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# RCH creating comprehensive facility plan

'There could be some significant changes that come out of this plan'

BY JEFF HELFRICH  
MANAGING EDITOR

**ROCHELLE** — Rochelle Community Hospital Chief Executive Officer Gregg Olson said Oct. 14 that the hospital is currently in the process of putting together a comprehensive facility plan for future improvements.

About nine months ago, RCH leadership decided to put projects on hold to make sure that future facility improvements worked with each other. The hospital has been in talks with four architectural firms for the plan and has three proposals it will soon consider. Once leadership decides on one, it will go before the hospital board for presentation and approval, Olson said. "Once that happens, then the firm we select would have until about the middle of February to actually put the plan together," Olson said. "It will look at our total campus here and decide what changes we need to make and what the

priority and sequence of the changes will be. This is going to be a multi-year plan. It could go out as long as 10 years. There could be some significant changes that come out of this plan."

Olson said the comprehensive plan will look at engineering, architecture and departments and how they relate to each other. The February time frame is in place because it coincides with RCH's budgeting process.

"So if there's any projects that we want to do in the next fiscal year, we want to make sure there's dollars put aside for those," Olson said. "That's where the timetable comes in. We hope to have a usable document in our hands by the middle of February. Taking it to the board for approval will start the process. Every project would be approved individually by the board. I think it's going to be costly in total. I don't have a dollar amount."

The RCH campus has four different construc-



tion eras. The far north part is the original 1946 footprint of the location. RCH's middle section is from about 1964. Next to that is a small clinic space added in the early 1990s. The last addition to the campus was the health & wellness center in 2016.

Olson said his sense is that the plan will assess improvements to the building's older structures. He's unsure if the 1964 portion of the building will be touched, but said RCH will "certainly" look at the 1946 portion.

Most of the older parts of the RCH facility are for non-clinical staff including health information services, marketing, public relations, IT, purchasing and fiscal services. The north tip of the building is dedicated to rehab and physical therapy.

Olson said part of the facility upgrade plan is to improve the patient experience at RCH and to stay in step with changes and improvements in healthcare.

"It's always been a priority here to be pretty aggressive about those things," Olson said. "It's been a priority here to have the best equipment we can afford. We know healthcare is expensive and being a patient is not easy. If we can lighten that load a bit and make it more efficient, we want to do that. We appreciate our patients and feel we have an obligation to the community to take care of our patients and want to do it the best way we can."

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## Oregon Park District hosts VOP

The Village of Progress recently joined the Oregon Park District for fun at Park West. 5A



Daylight saving time will end on Sunday, Nov. 6, at 2 a.m., giving us all an extra hour of sleep, but also less daylight hours until March, when DST starts up all over again. Be sure to turn your clocks back an hour on Nov. 6.

## WEATHER

MONDAY	TUESDAY
HIGH LOW	HIGH LOW
63 41	65 48
WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
HIGH LOW	HIGH LOW
62 44	61 41
FRIDAY	SATURDAY
HIGH LOW	HIGH LOW
64 36	53 36

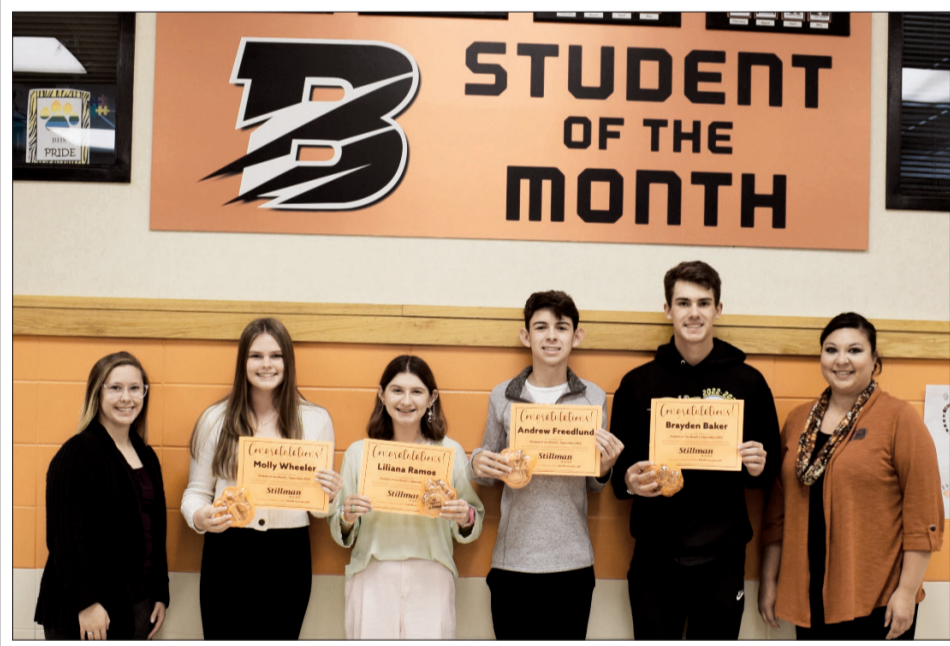
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- Felker Foods
- Byron County Market
- Polo Fresh Food
- Menards
- Farm & Fleet
- RP Home & Harvest
- Humana
- Snyder Pharmacy



Byron High School students of the month named

Congratulations to the Byron High School Students of the Month for September. Pictured from left to right are: Emily Beach from Stillman Bank, Molly Wheeler (ninth grade), Lilianna Ramos (10th grade), Andrew Freedlund (11th Grade), Brayden Baker (12th Grade) and Elizabeth Johnson from Stillman Bank. Each of the students received a monetary gift for their achievement.

## Headon's opens second satellite location at Benny's in Rochelle

Grand opening event was held Saturday, Oct. 29

BY JEFF HELFRICH  
MANAGING EDITOR

**ROCHELLE** — On Oct. 7, Headon's Fine Meats opened a second satellite location at Benny's Corner Market in Rochelle, Headon's Owner Mark Hibshman said. The long-time Creston shop also has a satellite location at the Benny's Corner Market in Davis Junction that opened earlier this year.

The Rochelle location will be stocked with fresh meat each day along with

frozen meat products including brats, burgers and hot dogs. There will be deli items and local items like vinegar and oil will be sold as well. The space inside the Rochelle Benny's recently became available and Hibshman said he decided on the move due to the success of the Davis Junction location. Headon's products were previously sold at the Rochelle Benny's on a smaller scale.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Ogle County Sheriff

### Man arrested for driving without valid license

**OREGON** — On Oct. 20 at approximately 6:38 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop near the intersection of East Illinois Route 38 and Dement Road in Rochelle. After investigation, deputies arrested Lee Komadina, 48, of Rochelle for no valid driver's license. Komadina was also issued with a citation for expired registration. Komadina was given an I-Bond with a return court date later next month and released on scene.

On Oct. 20 at approximately 7 a.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop on Kings Road just south of Illinois Route 64. After an investigation, deputies arrested Kent Hull, 61, of Kings for driving while license revoked. Hull was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he is being held in lieu of bond. Hull's vehicle was towed due to the incident.

On Oct. 20 at approximately 4:53 a.m. deputies responded to the area of Illinois Route 26 near the intersection of West Grove Road for a welfare check reported by a passerby. The vehicle was reported to have been parked along the roadway with its lights on. After an investigation, Nicholas C. Marshall, 37, of Polo, was placed under arrested for three counts of possession of a controlled substance, hydrocodone, crack/cocaine, psilocybin, possession of methamphetamine, possession of cannabis 10-30 grams, two counts of possession with the intent to deliver a controlled substance, possession with the intent to deliver methamphetamine and possession with the intent to deliver cannabis. Marshall was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he

was held in lieu of bond.

On Oct. 21 at approximately 10:34 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 3,700 block of West Illinois Route 64. After a brief investigation, Matthew Trump, 19, of Mt. Morris, was arrested for no valid driver's license. Trump was released on scene with a return court date. Trump was also cited for two equipment violations.

On Oct. 21 at approximately 11 a.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop on Interstate 39 near Illinois Route 64. After investigation, deputies arrested Erick Garcia, 20, of Aurora for no valid driver's license. Garcia was also cited for speeding and was given an I-Bond with a return court date later next month and released on scene.

On Oct. 22 deputies along with the Monroe Center, Lynn Scott Rock and New Milford fire departments responded to a two-vehicle injury crash on Interstate 39 near Monroe Center. Investigation by deputies revealed that a northbound Cadillac operated by John Johnson, 55, of Rockford struck a deer and then was rear ended by a northbound Honda operated by Pa No, 25, of Rock Island. As a result both vehicles left the east side of the roadway where the Honda overturned onto its side. Four passengers in the Honda including three children were transported by ambulance to Javon Bea Hospital for treatment of minor injuries. Johnson was cited for operating an uninsured motor vehicle and No was cited for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident.

On Oct. 22 at 2:03 p.m. deputies along with the Monroe Center and Kirkland Fire departments responded

to a two-vehicle crash with injuries at the intersection of Illinois Route 72 and Mulford Road. Investigation by deputies revealed that a northbound vehicle on Mulford Road operated by Juanita Gross, 52, of Rockford failed to yield the right away to an eastbound vehicle operated by Kadie Kelly, 34, of Davis Junction. As a result the vehicles collided in the intersection. Kelly and an infant in her vehicle were transported to Swedish American Hospital by the Kirkland Fire ambulance with what appeared to be minor injuries. Gross was cited for failure to yield the right away at an intersection.

On Oct. 22 at 1:18 a.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop on Interstate 39 southbound mile marker 100. After a brief investigation, Andre Sanders of Decatur was arrested for driving while their license was suspended. Sanders was released on a \$2,500 individual bond with a return court date. Sanders was also issued citations for suspended registration and traveling in the left lane when not passing. Additionally, a passenger, Steven Wilcox Jr., was arrested for an outstanding warrant. Wilcox was transported to the Ogle County Jail and released to corrections personnel.

On Oct. 23 at approximately 12:08 a.m. deputies responded to the 200 block of East First Street in Leaf River regarding criminal damage to property. After a brief investigation, Bradley Fogle, 58, of Leaf River, was arrested for criminal damage to property over \$500 (Class 4 felony). Fogle was transported to the Ogle County Jail pending an appearance before a judge.

*All individuals are considered innocent until proven guilty.*



## Obituaries

### Arthur D. Smith

**ROCHELLE** — Arthur D. Smith, 69, passed away peacefully on Oct. 24 at Javon Bea Hospital in Rockford. He was born on Oct. 1, 1953 in Rochelle the son of Walter and Marguerite (Harleman) Smith.

Arthur married the love of his life, Florence Beightol, 45 years ago on Sept. 10, 1977.

Arthur was a hard worker spending time working at the Village of Progress, Caron International and Rochelle Foods. He was always ready and willing to lend a helping hand; frequently helping his neighbors and brother on their farms.

He enjoyed to tinker with and fix lawn mowers and mowing the grass. He loved animals at points raising geese, ducks, chickens, rabbits and pigs. In his spare time; he could be found out in his garden or watching Nascar. He would go to the Chana Sale Barn any chance he could and also enjoyed attending fairs.

But, more than anything he loved his family. He could always be found cheering on

his grandchildren on at their sporting events. He is preceded in death by his parents, brother Virgil and brother-in-law Virgil Nutt.

He is survived and missed by his loving wife, Florence; children, Margarete (William Blanton) Smith of Rochelle and Albert (Alison) Smith of Adaline; sisters, Hazel Nutt of Byron and Helen (Adin) Taylor of Oregon; sister-in-law, Dorothy Smith of Texas and grandchildren, Zachary Smith, Anna Blanton, Alana Smith and Allan Smith and many nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 1 at 11 a.m. at Farrell Holland Gale Funeral Home in Stillman Valley with Pastor Jerry Martz officiating. Visitation will be held from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home prior to the service. Burial will be in Payne's Point.

Memorials are established in his name. To leave an online condolence please visit [www.farrellhollandgale.com](http://www.farrellhollandgale.com).



### Final week for Polo Women's Club coat donations

**POLO** — The Polo Women's Club is still accepting donations of new or "gently-used" coats, hats, scarves, mittens and gloves until Nov. 3. Donations of men's, women's or children's winter outerwear can be dropped off in Polo

at: First State Bank Shannon-Polo (211 S. Division Ave.), Polo Senior Center (101 W. Mason St.) or residences at 802 E. Buffalo St. and 103 E. Oregon St.

All items collected will be available, free of charge, on Saturday, Nov. 5 from 9

a.m. to noon at Crossroads Community Church, 205 N. Jefferson, Polo.

GFWC Illinois Polo Women's Club, organized in 1921, is a community based service organization that makes a difference through volunteer service.



#### ONLINE PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

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#### DATE

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6-8 p.m. via Zoom

Registration is required. RSVP: [bit.ly/IL2rsvp](http://bit.ly/IL2rsvp)

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- SHARE INFORMATION ON THE STATUS OF THE PREFERRED DESIGN ALONG ILLINOIS 2
- DISCUSS TIMELINE AND NEXT STEPS
- ANSWER QUESTIONS AND GATHER FEEDBACK



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# LOCAL NEWS

## IRTAF awards grant to Oregon Elementary music teacher

### Teacher Earns Excellence in Education Grant

**OREGON** – The Illinois Retired Teachers Association Foundation awarded Justine Davis, Oregon Elementary School's music teacher, the "Excellence in Education Grant" to purchase classroom materials for students.

The Illinois Retired Teachers Association Foundation (IRTAF) awards \$36,500 in grant money to several public-school educators (pre-K through 12) statewide each year. The IRTAF designed this program based on the idea that educators often do not have additional revenue sources available for unique student projects or classroom materials.

Davis is the first OCUSD Elementary teacher to receive this grant and she has been a music teacher at the school for nine years, teaching grades kindergarten through fourth. She plans to use the grant money to purchase quality sets of classroom headphones to ensure that all of her 460+ students will be able to participate in music listening



Kim McKenna (left) and Justine Davis (right).

activities without feeling discomfort because of ill-fitting headphones.

"Since COVID-19, Chromebooks in the classroom have exploded in our district," said Davis. "I work to incorporate fun and engaging ways to use the students' computers in music class, but music can be a noisy subject. Having proper headphones for each student ensures that students can explore music websites in a safe environment without distracting others."

Applicants of the Excellence in Education Grant were required to

meet the proper criteria and submit their proposals by early June. IRTAF recently announced recipients, with over 65 educators throughout Illinois being awarded the grant to support classroom objectives.

"Justine is an excellent music teacher, and we are proud of her recognition," said Kelli Virgil, Oregon Elementary principal. "We know the students will appreciate new headphones to enhance their classroom experience."

For more information regarding the grant, visit [www.irtaonline.org/foundation/](http://www.irtaonline.org/foundation/).

## Byron Museum hosting indoor market Nov. 12 and Dec. 10

**BYRON** — The Byron Museum of History is hosting an indoor market from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the second Saturdays in November and December 2022. Visit the indoor market for unique gifts and tasty treats on Nov. 12 and Dec. 10. Museum and indoor market admission is always free.

Many of the indoor vendors set up booths at the Sunshine Park Farmer's Market during the summer, providing homegrown produce, handmade gifts, baked goods, and all-natural body care. Get your autumn produce and an early start on your holiday shopping with help from local artisans.

On Nov. 12 you can also register for the Festival of Trees beginning on Dec. 2 during Byron's Miracle on 2nd Street. Sign up your business or organization to decorate a theme tree. There are three categories: Traditional, non-traditional and handmade. Hundreds of visitors will vote for their favorite trees to win

prizes during Miracle on 2nd Street on Friday, Dec. 2.

Byron Museum's theater space is now available to rent for your private parties and public events.

The Byron Museum of History is dedicated to preserving the Byron area's rich history through exhibits, programs, and artifact preservation. The Museum Complex consists of a large exhibit hall with varied displays and encompasses the historic Read House - which is a listed site on the National Park Service Underground Railroad Network to Freedom.

An all new Underground Railroad exhibit is coming soon to the Lucius Read House! Other permanent museum exhibits include: Agriculture Then and Now, Local Veterans, Byron Business, Trains, A.G. Spalding and Outhouses. Wednesday-Saturday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. located at 110 N. Union St., Byron IL 61010. [www.byronmuseum.org](http://www.byronmuseum.org).

### Report policy

Any arrests listed in this paper are merely charges and the defendants are presumed innocent unless proven guilty in a court of law. Please note that all police reports received from the Oregon Police, Byron Police, Polo Police, Mt. Morris

Police, the Ogle County Sheriff's Department and the Illinois State Police, will be printed without exception. Requests to omit particular reports will not be considered or honored at any time.

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## Mahoney wins Millikin University 2022 Alumni Award

Millikin University recently announced the five recipients of the 2022 Alumni Awards, along with the recipient of the 2022 faculty/staff recognition Award. The recipients were honored at an awards dinner held Friday, Oct. 7, during Millikin's homecoming celebration.

The awardees included Dr. Thomas Mahoney '90, merit award.

Mahoney, of Oregon, is recipient of the 2022 Merit Award, which recognizes those who have excelled in their profession in such a way to reflect credit upon themselves and Millikin. A 1990 Millikin graduate in mathematics sec-

ondary teaching, Mahoney is a leader in education. He serves as superintendent of schools for the Oregon School District, and he is a recognized state and national speaker on educational leadership. He earned his master's degree in education administration from Loyola University Chicago and his doctorate in educational leadership and administration from Western Illinois University. Mahoney supports his alma mater in many ways, including founding an annual Education Boot Camp on campus where alumni in education offer job-seeking training for Millikin education students.

## Affordable health screenings coming to Rochelle Nov. 16

**ROCHELLE** – Residents living in and around the Rochelle area can learn about their risk for cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis, diabetes and other chronic, serious conditions with affordable screenings by Life Line Screening. The REC Center will host this community event on Nov. 16. The site is located at 802

Jones Road in Rochelle.

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### Lions nearly complete with building work

On Saturday, Oct. 8 the Polo Lions club started at 7 a.m. covering all four sides of the storage building at Westside Park in Polo. The roof and door are the only things that need to be done. The roof was put on Saturday, Oct. 15. Polo Lions members that volunteered to this: Mark Ebert, Winton Bocker, Ben Mckean and Beau Bunders.

## Epilepsy Support Group to be held at The Village Bakery

**OREGON** — Illinois Epilepsy Support and Resources provides supports to people with epilepsy in Central and Northwest Illinois. These include but are not limited to: peer support, caregiver support, support in accessing benefits, navigating insurance, identification and linkage to medical professionals, access to counseling and help coordinating transportation. An introductory meet-

ing will be held on Friday, Nov. 11 at 9:30 a.m. at The Village Bakery, 101 N. 3rd St., Oregon.

For more information visit its Facebook page: Illinois Epilepsy Support and Resources, [www.streatorunlimited.org/epilepsy](http://www.streatorunlimited.org/epilepsy) or contact Stephanie Harcharik at 815.673.5574. Streator Unlimited, Inc. administers this project under a grant from the Illinois Department of Human Services.

### Polo Police Department

#### Man arrested for driving with revoked license

##### Oct. 7

At 5:44 p.m. Johnathon M. Hasenstab, 25, Forreton, was arrested for driving with a Revoked License and Operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle. Hasenstab was also given a

Verbal Warning for Illegal Cell Phone Use. Hasenstab was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

##### Calls for service

General calls for service for the weeks of Oct. 3

thru Oct. 16. Citizen complaints/assist: 11. Animal complaint: three. Disturbance/domestic: one. Fire/medical assist: three. Alarm/open door: two. Lock out: two. 911 hang up: two. Traffic stops: 10.

# LOCAL NEWS

## State police cite Georgia man for improper lane use

OGLE COUNTY — Maurice Q. Hunter, 21, of Hampton, Georgia was stopped for improper lane usage on Oct. 15 at 12:21 a.m. at Caron Road and McConaughy Avenue in Rochelle. Hunter was charged with driving while license suspended, improper lane usage and was released on an I-Bond.

Bianca Garcia, 25, of Rochelle was stopped for improper lane usage on Oct. 15 at 1:52 a.m. at North 2nd Street and McConaughy Avenue in Rochelle and was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol over .08, improper lane usage and was released after posting bond.

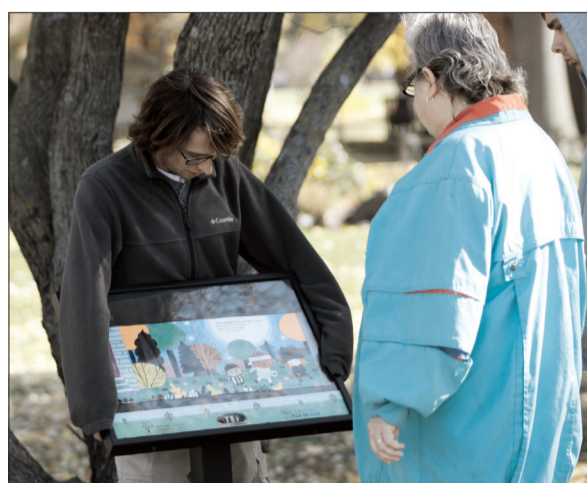
Mark P. Rhode, 64, of Elgin was stopped for improper backing of vehicle on roadway on Oct. 18 at 3:04 p.m. on Interstate 39 northbound milepost 111 in Ogle County. Rhode was charged with driving while license suspended, improper backing of vehicle on roadway, improper use of registration, operating uninsured motor vehicle, expired registration, illegal transportation of alcohol and was released on an I-Bond.

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### Village of Progress has fun at Oregon's Park West



The Village of Progress joined the Oregon Park District for fun at Park West! They enjoyed the Storybook Walk Trail, games in the park, pumpkin hunting and a ride through the park.



## Nominating petitions for Julia Hull District Library Board

STILLMAN VALLEY — Nominating petitions for three open board positions at the Julia Hull District Library in Stillman Valley are now available. Current Board Members include Jason Miller, Jackie Schumacher, Jeff Mickey, Karl Hall, Kelley Roganowicz, Kathleen Bierman and Sara Grobe.

Five of these seven positions will open for election; four positions are four-year terms and one position is a two-year term. The election for these open positions will be held April 4, 2023.

To be considered for election, candidates must file a petition of 50 signatures by qualified voters residing within the library district. Additionally, prospective

candidates must complete, sign and have notarized a loyalty oath, statement of candidacy and statement of economic interest.

All necessary forms will be included in the candidate's election packet, which will be made available at the Julia Hull District Library (Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Friday-Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.). Candidates may begin filing completed petitions at the library on Monday, Dec. 12. Filing will conclude Monday, Dec. 19. Packets returned after that date may not be considered for candidacy.

For further information, please contact the library at 815-645-8611.

## Local students receive scholarships at UW-Whitewater

WHITEWATER, Wisc. — The following local students are among the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater scholarship recipients receiving financial awards for the 2022-23 academic year.

Stillman Valley - Hailey Smith, who is studying elementary education, won the following scholarship(s): Warhawks Thrive Scholarship.

Leaf River - Joe Snyder, who is studying chemistry, won the following scholarship(s): Warhawks Thrive Scholarship

Oregon - Evan Vache, who is studying finance, won the following scholarship(s): Chancellor Scholars

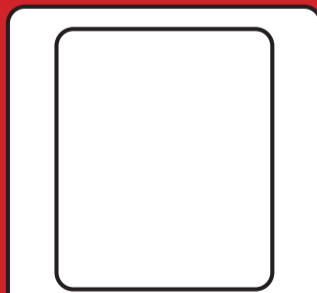
Byron - Caleb Weekley, who is studying music, won the following scholarship(s): Grace A Prugger Scholarship

# Remember Your Veteran

Veteran's Day, Nov. 11 is a special day to honor America's Veterans, living and deceased. Honor your veteran with a photo to be published on Monday, November 7th, 2022.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Byron Police Department

### Officers issue several citations

**BYRON** — On Oct. 11, Abel A. Luna, 29, of Rockford, was issued a citation for driving while license suspended and operating an uninsured vehicle.

On Oct. 12, Keith D. Lurero, 38, of Rockford was issued a citation for suspended registration.

On Oct. 12, Ryan L. Schlosser, 32, of Pleasant Prairie, Wisconsin was issued a citation for speeding.

On Oct. 14, Anastasia S.E. Loveland, 29, of Machesney Park, was issued a citation for operating an uninsured vehicle and operating with a suspended registration.

On Oct. 17, Norman C. Tonkinson 76, of Rock Falls was issued a citation for speeding.

On Oct. 18, Amanda M. Messenger, 42, of Mt. Morris was issued a citation for speeding.

On Oct. 20, Tyler M. Glotfelty, 20, of Rockford was issued a citation for speeding.

On Oct. 21, Timothy Sheehan, 45, of Glenview, Illinois was issued citations for speeding.

On Oct. 22, Kristen Barns, 25, of South Beloit was issued citations for speeding and operating an uninsured vehicle.

On Oct. 22, Amanda Estes, 31, of Oregon was issued a citation for speeding.

On Oct. 23, Devin Reed, 19, of Byron was issued a citation for speeding.

On Oct. 23, Dennis Eggers, 57, of Lake in the Hills, Illinois was issued a citation for speeding.

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

The daughters of Joanne McGhee — Deborah McGhee Laws, Cynthia McGhee, Kathee McGhee Swanlund and Karen McGhee deValk — would like to express their gratefulness to our cousin Steve Stroup and his wife Ginger for the unrelenting and compassionate care of our mom during her illness and their help to her and to us now and through the years.

We also want to acknowledge Elizabeth Kubeka who has been like another sister to us for her continual goodwill to us and our mom these past years. We say a thank you to neighbors Dee Westendorf and Loren Colloton for their generosity and loving care of Sadie Jo Jo pup. We thank Georgia Dickson, Robin Sisouk, Serenity Hospice and our cousin Marilyn McGhee Holsinger for their assistance these last months. We know there are many, many people who have been so very kind and generous to our mom: bringing her dinners/special treats, getting groceries and medicine, taking her to appointments and just visiting with her.

To everyone we say a sincere thank you and  
God bless all of you.



**Jerry Tice performed at last month's First Friday. He was accompanied by Mike Bratt on bass, Larry Wallace on dobro, John Lindblade on guitar and Tim Laurence on banjo.**

## First Fridays Open Mic at Oregon VFW Nov. 4

**OREGON** — The First Fridays Open Mic presents its monthly show at the Oregon VFW this Nov. 4. The event attracts many talented performers, but musicians and singers of all skill

levels find acceptance from its supportive audience. Each performer is allowed 15 minutes, and everyone can also join in on a jam session at the end of the show.

The VFW is located at

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

The show starts at

7 p.m. Admission is free, although a jar is available for donations. Sign-up for performers is at 6:45 p.m. Interested parties who have questions can contact Jerry Tice, at 815-449-2660.

## Byron PD's Operation Santa in 33rd year

**BYRON** — The 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.

### Breakfast

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 appreci-

### Submissions

Parents or guardians of children (up to age 14) who would benefit from the Operation Santa program are asked to call the Byron Police Department, 815-234-5000. Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. to register. Parents will be asked to provide the children's names, ages, and gender. Names must be submitted no later than Wednesday, Nov. 16.

## Leaf River Lions honoring veterans on Nov. 12

**LEAF RIVER** — The Leaf River Lions will be honoring veterans on Saturday, Nov. 12 with a drive thru brat and hot dog lunch. Veterans eat free. Proceeds from the event will be donated to the Veterans Drop-in Center in Rockford. The center provides a gathering place for homeless vet-

erans and feeds them a noon and evening meal. Veterans can also get clothing and other personal items there. The center has also helped Veterans find a home.

The Lions will be serving brats, "all beef" hot dogs, applesauce, chips, cookie and a beverage. Cost for the drive thru lunch is by free will

donation. An additional sandwich would be available for \$3.

The lunch will be available at the Old Fire Station at 103 West Second St., next to the Bertolet Memorial building from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Come and help support the worthwhile project of the homeless shelter.

## 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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# LOCAL NEWS

## Oregon Police Department

### Driver arrested on Ogle County warrant

#### Oct. 1

At 3:44 p.m., Oregon Police issued Karla J. Hoover, 28, of Neshkoro, WI, a citation for disobeying a traffic control device. This violation occurred at the intersection of 10th and Adams Streets.

#### Oct. 3

At 7:32 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Brandon S. Miller, 28, Oregon, on an outstanding Ogle County warrant. Miller was also issued citations for violating the Illinois Conservation/Wildlife code laws of transport of an uncased bow, and unlawful take of a whitetail deer. These violations occurred near the intersection of Mix and Monroe Streets. Miller was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

#### Oct. 6

At 4:27 p.m., Oregon Police issued a complaint and notice to appear to Melissa A. Alaniz, 51, Oregon, for violating the littering ordinance. A court date has been scheduled. This violation occurred in the 800 block of Adams Street.

#### Oct. 9

At 12:57 a.m., Oregon Police issued Qasem Shah, 30, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, a citation for speeding, 52 m.p.h. in a 30-m.p.h. zone. This violation occurred in the 400 block of South 4th Street.

At 11:13 a.m., Oregon Police issued Barbara J. O'Hata, 77, Oregon, a city citation for violating the city code for grass and weeds being taller than six inches in height.

At 10:30 p.m., Oregon Police took one male juvenile, 11, Oregon, into limited custody for the charge of battery. The juvenile was released into his parent's custody with a referral to the state's attorney.

Five parking citations and five verbal warnings issued during the week of Oct. 3 through Oct. 9.

#### Oct. 11

At 12:06 a.m., Oregon Police responded to a trespassing complaint at the Oregon Super Value, located at 204 N. 4th St., resulting in the arrest of Hayli M. Stier, 31, Oregon, for criminal trespass to real property. Stier was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

#### Oct. 13

At 11 a.m., Oregon Police responded to a two-vehicle traffic crash in the 200 block

of North 4th Street involving a 2014 Ford driven by Cynthia S. Stocker, 58, Oregon, and a parked 2018 Chevrolet belonging to Comcast Corporation, Oregon. No citations were issued.

#### Oct. 14

At 10:30 a.m., Oregon Police issued one 15-year-old female juvenile, Oregon, a civil citation for possession of cannabis not more than 10 grams. This violation occurred at the Oregon High School, 210 S. 10th St.

#### Oct. 15

At 12:50 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Michael R. Smith, 30, Polo, for driving while license suspended. Smith was also issued citations for operating a vehicle with an expired registration and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. Smith was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

At 7:38 p.m., Oregon Police issued Anthony Zarate, 17, Dixon, a traffic citation for speeding, 44 m.p.h. in a 30-m.p.h. zone. This violation occurred in the 600 block of North 4th Street.

At 10:29 p.m., Oregon Police issued Timothy D. Rosquist, 61, Mt. Morris, a citation for operating an uninsured motor vehicle. This violation occurred in the 400 block of West Washington Street.

At 11:11 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Jacob A. VanDuyn, 22, Rockford, for driving under the influence of drugs. VanDuyn was also charged with improper container as a driver and issued a citation for disobeying a traffic control device. These violations occurred at the intersection of 4th and Washington Streets. VanDuyn was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

#### Oct. 16

At 6:46 p.m., Oregon Police issued Mya J. Hernandez, 18, Mt. Morris, a citation for disobeying a traffic control device. This violation occurred at the intersection of 4th and Washington Streets.

At 7:09 p.m., Oregon Police issued Thomas S. Stegle, 36, of Stockton, a citation for disobeying a traffic control device. This violation occurred at the intersection of 4th and Washington Streets.

Nine parking citations and 14 verbal warnings were issued during the week of Oct. 10 through Oct. 16.

## Rotary program



Deanne Phelps, a certified Appraiser with Compeer Financial, gave a presentation on the ever changing prices of purchasing acreage and farmland at the most recent Oregon Rotary meeting held on Wednesday, Sept. 21. Pictured from left are: Julie Mann, Phelps, and Dave Bakener from the Village of Progress.

## Oregon Rotary hosting Fall Fun on the River fundraiser

OREGON – The Oregon Rotary Club, once again, invites you to “not” attend Fall Fun on the River.

Each year the club raises an average of \$4,000 for the purchase of coats and boots for children in the Oregon School District. While we are not able to gather together, and know it is hard to think of Winter clothing today. We hope that

you will “not” join us and support our school kids.

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## Hymn sing at Valley Covenant Church is planned for Nov. 13

STILLMAN VALLEY — A hymn sing will take place on Sunday, Nov. 13, 4:30 p.m. at

Valley Covenant Church, 103 S. Maple St., Stillman Valley. A soup supper will follow the singing,

with donations to support youth ministries. For more information call 815-645-2492.

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### Tuesday, Nov. 1

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

### Thursday, Nov. 10

Serenty's Lunch group will meet at

11:30 a.m. at Sunrise II Family Restaurant, 101 W. 2nd St., Byron. This group is open to all adult bereaved in the community. Please call 815-732-4111 by 10 a.m. to register.

### Friday, Nov. 11

Serenity's C.A.F.E. will meet from 9-10 a.m. at The Serenity Home, 1658 S.

Illinois Route 2, Oregon. This group is for all adult bereaved in the community. Please call 815-732-4111 on Nov. 10 by 4 p.m. to register.

Serenity's Diamond Art will meet from 9-11 a.m. at The Serenity Shed, 131 N. 3rd St., Oregon. This group is for all adults in the community.

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## How breast cancer changes the rules

“BOYS don’t cry.” That was the oft repeated refrain my father said to my brother and me growing up. If one of us fell and skinned our knees, it was, “Knock it off, boys don’t cry.” It didn’t matter if we were 4 or 5. Crying was a sign of weakness and of questionable masculinity.

When I was 8, our dog Princess died on Christmas Day after licking up some pesticide stored in a shed. It was a stiff upper lip for me. No crying was allowed. Dad was watching. The rules for manhood were well defined for him. When our pastor showed up for a church cookout wearing a pair of pink golf trousers, we heard about it all the way home: “It’s inappropriate for a man to dress that way.”

Neither my brother nor I wore pink growing up. Ever. A strange thing happened as my dad aged, he learned to cry. The first time I saw it, it was disconcerting like witnessing a dam break or feeling the earth shift off its axis. It was just strange. The tears raced down his cheeks. My brother was ill and he couldn’t do anything to save him.

“Incurable” was a word that didn’t compute with my father. He was a fixer, a magician with his hands. Whether it was getting a seized auger to rotate, repairing a malfunctioning fuel pump or getting a downed cow with milk fever to stand: He fixed the situation. But when my brother Danny was afflicted with a rare and incurable liver disease, tears flowed. Didn’t he remember what he taught us? Boys don’t cry.

Despite the tears, Danny died at age 48. When I moved into adulthood, I occasionally would wear a pink dress shirt with a teal tie. I didn’t feel emasculated.

But in Las Vegas, my editor, Mike O’Callaghan, a one-legged Marine, Korean War veteran and former governor of Nevada would loudly condemn any man wearing pink in his presence.

I was unaware of this until I showed up for work one day wearing one of my favorite dress shirts. His voice roared across the newsroom, “Hey, Reeder. What are you doing wearing

pink?” Some sort of homophobic comment followed.

The other men in the newsroom whispered, “Never wear pink around Mike.”

Was it something about that generation? I don’t know. But he grew up half a continent away from my father and they had the same ideas.

Not long after I returned to Illinois, my mother was diagnosed with breast cancer. Dad became the caregiver for his partner of 59 years.

I remember him gripping her right hand while I held her left at her bedside.

As she breathed slowly, shallowly, my dad cried out, “Save a place for me in heaven.” Tears fell down the face of my sister, who sat at the foot of the bed. We watched 79 years of life and an 11-year battle with breast cancer come to an end.

Our mother was gone.

The pictures on the bedroom wall spoke to what was important to Mom: family.

Photos of each of her three children and their partners on their wedding days stood like sentinels overlooking her bed. The faces of her seven grandkids peered out from picture frames.

A devoted husband looked on adoringly. Happy memories.

For me, June 2, 2013, will always be a day of sadness. But for my dad it marked a tragedy from which he never recovered.

We thought it was a good idea to occasionally get him away from the home he had shared with mom. So, my wife and I would have him visit our family in Springfield.

After church one Sunday, we decided to visit the State Fair. I slipped on a pair of sandals and a t-shirt. The shirt was bright, almost fluorescent, pink.

“You’re going to wear that?” my father growled. I pointed to the lettering on the front that said, “Susan Komen for the Cure” and said, “I wear this to honor mom.”

Tears welled in his eyes, he swallowed hard and nodded his head.

Yes, it’s ok for men to cry. And men can wear pink.

Breast cancer and the women we love, make us do both.

*Scott Reeder, a staff writer for Illinois Times, can be reached at sreeder@illinois-times.com.*



Scott Reeder

## The state of the cattle world

THE year kicked off with a cattle inventory estimated to be down two percent, thanks to a 2021 calf crop down 2.3 percent from the previous year, due largely to the pressures brought on by drought and high input costs for feed, fuel, fertilizer and labor.

Drought and high input costs are impacting the marketing and processing of cattle. Drought had a significant impact on pasture and rangeland this summer, especially in the West and the Southern Plains. High input costs have been another obstacle to farm profitability and have incentivized cattle producers to market more cattle.

Rain has improved pasture and rangeland conditions in some areas in recent days. This should provide incentive for some farmers and ranchers to hold onto calves for replacements. However, it is important to note that pasture conditions will take some time to recover to pre-drought conditions.

Beef production in August 2022 was a record 2.51 billion pounds, six percent above the same time last year. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.08 million head, up seven percent from August 2021. Total cattle slaughter for 2022 came in at 22.49 million head, 1.8 percent ahead of 2021. Heifer slaughter accounts for over 30 percent of the total at 905,000 head, 9.3 percent more than August 2021 and 6.2 percent above the five-year average. Cow slaughter is estimated to be 6.8 million head, six percent ahead of last year. Cow and heifer slaughter are particularly important because these female cattle are responsible for the future calf crop. Cow and heifer slaughter combined account

for nearly 51 percent of all cattle processed between January and August 2022. The growth in rate of cow and heifer slaughter is leading to a smaller calf crop and lower future cattle supplies.

High beef production has led to a rise in beef in cold storage. In the September Cold Storage report, USDA estimates that beef in freezers was a record 515.67 million pounds, growing by one percent in August. This is 24 percent greater than the same time in 2021. The U.S. Bureau of Labor and Statistics released the August 2022 Consumer Price Index on Sept. 13. The Consumer Price Index for all food increased 0.8 percent between July and August 2022 and all food prices were 11.4 percent higher than August 2021.

Total beef export sales as of Sept. 15, 2022, were 682,600 metric tons, up 1.8 percent from last year. Estimated at 35,800 metric tons, beef exports to China sky-rocketed during this week. U.S. beef exports to China total 116,000 metric tons, 6.7 percent higher than this time last year. Beef has been China’s largest imported meat since 2021, with record levels of beef entering the country over several weeks.

While exports are slightly above last year, they may begin to slow. One of the reasons for this is strength in the U.S. dollar. The U.S. Federal Reserve increased base interest rates by 75 basis points on Sept. 21 and signaled more increases by the end of the year. This news caused the U.S. dollar value to strengthen in comparison to other foreign currencies such as the euro, Canadian dollar, or Japanese yen.

USDA’s September Cattle On Feed report, released on Sept. 23, 2022, showed cattle and calves on feed on Sept. 1 totaled 11.3 million. This is up only slightly from last month but is the second highest month on record since the report began in 1996. Placement of cattle into feedlots in August was slightly greater than last month at 2.11 million head. Marketings are the biggest story of this month’s report, coming in at 2 million head, six percent above this time in 2021. Continued high inventories of cattle in feedlots paired with high levels of marketed fed cattle will be a factor in the overall cattle inventory and calf crop when USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service releases the biannual cattle inventory near the end of January 2023.

August 2022 proved to be a record-setting month for beef. Record monthly production driven by a growing slaughter pace resulted in a record amount of beef in cold storage. Slaughter during August 2022 came in seven percent above the same time in 2021. USDA is forecasting total cattle slaughter for 2022 1.8 percent above 2021. Fourth-quarter production is expected to slow but will likely be offset by higher-than-expected production in the first three quarters of 2023. Cow and heifer slaughter has continued to grow from stress caused by drought and high costs for supplies such as feed and fertilizer. This continued growth of female cattle being placed on feed for processing will result in tighter cattle inventories for years to come. This is a strong indicator that the cattle industry is continuing in the contraction phase of the cattle cycle.

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



Ron Kern

## Why vote yes on city manager?

**Dear Editor,**  
Our committee was formed in 2021 to study this and now supports this change for our city. We have received full support of the City of Oregon council and mayor. We like the way Oregon is headed and if you do as well, then vote yes on the city manager question.

This is not about a system of government that is broken, but about a system that makes a government that is more professional, responsive and trained. A city manager has been educated and trained in city administration and is hired by the entire council and mayor by vote.

A few key points:  
-There is no additional cost, no staff is being added and city salaries are not increased because of this change.  
-This simply changes the job title and adds some additional duties to the existing city administrator and

streamlines the reporting relationship between the council, city manager and department heads. These departments have recently been gathered under a public works director as well.

-Citizens still elect a mayor and four council members who have full authority over the city manager.

-So if there is so little change, why have it on the ballot? Because the state requires it. Oregon is 85 percent there in putting the day-to-day functions under the city administrator but to finalize the process we need to vote yes on the city manager question.

We are satisfied with the direction of Oregon and support voting YES on the referendum to make sure it continues that way!

**Roger Cain, Rick Bunton, Otto Dick, John Dickson and Chris Martin**

## Take care of God’s world

**Dear editor,**  
When recently attending a church service in Southern Illinois I saw a banner that read, “The earth is the Lord’s and everything in it.” (Psalm 24) That same day at

a nearby university I came across a stone engraved with a quote by Junius (a pen name) written in 1869, “We owe it to our ancestors to preserve entire those

rights which they have delivered to our care.” It struck me how thoughtfully those two quotes, written so long ago, should be considered when

voting in the upcoming election. It behooves us as earth’s citizens to take care of God’s world and to all who live in it.

**Bonnie Mueller**  
Oregon

## The Republican party today

**Dear Editor,**  
The recent article written by Mr. Bill Pirnat leaves out the rest of the story concerning white supremacy and the connections to the Republican party as it currently exists today. Under the Trump administration there have been several instances of direct involvement with the proud boys, oath keepers, 1%ers, Klan and even Nazis as they are present at every single rally they

hold and Mr. Trump himself calls the capitol attackers patriots and says he loves them. This certainly doesn’t mean that all Republicans believe in the hate they preach, but it certainly does align you with who you vote for that is. The conservative Republican Party I grew up knowing is no longer alive and it has been replaced by leaders of election deniers and right wing crazies. Mr. Biden and Democrats

are not perfect but they do have my family in mind with the legislation and programs aimed at the middle class and not \$2 trillion in tax cuts for billionaires. Three high-ranking Republican leaders are making plans to end my social security net and chop Medicare into pieces while handing out even more deficit-busting tax cuts for those with more money than anyone on earth.

**Brian Opsahl**  
Byron

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# LOCAL NEWS



## SVHS presents 'Clue On Stage' Nov. 4 and 5

Join Stillman Valley High School for a night of murder, mystery and mayhem along with plenty of laughs as they present "Clue On Stage!" Follow your favorite characters from the well-known board game and 1985 movie as they try to figure out who is committing murders at Boddy Manor. Performances will be held Nov. 4 and 5 at 7 p.m. in the high school auxiliary gym. Tickets will be sold at the door. We hope to see you there!



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# Oregon coach to be inducted into ITCCCA Hall of Fame

## Spratt has coached track & field for 30 years

**OREGON** — Oregon High School is pleased to announce that longtime boys head track and field coach Jim Spratt has been selected by the Illinois Track & Cross Country Coaches Association for induction into the ITCCCA Hall of Fame at their annual ceremony in January 2023.

Per the ITCCCA release: “Nine coaches have been selected into ITCCCA’s Coaches Hall-of-Fame Class of 2023. The coaches were voted into the Hall of Fame at the recent committee meeting. They will be inducted at the annual ITCCCA Hall of Fame Banquet, following the clinic on Jan. 7, 2023. The selection meeting takes place in October each year. This year there were over 40 coaches nominated. The committee consists of 16 hall of fame coaches throughout Illinois. Each region of the state is represented. Each of the candidates was discussed at length with concern focusing on the three C’s – coaching record, contribution to the sports outside

of coaching, and character. The committee was faced with a tough task of selecting these inductees. Each of the members placed a secret ballot where they were allowed to vote for up to seven coaches. The votes were cast and counted. The following coaches have been selected for this year:

Jim Spratt (Oregon High School): Jim has coached track & field for 30 years. He has been the head coach at Oregon High School for the last 20 years. In 2009, his boys team won the IHSA Class A State Championship. He was named ITCCCA Class A Track & Field Coach of the Year. His teams have won 15 sectional titles. Twice, his teams have placed fourth at the state meet. Jim has coached athletes to five individual and two relay state championships. His athletes have earned IHSA State medals on 57 occasions. For years, Coach Spratt has been a true ambassador of high school track & field in Northern Illinois. Oregon



Oregon High School announced that longtime boys head track and field coach Jim Spratt has been selected by the Illinois Track & Cross Country Coaches Association for induction into the ITCCCA Hall of Fame at their annual ceremony in January 2023. (Courtesy photo)

“Whether you are searching for a qualified professional, a talented instructor, a trusted coach, a true sportsman, or just a good friend, Coach Spratt is an excellent choice.”

High School is famous for hosting well-run meets for which Jim is the driving force. For many years, Coach Spratt has run a track & field camp for local youth. Whether you are searching for a qualified

professional, a talented instructor, a trusted coach, a true sportsman, or just a good friend, Coach Spratt is an excellent choice.”

Others inductees include Dan Devlin (Springfield High School), Kel-

ly Hass (West Chicago & Glenbard West High Schools), Paul Hass (Glenbard West High School), Mike Kennedy (Neuqua Valley High School), Chris Kuntz (Glenbard South & Wheaton Warrenville

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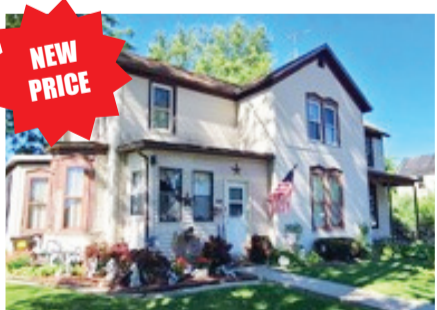
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# SPORTS

## Five area teams earn postseason berth

Byron, Rochelle, Stillman Valley, Forreston and Polo enter postseason

BY GEORGE HOWE  
CORRESPONDENT

**OGLE COUNTY** — The 2022 campaign continued for five Ogle County-area high school football programs including eight-man football starting last Friday night, Oct. 28. The IHSA and eight-man football association released their playoff brackets back on October 22.

**Class 3A:**  
**Lisle (Sr.) 5-4 at Byron (8-1)**  
The defending BNC Conference and Class 3A state champions appear to be the team to beat in conference play and beyond again this season. The Tigers are led by senior quarterback and three-year starter Braden

Smith. The multi-dimensional talent is the offensive leader according to head coach Jeff Boyer. Middle linebacker James Cone leads the team in tackles and Boyer stated that he “has a nose for the football.” Boyer has been impressed with this squad and has been pleased how they have responded throughout the year.

“These kids fit the mold of what we expect and they have gotten better each week,” he said.

**Class 4A:**  
**Dixon (6-3) at Rochelle (7-2)**  
This game features two former NCIC rivals and both appear to be evenly-matched. Senior running back and linebacker Garrett Gensler an all-state selection



Stillman Valley enters the 2022 postseason at 8-1 and as the largest school enrollment-wise in 3A. (Courtesy photo)

in 5A last season leads the charge for the Hubs amassing 1,460 rushing yards to go with 25 touchdowns, along with counterpart Trey Taft who gained 1,000 yards on the ground. Coach Kyle Kissack realizes that making the playoffs is an accomplishment but it's not the end. “We look for ways to get better every week,” he said. “We will need to stay focused in the process in order to be successful and advance.”

**Class 1A:**  
**Forreston (5-4) at St. Bede (7-2)**

Cardinals head coach Kenyon Janicke will be the first to say that it's been an up-and-down season with too many mistakes as the key

factor. “Both teams are now 0-0 going in and we are eager to start our second season,” he said. “We are hopeful that our nice mix of juniors and seniors will limit the mistakes in order to move forward.”

The offense runs through 240-pound senior fullback Johnny Kobler, a converted lineman, who's considered to be one of the better players in the NUIC conference. Casey DeVries captains the defensive side of the ball.

**Eight-man:**  
**Kirkland Hiawatha (6-3) at Polo (7-2)**

The two time defending I8FA state champions were awarded a number six seed as a result of a five-game winning streak to close out the 2022 campaign. The Marcos scored 60 or more points in their last contests led by the one-two punch of quarterback Brock Soltow and running back Avery Grenoble, who led the team in rushing yards.

**Class 3A:**  
**Monmouth (Roseville) (5-4) at Stillman Valley (8-1)**



Forreton enters the 1A postseason at 5-4 and has a first-round matchup against St. Bede (7-2). (Courtesy photo)



Rochelle enters the postseason at 7-2 with a local first-round matchup against Dixon (6-3). (Courtesy photo)



Byron enters the 2022 postseason as the defending Class 3A state champion. (Courtesy photo)

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# LOCAL NEWS

## A look at football playoff seeding

WITH the revealing of the IHSA football playoffs, Rochelle couldn't have asked for anything better in an absolutely loaded 4A north bracket. No. 6 seed Byron has to feel the same way in 3A, while Stillman Valley, seeded one spot ahead of Byron, caught a bad break.

In 1A, Forreston at 5-4 is only a No. 10 seed, but have the capacity to reach the semifinals. In 8-man ball, the power has moved from the northwest part of the state to the central, at least based upon seedings.

Stillman, at 559 enrollment, is the largest school in 3A and escaped the clutches of that brutal 4A bracket. However, looming in the second round is Elmhurst Immaculate Conception, a team the only lost 23-22 to Joliet Catholic and beat 4A power Wheaton St. Francis 25-14.

Both Stillman and IC have easy first-round match-ups and would meet the following week at Elmhurst. It doesn't seem fair, but without a multiplier in place, the brackets are out of whack.

Elmhurst IC should be a class or two higher and schools like Providence Catholic, Joliet Catholic, Springfield Sacred Heart and Wheaton should be in 5A or 6A instead of 4A. One positive is that perennial public school powers Sterling and Sycamore, who have never made it to the state final, have much easier road in 5A. This is the year to do it with all the heavyweights in 4A and someone like Lombard Montini not even making the post season.

Since St. Francis beat Sterling earlier this year, but lost to Elmhurst IC, does Stillman Valley have a chance? Well, Byron went into Elmhurst last year as underdogs and got the job done, though it took last-minute heroics.

Having covered the Cardinals in the playoffs since Mike Lalor's second year in 1999, they are one program I never count out. But, all those magical wins (my favorite was 28-26 over Aurora Christian in sub-zero wind chills) came in the 1997-2013 era when the five state titles were amassed.

Since then, Stillman has only advanced as far as Round Two. In those games, one loss was to Richmond Burton and two others were, you guessed it - Elmhurst Immaculate Conception.

Byron looks headed for a quarterfinal bout with 9-0 Reed Custer, a team that may not be as good as they were in 2021 when they gave the Tigers all

they could handle. Since Jeff Boyer has begun coaching Byron, they have proven capable of mixing it up with anyone.

A fifth straight semifinal appearance? Yes.

With former Big Northern member Richmond Burton winning 41 of its last 42 games, you have to like their chances of competing with the parochials in 4A. They are going to have to, as Joliet, Providence and the Rockets are in an 8-team quadrant. Ouch.

Rochelle and Wheaton St. Francis appear headed to the quarters in the other side of the north bracket, with their roads considerably easier. There is a good chance that game would also be at Rochelle, another long-time public power that regrettably has never made the state finals.

There is intrigue in 1A with Rockford Lutheran (largest enrollment at 315) of the BNC attempting to compete in a smaller class after being in 4A in the James Robinson era. Certainly, the 3A/4A BNC is a tougher league than the NUIC, of which has dominated 1A championships. Well, maybe Byron, Stillman Valley, Dixon and G-K are.

Another interesting foe is 9-0 Chicago Hope Academy, who plays schools must larger. Usually, these Chicago-based schools with gaudy records and athleticism fall on their face against rural foes in 1A.

The best game of the first round will be Forreston vs Peru St. Bede, also from an allegedly superior conference (Three Rivers). St. Bede has only lost to 3A power Princeton and 4A qualifier Hall Township.

Hard to predict the outcome, but whoever wins this game will be the odds-on favorite to oppose Le-Win in the 1A semifinals. At this point, Le-Win is the overwhelming favorite to repeat at state champs.

Polo has won the last two 8-man titles, but looming large in the western part of the state is undefeated Biggsville West Central, who have scored 50 points or more in every game.

Like most small towns in Illinois, Biggsville has seen a decline in population and converted to 8-man ball. The town only has 300 residents, the fewest since the Civil War and relies upon nine other tiny bergs in the area to reach 235 in high-school enrollment.

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



Andy Colbert



## Byron alum Ingram named WIAC Kwik Trip Athlete of the Week

PLATTEVILLE, Wis. — Byron High School alumnus Colton Ingram, of the University of Wisconsin-Platteville football team, was recently named WIAC Kwik Trip Defensive Player of the Week. The Pioneers defeated No. 3 ranked UW-Whitewater 17-13 on Oct. 22.

The Byron native and senior recorded eight tackles, one tackle for a loss, two quarterback hurries, and one interception versus the Warhawks. With the Pioneers trailing 10-7 with a minute left in the first half, Ingram provided the play of the game. Ingram stepped in front of a slant route and picked off an Evan Lewandowski pass and returned it 46 yards for the go-ahead score. The Pioneers never relinquished the lead following Ingram's pick-six. It is the first Pioneer victory over UW-Whitewater since 2004 and first time the Pioneers have beaten three NCAA top 25 teams in a season.

For the season, the Byron alumnus has recorded 38 tackles, three tackles for a loss, two pass break ups and the one interception. Ingram is majoring in civil engineering.

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### SPORTS SCORES

#### Oregon swept Sterling Newman in girls volleyball Oct. 20

On Oct. 20 at home, the Oregon Hawks varsity girls volleyball team defeated Sterling Newman 25-13, 25-18.

Sophie Stender of Oregon recorded 11 digs and Ava Wight of the Hawks had 11 digs, six kills and two aces. Lexi Ebert of Oregon had 10 assists, 3 digs and one ace.

The win brought Oregon's record to 19-10 overall and Newman left the match 24-7-1.

The junior varsity score was 25-19, 25-14 in favor of Oregon and the fresh-soph score was 25-18, 20-25, 15-11 Oregon.

#### Byron football defeated Rockford Christian 62-0 Oct. 21

On Oct. 21, the Byron Tigers varsity football team defeated Rockford Christian 62-0 to finish its regular season. The Tigers finished with 305 yards on the ground on 31 attempts with eight rushing touchdowns. Through the air, senior quarterback Braden Smith was 3-5 for 77 yards and a touchdown.

#### Oregon football fell to North Boone 20-47 Oct. 21

On Oct. 21, the Oregon Hawks varsity football team fell to North Boone 20-47. The Vikings started with 14 straight points before the Hawks answered back with two of their own on touchdown runs by Gabe Eckerd and Noah Reber. North Boone outscored the Hawks 33-6 from that point on.

Reber finished with 114 yards on 17 carries and Eckerd finished with 107 yards on 27 carries. Oregon quarterback Jack Washburn went 7-14 through the air for 56 yards.

### Scores

#### Varsity football

Oct. 21  
Genoa-Kingston 32, Stillman Valley 28

#### Varsity girls volleyball

Oct. 24  
Stillman Valley 2, Sandwich 0. Stillman Valley advances to face Rock Falls in the IHSA regional semifinal.

Oct. 25  
Oregon defeats Erie 25-15, 16-25, 25-16. Liz Mois: five kills, three blocks, one ace; Ava Wight: 22 digs, four kills, two aces; Kenna Wubbena: 12 kills, six digs.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Bertolet Library News

### Youth programs

Story Time: Thursdays at 10 a.m. Stop in with your Toddlers and Pre-K littles for Story Time each Thursday with Miss Jana. She will have a couple stories and an activity for the kids.

Big Kids, Big Art: Tuesday, Nov. 21, 4:30 p.m. Calling all 1st through 5th graders! Miss Jana has a great beginner art program just for you. Each month will focus on a different element of art. Join her on the 3rd Tuesday of each month!

LEGO® Club: 1st Monday of the month, 5 p.m. Create with us on the 1st Monday of each month. We will have the LEGO® bricks waiting for you!

### Family programs

Drop-In Craft: Pumpkin Decorating. Drop in this month and decorate a gourd with a variety of markers. Take your pumpkin home or show it off on display at the library for the season.

### Adult programs

Adult Book of the Month: The Book of the Month is The Things We Keep by Sally Hepworth. The Things We Keep is a compelling novel about early onset Alzheimer's disease and how it affects the patient and people surrounding the patient. Follow Anna as she is placed into an assisted living home and deals with slowly losing pieces of her memory and the friends she makes along the way.

Craft Kits for Adults: Stop by the circulation desk to pick up November's make and take craft. Celebrate Thanksgiving by making an ear of corn.

Create-a-Card: Saturday, November 19th, 9:30 AM. Design an encouraging note for your bestie, your child's teacher, or your secret sister. You can even create a work of art to lift your own spirits! All materials are provided.

### Drop Box

Our drop box is closed until further notice due to water leaks. Please return library materials during business hours. You may also return materials to other local libraries, and they will send them to us via our interlibrary loan system. We apologize for the inconvenience.

### Plastic Recycling

We ask that you make sure plastic is clean with no debris in the donation. Also please remove any zip-loc-type seals and paper/sticker labels. Thank you for your cooperation.

### New releases

Adult Books: A Feather On the Water by Lindsay Jayne Ashford (LP), The Boys From Biloxi by John Srissham, Mad Honey by Jodi Picoult and The High Notes by Danielle Steel. Chapter Books: Merci Suarez Plays It Cool by Meg Medina. DVDs: The Princess Bride and Top Gun (1986).

## Forreston Library News

### 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!

### Library hours

The library is open: Monday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. 2-7 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., 2-6 p.m., and Saturday 9 a.m. to noon. We may be reached by phone at (815) 938-2624, email at forrestonpubliclibrary@gmail.com, or through Facebook messaging. Of course, we always love to see you in person, too!

## Mount Morris Library News

Masks are optional

### The Giving Pump

Stop by Shell to help support Children's Programming at the Mount Morris Library. Our local gas station has generously chosen to donate a portion of the proceeds from their Giving Pump toward our library. This pump will be wrapped and available through October, just look for the purple Giving Pump signs on pump 1 or 2! We would like to thank Shell for their support of community programming! Thank You!

### Story Time!

Red, green or yellow? Sweet or tart? Eat them with caramel or peanut butter? Story time will be all about APPLES this week! We will have a sweet time this week as we read books and make crafts this Wednesday, 11/2. Story time is every Wednesday @11:15, bring your little ones to enjoy stories and a craft at the Mount Morris Library!

### Halloween Trick or Treat!

Join us on Monday, 10/31, for some treats! Come show off your costume to our library staff and get a surprise in your bag! See you there!

### Cookbook Club!

Join us as we reconvene The Cookbook Club! This delicious club will be using the book, "100 Days of Real Food on a Budget" by Lisa Leake. Wonderful recipes include things like Pina Colada Pops and Creamy Kale Caesar Salad! Stop by to choose your recipe, then bring the dish to pass at our next meeting! Join us on Tuesday, November 1st @6pm at The Senior Center for an exciting meal!

### Tea Time

We want to thank Mr. Cozzi's class who came to give a tea tasting at our last monthly book club. Mrs. Starkey helped the students give a presentation on different types of teas and then there were tastings along with a pastry. It was a 'tea'rrific time for all!

### 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.

### Lego Club!

Our next Lego night is this Thursday, November 17th, from 6:00 - 6:45pm. Bring a friend and build some fun with Lego bricks! All children and parents are invited. Children under 8 need to bring a parent with them.

### Mount Morris Library Open House

It is the 20th Anniversary of our renovation and expansion! We want to celebrate with YOU! Stop by on Sunday, November 20th from 2-4 to enjoy refreshments and see how much the library has grown!

### Adult Book Club

The November book is "Beautiful Ruins, a Novel" by Jess Walter. Everyone is welcome to join this book club group! Copies of the book are available at the library. This group will meet in-person on Monday, November 28th at the library.

### Display Case Showings

Stop in to see our new display for November! Local collector, Jo Ward, will showcase her personal collection of Veteran Memorabilia in honor of Veteran's Day! They are interesting pieces that will help you admire and acknowledge the sacrifices our military personnel have endured. Stop by to admire this treasured collection! We are always looking for collectors or artists who are willing to share their treasures in our display cases. If you are interested, please call, 815-734-4927.

### Newspaper Available!

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

### Explore More Illinois

Use Explore More Illinois to find fun and educational places to go on a free afternoon or for a little getaway. Explore More Illinois is easy to use with your library card. Visit the library's website to browse attractions. You can find the information on our website, www.mtmorris-il.org under the resources page.



Calvyn from Mr. Cozzi's transition class, with the help of Mrs. Starkey, presented a program about tea to the book club. The ladies were treated to their choice of teas and some pastry.

### Rock River Center

\*\*\*Update: There will be no representative at the library for the months of October and November. Please call the Rock River center at 815-732-3252 to make an appointment during this time. Thank you.\*\*\*

The Rock River Center has a representative in our library the second Thursday of every month. Services provided by Rock River Center are designed to enable older and disabled persons to remain independent, thereby avoiding costly long-term care. No appointment necessary but, if you want to make an appointment with the Rock River Center you may call 815-732-3252.

### Adult Programming

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

### Curbside Service is available!

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

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Monthly board meetings are the third Wednesday of the month at 7pm at the library unless otherwise noted. The public is welcome to attend.

The Mount Morris Public Library is located at 105 S. McKendrie Ave. Mt. Morris IL 61054 - 815-734-4927 Fax-815-734-6035 www.mtmorris-il.org.

## Ogle County Fair Association annual meeting is Nov. 12

OREGON — The Annual Meeting of the Ogle County Fair Association will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 12 in the Farm Bureau Auditorium, Pines Road, Oregon.

All fair members are invited to attend. Membership to the association is accomplished through contribution or volunteering of time for improvement of the fair. With your membership, you vote on the election of the board of directors.

This year we are having a potluck dinner, with the board providing meat dishes, coffee and water. Please bring a dish to pass and your own table service. The meeting will include review of the year and election of two board directors. Please RSVP if you plan on attending or if you have any questions.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Byron Library News

### Special hours

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### 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 Library's electronic sign isn't just for advertising library events? The library will run messages on the sign for local churches, schools, and non-profit organizations at no charge. Messages must be sent to the library at least a week in advance, and can be run for a minimum of one week. Messages for the electronic sign can be submitted in-person at the library or emailed to byronlibrary.org.

Did you know...that you can print photos from your phone at the Byron Library with our Kodak photo kiosk? Just connect your phone to the kiosk using one of three provided cords or the Kodak Moments app, then follow the steps on the screen to make prints, photo collages, calendars, and more! You can also print photos from a USB drive, SD card, microSD card, or scanning

an existing photo.

### DIY ornament picture frames

Thursday, Nov. 10 5:30-6:30 p.m., or 6:45-7:45 p.m. Ever wonder what to do with your random extra Christmas ornaments that just don't have a matching set? Did you know that you can use them to make a decorative Christmas frame? Join Cathy as she walks you through how to repurpose any ornament to create a beautiful photo frame to hang up as a decoration or to give as a gift for someone special. Same class will be offered at both times so please just choose one or the other. All supplies will be provided. Please visit Byron.evanced.info/signup or call 815-234-5107 to register.

Visit the Byron Library Facebook page to keep up to date on library news and virtual programs! Be sure to also check out the Byron Library and Byron Library Teen Instagram pages!

## Julia Hull Library News

### Storytime at the Library!

Join us at the library for songs, stories and crafts! Ages 2-5. Wednesdays at 10 a.m. Space is limited: call the library to register: 815-645-8611.

### Tween Scene: Pumpkin Spice Mug Cakes

Hey tweens, it's time to get your fall on! Come learn how to take your love of pumpkin spice to the next level. We're turning the classic fall staple into a mug cake, all without even turning on an oven! Tuesday, November 1 at 6 p.m. Ages 10-12. Registration required. 815-645-8611

### Teen Fall Tote Bag

It's fall: you've got your flannel, distressed jeans and killer boots, now all you need is the perfect bag to go with it. Learn how to craft your own unique tote bag that's perfect for books, apple picking or pumpkin spice runs. Thursday, November 10 at 3 p.m. Ages 13-18. Registration required.

### Rockin' Reptiles and Awesome Amphibians

Become a herpetologist and explore the world of reptiles and amphibians! Learn about some of their amazing adaptations and the important roles they play in nature. The National Mississippi River Museum will join us along with their live animals to help us learn! Friday, November 11 at 1:00 p.m. Grades K-6. Registration required. 815-645-8611.

### Adult Craft Night: 3D Winter

### Village

Join us Monday, November 14 at 6 p.m. and build a quaint winter village for your mantel or bookshelf. Adults only. Registration required. 815-645-8611.

### YCBC

Join us for a book discussion and hands-on craft/activity all about "Nacho's Nachos: The Story Behind the World's Favorite Snack," by Sandra Nickel and Oliver Dominguez. Stop by the library to register for the in-person program and pick-up your copy of the reading. Ages 7-9. Tuesday, November 15 at 6 p.m.

### Cricut Lab: Labels

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### Holiday Caroling with the Festive Singers

'Tis the season to be jolly! Join us for an evening of Holiday caroling with the Festive Singers: an a cappella quartet, donned in their best "gay apparel," while performing traditional and contemporary holiday favorites. Monday, November 28 at 6:30 p.m. Call to register: 815-645-8611.

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[pastor@immanuel-lindenwood.org](mailto:pastor@immanuel-lindenwood.org)

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### KINGS

#### ELIM REFORMED CHURCH

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

#### MOUNT MORRIS

#### DISCIPLES UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

"By God's grace in Christ, we LIVE, LOVE, and SERVE"  
All are welcome here!  
9:30 am - Sunday Worship with Communion open to all  
10:45 am - Sunday School (Sep-May)  
[www.disciplesumc.org](http://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](http://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. Other activities currently suspended due to pandemic. Email: [mimcob@frontier.com](mailto:mimcob@frontier.com)

#### MT. MORRIS TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

308 E. Brayton Rd. Mt. Morris, IL Phone: 734-6354 Rev. Josh Ehler  
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  
• Rev. Josiah Youngquist  
[www.EBENEZERREFORMED.com](http://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](http://www.oregonumc.org) • Pastor Rev. Megan Smick  
9:00am Fellowship/Sunday School; 10:00am Worship with music, meditation & Fellowship; 10:15am Announcements begin.

#### RIVERSTONE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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

#### ST. BRIDE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

#### ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH, NALC

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

### POLO

#### ST. MARY CHURCH

Rector/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](http://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](http://PoloOpenBible.org)

#### CROSSROADS COMMUNITY CHURCH ~ POLO CAMPUS

Meeting Sundays @ 10AM Service  
205 N. Jefferson Avenue, Polo ~ 815.837.5255  
[poloatcrossroadsca.com](http://poloatcrossroadsca.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.crossroadsca.com](http://www.crossroadsca.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.faithumpolo.com](http://www.faithumpolo.com) • [facebook.com/Faithumpolo](https://www.facebook.com/Faithumpolo)

### STILLMAN VALLEY

#### RED BRICK CHURCH OF STILLMAN VALLEY (CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH)

Pastor Rev. Dr. Chris Brauns | Associate Pastor David Bogner  
207 W Roosevelt Road (Rte 72), Stillman Valley, IL 615-645-2526 | [www.theredbrickchurch.org](http://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](http://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](http://www.valleycov.org)  
Sunday Morning 9am "Gather" for learning & conversation, 10:15am Worship both onsite and online at [facebook.com/VECCFSV](https://www.facebook.com/VECCFSV)  
Home of Valley Covenant Preschool 815-645-8882 Director Jill Huber  
Bible Studies, Youth Group, Bread of Life Food Pantry  
Please visit website for more information or contact the church office M-F 9am-2pm

#### GRACE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH DAVIS JUNCTION

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

### WINNEBAGO

#### MIDDLE CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

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211 Hwy. 38 E.  
Rochelle, IL 61068  
Ph: 815-732-2156  
Fax: 815-562-2161

# LOCAL NEWS

## Oregon Park District weekly happenings

**6th Grade Competitive Girls Basketball**  
 This competitive league elevates the expectation of both the players and the coaches. Games are scheduled by Oregon School District and will replicate the 7th and 8th grade schedule. All home games will be played at Nash. Transportation to all away games will be provided by OCUSD. Roster size is limited on this team and try-outs may be required. Practices scheduled to begin the week of January 2nd. A volunteer coach is needed for this league, please email [lesley@oregonpark.org](mailto:lesley@oregonpark.org) if interested. Deadline for participation is December 15th and the fee is \$75/NR\$90

**Winter Porch Pot**  
 Join Merlin's Greenhouse, Hagemann Horticulture and our friends from Cork & Tap at Oregon's newest event venue, River's Edge Experience, to plant a beautiful Winter Porch Pot with fresh greens, cones, twigs and more! Once you add a bow, you will love this unique decoration for your porch for the holidays. Class fee covers all supplies including a 14" container. Cork & Tap will be on hand to offer a full bar to enjoy while you work. Classes are Tuesday November 29th and Wednesday November 30th, but be sure to sign up early as these classes fill quickly! Fee \$50/NR \$60. Deadline is November 21st

**Merry Christmas Door Hanger**  
 Get ready for the holiday season with friends and create your very own Christmas door hanger. Cindy Hendrickson from Cin's Treasures will instruct participants throughout the evening. The pieces are hand painted by you and will be individually glued together. Class is Saturday November 5th from 5-8pm at Cons Treasures. Fee \$40 NR \$48, deadline is October 28th

**Holiday Morning Breakfast Casserole**  
 Holiday Brunch is the best...No???? Come learn how to make Linnie's signature holiday breakfast recipe! A healthy & delicious homemade casserole that can be made ahead to make your holiday less stressful. Take home for you and your family to enjoy! Choose bacon or sausage. Guaranteed to be delicious!

Linnie's Kitchen will provide all food supplies but you will be asked to bring a few utensils and cooking supplies to class. Class is Thursday November 17th at Cork and Tap, and deadline for participation is November 12th. Fee \$36/NR \$42

**Flannels, Flapjacks and Santa!**  
 Who doesn't love flannels and flapjacks?!? Join us in your flannel pj's or your holiday best to dine with Santa at Lorado Taft Dining Hall. Enjoy visiting Santa and taking photos in front of the historic stone fireplace, make a holiday ornament and enjoy an all you can eat buffet including flapjacks, fruit salad, sausage, bacon, biscuits, gravy, scrambled eggs, oatmeal, assorted cereal, milk, orange juice and coffee! After breakfast feel free to explore the beautiful Taft campus and enjoy a hike or photos in front of the trees. Saturday December 17th and deadline is December 8th. Fee 10 and under \$11/NR \$13 and 11 years and up \$16/NR\$19

**Letters to Santa**  
 Do you have a wish list or story to tell Santa Claus? Write a letter to Jolly Old St. Nicholas and tell him about yourself and if you have been naughty or nice. Santa's elves will be installing a mailbox at Nash for your letter to be mailed. Be sure to enclose a postage stamp and your return address! Letters can be mailed beginning November 15 through December 14.

**Kids Yoga**  
 Yoga is back at Nash! Join Kara Schabacker, owner of Happy Body, Healthy Mind for our new classes. Kids Yoga - Ages 5-9 and 10-14 - Kids yoga encompasses the many different aspects of a conscious and healthy lifestyle, within a framework that makes sense for a child's developmental stage. With a foundation in movement, mindfulness and an emphasis on fun, kids can expect to exercise their body, express their creativity, learn how to master big emotions and manage stress.

Ages 5-9 \$27 per 3 week session 3:30-4:20 p.m. December 1, 8, 15.  
 Ages 10-14 \$27 per 3 week session 4:30-5:20 p.m. December 1, 8, 15  
 December classes deadline is November 28

**Adult Yin/Restorative Yoga - Ages 18+**  
 Kara Schabacker, owner of Happy Body, Healthy Mind is This class combines the slow, deep stretch poses of yin yoga with the relaxing, meditative poses of restorative yoga. We will use props such as bolsters and blocks etc. to aid and support us as we calm our nervous systems, relax our minds and refresh our bodies. All levels welcome.

6:30-7:45 p.m. \$30 per 3 week session December 1, 8, 15. December classes deadline is November 28

**No School Day**  
 School is out of session on Tuesday, November 8th. Have your K-6th grader join us for a fun day! We will start the day at OES in the ET room then walk to Nash to enjoy lunch from McDonald's and spend the afternoon swimming and playing in the gym. Lunch is included in registration fee. Pick-up will be at Nash Recreation Center in the River Room from 4-5 p.m. Fee \$35/NR\$42. Deadline November 1st.

### Weekly Brain Busters

#### King Crossword

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**ACROSS**  
 1 Creche trio  
 5 Sheep's cry  
 8 Espy  
 12 Optimist's credo  
 13 Steal from  
 14 Texas city  
 15 Lost traction  
 16 "Madam Secretary" memoirist Madeleine  
 18 Dutch exports  
 20 Spanning  
 21 Demolish, in Dover  
 23 Jungfrau, for one  
 24 Tirana resident  
 28 Blathers  
 31 Meadow  
 32 Seafood selection  
 34 Gangster's gun  
 35 Lincoln in-law  
 37 Tuna type  
 39 Sneaky chuckle  
 41 Son of Adam and Eve  
 42 You can count on it  
 45 Seduce  
 49 Prince of Monaco who is Grace Kelly's son

**DOWN**  
 1 Fine spray  
 2 Rights advocacy org.  
 3 Author  
 4 Prime Minister  
 5 Cabbage, broccoli and  
 6 MSN rival  
 7 "Waterloo"  
 8 Making spiral patterns  
 9 Samoan port  
 10 Phil of folk music  
 11 Youngsters  
 17 — Victor  
 19 Skillets  
 22 British nobles  
 24 Flight stat  
 25 Zodiac cat  
 26 Vice  
 27 Mother  
 28 Teresa, for  
 29 Standard  
 30 Fr. holy woman  
 33 Social appointment  
 36 Not half bad  
 38 Victors  
 40 "Ben- —"  
 42 Seniors' org.  
 43 — cheese dressing  
 44 Male deer  
 46 Scurry  
 47 Fine  
 48 Iditarod terminus  
 50 Post-op area

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#### MAGIC MAZE

#### AN "S" FIRST, MIDDLE AND LAST LETTER

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

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

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|-------------|----------|-------------|-------------|
| Sealskins   | Sensors  | Slushes     | Sportscasts |
| Seasons     | Sideshow | Snowshoes   | Sunsets     |
| Seesaws     | Siestas  | Somersaults | Swashes     |
| Selfishness | Slashes  | Spinsters   |             |

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#### Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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	6		4			9		
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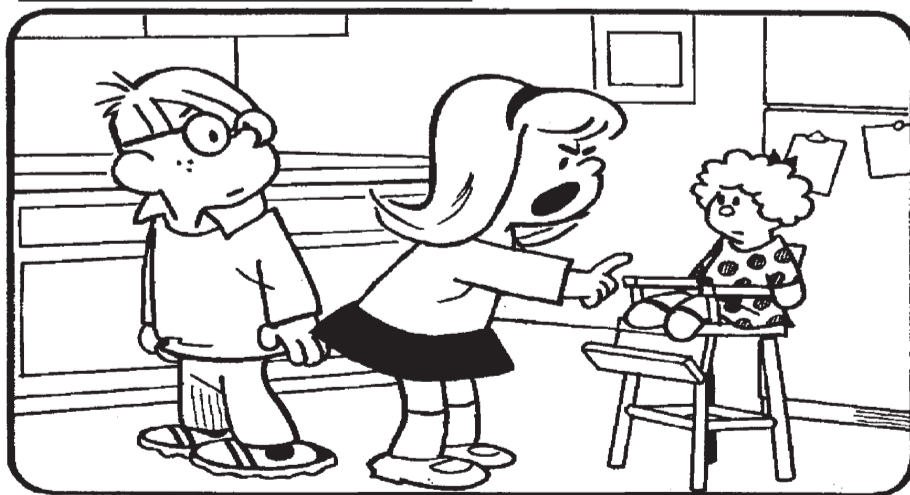
#### DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

- ◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging  
 ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

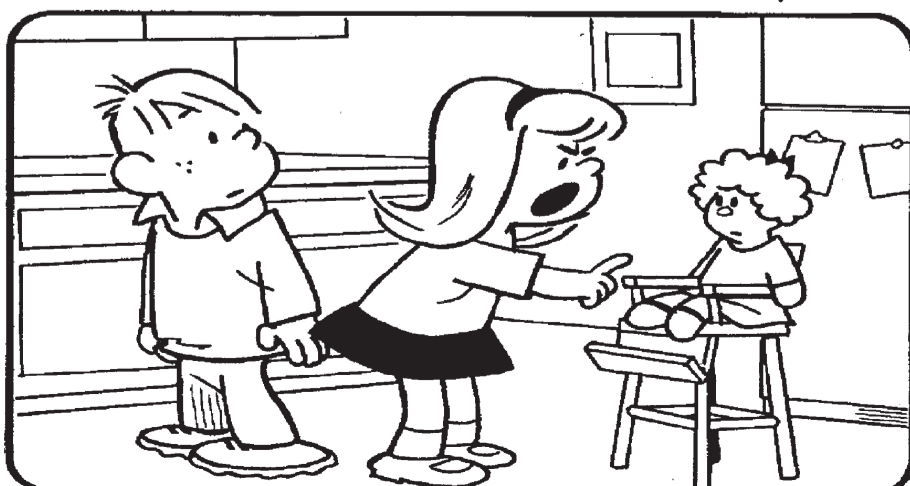
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#### HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Glasses are missing. 2. Sneaker is different. 3. Socks are shorter. 4. Sleeve is shorter. 5. Dress is different. 6. Memo is moved.

**King Crossword**  
 Answers

Solution time: 22 mins.

**Weekly SUDOKU**  
 Answer

2	7	6	9	8	1	4	3	5
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8	1	2	6	7	5	3	4	9
4	9	7	1	3	2	6	5	8
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# Classified Marketplace

## FREE!

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



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### PUBLIC NOTICE

Village Of Davis Junction, Illinois  
Annual Treasurer's Report of Cash Receipts and Disbursements  
For the Fiscal Year Ending April 30, 2022

Published in compliance with Chapter 65, Section 5/3.1-35-65 of the  
Illinois Compiled Statutes

**Receipts: GENERAL FUND:**  
PROPERTY TAX 73,888; ROAD & BRIDGE TAX 32,937; TELECOMMUNICATIONS 10,408; LIQUOR / VIDEO GAMING LICENSES 7,250; BUSINESS LICENSE 29,440; LEIN REIMBURSEMENT 866; PLAT 10 FUTURE IMPR TIL 2025 4,000; ZONING PERMITS & FEES 12,362; STATE INCOME TAX 350,110; USE TAX 93,663; CANNABIS USE TAX 3,817; SALES TAX 117,113; STATE GRANT-EOC 5,245; OTHER GRANTS 159,370; INTEREST INCOME 8,259; MEDICOM 11,129; BALL FIELDS REVENUE 10,353; LR COMMUNICATIONS 4,174; MERIDIAN YOUTH BASEBALL LEAGUE 13,945; VERIZON WIRELESS TOWER RENT 20,867; RENTAL INCOME 6,000; VIDEO GAMING 40,256; LAND USE 3,410; MISCELLANEOUS INCOME 93,486; SCHOLARSHIPS 550; INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT 6,394; TOTAL 1,127,892

**MOTOR FUEL TAX:**  
MOTOR FUEL TAX 94,453; REBUILD ILLINOIS 52,130; INTEREST INCOME 204; TOTAL 146,787

**TIF FUND:**  
REVENUE 23,261; INTEREST INCOME 9; TOTAL 23,270

**WATER FUND:**  
PENALTIES 3,699; WATER SALES 196,431; WATER BASE RATE 13,924; BULK WATER / POOL FILLS 1,267; METER SALES 2,305; INTEREST INCOME 1; INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFER IN 12,340; TOTAL 229,967

**SEWER FUND:**  
USE TAX 2,557; PENALTIES 4,874; WATER BASE RATE 27,991; BULK WATER / POOL FILLS 264,371; WATER CONNECTION FEES 20,000; INTEREST INCOME 2; MISCELLANEOUS INCOME 12,500; INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFER IN 24,789; TOTAL 357,084

**GARBAGE FUND:**  
PENALTIES 3,726; WATER RECONNECT FEES 120,387; TOTAL 124,113

**LANDFILL FUND:**  
HOST BENEFIT FEES 2,147,052; RENTAL INCOME 150,000; TOTAL 2,297,052

**PAYROLL: 0.01 TO 24,999.99**  
BAGO, MARGEN; BERG, ANTHONY; BLOOMINGDALE, GLENDA; CARR, NANCY; CHRISTENSON, JENNIFER; COOK, BRODERICK; DIPFNER, MARK; DOANE, JARRED; ELEMING, CALEB; FORCIER, ANDREW; JONES, JEFFREY; KLAREN, BENJAMIN; KUBISZEWSKI, TYLER; LOEFFELHOLZ, SARAH; LUCHSINGER, WILLIAM; MAHS, JENNIFER; MAHS, NATHAN; MAY, DAVID; MCCLENDON, GRANT; MOTISI, WILLIAM; MUCHA, MARSHALL; POLLOCK, HARVEY; REBER, JEFFERY; SAMPLES, CHRISTOPHER; SENATRE, LUCAS; SIMPSON, DEANA; TALBOT, JOHN; WHITE, WILLIAM; WURM, RICKY

**PAYROLL: 25,000.00 TO 49,999.99**  
GALLARDO, JORGE; MAGNUSON, KYLE; MCMANAWAY SR, REX; OGNIBENE, BRENDA

**PAYROLL: 50,000.00 TO 74,999.99**  
FERGE, BRET; HILL, NATHAN; MAHS, SANDRA; WEAVER, BRENT

**TOTAL PAYROLL: 565,985.11**

**LIABILITY**  
457 PLAN - 134886 101,710; AFLAC INSURANCE 9,798; FEDERAL PAYROLL TAXES 140,645; JOHN HANCOCK LOAN 21,956; PEKIN LIFE INSURANCE 637; STATE DISBURSEMENT UNIT 720; STATE PAYROLL TAXES 28,949; TOTAL 304,415

**EXPENDITURES AND EXPENSES**  
ADVANCED DISPOSAL 111,920; ANCEL GLINK, P.C. 64,440; Automatic Control Services 36,245; B & F CONSTRUCTION CODE SERVIC 21,167; B & H OFFICE FURNITURE 2,670; BLAKE OIL CO 20,936; BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD 66,262; BOBCAT OF ROCKFORD 14,069; BONNELL INDUSTRIES INC 12,279; BSA SOFTWARE 34,235; CASSIDAY SCHADE LLP 3,060; CENTURION, INC DBA RAMTECH 6,134; COMED 70,964; COMPASS MINERALS AMERICA INC 13,392; CORESMAN 5,989; CORNERSTONE EMBROIDERY 6,429; ELECTRIC PUMP 11,704; EUCLID MANAGERS 3,331; FEHR GRAHAM 72,730; FRONTIER 4,154; G&I TANK SANDBLASTING AND 5,000; HARRIS COMPUTERS 5,284; HAWKINS, INC 7,233; HOMER INDUSTRIES 5,060; ILLINOIS COUNTIES RISK 84,016; ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL 2,715,317; Illinois EPA 7,500; ILLINOIS FIBER RESOURCES GROUP 73,302; ILLINOIS RAILWAY, LLC 3,341; INTEGRATED PUBLIC RESOURCES 53,785; JOHN HANCOCK 19,355; Johnson Tractor 8,877; KELSO BURNETT CO 9,705; KOENIG BODY AND EQUIPMENT 2,611; LAI LTD 16,629; LAKESIDE INTERNATIONAL TRUCKS 5,509; MASTERBLEND INTERNATIONAL 3,306; MCMAHON ENGINEERS ARCHITECTS 20,057; NICOR GAS 9,722; NORTHERN ILLINOIS CONCRETE 2,500; N-TRACK GROUP, LLC 25,673; POSTMASTER 3,084; PRESCOTT BROTHERS 32,141; RRM FIREWORKS COMPANY 16,000; SARAH LOEFFELHOLZ 7,750; SHERWIN INDUSTRIES INC 7,545; SHOWTIME INSTALLATIONS INC 14,859; SIRICH LLP 10,710; Stillman BancCorp Na 2,540; THOMPSON GAS 4,484; USA BLUE BOOK 6,487; Verizon Wireless 15,479; VISA 64,817; VORTEX TECHNOLOGIES INC 4,310; WATSON SEPTIC INC 53,520; Willett Hofmann & Associates, 33,402; WILLIAMS CHARLES CONSTRUCTION 236,394; WM CORPORATE SERVICES, INC 23,801; WOLF BROS TREE SERVICE 8,600; ZORO 2,591; EXPENSE DISBURSEMENTS UNDER 2,500.00 88,724

**TOTAL: 4,302,119**

Subscribed and sworn to this 21st day of October, 2022

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT  
OF THE 15th JUDICIAL  
CIRCUIT  
OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
IN THE )No.  
MATTER )2022  
OF THE )PR 63  
ESTATE OF: )  
BETTY M. )  
SWANSON,)deceased.  
)

**CLAIM NOTICE**  
NOTICE IS GIVEN OF  
the death of BETTY M.  
SWANSON of Polo,  
Illinois. Letters of office  
were issued on October  
11, 2022, to JANET  
K. JOHNSON of Polo,  
Illinois, whose attorney is  
David A. Smith, of Smith,  
Birkholz & Morrow, P.C. at  
129 South Fourth Street,  
P. O. Box 10, Oregon,  
Illinois, 61061-0010.  
CLAIMS against the  
estate may be filed in the  
office of the Clerk  
of the Court at Ogle  
County Judicial Center,  
106 South 5th Street,  
Oregon, Illinois, 61061, or  
with the representative,  
or both, within 6 months  
from the first publication  
of this Notice, or within  
three months from  
the date of mailing or  
delivery of Notice to  
creditors, if mailing  
or delivery is required  
by Section 18-3 of the  
Illinois Probate Act, 1975,  
as amended, whichever  
date is later. Any claim  
not filed within that  
period is barred.  
Copies of claims filed  
with the Clerk must be  
mailed or delivered to  
the estate legal  
representative and to the  
attorney within 10  
days after the claim has  
been filed.

JANET K. JOHNSON  
Independent  
Administrator  
No. 1022 (Oct. 17, 24, 31)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Public Notice is hereby  
given that on October  
14, 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: Lasered  
In, 6174 S. Ridge Rd.,  
Oregon, IL 61061.  
Dated: October 14, 2022  
Laura J. Cook, Ogle  
County Clerk  
No. 1023 (Oct. 24, 31,  
Nov. 7)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
WB Self Storage, formerly  
known as Daysville Self  
Storage, located at 553  
S. Daysville Rd. in Oregon  
Illinois is issuing a notice  
to the tenants of units  
number 9, 10, 14, 16, 21,  
30, and 31. This is notice  
1 of 2 to contact us and  
make arrangements to  
pay past due rent and  
take possession of your  
contents. We can be  
contacted by email at  
wbstorageil@gmail.com.  
No. 1026 (Oct. 24, 31)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Public Notice is hereby  
given that on October  
7, 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:  
Rural Hardwoods, 6671  
Woodland Dr., Stillman  
Valley, IL 61084.  
Dated: October 7, 2022  
Laura J. Cook, Ogle  
County Clerk  
No. 1027 Oct. 24, 31, Nov.  
7)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT  
OF OGLE COUNTY, STATE  
OF ILLINOIS  
PROBATE DEPARTMENT  
IN THE )Probate  
MATTER )No.  
OF )  
THE )2022  
ESTATE )PR 64  
OF )  
MARVIN E. )  
DAY, )  
deceased. )

**CLAIM NOTICE**  
Notice is given of the  
death of MARVIN E.  
DAY, of Mount Pleasant,  
Henry County, Iowa,  
Letters of Office were  
issued on October 19,

2022, to Wanda M. Day,  
1405 E. Ashford Circle,  
Mount Pleasant, Iowa  
52641 whose attorney is  
Sara L. Haas, Aspelmeier,  
Fisch, Power, Engberg  
& Helling, P.L.C., 321 N.  
Third Street, Burlington,  
IA 52601. Claims against  
the Estate may be filed  
in the Office of the Clerk  
of the Circuit Court, Ogle  
County Circuit Clerk,  
106 S. 5th Street #300,  
Oregon, Illinois 61061,  
or with the Executor or  
both. Any claim not so  
filed within six (6) months  
from and after the date  
of first publication or, if  
applicable, within three  
(3) months from and  
after the date of mailing  
or delivery of Notice to  
Creditor, whichever is  
later, shall be barred.  
Copies of a claim filed  
with the clerk must be  
mailed or delivered to  
the Estate and to her  
attorney within ten (10)  
days after the claim has  
been filed.  
Dated: October 19, 2022.  
Wanda M. Day, Executor  
of Estate  
Prepared by:  
Sara L. Haas  
Attorney for Estate  
321 N. Third Street  
Burlington, IA 52601  
319-754-6587/telephone  
319-754-7514/facsimile  
No. 1031 (Oct. 24, 31,  
Nov. 7)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
(CHANGE IN  
ASSUMED NAME  
CERTIFICATE)  
Public notice is hereby  
given that on October  
21, 2022, a supplemental  
certificate of ownership  
of business 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:  
Farmer's Family Restau-  
rant, 317 E. Main Street,  
Forreston, IL 61030  
Dated October 21, 2022  
Laura J. Cook, Ogle County  
Clerk  
No. 1034  
(Oct. 31, 2022)

**BYRON MUSEUM  
DISTRICT OGLE  
COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
110 N. UNION  
STREET BYRON,  
ILLINOIS, 61010  
ORDINANCE NO. 22-2  
ANNUAL LEVY  
ORDINANCE**  
AN ORDINANCE LEVYING  
TAXES FOR ALL DISTRICT  
PURPOSES FOR THE BY-  
RON MUSEUM DISTRICT,  
OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR  
COMMENCING JULY 1,  
2022 AND ENDING JUNE  
30, 2023.  
WHEREAS, the Board of  
Commissioners of By-  
ron Museum District,  
Ogle County, Illinois (the  
"Board of Commis-  
sioners") has caused a  
certified copy of Ordinance  
No. 22-1, the Annual  
Combined Budget and  
Appropriation Ordinance,  
to be published in the  
Ogle County Life, a newspaper  
published and distributed in  
the City of Byron, County  
of Ogle and State of Illinois.  
AND WHEREAS, the Board  
of Commissioners has  
determined the total  
amount of funds necessary  
to be raised by Ordinance  
No. 22-1, and more than  
seven (7) days have  
passed since the publica-  
tion of this Ordinance.  
AND WHEREAS, the Board  
of Commissioners adopted  
a Resolution regarding  
estimated amounts  
necessary to be levied for  
the year 2022, and has  
determined that this levy  
is not in excess of 105%  
of the taxes levied by the  
Byron Museum District for  
fiscal year 2021-2022, and  
no Truth in Taxation Notice  
and Hearing was required,  
all in accordance with the  
requirements of the Truth  
in Taxation Act. 35 ILCS  
200/18-55 et seq.  
NOW THEREFORE, BE  
IT ORDAINED BY THE  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
OF BYRON MUSEUM  
DISTRICT, OGLE COUNTY,  
ILLINOIS:  
SECTION 1. The Annual

Combined Budget and  
Appropriation Ordinance  
for the Byron Museum  
District, Ogle County,  
Illinois, for the fiscal year  
commencing July 1,  
2022, and ending June  
30, 2023, known as Ordinance  
No. 22-1, is hereby  
incorporated in this Annual  
Levy Ordinance by  
reference.  
SECTION 2. The amount  
to be raised by levy for  
said fiscal year is  
\$145,000.00, and the  
same is hereby levied for  
the general purposes of  
the Byron Museum District,  
Ogle County, Illinois,  
for the fiscal year beginning  
July 1, 2022 and ending  
June 30, 2023.  
SECTION 3. The Secretary  
of the Board of Commissioners  
of the Byron Museum  
District, Ogle County,  
Illinois shall file, on or  
before the last Tuesday of  
December, 2022, a certified  
copy of this Annual Levy  
Ordinance with the Ogle  
County Clerk (in compliance  
with 70 ILCS 1105/18).  
The said Secretary shall  
also file on or before the  
last Tuesday of December,  
2022, certified copies of  
the Annual Combined Budget  
and Appropriation Ordinance,  
and this Annual Levy  
Ordinance with the Museum  
operated by the Byron  
Museum District and make  
said copies available to  
public inspection at all  
times.  
SECTION 4. The amount  
levied by this Annual Levy  
Ordinance is required by  
the Byron Museum District,  
Ogle County, Illinois and  
is to be extended upon the  
appropriate tax books for  
the fiscal year of said  
district beginning July 1,  
2022 and ending June 30,  
2023.  
SECTION 5. If any section,  
subdivision, sentence or  
clause of this Annual Levy  
Ordinance is for any reason,  
held invalid or to be  
unconstitutional, such  
decision shall not affect  
the validity of the remain-  
ing portion of this Ordinance.  
SECTION 6. This Annual  
Levy Ordinance shall be  
in full force and effect  
from and after its pas-  
sage, approval, filing and  
publishing according to  
law.  
Adopted this 25th day of  
October, 2022, pursuant  
to roll call vote as follows:  
AYES: 5 NAYS: 0 ABSENT:  
0 Passed and approved  
this 25th day of October,  
2022.  
Randy Stukenberg, President  
ATTEST: Brenda Crabel,  
Secretary  
No. 1037  
(Oct. 31, 2022)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**ZONING BOARD OF  
APPEALS**  
STATE OF ILLINOIS )  
)SS  
COUNTY OF OGLE )  
Public Notice is hereby  
given to all persons in  
Lincoln Township that a  
Public Hearing will be  
held Tuesday, November  
22, 2022 at 6:00 P.M.  
at the Old Ogle County  
Courthouse, Third Floor  
County Board Room  
#317, 105 S. Fifth St.,  
Oregon, IL, to consider  
the request filed October  
14, 2022 of BAP Power  
Corporation dba Cenergy  
Power, %Chad Chahbazi,  
3176 Lionshead Ave. #11,  
Carlsbad, CA for a Special  
Use Permit in the AG-1  
Agricultural District to  
allow a Community Solar  
Garden on the property  
described as follows and  
being leased by the peti-  
tioner(s):  
Part of the East Half (E1/2)  
of the Northeast Quarter  
(NE1/4) of Section 21  
Lincoln Township 24 North,  
Range 8 East of the 4th  
P.M., Ogle County, IL, approximately  
31 acres of the 68.78  
acre site, more or less  
Property Identification  
Number: Part of 07-21-  
226-005  
Common Location:  
12500 block of W. Hal-  
dane Rd.  
All persons in attendance  
at the hearing shall have  
an opportunity to be

heard. Any person who  
also wishes to appear as  
an interested party with  
the right to cross-examine  
others at the hearing  
must complete and file  
an appearance form with  
the Ogle County Planning  
& Zoning Department  
no later than five (5)  
business days before the  
date of the hearing.  
The application for this  
map amendment is on  
file with detailed description  
and available for exami-  
nation at the Planning &  
Zoning Department, 911  
Pines Rd., Oregon, Illinois  
or at the following URL:  
http://www.oglecounty.org/departments/planning\_and\_zoning/zoning\_board\_of\_appeals.php.  
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS  
RANDY OCKEN, Chairman  
Dated at Oregon, Illinois  
this 14th day of October,  
2022  
#008-22AM  
No. 1040  
(Oct. 31, 2022)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
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26, 2022, a supplemental  
certificate of ownership  
of business 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:  
Studio on Second, 103  
N Chestnut St., Byron, IL  
61010  
Dated October 26, 2022  
Laura J. Cook, Ogle County  
Clerk  
No. 1041  
(Oct. 31, 2022)

### STATEMENT OF REVENUES COLLECTED, EXPENDITURES PAID AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - MODIFIED CASH BASIS GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

For the Year Ended April 30, 2022

	General	MFT	TIF	Total Governmental Funds
<b>REVENUES COLLECTED</b>				
Taxes	\$ 375,821	\$ -	\$ 23,261	\$ 399,082
Licenses and permits	49,918	-	-	49,918
Fines and fees	853	-	-	853
Tipping fees	2,147,092	-	-	2,147,092
Intergovernmental	525,719	146,583	-	672,302
Charges for services	238,948	-	-	238,948
Investment income	(136,772)	204	9	(136,559)
Miscellaneous	22,224	-	-	22,224
Total revenues collected	3,223,803	146,787	23,270	3,393,860
<b>EXPENDITURES PAID</b>				
Current				
General government	666,153	-	-	666,153
Streets, alleys and bridges	249,220	236,293	23,971	509,484
Culture and recreation	245,993	-	-	245,993
Public health and welfare	22,333	-	-	22,333
Capital outlay	77,169	-	-	77,169
Total expenditures paid	1,260,868	236,293	23,971	1,521,132
<b>EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES COLLECTED OVER EXPENDITURES PAID</b>	1,962,935	(89,506)	(701)	1,872,728
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>				
Transfers (out)	(3,752,447)	-	-	(3,752,447)
Proceeds from sale of asset	57,000	-	-	57,000
Total other financing sources (uses)	(3,695,447)	-	-	(3,695,447)
<b>NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES</b>	(1,732,512)	(89,506)	(701)	(1,822,719)
<b>FUND BALANCES (DEFICIT), MAY 1</b>	8,679,552	256,025	(1,311,107)	7,624,470
<b>FUND BALANCES (DEFICIT), APRIL 30</b>	\$ 6,947,040	\$ 166,519	\$ (1,311,808)	\$ 5,801,751

### STATEMENT OF REVENUES COLLECTED, EXPENSES PAID AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION - MODIFIED CASH BASIS PROPRIETARY FUND

For the Year Ended April 30, 2022

	Water	Sewer	Garbage	Total
<b>OPERATING REVENUES COLLECTED</b>				
Charges for services	\$ 217,630	\$ 317,240	\$ 124,113	\$ 658,983
Total operating revenues collected	217,630	317,240	124,113	658,983
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES PAID</b>				
Operations and maintenance	163,820	345,215	129,582	638,617
Depreciation expense	256,680	483,025	-	739,705
Total operating expenses paid	420,500	828,240	129,582	1,378,322
<b>OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)</b>	(202,870)	(511,000)	(5,469)	(719,339)
<b>NON-OPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)</b>				
Replacement taxes	-	2,557	-	2,557
Miscellaneous income	-	12,500	-	12,500
Interest expense	-	(89,767)	-	(89,767)
Total non-operating revenues (expenses)	-	(74,710)	-	(74,710)
<b>NET INCOME (LOSS) BEFORE TRANSFERS</b>	(202,870)	(585,710)	(5,469)	(794,049)
<b>TRANSFERS</b>				
Transfer in	12,341	3,740,106	-	3,752,447
Total transfers	12,341	3,740,106	-	3,752,447
<b>CHANGE IN NET POSITION</b>	(190,529)	3,154,396	(5,469)	2,958,398
<b>NET POSITION, MAY 1</b>	1,720,989	2,436,551	267,338	4,424,878
<b>NET POSITION, APRIL 30</b>	\$ 1,530,460	\$ 5,590,947	\$ 261,869	\$ 7,383,276

# Classified **FREE!** Marketplace

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



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**101**  
LEGAL NOTICE

**ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT VILLAGE OF ADELINE  
FISCAL YEAR ENDING APRIL 20, 2022**

REVENUE SUMMARY: State Income Tax 11,805.42; Municipal Sales Tax 2,810.26; Motor Fuel Tax 5,250.55; Local Use Tax 3,145.48; Personal Property Tax 250.19; Local Share Cannabis Tax 128.35; Ogle County Collector 5,683.09; Interest 1,651.28; Ogle County Cleanup Grant 220.00. Total Revenue: \$30,944.62.

COMPENSATION SUMMARY: Salaries/Benefits: Mike Dickinson 735.50; Karen Dickinson 588.40; Kim Dickinson 628.40; Dorene Mulder 330.98; Roger Branscomb 349.36; Brian Leake 330.98; Ken Sheely 294.20; Luke Sheely 349.36; Charles Mitchell 312.59; Nationwide Retirement 1,278.75; Department of Treasury 152.98; Jordan Sasscer \$160.00; US Treasury 41.10. Total Compensation: \$5,552.60.

EXPENDITURES SUMMARY: IML Risk Management Association 5,777.16; ComEd 5,054.66; Nicor 535.12; Town Cleanup 440.00; Snow Removal 487.50; Equipment Repair 562.26; Fuel/Chemicals 329.72; Streets, Alleys, 12,533.60; Park 380.00; Office Supplies 16.25; Miscellaneous 110.70. Total Expenditures: 26,226.97.

Respectfully Submitted: Kim Dickinson, Adeline Village Treasurer  
Attest: Karen Dickinson, Adeline Village Clerk

October 21, 2022

No. 1033

(Oct. 31, 2022)

**203**  
HELP WANTED



**CITY ADMINISTRATOR  
CITY OF BYRON**

The City of Byron, Illinois, Ogle County, is seeking a full-time City Administrator to lead the City's day-to-day operations and guide the community into the future. As of 2020, the City's population is approximately 3,800. Candidates must reside within 15 miles of the City of Byron within 6 months of appointment. The annual salary base pay range for this position is \$90,000 to \$125,000 depending on qualifications, plus benefits. Successful candidates must possess the qualifications and certifications as follows:

**A Bachelor's Degree from an accredited college or university in the field of business administration, public administration, community planning or a related field; and Preference will be given for candidates with prior employment experience in the local government sector. Preference will be given for strong accounting and budgeting skills and for those holding a master's or related advanced degree.**

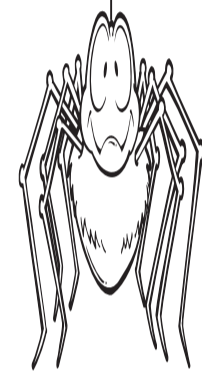
A complete job description is available at [www.cityofbyron.com](http://www.cityofbyron.com).

Application deadline: November 30, 2022

Candidates should submit a resume, cover letter, and 5 references. Please send all applications via email to the City Clerk, Caryn Huber, at [chuber@es-il.org](mailto:chuber@es-il.org)

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[aadkins@byron226.org](mailto:aadkins@byron226.org)

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**Ogle County, IL  
FARMLAND AUCTION  
Wednesday, Nov. 16th, 2022  
at 11:00 A.M**

Sale to be held at **Polo Area Senior Center  
101 E Mason St., Polo, IL 61064**

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TOTAL 88.652 Acres of Farmland  
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**OWNER - Michael L. Getzender, Mary A.  
Clothier & Eleanor K. Heidenreich**

Attorney: Douglas Floski, Byron Law, 815-234-5454  
Lenny Bryson - Auctioneer  
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Polo, IL 61064 • 815-946-4120

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**BUREAU COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
LAND AUCTION**

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2022 AT 1:00 PM<sup>CST</sup>**



**80 TAXABLE ACRES ± • 1 TRACT**

The Johnston farm is located approximately 8 miles northeast of Bradford, IL, or 14 miles southwest of Princeton, IL. The land is further described as being located in Section 19, T15N-R8E, Indiantown Township, Bureau County, IL. The property contains a total of 80 taxable acres, will be sold in 1 tract, is improved with 3 grain bins, and offers highly productive Class A soil.

**JOHNSTON FAMILY FARM**

Representing Attorney: Ryan J. Anderson Law Office

611 Second St | PO Box 174 | Henry, IL 61537 | (309) 364-2354

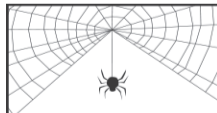
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The Lost Lake Utility District, Lost Lake, Dixon, IL, has an opening for an office manager and secretary to the board of trustees. This is a 32 to 34 hour per week position.



Please go to the  
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### 123 MOVING AND STORAGE

1500 sq ft machine shed with high ceilings in rural Steward for rent. Call 815-298-9300. (11-02-22)

### 127 SERVICES AND REPAIRS

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### 113 FINANCIAL

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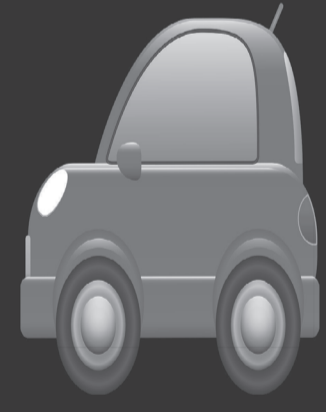
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# LOCAL NEWS



Brion Brooks, David Starke and Kelli Virgil.

## 53rd Annual KOC Tootsie Roll drive held recently

**OREGON** — The 53rd annual Knights of Columbus Intellectual Disabilities (Tootsie Roll) drive in Oregon and Mt. Morris was held Sept. 9 & 10. This year \$5,800 was raised by the members of Oregon Council #1092 with help from their families and friends. We also had support from area businesses that helped with the purchase of candy. Sullivans and SuperValu let us stand in front of their stores. The funds that were raised help to support the Knights of Columbus programs in Illinois, such

as Special Olympics and a number of homes for the intellectually disabled. Local organizations who will receive over \$1,500 apiece were: Village of Progress, Oregon School

District special education program and Stouffer Terrace. Over the past 30 years, over \$150,000 has been raised locally.

“I want to thank to people in Oregon and Mt. Morris for their generous support again this year,” Tootsie Roll Drive Chairman Dave Starke said.



Ogle Jolly 4H officers named

Pictured are the Ogle Jolly 4H Officers for the 2022 4H year. We are all excited to start the 2022 year if you have any questions or would like to join please let us know! President Grace Costello, Vice President Braden Rogers, Secretary Makayla Williams, Treasurer Ayden Alderks, Reporter Piper Johnson, Historians Kaitlyn Adams and Emma Wissinger, Rec Chair Alyse Rogers, Roll Call Lucas Thurow, Sentinels Kennedy Collins and Avery Chance and Junior Leader Aubrey Janoski.



Oregon Lions do road clean-up

On Tuesday, Oct. 18, Oregon Lions completed their last road clean-up of 2022 on Illinois Route 2 South. Those Lions who participated were, from left to right: Lions Doug Moser, Jerry Hinrichs, Chairman Grant Afflerbaugh and Jim Hoff (not pictured).

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