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# Making an impact

## Leffelman retiring after long career with Park District

**OREGON** – Debbie Leffelman, Oregon Park District Special Event & Adult Recreation Coordinator, will retire from the Oregon Park District on June 10.

Leffelman was hired by the district on June 8, 1990 and is the longest running employee of the District. Leffelman's smiling face and programming is synonymous with the Oregon Park District. For over 32 years she has 'Created Fun for Lifetime.'

Leffelman graduated from Illinois State University in 1988 with a degree in Parks and Recreation Administration. After graduation she moved to Texas with fiancé, Curtis, where she interned at a military base in military recreation. After marrying in the fall, Curtis accepted a job managing the Grain Elevator in Chana and they relocated to Rockford. While getting to know the local area, Debbie fell in love with Oregon and the park district.

"After exploring the area, I knew I wanted to work at the Oregon Park District," Leffelman said. "They had just completed the building addition and I met Thom Palmer, Superintendent of Recreation. I made it known I wanted to work here and kept in contact. When there was an



Debbie Leffelman and her husband Curtis at the May Oregon Park District Board Meeting.

opening, I applied and was hired for General Recreation. Thom took a chance on a young girl from Texas and gave me the opportunity of a lifetime."

Anyone that has worked with or knows Leffelman understands how creative and detail oriented she is. Special Events are her specialty, but she has had her hand in most programs that are currently still offered at the district.

After starting in June of 1990, her first task was to create a preschool. In the fall of 1990, The Children's Center opened. This has been her longest lasting achievement.

"I hit the ground running when I was hired," she said. "I had no experience with preschools but did my research and began interviewing."

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## County part of broadband program

**SPRINGFIELD** – Heartland Forward and the Benton Institute for Broadband & Society recently announced the six communities selected to participate in the second cohort of the Accelerate Illinois Broadband Infrastructure Planning Program, which is administered in partnership with the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO).

The newest cohort of participants include: Bond County, Kankakee County/Pembroke CDC, Kaskaskia College area, Livingston County, Ogle County and Peoria/Woodford counties.

Building on the success of the first cohort, which included the City of Springfield, Jackson County, Knox County, Mercer County, Whiteside County and the Village of Elsau, the second cohort will participate in a 14-week intensive training program to help leaders from participating communities develop broadband plans to address their unique local needs. The training will position them to effectively leverage newly available state and federal broadband infrastructure funding.

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# Annual tractor pull in Forreston roars into action June 4

**FORRESTON** – The 11th annual Forreston FFA Alumni Tractor and Truck Pull will be held on Saturday, June 4th beginning at noon.

Classes for Antique tractors begin at noon, followed by Farm Stock classes at 2, Truck classes at 4, and finally at 7, Badger State classes. The pull takes place during Leaf River Daze at the track behind the River Valley Complex.

Admission is \$15 with kids 5 and under free. Your wristband gets you in all day, and you can come and go as you please. Proceeds go to the Forreston FFA Alumni to support the Forreston FFA Chapter at Forreston High School.

A tractor show is also taking place all

weekend at Leaf River Daze. A special thank you to our sponsors who made this event possible: TANA Trucking, BVS Diesel, Buckshot Ridge Farms and Excavating, M.A.D. Acres, Heels and Hardhats Contracting, Martin and Company, Helm, Prairie State Tractor, Dambman Service Inc, Boyer Livestock Trucking, Bocker Ruff Grain, Nutrien Ag Solutions, Peabody's North, Burks Custom Farming and Burkhart Trucking, Country Companies - Richard Montavon Jr., AgriGold Hybrids - Tim Joseph, Burrus Seeds - Bryce Sandahl, G5 and Associates Inc, Autoland Outlets, Pearl City Elevator, Seward Ag Supply, Bryan's Diesel Repair, and US Auctioneers Inc.

Those interested in participating in the



pull can sign up at the pull for their class. For more information find Forreston FFA Alumni on Facebook, follow the tractor pull event on Facebook, or visit [forrestonffaalumni.org](http://forrestonffaalumni.org).

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# LOCAL NEWS

## IMPACT: Plans to take some time for herself and family

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"I was fortunate to hire Nancy Kerwin as Preschool Coordinator. With Nancy, we were able to create a program which is still thriving 32 years later. In 1990, we did not have the internet or Amazon to purchase decorations. I remember creating the alphabet letters for the wall all by hand!"

In addition to the Children's Center, Leffelman also began the Extended Time before and after school program shortly after her arrival.

The only special event offered by the Oregon Park District when Leffelman began was an Easter Egg Hunt. She has created many of our long-standing events that continue to be community staples. She added Halloween Events, Christmas Events, began Concerts in the Park in 1995 and one of her favorite events The Daddy Daughter Dance.

"Looking back, if I had to pick one favorite, it would be the Daddy-Daughter Dance," she said. "In 2012 we held our first dance and while it takes the most planning and work, seeing the memories being made that evening is worth it all! The dance was so popular, in 2015 we added Mother-Son date night. The themes are always varied, and we have done beach, western, superheroes, princess, Winter Wonderland, Sock Hop, Under the Sea and Disco. After several years of both dances, we now also offer a dance on Monday morning before decorations are taken down for the Village of Progress. We love sharing our resources with them and all our staff looks forward to hosting our friends from the Village."

Another event that stands out in Leffelman's mind is the Farm to Table Dinner. The Farm to Table Dinner was created to match funds provided by the A. Charles and Lillemor Lawrence

Foundation. The foundation donates funds each year for the scholarship fund and challenged the recreation staff to match their donation. Under Leffelman's direction the event was created. Each year she plans the menu, works with growers and chefs and coordinates staff to pull off the event.

In 2018, Leffelman and the recreation staff were honored at the 2018 IPRA Conference receiving the award for Program or Special Event of the Year for the dinner. The Park District's nomination received the highest score from any other park, recreation, or conservation agency from across the State of Illinois. The dinner annually raises around \$5000 for the scholarship fund.

Leffelman is not looking forward to walking away from all the friendships and programming she has created.

"I have loved working for the Park District," she said. "I have always been given opportunities

to gain experience and grow. As a CPRP (Certified Park and Recreation Professional), I enjoyed the educational aspect. I love getting ideas from other districts to create new opportunities in Oregon. I believe we have the best Park District in Northern Illinois. We are fortunate to have Exelon and have been able to be on the cutting edge with programming and parks. I have been blessed to work close to home and serve my community. I am going to miss working in the community, the smiling faces at programs, bringing joy to so many, my co-workers, and the memories."

Debbie and Curtis have two sons, Noah and Eli. Noah and his wife, Elizabeth are stationed at Robins Air Force Base, Warner Robins, Georgia. Noah is a First Lieutenant in the Air Force. Eli is pursuing a Sports Management degree and working in Champaign.

"In retirement, I am looking

forward to taking some time for myself and family," she said. "I look forward to enjoying some of my favorite hobbies. But, I am most excited about spending some quality time visiting my parents in Texas."

The Oregon Park District Board and staff honored Leffelman at the May board meeting. She was surprised with flowers and the presentation of a bench that will be placed at Oregon Park West near the concert pavilion.

"The Oregon Park District thanks Debbie for her 32 years of service and dedication to 'creating fun for a lifetime,'" said Executive Director Erin Folk. "Debbie's creativity has attributed to many of the programs and events our community has come to love for decades. Debbie will be missed but is leaving behind a legacy of programs for all ages."

## COUNTY: Opportunity to help all residents

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"Achieving digital equity is a top priority for my administration, and the State is thrilled to support a second cohort of communities through this initiative," said Governor JB Pritzker. "Localities across the state have an unprecedented opportunity to receive funding thanks to Connect Illinois and President Biden's infrastructure bill, and I want to ensure they're prepared to utilize this funding effectively. I'm grateful to our continued partnership with Heartland Forward, the Benton Institute and other stakeholders for making this program a success."

"Accelerate Illinois is an opportunity for Ogle County to build out our broadband infrastructure, increase bandwidth, and stimulate competition among existing providers, which will benefit the essential community services in the county and all of our residents,"

said Patricia Nordman, Vice Chair of Ogle County. "Our participation in Accelerate Illinois will help us create and implement a five year County Broadband Infrastructure Plan that will deliver broadband to our rural homes and businesses throughout the county, and we look forward to rolling up our sleeves and getting to work."

Because of the recent passage of the \$1 trillion federal infrastructure plan, Illinois communities stand poised to receive historic funding for the expansion of broadband infrastructure. This is in addition to the State of Illinois' \$420 million capital plan and funds made available through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Accelerate Illinois will help level the playing field, so communities of all sizes and staffing levels can prepare to apply for these funds and effectively expand high-speed internet access in their communities.

The Accelerate Illinois program is a collaborative effort between the Illinois Office of Broadband, the Illinois-based Benton Institute for Broadband & Society, and the University of Illinois Extension, as well as funding by Heartland Forward. The training is designed to guide communities through the process of establishing and implementing a full-scale broadband connectivity vision.

With more than 30 hours of no-cost expert counsel provided by the Benton Institute, the program provides structured education and engagement for communities to identify broadband goals, gather information, analyze opportunities, understand available funding options, and target capital dollars to support broadband infrastructure implementation.

For more information about the Illinois Office of Broadband, visit the DCEO website.

## FFA alumni holding Pork Chop Dinner on June 11

MOUNT MORRIS - Mount Morris-Oregon FFA Alumni are holding the 2022 Alumni Pork Chop Dinner on Saturday, June 11 from 5-7 p.m. at the Ogle County Fairgrounds.

The cost for a one chop dinner is \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. Two chops is \$13 in advance and \$15 at the door.

Contact Kim Strite for ticket information, 815-973-8435.

## Serenity Shed in Oregon is hosting cafe events for veterans

OREGON - The Serenity Shed at 113 N 3rd St., will be holding two Vet-to-Vet Cafes.

These events provide an opportunity for veterans to come in and enjoy conversation with one another along with complimentary coffee and donuts.

The cafes will be held on Tuesday, May 31st and Tuesday, June 7th from 11 a.m.-noon. Please RSVP by calling Serenity Hospice at 815-732-2499 and asking for Stephanie Wheeler.

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# LOCAL NEWS

Editor's note: The following photos and names of Stillman Valley High School graduating seniors were accidentally not printed in the graduation section on May 23.

## 2022 Stillman Valley High School



Emily Vangsness



Isaac Velazquez



Payton Voltz



Elena Warner



Allison Wendel



Cullen White



David Wilhite



Sierra Williams



Addison Wythe



Uriel Zepeda



Luke Zitkus

Not pictured

Jason Balard II, Austin Branham, Colton Bucci, Joseph Daniels, Bryan Hart, Grace Hill, Tyler Kubiszewski, Dylan Miller, Alexander Rowe

### Property tax payment is due on June 10

Ogle County Collector Linda Beck wants to remind property owners that the first installment of their property tax bill is due June 10.

Payment methods include cash or check (payable to Ogle County Collector). n-person payments can be made at the Treasurer's office located in the "old" Courthouse at 105 S. 5th Street, Suite 114, Oregon or at any bank in Ogle County. Office hours are 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, excluding holidays. The mailing address is Ogle County Collector, P.O. Box 40, Oregon, IL 61061. Mailed payments must be postmarked by the due date to be considered timely.

Late payments will

incur a fee of 1.5% per month or part of a month after the due date and must be remitted by mail or at the Collector's office.

Treasurer Beck's office is also offering the option of online credit card payments. You may get to this site by going directly to [www.oglecountytreasurer.org](http://www.oglecountytreasurer.org) or through [www.ogle-county.org](http://www.ogle-county.org) and then selecting the Treasurer's department. Choose the Online Tax Payments link and click the Pay Now button. Fill in the information as prompted. Be sure to receive a payment confirmation for your records. Please note that this service carries a fee; review the convenience fees prior to making payment.

Email all items to [bjennings@oglecountylife.com](mailto:bjennings@oglecountylife.com).  
Deadline is 3 p.m. Wednesday.

### Reunion to honor former educator

**LEAF RIVER** – The Leaf River All-School Alumni committee is pleased to announce a special event June 4 at the reunion.

Sid Anderson will be honored that evening as we pay tribute to his teachings, volunteer work, and love for his community. Mr. A joined the staff at Leaf River School District in the early 1960's and touched the lives of 100's and perhaps 1000's of student not only musically but also served as a positive role model.

So with all that he

gave to us, we would like to share our memories and stories and honor our beloved band and choir director.

The celebration is June 4 at "The Barn on the Hill." Doors will open at 4:30 p.m. with The Jeff Wagner Band, (alumni) Grass Attack kicking off the event at 5 p.m. Ralphie's BBQ will be on site at that time with many tasty selection.

At 7:15 p.m., our honored guest recognition will take place followed by music from the DJ playing tunes from the

decades. Then at 9 p.m., JT Well (alumni) will top off the evening. There is no cover charge for this event, however, to keep this celebration going we rely on donations.

Donations can be sent to Linda Schreiber c/o Bertolet Memorial Library, PO Box 339, Leaf River, IL 61047 or received at the door the night of the event.

This event is planned in connection with Leaf River Summer Daze to keep a connection to our community, a connection to school friends and a gathering to help bring folks back to the community to celebrate Leaf River Summer Daze.

Hope you can join in on the celebration and recognition of Sid Anderson, June 4 at "The Barn on the Hill."

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Obituaries

### Otterbein Longnecker

**BYRON** – Otterbein Dale “Barney” Longnecker, age 96 of Byron passed away on Monday, May 23, 2022 at Generations at Neighbors Center in Byron. He was born in Lawrence County, Ill., to Charles and Anna Elizabeth Longnecker on July 25, 1925.



Nicholas Villani, Eden Keefe-Stima, Tucker Brooks, Laken Stima, and Baby Boy Stima due in October.

He is preceded in death by his parents, brothers, Gail Longnecker, Lowell “Bob” Longnecker, Robert “Trig” Longnecker, Harold “Pude” Longnecker, and Paul “Joe” Longnecker; and sisters, Catherine Longnecker, Lela Miles, Bertha Micky, Nonnie Peck, and Josephine Martin.

After retirement, he enjoyed babysitting his grandchildren, wood-working, travelling, and gardening. Barney was a devoted St. Louis Cardinals fan rarely missing a game on the radio to television and traveling to St. Louis whenever possible.

Surviving family members include his wife Maxine “Mac”; his children, Dennis Longnecker (Ginny), Brenda Stauffer (Kevin), Stephen Longnecker, and Karen Stima (Jeff); grandchildren, Monica Longnecker (Scott), Joshua Stima, Ryan Longnecker (Mia), Jacob Stima (Elissa), and Jessica Brooks (James); and great grandchildren,

A funeral service was held at noon on Friday May 27, 2022 at Farrell Holland Gale Funeral Home in Byron with Pastor Rodney Caldwell officiating. Visitation was held at the funeral home from 10 a.m.-noon prior to the service. Burial at Willowood Burial Park in Rockford. In lieu of flowers the family is requesting memorial contributions be sent to Mount Morris Church of the Brethren or Darkhorse Lodge Veterans Organization. To leave an online condolence please visit [www.farrellhollandgale.com](http://www.farrellhollandgale.com)

### Gary Scott O’Brien

Gary Scott O’Brien, age 61, passed away suddenly on May 19, 2022 in Columbus. Gary was born on Nov. 9, 1960 in Shreveport, La., the son of Jack and Charlene (Hawes) O’Brien.



Michael O’Brien (Paula Mitchell) of Riverwoods, Ill., son Justin O’Brien of Arcola, Ill.; Nieces Jordyn Gandolfi, Taylor (Rico) Santos, Annie Gandolfi, Regan O’Brien, and Jeanette O’Brien. Gary is also survived by his aunts and uncle and several cousins. In addition to his family, Gary is survived by many, many close friends. He so valued these friends and made time for them all. The outpouring of love from all these friends has been an enormous gift to his family.

He was a 1978 Graduate of Stillman Valley High School where he was editor of the school newspaper. He attended Illinois State University in Bloomington, graduating with a double major in Journalism and Mass Communications. He worked for many years as the Assistant Director of the University of Illinois Assembly Hall in Champaign, and had his own popular radio show, Gary O’Brien and Friends, on WDWS-AM in Champaign. He interviewed hundreds of celebrities and performers over the years and was a well-known figure in Champaign. He was recruited to The Ohio State University to be Director of Communication and Project Development. Through his public role as ‘Gary the Arena Guy’ he was the public face of

Ohio State’s entertainment venues. He was a frequent guest on Columbus television promoting the upcoming events at the University and hosted a popular podcast as well. His favorite performer was Elton John and he had attended over 40 Elton John concerts around the country. Other than his family and his dog, Jewels, his pride and joy was his extensive museum quality entertainment memorabilia collection. He built the collection over years of concerts, travel, and relationships with performers. He was predeceased by his grandparents. He is survived by his parents Jack and Charlene O’Brien of Byron; sister Kathy O’Brien Gandolfi (Dr Michael Gandolfi) of Charleston, Ill.; brother

Funeral service were held at 11:30 a.m., Wednesday, May 25, 2022 at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 764 N Stillman Rd. in Paynes Point (Oregon), with Reverend Andrew Kayes officiating. Visitation was at the church starting at 10 a.m. until the beginning of the service. Burial followed the service at the church. A memorial fund is established in Gary O’Brien’s name. Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home in Stillman Valley is assisting the family with arrangements.

Funeral service were held at 11:30 a.m., Wednesday, May 25, 2022 at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 764 N Stillman Rd. in Paynes Point (Oregon), with Reverend Andrew Kayes officiating. Visitation was at the church starting at 10 a.m. until the beginning of the service. Burial followed the service at the church. A memorial fund is established in Gary O’Brien’s name. Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home in Stillman Valley is assisting the family with arrangements.

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### Citizen group eyes changes to Oregon’s form of government

**OREGON** – A group of Oregon residents, who’s paths have crossed for years as neighbors, co-workers, volunteers, board members, and in service on numerous city government committees have formed an ad hoc committee to discuss changes to the city form of government.

Former Mayor Chris Martin (1975-78), local businessman Roger Cain, retired school teacher and local historian Otto Dick, library board member Rick Bunton, council member Melanie Cozzi, and businessman John Dickson. The group first met in May 2021 to investigate the benefits of switching to Council-Manager.

Currently, 80 municipalities in Illinois operate under the Council-Manager form of government. These municipalities have adopted this form to establish an efficient and effective way to administer local governance. The Council-Manager allows an elected Council to be policymakers that selects a professional Manager to execute those policies and administer of day-to-day government.

To learn more, the committee consulted with John Phillips, an expert in the change of form in city government. Phillips served as city administrator for Rockford, and he was the city manager in Rock Island for 25 years. He explained that a city manager could be useful for Oregon for crafting development agreements, human resources, budget matters, as well as overseeing new projects for the city that are brought forth by commissioners.

Under Oregon’s present Mayor Council government the City Administrator reports to the Mayor. With a Council Manager form, the manager is chosen by the entire elected city

council and reports to them as a whole.

In March of 2020 Cheryl Hilton became the new City Clerk and Darin DeHaan was appointed as Oregon’s first City Administrator. This created a clear separation of duties. The City Clerk can concentrate on her statutory required job duties while the City Administrator began to develop daily management strategies for the city.

The City Administrator is highly involved in all levels of government, from economic development to handling daily HR and operational issues. The City Administrator position has naturally developed into a conduit for all the great things going on in Oregon. Having one person as a contact for citizens, and all the various city committees, has increased the efficiency of our local government.

The ad hoc committee is actively pursuing a referendum that will allow City Hall to operate under a trained professional that can manage the increasing demands for technical, legal, operational, and administrative skills that part-time elected officials, or well-meaning volunteers, often do not possess. The petition for the change in government is set to be filed to the county clerk on June 28, requiring a minimum of 40 signatures to secure the referendum on the November ballot. If the referendum passes, the city manager will be sworn in to this new title after the local elections in April 2023.

To learn more about this topic people may also join the group at the following meetings where we will have an open Q&A – Rotary, Lions, Oregon Together, Hands on Oregon, and the Historical Society. Announcements will be posted on the City of Oregon social media pages, as well as continue to update residents in the newspaper.

### Rock River Center has upcoming events

Rock River Center is a resource center located at 810 S. 10th Street, Oregon. 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](http://www.rockrivercenter.org) and like us on Facebook.

Registration is requested for anyone planning to attend a scheduled program or class at Rock River Center. It helps us plan enough seating. Just give us call 815-732-3252. Thank you for your support in this matter.

#### Outing of the Month Club

Thursday, June 9  
Nachusa Grasslands  
\* Bison Viewing / Guided Hike / New Visitors Center  
\* \$5 Trans/Activity Fee payable at RRC before departure  
\* Registration deadline is June 7  
\* Lunch (on your own) afterward.

#### Father’s Day

A Day of Baseball History  
Dads, join us on Friday, June 17, for “A Day of Baseball History.” Our program will be begin promptly at 10 a.m. at Rock River Center. Be prepared to enjoy the following videos about baseball history: “The Baseball Bunch” with Johnny Bench

The series starred Johnny Bench as the coach to a fictional baseball team of eight little league aged children known as “The Baseball Bunch”. The ninth team-member was “The San Diego Chicken” (played by Ted Giannoulas) who served as a comic foil to Bench as he would attempt to mentor

the children. Featured are Major League guest stars, such as Tommy LaSorda and Phil Niekro, along with clips of other Major League players.

In addition to the technical fundamentals of the game, the series would also touch on some of the psychological challenges youngsters face.

#### “A Visual History” – Comisky to Veeck

At the down of the 20th Century, Charles Comisky helped found the American League and created the Chicago White Sox. Since then, the sounds of baseball have been heard continuously on Chicago’s Southside, sometimes ringing the glory, sometimes with tragedy, but always heard appreciatively by their fans. “A Visual History” includes all the action and personalities that made baseball an exciting, vibrant part of the Southside over 85 years. Enjoy A Day of Baseball History with us with fresh-popped popcorn and cracker jacks.

After the program, please join us for a Lifescape hot dog lunch served at 11:30 a.m., for a \$3 suggested donation. Registration Required \* Deadline for Registration and lunch reservations: Tuesday, June 14, before 10:30 a.m. \* Call 815-732-3252 to sign-up.

#### Senior Information Services Provided By RRC

Do you need help with Benefit Access Application, Medicare, housing, personal care, homemaking, heating assistance or other things? Rock River Center’s Information & Assistance Specialists are available at various lo-

cations throughout Ogle County. We are at:

- Byron/Jarrett Prairie Center: June 13 from 11 a.m.-noon
- Forreston/Faith Lutheran Church: June 15 from 11 a.m.-noon
- Mt. Morris Library: June 9 from 11 a.m.-noon
- Polo Public Library: June 22 from 10 a.m.-noon
- Rochelle/Hub City Senior Center: June 1, 8, & 22 from 9:30 a.m.-noon

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The Benefit Access Program allows you to get a discount on your license plate sticker. The cost of your sticker could be as low as \$24. To qualify, you must meet income guidelines as follows:

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- You must be 16 years of age or older and totally disabled before January 1 of this year
- Your 2020 annual income must be less than:
  - \$33,562 for a 1 person household
  - \$44,533 for a 2 person household
  - \$55,500 for a 3 person household
- You must live in Illinois at the time you file your application.

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Meets: 4th Wednesday of March, June, Sept. & November. Time: 2-3 p.m.

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# LOCAL NEWS



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**MEMORIAL DAY**  
REMEMBER AND HONOR

# With Fondest Memories

## **John Chinouth**

1/14/1958-10/27/2012

Brother

Though out of sight, you'll  
forever be in my heart and  
mind.

You are always in my heart,  
love you always. Until we  
meet again.

## **Andrew M. Long**

5/6/1983-10/14/2020

Son

Though out of sight, you'll  
forever be in my heart and  
mind.

## **Andrew M. Long**

5/6/1983-10/14/2020

Brother

You were a light in our life  
that burns forever in our  
hearts.

Love and miss you always.  
April & John Jr.

## **Leonard Claude Lutz**

2/23/1929-8/29/2016

Father

Thank you for the wonderful  
days we shared together.  
My Prayers will be with you  
until we meet again.

Love always Dad, your  
children, Dick, Deb, &  
Karen

## **Joyce Elaine Lutz**

8/21/1930-3/31/2019

Mother

We send this message with  
a loving kiss for eternal rest  
and happiness.

Love you always Mom.  
Your kids, Dick, Deb &  
Karen

## **Karen Louise Lutz**

3/18/1959-2/21/2012

Sister

You are in our thoughts and  
prayers from morning to  
night and from year to year.

Best Sister ever.  
Love always, Dick and Deb

## **Helen M. Ehmen**

9/16/1925-1/14/2015

Mom

We hold you in our thoughts  
and memories forever.

Always in our hearts.  
Your loving family

## **John V. Ehmen Sr.**

1/11/1925-1/9/2013

Dad

We hold you in our thoughts  
and memories forever.

Always in our hearts.  
Your loving family

## **Ruby Deitzman**

1/28/1924-9/3/2013

Mother

Alife that touches others will  
go on forever.

Charles Deitzman

## **Helen L Waterson**

3/5/1920-12/30/2012

Mom

Forever missed, never  
forgotten. May God hold  
you in the palm of His hand.  
May God's angels guide you  
and protect you throughout  
time.

Mom, you're forever in our  
hearts. Love you forever,  
Barbara, Mary, David,  
Charlotte, Pamela & Families

## **Michael (Mike) D. McDanel**

9/17/1970-4/7/2015

Son

Forever missed, never  
forgotten. May God hold  
you in the palm of His hand.  
May the light of peace shine  
on your face for eternity.

Mike, you're forever in our  
hearts. Love you forever,  
Mom & Dad, Dad &  
Grandpa

## **Joeseph E. Dvorak**

9/3/1924-7/10/1996

Father

May God cradle you in His  
arms, now and forever.

Always in our prayers.

Kathy A. Personette

## **Jason L. Corbin**

2/24/1976-7/10/2019

Son

You were a light in our life  
Son that burns forever in  
our hearts. Forever missed,  
never forgotten.

Rae & Mike & Family

## **Carroll J. "CJ" Taylor**

12/17/1941-2/9/2022

Spouse

You were a light in our life  
that burns forever in our  
hearts.

Your loving Family

## **Iva Oleson**

5/23/1936-9/17/2014

Mother

The days may come and go,  
but the times we shared will  
always remain.

Debra Featherston & Family

## **Ron Jordan**

7/21/1961-7/21/1988

Best Friend

Though out of sight, you'll  
forever be in my heart and  
mind.

Alyce Ricks

## **Dana Calhoun**

12/20/1955-7/14/2017

Dana miss you Mom, Butch,  
Peggy so much. I hope your  
dancing in the sky! Give  
heaven some hell!

Love you! (Sister) Suz  
Calhoun

## **Pat Onken**

1935-2/19/2016

Here on earth everythings  
different since you've gone.  
There's a empty nest. Miss  
you so very much Mom. Love  
you so!

Susie Calhoun (Daughter)

## **Peggy Janssen**

3/20/1959-7/6/2018

I hope the angels know what  
they have! Is it peaceful &  
free like they say! Miss you  
so! Little Sister. Love you so!

Sue Cahoun (Sister)

## **Irv Orsted**

6/26/1926-2-11/2002

Husband

May God's angels guide you  
and protect you throughout  
time.

Joyce Orsted

# With Fondest Memories

## *Jewel E. Dixon*

5/20/1920-6/16/1989

Father

The days we shared were sweet. I long to see you again in God's heavenly glory.

Kathy Huerta and Family

## *Euthel M. Dixon*

6/29/1924-12/16/1998

Father

The days we shared were sweet. I long to see you again in God's heavenly glory..

Kathy Huerta and Family

## *Barbara Ann*

### *Russell*

3/25/1949-2/3/2021

Sister

Thank you for the wonderful days we shared together. My Prayers will be with you until we meet again.

Kathy Huerta and Family

## *Patrick W.G. Hicks*

3/5/1963-10/22/2020

Husband & Father

You were a light in our life that burns forever in our hearts.

Love always & never forgotten.  
Sue Hicks

## *Chelsey A. Rapp*

9/9/1990-10/19/2018

Daughter

Forever missed, never forgotten. May God hold you in the palm of His hand.

Always in our hearts.  
Love Mom, Draven, Fallon and Family

## *Harold H. Dietrich*

12/12/1922-11/30/2020

Husband

We hold you in our thoughts and memories forever.

Lois M. Dietrich

## *Merle Oleson*

12/14/1931-2/6/2019

Father

Your courage and bravery still inspire us all, and the memory of your smile fills us with joy and laughter.

Featherston Family

## *Donald E. Ebens*

9/29/1933-12/30/2020

Husband & Father

Your smile & presence, we miss. Your memory we treasure, forgetting you never.

Love, Leatha, Greg, Jeff and Starla

## *Michael J. Ebens*

2/11/1991-12/11/2010

Grandson-Son-Nephew

You were a light in our life that burns forever in our hearts.

Forgetting you never, miss you so much.  
Leatha, Greg, Jeff and Starla

## *Diane M. Bush*

2/1/1954-8/9/2021

Wife

Thank you for the wonderful days we shared together. My Prayers will be with you until we meet again.

You were taken from us in an instant and we wish we had more time together. Thanks for taking such good care of us.  
Love your Family

## *Robert G. Meline*

11/3/1932-9/8/2018

Husband, Father, Grandfather  
We hold you in our thoughts and memories forever.

With all our love,  
your loving Wife and Family

## *Patsy Wright*

5/19/1956-11/5/2017

Mother

The days we shared were sweet. I long to see you again in God's heavenly glory.

Forever in our hearts,  
Jack, Daniel, Stacy, Sara & grandchildren

## *Mark 'Opa' Rust*

6/16/1956-10/26/2021

My FIL

Forever missed, never forgotten. May God hold you in the palm of His hand.

Always in my heart,  
Your 'Little Buddy'  
Hayden Rust

## *Elaine Jacobs*

### *Mowry*

3/22/1949/5/1/2014

Wife

You were a light in our life that burns forever in our hearts.

To you from all of us.  
We miss you.  
Your loving family

## *Amy Luann Adams*

10/15/1975-9/10/2013

Daughter

You were a light in our life that burns forever in our hearts.

Barb Adams

## *Kevin Lee Adams*

9/21/1958-4/8/2022

Husband

Though out of sight, you'll forever be in my heart and mind.

Barb Adams

## *Warren Ernest Ippen*

4/10/1938-12/27/2021

Father

Forever missed, never forgotten. May God hold you in the palm of His hand.

Miss your smile.  
Betty, Lonna, Gay, Edie, Beth, Lori, Family & Friends

## *Geordia Mowry*

6/29/1971-10/28/2000

Wife-Mother

Though out of sight, you'll forever be in my heart and mind.

Your Sons,  
Caleb & Kole

## *Lloyd Zimmerman*

9/10/1933-11/10/2020

Husband

We send this message with a loving kiss for eternal rest and happiness.

Love you always,  
Doreen & Teenie

# LOCAL NEWS

## Forreston Honor's Night scholarships winners named

**FORRESTON** – On Wednesday, May 11, Forreston High School held its annual honor's night.

At the honor's night, the Class of 2022 (55 seniors) were recognized for their academics, athletics, and/or leadership achievements. During the event, \$481,000 was awarded to students who earned scholarships from prospective colleges and local scholarships. Scholarships came from local groups, families, businesses. Below is a listing of award winners:

American Legion Honorable Mention Award – Autumn McGlynn, Carter Daws  
 American Legion Award – Naya Haller, Aaron Anderson  
 American Legion Post #397 Scholarship – Makayla Cole  
 FFA Alumni Scholarships – Dylan Lewis, Laci Meyer  
 Keith Reemtsma Scholarship – Carter Daws

Western Illinois University Principal's Scholarship – Mya Taylor  
 Morrison Institute of Technology – Michael Netherland  
 Whiteside Area Career Center Scholarships – Logan Dyson, Montanna Heinz, Breanna Kloster, Josie Pals

HCC Harold Lee Ofenheiser Ecology-Biology Scholarship, Highland Chapter #108 Scholarship and Whitetails Unlimited Scholarship – Aaron Anderson  
 HCC Eduard Buss Business & Technology Scholarship – Cole Becker  
 HCC Eduard Buss Business & Technology Scholarship and Richard Ames Memorial Scholarship – Christian Gasmund  
 HCC R.C. Miller Agriculture Scholarship – Dylan Greenfield  
 HCC Ken and Marien Stein Scholarship – Breanna Kloster  
 HCC Harold D. Walkup Scholarship – Laci Meyer

Lorene and Gary Stamm Scholarship Awards – Dylan Lewis, Kailey Sanders  
 Lucille Bruning Memorial Trust Scholarships – Naya Haller, Breanna Kloster  
 The "Ole" Hiteman Scholarship – Laci Meyer  
 Solutions Bank Scholarships – Kara Erdmann, Dylan Greenfield  
 Forrestville Valley Youth Network Scholarship – Carter Daws  
 Link Family Scholarships – Aaron Anderson, Christian Gasmund, Natalie Johnson, Josie Pals  
 Lloyd Folkerts Scholarship – Mason Fox  
 German Valley Lions Scholarship – Naya Haller  
 Leaf River Lions Scholarship – Autumn McGlynn  
 Forreston Lions Scholarship – Aaron Anderson  
 Darrell Windle Scholarship – Michael Netherland  
 The Drew Crase Memorial Scholarship – Kailey Sanders

Forrestville Valley Education Association Scholarship – Breanna Kloster  
 German American State Bank Scholarships – Cole Becker, Julia Wells  
 Lola Borchers Scholarships – Taylor Akins, Aaron Anderson, Makayla Cole, Mason Fox,  
 Christian Gasmund, Naya Haller  
 James Schneiderman Memorial Scholarship – Aaron Anderson  
 Harm Smith Scholarship – Aaron Anderson  
 Forrestville Valley Foundation Scholarship – Carter Daws, Jacob Fiorello, Mason Fox, Montanna Heinz, Natalie Johnson, Julia Wells  
 Beth Amsrud Scholarship – Taylor Akins  
 Gallagher Engineering Scholarship – Mason Fox  
 Colony Brands Scholarship – Marisa Vogt  
 Freeport Garden Club Scholarship – Carter Daws  
 Rock River Blood Center Scholarship – Michael Netherland  
 Forreston Music Patrons – Aaron Anderson  
 Golden Apple Scholar – Naya Haller  
 Forrestville Valley Administrative Scholarships – Aaron Anderson, Autumn McGlynn  
 Wood Trust Scholarships – Taylor Akins, Montanna Heinz, Natalie Johnson, Julia Wells  
 College Scholarships – Taylor Akins (NIU), Kara Erdmann (UW-Milwaukee), Jacob Fiorello (UW-Whitewater), Mason Fox (UW-Platteville), Naya Haller (NIU), Montanna Heinz (UW-Stevens Point), Natalie Johnson (UW-Platteville), Autumn McGlynn (UW-Stevens Point), Michael Netherland (Morrison Institute), Josie Pals (Illinois College), Mary Salins (ISU), Kailey Sanders (WIU), Mya Taylor (WIU), Marisa Vogt (NIU), Julia Wells (UM-Twin Cities)  
 HCC Servant Leaders – Jacob Fiorello, Montanna Heinz, Natalie Johnson, Autumn McGlynn, Mya Taylor  
 Recognition of Eagle Scouts – Aaron Anderson, Dylan Lewis, Alexander Williams  
 Recognition of Enlistment – Braydon Altherr (US Marine Corp), Layla Cuthrell (Army National Guard), Ryan Morris (US Army)  
 Forreston Sports Boosters Scholarships – Kara Erdmann, Mason Fox  
 Academic All-Conference Awards – Taylor Akins, Aaron Anderson, Matthew Beltran, Makayla Cole, Carter Daws, Kara Erdmann, Jacob Fiorello, Mason Fox, Christian Gasmund, Naya Haller, Montanna Heinz, Natalie Johnson, Breanna Kloster, Autumn McGlynn, Josie Pals, Mya Taylor,  
 Marisa Vogt, Julia Wells  
 Senior Athletic Letter

Awards – Taylor Akins, Braydon Altherr, Thomas Appel, Cole Becker,  
 Matthew Beltran, Carter Daws, Logan Dyson, Kara Erdmann, Jacob Fiorello, Mason Fox,  
 Christian Gasmund, Dylan Greenfield, Naya Haller, Montanna Heinz, Natalie Johnson, Noah King-Black, Breanna Kloster, Scarlet Merrell, Holly Plock, Mary Salins, Kailey Sanders,  
 Ethan Scaman, Joseph Snyder, Mya Taylor, Marisa Vogt, Julia Wells  
 Steve Denekas Most Varsity Letters Earned Award – Logan Dyson, Kara Erdmann  
 3-Sport athletes – Thomas Appel, Logan Dyson, Mason Fox, Marisa Vogt  
 4 Year 3-sport athletes – Thomas Appel, Logan Dyson, Mason Fox  
 Top Female Athlete of the Class of 2022 – Kara Erdmann  
 Top Male Athlete of the Class of 2022 – Matthew Beltran  
 Marketing Awards – Kara Erdmann, Mason Fox, Dylan Greenfield, Joseph Snyder, Mya Taylor  
 Ever-Fi Awards (sponsored by Solutions Bank) – Taylor Akins, Aaron Anderson, Katelynn Anderson, Thomas Appel, Cole Becker, Joslyn Brashaw, Hayden Cagley, Makayla Cole, Brody Coy, Layla Cuthrell, Carter Daws, Hailey Deen, Brayden Dorsey, Logan Dyson, Kara Erdmann, Jacob Fiorello, Mason Fox, Christian Gasmund, Courtney Greenfield, Dylan Greenfield, Naya Haller, Montanna Heinz, David Hohenstein, Anthony Jenkins, Noah Johnson, Devonte King-Black, Breanna Kloster,  
 Arianna Koerble, Dylan Lewis, Noah Lindquist, Autumn McGlynn, Scarlet Merrell, Laci Meyer,  
 Ryan Morris, Michael Netherland, Josie Pals, Nicholas Parra, Faith Pepper, Holly Plock, Mary Salins, Hadley Sanders, Ethan Scaman, Joseph Snyder, Brooklyn Sulser, Roger Swartz,  
 Mya Taylor, Marisa Vogt, Alexander Williams, Wade Wilson  
 Blood Drive Participants – Braydon Altherr, Aaron Anderson, Brody Coy, Jacob Fiorello, Courtney Greenfield, Naya Haller, Dylan Lewis, Autumn McGlynn, Scarlet Merrell, Laci Meyer,  
 Michael Netherland, Faith Pepper, Mary Salins, Hadley Sanders, Marisa Vogt, Alexander Williams  
 Honor Roll Award – Thomas Appel, Cole Becker, Anthony Jenkins, Noah Lindquist, Laci Meyer,  
 Kailey Sanders, Roger Swartz, Alexander Williams, Wade Wilson  
 Excellence Honor Roll Award – Taylor Akins, Aaron Anderson, Katelynn Anderson, Joslyn Brashaw, Makayla Cole, Logan Dyson, Kara Erdmann, Mason Fox, Christian Gasmund, Courtney Greenfield, Dylan Greenfield, Naya Haller, Montanna Heinz, Breanna Kloster, Arianna Koerble, Autumn McGlynn, Michael Netherland, Josie Pals, Nicholas Parra, Faith Pepper,  
 Holly Plock, Mary Salins, Joseph Snyder, Mya Taylor, Marisa Vogt  
 4 Year "A" Honor Roll – Taylor Akins  
 4 Year Attendance Award – Aaron Anderson, Cole Becker, Logan Dyson, Christian Gasmund, Dylan Greenfield, David Hohenstein, Breanna Kloster, Autumn McGlynn, Michael Netherland, Josie Pals  
 STEP Program – Hailey Deen, David Hohenstein, Arianna Koerble, Roger Swartz (thank you to Danlee Wood Products, Forreston Auto Care, Forreston Auto Body, Koeller Forreston Hardware & Forreston Veterinary Clinic who have provided training positions for our STEP program students this year and in the past years)  
 WACC Students of the Month – Cole Becker, Carter Daws, Montanna Heinz, Autumn McGlynn, Michael Netherland, Josie Pals, Nicholas Parra  
 Daughters of the American Revolution – Autumn McGlynn  
 Sons of the American Revolution – Aaron Anderson  
 Illinois State Scholars – Taylor Akins, Michael Netherland, Marisa Vogt, Julia Wells  
 Illinois Principal's Association Award – Taylor Akins, Montanna Heinz  
 National Honor Society – Taylor Akins, Aaron Anderson, Kara Erdmann, Jacob Fiorello, Mason Fox, Christian Gasmund, Naya Haller, Montanna Heinz, Natalie Johnson, Autumn McGlynn, Michael Netherland, Mya Taylor, Marisa Vogt, Julia Wells  
 Forreston Honor's Total Achievement – Dylan Greenfield, Anthony Jenkins, Dylan Lewis, Ryan Morris, Nicholas Parra, Faith Pepper, Joseph Snyder  
 Forreston Honor's Highest Achievement – Taylor Akins, Aaron Anderson, Matthew Beltran, Makayla Cole, Carter Daws, Kara Erdmann, Mason Fox, Christian Gasmund, Naya Haller, Montanna Heinz, Natalie Johnson, Breanna Kloster, Autumn McGlynn, Michael Netherland, Josie Pals, Mary Salins, Mya Taylor, Marisa Vogt, Julia Wells  
 Top Ten Percent – Taylor Akins, Julia Wells, Kara Erdmann, Montanna Heinz, Autumn McGlynn

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## DIRECTORY OF AREA HUMAN SERVICES

### Alcohol Abuse Counseling & Recovery

**A.A. Hotline** **800-452-7990**  
**Sinnissippi Centers, Inc.**  
**Oregon** **732-3157**  
**Rochelle** **562-3801**

### Domestic Abuse Agency and 24-Hour Shelter and Helpline

**HOPE of Ogle County** **562-8890 or 732-7796**  
**Counseling Services, Court Advocacy, Latina Advocacy, and Shelter programs**

### Education

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

### Low Income Housing

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

### Habitat for Humanity of Ogle County

**P.) Box 628**  
**Oregon, IL 61061** **732-6855**

### Mental Health

**Family Counseling Services** **962-5585**  
**Sinnissippi Centers, Inc.**  
**Oregon** **732-3157**  
**Rochelle** **562-3801**  
**The Serenity Shed Grief Services** **732-2499**

### Senior Citizens Services

**Hub City Senior Center** **562-5050**  
**Mt Morris Senior Center** **734-6335**  
**Polo Senior Center** **946-3818**  
**Rock River Center** **732-3252**  
**Oregon, IL** **800-541-5479**

### Sexual Assault/Abuse

**Rockford Sexual Assault Counseling**  
**24-hour hotline** **636-9811**  
**412 W Washington, Oregon** **732-0000**

### Therapeutic

**Pegasus Special Riders** **973-3177**

### Veterans' Services

**Rock River Center** **732-3252**  
**Serenity Hospice and Home** **732-2499**  
**Medical Transportation** **677-6515**

### Wellness Services

**Ogle County Health Dept**  
**907 Pines Rd, Oregon** **562-6976**  
**510 Lincoln Hwy, Rochelle** **562-6976**  
**Serenity Hospice and Home** **732-2499**

## Serenity memorial Golf Play Day June 18

**OREGON** – Serenity Hospice and Home will be holding their 30th Annual Jonathon Knodle Memorial Golf Play Day.

This event honors the life of Jonathon Knodle, the son of Lynn and Doug Knodle, who died in 1990. He was cared for by Serenity Hospice (formerly Ogle County Hospice) in the final months of his life. Both Doug and Lynn became passionate volunteers for Serenity following his death, and Lynn is now the CEO. The Golf Play Day has raised over \$312,000 for Serenity Hospice & Home, helping

them to provide the highest quality care to patients and their families.

The Golf Play Day will be held on Saturday, June 18th, at PrairieView Golf Course, located at 7993 N. River Road, Rt. 72 & German Church Road, Byron. Check-in begins at 7 a.m. and the shotgun start is at 8am. There will be a best ball scramble, on course contests, raffles and more.

People can register online at our fundraiser.events/jdkgolffplayday. For more information, call Serenity Hospice and Home at 815-732-2499.



# LOCAL NEWS

## WWII Museum open Memorial Day

**ROCHELLE** – Roberts Armory WWII museum will be open to the public on Memorial Day from 1-4 p.m. The Higgins Boat will be open for viewing, weather permitting. The next opening will be Aug. 20. To get to the museum, follow the signs on the Army truck at Rt. 251 & Intermodal Drive (Approximately 3 miles). Many World War II artifacts are on display including tanks, trucks, cannons and Rochelle News-Leader newspapers from 1945 presenting photographs of Rochelle residents who served during World War II. Museum vehicles will also be in the Memorial Day parade in Rochelle.



More information is available on the Rochelle website at: <http://www.enjoy-rochelle.com/online-directory/what-to-do/history-attractions/robert-s-armory.html>. There is no admission charge.



Louise Price is a frequent performer at First Friday Open Mics. Her traditional folk songs, from her native Ireland and elsewhere, as well as her more current ballads make her a popular feature.

## First Friday's Open Mic June 3 in Oregon

**OREGON** – The First Fridays Open Mic returns on June 3 to K's Sports Bar in Oregon. The monthly event attracts many talented performers, but musicians and singers of all skill levels find acceptance from its supportive audience. Each performer is allowed 15 minutes, and everyone can also join in on a jam session at the end of the show.

The show starts at 7 p.m. Admission is free, although a jar is available for donations. Sign-up for performers is at 6:45 p.m. K's Sports Bar is located at 408 East Washington (Rt. 64) in Oregon, close to several restaurants. Interested parties who have questions can contact Jerry Tice, at 815-449-2660.

## Rotary supports district with grant

**OREGON** – The Oregon Rotary Club helped the Oregon School District provide student resources along side the Oregon High School Transition Program. The OHS Transition Program will directly assist many Oregon High School students develop knowledge and skills to help them transition to either the workforce or college preparation. The Rotary club paid for training supplies through the receipt of a Rotary District Grant. The grant helped support one of Rotary's primary missions of supporting basic education and literacy. The grant supplies will continue to support the OHS Transition Program and On-the-Job Training Program for years to come. The Rotary Club was able to purchase many supplies, including work uniforms, gardening supplies and materials, a canopy tent, as well as a washer, dryer and dishwasher. The supplies will help many students learn life skills and prepare them for life after high school.



For more information on the Oregon Rotary Club please contact us using the following email address: [oregonrotary@gmail.com](mailto:oregonrotary@gmail.com).

## Pride Month Art Show at Oregon Library

A local group of LGBTQ and allies in the community are working toward celebrating Pride in Oregon and Mt. Morris. Each year in June, the world celebrates Pride month to uplift and celebrate LGBTQ voices. The group believes that Pride

activities in our community will help create a welcoming and safe space for everyone. To celebrate, an art show and competition of Pride-themed art will be on display at Oregon Public Library, 300 Jefferson St., Oregon, on Saturday, June 4, from 1-4 p.m. The public is invited to view the work of local artists and vote for their favorite. If you are interested in participating in the art show or for more information, contact Anaya at 815-517-3384 or [anaya-jade738@gmail.com](mailto:anaya-jade738@gmail.com).

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### Mon., May 30

Roberts Armory WWII museum will be open to the public from 1-4 p.m. The Higgins Boat will be open for viewing, weather permitting. To get to the museum, follow the signs on the Army truck at Rt. 251 & Intermodal Drive (approximately 3 miles).

### Tues., May 31

The Serenity Shed at 113 N 3<sup>rd</sup> St., is holding a Vet-to-Vet Café from 1 a.m.-noon. The events provide an opportunity

for veterans to come in and enjoy conversation with one another along with complimentary coffee and donuts. Please RSVP by calling Serenity Hospice at 815-732-2499 and asking for Stephanie Wheeler.

### Fri., June 3

First Friday's Open Mic event at K's Sports Bar in Oregon. Show starts at 7 p.m. Free.

The New Beginnings Al-Anon Family Group meets each Friday morning at 10 a.m. at the KSB

Medical Clinic, 1107 S. Division (Route 52), in Polo. The meeting is also on Zoom; information for that option may be acquired by calling 815-732-7616.

### Sat., June 4

The 11th annual Forreston FFA Alumni Tractor and Truck Pull begins at noon. Classes for Antique tractors begin at noon, followed by Farm Stock classes at 2 p.m., Truck classes at 4 p.m., and finally at 7 p.m., Badger State classes. The pull takes place at the track behind the River Valley

Complex. Sid Anderson will be honored at the Leaf River All-School Reunion at "The Barn on the Hill." Doors will open at 4:30 p.m. with The Jeff Wagner Band, (alumni) Grass Attack kicking off the event at 5 p.m. Ralphie's BBQ will be on site at that time with many tasty selections.

Please send your items for the weekly Community Calendar to [bjennings@oglecountylife.com](mailto:bjennings@oglecountylife.com). Deadline for all items is 3 p.m. Wednesday.

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# VIEWPOINT

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## MOMENTS IN TIME

\* On June 13, 1381, a large mob of English peasants marches into London and begins burning and looting the city. The revolt began with the bubonic plague in the late 1340s, which killed nearly a third of the population of England and led to higher wages due to scarcity of labor. Parliament, however, passed laws to hold down wages.

\* On June 19, 1856, the first national convention of the Republican Party comes to its conclusion. After the Civil War, the Republican-dominated Congress forced a radical Reconstruction policy on the South, which saw the passage of the 13th, 14th and 15th Amendments to the Constitution.

\* On June 17, 1885, the dismantled Statue of Liberty, a gift from France, arrives in New York Harbor after being shipped across the Atlantic Ocean in 350 individual pieces packed in more than 200 cases. The copper and iron statue was reassembled and dedicated the following year.

\* On June 15, 1904, more than 1,000 people taking a pleasure trip on New York City's East River are drowned or burned to death when fire sweeps through the riverboat-style steamer General Slocum.

\* On June 14, 1951, the U.S. Census Bureau dedicates UNIVAC, the first commercially produced general-purpose electronic digital computer in the U.S. UNIVAC used thousands of vacuum tubes for computation.

\* On June 16, 1961, Rudolf Nureyev, the young star of the Soviet Union's Kirov Opera Ballet Company, defects during a stopover in Paris. While preparing to board the return flight, Nureyev threw himself into the arms of airport security people, screaming, "Protect me!" He was given political asylum.

\* On June 18, 1983, Dr. Sally K. Ride becomes the first American woman in space when the shuttle Challenger is launched on its second mission. Ride, as a mission specialist, was the first woman to operate the shuttle's mechanical arm used to remove ice from its exterior.

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## Burning rubber, but not in the fun way

BOOM!

It was a huge sound, even as we were riding down the freeway on motorcycles going nearly 80 mph.

I was on I-40 in Texas recently with two buddies, riding west toward Arizona to visit family. It was a very warm afternoon, and we were more than 400 miles into a ride of about 650 that day. The last thing we needed was a surprise. But we got one when the tire in a semi we were passing blew with a loud boom. I was in front, so as I looked to my right, I saw not only pieces of tire, but also metal sliding toward me on the highway.

That was not a good feeling.

We moved to the left and were able to dodge every piece of rubber on the road. It was a real heart-stopping moment that could have gone bad but didn't.

Well, that was our one near disaster, I thought. I was wrong. Not that many miles later a horse trailer being pulled by a truck blew all four of its back tires — I have no idea how

### Living the Life

By Brad Jennings



— and the metal scraping the asphalt on the highway started a fire in the middle median. It happened probably 10 minutes before we rode through. Not only did we have to dodge a lot of rubber, but the fire almost choked us out. There is no place to hide on a motorcycle.

Thankfully, that was it for the trip. But there always seems to be something.

We stayed for a few days in Arizona where my brothers, son and dad all live in the same town. I had not seen my dad in three years, which is way too long. He turns 88 this week, so it was good to

see him and spend some time with him. We had a great time.

While there, we rented a house from Air B&B, something I had never done before. It was a three bedroom, two bath house with a pool in a nice neighborhood. When you broke down the cost between the three of us, it was cheaper per night than your average hotel.

And did I mention it had a pool?

And we needed that pool because it was hot — unseasonably hot. It was in the 90s every day we were there and there was never a cloud in the sky. I do love the sun and the warmth, but it can really beat you up when you are riding in it.

As with most trips, one thing we did was eat. And eat way too much. The menu was very heavy on the Mexican food, which is the greatest food in the world. In fact, one thing I noticed as we rode is that there are more and more Mexican food restaurants and taco stands everywhere. Not only in Arizona and Texas and New Mexico. I am

talking about tiny towns in Kansas, and Missouri and Iowa. In fact, we had some great Mexican food in Cedar Rapids, Iowa the night before we got home.

Speaking of Kansas, we rode through northwestern Oklahoma into southwestern Kansas and I must question the sanity of people who live there. Seriously, there was nothing as far as the eye could see. And that meant the wind had no breaks and tried its best to make us run off the road into the fields that were mostly dirt.

I feel for anyone who lives in that place. No thanks.

As we rode home, the weather got cooler and cloudier the further east we got. It was a bit of a letdown, but it is always great to be home.

We are already planning our next trip. We are looking west to Monument Valley, but that could always change. For now, it is great to be home and not riding next to semis with exploding tires.

*Brad Jennings is Editor of The Ogle County*

## On abortion, Dred Scott, today's Supreme Court

The firestorm over the Supreme Court's expected abortion ruling isn't the first in its 230-year history. Angry critics, past and present, have accused the Court of political bias. It would be naïve to think otherwise.

The justices, appointed as they are by the President and Senate, reflect the politics of the time of their appointment. Supreme Court decisions are unavoidably colored by its members' political and social views. The Constitution that lives in the mind of each justice isn't and can't be exactly the same as the often vaguely-worded written one.

Nowhere is that clearer than in the Dred Scott ruling of 1857, the most explosive decision in the Court's history. H.W. Brands describes the case and its disastrous outcome in his book, "The Zealot and the Emancipator." Dred Scott and his wife, Harriet, were slaves who sued for their freedom on the grounds that they had lived for a time in the free state of Illinois and in the free territory of Wisconsin.

The case eventually made its way to the Supreme Court, where the six southerners on the Court, plus one of the three northerners, ruled against the Scotts. The majority

### Guest Opinion

By Lowell Harp



opinion, written by Chief Justice Roger Taney, began by declaring that the Scotts couldn't sue in federal court because they weren't, under the Constitution, citizens of the United States. Nor were any other African-Americans, whether enslaved or free.

"They had," Taney explained, "for more than a century before [the writing of the Constitution] been regarded as beings of an inferior order, and altogether unfit to associate with the white race either in social or political relations, and so far inferior that they had no rights which the white man was bound to respect, and that the negro might justly and lawfully be reduced to slavery for his benefit." Taney further insisted that "it is too clear to dispute" that the founders of the nation didn't include African

Americans when they said that all men are created equal.

He went on to declare, needlessly to the purpose at hand, that the federal government couldn't outlaw slavery in any of its territories. To do so would, Taney said, violate the fifth amendment rights of slave owners who might want to move there.

The Court's decision provoked, in the words of one historian, "unmitigated wrath from every segment of the United States except the slave holding states." The fury directed at the justices, according to another writer, "seems to have stunned them; far from extinguishing the slavery controversy, they had fanned its flames and had, moreover, deeply endangered the security of the judicial arm of government." Instead of settling the issue, as it had hoped, the Court had taken the nation one more step down the path to the Civil War.

The uproar over today's expected abortion decision will surely and thankfully not be as violent as that earlier one. But rulings that stray too far from broadly and long-held public opinion can damage the Court along with the nation.

You can reasonably

argue that the Roe v Wade decision that established the right to an abortion was a mistake. Even staunch pro-choice Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg questioned its wisdom. But the American people have supported it in poll after poll since the Court handed it down in 1973. Recent surveys, by Washington Post-ABC News and by CNN, place the margin of approval at about 2 to 1.

The Court's estrangement from the American people over this and other issues accompanies a decline in its public approval from 60% in 2007 to about 40% now, as reported in the May 7 Economist magazine. The reasons for the decline, and the solutions, stem from a larger problem that this column has pointed to many times in the past: the inequalities in our systems for electing the President and members of the Senate, who in turn appoint the members of the Court.

*Lowell Harp is a retired school psychologist who served school districts in Ogle County. His column runs monthly in The Ogle County Life. For previous articles, you can follow him on Facebook at <http://fb.me/lowellharp>.*

## Reeverts, Bowers supported for County Board

Dear Editor,

Early voting has started at the historical Ogle County Courthouse! Democracy is a great thing; we are so lucky to have this freedom in the United States. I have been lucky enough to serve you on the County Board the last 10 years and look forward to continue to serve you into the future.

Byron residence I am recommending that you consider Ryan Reeverts and Dorothy Bowers for election to the County Board.

The last 10 years I have gotten to know Dorothy very well and we have worked on numerous projects throughout the years together. Dorothy works very hard on the County Board as well as the Board of Health and 708 Mental Health Board. She comes to the meetings prepared and she is a respected voice on the board.

Ryan Reeverts is running for the first time for County Board but his resume is extremely impressive. Ryan is currently a member of the Ogle County Planning Commission

and has read through the entire county comprehensive plan several times. Ryan currently works and farms in Ogle County. He has been a member of numerous social clubs including 4-H, FFA, and the President of student government. Ryan would be a fresh conservative voice on the board that will work to keep government small and taxes in check.

Thank you,  
**Zachary S. Oltmanns, Davis Junction**

## Shouldn't have bothered with freeze assessment for seniors

Dear Editor,

I filed an assessment freeze for my 2021 real estate taxes. I received my bill today and my assessment went up \$6,000. My taxes went up \$400. I called the

courthouse and was told some story about the park district not charging enough the year before. Why would that affect my assessment?

Guess I shouldn't have bothered

to fill out that freeze assessment for seniors if my assessment and tax bill went up anyway. What a scam. Sincerely,

**Charlotte A. Meiter, Byron**

# LOCAL NEWS



## Concert in the Park series returns in June

**OREGON** – The Oregon Park District is excited to bring back the popular Concert in the Park series for June and July. The popular Concerts in the Park series kicks off on Tuesday, June 15. Concerts are held at Oregon Park West, 1402 Koontz Place, Oregon at the amphitheatre. Concerts begin at 6:30 p.m. and are sponsored by local businesses and free of charge. Bring your lawn chair, blanket, picnic basket and wear your dancing shoes! Enjoy a variety of music and family fun. We thank our local businesses that sponsor the entertainment each week. Concerts begin at 6:30 p.m. to encourage everyone to join us in the park and enjoy one of our local food trucks. Four vendors have signed on to offer a variety of food for dinner or just a treat. Hector's Cocina, Hazel's, WoodFire

Pizza and and Ice Cream Truck will offer a variety of food, coffees and sweet treats each week. Concerts in the Park schedule is:  
 June 15 – Him & Her sponsored by the City of Oregon.  
 June 22 – Heartache Tonight sponsored by KSB Clinic, Oregon.  
 June 29 – Blue Steel sponsored by The Harvard State Bank.  
 July 13 – Buzzed by SonSET sponsored by Central Bank.  
 July 20 – Hillbilly Rockstarz sponsored by E.D. Etnyre & Co.  
 July 27 – Burn N Bush sponsored by Woods/Blount.  
 In the event of threatening weather concerts will be rescheduled for a later date. Updates can be found on the Oregon Park District facebook page. For more information visit [www.oregonpark.org](http://www.oregonpark.org).

## Rotary scholarship winners named

**OREGON** – The Oregon Rotary Club Foundation board members appreciate the many applicants to the scholarship program. We are fortunate to have so many scholars of distinction in our district. We would like to thank all the candidates for taking the time to apply and for sharing their talents and leadership in our community. The Oregon High School seniors whom the board agreed best upheld the ideals of the Oregon Rotary Foundation for 2022 are Jenae Bothe, Isaac Brooks, Riley Crichton, Weston Hughes and Faith Marquardt. Additionally, Jenae Boothe and Isaac Brooks been given the

further distinction of being named as the 2022 Catherine Ehnen co-scholars. Each scholarship recipient will have a check mailed directly to the college they are enrolled with in the fall. Our hope is that these financial awards will help students pursue their college education and enable them to continue to support our fine community. A separate scholarship opportunity will be given to individuals who have completed at least one full year at a college or trade school. Over the course of the past 38 years, this program has awarded over \$400,000 to more than 200 area students who exhibited the ideals of Rotary International.

Each year the Oregon Rotary Club Foundation Board selects recipients whom the board feels meets the principles of Rotary International. The annual decision process is a very difficult yet a rewarding experience. The Oregon community should be very proud of these individuals who are not only excellent students, but participate in activities geared toward helping others as well. Rotary is a service club whose mission is to provide community service, both locally and internationally. Becoming a Rotarian provides the opportunity to do something for someone else and to sense the highly rewarding self-fulfillment that comes with the process.

## Chana celebration set for June 11-12

**CHANA** – Chana's 150th birthday celebration is gearing up to be a fun-filled 2-day event. The Sesquicentennial event will be held June 11th and 12th on the grounds of Chana Education Center. Saturday's activities feature a Car, Truck, Tractor & Wheels Show which is open to all vehicles. Enthusiasts can have a homemade breakfast of pancakes and sausage, biscuits and gravy, or sausage and biscuit sandwiches in the Chana Education Center gym. While there, they can peruse through the vast collection of memorabilia from Chana and the Pine Rock Community's history,

as well as the items in the silent auction. The Maggie & Amos Foundation will host their 5th annual Infinity Run 5k and 1 mile family fun run. Their 5k fundraiser has raised over \$30,000 in area grants to schools and libraries. Free children's activities will be held throughout the day and include bounce houses, face painting and balloons by children's entertainer Ms. Twistypants, a Touch-a-Truck, and water races hosted by the Oregon Fire Department. For more information on the event's schedule, as well as registration, please visit: <https://sites.google.com/ocecil.org/chanainfinityrun/home>

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## Oregon native qualifies for 2022 NCAA Division III Outdoor Championships

PLATTEVILLE, Wis. – Freshman Brenna Noon, of the University of Wisconsin-Platteville women's track program, will compete in the shot put at the 2022 NCAA Division III Outdoor Championship in Geneva, Ohio.

Noon enters the championship ranked 10th in the shot put with a season best toss of 14.06 meters (46' 1.5"). The Oregon native qualified for the 2022 NCAA Division III Indoor Championship.

The shot put preliminaries and finals were held on Friday, May 27 at 2 p.m.

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Members of the By-Y-Badgers and Byron Emerald Eagles that volunteered at the Byron Township Cemetery for National 4-H Day of Service.

## Byron 4-H clubs join forces to volunteer

National 4-H Day of Service encourages 4-H clubs to work together and get out into their communities to make a difference, which is exactly what the By-Y-Badgers and Emerald Eagles 4-H Clubs, both of Byron, did on Saturday, April 23.

The two clubs teamed up to do some spring clean-up at the Byron Township Cemetery where club members and their families worked along the perimeter fence to rake leaves, pick up sticks and branches, and then hauled it all to a central location for disposal. Members of the community and the overseers of the cemetery are appreciative of all that was accomplished.

Members of the By-Y-Badgers 4-H Club, along with their families, are also making a difference in additional ways in the community. For Valentine's Day,

members donated a variety of snacks and personal care items, and colored thank you cards to create care baskets to show appreciation and thank local healthcare workers for all they do on a daily basis. The baskets were delivered to local locations for OSF, Swedish American, KSB, and the Ogle County Health Department.

The By-Y-Badgers 4-H Club members are helping support the Ogle County 4-H Fair by sponsoring two 4-H fair awards and donating to the Children's Farm, which is held during fair week. Several families also participated in the Ogle County 4-H garbage bag and cookie dough fundraiser.

To learn more about the Ogle County 4-H program, please contact the Ogle County Extension Office at 815-732-2191.

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Amazing, one of a kind, irreplaceable, perfect opportunity to own this enchanting, exquisite, Victorian Cottage. Once you enter the front door of the foyer with built in cabinetry and stained glass window, to the office/den with French doors, floor to 10 foot ceiling built-ins you will be enchanted by this classic cottage. The back room of the house is a delightful 4 season room with windows galore to bring in the morning sunshine. The backyard has an 11 year old screened porch with a potting shed. Landscaping is striking with perennials and hostas. Lets not forget the basement, super clean. Currently set up with an office and workshop and a half bathroom. Perfect storybook house for your next chapter.



**1409 Jefferson Ave., Dixon \$180,000 Call Mark**  
Beautiful Bi-Level, 3 bedroom, 2 bath home for sale in Dixon! Extensive remodel in 2020 makes this property a real gem! Kitchen has brand new every thing that has not yet been used. Kitchen has granite countertops, stylish tiled backsplash, stainless steel appliances, eat-in dining area and door leading out to expansive cedar deck for entertaining! Lower level has gorgeous knotty pine family room with stone gas fireplace for relaxing plus another large bonus room! The spacious dedicated laundry room has upper & lower cabinets, newer washer/dryer that will stay and utility sink. Home has new windows, flooring, water heater, water softener and more! You will love the 6 panel doors throughout, 2.5 car detached garage with cement driveway, and gutter leaf guards! Great home in a great neighborhood!



**13269 E Holcomb Rd., Lindenwood \$355,000 Call Becky**  
Country living! This incredible 5 BR home has over 3000 sq. ft. and sits on 5 acres in the Meridian school district. Plenty of charm as you walk in the foyer to see the stunning open staircase with authentic woodwork on the walls. 3 sets of large pocket doors can separate the large LR, family room (wainscoting & window seat), & DR that has ample storage with 2-sided built-in's backing up to the kitchen. Farmhouse appeal with the brick chimney peeking through, original hardwood floors and numerous cabinets (all kitchen appliances stay including washer/dryer). Spacious utility room/laundry with oversized walk-in closet could also be converted to a bedroom (freezers don't stay). Upstairs includes 5 bedrooms (2 are attached with French doors for a master suite ideal) & 2nd bathroom with claw foot tub, 2nd back stairway to kitchen area. Stairs to full attic, 10 ft ceilings throughout home, newer mechanicals (water softener as-is), 2 A/C units, sump pump, reverse osmosis, 2 LP gas water heaters, dehumidifier, & root cellar for storage. Huge 90x48 outbuilding with 3/4 concrete floor and 1/4 gravel, drain, 2 sets of sliding doors, power & water, 2+ car garage. Garden shed, fenced yard, and 14 newly planted fruit trees (apple, cherry, peach). The views here are incredible! Close to I-39.



**123 Lincoln Hwy., Franklin Grove \$129,900 Call Carla**  
New Listing in Franklin Grove! This adorable 2 bedroom, 1 bath offers newly updated kitchen and bath. Loads of room throughout with its large living room with fireplace. Formal dining room and large kitchen with stainless steel appliances. New carpet and many other updates! New roof and nice private deck off the kitchen. The 45 x 50 garage/outbuilding offers 3 separate bays with 10 ft doors, 3 phase electric and its own separate electrical meter. There's tons of opportunity with this unique offering right on Lincoln Highway in Franklin Grove!

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**1306 Hemlock Ave., Dixon \$129,000 Call Rebecca**  
BETTER MOVE QUICKLY to call this 3 bedroom, 1 bathroom ranch home YOURS! Move in ready with updated kitchen featuring an island and roomy eat in area. This home also has a large family room with sliders to your own deck overlooking your fully fenced yard. There is an additional living room offering extra square footage for relaxing space or possible even a home office. Lots of storage throughout with built in closets. Large bathroom also includes a laundry room. Attached 1 car garage. Additional storage available in the shed in the backyard that is included.



**3192 N. Silver Ridge Dr., Oregon \$249,900 Call Carla**  
New Listing in Oregon located in Silver Ridge Subdivision with actual golf course frontage! You'll love this 3 bedroom, 2 bath ranch home that has recently been updated with new carpeting throughout and freshly painted throughout! This spacious floor plan offers a large living room with a gas fireplace, large dining room with sliders to the inviting screened in back deck and open into the kitchen with loads of cabinets and counter space. Main floor laundry. All main floor living offers you peace of mind and easy living!



**709 12th Avenue, Sterling \$59,900 Call JD**  
Affordable ranch living! Make it your own, or a great addition to your rental portfolio. This 2 bedroom, 1 bath property features a fenced in yard, full basement, and garage. Will not currently pass FHA, VA, RD.



**407 Betty Place, Mt. Morris \$149,000 Call Mark**  
Well built BRICK RANCH home with 3 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms for sale close to Dillehay Park in Mt. Morris! Living room w/wood burning fireplace has brand new flooring, paint and features a very large window looking out to the FENCED backyard. This home has an abundance of storage space and hard wood flooring in many areas. Formal dining area is off the kitchen and newly renovated sun porch is attached with gas fireplace that you will love! Partially finished lower level family room has another wood burning fireplace and lots of space for the family to kick back! All appliances stay including washer/dryer! Gas forced air heat and central air. 1 car attached garage, garden shed and cement patio area!



**5123 S. Ill Route 2, Oregon**  
**NOW \$339,900 Call Carla**  
Your Riverfront Oasis Awaits! You will fall in love with this exceptional private setting! The house was totally renovated just 6 years ago, 4 bedrooms, 2 baths. Huge kitchen with loads of cabinets butcher block countertops. The living room offers 2 sets of sliders leading to the large deck over looking the Rock River. This great open floorplan offers easy entertaining, family gatherings and so much more with a touch of classic taste and style throughout. Vacation at home on just over an acre and 100 ft of private Rock River Frontage. All new mechanicals in 2017. Located south of Castle Rock State Park and north of Grand Detour and out of the flood plain!



**100 E. Washington Street, Oregon**  
**NOW \$165,000 Call Rebecca**  
RIVERFRONT FIXER UPPER! Situated on a large lot with over 100' of Rock River frontage, this property is packed with potential! Currently zoned residential, but located in the business district with TIF incentives, this property could serve as a residence or ideal location for a riverfront business. The house has a 2 bedrooms, 1 bathroom and plenty of living space between the living room, den and 3 season porch. There is also a detached garage. Rumor has it that the remains of the original Oregon bridge are on this property! Check it out for yourself!

**Open House Sunday, May 29th 2-4 PM**

**8474 Mitchell Road, Machesney Park NOW \$257,900**  
Beautiful 4 Bed, 3 Bath home near Rock Cut State Park. The grand entrance leads to formal living and formal dining room. Large, open concept, updated kitchen, eat in and family room where the whole family can be together. Entertain on the deck overlooking the back yard. Don't forget 1st floor laundry and office that is currently being used as 5th bedroom. The upstairs has a loft area surrounded by 4 larger bedrooms including a huge master and en suite bath! Beautiful landscaping and quiet neighborhood round out the best things about this gorgeous home close to shopping and entertainment! It is also located a stone's throw from 39 which makes it easy for that business commute!

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# SPORTS/LOCAL NEWS

## Scores

### Girls Varsity Softball

May 20  
Stillman Valley 9, North Boone 8

May 17  
Stillman Valley 1, Winnebago 0

May 16  
Stillman Valley 7, Dixon 5

### Boys Varsity Baseball

May 19  
Stillman Valley 12, North Boone 2

May 16  
Stillman Valley 10, Pecatonica 3

## Dean's List

### Milwaukee School of Engineering

**MILWAUKEE, Wis.** – Milwaukee School of Engineering congratulates students named to the Winter Quarter 2022 Dean's List. Undergraduate students who have earned at least 30 credits and have a cumulative GPA of 3.20 or higher (out of 4.0) are on the Dean's List. Students who have maintained a 3.70 or higher receive "high honors."

Seth Nelson of Forreton  
Patrick Wright of Polo  
Milwaukee School of Engineering ([www.msoe.edu](http://www.msoe.edu)) is the university of choice for those seeking an inclusive community of experiential learners driven to solve the complex challenges of today and tomorrow. The independent, non-profit university has about 2,700 students and was founded in 1903. MSOE offers bachelor's and master's degrees in engineering, business and nursing. Faculty are student-focused experts who bring real-world experience into the classroom. This approach to learning makes students ready now as well as prepared for the future. Longstanding partnerships with business and industry leaders enable students to learn alongside professional mentors, and challenge them to go beyond what's possible. MSOE graduates are leaders of character, responsible professionals, passionate learners and value creators.

### Belmont University

**NASHVILLE, Tenn.** – The following students achieved the Dean's List at Belmont University for the Spring 2022 semester. Eligibility is based on a minimum course load of 12 hours (exclusive of audit and pass/fail courses this semester) and a quality grade point average of 3.5 with no grade below a C (inclusive of audit, pass/fail courses and zero-credit courses).

Brigham Finch of Mount Morris  
Elizabeth Heimer of Oregon  
Sarah Stegbauer of Dixon  
Located two miles from downtown Nashville, Tennessee, Belmont University consists of nearly 8,800 students who come from every state and 33 countries. Consistently recognized by U.S. News & World Report for innovation and commitment to undergraduate teaching, Belmont brings together the best of liberal arts and professional education in a Christ-centered and student-focused community of learning and service.

### Palmer College of Chiropractic

**DAVENPORT, Iowa** – Ellie Lehne, of Byron, has been named to the winter 2022 quarter Dean's List at Palmer College of Chiropractic's Florida campus in Port Orange, Fla.

Palmer College of Chiropractic, the first and largest college in the chiropractic profession, has campuses in Davenport, Iowa; San Jose, California; and Port Orange, Florida.



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<p><b>STARTERS</b></p> <p><b>Sourdough Boule with Fresh Herb Butter</b> <i>Jen's Artisan Bread</i></p> <p><b>7 layer salad</b> <i>Ralphie &amp; LuLu's</i></p> <p><b>Deviled Egg</b> <i>Ralphie &amp; LuLu's</i></p>	<p><b>FROM THE RANGE</b></p> <p><b>BBQ Chicken</b> <i>Ralfie's BBQ</i></p> <p><b>Pork Kabobs</b> <i>Ralfie's BBQ</i></p> <p><b>Toasted Southern Potato Salad</b> <i>Hazel's Café</i></p> <p><b>Sweet Corn on the Cob</b> <i>Hector's Cocina</i></p> <p><b>BarbaQ Baked Beans</b> <i>Northside BarbaQ</i></p>	<p><b>DESSERT SAMPLER</b></p> <p><b>Sugar Cookie Watermelon Slice</b> <i>O's Bakery</i></p> <p><b>Blueberry Turnover</b> <i>Lynnies Kitchen</i></p> <p><b>Strawberry Rhubarb Crisp</b> <i>The Noble Cakery</i></p> <p><b>Chocolate Chip Cookie Bar</b> <i>Teresa's Treats</i></p>
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# LOCAL NEWS

## Oregon Library News

The Library will be closed on Monday, May 30 in observance of Memorial Day.

### 2022 Summer Reading Program- Read Beyond the Beaten Path! June 6- July 29

It's here! Registration has begun and brochures are now available! Programs begin the week of June 6. Free to residents, 3 - 17 years old of the Oregon Public Library District. Activities and programs will be available. Come in, call or check our Facebook page to find out how you can register. Registration is required.

### Week of June 6 Monday, June 6, Story-Time 10 am (18 months-6 yrs.)

Monday, June 6, **Spiders, Snakes & Bugs, Oh My!** 3 pm (All ages)

Thursday, June 9, **Activity Time, 1:30 pm** (grades 1st & up)

Friday, June 10, **Bison Safari, 5-6:30 pm** (1st grade & up w/parent)

Saturday, June 11, **Relief Stamping, 11am-1 pm** (ages 9-17)

### Adult Summer Reading Program June 1st through August 1st, 2022

Join others who are "too old" for the Children's Summer Reading Program (yes, that includes 18 and up!) for a low-key stress-free Adult Summer Reading program. Oregon Public Library has two ways to record your reading progress. Give the library a call or stop by for more information. **NEW** - We have brain game packets available this year. Brain game packets completed will be entered into the drawing for the Adult Summer Reading prizes at the end of the program. Follow us on Facebook, join our e-newsletter and visit our website for more information about programs. All brain game packets and book logs must be turned in by the end of the business day on Aug. 1.

### Library Book Clubs The 2WBC Book

Club meets Wednesday, June 8 at 12:30 p.m. to discuss *Ghost* by Jason Reynolds. Cocktails & Crimes will meet on June 13 at 7 p.m. (grab a book to find out where). The Afternoon Book Club meets Wednesday, June 15 at 1 p.m. to discuss *The Rose Code* by Kate Quinn. Books On Tap will meet Thursday, June 23, at 6 p.m. at Cork N Tap to discuss *The Cactus* by Sarah Hayward. Teen Book Association will meet Saturday, June 25 at 10 a.m. to discuss *Legendborn* by Tracy Deonn. The TBA will meet the last Saturday of each month at 10 a.m.

### Preschool StoryTime (18 months- 5 years)

StoryTime is taking a break and will start back up on Monday, June 6 at 10 a.m. New time, same day. Registration required.

### Shipwrecks - Treasures of the Great Lakes - Wednesday, June 8th at 2:00pm

### In-person Virtual Program - A Visual Tour by Photographer Cal Kostrade

An introduction to Great Lakes Shipwrecks, how and why are there so many, as well as an in-depth look at ten of the most incredible shipwrecks in North America. This presentation has been updated to include new finds. Appropriate for any audience interested in shipwrecks, maritime history, diving and underwater photography. Registration required, [www.oregonpubliclibrary.com](http://www.oregonpubliclibrary.com) or call (815) 732-2724.

### Try It Tuesday - Tuesday, June 14th (while supplies last)

Small Macrame Wall Hanging DIY Kit - Macrame is a technique or method of crafting a textile that uses several knots to form the basic shape and function of the piece. All other supplies provided. **KITS ARE FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE for Oregon Library Card Holders.**

### Making Change:

### LGBTQ Activism since the 1950's - June 16th at 6:30 p.m.

#### In-person Virtual Program

The change that has taken place in the United States since the 1950s around LGBTQ issues has been enormous. From criminalization, religious condemnation, psychiatric illness diagnosis and the need to live completely "in the closet," we have moved to a time of visibility, decriminalization, marriage equality and much more. Join us for an overview of the activism that has propelled change since the 1950s, while also acknowledging the work that remains to be done. Presenter John D'Emilio is a pioneer in the field of LGBTQ history and the history of sexuality. He has written or edited almost a dozen books, including *Intimate Matters: A History of Sexuality in America*, and *Queer Legacies: Stories from Chicago's LGBTQ Archives*. Registration required, [www.oregonpubliclibrary.com](http://www.oregonpubliclibrary.com) or call (815) 732-2724.

Crime, Killers and Wrongful Convictions: A hodge-podge of true crime research and stories from central Illinois - JUNE 20TH AT 6:30 p.m.

#### In-person Virtual Program

Description: Illinois Wesleyan University psychology professor Amanda Vicary will discuss some of her research into why people, especially women, are drawn to true crime and also will discuss two central Illinois cases of potential wrongful convictions. **Registration required**, [www.oregonpubliclibrary.com](http://www.oregonpubliclibrary.com).

### An Evening with Chef Kwame Onwuachi Wednesday, June 22nd at 7:00pm

**Virtual Event**  
Join award-winning chef and former Top Chef contestant Kwame Onwuachi as he discusses his new cookbook *My America: Recipes from a Young Black Chef*. A must-see event! This

event is presented in partnership with Illinois Libraries Present, a new collaborative effort designed to bring virtual events with bestselling, esteemed, and diverse authors to library patrons across the state. More than 190 libraries have joined Illinois Libraries Present, which is funded in part by a grant awarded by the Illinois State Library, a Department of the Office of Secretary of State, using funds provided by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services, under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA). The event is free and open to the public, but registration is required. To register, visit [www.oregonpubliclibrary.com](http://www.oregonpubliclibrary.com) or call (815) 732-2724.

### We now have a SEED LIBRARY!

To add seeds that you have saved or purchased to the collection, bring them to the Circulation Desk and request a seed envelope for each plant. Please fill out as much of the information on the envelope as you can, put in enough seeds to grow at least five plants, and return the envelope to the Circulation staff. You do not need to have a library card to donate seeds or 'borrow' seeds. Our intention is to make wholesome food available to our community members. Through this seed library, we hope to foster a culture of sharing and abundance. In the spring, the Seed Lending Library will be up and running for community members to be able to take seeds and grow their own plants. If you have ideas about how you'd like to see the Seed Lending Library develop, or have any questions, please email us at [carib@oregonpubliclibrary.com](mailto:carib@oregonpubliclibrary.com) with the subject

"Seed Lending Library."

### Exercise your brains with TRIVIA!

**The First and Third Thursday of the Month at 12:30 p.m. 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 now has a free puzzle library. Take a puzzle, leave a puzzle. This is open to anyone in the community.

### Oregon Public Library StoryWalk®

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 *Down by the River* by Andrew Weiner.

### OPLD Dial-A-Story

Need a quick story? Call 1-630-397-0912 to hear one! Children's stories are changed monthly. Current story- *The Hiking Viking* by Laura Gehl.

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.

### PCs for People

We are excited to announce our new partnership with Pcs for People! We will be a distribution site for this organization. Pcs for People distributes low-cost refurbished computers and internet to income-eligible individuals through an easy-to-apply online application system. Every desktop includes a mouse, keyboard, power cords, and monitor cords at no additional cost. Visit our website for more information or use the links below. You can also contact Pcs for People directly at 708-843-8450 or email at [info@pcsforpeople.org](mailto:info@pcsforpeople.org). Check your eligibility here: <https://www.pcsforpeople.org/eligibility/> Sign up here: <https://tinyurl.com/oregonILtech>

### New Releases

- Blacklight DVD PG-13 BLA
- Moonfall DVD PG-13 MOO
- Death on the Nile DVD PG-13 DEA
- Spider-Man-No Way Home DVD PG-13 SPI
- Dog DVD PG-13 DOG
- Uncharted DVD PG-13 UNC
- Jurassic World-Camp Cretaceous 4-DVD PG-13 JUR
- Mommy Dead and Dearest DVD 364.152 MOM
- Without Remorse DVD R WIT
- Clean DVD R CLE
- The Outfit DVD R OUT
- The Cursed DVD R CUR
- Licorice Pizza DVD R LIC
- Turning Red DVD PG TUR

## Bertolet Library News

**Closed:**  
Bertolet Memorial Library will be closed on Saturday, June 4th during Leaf River Daze.

**Oceans of Possibilities Kick-Off:** Thursday, June 9th, 10 a.m.  
Our summer reading program kicks off with **Rockin' & Reading with Leonardo**. Bring your dancing shoes and best air guitar moves because it's time to go ROCK-IN' and READING with LEONARDO. He is a Parents' Choice Award winning family musician from Chicago strumming into town with a humorous high energy musical program that inspires little rockers to become big readers! This highly interactive performance has plenty of sing-a-longs and dance moves to inspire imagination, creativity and a love of reading in audiences of all ages and abilities.

**Oceans of Possibilities:** Thursdays, June 9th - July 14th:  
**10-10:45 a.m.: Pre-K thru 5th graders** are invited to join Miss Jana for stories, crafts, and games as we learn about everything that goes on under the sea!  
**10:45-11:30 a.m.: 1st thru 5th graders** are invited to stay for a project geared to their ages. Miss Jana will have a more in-depth, hands-on project just for you!

**Adult Book Club:**  
Spend some time with the Soames family, the subject of our Springtime Book - *The Moonflower Vine* by Jetta Carleton. The story follows Matthew Soames and his family over the span of the first half of the 20th century. Set in rural Missouri, the book recounts the joys, the sorrows, and the secrets of each member of this apparently close knit family. Pick up a copy of a little known but unforgettable American classic next time you visit the Library.

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

**Craft Kits for Adults:**  
Dreaming of a beach vacation? Bring the beach to you with this rope-wrapped candle holder. They are available at the Checkout Desk.

**Create-a-Card: Saturday, June 18th, 9:30 a.m.**  
Summer is upon us. Stay cool at the library while you create a one-of-a-kind card for that bridal shower or wedding. All supplies are provided for your use.

- New Releases:**
- Adult Books
  - Countdown To Midnight by Dale Brown
  - Nightwork by Nora Roberts
  - Juvenile Books
  - Benny McGee and the Shark by Derek Anderson
  - Dolphin Rescue by Catherine Nichols
  - Simon Seahorse: Simon Says by Cora Reef
  - Picture Books
  - Narwhals by Jessie Alkire
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# LOCAL NEWS

## Julia Hull Library News

### Storytime at the Library!

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

### Summer Reading Challenge: Dive Into Reading

Sun. Sand. Surf. Join us on the beach as we *Dive Into Reading*. From sea-inspired stories, STEM and crafts, we'll engage in fun challenges and activities, track our reading, and earn badges online using Beanstack: a FREE and user-friendly mobile app. (Don't worry: you can also use Beanstack on your desktop.) You can register as an individual, family, or organization/class/school! For more information visit our website: <https://www.juliahull.org/summer-reading-2022>.

### STEM Lab: Build A Boat

It's almost summer and we're ready to sail the seven seas! Think you can build a boat that will survive the journey? Join Miss Kelly on Saturday, June 4 at 10 a.m. to find out! We'll build boats out of simple supplies and send them on their maiden voyage. Ages 5-9. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

### Adult Craft Night: Glam Oyster Shell

If summer makes you think of seashells by the seashore, then you won't want to miss our June Adult Craft Night! Join Joanna at the library on Monday, June 13 at 6 p.m. as we turn real oyster and scallop shells into glamorous jewelry dishes! Adults only. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

### Toddler Time: Water Sensory Bins

Indulge your little ones' curiosity with a hands-on event just for them. Join us on the library lawn, Friday June 17 at 10 a.m. for water play featuring a variety of sensory bins. Dress to get wet. Ages 1-4. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

### Young Critics Book Club

Join us on Tuesday, June 21 at 6 p.m. for a book discussion and hands-on craft/activity all about *Secrets of the Sea*, by Evan Griffith. Stop by the library, or call to register and reserve a copy of the reading: 815-645-8611.

### Watercolor Mugs

Dive into this easy and one-of-a-kind craft. Teens will get to personalize their own coffee mug with a watercolor ocean pattern using water and nail polish. Friday, June 24 at 1 p.m. Ages 13-18. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

## Weekly Brain Busters

### King Crossword

**ACROSS**

1 Scratch  
 4 Hosp. scan  
 7 Ashen  
 8 Ridicule  
 10 Director Forman  
 11 Seek, as office  
 13 Breakfast order  
 16 Simile center  
 17 Four-star reviews  
 18 FDR project  
 19 107, to Cato  
 20 Actor Johnny  
 21 Velocity  
 23 Apple centers  
 25 And others (Lat.)  
 26 French cheese  
 27 Plopped down  
 28 Pink hue  
 30 Insult, slangily  
 33 Steakhouse order  
 36 Eucalyptus eaters  
 37 Start of a supplication  
 38 Move furtively  
 39 Smile  
 40 Trail the pack  
 41 Thesaurus wd.

**DOWN**

1 Island south of Sicily  
 2 Oodles  
 3 Set aside  
 4 Bea Arthur sitcom  
 5 Littlest litter-mates  
 6 Data  
 7 Name of 12 popes  
 8 Fountain of Rome  
 9 Precisely  
 10 CEO's deg.  
 12 Answers an invitation  
 14 Incursion  
 15 Phone bug  
 19 Cartoon frame  
 20 Rap's Dr. —  
 21 Desolate  
 22 Cookout spots  
 23 Beach crawler  
 24 Drilling plat-forms  
 25 Mentalist's claim  
 26 Invigorating  
 28 Salsa singer Cruz  
 29 Borneo ape, for short  
 30 "Mack the Knife" singer  
 31 "This — outrage!"  
 32 Pigs' digs  
 34 Teen hangout  
 35 Grand Ole —

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### MAGIC MAZE ● NORMANDY

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 Q O L I R E T G D B Y W T E G  
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 F E C B N O C N E L A S Z Y W

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally  
 Unlisted clue hint: **Invasion Code-Named Operation —**

- |           |        |          |              |
|-----------|--------|----------|--------------|
| Alençon   | D-Day  | Juno     | Sword        |
| Bayeux    | Évieux | Le Havre | Utah         |
| Caen      | France | Omaha    | World War II |
| Cherbourg | Gold   | Rouen    |              |

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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

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

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ◆◆◆

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

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## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Shade is smaller. 2. Switch is different. 3. Neckline is different. 4. Glasses are missing. 5. Rag is missing. 6. Stick is moved.

**King Crossword**  
 Answers

Solution time: 24 mins.

**NORMANDY**

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

Answer

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Polo Library News

### Children's Programs

**Summer Reading Program "Reading Beyond the Beaten Path"** will kick off on Saturday, June 11th. Introducing Beanstack as our new reading challenging website and app to help you kiddos achieve your reading goals while earning badges in fun exciting ways!!

\*\*\*REGISTER for any of the programs by calling 815-946-2713, emailing [melaniew@pololibrary.org](mailto:melaniew@pololibrary.org), or clicking the Google form link on the Polo Library Facebook for the program.\*\*\*

### Adult Programs -

**Coffee & Community Conversations** - Polo Library is excited to announce that, starting June 8th, Coffee with a Cop will change to Coffee and Community Conversations! The date (2nd Wednesday of each month) and time (10:30 a.m.) will remain the same, but the format will be slightly different. Join us on June 8th at 10:30 a.m. to see what it's all about! Coffee will be provided, registration is not required.

**Yoga with Becka - Monday, June 27th - 6 p.m.** - To register, call 815-946-2713 or visit [pololibrary.org](http://pololibrary.org)

**What we're reading and discussing in June** - Friday Book Discussion Group will meet at Polo Senior Center on June 10th at 1:00 p.m. to discuss *The President and the Freedom Fighter* by Brian Kilmeade. Wednesday Book 2 Movies Group will gather at the library to discuss the book and movie *The Princess Bride* by William Goldman on June 15th at 5:00 p.m. Join us on Monday, June 27th at 1:30 p.m. to discuss *The Huntress* by Kate Quinn. Copies of these titles are available to checkout. All are welcome.

**2022 Outdoor Concert Series** - Thank you to everyone who came out for the first concert of the season! Please join us at the Polo Library pavilion for the next concert on Saturday, June 18th as we welcome back Turas, an Irish/Celtic folk band from Peoria. The concert will start at 7 p.m. and will last approximately two hours. Save the date for the rest of the series: July 16th - Project Nostalgia (Classic Rock and Oldies), August 13th - The Lone Canary (Folk/Americana), September 17th - The Beaux (Classic Rock 60-90s). The 2022 Outdoor Concert Series is funded by a grant from the Community Foundation of Northern Illinois.

**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](http://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.

**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.-noon 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.

**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 Ellen Finrock at 815-946-2713.

## Byron Library News

### Special Hours

In observance of the Memorial Day the Byron Library will be closed on Monday, May 30. We will re-open at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, May 31. We wish all of our patrons a safe and happy Memorial Day!

### Curbside Delivery

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

### StoryWalks at the Byron Forest Preserve

Our first StoryWalks® of the season are up at the Byron Forest Preserve! Stroll the 1/2-mile Indigo Trail while reading «Let's All Creep Through Crocodile Creek» by Jonny Lambert, or read «Whose Tail?» by Sue Tarsky while walking to the Heritage Farm Museum. The StoryWalk® is a joint project of the Byron Public Library and the Byron Forest Preserve. The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. StoryWalk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson.

### Wild Food, Wild Medicine

Thursday, June 2, 6-7 p.m.  
There are many plants that grow right under our feet that we can use for food and medicine. Join 30-year veteran herbalist and forager Linda Conroy for this engaging presentation. She will share about the plants, how to identify them, and how to transform them into delicious dishes as well as healing medicine. Please call 815-234-5107 or visit [Byron.evanced.info/signup](http://Byron.evanced.info/signup) to register.

### Friday Matinee for Adults

Friday, June 10, 1-3 p.m.  
Popcorn and a movie at the Byron Public Library. Join us to watch the documentary *They Shall Not Grow Old* directed and produced by internationally renowned director Peter Jackson. This documentary uses the

voices of the veterans combined with original archival footage to bring to life the front line of the First World War. It is rated R - disturbing war images. Popcorn and water will be served. Please call 815-234-5107 or visit [Byron.evanced.info/signup](http://Byron.evanced.info/signup) to register.

### Wills and Trusts

Tuesday, June 21, 6-7 p.m.  
It's never too early to begin to plan! Kristine Youman from HolstromKennedy will be at the library to discuss the basics of wills and trusts. Please call 815-234-5107 or visit [Byron.evanced.info/signup](http://Byron.evanced.info/signup) to register.

### DIY Scrabble Tiles

Thursday, June 23  
5-6 p.m. or 6:30-7:30 p.m.  
Looking to create some fun & creative art for an entryway or hallway in your home? Look no further! Come join us at the library as we make our very own DIY Scrabble Tiles. You will have the chance to make 3 words/names out of stencils & paint. Please call 815-234-5107 or visit [Byron.evanced.info/signup](http://Byron.evanced.info/signup) to register. The same class will be given at both time slots so please only choose one. If you are unable to attend, please call the library before the day of the program to cancel, so that we can fill your slot.

### National BINGO Day

Monday, June 27, 1-2 p.m.  
Come and enjoy an afternoon of BINGO as we celebrate National BINGO Day at the Byron Public Library. We will be switching up ordinary BINGO to make for a fun afternoon. Everyone is guaranteed a prize! Please call 815-234-5107 or visit [Byron.evanced.info/signup](http://Byron.evanced.info/signup) to register.

### Healthy Living

Thursday, June 30  
Noon-1 p.m.  
Watch the Alzheimer's Association LIVE interactive program. This program will continue to discuss healthy living and will include a cooking demonstration on how to make a Fourth of July delectable treat! Please call 815-234-5107 or visit [Byron.evanced.info/signup](http://Byron.evanced.info/signup) to register.

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

## Forreston Library News

### Summer Reading Program

We're so excited for Summer Reading at the library! Children in preschool through kindergarten will meet on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m., beginning June 7th. Students in 1st through 4th grade will meet on Wednesdays at 11:15 a.m., beginning June 8th. Both groups will enjoy stories, crafts, and exciting adventures as we "Read Beyond the Beaten Path". You may register in person at the library, message us on Facebook or call us at 815-938-2624. Other activities are being planned throughout the summer, so keep an eye on our Facebook page and website, [forrestonlibrary.org](http://forrestonlibrary.org), for the latest information.

### Plastic Recycling

We are collecting film-type plastic for recycling. This includes plastic bags, zipper type baggies (with the zip portion removed), cereal/snack bags, bubble wrap, and other soft plastic. Please make sure bags are free from debris and remove all paper/sticker labels. We cannot accept hard plastic, such as water bottles, milk cartons, etc., for this program. Thank you!

### Holiday Hours

The library will be closed Monday, May 30th for Memorial Day. Please take a moment to remember and honor those who died protecting our freedoms.

### Library Hours

The library is open: Monday 10am-1pm, 2-7pm, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 10am-1pm, 2-6pm, and Saturday 9am-12pm. We may be reached by phone at (815)938-2624, email at [forrestonpubliclibrary@gmail.com](mailto:forrestonpubliclibrary@gmail.com), or through Facebook messaging. Of course, we always love to see you in person, too!



## Good Citizen Award

Megan Thompson was presented the DAR Good Citizen Award for Oregon High School by the Rochelle Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution. Thompson was chosen through a process that involves both the teachers and the members of the senior class. The winning student is selected because he or she exemplifies the traits of a Good Citizen which are: Dependability, Service, Leadership, and Patriotism. Pictured from left: Laurie Perry (Rochelle Chapter Regent), Lydia Roberts (DAR Good Citizen Chairman), Thompson, and chapter members Tami Templeton and Therese Dickey.

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