Lena.

"I'm glad it's at Le-Win. We seem to play better there," Janicke said.

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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; quilters 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 Min istry 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: ucb@comcast.net
Website: unitedchurchofbyron.org
Pastor: Rev. Tyler Spelliouis
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 Cartese
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
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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. Potluck 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 Rd. At Columbine Rd.
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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 (for sermons, events, etc.)
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-12pm
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: goelmchurch@gmail.com
Website: www.goelmchurch.org
Sunday morning worship 10:00 am

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www.disciplesumc.org
(815) 734-4853
102 N Maple Ave., Mt. Morris, IL 61054
Rev. Julie Bunt, Pastor

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

MT. MORRIS CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
409 W. Brayton Road, Mt. Morris, IL 61045 Phone 734-4573
Pastor: Rodney Caldwell. Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m. Worship service available online, call for details. Other activities currently suspended due to pandemic.
Email: mimcob@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
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 & Morgan 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: stpaulnalcoregionil.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.

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
702 E. Dixon Street, Polo, IL 61064 • Tel:815-946-3212
Sunday School for all ages 9am followed by Worship at 10am
Pastor Brian LeBaron
Website: www.faithumcpolo.com • facebook.com/Faithumcpolo

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/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.graceforyou.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: Worship Service at 9:30 am.
Office Hours: Mon., Tues., Thurs. & Friday 9am-2pm.
Phone: 815-335-2609. Email: middlecreekchurch@gmail.com

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ROCK VALLEY SHOPPER

LOCAL NEWS

Rock River Center activities

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

Registration is requested if you plan to attend a scheduled program or class. Just give us call 815-732-3252. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Thanksgiving Hours

Rock River Center will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 24 and Friday, Nov. 25 in recognition of Thanksgiving.

No activities or transportation will take place on those days. Please plan accordingly. Have safe and happy Thanksgiving Holiday.

New RRC Transportation Scheduling

Rock River Center Transportation has implemented new technology to better serve you. Effective December 1 you will begin receiving automated calls to remind you of your next day ride. It has been our policy to remind you of your ride by calling the day before the ride is scheduled to let you know what time we will be pick you up. We will continue to make these calls during our transition period from December 1 to January 1, 2023. In addition to these automated calls, you will receive a second call the day of your ride when your bus is on

the way.

To make your experience with Rock River Transportation go smoothly... when you call for a ride, please have all of your information ready, i.e., name, address, phone, day, date and time of the appointment; destination address, and how long the appointment will last. We ask that your scheduled appointments occur between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. In-county rides must be scheduled by noon one (1) business day in advance, and out-of-county rides must be scheduled two (2) business days in advance.

We ask that you please be available when the coordinator calls to inform you of your bus pick up time. Should we need to leave a voicemail, you must call us to confirm that you received the voicemail. If we cannot reach you by 2:00 p.m., we will have no other choice but to cancel the ride. Riders who cancel after 2:00

p.m. the day prior to a scheduled ride will be treated as a "no show" and subject to disciplinary action as outlined in our transportation brochure. Thank you for your patience during this transition.

Support groups

Cancer support group meets fourth Wednesday of March, June, September and November from 2-3 p.m.

Caregiver support group meets first and third Tuesday of each month from 10-11:30 a.m.

Diabetic support group meets first Wednesday of each month from 11 a.m. to noon.

Low vision group meets second and fourth Tuesday of each month from noon to 1:30 p.m.

For more information on any of our Support Groups, call Rock River Center at 815-732-3252 or 1-800-541-5479.

Forreston Public Library

Christmas in the Country

Dec. 2 & 3. The library will be open Friday, Dec. 2 from 5-7:30 p.m. for our annual Crafts for Kids and Book Sale. Saturday, Dec. 3 Santa will be here to visit with your little ones from 9:30 a.m. until noon. Refreshments will be provided and the Book Sale will also be open on Saturday.

Tuesdays at 10 a.m.

Bring your favorite toddler or preschooler for a time of stories, songs, crafts and fun! This relaxed program is a great way for little ones to meet new friends and discover the joy of reading. Please call the library to register or if you have any questions.

Community room

Looking for a place to hold your event?

Our community room (with a small kitchenette) is available for meetings, parties, showers, family reunions and more. Please call the library at (815)938-2624 for additional information.

Plastic recycling

We are collecting film-type plastic for recycling. This includes plastic bags, zipper type baggies (with the zip portion removed),

cereal/snack bags, bubble wrap and other soft plastic. Please make sure bags are free from debris and remove all paper/sticker labels. We cannot accept hard plastic, such as water bottles, milk cartons, etc., for this program. Thank you!

Holiday hours

The library will be closed Thursday, Nov. 24 for Thanksgiving.

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LOCAL NEWS

Polo Library News

Holiday Hours

Closed for Thanksgiving - Thursday, Nov. 24 and Friday, Nov. 25. We will be open on Wednesday, Nov. 23, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 26, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Children's Programs

"Tot Time" Tuesdays - Tuesdays 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" - 2nd & 3rd Mondays - November 21st, 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.,
 "Baking a Make" this program is open to 4th thru 8th grade students, ages 9 to 18. Look for
 December dates and details soon.
 For more information or to register call 815-946-2713, call or text 815-677-3586, email melanie@pololibrary.org, go to the Polo Library website or Facebook page to look for the Google form link.

Adult Programs

Monday Afternoon Book Club, November 28th at 1:30 p.m. Meeting at Polo Library to share our opinions of "London House" by Katherine Reay. This will be "VIRTUAL LIVE AUTHOR VISIT". Copies of these titles are available to checkout. All are welcome.
 Yoga with Becka is Wednesday, November 30th at 6pm - Call 815-946-2713

or email library@pololibrary.org to register. Yoga will now be every 4th Wednesday of the month.
 Genealogy Assistance - Are you interested in researching your ancestors but don't know where to start? Do you have a start and need help with your research? Stop by the first Wednesday 5-7 p.m. or the third Saturday 10 a.m.-12 p.m. and let Donna help with your project.
 Polo Library is now a FamilySearch Affiliate Library which allows access to more digital records when you're researching at the library.

Online Catalog

Did you start a series and can't find the next book? Are you wanting to watch a specific movie? 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 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.

Byron Public Library

Special hours

In observance of the Thanksgiving holiday, the Byron Public Library will be open 9 am - 5:00 pm on Wednesday, Nov. 23, and closed Thursday, Nov. 24 through Friday, Nov. 25. We will be open for our regular hours on Saturday, Nov. 26. We wish all of our patrons a safe and happy Thanksgiving!

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.

Did you know

That the Byron Public Library is a fine free library? All materials checked out from the Byron Library still have due dates, but the library no longer charges fees for items that are returned or renewed late. Materials that are overdue by 21 days or longer will be billed to your account. Read more and worry less at

the Byron Library!

Did you know

That the Byron Public Library offers free notary services? Several of our staff members are registered notaries, and can notarize documents during most library hours. Please call the library at 815-234-5107 for notary availability or to set up an appointment.

DIY Clothespin

Ornaments

Thursday, Dec. 8. 6 - 7:00 pm. Need a few extra handmade ornaments for the Christmas Tree? Come and join Miss Christine as she walks you through how to create a toy soldier and snowman ornament using a clothespin and a few other items! Please register by visiting Byron.evanced.info/signup or calling 815-234-5107.

Chocolate Peppermint

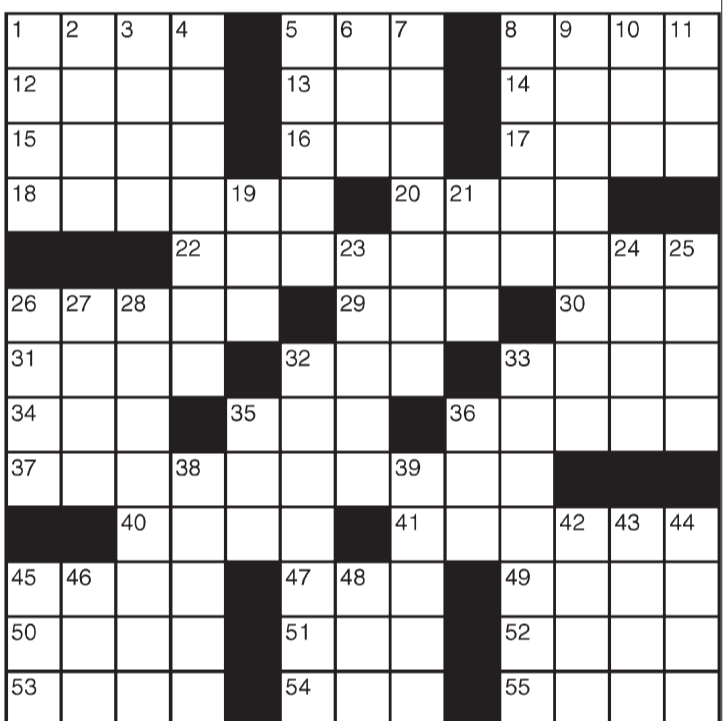
Popcorn

Thursday, Dec. 15. 6 - 7:00 pm. Need a last minute gift? Maybe something for your co-workers or neighbors? Join Beth as she walks you through the steps to make chocolate peppermint popcorn. Super easy, yummy snack gift! Please call 815-234-5107 or visit Byron.evanced.info/signup to register.

Weekly Brain Busters

King Crossword

- ACROSS**
 1 Stitched
 5 Bol. neighbor
 8 Urban haze
 12 Rue the run
 13 Six, in Sicily
 14 "I did it!"
 15 Corp. VIP
 16 Not on
 17 Goals
 18 Summer goal
 20 See to
 22 Coffee variety
 26 Macadamized
 29 Galley item
 30 Old
 Oldsmobile
 31 "Sad to say ..."
 32 Director Lee
 33 Tarzan's transport
 34 Dress
 35 Author Umberto
 36 Wedding rings
 37 Rich coffee lightener
 40 Coffin support
 41 Serviette
 45 No neatnik
 47 Dos Passos trilogy
 49 Early Peruvian
 50 Actor Hackman
 51 Computer key
 52 Aussie hoppers

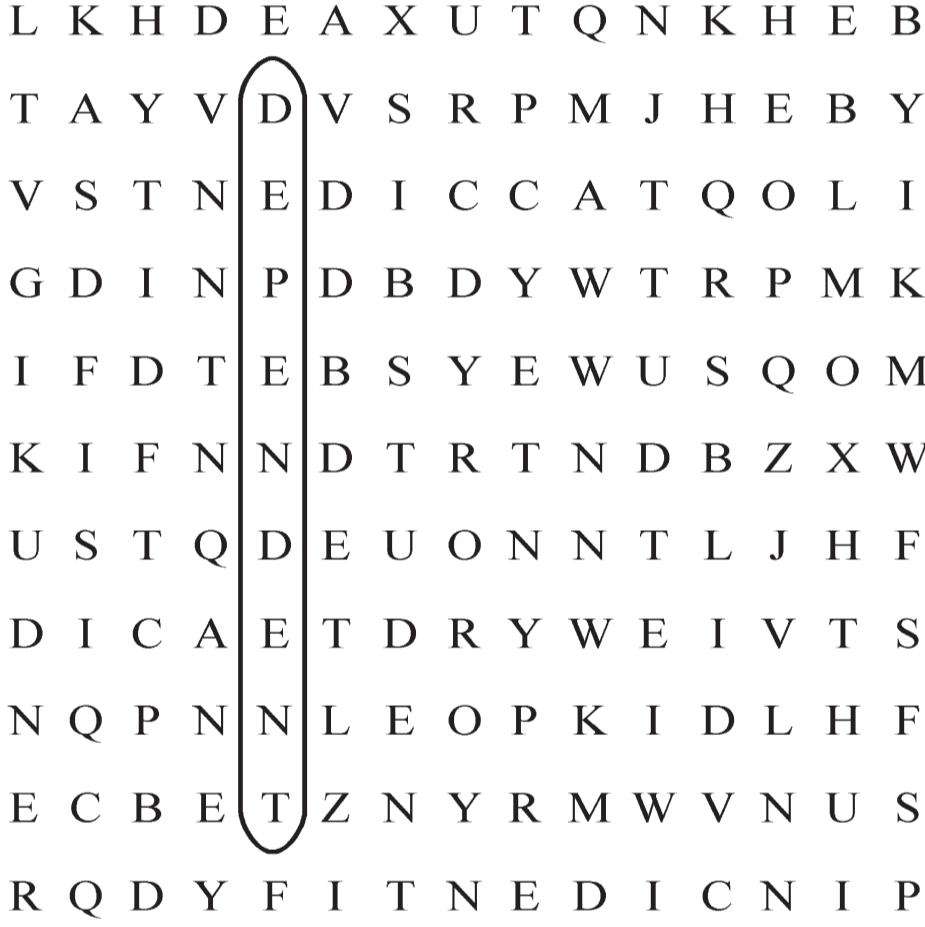


- DOWN**
 1 Easy targets
 2 Beige
 3 Timely query?
 4 Gets comfy
 5 For — (cheaply)
 6 Ump
 7 Present attachment
 8 Shorthand pro
 9 Variety of orange
 10 Peculiar
 11 Helium, for one
 19 Succor
 21 Mess up
 23 Esteem
 24 Transmit
 25 Low digits
 26 Walkway
 27 Lotion additive
 28 Wanderer
 32 Amasses
 33 "Twilight" character
 35 Needle hole
 36 Sheep call
 38 Feelings, informally
 39 Put into law
 42 Shoelace snarl
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MAGIC MAZE

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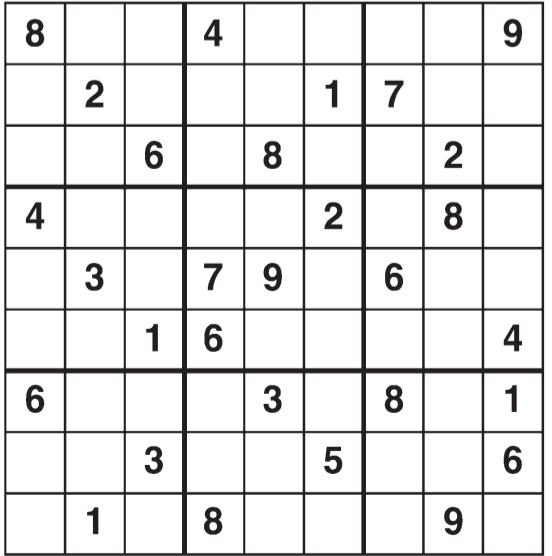
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| Dental | Denture | Imprudent | Student |
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

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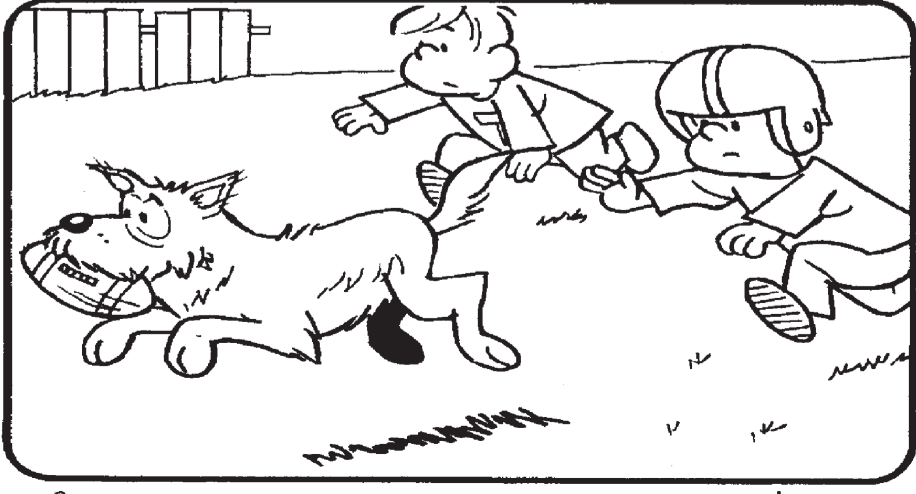
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



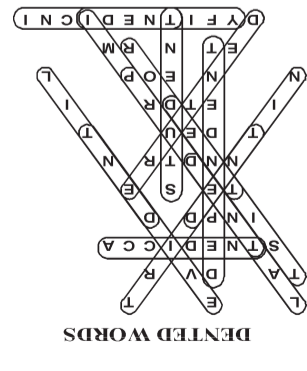
Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Fence is shorter. 2. Ears are different. 3. Dog is missing. 4. Helmet stripe is different. 5. Mouth is different. 6. Arm bands are missing.



Solution time: 25 mins.
 Answers



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PUBLIC NOTICE RESOLUTION NO. 2022-10
RESOLUTION TO SELL THREE VACANT LOTS OWNED BY THE VILLAGE OF STILLMAN VALLEY COMMONLY KNOWN AS "216 NORTH WALNUT STREET, STILLMAN VALLEY, PINS 10-01-304-014 AND 10-01-304-005", AND 212 NORTH WALNUT STREET, STILLMAN VALLEY, PIN 10-01-304-006", PURSUANT TO 65 ILCS 5/11-76-4.2

WHEREAS, the Village of Stillman Valley ("Village") is the owner of record of three vacant parcels, currently used as "municipal green space, and commonly known as "PINS 10-01-304-014 and 10-01-304-004 (216 North Walnut Street, Stillman Valley) and PIN 10-01-304-006 (212 North Walnut Street, Stillman Valley) ("Parcels"); and WHEREAS, the legal description for "216 North Walnut Street", PINS 10-01-304-005 and 10-01-304-014 is as follows: Part of Lot One (1) in Block Three (3) of the Village of Stillman Valley, particularly described as follows: Commencing at a point 147 % feet North of the Southeast corner of said Block Three (3), running thence West 66 feet, thence North 25 feet, thence East 66 feet, thence South 25 feet

to the place of beginning; situated in the Township of Marion, County of Ogle and the State of Illinois. Part of Block Three (3) of the Village of Stillman Valley, described as follows: Commencing at a point 101.75 feet North of the Southeast corner of said Block Three (3), which point would be the Southeast corner of the North 22 feet of Lot Twelve (12) in Block Three (3), thence Westerly parallel with the North line of said Block Three (3), a distance of 182.5 feet to a point, thence Northerly, parallel with the East line of Block Three (3) a distance of 70.75 feet to a point, thence Easterly parallel with the North line of said Block Three (3) a distance of 50.5 feet, to a point, which point shall be the place of beginning, thence easterly parallel with the North line of Block Three (3), a distance of 66 feet to a point, thence Southerly parallel with the East line of Block Three (3), 25 feet to a point, thence Westerly, parallel with the North line of Block Three (3), a distance of 66 feet to a point, thence Northerly parallel with the East line of Block Three (3), a distance of 101.75 feet North of the [place of beginning; situated in the Township of Marion, County of Ogle and State of Illinois. WHEREAS, the legal description for "212 North Walnut Street", PIN 10-01-304-006 is as follows Part of Block Three (3) of the Village of Stillman Valley, described as follows: Commencing at a point 101.75 feet North of the Southeast corner of Block Three (3), which point would be the Southeast corner of the North 22 feet of Lot 12 in said Block 3, thence Northerly along the Easterly line of Block Three (3) a distance of 45.5 feet more or less to the Southeast corner of the property owned by Donald Arn and Roberta Arn, thence Westerly, parallel with the South

line of Block Three (3) a distance of 132 feet to a point, thence Southerly, parallel with the Easterly line of Block Three (3) a distance of 45.5 feet to a point, thence Easterly a distance of 132 feet to the place of beginning; ALSO INCLUDING a right-of-way for ingress and egress, described as follows: Commencing at the Northwest corner of the above described tract, which point is 1 16.75 feet South of the Northerly line of Block Three (3), thence Easterly a distance of 20 feet to a point, thence Northerly, parallel with the East Line of Block Three(3) a distance of 1 16.75 feet to the North line of Block Three (3), thence Westerly along the North line of Block Three (3), a distance of 20 feet to a point, which point is the Northwest corner of Lot Two (2) in said Block Three (3), thence Southerly, parallel with the East line of Block Three (3) along the West line of Lot 2, a distance of 1 16.75 feet to the place of beginning, all situated int the Township of Marion, County of Ogle and State of Illinois. WHEREAS, said Parcels are all zoned 8-1, "General Business District", and subject to the special and/or permitted uses for said zoning district; and WHEREAS, Parcel 10-01-304-06 ("212 North Walnut Street") is 45.5 feet x 122 feet more or less in size; WHEREAS, Parcel 10-01-304-005 is 25 feet x 66 feet more or less in size and PIN 10-01-304-014 (collectively "216 North Walnut Street") is 25 feet x 66 feet more or less in size; and WHEREAS, the Village has a population of less than 20,000 residents; and WHEREAS, the Village is wholly located in a county that has had an unemployment rate, as determined by the Illinois Department of Employment Security, that is higher than the national unemployment

average, as determined by the US Department of Labor, for at least one (1) month during the last six (6) months preceding; and WHEREAS, pursuant to 65 ILCS 5/11-76-2, the Village previously adopted an ordinance (Number 970) deeming said Parcels as "surplus" and advertising said Parcels for bids, but after having advertised said Parcels for purchase by bid, the Village received no bids; and WHEREAS, the Village now wants so sell said Parcels through staff as provided for by 65 ILCS 5/11-76-4.2 BE IT RESOLVED, by the Village President and Board of Trustees that the vacant surplus parcels owned by the Village and commonly known as "216 North Walnut Street, Stillman valley PINS 10-01-304-014 and 10-01-304-005", and 11212 North Walnut Street, Stillman Valley, PIN 10-01-304-006", shall be sold by staff of the Village as authorized by Section 5/11-76-4.2(c)(1); and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said Parcels shall be sold "AS IS", subject to all covenants, restrictions, and reservations of record; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the corporate authorities shall retain the right to accept or reject any and all offers; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk shall cause this resolution to be published in weekly or daily newspaper published in Ogle County, Illinois, once a week for three successive weeks; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that no sale of said Parcels shall take place until not less than 30 days after the first publication of this resolution. ADOPTED by the Village Board of Trustees on this 12th day of September, 2022. APPROVED by the Village President on this 12th day of September, 2022. BY: MARTIN TYPER, Villa e President Village of Stillman Valley, Illinois ATTEST: YVONNE DEWEY, Village Clerk Village of Stillman Valley, Illinois No. 1116 (Nov. 14, 21 and 28, 2022)

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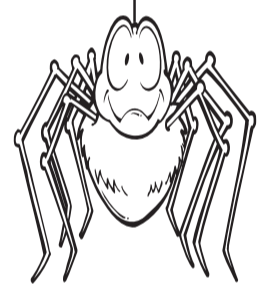
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Viewing Hours: Items will be available for optional viewing on Tuesday, November 22nd from 4-8pm at the address listed above.
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LEGAL NOTICE FOR FORECLOSURE SALE PUBLIC AUCTION OF REAL ESTATE
December 16, 2022 – 10:00 A.M.
Ogle County Sheriff's Department
202 S. 1st Street, Oregon, Illinois 61061



(commonly known as 204 W. 2nd St., Leaf River, IL 61047)
On December 16, 2022, at 10:00 a.m., at the Ogle County Sheriff's Department, 202 S. 1st Street, Oregon, Illinois, the Ogle County Sheriff, or his authorized deputy, having been designated by the Circuit Court of the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit, Ogle County, Illinois as Sale Officer in the case entitled Sterling Federal Bank, F.S.B. f/k/a Mt. Morris Savings & Loan Association, Plaintiff, v. Jestin Shane Akins and Village of Leaf River, an Illinois Municipal Corporation, Case No. 2015 CH 59, will sell the following described property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder. **LEGAL DESCRIPTION:** Lot 9 in Block 5 in the Village of Leaf River, according to the Plat thereof recorded in Book B of Plats, page 2, in the Recorder's Office in Ogle County, Illinois; situated in the County of Ogle and State of Illinois. Commonly known as 204 W. 2nd St., Leaf River, IL 61047 **DESCRIPTION:** (Based on Appraisal) 1 story ranch with partial basement, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1392 sq. ft., deck, porch and fence **INSPECTION:** Contact Brad Kolb at Sterling Federal Bank, F.S.B., 110 E. 4th Street, Sterling, IL 61081, 815.622.3361 to determine if property is available for inspection. **TERMS OF SALE:** 20% down day of sale, balance due the Monday following the sale. All funds shall be **CERTIFIED CHECK** payable to and delivered to the Ogle County Sheriff. Sale is subject to taxes for 2022 and all subsequent years. **TAXES WILL NOT BE PRORATED. SALE IS "AS IS"** If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no rights against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Any sale is subject to court approval. Any specific restrictions on property or title will be announced day of sale. Announcements day of sale take precedence over any printed material.
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No. 1121
(Nov. 21, 28 and Dec. 5, 2022)

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Sealed bids will be received by the Ogle County Highway Department, Oregon, Illinois until 2:00 P.M., December 9, 2022, for the purchase of the following new equipment with trade-in:
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No. 1119
(Nov. 21 & 28, 2022)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on Nov. 15, 2022 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: S&S Antiques & Collectibles 201 N 3rd St, Suite 236 Oregon, IL 61061 Dated Nov. 15, 2022 Laura J. Cook, Ogle County Clerk No. 1122 (Nov. 21, 28 and Dec. 5, 2022)

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recipes combined with friendship creates something both beautiful and delicious! Stop by to choose your recipe, then bring the dish to pass at our next meeting! Join us on Tuesday, December 6th @6pm at The Senior Center for another exciting meal!

Christmas Decoration Exchange

It's beginning to look a lot like the holidays! Mt. Morris Library will be opening our doors and tables to the annual exchange of Christmas decorations! Donations of trinkets, baubles, ornaments, tchotchkes, knickknacks, etc. will be accepted or exchanged for new homes. Donations should be in good shape and working order. The exchange will start on Monday, November 14 through Monday, December 5th.

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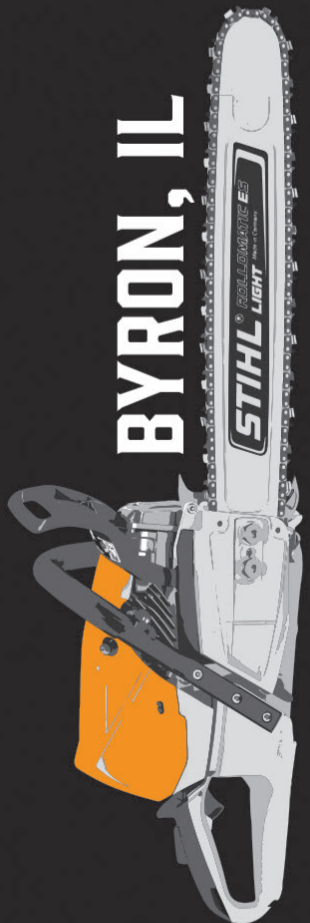
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11/21/2022



Oh what fun it is to ride around town! Come to the North Side of the Coliseum, grab a hot cocoa and get in line for a free horse & wagon ride! We'll have two horse drawn wagon rides available from 3:00-8:00 pm.

(Information and photos from www.candlelightwalk.org)



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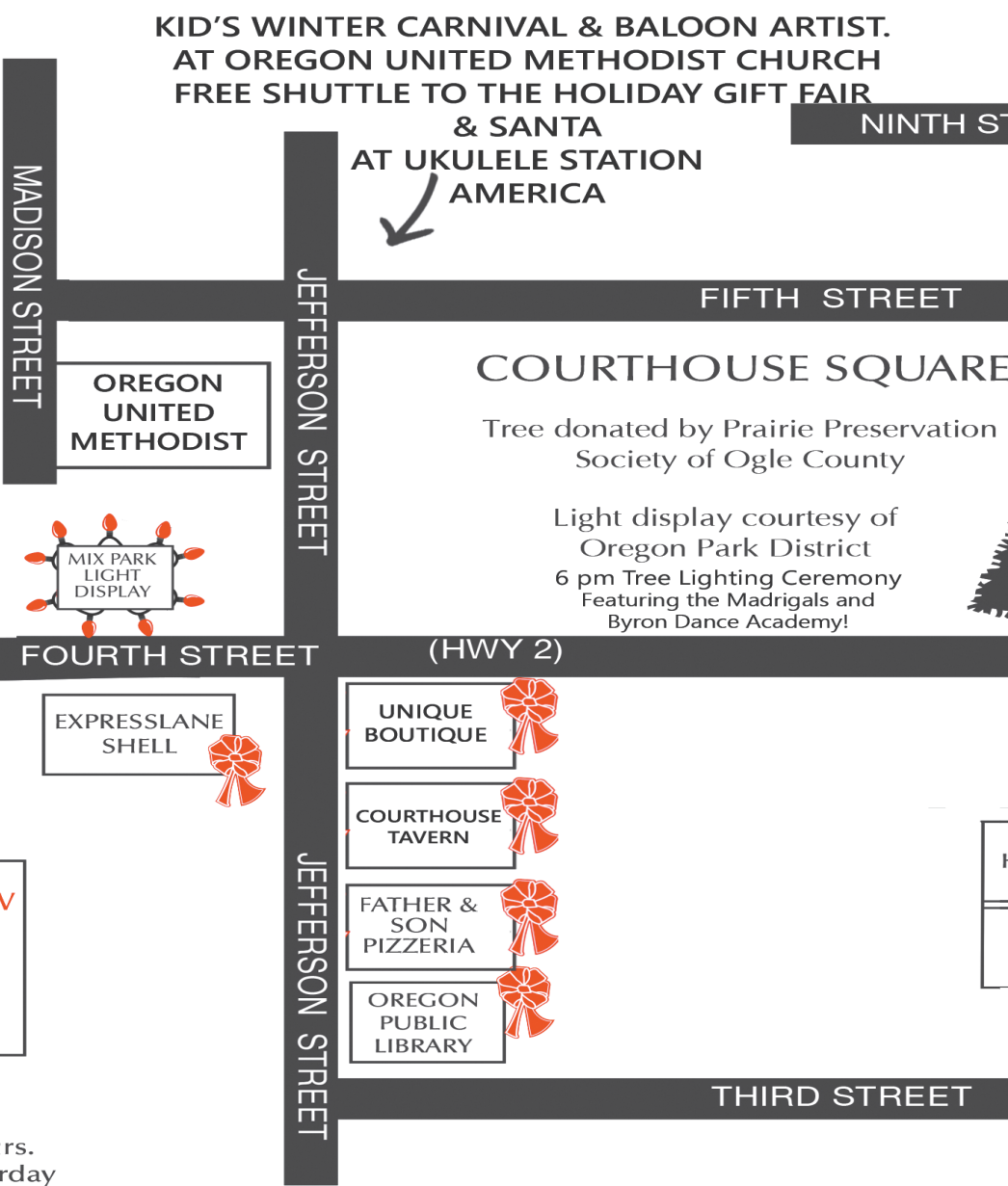
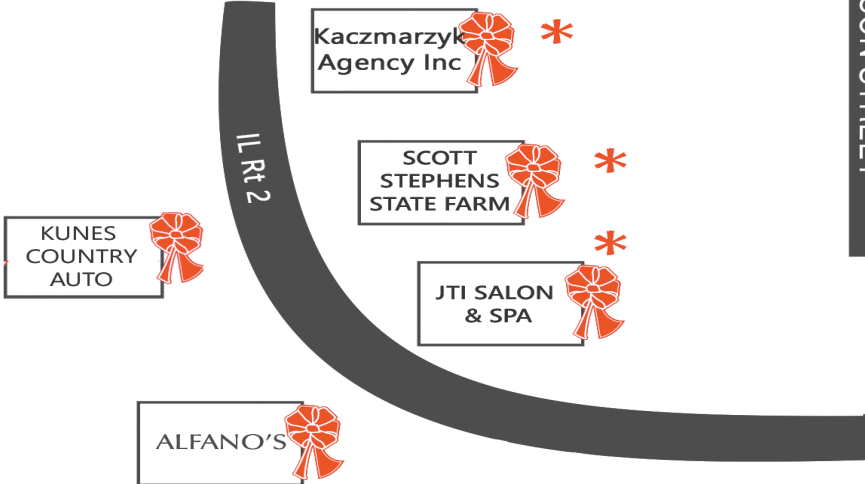
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MERCHANTS WITH A RED BOW ARE OFFERING THEIR OWN PRIZE GIVE-A-WAY AS WELL AS A CHANCE AT THE \$250 GRAND PRIZE.

* Visit these merchants during their normal business hours. Businesses may be closed or have limited hours on Saturday during Candlelight Walk.

★ These businesses offer special events!

2022 Special Features:

1:00 Santa & Mrs Claus Visiting on Oregon's Fire Truck

Kid's Winter Carnival at Oregon United Methodist Church
 Shuttle to Holiday Gift Fair & to visit with Santa & Mrs Claus at Ukulele Station America

OHS Madrigals Caroling & OHS Jazz Band
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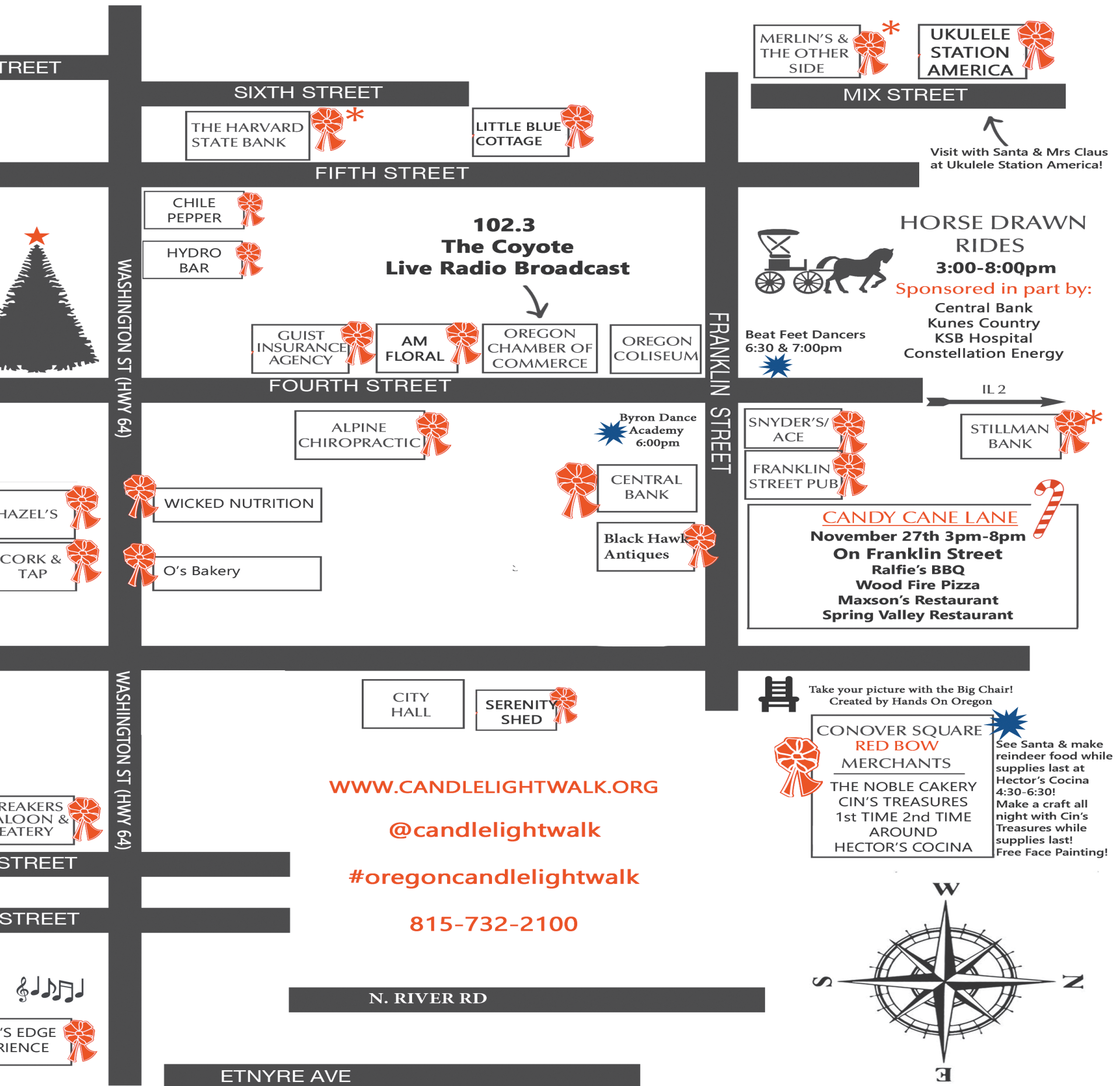


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A variety of activities are slated for the annual Candlelight Walk Nov. 26 in Oregon.

(Ogle County Life file photos)





Follow Candlelight walk on Instagram @CandlelightWalk and join in on our instagram challenge!

Take a photo on instagram during our 36th Anniversary of Candlelight Walk that best encapsulates "A Small Town Christmas In Oregon Illinois"

Use the #oregoncandlelightwalk2022 hashtag.

A prize will be awarded to the best photo chosen by the Candlelight Walk Committee.

Thank you to all the Candlelight Walk sponsors!

THE presenting sponsor the the 36th annual Oregon Candlelight Walk is Woods Equipment.

E.D. Etnyre is this year's entertainment sponsor this year!

Wagon rides are always free to visitors thanks to our wagon ride sponsors Kunes Country of Oregon, KSB, Exelon Generation & Central Bank.

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Our Street Pole Banner Sponsors make a difference in making our festival a holiday favorite! They help us share the holiday spirit for all to enjoy what our town has to offer! Thank you to: Alpine Chiropractic, Courthouse Tavern, Franklin Street Pub, Martin and Company, Merlin's Greenhouse and Flowers and The Other Side Boutique, and Smith, Birkholz and Morrow, P.C.

Winter Carnival

Special recognition to our Winter Carnival sponsors who help ensure the kids enjoy the carnival games, prizes, balloon artist and more! They are as follows: Thank you to: 102.3 The Coyote, Alfano's, Chile Pepper Grill and Bar, F.N. Smith, Father and Son's Pizzeria, Reign

XT, Kaczmarzyk Agency and Stillman Bank.

We'd like to also take a moment to thank all community members, organizations, and clubs who have contributed to this wonderful event. We're so proud that our town comes together every year to make Candlelight Walk such a memorable evening for all to enjoy. Thank you!

Red Bow

Be sure to take a look at the red bow map and visit our businesses to enter to win prizes! Each business has their red bow box and will be drawing their winner at the end of the evening on November 26th. They have all picked out a special prize for their winner, and all participants will be entered into the drawing to win \$250 in Candlelight

Cash redeemable at any red bow participating business!

The following are all red bow sponsors: Kaczmarzyk Agency, Scott Stephens State Farm, JTI Salon & Spa, Kunes Country Auto, Alfano's, Expresslane Shell, Unique Boutique, Courthouse Tavern, Father & Son Pizzeria, Oregon Public Library, Oregon Soap Shoppe, River's Edge Experience, Breaker's Saloon & Eatery, Cork & Tap, Hazel's, The Harvard State Bank, Chile Pepper, Hydro Bar, Wicked Nutrition, O's Bakery, Little Blue Cottage, Guist Insurance Agency, AM Floral, Alpine Chiropractic, Central Bank, Black Hawk Antiques, Serenity Shed, Merlin's Greenhouse and Flowers and The Other Side Boutique, Ukulele Station America, Stillman Bank, Snyder's/Ace and Franklin Street Pub.

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