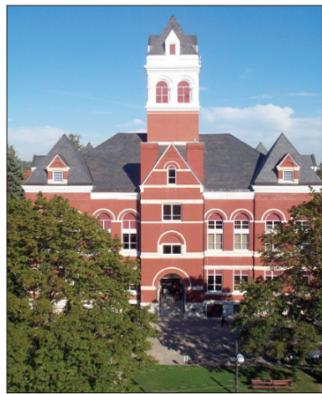


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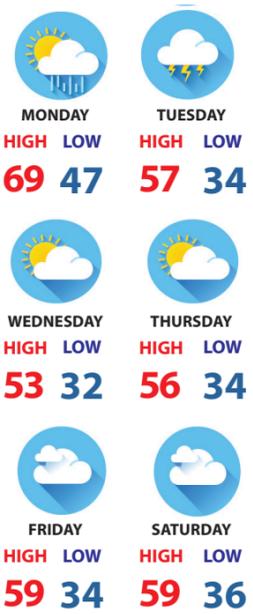
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Ogle County Board

Bid to demolish former jail approved

Board votes to support repeal of SAFE-T Act

BY JEFF HELFRICH
EDITOR

OREGON — At its monthly meeting Tuesday, the Ogle County Board voted unanimously to approve a \$98,300 bid from Martin & Company Excavating of Oregon to demolish the old Ogle County Jail. The county received seven other bids for the work.

The county board also unanimously approved the use of federal American Rescue Plan Act funds to pay for the demolition. Bids for the demolition work ranged up to \$432,500. The county recently moved its jail operations into the newly-constructed Ogle County Judicial Center.

Ogle County Engineer Jeremy Ciesiel spoke at the meeting and has been working on the demolition project. He said he was pleased with the number of bids received and hopes the demolition will start in November.

“We’re still working



Ogle County Engineer Jeremy Ciesiel speaks at Tuesday's Ogle County Board meeting about the bid approved for the demolition of the former Ogle County Jail. (Photo by Jeff Helfrich)

on some of the utility disconnects currently,” Ciesiel said. That needs to be taken care of before demolition would start. Our hope is to get demolition completed before the end of the year. Paperwork and utility work must be done before we can get started.”

Board members also heard an update from a representative from

Stateline Solar on the installation of solar panels on top of the new Ogle County Judicial Center. Panel installation completion is slated for the end of October and the contractor is currently waiting on inverters to finish the project and some supply chain issues have been seen.

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GRACE Association is looking at opening a school in Mt. Morris at the former site of David L. Rahn Junior High School and will be hosting a parent informational meeting at the school Oct. 27. (Courtesy photo)

New school could be coming to former site of DLR Junior High in Mount Morris

Faith-based school to host informational meeting Oct. 27

BY JEFF HELFRICH
EDITOR

MT. MORRIS — GRACE Association will be hosting a families informational meeting on Oct. 27 at 6 p.m. at the site of the empty David L. Rahn Junior High School that was recently closed and sold by the Oregon School District.

GRACE, which stands for “gracefully reclaiming a conservative education,” will be hosting the meeting to discuss opening a new Christian academy pre-K through 12th grade school in Mt. Morris. Pastor Randy Blan, the founder of GRACE Association, will speak at the event.

According to its website, GRACE was established in 2021 in response to parents seeking an alternative to public school education and is “an association consisting of a network of independently-run schools united in a principle framework that supports traditional val-

ues, ensuring a cohesive standard; so that parents can confidently enroll their child for an optimal in-person learning experience.”

An email sent to GRACE Association by the Ogle County Life seeking more details such as whether or not it’s committed to the DLR school building for the future was not returned. The building closed at the end of the 2021-2022 school year. The school board sold it to Fred Kenney of Oregon in August for \$51,000.

A Facebook page exists named “Mount Morris Christian Academy” with a photo of the DLR Junior High Building and information listed about GRACE Association such as the informational meeting Oct. 27. The Facebook page does not have any posts confirming that a school is officially coming to the DLR building in Mt. Morris.

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SVHS Students of the Month named
Congratulations to the Stillman Valley High School Students of the Month for September. Pictured from left to right are: SVHS Assistant Principal Jeff Volz, Darren McCarty (11th grade), Ava Thompson (10th grade), Adam Gampetro (ninth grade) and Stillman Bank COO David Mecklenburg. Not pictured is Gavin Harrolle (12th grade). Each of the students received a gift card for their achievement.

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LOCAL NEWS

SAFE-T: Board votes to repeal act

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SAFE-T

The county board voted 20-1 during the meeting to support the repeal of the SAFE-T Act.

Ogle County State's Attorney Mike Rock and Ogle County Sheriff Brian VanVickle recently announced that they have filed a complaint against Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker and Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul in Ogle County Circuit Court seeking to have the criminal justice reform SAFE-T Act declared unconstitutional.

The Safety, Accountability, Fairness and Equity-Today Act passed in the early hours of Jan. 13, 2021. It abolishes cash bail beginning in Jan. 1, 2023, reforms police training, certification and use-of-force standards, expands detainee rights and requires body cam-



Ogle County Board Chairman John Finrock listens at Tuesday's Ogle County Board meeting in Oregon. (Photo by Jeff Helfrich)

eras at all departments by 2025. The legislation has been amended twice since its passing to accommodate concerns of law enforcement groups and changes have included moving effective dates back and use-of-force language.

VanVickle and Rock have been outspoken against the SAFE-T Act

and outlined their concerns to the board on Tuesday.

"I think it's a great thing for our county to let the current governor know how this county feels," Rock said. "We filed a complaint asking for injunctive relief against the imposition of this act on our county. It's in litigation now.

Hopefully they'll come to the table and talk about it. Because sheriffs and state's attorneys attempted to negotiate and were ignored."

Rock said the complaints against the act will see litigation on Nov. 22 in Kankakee County. He and VanVickle do not expect the issue to be resolved by the time

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Mike Rock
Ogle County State's Attorney



At its monthly meeting Tuesday, the Ogle County Board passed a resolution supporting the repeal of the SAFE-T act and heard thoughts against it from Ogle County Sheriff Brian VanVickle and Ogle County State's Attorney Mike Rock. (Photo by Jeff Helfrich)

the law takes effect Jan. 1, 2023.

VanVickle said 102 sheriffs in the state have made it known that they're against the act and Rock said 54 county state's attorneys are officially against the SAFE-T Act.

VanVickle serves as the immediate past president of the Illinois Sheriffs' Association and has spent time testifying in Springfield regarding the act and said the ISA continues to work with the legislature on concerns about the SAFE-T Act.

"It's gotten to the point with the bail reform that there have been no meaningful changes," VanVickle said. "That deadline of Jan. 1 is quickly approaching and there's a lot of legwork we have to do from the

law enforcement side of it such as implementation and policies."

Human resources

The board voted 20-1 Tuesday to appoint Ashley Rippentrop as Ogle County human resource director. Her contract runs for three years and she will be paid \$75,000 in the first year. Her official hire date is Oct. 31.

ARPA

Outside of the jail demolition, the board approved a number of county ARPA funding resolutions including \$20,450 for the Village of Forreston for a village hall remodel and evidence storage. \$7,872 was authorized for the sheriff's office for AT&T routers for squad cars.

Serenity offering six week grief support group

OREGON – Serenity Hospice and Home will facilitate a free, six-week Grief Support Group that is open to the public.

Based on the book "Understanding Your Grief: Ten Essential Touchstones for Finding Hope and Healing Your Heart" by Dr. Alan Wolfelt, this group is designed to help individuals along their grief journeys by connecting them with a supportive community and provid-

ing helpful resources.

The group will be facilitated at Serenity Hospice and Home, 1658 South IL Route 2, Oregon, and will be held weekly on Wednesday evenings from 5:30-7 p.m., Nov. 2nd- Dec. 14th. (The group will not be meeting on Nov. 23rd.)

Individuals who would like to attend should register by calling Cathy Warren of the Serenity Bereavement Team at 815-732-2499.

Polo Police Department

Oct. 7

At 5:44 p.m. Johnathon M. Hasenstab, 25, Forreston, 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.



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LOCAL NEWS



The Byron choir was able to use their portion of the donation to help students fund their tour to Nashville and Memphis, Tennessee. (Courtesy photo)

Byron High Theater and Choir departments use support from memorial fund

BYRON — The Byron High School Theater and Choir department have been given a generous donation of \$3,000 from the Megan Clift Memorial Fund established at the Community Foundation of Northern Illinois. The donation in honor of Megan, from the Clift family, has been used to support many activities and events that the groups participate in. Here are several ways the donation has been used during the 2021-2022 school year:

Byron Choir was able to use their portion of the donation to help students fund their choir tour to Nashville and Memphis, Tennessee. The tour included a recording session at RCA Studio B, Country Music Hall of Fame, Ryman Auditorium, National Civil Rights Museum, Graceland and attending a performance at the Grand Ol' Opry.

Byron Theater Troupe used their portion of the funds to take students to see regional and professional theatre productions, free of charge to them, to give them access to further exposure in the professional



The Shining Star award was presented to Sophie Tucker and Luke Mathieu this year. (Courtesy photo)

theatre world. Shows they attended were: "The Little Mermaid", "Annie", "Legally Blonde", and "Fun Home".

Each year the Shining Star Award is presented to the outstanding theater and choir students, typically from the senior class. This year the theater was given to Sophie Tucker and the choir award was given to Luke Mathieu. Both students were very active in the music and theater department during their years at

Byron middle and high school. The success of the Shining Star donations and other donations from "Friends of Megan" help to continue the assistance that is given to the Byron Theater and Choir and its membership. The choir and theater students are very appreciative of the support from the Megan Clift Memorial Fund established at the Community Foundation of Northern Illinois and the friendship of Ed and Beth Clift.



The Byron Theatre Troupe used their portion of the funds to take students to see regional and professional theatre productions. (Courtesy photo)

German Valley Historical Museum open Oct. 30

GERMAN VALLEY — The German Valley Historical Museum, 805 Church St., will be open from 1-4 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 30. At 1:30 p.m. Dr. Gordon Dammann, Highland College instructor and founder of

the National Museum of Civil War Medicine in Frederick, Maryland will speak on "Nursing and the Evolution of Hospitals."

He is the author of several books relating to medicine in the Civil

War Era, as well as an Antietam Battlefield guide in Maryland and guest lecturer across the country on many Civil War topics.

There is no admission fee but donations are welcome. For information go to www.gvmuseum.org.

SCHOOL: Faith-based school looks at former middle school building

From page 1

The school's closure and sale by the Oregon School District Board of Education came after Superintendent Dr. Tom Mahoney recommended to the school board at a meeting in May 2021 that the district consider closing DLR. He said that the decision to recommend closing the school came down to money, with the district spending more than it is taking in. He also said the school needs fixes that would cost between \$2 million and \$6 million.

DLR Junior High School was the last school in Mt. Morris, and now all district schools reside in Oregon. Middle school students in the district were moved to Oregon High School this fall. This included roughly 200 students and their teachers.

In the email sent to GRACE Association by the Ogle County Life with questions, one was included that asked how the building's renovation needs would be addressed. That email was not answered by time of publication.

GRACE held a similar informational meeting in Rochelle in March and it has a target opening of August 2023 on its website for a Rochelle school. That website says GRACE has an active school in Channahon, Illinois with other in-state projected openings in Naperville, Romeoville, Lincolnway/New Lenox, Sterling, St. Charles, Fairbury, Wood Dale, Springfield and Arlington Heights with target areas of Oswego, Aurora, Schaumburg, Hoffman Estates, Palatine, Chicago and Arlington Heights. Blan spoke to parents at the Rochelle meeting in March and answered questions.

"We're going to do everything we can within our power and our ability to start as many schools as we can to give parents an opportunity to make a decision and do something," Blan said.

Blan said in March that in order for a school to come to Rochelle, the

first thing GRACE needs is parents' participation. Enrollment numbers and requirements at a potential GRACE school in Rochelle depended on building availability and cost, Blan said. In other schools it's started, churches have given GRACE a building at no cost besides it paying utilities and insurance. In other communities, it has purchased buildings.

"As long as we have that and you're willing to help us in a community we don't know anything about," Blan said. "We need a building and enrollment. After that, we'll do everything else. Once that happens, we'll move forward with it. It's really going to depend and every community is different. Our goal is to do it at the lowest possible cost we can."

Tuition at other GRACE schools has ranged from \$4,000-8,000, Blan said at the Rochelle meeting. For its curriculum, GRACE utilizes Abeka Book, LLC, which produces K-12 curriculum materials that are used by Christian schools and homeschooling families around the world. The GRACE curriculum also includes chapel and family time for students and bible class.

Blan said for its teachers, GRACE requires them to hold a bachelor's degree or be working towards one.

"We want all of our teachers to be Christian because we use a faith-based curriculum," Blan said. "We're not having a hard time finding teachers."

Every parent of a GRACE student is required to volunteer 15 hours of their time per student with a maximum of 30 hours per parent. Parents are free to come to GRACE schools to visit or sit in on classes, Blan said.

GRACE's educational approach includes offering the full range of classes for every age of students.

"It has to be pre-K through 12th grade for me," Blan said at the Rochelle meeting. "I want to get these students in and learning as young as we can."

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LOCAL NEWS

Obituaries

Beverly "Bev" A. Christensen

OREGON — Beverly "Bev" A. Christensen, 71, passed away on Oct. 11 at OSF St. Anthony Medical Center in Rockford. She was born on Feb. 2, 1951 in Sycamore, IL to Norman and Betty (Wilson) Kleveland. She grew up on farms in the Genoa, Kingston and Kirkland area.

After graduating from Hiawatha High School in Kirkland she went on to receive her associate's degree from Kishwaukee College. Bev worked at banks in the DeKalb area, as well as at A.O. Smith Harvestore. She married Gary Christensen on May 20, 1989. She most recently worked at the Chana Post Office for several years where she enjoyed getting to visit with all of the customers. Bev loved farm work ever since she was a child and continued to enjoy it into her adulthood. She particularly loved spending time raising and showing Hereford cattle at local fairs and was a member of the Hereford and Beef Producers Associations. She was an animal lover who enjoyed feeding the birds and spending time with her cats.



In her spare time she played solitaire, went to flea markets and craft shows, and enthusiastically cheered on the Chicago Bears. The senior center in Oregon was an important part of her life and she found comfort in attending the care giver support group. But more than anything, Bev loved her family.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, in-laws Marvin and Marjorie Christensen; brother, Ken; and sister, Pat Voyles. She is survived by her son, Ross; siblings, Jim Kleveland and Donna Kleveland; brother-in-law, Ron Voyles; sister-in-law, Jane Kleveland; and several nieces, nephews, and great nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held at 4 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 21 at Farrell Holland Gale Funeral Home, 110 S. 7th Street, Oregon, IL 61061. Visitation was held from 3-4 p.m. prior to the service. In lieu of flowers, memorials are established for Oregon 4-H and The Rock River Senior Center in Oregon.

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

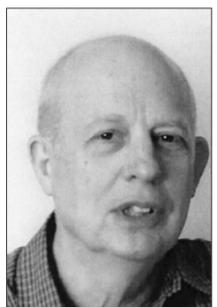
William T. Irwin

OREGON — William T. Irwin, 75, passed away on Wednesday, Oct. 12 at Bromenn Hospital after a long battle with Parkinson's and Myasthenia Gravis. He was a resident of Westminster Village in Bloomington, Illinois.

Bill was born July 8, 1947, at Fairbury Hospital, the son of Milford and Beryl (Thomas) Irwin. He graduated with a bachelor of science degree in education from Illinois State University and earned a master's in education from Northern Illinois University.

He married Diane Schafer on Aug. 5, 1972, in Ashton. He and his wife resided in Oregon until 2021 and was an active member of the Oregon Church of God, serving as a deacon and assistant treasurer. He loved the Lord and encouraged his family to do the same. He spent the entirety of his 33-year teaching career in the Oregon middle schools and spent the majority of his summers as a seed corn contractor.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Diane; one daughter, Dawn Irwin of Mount Prospect; one son, Kevin (Emily) Irwin of Normal; one granddaughter, Delaney Irwin of



Normal; five siblings, Kay (Harold) Lindley of Morton, Bette Jane (Bruce) Otto of Minier, Alan (Kathy) Irwin of Graham, North Carolina, Gary (Sue) Irwin of Galion, Ohio, and Colleen (Jim) Browning of Hudson; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents.

An avid sports fan, Bill played basketball and football at Chatsworth High School, earning MVP of his high school basketball team, and went on to play intramural basketball at ISU and earn the title of free throw champion in his league. He also enjoyed playing softball in a church league.

Cremation rights have been accorded. A private family graveside service and burial will take place at Ashton Cemetery with Pastor Michael Hoffman officiating. Visitation was held at the Oregon Church of God on Saturday, Oct. 22, from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Arrangements were completed by Farrell Holland Gale Funeral Home in Oregon.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the donor's choice.

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

Jaime L. (Maddams) Hall

Jaime L. (Maddams) Hall, 44, died Monday, Oct. 17 at O.S.F. Saint Anthony Medical Center in Rockford. She was born Jan. 8, 1978 in Windsor, Ontario, the daughter of Murray Maddams and Robyn (Frost) Voy.

She graduated from Riverside Secondary School in Windsor, Ontario, and studied veterinarian technology at St. Clair College in Windsor, Ontario. She worked over 20 years as a registered veterinarian technician at various clinics.

She married Raymond



Hall on Nov. 30, 2018 in Rockford. Jaime had a love for animals and loved taking care of them, especially her dogs. She loved skiing, boating, and loved having fun with her friends and family. She was known as a great hugger and would never want to leave you without giving you a hug.

Jaime was an avid Minnesota Vikings fan, loved the Canadian band "Tragically Hip" and all music by Bruce Springsteen.

Jaime's pride and joy was her son, Brady, whom she spoke of often and loved dearly.

She was predeceased by her father, Murray Ross Maddams, and step-father David Voy.

She is survived by her husband Raymond Hall of Monroe Center, son Brady Matthew Schmidt of Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, mother Robyn Voy of Windsor, Ontario, step-mother Anna Petrozzi of Windsor, Ontario, sister Corri (Jason) Sencaj of Granger, Indiana, three nieces Maddy, Sydney and Erin Sencaj, step-son Brian (Janet) Hall of Monroe Center, step-daughters Heather (Alan) Alderks of Monroe Center and Brittany (Adam) Frisbie of Esmond and step-granddaughters and step-grandsons, Adrienne Hall, Tyler Hall, Gwen Hall, Ayden Alderks, Jaxon Alderks, Blake Frisbie and Bennett Frisbie.

Visitation was held from 2-4 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 23 at the Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home, 136 W. Roosevelt Road in Stillman Valley. A celebration of life followed at 5 p.m. at Double-O Saloon for family and friends.

A memorial fund is established in Jaime's name for her son Brady's college and care fund.

Please visit www.farrellhollandgale.com to leave a condolence or memory of Jaime.

Lisa A. Rosenbalm

Lisa Rosenbalm, a devoted wife, loving mother and loyal friend, passed away suddenly and unexpectedly, the morning of Saturday, Oct. 15. She was 67 years young and to say she will be missed dearly is beyond an understatement. Lisa's personality and smile were infectious. Her presence and energy could be felt the moment she entered a room. A young soul, taken too soon. Those that knew her and knew her well, know what a gift it was to be able to enjoy some of life's best moments while in her company.

Lisa was a 1973 graduate of Hinckley-Big Rock high school, a cosmetologist and a licensed massage therapist. She spent many years working as a hair stylist but found her true professional calling when she became a certified massage therapist. She took great pride in her work and being a part of her patients healing process was a source of immense personal fulfillment. Her ability to heal and decrease stress was beyond compare. A simple grocery errand would often lead to being greeted by a friendly, smiling face of a former patient who would hug her and thank her for helping them in their own personal healing journey.

Her professional life brought her joy but the job she loved the most was being a mom. She was a great mom. Her children would argue she was the best. She loved her children more than anything else in this world. She would frequently reminisce about how becoming a mother made her realize her true purpose in life. She loved taking care of her children and their friends. She had the warmest heart and it radiated throughout her welcoming home. The door was revolving, never a knock needed or a friend turned away. From pre-game Friday afternoon football gatherings,



to float buildings to slumber parties and everything in between. Every friend and family member felt comfortable in her home. Unsurprisingly, this feeling extended beyond the walls of the home. Her warmth made you feel comfortable and at peace no matter where she was. It was part of the true essence of her being.

In her final days, she remained a devoted wife, caretaker and mother. She unwaveringly committed herself to her loving husband and their battle to find a new normal life with health and happiness of the utmost priority. Even in her last moments, we are confident she did not suffer. She was truly blessed with a perfect weekend with her entire family just a few days prior and a quick and painless passing. She wouldn't have had it any other way.

Lisa is survived by her husband, Scott Rosenbalm, her children, Katie and Andy (Randa) Ballard, stepdaughters Alyssa Dunn and Desiree Morrison, nieces Jenny Kaus and Sarah Ziemba, and her sister, Pam Lewis. She is predeceased by her parents, Ronnie and Arlene Riedelsperger.

There was an open visitation to celebrate her life at Finch Funeral Home in DeKalb from 1-4 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 22.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to a cause that was near and dear to her heart, Tails Humane Society in DeKalb.

If you prefer to send flowers, please call Kar-Fre Florist in Sycamore. Lisa was also a lifelong member of DeKalb and Ogle counties with another special place in her heart for community and the challenges of being self-employed.

Cremation Arrangements were entrusted to: Finch Funeral Home 310 Oak St. DeKalb, IL, 60115 (815) 758-3841.

Card of Thanks

WOW! The word got out that I would be celebrating my 90th birthday, and the cards have been coming to my mailbox!

Beautiful cards, and no two alike! Also enjoyed a few that were hilarious!

Thanks so much for the cards, gifts and seeing so many of you on Saturday! Such fun, maybe we can do this again next year?? Who knows?

Hope everyone had a good time also.

Thanks so much, Marian Heng

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Joyce E. Toomsen

MT. MORRIS — Joyce E. Toomsen, 86, of Mt. Morris, passed away on Oct. 17 at KSB Hospital in Dixon.

She was born in Dixon on Feb. 20, 1936. She married Melvin Toomsen on July 19, 1954 and they spent a wonderful 68 years together. Joyce worked as a telephone operator and then for Kable Printing for over 35 years and then worked various part time jobs at Pinecrest, the VFW, and Mobile. Joyce and Melvin were also partial owners and operators of the Feeder Lot Restaurant in Oregon. They attended Disciples United Methodist Church in Mt. Morris together for many years. Joyce loved doing puzzles and reading. She was artistic and did pottery for many years and enjoyed doing pen art. She could often be found in her flower garden and loved seeing the butterflies and dragonflies.

Joyce loved to travel with her husband and family; some of her favorite trips



included Jamaica, Hawaii, and Germany. She was an animal lover who adored her dog, Nicki. But, more than anything she will be remembered as a strong and loving wife, mother, and grandmother who delighted in her family.

She is preceded in death by her parents, step father, sons, Michael, Larry and David and grandson, Dennis.

She is survived and missed by her loving husband Melvin of Mt. Morris; children, Nancy Warner of Mt. Morris, Beverly (Andrew) Jackson of Sterling, Danny (Tammatha) Toomsen of Lafayette, Louisiana, and Scott Toomsen of Sterling; siblings, Jerry, Roger, and Anna Marie; seven grandchildren; and many great grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

No services are scheduled at this time per Joyce's request. Memorials are established in her name.

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

LOCAL NEWS



Adopt-A-Road clean up
The members of Thunder Rock ABATE were out cleaning our adopted section of Route 2 on Sunday, Oct. 2. We are happy to report that we did not see as much garbage this time as we usually do. Big thank you to all that attended and helped. Also, thanks for the honks and waves we get every time we are out there.

Mt. Morris Disciples UMC fall fest dinner is Oct. 28

MT. MORRIS — Disciples United Methodist Church, Mt. Morris, is addressing COVID-19 safety concerns by offering its famous Fall Fest dinners on Friday, October 28 from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Like last year, this will be as a take-out, drive through only event. The church is located at 102 Maple Ave.

Chicken Casserole Dinner (\$13): Each dinner will include a famous serving of Disciples' renowned chicken casserole, along with coleslaw, cranberry sauce, a Hawaiian roll, and a choice of apple, pecan, pumpkin or rhubarb pie.

Chicken Casseroles for four people (\$22) and ready to bake or freeze, will also be available.

Cookies will be in three-pound boxes (\$20) and will include homemade chocolate chip bars, Kit Kat bars,



lemon bars, pumpkin bars, snickerdoodles & white chip dream cookies.

All purchases must be made in advance by using one of the options:

Go to <https://disciple-sumc2017.homestead-cloud.com/> and complete the online ordering process.

Pick up and order form from the Mt Morris Library, the Mt Morris Senior Cen-

ter, or the "News Box" off the Disciples parking lot and place it with your payment in Disciples' secure drop box located on the north side building off the church parking lot (Corner of Maple and Hitt streets).

Call the order in at 815-734-4853 during office hours (9-1 p.m., M-F). Only orders with payments will be processed.

Byron Police Department

Sept. 23

Layla Joy, 16, of Byron was issued a citation for disobeying a stop light.

Sept. 24

Jacob Brandt, 39, of Oregon was issued a citation for improper parking.

Sept. 27

Jacob Limberg, 26, of Rockford was issued a citation for speeding.

Sept. 30

Jasmine Baeza, 32, of Rockford was issued a citation for speeding.

Oct. 2

Christina Ostrye, 41, of Park City, Illinois was issued a citation for speeding.

Allyssa Monroe 23, of Winnebago was issued a citation for no insurance.

Oct. 4

Tayshawn Weathers, 23, of Rockford was issued citations for driving while

license suspended and speeding.

Brian Barnett, 46, of Byron was issued a citation for operating a vehicle with registration suspended.

Craig Parker Jr., 50, of Fort Washington, Maryland was issued a citation for speeding.

Terry Ernst, 58, of Freeport was arrested for retail theft. Ernst was transported to Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

Michael Hille, 57, of Freeport was arrested for retail theft. Hille was transported to Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

Oct. 8

Wynette Wilson, 68, of Leaf River was issued a citation for improper parking.

Araceli Rocha Amaro, 45, of Rockford was issued a citation for driving while license suspended.

Lativia Jaskin, 28, of Machesney Park was issued a citation for speeding.

Juan Morales Perez, 28, of Rockford was issued a citation for speeding.

Patriot's Pen Scholarships for students hosted by Oregon VFW Post 8739

OREGON — Attention students grades 6-8 in the Oregon area, Oregon VFW Post 8739 is seeking students to submit essays for this year's Patriot's Pen essay competition. Would you like the chance to win the grand prize of \$5,000 towards your college tuition? This year's theme is "My Pledge to Our Veterans" Students should write a 300-400-word essay. The essay will be judged on knowledge on theme, theme development and clarity of ideas. Those



who win at the post level will be awarded prizes and scholarships, and continue onto the district, then state, then national levels; and receive their portion of \$55,000 in nation-

al awards with the top scholarship being \$5,000.

Come into the Oregon VFW Post located at 1310 W. Washington St., Oregon, IL 6106 between 3:30-7 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday to pick up your application to submit along with your essay. Applications are due no later than Oct. 25, 2022.

For more information, please contact: Jason Stoll at the Oregon VFW Post 8739 office at 815-732-6851.

Byron High School to host Veterans Day celebration

BYRON — Byron High School is celebrating Veterans Day with an all-school assembly on Friday, Nov. 11 from 10-10:45 a.m. and all are welcome to attend. Students and staff are planning a special program to honor all of our local veterans. We cordially invite our veterans and community members to attend. During the event, the school will recognize all veterans in attendance,

students from the Byron High School and Mary Morgan Elementary School will perform, and there will have a special guest speaker.

The entire program should last about 45 minutes. To enter the school, please use the main circle drive entrance. Refreshments for the veterans will be served in the commons after the program.

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Check-in will be Saturday Oct. 29, 2022, 9 - Noon at the Fairgrounds.

Information needed when checking in: Owners Name, address, phone number, and email. The storage item's height, length (including trailer & hitch), width, license plate number and its approximate value.

The maximum height for units in the exhibit building or open barns is 12 feet (including anything on top of the unit, i.e. AC units). Cost is based on the length & width of your unit and the type of building you wish to place your unit (Exhibit Building \$5/ft. or Barn \$2.50/ft.). The formula is (length + width) x Building price + \$40 fee. If storing more than one item, the \$40 fee is only charged once.

Units placed into storage first are last to be removed (i.e., Last In must be First Out). Spring Check Out is Saturday, March 25, 2023, 9 - Noon.

QUESTIONS: Call the fair office at 1-815-732-6962.

Notice of Proposed Property Tax Increase for Meridian Community Unit School District No. 223

I. A public hearing to approve a proposed property tax levy increase for Meridian Community Unit School District No. 223, Ogle and Winnebago Counties, Illinois for 2022 will be held on November 3, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. at the Meridian Junior High Board of Education Room, 207 W. Main Street, Stillman Valley, IL 61084.

Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may contact Dr. PJ Caposey, Superintendent, at 207 W Main St., Stillman Valley, 815-980-0310.

II. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended or abated for 2021 were \$10,119,083.

The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 2022 are \$11,160,419. This represents a 10.29% increase over the previous year.

III. The property taxes extended for debt service and public building commission leases for 2021 were \$1,649,191.

The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for 2022 are \$1,648,119. This represents a 0% increase over the previous year.

IV. The total property taxes extended or abated for 2021 were \$11,768,274.

The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 2022 are \$12,808,538. This represents a 8.84% increase over the previous year.

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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- HOPE of Ogle County (Domestic Violence)
Rochelle.....815-562-8890
- Oregon.....815-732-7796
- Ogle County Sheriff - Oregon
.....815-732-2136
- Poison Control Center
Illinois.....800-942-5969
- Illinois.....800-222-1222
- Rochelle Hospital ER.....815-562-2181
- Sexual Assault Counseling
(Crisis).....815-636-9811
- Oregon.....815-732-0000
- Sinnissippi Centers, Inc.
Oregon.....815-732-3157
- Rochelle.....815-562-3801
- 24 Hrs.....800-242-7642
- Suicide Prevention Lifeline....800-273-8255

GOVERNMENT / COURT SERVICES

- Department of Human Services
Ogle & Lee.....815-732 2166
- Illinois Migrant Council, Moline
.....309-757-1070
- Ogle County Circuit Clerk
Civil.....815-732-1130
- Criminal.....815-732-1140
- Ogle County Corrections (Jail)
Oregon.....815-732-2135
- Ogle County Probation Dept.
Oregon.....815-732-1180
- Rochelle.....815-562-2287
- Ogle County Sheriff
Administration.....815-732-6666
- 24 Hour.....815-732-2136
- Ogle County States Attorney
Oregon.....815-732-1170
- Prairie State Legal Service
Rockford.....815-965-2902
- Toll-free.....800-892-2985
- Social Security.....800-772-1213

HOUSING, FOOD, ENERGY & TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE

- IL Dept. of Human Services...815-732-2166
- Lee-Ogle Transportation System (L.O.T.S.)
Dixon.....888-239-9228
- Lifeline Food Pantry.....815-732-7891
Oregon (Tues. 1:30-4; Fri. 1:30-4:30)
- Polo (Tues. & Sat. 9-12).....815-946-2552
- Lifescape (aka Meals on Wheels)
Oregon.....815-732-4393

- Toll Free.....800-779-1189
- Loaves & Fishes Pantry
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2-4:30)
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- Ogle County Housing Authority
Oregon.....815-732-1301
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Mon 9-10am)
- Byron.....815-234 4355
- Rochelle Christian Food Pantry
.....815-562-6654
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- Tri-County Opportunities Council
Rock Falls.....815-625-7830
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.....888-865-9903
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- Arc, Rockford.....815-965-3455
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Independent Living (NICIL) Sterling
.....815-625-7860
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Byron.....815-234-2722
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Oregon.....815-732-3157
- Rochelle.....815-562-3801
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Rockford.....815-962-1043
- Community Coordinated Child Care (4-C)
DeKalb.....815-758-8149
- Easterseals Parent Services
Rockford.....815-395-5566

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SERVICES DIRECTORY

Illinois Children & Family Services
 Sterling.....815-625-7594
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 Lutheran Social Services Teen Substance Abuse
 Nachusa.....815-284-7796
 Sterling.....815-626-7333
 Ogle County Ed Co-Op, Byron.....
815-234-2722
 Ogle County Health Department
 WIC - (Women, Infants, & Children)
 Supplement Foods & Nutrition,
 Rochelle.....815-562-6976
 Regional Office of Education (Lee, Ogle & Whiteside) Truancy Assistance Program
 Sterling.....815-652-1495
 Youth Services Network
 Loves Park.....815-986-1947

MENTAL HEALTH & COUNSELING SERVICES

Adult, Youth, Marriage & Family, Individual

Changes Counseling, LLC
 Rochelle.....815-501-2088
 Couples & Family Therapy Clinic
 DeKalb.....815-753-1684
 Family Counseling Services
 Rockford.....815-962-5585
 HOPE of Ogle County /24hr (Domestic Violence) Oregon.....815-732-7796
 Rochelle.....815-562-8890
 Lutheran Social Services, Sterling...
815-626-7333
 NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness)
 Rochelle.....815-761-7654
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815-562-4047
 Rockford Sexual Assault Counseling..
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 Sinnissippi Centers, Inc. Oregon
815-732-3157
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 Dixon.....815-284-6611
 24 Hrs.....800-242-7642

HEALTH RELATED SERVICES

Alzheimer's Association,
 Dixon.....815-285-1106
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 Rockford.....815-963-8471
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 Dixon.....815-284-9260
 Freeport Memorial Hospital..815-599-6000
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Hospital DeKalb.....815-756-1521
 Ogle County Health Department
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 Rochelle Gardens Care Center
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 Rockford Memorial Hospital.815-971-5000
 Serenity Hospice & Home,
 Oregon.....815-732-2499
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815-226-2230
 Lifeline.....815-395-4695

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 Rockford.....800-845-2030
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 Info & Referral Line.....888-865-9903
 Whiteside County Health Dept.
 Rock Falls.....815-626-2230

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League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) (Liga de Ciudadanos Latinamericanos Unidos)
 Rochelle.....815-570-3111

SENIOR CITIZENS SERVICES

Family First Assisted Living
 Oregon.....815-732-4045
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 Byron.....815-234-2511
 Hub City Senior Citizens Center
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 Northwest IL Area Agency on Aging
 Rockford.....815-226-4901
 Oregon Living & Rehabilitation Center
815-732-7994
 Pinecrest Manor, Mt Morris..815-734-4103
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 Care.....815-946-2203
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815-562-4111
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LOCAL NEWS

Students of the Month recognized



Chana Education Center staff announced the Students of the Month for August at their first monthly school-wide Gathering on Sept. 2. Students were selected by staff for demonstrating leadership qualities, positive attitude and teamwork, and a willingness to go above and beyond. Congratulations to (back row) Addie Mueller, Ri'shon Mosley, Mr. Camplain, Jordan Reynolds (front row) Jacob Cruz and Hayden Hays

Byron church hosting annual Harvest Feast

BYRON – UCB Fellowship of the United Church of Byron is having their annual Harvest Feast Turkey Dinner on Saturday, Nov. 5 and this year will be done as a drive thru only.

Curbside pickup times are 4-5 p.m., 5-6 p.m., or 6-7 p.m. Tickets are \$14 and may only be purchased in advance by calling or visiting the church office at 815-234-8777. Tickets are also available through a link on our website at: <http://www.unitedchurchofbyron.org> or our church's Facebook page. Online ticket purchases are \$15. Deadline to get your tickets is Oct. 31. Tickets are limited so get yours early.

The church is located at 701 West Second St. in Byron. For the dinner pickup, please enter via the Second Street entrance and exit onto Colfax/Tower. The dinner will feature turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, cranberries, cole slaw and pumpkin bars.

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Senior center hosting bus trip Nov. 17

MOUNT MORRIS — The Mount Morris Senior Center is hosting a bus trip to House on the Rock on Thursday, Nov. 17.

The cost of the trip is \$95, which includes transportation by Cheeseman Coaches, admission and

dinner. Please sign up by October 15. A minimum of 30 participants are needed.

Schedule for the day:
 9:30 a.m. – Leave from Mt. Morris Church of the Brethren. (Top of the hill)
 Noon – Arrive at the

House on the Rock in Spring Green, Wis.

3:30 p.m. – Early dinner at Bob's Riverside in Spring Green, Wis.

8 p.m. – Arrive Back in Mt. Morris

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LOCAL NEWS

Ogle County Sheriff's Office Report

On Sept. 30 at approximately 11 a.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 5,000 block of South Woodlawn Road. After investigation, deputies arrested Jeremy Simmons, 36, of Creston for driving while license revoked, suspended registration and no insurance. Simmons' vehicle was towed from the scene and he was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he will held in lieu of bond.

On Sept. 30 at approximately 9 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop within the 100 block of Harvest Glenn Drive in Davis junction. After investigation, deputies placed Rex Mcanaway Jr., 20, of Davis Junction, under arrest for no valid driver's license. Additionally, Mcmanaway was cited for a loud exhaust/muffler. Mcmanaway was released at the scene on an individual bond with a return court date.

On Oct. 1 at 2:42 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 6,000 block of North Mount Morris Road. Upon investigation, Cody M. Sarantakos, 29, of Mt. Morris, was arrested for driving while license suspended. Sarantakos was also cited for suspended vehicle registration, no vehicle insurance and improper cannabis container. Sarantakos was released from the scene on an individual bond and given a future court date.

On Oct. 1 at 12:32 a.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 8,000 block of West Illinois Route 64. As a result of the investigation, Alex B. Schremser 19, of Belvidere was arrested for driving while license suspended without BAIID and driving while license suspended. In addition, Haley I. Harbison, 19, of Belvidere was arrested for illegal consumption of alcohol by a minor, Alissa M. Porter, 20, of Belvidere was arrested for illegal consumption of alcohol by a minor and Jacob S. Witkus, 19, of Poplar Grove was arrested for illegal consumption of alcohol by a minor. Schremser was transported to the Ogle County Jail pending an appearance before a judge. Schremser was additionally issued a citation for speeding. Harbison, Porter, and Witkus were released on I-Bonds.

On Oct. 2 at 8:58 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 7,000 block of North Illinois Route 2 for a speeding violation. After an investigation, Sierra Sprague, 23, of Loves Park was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol. Sprague was also cited for speeding 26-34 m.p.h. over the speed limit, improper lane usage, operating an uninsured motor vehicle and illegal transportation of alcohol. Sprague was transported to the Ogle County Jail where she was held in lieu of bond.

On Oct. 2 at approximately 12:50 a.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop within the 15,000 block of East Illinois Route 64 for a stop sign violation. After an investigation, Victor M. Solis, 27, of Carol Stream, was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol. Solis was additionally cited for disobeying a stop sign. Solis was transported to the Ogle County Jail, where he was held in lieu of bond.

On Oct. 3 at about 7:58 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 13,000 block of West Illinois Route 72/26. After a brief investigation, deputies arrested John

Vaultonburg, of Forreston, for driving while license suspended. Vaultonburg was released on a \$2,500 individual bond with a return court date. Vaultonburg was also issued a citation for an equipment infraction.

On Oct. 4 at approximately 8:31 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 300 block of West Illinois Route 38 in Rochelle. After a brief investigation, Omar Penaran-Lopez, 24, of Rochelle, was arrested for no valid driver's license and an active arrest warrant. Penaran-Lopez was also cited for failure to yield while turning left, improper turn signal and illegal transportation of alcohol. Penaran-Lopez was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

On Oct. 5 at approximately 10:32 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop on Interstate 39 at mile marker 100. After investigation, deputies placed Codaine Harris, 34, of Rockford under arrest for driving while license suspended. Harris was additionally issued a citation for illegal window tint. Harris was released on an I-Bond at the scene and given a future court date.

On Oct. 5 at approximately 9:13 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop on Interstate 39 at mile marker 100. After investigation, deputies placed Demarian Jordan, 21, of Rockford under arrest for no valid driver's license. Jordan was additionally issued a citation for an inoperable registration light. Jordan was released on an I-Bond at the scene and given a future court date.

On Oct. 6 at approximately 11:33 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop near the intersection of Interstate 39 and Illinois Route 38. After investigation, deputies placed Katrina Miller, 37, of Mt. Morris under arrest for possession of a controlled substance (cocaine) and unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia. Two passengers in the vehicle, Cole Smith, 34, of Rochelle and Zachary Doty, 26, of Rochelle, were placed under arrest for possession of drug paraphernalia. Miller was additionally issued a citation for following too closely. Miller was transported to the Ogle County Jail where she was held pending a court appearance in front of a judge. Smith and Doty were both transported to the Ogle County Jail where they were held in lieu of bond.

On Oct. 6 at 5:51 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 2,000 block of North Illinois Route 2. As a result, Drew J. Markham, 25, of Oregon was arrested for driving while license suspended. Markham was also issued a citation for improper lane usage. Markham was released on an I-Bond with a court date to appear.

On Oct. 7 at 7:57 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop at South Mulford Road and East Illinois Route 38. After a brief investigation, deputies arrested Angel Hernandez-Santiago, 20, of Rockford, for driving without a license. Hernandez-Santiago was released on a \$2,500 individual bond with a return court date.

On Oct. 7 at approximately 9:53 p.m. deputies initiated a traffic stop in the 4,000 block of North Illinois Route 2 for improper lane usage. Upon further investigation, deputies arrested Jacob Cullen, 23, of Chana, for driving under the influence of alcohol. Cullen was transported to

the Ogle County Jail in lieu of bond. Cullen also received citations for uninsured vehicle and inoperable tail light.

On Oct. 8 at approximately 9:59 p.m. deputies initiated a traffic stop on Interstate 39 mile at marker 107 northbound for improper lane usage that originated as a driving complaint call. Upon further investigation, deputies arrested Marisela Soto-Martinez, 35, of Wheeling, for driving under the influence of alcohol. Soto-Martinez was transported to the Ogle County Jail in lieu of bond. Soto-Martinez was also cited for operating an uninsured vehicle.

On Oct. 9 at approximately 8:19 p.m. deputies responded to the 10,000 block of East Illinois Route 64 for a motorist assist. Upon further investigation, deputies arrested Brian Schott, 49, of DeKalb, for driving while license revoked. Schott was transported to the Ogle County Jail in lieu of bond.

On Oct. 10 at 4:06 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 20,000 block of East Illinois Route 64 for an equipment violation. After an investigation, Marlon Aranda, 19, of Ashton was arrested for driving on a suspended driver's license. Aranda was also issued a citation for a loud muffler. Aranda was released on a signature I-Bond with a return court date.

On Oct. 11 at 7:45 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 100 block of South Lafayette Street in Byron. As a result, Adam E. Moschel, 56, of Monroe Center was arrested for driving on a suspended license. Moschel was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

On Oct. 12 at approximately 2:21 a.m. deputies responded to the 300 block of North Prairie Avenue in Polo in reference to a medical call. After investigation, deputies placed Eric Deery, 41, of Amboy, under arrest for violation of bond conditions. Deery was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held pending a court appearance in front of a judge.

On Oct. 12 at 9:34 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop at Illinois Route 64 and Interstate 39. After a brief investigation, deputies arrested Jose Ortiz-Molina of Rockford, for driving while license revoked. Ortiz-Molina was transported to Ogle County Jail and released to corrections officers. Ortiz-Molina was also issued a citation for equipment.

On Oct. 12 at approximately 11:25 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 1,000 block of South Skare Road. After a brief investigation, deputies arrested David A. Horvath, 53, of Ottumwa, Iowa, for driving while license suspended. Horvath was released on a \$2,500 individual bond with a return court date set. Horvath was also cited for no valid registration, improper display of registration and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. After a further investigation, deputies also arrested Nikki L. Carr, 37, of Ottomwa, Iowa, for possession of a controlled substance and violation of the drug paraphernalia act. Carr was taken into custody without incident and transported to the Ogle County Jail where she was held with no bond, pending an appearance before a judge.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thu., Oct. 27
Polo Farmer's Market,
parking lot south of Shell
Station - Hwy 26/Division
Ave., 3-6 p.m. Death Meats,
Earl-E Green Gardens,

Ewe and Me Acres, Galen's
Garden, Ivan's Farm Market
and more!

Sun., Oct. 30
Join Ebenezer Reformed
Church on Oct. 30 from 2-4

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VIEWPOINT

"Congress shall make no law. . .

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As you prepare to vote, be informed – not misled

THE world of Illinois politics is notoriously wild at times, and this year's midterm election season is holding true to form.

Disagreements on policy issues are the bread and butter of campaign clashes, and we've seen plenty of those. But we're also seeing misinformation, from misleading political mailers to memes that peddle outright falsehoods about the controversial SAFE-T Act. The legislation addresses criminal justice issues including use-of-force standards and training for police, and ends cash bail in 2023.

I'm not here to debunk any specific claims. Rather, I want to share some resources you can use to find credible information to make your own decision. These simple news literacy tips will help you navigate the information you're likely to see this election cycle, so that when you cast your ballot, you can be sure you're not swayed by mis- or disinformation.

First, an introduction: I'm Alee Quick; I live in Carbondale, and I work for the News Literacy Project. NLP is a national nonpartisan educational nonprofit that seeks to teach news literacy skills to help people be informed rather than misled – something that's especially important during election season. I also worked for several years as an editor at The Southern Illinoisian, where I covered many elections.

Here are my top three tips to avoid falling for election misinformation between now and Nov. 8:

When your emotions flare, take a step back

If a political ad or social media post makes you angry, scared, sad or even excited or hopeful, take that as a cue that you need to pause before you like, share or forward. Content that provokes a strong emotion overrides our rational thinking and prompts us to take immediate action—even if that action isn't the best way forward. When you feel that wave of emotion, take a step back, then open another tab in your browser and do a quick search online to confirm whether the message that has gotten to your emotions is accurate.

Google like a pro

Most of us turn to a search engine like Google if we want to fact-check a claim. Doing your own search can be especially helpful for finding the original context of a candidate's quote or double-checking the content of a viral meme—especially if it's a screenshot. You can

use quotation marks to find websites that contain an exact phrase, limit your results to standards-based news outlets, narrow the timeframe of your search, verify a photo through a reverse image search and more. You can also use Google to search content on one specific website.

Look for information about voting from reliable sources

Why might you want to limit your search to specific sites? Some of the most common misinformation around election time is about the mechanics of voting itself – how, when and where to vote. When it comes to casting your ballot, the most reliable information comes from the government agency in your area that oversees the election.

In Illinois, the State Board of Elections works with local election authorities to administer the election. atelections.il.gov, you can find the status of your registration—including your polling place and what congressional district you're in – as well as information about voting by mail and how to contact your local election authority. We get to vote early here in the Prairie State, and your local election authority—a county clerk or municipal or county election commission, depending on where you live—will post information about early voting hours and locations. If you want to see what's on your ballot, your local election authority usually posts that online, too.

If you want to take a deeper dive into the greater problem of election misinformation, how to avoid it, and how to talk to loved ones who may have fallen for it, my organization is hosting three free webinars—starting Oct. 18 – in which we'll discuss those topics in depth. We've also got a lot more resources at <https://newslit.org/election2022/>.

Your vote matters and I hope you'll participate in this year's selection. But make sure you're well-informed about the candidates and issues before you mark your ballot. Credible information from reliable sources will help you navigate this wild election season with confidence.

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Grief and developing empathy

GRIEF is a strange thing. You never get over it. You just learn to live with it.

I was thinking about that this month when I wrote a story about Dee Stern, a woman who works as a chaplain at HSHS St. John's Hospital in Springfield.

She has just written a book about helping grieving people: "Comforting the Bereaved Through Listening and Positive Responding."

She has all kinds of terrific advice for what to say and not to say to someone who has suffered a loss.

For example, never say someone "committed" suicide, Stern said. She said the word "committed" conjures thoughts of a criminal act, which suicide is not.

She recalled a lady whose son ended his life and someone went up to her and patted her on the hand and said, "I'm going to pray for you because your son's been damned to hell."

Stern said that is an example of what not to say.

Grieving people need a listening ear more than advice, no matter how well intentioned.

"The bereaved are not listened to. They're not allowed to tell their story and they need to tell their story," she said.

As I chatted with Dee, I kept thinking of my own father. When I was growing up, Dad was one of the least empathetic people I knew. He was a good man, but he was often oblivious to the pain around him.

I remember one time when I was 11 or 12; we were vaccinating hogs and his needle was flashing by going from one patient to another. The syringe missed the pig's flank and embedded in my thigh.

"I exclaimed, 'Dad, you gave me the shot!' He grunted and gave the dose to the intended patient. The farmer who observed the interaction still laughs at my father's response.

He didn't say "I'm sorry," or acknowledge the pain he inflicted. (I still wonder what swine disease I've been

immunized for.

Dad was a doer, not a listener. If a neighbor died, he'd be one of the people who volunteered to help harvest the crops at no charge to the widow. But if it came to sitting and listening to the widow talk about how much she missed her husband, he was quite uncomfortable.

When I was a young reporter in Galveston, Texas, in the 1980s, the world was in the midst of the AIDS crisis. Being the local newspaper's medical reporter, I wrote a series on the devastating effects of the disease on the city's gay community.

I found myself notebook in hand attending a grief support group for men infected with AIDS. When I mentioned my assignment to my father he exclaimed, "Don't breathe too deep when you're around them."

My dad was a veterinarian. He knew the virus was spread by bodily fluids, not the air. But what crept him out was the idea of people sitting in a circle and

talking about feelings.

After I had published the piece and my parents had read it, my father kind of grunted and didn't have much more to say. (That's how he dealt with things that made him uncomfortable.)

Looking back, I still want to weep for those young men who all surely succumbed to the virus.

One day my mom told me that my dad had volunteered to work as a grief counselor with the Stephen Ministry at our church in Galesburg. When she told me this, I thought it was the worst matchup ever.

But sometimes God calls us out of our weakness, not our strength.

During the decades he worked as a grief counselor, I saw him change. He developed empathy not just for those he was counseling, but for humanity as a whole.

He became a caring, empathetic individual. He spent hours every week visiting the bereaved and just listening to them talk about their loss. He took classes in what to say and what not to say.

One of the things he shared with me is never ask someone: "Why?" It comes across as judgmental. To this day, I have no idea who the people were he counseled.

But I can say with certainty that the person most changed wasn't those being counseled but the one doing the counseling. He became an empathetic listener.

Could it be, when we give we receive more in return?

Scott Reeder, a staff writer for Illinois Times, can be reached at sreeder@illinoistimes.com.



Scott Reeder

I disagree with filing of SAFE-T Act

Dear Editor,

As a resident of Ogle County, I cannot disagree more with the filing of a complaint in Circuit Court by our sheriff and state's attorney seeking to have the SAFE-T act declared unconstitutional. My disagreement is four-fold:

Apparently they believe our communities will be more vulnerable to crime, with dangerous individuals roaming our streets posing a threat to the safety of residents and businesses located in the county;

Apparently they also believe the reforms in policing procedures will hamper law enforcement from fulfilling their responsibilities without taking into consideration the rights of individuals suspected of unlawful activities, including motorists being stopped and arrested without committing some moving violation, the result of use by our police departments of technology available and perhaps being misused;

Apparently they believe, as well, that our communities will face greater risks to criminal activity, stoking the fears of residents who will go to great

lengths increase security measures, such as the entry system proposed by one unincorporated development in the southern part of the county; and

Apparently they believe the time-worn GOP tactic to cast the opposition as "soft on crime".

I totally disagree with the action they have taken. Reforms to the bail/bond issue are long over-due. The current practices unfairly discriminate against those without the resources to pay-up; people who often are detained in jail for months awaiting trial without any income and often with families on the outside who pay the price by falling farther into debt, going without, or turning to community resources to eke it out while a contributor to the family's income stream sits in jail.

Fear seems to be the motivating force behind opposition to the SAFE-T act. Give the law a chance and let us not become victims and prisoners to our own fears and insecurities.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger V. Asplund
Dixon



This evades logic, reasoning and wisdom

Dear Editor,

Within hours of our president-elect recently declaring that "white supremacy" was the biggest threat to democracy and our republic and tied this to the Make America Great Again (MAGA) movement, this "threat" was being repeated on cable TV and in major publications. A short time thereafter this "threat" had propagated down to our local newspaper editorial page (September 22, 2022) and yes even the local pulpit!

Looking back on this I am amazed at the efficiency of the federal government's marketing arm. My amazement has faded as I realize how this indoctrination has accepted with no pushback, resistance or counter view (myself included).

Some would define conservatism as a body of sentiments rather than a system of ideological dogma. Conservatism is an enduring moral order, an embrace of localism, community, family, and a responsibility to the future, a desire to be left alone by government.

I had to take a step back and question myself.

Because I am a fiscal conservative, by inference

I am part of the "threat", as it is inferred that I am a "white supremacist." Do I think that I am a "white supremacist?" No, I definitely am not! And, after 40 plus years in this community, I don't believe I even know a "white supremacist" (if I do they are certainly hiding it well).

Yet the government propaganda tries to convince me that I am part of the "problem."

I can understand not speaking out and questioning or countering this propaganda when one is working and trying to protect their income. I can understand not wanting to be culturally cancelled. But, accepting this propaganda carte blanche and repeating it is also not acceptable.

This rhetoric/propaganda/indoctrination is an even further attempt to destroy the virtues and morals this country was established on and the ones that I grew up on. In my view this evades logic, reasoning and wisdom!

Bill Pirnat
Byron



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Kimbells announce son's July 28 birth

BYRON— Joseph and Kayla Kimbell of Byron are proud to announce the birth of their son, Theodore Arnold Kimbell on July 28, 2022 at 6:51 p.m. Theodore was born at Swedish American Hospital and weighed 6 pounds 15 ounces and was 19.5 inches long.

He is welcomed with love by his big brothers, Will and Henry, his grandfathers, Steve and Joy Bliton of Byron and Steve and Terri Kimbell of Sioux City, Iowa.



Trunk or Treat Events

All Saints Lutheran Church

BYRON – Bring your family and friends in costume to gather treats from the festively decorated tables at the Sunday School wing at the Trunk or Treat this year at All Saints Lutheran Church in Byron.

The church is located at 624 Luther Drive in Byron. The event will be held entirely indoors on Saturday, Oct. 29 from 4-6 p.m.

In addition to trunk or treat, they will also be offering a free chili supper. This

part of the event will be held in their Fellowship Hall from 5-7 p.m. Dinner will be pots of great chili, bread, corn bread and dessert.

Call Steve Jones at 779-537-4006 or the Church Office at 815-234-5277.

Evangelical Free Church

MOUNTMORRIS—A community Trunk or Treat will be hosted by the Evangelical Free Church of Mt. Morris on Halloween, Monday, Oct. 31 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in the parking lot on the corner of West Center Street and South Seminary Avenue, Mt. Morris.

The theme is Old McDonald Had a Farm and decorated trunks will offer candy and games. Other food will be provided in the garage of the Christian Education Center.

Live music and a photo booth will round out activities.

Everyone is welcome at services Sunday morning. Worship services are held at 10 a.m. preceded by Sunday School for all ages at 8:30 a.m. Kingdom Kids is held during the worship service for youngsters ages 4-9, and staffed nursery is available for children younger than 4.

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Lady Hawks stand tall this season

'It's a team-first mentality'

BY GEORGE HOWE
CORRESPONDENT

OREGON—So what comes to mind when you think of volleyball players? Tall, long, and lean with elongated arms helping them to spike the ball over the net with authority.

That's not the case with this season's Oregon girls varsity volleyball squad. They don't possess a player over 5'10 but their skill, determination and scrappiness has led them to an 18-10 overall and 7-2 Big Northern Conference record.

Going into this season's campaign, Head Coach Farrell Tremble knew that she had a talented group of seniors, and juniors coming up that would make the Lady Hawks competitive at every match but so far they've been better than advertised.

"The girls have exceeded expectations by defeating teams that we haven't beaten in many years, such as Rockford Lutheran and Rockford Christian," explained Tremble. "We would take teams to the third tiebreaker game and couldn't pull it out last year. Now, we are doing that against some of the better teams."

Tremble attributes their success as a result of hard work at every practice and team leadership. Senior captain and outside hitter Ava Wight who plays all six rotations, which is rare and speaks volumes of her athleticism, has been on varsity since her freshman year and knows what it takes to be successful in a team sport.

"I know our system and so my teammates feel comfortable coming to me for leadership," she said. "Coach relies on



Oregon's Ava Wright readys to spike the ball over the net. (Courtesy photo)

the captains to step up and keep everyone positive to play the next point, and

not worry about shanking a ball. It's a team first mentality."

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Farrell Tremble

Co-captain and libero Sophie Stender gives credit to 'Coach Ferrell' as the players lovingly refer to her as the driving force of team chemistry. "Coach has high standards that she expects from all of us to make us the best athletes that we can be," said Stender.

yourself reading this; what is a libero? To give you a little background, the position first came on the scene internationally in 1998, was big in club volleyball and trickled its way into college and now high school in the early 2000s.

You might be asking

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Habitat for Humanity groundbreaking ceremony set for Oct. 30 in Rochelle

ROCHELLE — Habitat for Humanity of Ogle County is beginning its 13th new home and third build in Rochelle. It has chosen a mom of four to be its newest homeowner. The family is really excited to get busy on the new home. There will be an official groundbreaking ceremony on Oct. 30 at 2 p.m. It will be on site at 110 S. 9th St. in Rochelle. The public is invited to come meet the family and see the progress. Work on the site actually began in early October and Habitat is hoping to make significant progress as winter is upon us. It is seeking volunteer and donations to get the family into an affordable decent house by early summer. If you want to help in anyway with construction, or lunches, or materials please contact Gail Tuttle at 815-494-2114 or email at ysp867@aol.com. There are also several board positions available. Thank you to all who have contributed to this organization to make this possible.



County recycling and food drive event Oct. 28

OREGON – The Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department (OCSWMD) will be hosting a residential electronics recycling event and a food drive on Friday, Oct. 28, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. (note time change) at the County Annex Building located at 909 Pines Road in Oregon. A free permit is required in advance to attend the event. Obtain a free permit for this event by calling the OCSWMD at 815-732-4020 or via email at solidwaste@oglecountyil.gov. Include your name, address, and phone number in your email request. Permit deadline is Wednesday, October 26, 2022. Items accepted at this event include all televisions, computers, monitors, computer hardware and cables, laptops, tablets, cell phones, printers, desktop copiers, FAX machines, DVD/VCRs, stereo equipment, radios, boom boxes, video game equipment, phone systems, holiday light strands, rechargeable batteries, and other assorted electronics. Microwave ovens are accepted for a \$5 per unit fee. A comprehensive list of accepted items will be included with your permit. Limit seven large items per permit. Note time change, this event runs from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. No material will be accepted after 1 p.m. Items such as vacuum cleaners, fans, heaters, dehumidifiers, appliances, lights, smoke detectors, motors/pumps, coffee makers, grills, toasters, and bread makers are not accepted at this event. No business or institutional electronics accepted. Please remember the less fortunate in our community and bring a non-perishable food item to the event to be donated. All donations will be distributed by the OCSWMD to local food pantries across Ogle County. Items accepted include non-expired cans and jars of food and boxed food items. Also, household essentials such as sealed toothpaste, soap, cleaning supplies, laundry supplies, paper towels and such are accepted. Call the OCSWMD at the number above for a free permit or for more information about recycling options in Ogle County.

Join us for our November and December Programming at the Oregon Park District!

Yoga at Nash Center!
 Thursdays - November 3-17 and December 1-15
 Ages 5-9 Yoga 3:30 - 4:20 p.m.
 Ages 10-14 Yoga 4:30 - 5:20 p.m.
 Adult Yin/Restorative 6:30 - 7:45 p.m.
 Cost for 3-week session for kids \$27 | Adults \$30

No School Day - Tuesday, November 8!
 \$35R | \$42NR 7:45 a.m. - 5 p.m. | Deadline Nov. 1, 2022
 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.

Bingo, Brownies & Booze
 Thursday, Nov. 10 6:30-8 p.m. Cork & Tap | \$12R/\$14NR | Deadline 11/13
 Who doesn't love BINGO! Join us at Cork N Tap where we will play bingo for prizes, enjoy a specialty brownie from Teresa's Treats and a drink of your choice from Cork N Tap to enjoy while playing!

Nostalgic Ceramic Christmas Tree
 Saturday, Nov. 19 5 - 8 p.m. | \$50R/\$60NR | Deadline 11/12/22
 Join us at Cin's Treasures Art Studio at Conover Square for a creative and nostalgic class. You will be given all the supplies and guidance to paint your own 14" Ceramic tree with base, lights and electric. You are encouraged to bring drinks and food and enjoy your night. Don't miss out on this fun night! Only 8 trees available, register early!

Holiday Morning Breakfast Casserole Cooking Class
 Thursday, Nov. 17 | \$36R/\$42NR | Deadline 11/10/22
 Holiday Brunch is the Best! Come learn to make Lynn's signature holiday breakfast casserole. Take home and enjoy for you and your family. Choose bacon or sausage. Guaranteed to be delicious.

Gingerbread House Building
 Wednesday, Nov. 30 2:30 - 4 p.m. | \$3R/\$4NR | Deadline 11/22/22
 Join us for this sweet event to create your own Gingerbread house and make a holiday decoration. Participants will build a gingerbread house from graham crackers, milk cartons and frosting. Plus a candy bar will be available to help decorate your house. Make memories and leave the mess behind. Each registration includes one house kit. Also included in this program is an ornament making station and a cookie frosting station.

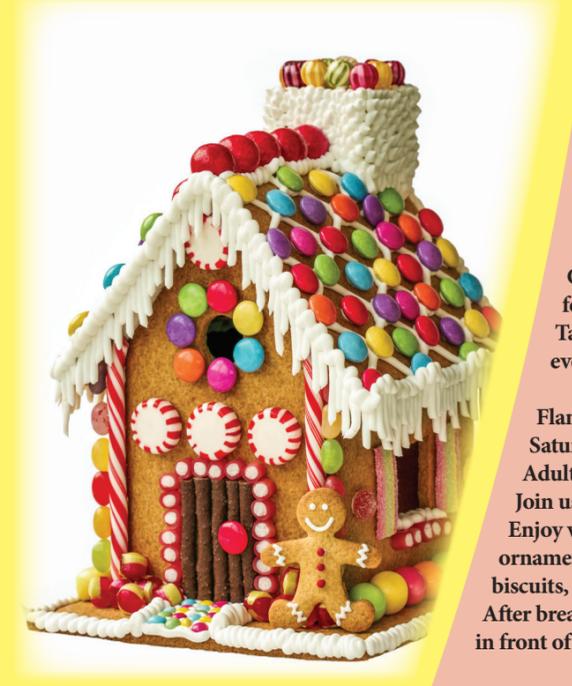
Winter Porch Pot
 Tuesday, Nov. 29 or Wednesday, Nov. 30 | Classes at 5:30-7 p.m. & 7:30-9 p.m.
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 Join Merlin's Greenhouse, Hagemann Horticulture and our friends from Cork & Tap at Oregon's newest venue, River's Edge Experience, to plant a beautiful 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.

Cookies & Cocktails Holiday Pairing at Cork & Tap
 Friday, Dec. 9 | 6:30-8 p.m. | \$25R/\$30NR | Deadline 12/2/22
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Flannels, Flapjacks & Santa
 Saturday, Dec. 17 | Lorado Taft Campus | 8:30-9:45 a.m. or 10:15-11:30 a.m.
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 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.

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SPORTS



Oregon Hawks co-captain Sophie Stender has commanded the libero position and was recently named to the Eastland all-tournament team. (Courtesy photo)

HAWKS: Team coming together for successful season

From page 1

The primary role of the libero is to play in the service reception area and defense. The rules state that the libero can only play the back row position and not perform an attack above the net's height. The libero also wears a different color jersey to help make it easier for the referees. This is the second season that Stender has commanded the libero position

and was recently named to the Eastland all-tournament team.

According to Tremble, Stender possess the high volleyball IQ to excel at a vital position.

"Sophie is our best defender and we want to have her out defending the back row most of the time" said Tremble. "It's quite an honor and she deserves it with her unmatched work ethic. She goes 200 percent all of the time."

Stender fully understands her

role.

"I'm there to be a strategist to help our hitters find zones for scoring," she said. "I defend the balls and keep it in play. My eyeballs are everywhere on the court."

The regular season play has ended. The Lady Hawks finished third in conference behind Genoa Kingston, and Rock Falls. Regional seedings will be announced this week.

AREA SPORTS SCORES

Oregon routs Rock Falls 46-0 Oct. 14

On Oct. 14, Oregon High School defeated Rock Falls High School in varsity football 46-0. Oregon started its scoring in the first quarter with a one-yard run by Gabe Eckerd. Noah Reber scored on an eight-year touchdown run in the second quarter. Hunter Bartel had a 53-yard interception return touchdown in the second quarter as well.

With 2:11 remaining before halftime, Oregon's Gabe Eckerd scored on a 10-yard run. The Hawks' Noah Reber scored on a 61-yard run with six seconds remaining in the half.

In the third quarter, Oregon's final score came on a Keegan Diehl 84-yard kickoff return.

Reber finished with 106 yards on eight carries. Eckerd finished with 11 carries for 98 yards.

Oregon finished with 229 total yards and Rock Falls finished with 63 yards.

Byron beats Dixon 49-14 Oct. 14

After a tied first quarter on Oct. 14, the Byron High School Tigers defeated the Dixon High School Dukes in varsity football 49-14 after a 42-7 run in the final three quarters.

Byron finished with 439 rushing yards on 54 attempts for seven touchdowns.

Oregon sweeps Byron in girls volleyball

On Oct 18 in a varsity contest at home, Oregon defeated Byron 25-20, 25-21 in girls volleyball. Oregon is now 7-2 in conference play and 18-10 overall. The loss dropped Byron to 6-20-1 (2-7 conference).

Sophie Stender of Oregon had 11 digs and one ace. Liz Mois of Oregon had four kills and three blocks and Ava Wight of Oregon had 13 digs, four kills and one ace.

Oregon won the junior varsity matchup 25-18, 25-12 and Byron won the fresh-soph match 25-11, 25-21.

SCORES

Varsity football

Oct. 14

Stillman Valley 23, Rockford Lutheran 14

Girls varsity volleyball

Oct. 18

Rockford Christian 2, Stillman Valley 0

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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. (note time change!) Calling all first through fifth 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 third Tuesday of each month!

LEGO® Club: First Monday of the month, 5 p.m. Create with us on the first 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.

Movie Night: Monday, Oct. 24, 5 p.m. Inconceivable! This classic premiered 35 years ago! Cheer on Buttercup and Westley as they battle ROUSs in the fire swamp, evade Prince Humperdinck, and support Inigo Montoya as he avenges his father's death.

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 and pick up this month's take and make craft. Get into the Halloween mood with this popsicle stick scarecrow.

Create-a-Card: Saturday, Nov. 19 9:30 a.m. 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

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Plastic recycling

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New releases

Adult books: Long Way Home by Lynn Austin (LP), Long Shadows by David Baldacci, Home Sweet Christmas by Susan Mallery, Distant Thunder by Stuart Woods
Picture books: Where is the Dragon by Leo Timmers (VOX Listen & Read book).

Forreton Library News

Spooktacular Saturday!

Downtown Trick or Treating & Business Fair, Saturday, Oct. 29, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Be sure to stop in to get a library card as well as information on all your library has to offer. Of course, there will also be treat bags for the kids! The library will stay open until 1 p.m. that day.

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.

New materials

New adult fiction titles include: Endless Summer by Elin Hilderbrand, Home Sweet Christmas by Susan Mallery, Mad Honey by Jodi Picoult and Righteous Prey by John Sandford.

Library Hours

The library is open: Monday 10 a.m. to 1p.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 forretonpubliclibrary@gmail.com, or through Facebook messaging. Of course, we always love to see you in person, too!

Looking at sports county-wide

RECENTLY, Jeff Helfrich, the editor of the Rochelle News-Leader and Ogle County Life, reached out and asked if I would be interested in contributing sports content to the newspaper.



Andy Colbert

Why not, I thought. I've spent time doing the same on a part-time basis for the Rockford Register Star, Dixon Telegraph and weekly papers in Forreton, Mt. Morris, Oregon and Polo for past 25 years.

The offer to help out at the Life was intriguing because Rochelle is where I grew up and Oregon is where I live; but I consider all of Ogle County my home.

From covering innumerable sporting events, I have developed relationships with people from every village, city or town, plus a few hamlets sprinkled about. It's fun stuff to do and I understand the emotional appeal of high school sports on our hometowns.

Unlike the previous publications I worked for, the Ogle County Life presents a challenge in providing timely information. My paper comes in the mail every Monday and often has games scores from 7-10 days previous.

Still, the Life has been a real asset to county residents and I know people look forward to reading it. My strategy for now will be to provide a weekly column and attempt to keep it as pertinent as possible.

Let's get started then....

Like its football-playing counterparts, NUIC volleyball in northwest Illinois continues to be among the best in 1A. Volleyball doesn't get the publicity NUIC football does, but on the whole, it is probably better.

To wit — four of the top five-ranked team in 1A volleyball, according to MaxPreps, are all from the NUIC. Three of them — Dakota, Lena-Winslow and Galena — are in the same regional, with No. 1 Freeport Aquin in another regional in the same sectional.

Forreton and several other NUIC schools caught a break

by being assigned to a different sectional, which coincidentally is hosted by Forreton. That is not to say this sectional is a cakewalk.

Sterling Newman, Fulton, Newark, Yorkville Christian, Annawan and Forreton are ranked between No. 13-22. Forreton (No. 22) travels to Annawan (No. 21) and will likely see the host Braves for the opportunity to play in its own sectional.

Polo will host a regional that feeds into Forreton's sectional. Yes, it would have been easier for Forreton to travel 10 miles to Polo than 55 to Annawan, but the IHSA has a seeding formula that allows for more equitable competition.

So much for their insistence that gas prices are the reason 1A football is seeded with north and south sections instead of a more equitable 1-32 seeding.

In 2A, the BNC is well represented with Genoa-Kingston ranked No. 1 and Rock Falls No. 4 in the state. Oregon appears headed for the regional final against Rock Falls on the Rockets' home court.

Other than G-K and RF, the Hawks (7-2) ran through the rest of the conference for a

solid third place finish, continuing an 11-year streak of winning seasons.

The weather may be cooling off, but area gyms will be heating up as post-season volleyball starts Oct. 24.

Speaking of volleyball, hats off to Polo and Forreton for raising money for Milledgeville students injured a car accident. In fact, events all over the NUIC are helping the cause.

Forreton (5-3) secured a berth in the football playoffs with a romp over Gibson City. The Cardinals will have a low seed in 1A, but may be favored in the north bracket against anyone other than Lena-Winslow.

I'd like to comment on the playoff picture for Byron and Stillman Valley, but this column needed to be submitted in advance of the IHSA pairings. After Week 8, Stillman was on the bubble between 3A and 4A, while defending state champ Byron was firmly set up for 3A.

Elmhurst Immaculate Conception, who only lost by one point to powerhouse Joliet Catholic earlier in the season, will be the favorite in 3A. Reed Custer, who gave the Tigers all they could handle in the 2021 quarters, is undefeated, but their conference isn't anything close to

what the BNC offers. If Stillman goes 4A, the competition may be its toughest ever with Richmond-Burton, Wheaton St. Francis, Springfield Sacred Heart, Rochester and aforementioned Joliet Catholic.

A regular season isn't complete without a trip to Polo to see old pals there. The only open slot for me was Oct. 14 against Flanagan-Cornell.

Big mistake, as the visitors were pathetic. In nearly 60 years of going to games, I've never witnessed a 56-0 score at the end of the first quarter.

Size-wise, Flanagan was comparable to Polo, had a solid roster of 18 upperclassmen and two wins against a brutally tough schedule. Additionally, they had tradition behind them, as Flanagan (1A) won the first-ever state championship contested by the IHSA in 1974.

To their credit, Polo played very good and looked sharp in terms of execution. The Marcos are clicking at the right time and coach Ted Alston will have them as ready for the playoffs as any team in 8-man.

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

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Upcoming events at Polo Senior Center

POLO — The following events will take place at the Polo Senior Center in November:

Reading Buddies sponsored by Polo Public Library - Every Tuesday at 3:30 p.m.

Nov. 1 - Exercise with Ronna 9 a.m. & 10:15 a.m. and line dancing 12:30 p.m.

Nov. 2 - Movie Ken Burns "The War" episode one (A necessary war) 10 a.m.

Nov. 3 - Exercise with Ronna 11 a.m. & 12:15 p.m.

Nov. 4 - Ken Burns "The War" episode two & three ("When things get tough") & ("A deadly calling") 10 a.m.

Nov. 7 - Ken Burns "The War" episode four ("Pride of our nations")

Nov. 7 - "Wheel of Fortune" 12:30 p.m.

Nov. 8 - Closed for elections

Nov. 9 - Ken Burns "The War" episode five ("FUBAR") 9 a.m.

Nov. 9 - Veterans luncheon - noon, Please sign up

Nov. 10 - Exercise with Ronna 11 a.m. & 12:15 p.m.

Nov. 10 - Ken Burns "The War" episode six ("the ghost front")

Nov. 11 - Happy Veterans Day - NO BINGO

Nov. 11 - Ken Burns "The War" final episode ("A world without war") 10 a.m.

Nov. 11 - Book club meets 1 p.m., Nov. 14 - Grief group 10 a.m.

Nov. 15 - Exercise with Ronna 9 a.m. only no 10:15 a.m. class

Nov. 15 - 2023 Travel preview 10 a.m. (Travel reps here to showcase our 2023 trips)

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Oregon Library News

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Preschool StoryTime

(18 months-5 years)
We're back and ready for stories and crafts on Mondays at 10 am. Go online or call to register.

Book Clubs

Books on Tap meets on October 27, at 6 pm to discuss A Lullaby for Witches by Hester Fox. Teen Book Club Association meets on October 29 at 10 am to discuss All These Bodies by Kendare Blake. The 2WBC Book Club meets Wednesday, November 9 at 12:30 pm to discuss Looking for Alaska by John Green. Cocktails & Crimes will meet Sunday, November 13 at 2:00 pm (grab a book to find out where). The Afternoon Book Club meets Wednesday, November 16 at 1:00 pm to discuss Anxious People by Fredrik Backman.

YOGA Returns!

Thursday's at 9:30 am October 27, November 3, 10 & 17

Welcome, Kara Schabacker! Kara first entered the health and wellness field as a massage/myofascial therapist in 2008. After 13 years working solely in curative care, she laid down roots as a yoga instructor to shift her focus to a more preventative approach to well-being. Shortly after receiving her RYT200, she completed a 95-hour certification in Trauma Informed Kids & Teens Yoga and became registered as an RCYT in 2022. She is also in the process of completing her RYT500 through Yoga Medicine, looking at an old familiar path from a new viewpoint. The focus of her studies is on fascia, the nervous system, mental and emotional health, and the human response to trauma. Yin-Yasa - This class is a hybrid of yang (active yoga) with yin (passive yoga). We will use fundamental yoga postures to build strength and warmth and also incorporate passive, long held poses to help with flexibility and mobility of the joints and soft tissues. A yoga mat and blocks will be useful props for this class! All levels welcome. Registration required, this class fills quickly. Please call (815) 732-2724 or visit www.oregonpubliclibrary.com.

Halloween at the Library

ages 3-12
Come by the Library Wednesday, October 26 thru Saturday, October 29 and pick a papier-mâché pumpkin from our indoor pumpkin patch (plain, so you can

decorate it at home or already decorated and ready to go)! On Halloween Monday, October 31 from 4-6, visit our front yard "Halloween patch" and pick out your surprised filled papier-mache pumpkin! Limited supply. In case of inclement weather just come in the Library to find a pumpkin.

A Killer Among Us (Part 1): Killers, Fiends and Weirdos of Chicago's Victorian Era

Tuesday, October 25th at 6:30pm
Clarence Goodman returns for "A Killer Among Us (Part 1): Killers, Fiends & Weirdos of Chicago's Victorian Era." Emerging from the ashes of the Great Fire is a new Chicago - the prototypical megapolis - ready for the changing world. But as it glides seamlessly from the Industrial Revolution to the Gilded Age, an unprecedented phenomenon appears as well: That of the Serial Killer. To learn about these creepy-but-fascinating tales register at www.oregonpubliclibrary.com or call (815) 732-2724. Registration required.

Lego Club

(2nd grade & up) Wednesday, October 26, 2:30 pm (early school dismissal)

The club is designed to provide an enjoyable activity (FUN) that stimulates and develops spatial intelligence. Registration required. Go online to our website or call, 815-732-2724, to register.

TRIVIA is back at the Rock River Center!

The First and Third Thursday of the Month at 12:30 pm at Rock River Center Test your knowledge of sports, history, movies, and much more. Come alone, bring your friends and make a team of 4, or join a team when you arrive. Registration required, <http://www.oregonpubliclibrary.com>

Puzzle Library

The library has a free puzzle library. Take a puzzle, leave a puzzle. This is open to anyone in the community.

Oregon Public Library StoryWalk® at Oregon Park West

StoryWalk® was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT in 2007, and developed in collaboration with the Vermont Bicycle & Pedestrian Coalition and the Kellogg Hubbard Library. Current story is We're Going on a Pumpkin Hunt by Angie Rozelaar.

Oregon Writers Group

2nd Tuesday each month at 10 a.m.
The OWG is a gathering of writers or writer-wannabes who meet to support each other and further their own writing. The purpose of the group is to help and encourage you in your writing. If you need brainstorming ideas, we can help suggest ideas or aid with the creative process.

Passport Services

The Oregon Public Library offers Passport Application Processing. Patrons seeking Passport Services should call the Library prior to their visit to ensure that an official processor is available at that time and for a checklist of items, you will need for the appointment.

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New Releases

- Devil's Ride West by David Nix LP FIC NIX (RED DOT) – Western
- No Ordinary Dog: My Partner for the SEAL Teams to the Bin Laden Raid by Will Chesney LP 355.424 CHE (RED DOT)
- Ghost Eaters by Clay McLeod Chapman FIC CH
- Daphne by Josh Malerman FIC MAL
- Cryptid Club by Sarah Anderson 741.5 AND (GRAPHIC NOVEL)
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- Blowback by James Patterson FIC PAT
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- The Book Haters Book Club by Gretchen Anthony FIC ANT
- Oath of Loyalty by Kyle Mills FIC MIL
- Clive Cussler's Hellburner by Mike Maden FIC MAD
- The Matchmaker's Gift by Lynda Cohen Loigman FIC LOI
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LOCAL NEWS

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.

Cricut Lab: My First Project

Beginners will create their first Cricut project by learning how to upload and create a design; how to use Design Space functions; how to alter a design; and how to create layers. BYO Cricut machine (Explore Air or Maker) and cords; device with the Cricut Access app already installed; cutting mat and blade. Thursday, Oct. 27 at 6 p.m. Registration required: Adults only. 815-645-8611

Teen Halloween Trivia

Join your friends after school in the library for some spooky snacks while testing your knowledge on all things fall and Halloween: from tasty to terrifying! Costumes welcome and encouraged. Monday, October 31 at 3 p.m. Ages 13-18. Registration required.



During last week's Adult Craft Night, at Julia Hull District Library (Stillman Valley), crafters treated themselves to new Halloween décor with spooky candle holders.

Tween Scene: Pumpkin Spice Mug Cakes

Hey tweens, it's time to get your fall on! Join us at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 1, and learn how to take your love of pumpkin spice to the next level. We're returning the classic fall staple into a mug cake, all without even turning on an oven! 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, Nov. 10 at 3 p.m. Ages 13-18. Registration required.

Rockin' Reptiles and Awesome Am-

phibians

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, Nov. 11 at 1 p.m. Grades K-6. Registration required. 815-645-8611.

Adult Craft Night: 3D Winter Village

Join us Monday, Nov. 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, Nov. 15, 6 p.m.

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, Nov. 28 at 6:30 p.m. Call to register: 815-645-8611.

Rock River Center Activities

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

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

November Trivia at RRC

Oregon Public Library continues to host Trivia at Rock River Center. The following are the remaining trivia dates and times in November 2022: Rock River Center, 12:30-2 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 3. Free team registration. Each Team consists of up to four people. Teams may register in person at the Oregon Public Library, or by calling 815-732-2724. Questions? Call 815-732-2724. Register by Nov. 1.

Come and test your knowledge of sports, history, movies and much more.

2023 American Classic Tours Preview

We are excited to be invite you to a special tour preview highlighting their 2023 tour schedule. Join us on Wednesday, Nov. 9 at 10 a.m. at the Rock River Center.

Mt. Morris Public 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!

Trick or Treat! Story time will be all about Halloween this week! Don't be afraid as we read books and make crafts this Wednesday, 10/26. Treat yourself to a great time reading stories about all the fun at Halloween! 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 Cheesy Zucchini "Meatballs" and Blueberry Lemon Cheesecake! 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!

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.

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 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.

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.

Additional Services Offered

We make copies (\$0.25 per black and white page). We fax (\$2 for the first page and \$0.50 each additional page). We can scan a document and send it to email (\$2 per document). You can use a computer without a library card for \$1.00. Resume software is available on our computers. Come visit us and let us help you!

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

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Sinnissippi Centers, Inc. 732-3157
Oregon 732-3157
Rochelle 562-3801

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University of Illinois Extension-Ogle County 732-2191
421 W Pines Rd, Oregon 61061

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Ogle County Housing Authority 732-1301
200 W Washington, Oregon

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Oregon, IL 61061

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Mt Morris Senior Center 734-6335
Polo Senior Center 946-3818
Rock River Center 732-3252
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24-hour hotline 732-0000
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Medical Transportation 677-6515

Wellness Services

Ogle County Health Dept 562-6976
907 Pines Rd, Oregon
510 Lincoln Hwy, Rochelle 562-6976
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LOCAL NEWS

Polo Public Library

Children's Programs

"Seniors to Smalls" Reading Buddies Program, every Wednesday afternoon, from 3:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Polo Senior Center. Polo Public Library and Senior Center are partnering together to have senior volunteers that would like to help students read and would like to be read to by the student.

"Tot Time Tuesdays"

Tuesdays at 10 a.m. Ages 0 to 5 yrs, come join Ms. Melanie for a story read and various hands-on play for the little ones.

For more information or to register for any of these programs, call 815-946-2713, email melanie@polo-library.org, go to the Polo Library website or Facebook page to look for the Google form link.

Adult Programs

Book Clubs

What we're reading and discussing in October - Friday Discussion Group, October 14 at 1:00 p.m. Meeting at Polo Senior Center to discuss "The Stranger in the Lifeboat" by Mitch Albom.

Wednesday Books 2 Movies, October 19th at 5:00 p.m. Meeting at Polo Library to talk about the book and movie, "My Sister's Keeper" by Jodi Picoult.

Monday Afternoon Book Club, October 24th at 1:30 p.m. Meeting at Polo Library to share our opinions of "What Might Have Been" by Holly Miller.

Copies of these titles are available to checkout. All are welcome.

Craft Night at the Library - Chair Planters

Thursday, October 20th - 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Join Tiffany Warren, from Weathered & Warren, for a monthly craft night at the Library! Space is limited, call 815-946-2713 or email library@pololibrary.org to register (registration opens on October 1st). The class is free, donation would be greatly appreciated towards materials and future classes.

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Yoga with Becka

Wednesday, October 26th at 6pm - Call 815-946-2713 or email library@pololibrary.org to register. Yoga will now be every 4th Wednesday of the month.

Genealogy Assistance

Are you interested in researching your ancestors but don't know where to start? Do you have a start and need help with your research? Stop by the first Wednesday 5-7 p.m. or the third Saturday 10 a.m.-12 p.m. and let Donna help with your project. Polo Library is now a FamilySearch Affiliate Library which allows access to more digital records when you're researching at the library.

Online Catalog

Did you start a series and can't find the next book? Are you wanting to watch a specific movie? If we don't have what you're looking for at Polo Library, visit our online catalog to search other libraries and have it delivered right to Polo Library for pick up! Visit pololibrary.org and click on "Books/Media" and "Your Account" to access the online catalog.

Library newsletter

Our newsletter is full of information on library services and programs. Print copies are available at the library, Lifeline Food Pantry, Polo Senior Center, Polo Fresh Food Market, and Polo Laundromat. If you prefer to receive it electronically visit our website and subscribe.

Special Procedures

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



Pine Creek Valley 4-H Club Members Katelyn Rockwood, Courtney Bushman, Frankie Danekas and Ali Danekas.

New year underway for Pine Creek Valley 4-H club

POLO — The 2022-23 4-H club year is underway! And the Pine Creek Valley club in Polo has been busy already, and also busy growing!

We have welcomed four new families of a wide age range and are so thankful to have them. New officers were voted in during the first meeting in September, and big plans for a productive year were put into place.

The club painted a window at Country Financial, Polo during National 4-H Week Oct. 2-9 in order to encourage involvement in 4-H. A big thank you to Jeanette Linker of Country Financial for letting us

use her office windows! The displays are a contest between clubs, with the winner announced in November.

Our October meeting brought plans for participating in the Polo Christmas Festival and painting pumpkins. Straddle Creek Gardens of Lanark was gracious enough to donate a huge pumpkin for each member!

We look forward to a fun year filled with community service opportunities and learning. To join us or come for a visit during a meeting, please call the Extension Office at 815-732-2191 for details.

AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

BYRON

ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH

624 Luther Drive, Byron IL 61010 815-234-5277
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Email: mtmcob@frontier.com

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Wednesday 6:00 PM;

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OREGON

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Wednesday activities: Adults & Children meet weekly beginning at 6:30pm.
In the event that Oregon Schools are not in session we do not meet on Wednesdays.

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Worship at 9:00 a.m. Holy Communion celebrated the first Sunday of each month. Lighthouse will live up your life!

OREGON CHURCH OF GOD

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

OREGON FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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

OREGON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

RIVERSTONE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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

ST. BRIDE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH, NALC

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

POLO

ST. MARY CHURCH

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

Masses: Sun 10:30am, Tuesday Mass 8 a.m.
Sacrament of Reconciliation: First Sunday of each month after 10:30 mass
OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
www.stmarypolo.org

CHURCH OF THE OPEN BIBLE

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

CROSSROADS COMMUNITY CHURCH ~ POLO CAMPUS

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

FAITH DISCOVERY CHURCH

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

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

702 E. Dixon Street, Polo, IL 61064 • Tel:815-946-3212
Pastor Service for all ages 9am followed by Worship at 10am
Pastor Brian LeBaron
Website: www.faihtumcpolo.com • facebook.com/Faihtumcpolo

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
Sunday: Worship at 9:00 and 10:30 am. Sunday School at 9:00 am. Wednesday: AWANA (Sept - April) from 6:00 to 7:15 pm. Men, women, youth Bible Studies throughout the year. See website for all activities or contact the church office.

KISHWAUKEE COMMUNITY EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

VALLEY EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH

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

GRACE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH DAVIS JUNCTION

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

WINNEBAGO

MIDDLE CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

12473 Montague Road, Winnebago, IL 61088
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

Stillman BANK
Your Independent, Local Community Bank Since 1882

Byron	Oregon	Rochelle	Rockford	Roscoe/Rockton	Stillman Valley
815.234.5626	815.732.7956	815.562.7071	815.332.8100	815.623.1800	815.645.2266

www.stillmanbank.com

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

ROCK VALLEY SHOPPER

LOCAL NEWS

OREGON PARK DISTRICT WEEKLY HAPPENINGS

OHS Basketball Clinic- 2-5th grade

Get ready for basketball season! This Co-Ed basketball clinic is being run by the OHS Varsity Boys Basketball coaches and team and will focus on fundamental skill development that will help your player be prepared for their upcoming season. All proceeds will benefit the OHS Boys Basketball program. Clinic will be held at the Blackhawk Center on Tuesday November 1st from 5:00-6:30pm. Deadline for participation is October 27th. Registration Fee is \$10/ NR \$13

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 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 doorhanger. 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. FREE CLASSES October 20 & 27 - MUST REGISTER November 3, 10, 17; December 1, 8, 15.

Ages 10-14 \$27 per 3 week session 4:30-5:20 p.m. FREE CLASSES October 20 & 27 - MUST REGISTER November 13, 20, 27; November 3, 10, 17; December 1, 8, 15

Deadline to register for November classes is October 27; and December classes is November 2

Weekly Brain Busters

King Crossword

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 17 Chore
 19 QB's stats
 20 Scrooge's cries
 22 Droop
 24 Embassy VIP
 27 Proboscis
 29 AAA jobs
 32 South Dakota monument
 35 Comic strip possum
 36 Curved lines
 37 Decorate Easter eggs
 38 Dhabi precedent
 40 Comestibles
 42 Flow out
 44 Recipe meas.
 46 Golden rule word
 50 Ray of "Goodfellas"
 52 Like some swimming pools
 54 Attractive person
 55 Veteran sailor

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 12 Rx overseer
 18 Guarantees
 21 Busy insect
 23 \$ dispenser
 24 Music booster
 25 Cattle call
 26 Objects of fear
 28 Daydreamer
 30 Like some humor
 31 Observe
 33 San Francisco's - Hill
 34 FDR follower
 39 Out-and-out neighbor
 41 Egypt's
 42 Jazzy Fitzgerald
 43 Resumes
 45 Homer's son
 47 Protuberance
 48 Horn sound
 49 Assoc.
 51 Ring decision
 53 Born

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MAGIC MAZE

FALL BEHIND

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

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
 Unlisted clue hint: **Immediately Following Sunset**

Befall	Evenfall	Pitfall	Snowfall
Deadfall	Footfall	Pratfall	Waterfall
Dewfall	Icefall	Rainfall	Windfall
Downfall	Landfall	Rockfall	

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

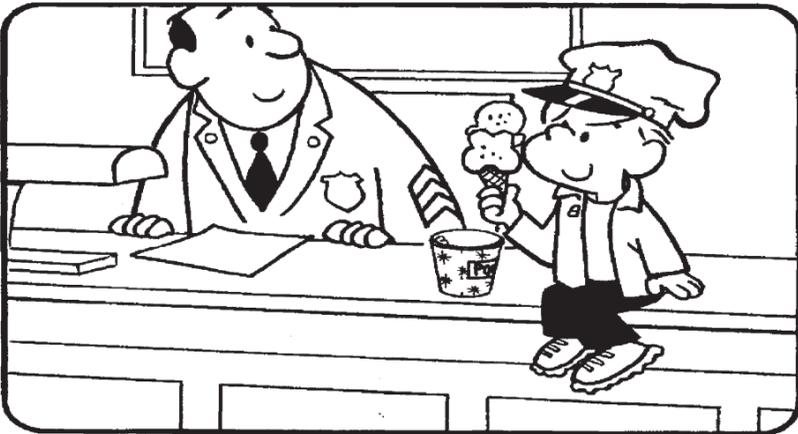
DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

- ◆ Moderate
- ◆◆ Challenging
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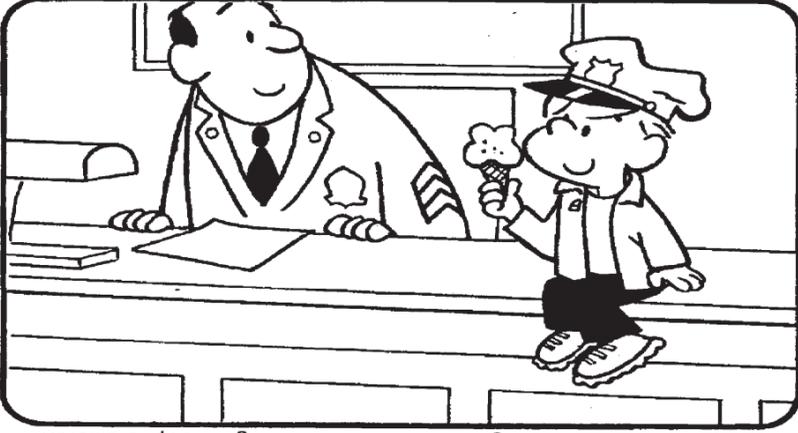
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Lamp is smaller. 2. Arm is missing. 3. Ice cream is missing. 4. Container is upside down. 5. Hat is smaller. 6. Cap is different.

King Crossword
 Answers
 Solution time: 21 mins.

FALL BEHIND
 Answers

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

Weekly SUDOKU
 Answer

Classified Marketplace

FREE!

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



OGLE COUNTY • OGLE COUNTY • OGLE COUNTY • OGLE COUNTY

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 PUBLICATION NOTICE OF COURT DATE FOR REQUEST FOR NAME CHANGE (ADULT)

Request of Andrea
Elizabeth Leather
Case Number
2022-MR-22

There will be a court
date on my Request
to change my name
from Andrea Elizabeth
Leather to the new
name of Andee
Elizabeth Anderson-
Leather. The court date
will be held on Nov. 23
at 9 a.m. at 106 South
5th St., Oregon, Ogle
County in Courtroom
304.

Andrea Elizabeth
Leather
No. 1013 (Oct. 10)

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

Annual Report
of Receipts and
Disbursements
Julia Hull District

Library
Fiscal Year Beginning
July 1, 2021 and
Ending June 30, 2022

Receipts:
Real Estate Taxes \$271,366.52,
Donations \$3,498.19,
State Grants \$12,208.58,
Fines & Fees \$1,908.43,
Non-Resident Fees \$568.98,
E-Rate \$604.80,
Bank Interest \$182.17,
Book Sales \$317.00,
Other \$106.75.

Disbursements:
Salary & Wage Range:
(Under \$25,000):
Elizabeth Board, Carol
Conderman, Zoey
Ferrari, Shannon
Fitzgerald, Morgan
Gile, Kelly Haas, Claire
Spahn; (\$24,000-
49,999): Joanna
Kluever.

Disbursements to
Vendors or Individuals
(\$2,500 minimum):
Baker & Taylor
\$21,738.10; Cincinnati
Insurance Company
\$3,088.00; Cornerstone
Bookkeeping &
Tax \$4,589.52; Dell
Computers \$8,529.82;
Demco \$3,825.99;
EBSCO \$3,035.00;
Findaway World LLC
\$2,839.14; Harms
Landscaping \$2,825.00;
Illinois Department
of Revenue—Payroll
Taxes \$3,302.29;
Internal Revenue
Service—Payroll Taxes
\$14,732.92; Junior
Library Guild \$5,768.66;
Meridian C.U.S.D. 223
(Reimbursed Wages,
TRS, Medicare, Health
& Medical Insurance,
& Building Occupations
& Operations) \$56,362.61;
PrairieCat \$9,785.00;
Proquest, LLC \$3,045.00;
Stillman Bancorp \$17,490.65;
US Bank (Copier
Lease) \$2,760.00.

Disbursements by
Category:
TRS \$4,839.10; Health
& Medical Insurance
\$4,870.62; Insurance
\$3,564.00; Library
Supplies \$9,263.18;
Programs - Child
\$2,204.64; Programs-
General \$4,365.17;
Programs-Summer
Reading \$2,853.77;
Journals \$353.42; Wi-
Fi \$278.59; Telephone
\$1,825.50; Publicity
\$4,316.01; Postage
\$353.82; Furniture,
Fixtures, Equipment
& Repair \$11,390.64;
Technology (Licensing
Fees) \$9,785.00;
Reserve Fund
\$8,640.00; Staff &
Board Development
\$114.30; Professional
Memberships \$235.00;
Legal Fees \$1,360.50;
eRead Illinois (eBooks)
\$1,071.43; Adult
Materials \$11,059.15;
Audio Books \$2,512.39;
A/V Materials
\$5,250.37; Children's
Materials \$5,642.92;
Periodicals \$2,113.74;

Young Adult Materials
\$203.17; Other
Materials \$354.00;
Social Security
(Employer Portion)
\$6,264.45; FY2021
Per Capita Grant
\$12,208.58; Friends of
the Library (Donation/
Reimbursement)
\$2,244.89; Char
Wills' Large Print
Materials Donation
\$602.77; Replacement
Materials Paid for In
Fines \$119.00; Other
\$300.00.

I, the undersigned,
hereby do certify that I
am duly qualified and
acting Treasurer of the
Julia Hull District
Library, Stillman Valley,
Illinois, and as such
official I do further
certify that the above is
true and correct to the
best of my knowledge
and belief:
Jeff Mickey, Treasurer
of Julia Hull District
Library
October 13, 2022
No. 1028 (Oct. 24)

PUBLIC NOTICE IN THE CIRCUIT

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
3 1 9 - 7 5 4 - 6 5 8 7 /
telephone
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facsimile
No. 1031 (Oct. 24, 31,
Nov. 7)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Annual Report of Receipts and Disbursements
Julia Hull District Library
Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2021 and Ending June 30, 2022

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Non-Resident Fees \$568.98,
E-Rate \$604.80,
Bank Interest \$182.17,
Book Sales \$317.00,
Other \$106.75.

Disbursements:
Salary & Wage Range:
(Under \$25,000): Elizabeth Board, Carol Conderman, Zoey Ferrari, Shannon Fitzgerald, Morgan Gile, Kelly Haas, Claire Spahn; (\$24,000-49,999): Joanna Kluever.

Disbursements to Vendors or Individuals (\$2,500 minimum):
Baker & Taylor \$21,738.10; Cincinnati Insurance Company \$3,088.00; Cornerstone Bookkeeping & Tax \$4,589.52; Dell Computers \$8,529.82; Demco \$3,825.99; EBSCO \$3,035.00; Findaway World LLC \$2,839.14; Harms Landscaping \$2,825.00; Illinois Department of Revenue—Payroll Taxes \$3,302.29; Internal Revenue Service—Payroll Taxes \$14,732.92; Junior Library Guild \$5,768.66; Meridian C.U.S.D. 223 (Reimbursed Wages, TRS, Medicare, Health & Medical Insurance, & Building Occupations & Operations) \$56,362.61; PrairieCat \$9,785.00; Proquest, LLC \$3,045.00; Stillman Bancorp \$17,490.65; US Bank (Copier Lease) \$2,760.00.

Disbursements by Category:
TRS \$4,839.10; Health & Medical Insurance \$4,870.62; Insurance \$3,564.00; Library Supplies \$9,263.18; Programs-Child \$2,204.64; Programs-General \$4,365.17; Programs-Summer Reading \$2,853.77; Journals \$353.42; Wi-Fi \$278.59; Telephone \$1,825.50; Publicity \$4,316.01; Postage \$353.82; Furniture, Fixtures, Equipment & Repair \$11,390.64; Technology (Licensing Fees) \$9,785.00; Reserve Fund \$8,640.00; Staff & Board Development \$114.30; Professional Memberships \$235.00; Legal Fees \$1,360.50; eRead Illinois (eBooks) \$1,071.43; Adult Materials \$11,059.15; Audio Books \$2,512.39; A/V Materials \$5,250.37; Children's Materials \$5,642.92; Periodicals \$2,113.74;

I, the undersigned, hereby do certify that I am duly qualified and acting Treasurer of the Julia Hull District Library, Stillman Valley, Illinois, and as such official I do further certify that the above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief:
Jeff Mickey, Treasurer of Julia Hull District Library
October 13, 2022
No. 1028 (Oct. 24)

PUBLIC NOTICE

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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
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103 AUCTIONS

VIRTUAL ONLINE OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS LAND AUCTION

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 03, 2022 AT 1:00 PM^{CST}

279.19 ACRES± • 2 TRACTS

The Doctor farm is located approximately 4 miles north of Dixon, IL and I88. The farm is further described as being located in Section 12, T22N-R8E, Woosung Township and Section 7, T22N-R9E, Grand Detour Township, Ogle County, IL.

Tract 1 represents mostly tillable, productive certified organic cropland. Tract 2 represents productive certified organic cropland, pasture, wooded areas which provide excellent recreational opportunities and potential home sites overlooking Sevenmile Branch Creek.

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NOTICE Advance Fee Loans or Credit Offers Companies that do business by phone can't ask you to pay for credit before you get it. For more information, call toll-free 1-877-FTC-HELP. A public service message from your hometown newspaper and the Federal Trade Commission.

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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

JNJ JUMPERS Indoor/Outdoor Bounce House Rentals Available Year Round. Please Call 815-784-4256 For Availability or Visit us on Facebook.

201 DOMESTIC/CHILD CARE

NO INDIVIDUAL, unless licensed or holding a permit as a childcare facility, may cause to be published any advertisement soliciting a child care

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203 HELP WANTED

Class-A CDL Drivers Wanted
\$500 Sign on bonus
Earn up to \$33/per hour
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305 GARAGE/RUMMAGE/ESTATE SALES

FRANKLIN GROVE - Oct. 28 & 29, FRI 8-4, SAT 8 to at least 1. Presbyterian Church Basement, 106 S. Walnut. Men's, Women's, Kids' clothing, (5+ racks Name Brands, many with tags), Avon Collections, Boots, Scarves, Coats, Household, Christmas decor, Books, Small appliances, 2 sets of dishes, And much more. Unlike the stores, our prices haven't gone up! (10-26-22)

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aadkins@byron226.org
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815-562-5551
Apply Within or on Indeed

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 Utility District website at **LLUD.org** for more information and to apply.

Applications must be received by November 5th, 2022



203 HELP WANTED

HELP WANTED EMPLOYMENT
Byron School District Openings
High School Spanish Teacher Full-time
Special Ed Paraprofessionals
Kitchen Workers 3 hours per day
Lunchroom Supervisors
3 hour Bus Driver Route HS Boys
Swim and Dive Coach
Additional information and applications Found at www.byron226.org under the About Us Tab in the Employment Opportunities Section
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Maintenance Position

Rochelle, Oregon & Ashton Branches
Seeking qualified candidates for a Maintenance Position. This is a non-exempt part-time hourly position serving our Rochelle, Oregon and Ashton branches. This individual provides general maintenance and related duties ensuring facilities are well maintained, in good working order and have a clean internal and external appearance. Completes minor plumbing and electrical repairs as needed and assists staff when requested.
The successful candidate should be a self-starter with the ability to work with minimal supervision, have a good working relationship with employees, be dependable, have the ability to prioritize duties and perform tasks on a timely basis. Reliable transportation is required.
Currently scheduled hours are Monday through Friday from 7:00am to 11:00am. Hours can be subject to change depending upon weather related needs and/or assistance with bank sponsored events.
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Country Store-NEW LOCATION

November 10-20 ~2 E. 3rd St.

Sponsored by: **Comed, Johnson Oil, Sterling Federal Bank, and HALO**

Trees on Display to View & Bid

November 13th-20th

LARGE TREES LOCATED AT 14 E 3rd St. (Old Smoked on Third)

FRIENDSHIP TREES LOCATED AT 9 E 3rd St. (Champs Banquet)

Table Settings and MORE on Display

November 12th-19th

LOCATED AT D and E Furniture 320 Locust St.

Presenting Sponsors:



"Night to Browse, Bid, and Buy"

Sponsored by: **Northern Illinois Cancer Treatment Center**

November 17th 4:00-8:00PM

Big Red Church Ornaments and Hot Cocoa

Primitive Frills Make and Take (Proceeds to RRHH)

****Merle Norman Open House and Refreshments****

****MOXIE SHOP LATE EVENT****

****STERLING MAIN STREET OPEN LATE****

BUILD-A-PET Fundraiser (Proceeds to RRHH)

Business After Hours at 3:12 (Old Manny's)

****TREE TO BID ON AT THESE LOCATIONS****

BARBERSHOP SINGERS at 7:00 PM at

Champs Banquet Hall and Enjoy

Refreshments and "Holiday Cheer"

Fundraiser ongoing for Polo girl's fight with CRPS

REYLEE Katner, 17, of Polo has been diagnosed with full-body CRPS (Complex Regional Pain Syndrome). CRPS is a disorder of the nervous system that causes tremendous pain. An online fundraiser has been established and reads as follows.

"This condition is likely a result of her other diagnoses of Lyme disease, co-infections, and toxic mold exposure. After a month of fevers in

early 2017, Reylee was left with unremitting fatigue and stomach pain, which in January of 2020 progressed to non-stop head and facial pain. Nothing we have tried has relieved her pain. The pain has now spread throughout her whole body, greatly diminishing her quality of life, and causing us to fear for her future. She has spent most of her time in bed the past couple of years, struggling to do the basics of life, as well as sports and social activities due to her pain and fatigue. We have seen what she can do continue to decline as she gets worse, and this has to stop. She needs to get better.

After five years visiting mainstream and alternative doctors and trying protocols that have failed to bring any relief or

healing, we have hope again after finding the Spero Clinic. They have a novel approach in treating the nervous system with such success that it has drawn chronic pain and CRPS patients from all over the world to their clinic for help. Their success in bringing patients to a state of remission is unprecedented! We have been following their clinic for the past year on social media, thinking it would be a last resort for Reylee. When she required a hospital visit to try and get control of her severe pain recently, we knew it was time to reach out to the Spero Clinic.

Our goal is to raise \$50,000 to allow Reylee to complete approximately 12-16 weeks of treatment at the Spero Clinic. Despite their success,

none of the treatment protocol is currently covered by insurance. We need your help to get her there, so we are partnering with the Burning Limb Foundation (a 501c3 nonprofit) as our fundraising platform. 100 percent of the proceeds of your donation will benefit Reylee, and are used to pay for treatment costs and expenses while we are there. All donations are tax deductible. We want to thank you in advance for your support of Reylee, and your desire for her to be well again!"

The online fundraiser can be found at <https://burninglimb.networkforgood.com/projects/168564-help-reylee-katner-in-her-battle-with-crps?fbclid=IwAR2BooJn-vEZPFtMW8m6obX-ZzpjB3LQCVd->



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