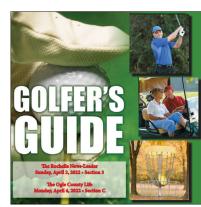


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Village of Progress joins with Oregon Park District for special activities

OREGON – During the fall of 2021, the Village of Progress and the Oregon Park District brainstormed on what could be offered to keep everyone at the Village active during the winter months.

The Village of Progress runs a biking program April-October that is enjoyed by all. As temperatures dropped, they were looking to fill that gap and the challenge was presented to the Oregon Park District. Working with park district staff, a 19-week program centered on the Winter Olympics was created for anyone from the Village that chose to participate.

Each Thursday from 9:30-10:30 a.m. friends from the Village joined Oregon Park District recreation staff to compete in activities as well as play fun games. No activity was off limits and the Village enjoyed basketball, kickball, pickleball, relays, hockey, stretching and everyone's favorite – dancing.

The 19-week program culminated in a special medal ceremony on Thursday, March 24. The ceremony featured a podium for the athletes, t-shirts, flowers, Star Spangled Banner as well as an MC, special guest, and a closing ceremony.

"Every Thursday I have enjoyed seeing our friends from the Village of Progress engage in new activities and have had a front row seat to witness the enjoyment by both the athletes and the staff who participated," said Park District



Executive Director Erin Folk, who served as MC of the event.

"This program presented by the Recreation Department was part of a partnership formed in 2019 with E.D. Etnyre," she said. "Each year the company funds projects for the recreation department to offer at no cost or low cost to everyone in our community. Staff is always looking to fill the needs of the community, and this was a perfect fit! The success of this program and today's ceremony would not have been possible without our athlete's and the support of a few other individuals. Neal Trainor is the mastermind behind these activities, but he greatly benefited by the support offered by Tina Ketter, Lesley Sheffield, and Chris Hartzog."

The Winter Olympics ceremony was open to the public and family and friends of the athletes were able to enjoy the celebration.

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Where Relationships Matter

Sheriff warns of bank scam

The Ogle County Sheriff's Department says they have received multiple reports recently of a phone scam targeting Byron Bank customers.

The scam involves a person contacting people with the Caller ID reading Byron Bank, and the caller claiming to be an employee of the bank. The caller advises of possible fraudulent activity on their account, and then obtains information from the victim that gives them

access to the bank account. Victims have reported a monetary loss between a few hundred and several thousand dollars.

The Sheriff's Office reminds people to be aware that their bank, regardless of where that is, will never call and ask for personal information regarding your account over the phone. Should you question the legitimacy of a call, hang up the phone and contact your bank directly.

Steel Manufacturer bringing 100-plus jobs to Ogle county

By Jeff Helfrich Managing Editor

ROCHELLE – When Nippon Sharyo made the decision to close its Rochelle campus in 2018, working to fill that site became City of Rochelle Economic Development Director Jason Anderson's responsibility.

He worked closely with Nippon Sharyo during the sale and actively worked on trying to get 1600 Ritchie Court bought and redeveloped for two years. A point came where Anderson was told by Nippon Sharyo that it had a buyer. About nine months after that, Anderson was engaged by that buyer and

given the name Project Jackpot.

That name was how the buyer was known for months around the community as city officials, bound by nondisclosure agreements, negotiated incentives and worked to bring the company to

On March 4, an announcement was officially made that Project Jackpot was Zekelman Industries, the largest steel pipe and tube manufacturer in North America.

Operations will commence in Rochelle this fall and the development is expected to create between 100 and 150 jobs locally.

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The site in Rochelle where Zekelman Industries will



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PROGRAM: Olympic athelete on hand for event

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The athletes were introduced to special guest, Catherine Bohan Greene, Greene, originally from Ireland, competed in three swimming events in the 1980 Olympics representing Ireland. Greene went on to attend the University of Iowa and became a teacher in Freeport. Greene's mother Maura Bohan helped start the Special Olympics swimming division in Ireland in 1976. Greene was honored to support the athletes and helped present the medals during the ceremony.

"Everyone in attendance today succeeded, not because they were destined to, but because they

were determined to," Folk said as she introduced

She went on to introduce each event and winners received gold, silver and bronze medals and posed for a photo on the podium while receiving their medals and flowers.

Trainor, Oregon Park District employee and coordinator of the Winter Olympics, closed out the

"The past 19 weeks have gone quickly," he said. "I've watched these athletes perfect their skills and enjoy both the competition and supporting their teammates. As in any Olympics, the closing ceremony is always something to remember.

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Bronze – Cameron Event #2 – Basketball **Dribbling Contest**

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Silver – Clo Bronze - Mathew Event#4-Slide to Slide Pick Up Gold – Mathew

Silver – Summer Bronze – Jessica Event #5 – Bulls Eye Competition

Gold – Rebecca

Silver – Hope Bronze-SummerEvent #6 - Hockey Shots on Goal

Gold - Rebecca & James

Silver-Sharon & Adon Bronze – Darin Event #7 – Hockey

Shoot Out Gold – Clo Silver – Sue

Bronze – JR Event #8 – Basketball Best of 10

Gold – Karl

Silver - Sue & Jessica Bronze-Adon & Cam-

Event#9-Quadrathlon Gold – Adon Silver - Brian Bronze – Tony

Special awards were presented to three athletes for their Leadership through the program. These athletes demonstrated sportsmanship, enthusiasm, and leadership at every turn during the 19 weeks.

Gold Leadership Award Silver Leadership

Award – Clo Bronze Leadership -

Mathew

Game fundraiser April 8 Refreshments will be

OREGON-Don't forget to mark your calendar for April 8 to attend the Oregon Woman's Club Game Afternoon at the Rock River Center.

This fundraiser is open to the public. Bring your own cards or board games. Gather friends and reserve a table or join others to play favorite games.

served, and at the end of the afternoon, there will be a drawing for door prizes. Admission is \$5 per person at the door. Fees will go to support OWC's various local charities.

Registration begins at 12:30 p.m. Games start at 1 p.m. Call 708-369-2037 to reserve a table.

Ukraine prayer vigil April 10

POLO–There will be a Polo community candlelight prayer vigil for Ukraine on Sunday, April 10 at 6 p.m. The event will be held at Louise Quick Park. In case of rain the event will be held at the Polo Senior Center. Please bring lawn chairs and blankets. Candles will be provided.



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Schiller's step down from running county's Airport team of investors to increase the number

Doug and Nathalie Schiller, after a combined 30 years of service as airport manager and bookkeeper at Ogle County International Airport, have decided it was time to step aside and refocus on other interests and hobbies.

Doug has been airport manager since the airport was incorporated in 2002. He organized a dozen 4th of July breakfasts, not to mention numerous other fly in breakfasts and lunches. He put together a of available hangar's on the North end of the field. Doug built his own hangar on the runway row and in it assembled Challenger light sport aircraft. He flew his Maule Rocket VSTOL aircraft off the grass strip getting his private and instrument pilot ratings. Under his leadership the airport received IDOT Small Airport of the year award in 2007 and according to Roger Finnell of IDOT Ogle County

airport is always one of the top 5 best grass strips.

Nathalie has been bookkeeper for more than 10 years. She devised her own computer spread sheet to send billing, estimate fuel taxes, divide property taxes, along with numerous other airport specific calculations. She brought up to speed numerous OCPI Presidents, Treasurer's and OCPI Board members on the financial aspects of the how the airport runs. She was the behind the scene glue that kept Ogle County Airport running and in the black.

Doug and Natalie Schiller have created a good foundation for the airport to continue to thrive and expand, leaving big shoes to fill. The pilots of Ogle County Airport thank Doug and Nathalie for all their hard work. The pilots also wish them the best of luck in their future endeavors.



Traitor Challenge winner named

The Oregon Area Chamber of Commerce would like to congratulate to the winner of The Traitor Challenge, Hiedi

Forty-five people signed up to participate in our 21-day community health and fitness challenge and VandeSand was drawn as our winner from those who worked hard during the duration. She and many of our "traitors" are continuing on with their health journey and we have found this to be such a wonderful experience.

The Chamber would like to thank organizers of this challenge Hydrobar Illinois and Reign XT who lent their time, product, and knowledge to help our greater community focus on their

Thank you to the sponsors for encouraging our traitors by donating to the challenge: Blackhawk Nutrition – Oregon, Curves of Oregon, JTI Salon and Spa, Locus Coworking and Wellness Space, Merlin's Greenhouse and Flowers and The Other Side Boutique, RE/ MAX of Rock Valley, and Shepherd Premier Senior Living.

If you are interesting in joining us on our next fitness challenge please contact chamber.director@oregonil. com and visit our website for upcoming community events at oregonil.com (community calendar)

Leaf River Lions hosting Breakfast with Bunny event on April 16

LEAF RIVER – The Leaf River Lions will be serving, "Breakfast with Bunny" on Saturday April 16 from 7-10 a.m. in the Bertolet Memorial building.

Themenubeingserved will be pancakes, waffles, French Toast scrambled eggs and whole hog sausage. Also available will be blueberry or chocolate chip pancakes as well as strawberries and whipped cream on your pancakes or waffles. Children 10 and under will eat free while cost for children 11-13 years is \$4, ages 14 and over is \$7 and All You Can Eat is \$9.

After breakfast, at 10 a.m., the Lions will be having their annual Easter Egg Hunt in Bertolet Park, weather permitting. The Easter Egg hunt will be inside the Bertolet building if weather is bad. The Easter Egg hunt is open from toddlers to 8 yearolds. The hunt is divided into three age groups, 0-4 years, 5 & 6 and 7 & 8, with prizes awarded for each group.

The next Lions dinner on April 24 will be the Roast Pork Loin dinner in support of the Summer Daze Festival.

That dinner will consist of roast pork loin, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, dinner roll, applesauce and cake for dessert. Cost of the meal at the door is \$6 for children 6 thru 13 years and 14 years and older \$10. Children 5 and younger eat free.

Advanced tickets are available saving \$1.00 per dinner at the Bertolet Library or Lions Paul Lindstrom, Connie Hartje, Kathy Rose, Josh Lamping and Dorothy Mahon. Advanced tickets will be available April 1 and sold until Saturday April 16.

Byron Police report

March 1

Jeff Deornellas, 51 of Byron, was issued a citation for No Proof of Insurance.

Rueben Burgess, 31 of Rochelle, was issued a citation for Speeding 45 mph in a 30 mph Zone.

March 9

Jorge Avila-Herrera, 19 of Rockford, was issued a citation for Speeding 48 mph in a 30 mph Zone.

Michael Bless, 58 of Marengo, was issued citations for Driving While License is Suspended and No Proof of Insurance.

March 12

Marcos Miranda-Garcia, 42 of Rockford, was issued citations for No Valid

March 17

Registration is Suspended.

Matthew Zumdahl, 37 of Byron, was issued citations for Driving While License is Suspended and Expired Registration.

Driver's License, No Proof of Insurance,

and Operation of Motor Vehicle When

March 20

Byron Police arrested Vanessa Lulling, 35 of Chicago, for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol. Lulling was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

March 21

Byron Police arrested Austin Martin, 24 of Dixon, on 2 Lee County warrants. Martin was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

JOBS: Zekelman will be a major user of the rail system in Kochelle

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In the past, Zekelman Industries has been said to be making a capital investment of over \$130 million in the facility and its jobs will pay an average of \$52,000 per year before

When Anderson was originally approached by Zekelman Industries, he said it was through a third party to negotiate incentives as it came up with its plans for both buildings, all the rail assets and the land at 1600 Ritchie Court.

The reason for the anonymity was because Zekelman Industries wanted to protect itself from its competitors, Anderson

The main piece of attracting Zekelman In-

dustries to Rochelle was amending the Lee-Ogle Enterprise Zone to add 10 years of 50 percent abatement by creating a new category for companies that make an investment of \$100 million or more plus adding at least 125 new jobs and a pay rate of \$50,000 or more before benefits and maintaining 95 percent employees.

That amendment was passed by 17 taxing districts in the enterprise zone, Anderson said.

The west building of Zekelman Industries' had its abatement extended by 10 years.

The full tax bill will be paid on the east building, which was no longer abatable.

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other zones around the state and others have gotten very creative," Anderson said. "DeKalb has seven different categories for tax abatements. It's crazy. You're always competing with other communities and regions in other parts of the country when it comes to these kinds of incentives. By adopting the three-tiered system, we are more competitive in our

tax abatement schedules." Along with getting the enterprise zone amended, city officials also entered into negotiations on a development agreement with Zekelman Industries. City Manager Jeff Fiegenschuh said when that was finalized, he knew the steel pipe and tube manufacturer was coming to town. That was in July 2021 and negotiations occurred for 4-6 weeks before that.

"Generally, that's when you know you've got something nailed,"Ander-

son said. The city owning its own public power utility in Rochelle Municipal Utilities also played a large part in attracting Zekelman Industries. Before any knowledge of the project possibly coming to town, the city had already begun work on developing a \$13.8 million electrical substation right next to

1600 Ritchie Court. Zekelman Industries will be the city's largest power user and work had to be done to make sure the city could provide all the power it needed along with other utilities like water and sewer. Fiegenschuh and City Attorney Dominick Lanzito along with city staff members worked to make sure that was feasible.

The city manager called the feeling of finalizing the development agreement "excitement, relief and joy." But what followed was a lot of work on meeting utility requirements and finishing the substation during supply chain issues and inflationary

cost increases caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Quite honestly, there wasn't any time for me to be excited," Fiegenschuh said. "It was like, 'OK, this is great. Now we need to move forward and get all this stuff done so when they're ready to power up, we can flip the switch and provide them with the power and utilities that they

need." Zekelman Industries will be a "major" user of the city's rail system as well, which Anderson said has been coming on lately as a "larger and larger" driver of economic development.

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Obituaries

Adaline M. Beck

POLO - Heaven gained a beautiful angel as Adaline M. Beck, 102, of Polo, passed away Tuesday, March 29, 2022, at Serenity Hospice and Home. She lived a long and wonderful life, but it was her time to be reunited with the love of her life Dale and infant son Rodger. She will be sadly missed by her three daughters. Adaline was born Jan.

22, 1920, in Dekalb, the daughter of Walter and Mary (Miller) McAdams. On May 17, 1941 in Maple Park, Ill., she married her soul mate Dale Beck and together they had four children Bev Merdian, Rodger (deceased), Linda (Steve)



ny) Soltow all of Polo.

She was able to live in her own home for 78 years and so many wonderful family memories will be cherished.

Survivors include her daughters; 6 Grandchildren Bob (Julie) Merdian, Denny (Karla) Merdian, Michael (Heather) Merdian, Andria (Dave) Young, Julie Albrecht, Jeff (Brenda) Soltow; 17 Great Grandchildren; 1 Great-Great Granddaughter.

She was preceded in death by husband Dale, son Rodger, 2 brothers Walter and William McAdams, sister Alvina Stickles and a son-in-law Robert Merdian. Aprivate family service

will be held where she

will be laid to rest next to

her husband at Fairmount Cemetery in Polo. In lieu of flowers memorials may be directed to Serenity Hospice and

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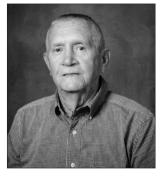
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Udell Aaron Foss

Udell Aaron Foss, 90, passed away on March 26, 2022 at Generations at Neighbors in Byron. Udell was born Aug.

4, 1931, the son of Aaron and Ella (Ludwig) Foss in a farmhouse in Ashton. He graduated from Stillman Valley High School in 1949 where he was class president and FFA president. On July 26, 1952 he married Marilyn E. Charboneau in Morrison. She preceded him on May 13, 2014. Udell spent many years

farming in Ogle County raising crops and milking cows. He served on various farm and 4-H committees. In later years, he farmed in Clinton, Wis., where he was on the Clinton Co-op Board of Directors, President of the Clinton Snowmobile Club, Clinton Kiwanis President, member of The



Good Time Players and of the Shriner's Masonic Lodge in Madison. After retiring from farming he was an independent truck driver. He was a life-long member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church of Paynes

Udell enjoyed snowmobile trips, dancing, time spent volunteering at the Byron Heritage Farm Museum and The Lions Club, but mostly he loved the times spent with family.

Survivors include daughter Brenda (Jim) Sahlstrom, Rotunda West, Fla., and two sons Brian (Martina) Foss, Loves Park, and Brent Foss, Englewood, Fla. Grandchildren Brooke (Joel) Sahlstrom Seeger, Brigette Sahlstrom, Nicole (Paul) Wesling and Jordan Foss. Great grandchildren Gavin and Jaxin Wesling, and Carter Foss.

He was preceded in death by his wife Marilyn, his parents, his sisters Vera Englekes, Eloise Collins, and Hazel Johnson.

Udell was a beautiful, humble, generous, and thoughtful man who considered the needs of others before his own. He will be dearly missed by all who's lives he touched. A celebration of life will be at a later date. Memorials can be sent to Serenity Hospice and Home of Oregon or Emmanuel Lutheran Church of Paynes Point.

Emerald G. Brass, Jr.

OREGON – Emerald G. Brass, Jr. passed away at KSB hospital in Dixon on March 24, 2022 after a long battle with diabetes and cardiac complications. He was born in Rochelle on Jan. 17, 1954 the son of Emerald G. and Rosella (Dirksen) Brass, Sr.

Emerald graduated from Oregon High School Class of 1973. After high school he spent time training harness racing horses with his father. He worked at Hormel foods in Rochelle before leaving



to work many years at Quebecor in Mt. Morris. Following that, he worked at Sports N More in Rockford. Emerald attended Ebenezer Reformed Church in Oregon. He was a huge Indianapolis

He is survived by his mother, Rosella Brass of Oregon; sisters, Joan Brass of Oregon and Rosemary (Wes) Prewett of Stillman Valley; and many cousins.

He is preceded in death by his father.

Cremation rights have been accorded. No services will be held. The family appreciates your thoughts and prayers. To leave an online condolence please visit www. farrellhollandgale.com

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Virginia Angle Hough

MOUNT MORRIS

- Virginia Angle Hough, age 91, passed away on March 25, 2022 at Pinecrest Manor, Mt. Morris.

Ginny was born on Aug. 18, 1930, on the family farm in Buckeye Township, Cedarville, Ill., the daughter of Ralph and Velma (Lowe) Angle. She married Robert

"Bob" Hough Jr. in Cedar-

ville on April 6, 1951, at the Cedarville Methodist Church. Ginny and Bob met through the church at a Methodist Youth Fellowship (MYF) event. Ginny attended school

at Mt. Hope, the one room school on the farm, for which her grandfather donated the land. She graduated from

Dakota High School Class of 1948, graduated from Deaconess in Freeport as a Registered Nurse. She worked as a nurse at Cook County Hospital Chicago, Deaconess Hospital Freeport, for Dr. Boulder in Forreston, and Pinecrest Manor in Mt. Morris and was one of the first employees for Ogle County Hospice in Oregon. She also helped her husband in the family business Hough Hardware Co.

Ginny was a member



of St. James Lutheran Church, rural Forreston. She was a 4H leader for the Jolly Jane's Club, was a Cub Scout Leader and was a member of Ogle County Home Extension. She was an accom-

plished seamstress and quilter and was a proud member of the West Branch Ladies Aide Society. She always cooked and baked as if the threshers were coming. Her ham balls and parker house rolls were legendary.

She truly was "Granny 1" which she proudly displayed on her licenses plates for nearly 50 years. Ginny is survived by

her son, Gerry Hough, of Mt. Morris; daughter, Jane (Wayne) Atteberry, Belvidere; grandchildren, Chris (Jason) McCoy, Milwaukee, Wis., Rob (Lynnette) Hough IV, Mt. Morris, Rick Hough, Mt. Morris, Joselyn Hough, Charlotte, N.C., MacKenna (Eric) Winterton, Glen Ellyn, Michael (Allison) Atteberry, Greenfield, Wis., and Geoff Atteberry, Morton; six great grandchildren, Benjamin McCoy and Samuel Mc-Coy, Milwaukee, Wis., Rebecca Hough and RG Hough V, Mt. Morris, Peyton Boyd, Mt. Morris and Corbin Atteberry of Morton, Ill.

Ginny was preceded in death by her parents; husband; two sisters; three brothers; infant daughter, Susan Kay; son, Timothy John; daughter-in-law, Janice. Funeral services were

held on Wednesday, March 30, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. at Finch Funeral Home with Rev. Josh Ehrler officiating. Burial Oakwood Cemetery, Mt. Morris. Visitation was Tuesday, March 29, 2022 from 5-7 p.m. in Finch Funeral Home, 405 East Hitt, Mt. Morris. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Serenity Hospice and Home of Oregon, Mt. Morris Fire Department, or Pinecrest Good Samaritan Fund. Arrangements were entrusted to Finch Funeral Home 405 E. Hitt St. Mt. Morris, IL 61054

Herman Willms, Jr.

Herman G. Willms, Jr. passed away peacefully on March 8, 2022, his 89th birthday. Herman was born on March 8, 1933 to Herman and Stella Willms. He grew up on a farm near Rochelle with his three sisters, Norma, Carol, and Joanne.

He graduated from Rochelle Township High School in 1950 and graduated from the University of Illinois in 1954 with a degree in journalism. He went immediately to the U.S. Army and spent 2 years at the Army Chemical Center in Edgewood, Maryland as clerk of personnel. After the service, he received a Master's Degree in journalism at the University of Missouri. He taught journalism and American History at Mt. Prospect High School in the suburbs of Chicago. With a spirit of adventure, he went to become Dean of La Chatelaine, a private international girl's school for 100 students in Neuchatel, Switzerland. On his first day, a young German teacher said "No, you are not Herman, a German name, we will call you 'Dean." Family and friends have called him "Dean" ever since. He was an Administrator for recruiting, hiring, and supervised the English-speaking faculty.

After returning to the United States, he was a teacher of American History, World History, and



Journalism at Jennings Senior High School in the suburb of St. Louis, Missouri for 17 years. He returned to England, Oxford summer classes, and Europe many times. In 1976, he purchased the El Con Book Store in Tucson, Ariz. When the bigger bookstores arrived, he sold his store and went on to pursue a Library of Science Master's Degree at the University of Arizona in 1986. He moved to Vail, Colo., as full time Administrator at Vail Public Library, where his lunch hour was often spent on the ski slopes during winter months. Three years later he became an Administrator for the Fort Collins Public Library before retiring in 2001 and returning to Tucson, Ariz. His love of books prompted him to write, "Killing for Power and Profit: Remembering the Victims". He researched the wars and spent two years writing it. It covered 100 years of war in concise chapters, making it readable and interesting. Publishing his book in 2018, he hoped to reach the younger generation of readers.

In addition to his parents, Dean was preceded in death by his sister, Norma Geise, her husband Charles, brother-inlaw, Dr. James Parsons, niece, Julie Parsons, great niece, Kristi Geise, and nephews Jackson Gallup, Dan Sawicki, and Jay Senkerik.

He is survived by his sisters, Carolyn Parsons and Joanne (Tom) Senkerik, nieces and nephews, Brenda (Will) Whitaker, Richard (Rene) Geise, Janet (Tres) Wiley, Sue Sawicki, Jim (Terri) Parsons, Lisa (Tom) Mucenski, Jeffrey (Cindy) Senkerik, Kourtney Senkerik, along with 12 great nieces and great nephews and many friends. He is and will be missed by all for his positivity, intellect, and love of his

extended family. Inkeeping with Dean's wishes, there will be no funeral service or reception. Arrangements by Adair Funeral Homes and interment of ashes will be at Arizona Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Marana, Arizona.

Special thank you to Cindy and Jeff Senkerik for truly being Dean's angels, to Rod Smith for your friendship and caring, to the caregivers at Hacienda De Luna Assisted Living, and to the staff at Casa de la Luz Hospice. He spent his last weeks happy, content, and grateful.

Oregon VFW Post hosting breakfast, presentation on April 9

The Oregon VFW Post 8739 and the Veterans Assistance Commission Of Ogle County are hosting a free breakfast for all Ogle County Veterans and a guest on

Saturday, April 9 from 8-11 a.m. There will be a presentation about Ogle County Veteran history. The menu will be scrambled eggs, potatoes, sausage, pancakes, biscuits and gravy and refreshments. There will be representatives from the Veterans Assistance Commission available if you desire to discuss your VA benefits.

There will be a free will offering collection to help defray the costs of the food.

We hope to see you there.

Obituaries

BYRON – Pia Leombruni, age 97, shared an extraordinary amount of love, kindness, and comfort with all who knew her. She will be remembered by her friends and family for her joy and generosity, for gathering everyone around her kitchen table countless times, and for her easy smile and warmth. Pia died March 26, 2022, in Rockford surrounded by

her loving family. Pia was a devoted mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, and she cherished all of these roles. Each and every one of her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren was special to her – and she made sure to tell them often with her sweet smile and a warm hug, adding "bella" or "bello" as always. Pia was a tremendous cook who nurtured everyone around her with delicious food, and a terrific gardener who happily shared the bounty. As a devout Roman

Pia Leombruni



Catholic, her faith in God guided and supported her in every moment. Pia was born September 24, 1924, in Ferrentino, Italy, the daughter of Domenico and Antonia (Villani) Picchi. She married Alberto Leombruni on May 18, 1946, in Rome, Italy. Pia immigrated to the United States in 1954 with their 7-year-old son, joining her husband in Rockford. Pia treasured her family and lifelong friendships both near and far. For those back in Italy, she would catch up with carefully-timed international phone calls, and reunite with them on trips back to Ferrentino and Rome.

Meanwhile, in Rockford, her door was always open, and a hot pot of coffee and homemade cookies would be waiting. Pia absolutely shined in her kitchen. She was a talented and loving cook, and whether she was preparing a full Italian spread or making rice krispie treats with her grandkids, she knew just how to bring people together in her kitchen and make anyone who sat around her table feel like family. Pia was a proud co-owner of her family's restaurant, Leombruni's Italian Village, in Byron for over two decades, where she shared that same warmth and care with guests.

She was predeceased by her parents, her husband Alberto, her grandson Marco Leombruni, and her seven siblings.

She is survived by her children: Ernest (Mimi) Leombruni of Byron; Piera (Norman) Sagon of Granger, Ind.; and Annette (Steve) Jones of By-

ron. Pia had 8 grandchildren: Tony (Lyn) Leombruni, Rob Leombruni, Lisa (Scott) Collins, Erica (Jeff) Wuslich, Nathan (Emily) Sagon; Sarah (Scott) Gibson; Bekki (Mark) Presson; and Emily (Kevin) Rollins. Pia had 17 great grandchildren: Marco, Dominic, and Gabe Leombruni; Alexandra, Samantha, and AnnaMaria Leombruni; Ben and Henry Wuslich; Gianna and Vincent Sagon; Cooper and Haven Gibson; Kennedy, Ireland, and Johnna Heaslip, Amiah Presson, and Hendrix Rollins.

Funeral mass was held at 11 a.m., Friday, April 1, 2022, at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 220 E. 2nd Street, Byron, IL. Visitation precedes the service from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Burial will be in the Calvary Cemetery, 8616 W. State Street, Winnebago. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Pia's name to St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

Barbara West

BYRON – Barbara West, age 78, passed away at home on March 23, 2022. She was born on Sept. 14, 1943 in Glen Ridge, New Jersey the daughter of Richard and Georganna (Michael) Blair.

She married Robert Ebel and with him had their son, Scott. After Robert passed away, she married Don West. She lived in the Byron area for many years until downsizing following Don's passing. Barbara loved the outdoors. She enjoyed spending her spare time gardening, hiking, hunting, and fishing. When she wasn't outside, she could be found at the Starbucks or shopping. She was an animal lover who had many pets over the years. She loved her family. She was a phenomenal person. She never met a stranger and loved everyone she met. Her bright and colorful clothes matched her personality.



She is survived by her son, Scott (Patricia) Ebel; brothers, Bob Blair and Jim Blair; granddaughters, Ashley (Mike) Frame and Tapanga Ebel; great grandchildren, Russell and Maci; and her little buddy, Otis.

She is preceded in death by her parents and husbands.

Cremation rights have been accorded. Per Barbara's wishes no services will be held and an internment will be held at a later date in Idaho. To leave an online condolence please visit www. FarrellHollandGale.com

Easter Services

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Palm Sunday Worship – 9:30 am 4/10
Maundy Thursday Worship – 7 pm 4/14
Good Friday Worship – 7 pm 4/15
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Faster Sunday – 9:30 am 4/17



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MAUNDY THURSDAY ~ APRIL 14

Communion

6:30pm: Soup Supper & Service with

EASTER SUNDAY ~ APRIL 17

8:15am: Lectio Divina Meditative Service

10:00am: Easter Egg Hunt For Kids 10:30am: Worship

All are welcome!

Obituaries

John Allan Cain

OREGON – John Allan Cain, age 58, died Monday, March 28, 2022 at the Serenity Hospice and Home near Oregon. He was born Sept. 22, 1963 in Rockford the son of Allan and Mary (McLennan) Cain.

He graduated from By-

ron High School in 1981 where he participated in Baseball and basketball. John also graduated from Northern Illinois University in Dekalb with his Bachelor's Degree in Athletic Training. He married Melanie Stabler on July 21, 2001 in Princeton, Ill. John was a member of the National Athletic Trainers' Association and the National Strength and Conditioning Association. He enjoyed astronomy and often volunteered at the observatory at the Byron Forest Preserve. He was an avid Cubs, Blackhawks and Notre Dame football fan. John was Athletic Trainer at Oregon High School for the past 30+ years where he helped



hundreds of students recover from their sports injuries. He received the gift of life through a kidney and pancreas transplant at UW-Madison on June 14, 2005.

He was predeceased by his father Allan Cain, his paternal grandparents Lester and Leola Cain, and maternal grandparents Don and Leona McLennan.

He is survived by his loving wife Melanie Cain of Oregon; mother Mary Cain of Byron; sister Lori Crask of Rockford; Aunts Kathy McLennan of North Dakota, and Joan (Tom) Nally of Florida; fatherand mother-in-law Lee

(Mary Jane) Stabler of Kewanee, Ill.; brotherin-law Nick (Brandy)
Stabler of Chatham, Ill.; several cousins, nieces and nephews: Adam (Kori) Crask, Sara (the late Levi) Lorenz, Olivia Stabler, Wesley Stabler; great nieces and nephews: Addison Crask, Baylee Lorenz, Cena Lorenz, and Noah Crask.

Amemorial service will

be held 10 a.m., Tuesday, April 5, 2022 at the Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home, 110 S. 7th Street in Oregon, IL with the Pastor David Rogula officiating. Visitation will be held Monday, April 4, 2022 at the funeral home from 5-7 p.m. A memorial fund is established in John's name for the Serenity Hospice and Home and the University of Wisconsin-Madison Transplant Program. In John's honor, please consider registering to be an organ donor. Visit www.farrellhollandgale to leave a condolence or memory of John.

Donald S. Eliel

OREGON – Donald S. Eliel, age 85, passed away on Sunday, March 27, 2022 at his home. He was born in Paducah, Ky., on Jan. 1, 1937. He is the son of Frank and Pauline (Stinnett) Eliel.

He married Cheryl Appel on June 14, 1968. Donald was a U.S. Navy veteran. He worked for AT&T for many years until he retired in 1996. Donald was a faith filled man. He was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church where he enjoyed singing in the choir. He loved the outdoors; especially spending time fishing and scuba diving. He was an avid hiker; hiking to the bottom of the Grand Canyon. Donald loved to travel and traveled with his wife to all 48 contiguous states. He was an avid woodworker.

Donald was an involved parent and grand



parent who enjoyed being Boy Scout leader and coaching soccer. In his spare time; he would stay involved with local community theatre productions and played Santa for many years. Donald was also a dedicated Mason. He is survived by

his loving wife, Cheryl of Oregon; children, Kelly (Jeff) Camacho of Pittsboro, N.C., Jennifer (Daniel) Erdmann of Franklin Grove and Brett Eliel of Lake in the Hills; grandchildren, Brad (Megan) Nichols,

Matthew Eliel, Isaac Erdmann, Caden Camacho, Tessa Camacho, and Maddox Camacho; and great grandson, Braden Nichols.

He is preceded in death by his parents and brother Albert Eliel.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, April 3, 2022 at Farrell-Holland-Gale 110 S 7th Street, Oregon from 3-5 pm concluded with a Masonic service at 5 PM. A Celebration of Donald's Life will be held 10:30 a.m. on Monday, April 4, 2022 at St Paul's Lutheran Church with Pastor Carl Rasmussen officiating. Burial at Daysville Cemetery in Oregon. Memorials are established for Serenity Hospice & Home and St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Oregon. To leave an online condolence please visit www.farrellhollandgale.com

Forreston Easter Egg hunt is April 16

FORRESTON—The Forreston Lions/ Forreston Area Business Association will be having an Easter egg hunt on Saturday, April 16 at 10 a.m. The hunt is for children ages 1-10 at Memorial Park. In case of bad weather, it will be held inside at Forreston Grade

Rock River Center has upcoming events, activities

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 and like us on Facebook.

Rock River Center Transportation Spring is here! With the warm weather,

more people are getting out. That means more bus rides. Also, this spring we are utilizing a new computerized bus scheduling application. In order to give you, our riders, the best possible service we need to have all information pertaining to you ride when you call us. Please be prepared to give us the following: your name, pickup address, phone numbers (home and cell), city, date and day of ride, time, how long your appointment will be, name and address of destination. The phone number of your destination would be helpful but not necessary. These seemingly small details are a great help when setting up the routes. Please be ready a few minutes prior to your pick up time. We understand cancellations due to illness. If you must cancel for other reasons, please do so as soon as you know you cannot keep your ride.

We go to Freeport on Tuesday; Dekalb/ Sycamore on Thursday; Rockford on Monday, Wednesday and Friday; local Ogle county and Dixon daily. Thank you for riding with Rock river Center.

2022/2023 American Classic Tours Preview

We are excited to be invite you to a special Tour Preview highlighting our 2022/2023 Tour Schedule. Join us on Wednesday, April 13, at 10 a.m. at the Rock River Center.

Joe Conroy, President of American Classic Tours, Inc. will provide an informative program schedules complete with beautiful images of these destinations.

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We will be serving assorted "travel-themed" snacks as refreshments.

This is the first event in our "Passport to Fun". We will be distributing passports and providing a brief description of the program beginning at 9:30 a.m.

To register to attend, call Rock River Center at 815-732-3252 by Thursday, April 7.

RRC Holiday Hours

Rock River Center will be observing the following holiday:

Friday, April 15, Good Friday; Center will close at Noon
No activities, programs or transporta-

tion will be scheduled at this time. Please plan accordingly.

Thank you and enjoy your holiday.

Senior Information Services Provided By Rock River Center

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 locations throughout Ogle County. We are at:

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Mt. Morris Library on Apr 20 from 11 a.m.-noon

Polo Public Library on Apr 27 from 10 a.m.-noon

Rochelle/Hub City Senior Center on Apr 6 and 27 from 9:30 a.m.-noon

Mt. Morris Senior Center sets activities

* Join us for a new game! We will be playing pool on our table on Tuesdays at 2 p.m. All are welcome and we are happy to teach you the game.

* We will be carpooling to Brother's Inn in Lanark on April 8th at 11 a.m. for lunch. If you would like to join us, simply call Melissa at 815-734-6335 to get on the list. All are welcome.

*An adult Easter Egg Hunt Fundrais-

er will be held on Saturday April 9th on the campus. Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased by calling Melissa at 815-734-6335 or stopping by Mt. Morris Village Hall. All proceeds will support the Mt. Morris Senior Center and the Let Freedom Ring Festival.

* There will be a Potluck at noon on Monday, April 11th. Please bring a dish to pass or \$5. * There will be a free craft class at

11 a.m. on April 14th with Kerri from Liberty Village of Rochelle. All are welcome, but please sign up by calling 815-734-6335 or stopping by the Senior Center.

* There is a Supper Club at 4 p.m.

on April 19th at Cornett's Chana Tap. The carpool to Chana will leave the Senior Center at 4 p.m. or you can meet us there at 4:20 p.m. All are welcome!

*We will be taking a trip to Galena on

April 21st. The cost for this trip is \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members. We will be taking a Rock River Center Bus and visiting downtown Galena and Fergidaboutit Winery in Hanover. Give Melissa a call at 815-734-6335 to sign up!

*There will be a Health Fair on April 22nd from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. sponsored by the Mt. Morris Senior Center and KSB. All are welcome to join us to learn some new things and have a little fun. There will be healthy eating demonstrations, a talk about "plarn", and door prizes. All are welcome!

*There is a Pie and Ice Cream Social on April 25th from 4 to 6 p.m. on the front lawn of the Mt. Morris Senior Center. All are welcome to join us for this free event. All donations received will go to the United Way of the Rock River Valley.





Greetings! I'm Lady, I'm 4, and I'm hoping you will help me find a home. I'm a very friendly girl who is eager to please. Being by your side, whether strolling down the street or

hanging out in the house, is what I enjoy. And when I look at you with my deep brown eyes, you will know that my love for you will never end. A more true blue companion cannot be found! One other thing I adore is food....maybe some of you can relate. I weigh just under 50lbs but really need to take off several of those. And because yummy morsels are a top priority, I'd be best not living with kids who tend to leave crumbs wherever they go. I am house-trained, whining at the door when I need to go potty, so no need to worry about that. And at 4, I've settled down and, though I still have plenty of energy, am not a whirling dervish. One thing I do wish is to be in a home without cats as I'm not very fond of them.. sorry! But oh boy, I sure hope my forever home is around the comer!

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Registration now open for 4-H Day Camps

Registration for 4-H Day Camp 2022

4-H Day Camp is set for June 14, 15, and 16 at Rock River Christian Camp, Polo. Sign up today to get your child in on all of the amazing fun. Youth may choose to participate in all three days of camp or attend the dates that work best in their schedule.

The 2022 4-H Camp is a day camping experience that is conducted cooperatively by University of Illinois Extension staff in Boone, Carroll, DeKalb, Jo Daviess, Lee, Ogle, Stephenson, Whiteside, and Winnebago Counties and the professional staff at RRCC.

Historically, parents have sent their children to 4-H Camp for a variety of reasons: to have fun, to make new friends, to develop new skills, to be physically active, and to appreciate nature. 4-H Camp is about way more than a few days of fun. Sending your child to 4-H Camp will allow them to create memories they will carry with them through adulthood. 4-H camp teaches youth to make good decisions, build their self-confidence, become independent, and gain the ability to work well with others. These skills will help youth develop into strong adult leaders. In addition, 4-H camp counselors devote

much of their time to ensure today's campers have the same great experience they did as children.

Campers at 4-H Camp will checkin daily at 9 a.m., and daily checkout beginning at 8 p.m. During camp week, youth will engage in a variety of activities designed to challenge, educate, and entertain. Free-choice periods will be offered daily and will include options such as hiking, shooting sports, arts and crafts, crate stacking, team-building challenges, zip-lining, swimming, and more. Anna Dittmar, a first-time camper, thought "the zipline was thrilling!"

4-H Camp is open to all boys and girls,

ages 8-14 by June 14. 4-H membership is not required; however, all participants will be expected to comply with the same high behavior standards expected of 4-Hers. Youth need to be interested and excited to have a day of outdoor fun, away from television and technology.

Cost each day is \$70. All camp fees must be paid in full by May 2. Download a camper application online or register online at: https://extension.illinois.edu/ bdo/northern-illinois-4-h-camp. You may also call an office near you: Jo Daviess County at 815-858-2273; Ogle County Extension at 815-732-2191; or Whiteside Counties at 815-632-3611.

Dems make donation

The Ogle County Democratic Central Committee took the current challenge of not being able to gather in person and made it into a positive. For the second consecutive year, committee members decided to take their holiday party contribution and instead turned it into a donation to benefit Ogle County food pantries. This holiday season, \$800 was collected and distributed to eight pantries throughout the county. For more information about the Ogle County Democrats, visit their website at Oglecountydems.org. David Donald (left), Treasurer of the Ogle County Democrats, presenting Kathy Wragg, Director of the Polo Lifeline Food Pantry, a check for \$100.



Oregon clean up planned

OREGON - The Oregon Area Chamber of Commerce invites you to Have A Spring Clean Up Day on April 24, from 1-4:30 p.m. The rain date will be May 1.

This is a day for Oregon residents to get outside and clean up our yards together as a community. All the information can be found online at http://oregonil. com/oregons-community-clean-up-day/

Is your yard already awesome? Sign up at the website provided to help someone who needs a hand and a team captain will contact you with details. Do you need some help with your yard? Is your siding needing some pressure washing or maybe you're struggling to get your mower going? Please sign up and a team captain will contact you with details. Call Executive Director Liz Vos if you have any questions: 815-732-2100

A fall clean up on Sept. 11 is also planned.

A special thanks to participating businesses and organizations. We are very lucky to have them here serving our community. Special thank you to the City of Oregon for providing support, and Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department for providing grant assistance. Thank you to Oregon Lions Club, Oregon School District, Oregon Together, Oregon United Methodist Church, St Paul Lutheran Church, Woods Equipment for helping two years in a row.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Tues., April 5

Young Widows Group will meet from 6-7 p.m. at the Serenity Home 1658 S IL RT 2 in Oregon. This group is for ages 55 and under. To register please call 815-732-4111 by noon. Group size is limited.

C.A.F.E. will meet from 9-10 a.m. at The Shed 131 N 3rd Street in Oregon. This group is open to all adult bereaved in the community. To register please call 815-

732-4111 by 4 p.m. on April 7. Group size is limited.

Diamond Art will meet from 9-11 a. m. at The Shed 131 N 3rd Street in Oregon. Open to all adults in the community. Please call 815-732-4111 by 4 p.m. on April 7 to register. Please bring your own supplies.

Fri., April 8

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., April 9

The Oregon VFW Post 8739 and the Veterans Assistance Commission Of Ogle County are hosting a free breakfast for all Ogle County Veterans and a guest from 8-11 a.m. There will be a presentation about Ogle County Veteran history. There will be representatives from the Veterans Assistance Commission available if you

desire to discuss your VA ben-

Sun., April 10

There will be a Polo community candlelight prayer vigil for Ukraine at 6 p.m. The event will be held at Louise Quick Park. In case of rain the event will be held at the Polo Senior Center.

Please send your items for the weekly Community Calendar to bjennings@oglecountylife.com. Deadline for all items is 3 p.m. Wednesday.

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MOMENTS IN TIME

- *On April 20, 1841, Edgar Allan Poe's story, "The Murders in the Rue Morgue," first appears in print. The tale, generally considered to be the first detective story, describes the methods used to solve a series of murders.
- * On April 22, 1889, at precisely high noon, 50,000 to 60,000 would-be settlers make a mad dash into the newly opened Oklahoma Territory to claim cheap land. Towns like Norman and Oklahoma City sprang up almost overnight.
- * On April 18, 1906, in San Francisco, an earthquake registering 8.0 kills 3,000 people as 30,000 buildings are destroyed. Two days later, 20,000 refugees trapped by a massive fire were evacuated from the foot of Van Ness Avenue onto the USS Chicago.
- * On April 21, 1930, a fire at an Ohio prison kills 320 inmates, some of whom burn to death when they are not unlocked from their cells. The prison, built to hold 1,500 people, had 4,300 prisoners.
- * On April 23, 1945, two weeks after taking over as U.S. president, Harry Truman gives a tongue-lashing to Soviet Foreign Minister Vyacheslav Molotov. Truman was determined to take a tougher postwar stance with the Soviets than his late predecessor, Franklin Roosevelt, had. Molotov, indignant, stormed out of the meeting with Truman.
- * On April 24, 1953, Winston Churchill, the British leader who guided Great Britain and the Allies through the crisis of World War II, is knighted by Queen Elizabeth II. He would win the Nobel Prize in literature later that same year.
- *On April 19, 1993, near Waco, Texas, after a 51-day siege, the FBI launches a tear-gas assault on the compound of Branch Davidian leader David Koresh and his disciples as part of an investigation into illegal possession of firearms and explosives. The compound at Mount Carmel was burned to the ground, and some 80 Branch Davidians, including 22 children, died in the inferno.

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Slap a symptom of larger problem

Seems I missed the slap heard around the world.

As usual, I did not watch the Academy Awards ceremony last week. Watching a bunch of entitled people handing out awards to each other doesn't do much for me. And since I haven't even been to a theater for years, I am not exactly up on the "best" movies out there.

Give me a nice horror movie or a great documentary and I am good.

But the Oscars cer-

tainly made headlines for all the wrong reasons this year, as actor Will Smith slapped comedian Chris Rock after Rock made a joke about Smith's wife. Look, I am not going

to rehash everything here. You saw it or heard about it, most certainly. If you need a re-cap you can go to Google. Why Smith felt that

was the best time to slap someone who makes a living telling jokes is beyond me. But we need to make sure this is clear – it was assault. Thankfully for Smith, Rock is not pressing charges.

First, I want to make

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assaulting someone who says something you don't like does not make you a tough guy. It makes you look weak. Heard of toxic masculinity? That is what it looks like.

But this speaks to a much deeper issue in society. We are a violent bunch, and these days seem to use violence as a go-to response. We scream, and yell

and storm the Capital and threaten those we don't like. On social media, people belittle and mock and type nasty things in ALL CAPS. We have politicians who openly say the most inflammatory things about those they don't agree with, and these people are applauded by those who agree with them. I think we need to take

a mirror and stare into it ... deeply. We need to take a long look at ourselves. Will Smith is just a guy living on the planet. Sure, he is more famous and richer than all of us, but he is just a dude. And in America in 2022, if someone says something you don't like, you assault them. With apparently no consequences. This is not a good

lesson.

Where does this stop? Do people start charging the stage at comedy shows if a comedian says something that offends them? How about a musician who sings a song protesting something you love? Do you get physical? Make threats?

I see reporters being threatened with bodily harm for simply covering political events. It is terrifying what is happening in this country.

Politicians get death threats all the time. Even other elected officials post things on social media that seem to call for violence against those on

This is who we are, and I don't like it at all. The vitriol and anger and name calling we see every day horrifies me. I am so sick of those who set out to divide. It is harmful and hurt-

ful and disgusting.

One rich guy slapping another rich guy on TV in front of millions, including children, is just life now, I suppose. We have people with obscenities painted on barns and it is fine, right? We put down and laugh at people all the time.

If we keep going this way, it is going to get much worse. We have got to, as a society, reject the anger and division and especially the violence. If not, I hate to think about the country my future grandchildren will be living in.

All of this from a simple slap, you ask? Yes. That slap was a symptom of a much bigger and continually growing problem. Let's be a part of the solution.

Brad Jennings is Editor of The Ogle County Life.

Incident made me realize my own privilege

A few months ago, I was pulled over by a Springfield-area police officer for a minor traffic

He shined a flashlight in my car and said, "Mr. Reeder, are you carrying?"

I replied that "no," my firearm was home locked up in a safe. He replied "You should always

carry. It doesn't do you any good if its home locked up." He gave me a verbal warning

and sent me on my way. I couldn't help but wonder how different that encounter might

have been if I were Black. In 2020, I wrote a piece about Rep. Curtis Tarver, D-Chicago, who was pulled over not far from his home for having a burned-out headlight. An officer asked him, "Do you have a gun in the car?" He responded he did and showed them his valid conceal carry permit.

But he says he was still hauled into a police station, handcuffed to a table for seven hours and not allowed to call an attorney. They treated him this way despite knowing he was a lawyer and a state lawmaker.

Nine months later, charges against him were dismissed because it was determined he hadn't broken any law. But the cops kept

Tarver is Black. I'm white. He was arrested despite being licensed to carry. I was scolded for not carrying.

That's the definition of white privilege.

I might add that white privilege isn't necessarily something someone seeks. And it doesn't mean you haven't had struggles

in your life. It just means that one of those struggles wasn't related to the color of your skin. Sometimes it manifests itself in

big ways such as whether one is

arrested. But often smaller things are more telling. Last week, our puppy chewed up my well-worn pair of work boots. I went to my favorite shoe

store, a place where I've always

found the service to be excellent. There was one other customer there, a Black man with his family. He has a good job as a union dry wall installer, and he too was buying a new pair of boots.

After trying a pair on, I asked if I made the purchase whether they could throw in a free pair of socks. In a rather officious tone – as if he were speaking to an audience, not just me – the manager told me, "We never do that."

And he pointed at my sales associate and said, "He could be fired if he did that."

I stepped into the washroom and when I returned the African American family had left. The associate had my boots boxed up and handed me a free pair of socks. He said, "You're a good customer – you deserve this."

My first reaction was, "That's nice, he changed his mind."

As I drove home, it dawned on me that whole charade was done so they wouldn't be obliged to also give a free pair of socks to the Black customer who was spending the same amount as me.

White folks, myself included, can be pretty clueless when it comes to the privileges we are extended.

Several years ago, I was driving

just south of Springfield Memorial Hospital when I came across a van that had broken down on a side street. The driver was a young African

American man who had recently graduated from high school. He said he had run out of gas and was worried about being late for his job working in a restaurant. I had him climb in my truck

and I drove him to a gas station several blocks away. I got out of the truck and grabbed a nozzle to fill up my gas can.

The young man said, "You can't do that. This is my neighborhood station and you have to pre-pay." But it was the station I stopped at routinely on the way to work, and I had never prepaid.

Sure enough, as soon as I stuck the nozzle in the can, gasoline

I looked at the young man who was dressed in a nice pair of jeans. I had been doing yard work that day and was wearing a pair of bib overalls. So, it wasn't how I was dressed that got me treated better.

He drove an old van, but I was driving an old pickup.

Perhaps I was treated better because I have some gray in my hair, but I doubt it.

It would seem my skin color offered me a privilege that's denied others. That's just not right but it won't change until more white people realize that the privileges they receive often are denied others.

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

Thanks for generous donation to FFA program

Dear Editor,

The Forrestville Valley School District and FFA would like to recognize the family of Norm and Mary Ellen Ludwig for their generous donation to the FFA Program at Forreston High School in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Ludwig.

Norm and Mary Ellen Ludwig were lifelong farmers in Forreston. They loved farm life and dedicated their lives to being good members of the community. Norm was a member

of the US Army and served in the Korean War, he was active in his church and was a member of the American Legion and Mt. Morris Moose Lodge. Norm passed away in September, 2019. Mary Ellen was generous with her time and volunteered in multiple ways to help her community including at her church, with local girl scout troops, and as an election judge. Mary Ellen passed away in December, 2021.

To honor their memory and

their love of farming, their family donated \$1,000.00 in their name to the Forrestville Valley High School FFA Program. Forrestville Valley appreciates the generosity of the family, friends and neighbors for continuing Norm and Mary Ellen's legacy with this donation.

> Sheri Smith, Superintendent Forrestville Valley Board of

Kelley Parks, FFA Advisor

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LOCAL NEWS

Ogle County Sheriff

Feb. 26

At approximately 8:32 p.m., Deputies initiated a traffic stop on I-39 at mile marker #109 northbound. Upon further investigation Shundell Brown, 25 of Rockford, was arrested for No Valid Driver's License. Shundell was released on an I-Bond with a future court date given. Shundell was also cited for Operate Uninsured Motor Vehicle, No Child Restraint, and Possession of Cannabis.

At 12:31 a.m., Ogle County Deputies responded to Rochelle Community Hospital for a reported child abuse. Upon further investigation, Luis Vasquez Jr., 21 of Rochelle was charged with Aggravated Domestic Battery. Vasquez was transported to the Ogle County Corrections Center where he was released to Corrections' Personnel in lieu of bond.

At approximately 8:21 p.m., Ogle County Deputies conducted a traffic stop at N Main St and IL Rte 38 in Creston. After a brief investigation, Deputies arrested Jorge Cabrera, 32 of Rochelle, for Driving While License Suspended. Cabrera was taken into custody without incident and released on a \$2,500/10% Individual Bond with a return court date set. Cabrera was also issued citations for Illegal Window Tint and Operating Uninsured Motor Vehicle.

At 10:55 p.m. Deputies conducted a traffic stop on I39 at mile marker 104, and after a short investigation Deputies arrested Asia Harron, 65 of Rockford for no valid license. Herron was released on scene and will appear in court on 4-1-22 at 0900.

At 8:02 p.m., Deputies conducted a traffic stop on I39 at mile marker 99. After a short investigation Deputies arrested Austin Sumner 28 of Washington IL for DWLS, and improper Cannabis container. Sumner also received citations for one tail light, no insurance, and failure to change address. Sumner was released on scene and will appear in court at a later date.

Feb. 25

At approximately 10:02 p.m. Ogle County Deputies conducted a traffic stop at IL Rte 38 and Mulford Road. After a brief investigation, Deputies arrested, Juan Manuel Huertes-Ceballos, 43 of La Salle, for No Valid Driver's License. Huertes-Ceballos was taken into custody without incident and released on a \$2,500/10% Individual Bond with a return court date. Huertes-Ceballos was also issued a citation for Illegal Window

At 11:32 a.m., Deputies conducted a traffic stop at Mud Creek Road and N Illinois Route 2. After a brief investigation, Jaime Carter, 40 from Oregon was arrested for Driving While License Revoked and Possession of Methamphetamine (Class 3 Felony). Carter was transported to Ogle County Jail where she was being held pending an appearance before a judge.

Feb. 24

At approximately 10:03 p.m., Deputies responded to a Theft on N. Highland Court in Stillman Valley. After investigation, Deputies placed Dustin Gray, 34 of Stillman Valley under arrest for Possession of a Stolen Firearm (Class 2

Felony), No FOID card (Class 3 Felony), and Theft under \$500.00. Gray was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held pending a court appearance in front of a judge.

At approximately 1:13 a.m., Ogle County Deputies conducted a traffic stop on I39 at mile marker 108. After a brief investigation, Deputies arrested Cristian Menjivar-Alvarenga, 28 of Rockford, for No Valid Driver's License. Menjivar-Alvarenga was also issued citations for No Front Registration and Operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle. Menjivar-Alvarenga was given an I-Bond with a return court date later next month and released on scene

At approximately 2:40 a.m., Deputies conducted a traffic stop on I39 at mile marker 113. After investigation, Deputies placed Damontre Turner, 28 of Rockford under arrest for Driving While License Suspended. Turner was released on an I-Bond at the scene and given a future court date.

Christopher Taylor, 33, was placed under arrest for Violation of the Sex Offender Registration Act (Class 3 Felony). Taylor was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held pending an appearance before a judge.

Feb. 22

At 3:10 p.m., Deputies conducted a traffic stop at 3rd Street and Franklin Street, Byron. After a short investigation, Deputies arrested James Turcato of Byron, 27 for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol. James was transported to Ogle County Jail. James was also issued

citations for Expired Registration and No Front Registration.

Feb. 21

At approximately 6:46 p.m., Ogle County Deputies conducted a traffic stop at E IL Rte 38 and Mulford Rd. After a brief investigation, Deputies arrested David Alarcon-Hernandez, 38 of DeKalb, for No Driver's License. Alarcon-Hernandez was taken into custody without incident and released on a \$2,500/10% Individual Bond and given a return court date. Alarcon-Hernandez was also issued citations for No Splash Guards, Illegal Window Tint, and Operating Uninsured Motor Vehicle.

Feb. 20

At approximately 3:30 a.m. deputies responded to the 8,000 block of Clinton Street in Grand Detour for in the report of a domestic disturbance. Dixon Rural Fire department was also responding to the address for the report of a natural gas leak. After an investigation, Dillon Hawn, 24 of Grand Detour was arrested for domestic battery, possession of a firearm with no FOID card, and reckless discharge of a firearm. Hawn was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

At approximately 8:13 p.m., Ogle County Deputies conducted a traffic stop on I39 mile marker 111. After brief investigation, Deputies arrested Keith Sanders, 58 of Freeport, for Driving While License Revoked. Sanders was transported to the Ogle County Jail, where he was released to Correctional Staff and held in lieu of bond.

Send all items to bjennings@ oglecountylife. com





Seatings at 11 & 1

Buffet \$25 Seniors (60 & Over) \$22 Children (Under 13) \$15

- Vegetable Du Dour
- Mashed Potatoes
- Rock River Chicken
- 24-foot Dessert Table
- Bacon and Sausage
- Carved Seasoned Pork Loin
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 - French Toast Bake
 - Broccoli Rice Cheese Bake
 - Assorted Dinner Rolls

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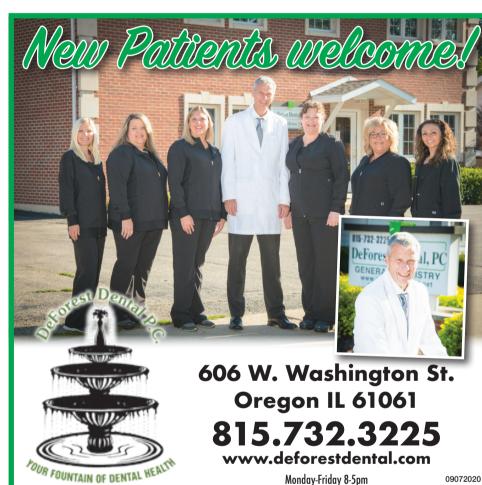
Riverboat resumes operations for Mothers Day. Mother's day reservations also available - seatings at 11am and 1pm.

Riverside banquets up to 260 guests dates still available for the 2022 season

Friday Fish Fry & Saturday Prime Rib



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Spring Recycling Event

Latex Paint, Aerosol Cans, & Paper Shredding **Saturday, April 9th, 2022 - 8 AM to 12 PM**

County Annex Building, 909 Pines Rd., Oregon, IL **Ogle County Residents ONLY, NO Permit Required**

Residential Liquid Latex Paint:

Bring in original containers, no mixing of colors to make a full container. Liquid latex paint only. No dried out or hardened paint. Prices listed below. Cash, card, or check payable to "Earthpaint" accepted

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Container Size	Total Recycling	County Portion	Your Cost - First 10
	Cost	(Subsidized)	Containers
Quart	\$2.50	\$1.50	\$1.00
Gallon	\$5.00	\$3.00	\$2.00
5 Gal. Pail	\$18.00	\$10.00	\$8.00

For more than 10 containers, you pay full cost.

Aerosol Cans/Spray Paint/Single Use Propane Tanks:

Accepted items include aerosol spray cans of paint, auto care/lubricants, food products, insecticides, household cleaners, and personal care products. Some aerosol products may not be accepted. 14-16 ounce small propane tanks and isobutene tanks also accepted.

First 10 items are fully subsidized by the Solid Waste Mgmt. Dept. Additional items, you pay full cost to recycle (\$1/spray can & \$2/propane tank). See website or Facebook for full list of acceptable aerosol products.

Paper Shredding: 9 AM - 12 PM

No charge for Ogle County residents; no business or institutional materials; limit 3 "bankers' boxes" per vehicle; documents will be shredded on site.

> www.oglecounty.org 815-732-4020

> > Email: solidwaste@oglecounty.org



Byron Rotary Club offering scholarship to BHS student

BYRON – Rotary Club of Byron is once again offering a \$1,000 scholarship to a worthy Byron High School senior.

The 2022 "Bob Adams Service Above Self Scholarship" is being offered for the 13th year to a graduating senior who plans to further his or her education in the Fall. The winner will be someone who has demonstrated academic achievement while exemplifying the Rotary motto of

"Service Above Self." Family income is not a consideration.

Bob Adams was a charter member of Byron Rotary whom the club credits with tirelessly working to establish a local club and to expand our membership. Because of Bob's vision, and with the support of the Byron community, Rotary Club of Byron helps in the worldwide effort to eradicate polio, to assist victims of natural disasters and to provide clean drinking water to small villages in third world countries.

Locally, Byron Rotary provided seed funding for the Byron High School Pantry, made donations to Byron Cemetery war memorial, funded construction of the Byron Forest Preserve Sled Shed, collects pop tabs to help pay for family stays at Ronald McDonald House, and provides

financial assistance to foster families.

Applications for the "Bob Adams Service Above Self Scholarship" are available in the Byron High School Guidance Office and on the students' Naviance-Family Connection Accounts. The application deadline is Friday April 22.

The winner will be announced at the Honors Convocation Wednesday May 18.



Oregon Rotary

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Oregon High School FFA members were among guests attending the Oregon Rotary Rural-Urban day program last week at the Steak Pit in Oregon. Ryan Reeverts of Byron former Illinois FFA Reporter was the guest speaker. Oregon area farmers were guests of Rotarians and heard Ryan address, "The Dynamic Changes of American



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Winners will appear in the April 11, 2022 Life. Winners' certificates will be mailed before Easter!



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Students of the Month

Meridian Junior High School would like to congratulate the December Student Leaders of the Month. These students were first nominated and voted on by their classmates for the December trait – KINDNESS and also Leader In Me Habit #4 – Think Win-Win. Congrats to the following (front row): Kaylyn Cicogna (6th), Genesis Aldana-Fernandez (7th), Aaliyah Moreno (8th), (back row) Ayden Alderks (6th), Hudson Pollock (7th). Collin Evenson (6th) and Wyatt Birkett (8th).



NEW LISTING

12862 Springhill Drive, Winnebago \$210,000 Call Josie

Welcome home to this beautiful ranch in popular Westlake Village! The living room features laminate flooring and a cozy wood burning fireplace. Master bedroom has a large walk-in closet and ensuite full bathroom. There are two bedrooms and an additional full bathroom on the main floor as well. There have been so many upgrades in less than 5 years. The exterior; roof, sidings, facia, gutters, and sliding glass door. Interior; new laminate flooring throughout, guest bath tile and vanity, fresh paint in most rooms, oversize furnace (2.5 ton), and tankless water heater. Better move fast as this home will not last long!! Trampoline does not stay. HOA



1006 S. Third Street, Oregon \$79,900 Call Mark

This cute 1 1/2 story home features 2 bedrooms with the master on the main floor. All appliances stay, windows are 2 years old, roof is 10 years old, Vinyl siding is a year old, water heater is a year old, and new garage door.



608 S. Fifth Street, Oregon \$94,900 Call Carla

Loads of potential with this 2 bedroom in Oregon. Hardwood flooring on main floor, large Living room, Dining room and Family room. Two bedrooms with LVT and bath in the upper level. All kitchen appliances stay. Huge kitchen with loads of cabinetry. Covered front porch and deep back yard. Great location close to schools and NASH Center.



1326 III Route 2, Oregon \$499,000 Call Rebecca

TURN KEY MOTEL! Opportunity knocks with your chance to own "The Chateau Lodge" a 12 room motel located just outside of Historic Oregon with views of Blackhawk Statue and the Rock River! With great reviews and many repeat customers, this tourism staple boasts an excellent occupancy rate and is turn key for the next operator. Each room has electric baseboard heat, window unit air conditioning, refrigerator and full bathroom with tub. The property also includes a 2 bedroom apartment with updated kitchen and full bathroom. There is a laundry room and janitorial space with two washer and dryers for taking care of guest linens. Many updates including: roof, hot water heater, furnace & exterior maintenance. You have to see to believe how well this property is managed and cared for



803 Missouri Drive, Dixon \$24,900 Call Merri

Triple Lot in Lost Nation! Build your dream home on this wooded, sloped lot- perfect for lower level exposure. This lot is conveniently located lot near the lake and golf course. Enjoy all the amenities that Lost Nation has to offer. Amenities of the gated subdivision include: multiple parks, recreation center, 2 beaches. golf course, and an 80+ acre lake perfect for

The Average Homeowner Gained More Than \$55K in Equity over the Past Year

you're a current homeowner, you should know your net worth just got a big boost. It comes in the form of rising home equity. Equity is the current value of your home minus what you owe on the loan. Today, you're building that equity far faster than you may expect — and this gain is great news for you.

Here's how it happened. Home values are on the rise thanks to low housing supply and high buyer demand. Basically, there aren't enough homes available to meet this high buyer interest, so bidding wars are driving home prices up. When you own a home, the rising prices mean your home is worth more in today's market. And as home values climb, your equity does too. As Dr. Frank Nothaft, Chief Economist at CoreLogic, explains:

"Home prices rose 18% during 2021 in the CoreLogic Home Price Index, the largest annual gain recorded in its 45-year history, generating a big increase in home equity wealth."

The latest Homeowner Equity Insights from CoreLogic shed light on just how much rising home values have boosted homeowner equity. According to that report, the average homeowner's equity has grown by \$55,300 over the last 12 months.

Want to know what's happening in your area? See the chart for a breakdown of the average year-over-year equity growth for each state based on that data.

In addition to building your overall net worth, equity can also help you achieve other goals like buying your next home. It works like this: when you sell your house, the equity you built up comes back to you in the sale.

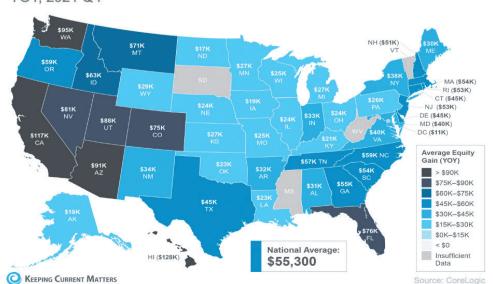
In a market where you're gaining so much equity, it may be just what you need to cover a large portion — if not all - of the down payment on your next home. So, if you've been holding off on selling and worried about being priced out of your next home because of today's home price appreciation, rest assured your equity can help fuel your move.

Bottom Line

Equity can be a real game-changer if you're planning to make a move. To find out just how much equity you have in your home and how you can use it to fuel your next purchase, connect with a trusted Realtor at RE/MAX of Rock Valley.

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March 28 Stillman Valley 4, Stow Munroe

March 29 Stillman Valley 0, Pikeville 10

Birthday



Hartman celebrates 101 years

Leeila Hartman turned 101 on March 13, 2022. Five generations attended her birthday party: Daughter Debi, grandson Jason, great grand daughter Kelsey, greatgreat grand daughter Winnie and great-great grand daughter Mikayla.

Dean's List

Upper Iowa University

FAYETTE, Iowa – Upper Iowa University is pleased to announce the Dean's List for the Fall 2021 semester.

To be honored, the undergraduate must have earned a minimum 3.50 GPA and be enrolled as a full-time student.

Among those named to the Dean's List was Emily Cahill, a Business Admin major from Mount Morris.

Ripon College

RIPON, Wis. – Ripon College has announced its Dean's List for the Fall 2021 semester recognizing academic excellence.

To qualify for the Dean's List at Ripon College, students must achieve a 3.40 grade-point average or higher on a 4.00 scale and complete at least 12 credits of regular letter-graded works.

Arynn Mathieu of Byron, is majoring in Exercise Science - Human Performance Psychology and was named to the Fall 2021 Dean's List.

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Oregon Library News

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National Library Week- Connect with Your Library! April 3-9

As part of the National Library Week celebration, when Oregon Public Library cardholders check out reading material, they may receive a scratch-off ticket for every 3 reading material items for a chance to win some readable prizes. Scratch off your ticket and see if you win! Winning ticket holders may select one of the prize packages that are now on display at the Library. There will also be special treats for patrons checking out materials!

National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries across the country. "Connect with Your Library," promotes the idea that libraries are places to get connected to technology by using broadband, computers, and other resources. Libraries also offer opportunities to connect with media, programs, ideas, and classes—in addition to books.

First sponsored in 1958,

Library Book Clubs

The 2WBC Book Club meets Wednesday, April 13 at 12:30 p.m. to discuss The Echo Wife by Sarah Gailey. The Afternoon Book Club meets Wednesday, April 20 at 1 p.m. to discuss Rock Paper Scissors by Alice Feeney. Books On Tap will meet Thursday, April 28 at 6 p.m. at Cork N Tap to discuss Northern Spy by Flynn Berry.

New Book Club -Cocktails & Crimes -April 13th at 6:30 p.m. (grab a book to find out

This book club is for the fans of True Crime. Part of the mystery each month will be the book we read and the location, date and time of the meeting. You can pick up the book for April at the library or visit our Goodreads page to see the description. Each month, the location, date and time of the club will be revealed in the next book chosen and will never be in the same place twice in a row. It's a mystery. If you would like to join this book club, stop by and get the book for April and find

Preschool StoryTime (18 months- 5 years)

out more information.

StoryTime now meets on Mondays at 9:30 a.m. Registration is required and masks are recommended.

Yoga on Mondays Krystal Casey will

be teaching a Monday morning yoga class at the library. We are all human; we are all part of something greater; we are all connected. Her personal mission is to inspire a spirit of oneness, acceptance,

love, and peace among the community and empower all Americans to live their dream lives, every day. Registration is required, (815) 732-2724.

Try It Tuesday – Tuesday, April 12th (while supplies last)

Seed Starter kits. Want to try a garden this year? How about fresh herbs? Let us help you get your herb garden started. Each kit will contain all supplies needed. KITS ARE FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE for Oregon Library Card Holders.

Seed Swap – Tuesday, April 12th from 2-6 p.m.

Bring seeds to share to the library– fruits, vegetables, flowers and native seeds are the best. Make sure your seeds are labeled with variety, year grown, crop family, days to maturity, location grown, germination rate and skill level. NO GMO SEEDS OR SEEDS OVER 2 YEARS OLD. U of I Extension Office Master Gardeners and Master Naturalists will be on hand to answer questions. For more information, contact (815) 732-2724. If you haven't seen it yet, come check out our new seed lending library.

Stories Aboard the Titanic - Thursday, April 14th at 1 p.m.

On April 14, 1912, the H.M.S. Titanic strikes an ice berg and sends out an S.O.S. At 1:30 am NY Times Managing Editor, Carr Van Anda, reads that wireless message. RJ Lindsey portrays Carr Van And, who narrates a slide program detailing the ship's construction, its luxurious accommodations and modern safety features. He then recounts hour by hour the events of that dramatic maiden voyage. As the ship slowly sinks, Van Anda tells the stories of several passengers from First, Second and Third class; Who were they? Why were they on board? What finally happened to them? Registration required, (815) 732-2724 or visit www. oregonpubliclibrary.com.

Ink With A Friend **Monthly Card Club**

Monday, April 18th at

Registration Deadline

April 15th Sending personal cards to your friends and family is a way to let them know you care and are thinking about them. Creating these cards makes it even more special. Come join us for Ink with a Friend. You will be provided a pre-cut kit along with personal instruction on how to create the wonderful cards while learning a variety of card making techniques. All designs include beautiful colored cardstock, gorgeous designer series paper, detailed stamped images, die cut pieces, matching ink, ribbon, and embellishments. This month, Liz has designed two (2) cards for you to make. All cards come with matching envelopes. Whether you're a new card maker or a seasoned pro, our kits are suited to every skill level. Don't wait!

From Uptown Girls to Downton Abbey: How

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American Gilded-Age Heiresses Invaded the **British Aristocracy Talk** presented by Claire Evans- Wednesday, April 20th at 6:30 p.m. Long before the Brit-

ish Invasion, the cashstrapped lords, viscounts, and dukes of Great Britain shifted their focus from hunting foxes and pheasants to more lucrative targets: cash-flush Gilded Age American socialites who were willing to trade their family's money for an ancient title and often a chilly reception in the British aristocracy. Fans of "Downton Abbey" and "The Gilded Age" on television and film will delight as Anglophile and former U.K. resident Claire Evans recounts the tales of some of the famously loaded young Americans who infused bank accounts of many stately homes, including close relatives of Winston Churchill and Princess Diana. She'll also give travel tips if you'd like to create a Gilded Age tour for yourself.

Claire Evans is a former journalist, attorney, and college lecturer who started her love of most things British as she and her mother watched countless episodes of "Are You Being Served," "Fawlty Towers," and "The Vicar of Dibley" on PBS. She went on to study abroad in London and, against the odds, she married a Brit she met in Peoria, Illinois. They moved to England, where they lived for a number of years. Outside of her work for a legal advice charity, Claire became a student of historical sights, pub dining, and tea shops. Her business, Tea with Claire, grew from friends asking for travel and relocation advice. Registration required, call (815) 732-2724 or visit www. oregonpubliclibrary.com.

An Evening with Nick Offerman & Jeff Tweedy - Wednesday, April 27th at 7 p,m, CST/

Illinois Libraries present actor/humorist/woodworker Nick Offerman in conversation with musician/hiking buddy Jeff Tweedy. Register at http:// www.oregonpublilibrary.

Best known for his breakout role as Ron Swanson in the hit TV series Parks and Recreation, actor and New York Times bestselling author Nick Offerman, originally of Minooka, Ill., will be discussing his newest book, Where the Deer and the Antelope Play: The Pastoral Observations of One Ignorant American Who

Loves to Walk Outside. Jeff Tweedy is a musician, songwriter, author, and record producer best known as the singer and guitarist of the band Wilco. Originally from Belleville, Ill., Tweedy has released 20 studio albums across his career and is the author of two books, including How to Write One Song: Loving the Things We Create and How They Love Us Back.

This event is made possible by Illinois Libraries Present, a statewide collaboration of public libraries offering high-quality events. Illinois Libraries Present 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.

New Collaboration!

We have partnered with the Oregon Park District for a few of their cooking classes with Lynnie's Kitchen. Everyone who signs up for our e-newsletter beginning January 1st, will be entered into a drawing to receive 2 (two) vouchers to attend a cooking class with the Oregon Park District. Visit our website, [http://www.oregonpubliclibrary.com%20 and%20click%20the%20 newsletter%20image%20 to%20sign%20up%20 and%20receive%20 our % 2 0 n e w % 2 0 email%20newsletter.%20 %20the%20next%20 class%20is%20april%20 21st%2C%20drawing%20will%20be%20 held%20april%205th./] http://www.oregonpubliclibrary.com and click the newsletter image to sign up and receive our NEW email newsletter. The next class is April 21st, drawing will be held April 5th.

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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 We>re Going on an Egg Hunt by Laura Hughes.

OPLD Dial-A-Story Need a quick story? Call 1-630-397-0912 to hear one! Children's stories are changed out monthly. Current story- The Magical Yet by Angela DiTerlizzi.

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 to 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.

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Byron Library News

MONDAY, APRIL 4, 2022

Special Hours

The Byron Public Library will be closed Sunday, April 17 in observation of the Easter holiday. We wish our patrons a safe and happy Easter!

Curbside Delivery

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

Money Smart Week-Spend Smart, Eat Smart

Monday, Apr. 11

1-1:30 p.m.

This webinar is entitled, "Spend Smart. Eat Smart." Review planning ideas that can encourage you to take charge of your food budget in a way that works best for your household. Please register by visiting Byron.evanced.info/signup or calling 815-234-5107.

Money Smart Week - Credit: Build & Improve It

Tuesday, Apr. 12

1-1:30 p.m.

This webinar is entitled, "Credit: Build & Improve It." An explanation of what a credit score is and how to boost your credit score will be discussed. Please register by visiting Byron.evanced.info/ signup or calling 815-234-5107.

Money Smart Week - Understanding Social Security, Retirement, Spouse & Survivor Benefits

Thursday, Apr. 14 1-1:30 p.m.

Julia Hull Library News

Storytime at the Library!

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

Tween Scene: DIY **Squishies Lab**

Squeeze your stress away, tweens! On Tuesday, April 5 at 6 p.m., we'll experiment with paper, sponges and foam to test which technique makes the best squishy. All supplies provided. Ages 10-12. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

Craft Bomb: Crafts

In Bloom What will it be? You'll find out when it drops,

Friday, April 8! Watch our FB and Instagram feeds for a video tutorial. Then, follow the directions for placing your order. While supplies last. One kit per person. Adults only.

Diorama Contest

Come celebrate Spring at the library on Saturday, April 9 at 10 a.m.! Each family will create a diorama featuring marshmallow Peeps! All dioramas will be photographed and posted on the library's social media. The diorama with the most votes after a week wins a prize! All supplies provided. All ages. Registration required. *MUST REGISTER BY MONDAY, APRIL 4th: 815-645-8611.

Felted Desert

This April, we're returning to the magic of felt painting...with a Southwest-inspired theme! Join Joanna on Monday, April 11 at 6 PM as she instructs participants through the process of felting wool roving on fabric to create a painted desert scene. Registration required for this Zoom program. Email Joanna at jkluever@mail. meridian223.org. Adults only.

This webinar is entitled, "Understanding Social Security, Retirement, Spouse and Survivor Benefits." Become informed about the entitlement factors for retirement, spouse, ex-spouse and survivor benefits. Get the facts about the options to start benefits at various ages. To enhance your experience, you are encouraged to download your Social Security statement ahead of the session by going to: www.ssa.gov/myaccount. Please register by visiting Byron.evanced.info/ signup or calling 815-234-5107.

Natural Cleaners

Tuesday, Apr. 12

6-7 p.m.

In honor of Earth Day on April 22, we will show you how to make your own "green" cleaners with simple household items. Each attendee will receive a bag of these earth-friendly ingredients and recipes to begin cleaning. Please register by calling 815-234-5107 or visiting Byron.evanced.info/signup.

Wine Glass Candle Holders

Thursday, Apr. 21

6-7:30 p.m.

Get in touch with your crafty side with us as we create a set of wine glass candle holders. Call 815-234-5107 or visit Byron.evanced.info/signup to register.

Bee Keeping

Thursday, Apr. 28 6-7:30 p.m.

Come learn what all the buzz about bee keeping is in this class for beginners. Call 815-234-5107 or visit 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!

Teen Advisory Coun-

cil (TAC) Teens are invited to join us in this decade-plus long tradition at the library! What's TAC all about? TAC members

assist in the planning and promotion of the library's programming, discuss and contribute ideas for the library's collection, and volunteer at library events. Next meeting: Tuesday, April 12 at 3 p.m. Member application required. Contact Kelly at khaas@ mail.meridian223.org to

Library Closure

library! Ages 13-18.

The library will be closed Friday, April 15 for Good Friday, and Saturday, April 16 for Easter Observance.

inquire. Or, stop by the

Young Critics Book Club

In honor of National Poetry Month, join us for a book discussion and hands-on craft/activity all about If It Rains Pancakes, by Brain P. Cleary. Stop by, or call the library to register for this in-person program, and reserve your copy of the reading: 815-645-8611. Tuesday, April 19 at 6 p.m. Ages 7-9.

Short & Sweets

Join Joanna at the library on Wednesday, April 20 at 10 a.m. for an engaging discussion of Kevin Wilson's short story, "Biology," while we snack on homemade dessert! Copies of the reading available at the Circulation Desk. Adults.

Teen Eggsclusive **Scavenger Hunt**

Teens, this egg hunt is just for you! Don't worry, it's eggstra tricky, eggstremely hip, and all the eggciting people will be there. Ok, you get the idea. Bring your friends to the library on Thursday, April 21 at 3 p.m. to hunt for eggs that reveal clues to the location of an eggstravagant jumbo candy prize. Ages 13-18. Registration required.

Andy & Judy: New **England Folk LIVE In** Concert

Join us on the library lawn Monday, May 16 at 6:30 p.m. for an evening of live music with folk singer-songwriters Andy & Judy. Contact the library to register: 815-645-8611. All ages welcome. BYO chair.

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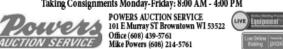


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Trustee Opening:

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baskets, a scavenger hunt, and our annual Guess-Me Jars! Prize winners will be

drawn on April 11th.

Lego Club: Monday, April 4th, 5 p.m. Lego Club returns for ages 5 and up on Monday, April 4th!

Story Hour: Thursdays at 10 a.m.

Join Miss Jana for Story Hour and learn about animals and letters on Thursdays at 10:00AM. Registration requested but not required. **Craft Kits for Adults:**

Celebrate Spring by picking up our adult and family craft kit for April--a bunny flower pot. Hop on it, as they are available only as supplies last! Create-a-Card: Saturday, April 23rd, 9 a.m.

Spring is in the air! High School graduation season is just around the corner. Create a one-of-a-kind card for that special graduate! **Plastic Recycling:**

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Mount Morris Library News

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Storytime-Wednesday's at 11:15 a.m.

Aww, it's a baby! This week, 4/6, we will be reading books about baby farm animals! After learning about these animals, children will create a craft to take home! Come join our ADORABLE story time at your Mount Morris Public Library! All preschool-age children are welcome.

Lego Club Returns!

Lego night returns on Thursday, April 21, from 6-6:45 p.m. Bring a friend and build some fun with Lego bricks! All Children and parents are invited - ages 4 and up. Children under 8 need to bring a parent with them!

Adult Book Club

The April book is *The League of Wives: The Untold* Story of the Women Who Took on the U.S. Government to Bring Their Husbands Home by Heath Hardage Lee. Copies are available at the library. This group will meet in-person at the library on Monday, April 25th at 3:30 PM.

Display Case Showings

Come in this month to see our hand-made display! Local artist, Lorelai Dannhorn, will be displaying her creations. All of the treasures are created with love and care by Lorelai! Come check out this beautifully hand-made collection! We are always looking for collectors or artists who are willing to share their treasures in our display cases. If you are interested, please call, 815-734-4927.

Illinois Libraries Present: Nick Offerman & **Jeff Tweedy**

Wednesday, April 27, 7 p.m. CST - That's right.... We are truly honored to have Mr. Jeff Tweedy of Wilco and friend of Nick Offerman joining ILP's virtual event on Wednesday, April 27. Visit our website, Facebook, or Instagram for the link to sign up for this awesome event.

Explore More Illinois

Explore More Illinois is a cultural pass program that provides discounts at museums, visual and performing arts centers, park districts, and more around the state. Use Explore More Illinois to find fun and educational places to go on a free afternoon or for a little getaway. Explore More Illinois is easy to use with your library card. Visit the library's website to browse attractions. You can find the information on our resource page.

Rock River Center

The Rock River Center has a representative in our library the second Thursday of every month.

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Adult Programming

We are trying to get back into the swing of offering monthly programs for adults. We would love to hear from you. Do evenings or weekends work better? Do you have any program ideas? Do you have a program you would like to share? Contact Mary Cheatwood at the library.

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NEW LOCATION! Jarrett Prairie Center 7993 N. River Rd., Byron Phone 963-5216 Rev. Michael Axmark, Pastor.Discover Time 9:30 a.m., Fellowship 10:15 Mailing Address: P.O. Box 838, Byron, IL 61010

UNITED CHURCH OF BYRON

A Member Church of the United Church of Christ 701 W. Second Street ~ PO Box 927. Byron IL 61010-0927, 815-234-8777

Email:ucb@comcast.net Website: unitedchurchofbyron.org Pastor: Tyler Spellious

Youth Ministry Coordinator: Richard Simpson Adult Sundat School 9:00am-10:00am, Kids Sunday School (ages 3 thru high school) 10:00am-10:40am, Coffee & fellowship time: 10:00am-10:25am Sunday Schedule and Worship Opportunities: Service of Meditation and Prayer: 8:15am - 8:45am

Adult Christian Education Class: 9am Main Worship with Chancel Choir: 10:30am

For complete ministry schedule and activities, please check our website or Facebook page or contact the church office.

Whoever you are or wherever you are on your journey, you are welcome here!

CHANA

CHANA UNITED METHODIST

Pastor Matt Smith, 606 Main Street, Chana, IL 61015. Church office 815-732-7683. (E-mail address: chanaumc@gmail.com Adult & Children's Education 9:00 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion celebrated the first Sunday of each month. At Chana Church you will find Open Hearts-Open Minds-Open Doors.

DAVIS JUNCTION

DAVIS JUNCTION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Open Minds, Open Hearts, Open Doors • "God's Heart in Our Community" Located in town on Rt. 72 • Our Pastor is Rev. Keith Kelsey-Powell **Sunday** Services: Worship 10:30am, Childrens time during Worship Service. Fellowship following the Worship Service each Sunday. Communion the first Sunday of the month. Potluck luncheon following Worship every 4th Sunday, except in the summer months of June, July and August. Various small groups meet throughout the month. For more information about the small groups please call 298-2310. AA meets Wednesdays at 5:30pm and Saturdays at 9am. For more information please visit our website WWW.DJUMC.ORG

FORRESTON

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH 402 2nd Avenue, Forreston, IL 61030, Phone 815-938-3203Pastor Scott Sunday Worship 9:00 am; Sunday School 10:00 am

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 402 First Ave., Forreston, IL Phone: 815-938-2380

OPEN HEARTS, OPEN MINDS, OPEN DOORS Worship at 9:00 a.m. (childcare provided) with coffee and fellowship immediately following. Sunday School Age 3-Adult, 10:15 am. AA meets Mondays, 8:00 AM. Monthly United Methodist Women's meetings God is Good, All the Time, All the Time, God is Good!

ST. JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH **Pastor Karen Tews**

West Grove Rd. At Columbine Rd. Worship Service 10:30 am. Communion is served every Sunday. "Singing the Song of Christian Faith in Worship, Service, Learning, Outreach and Welcome" in a beautiful rural setting. Everyone is cordially invited to be with us.

LEAF RIVER

ADELINE ZION EVANGELICAL CHURCH

9106 Cedar St. in Adeline, Leaf River, IL 61047 • Ph:815-541-4863 Sunday Services: Sunday School 9:00 am, Worship Service 10:15 am VISITORS WELCOME

LEAF RIVER BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor Billy Hardy Live Sermon Streaming: Sundays at 10:00 AM at www.facebook.com/ LEAFRIVERBC/ Archived Sermons on our YouTube channel: Leaf River Baptist Church (Until further notice) 9:30 Church Service. Nursery available, 11:00 Sunday school for all ages Nursery available 6941 N Mt Morris Rd, Leaf River, IL 61047 815-738-2205 leafriverbc@gmail.com

LINDENWOOD

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH - LCMS

immanuel-lindenwood.org (for sermons, events, etc.) 16060 E. Lindenwood Road, Lindenwood, IL 61049 815-393-4500 • office@immanuel-lindenwood.org Sunday Mornings: Divine Service @ 9am; Food & Fellowship @ 10am; Sunday School and Adult Bible Study @ 10:30am Food Bank: 1st and 3rd Saturdays, 9am-12pm Pastor: Rev. Dr. Matthew Rosebrock pastor@immanuel-lindenwood.org

LINDENWOOD UNION CHURCH 101 N Galena st, P.O box 67

815-393-4658 Worship- 10:00 am Coffee Fellowship following service

KINGS

ELIM REFORMED CHURCH 140 S. Church Road, Kings, IL 61068 • Pastor Mary Jacobs Phone 815-562-6811 E-mail: office@goelimchurch.org Website: www.goelimchurch.org Sunday morning worship 10:00 am • Sunday School 9:00 am

MOUNT MORRIS

DISCIPLES UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

All are welcome here! "By God's grace in Christ: Live, Love & Serve" During the COVID-19 pandemic, weekly worship is online at www. disciplesumc.org In-person communion services, are offered at various times Call or email for upcoming dates/times and to register. We wear masks, keep distance, and limit attendance. 815-734-4853 secretary@disciplesumc.org 102 N. Maple Ave. Mt. Morris, IL 61054 Pastor - Rev. Julie Bunt

EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH OF MT. MORRIS

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

MT. MORRIS CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN 409 W. Brayton Road, Mt. Morris, IL 61045 Phone 734-4573

Pastor-Rodney Caldwell. Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m. Worship service available online, call for details. Other activities currently suspended due to pandemic. Email: mtmcob@frontier.con

MT. MORRIS TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH 308 E. Brayton Rd. Mt. Morris, IL Phone: 734-6354 Rev. Josh Ehrler

Worship Services: Saturday 5:30 PM; Worship Sunday 9:30 AM. Sunday Church School - follows Worship Service (Sept.-May) Chime Choir

EBENEZER REFORMED CHURCH 2997 N. German Church Rd., 815-732-6313 3 miles east of Oregon on Rt. #64 then 2 miles north on German Church Rd.

Rev. Josiah Youngquist
 www.EBENEZERREFORMED.com
 Sunday school 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00

LIGHTHOUSE UNITED METHODIST

Pastor Matthew J. Smith 4962 S. Daysville Rd., Oregon, IL 61061 815-732-7683 Worship at 9:00 a.m. Holy Communion celebrated the first Sunday of each of month. Lighthouse will lite up your life!

OREGON CHURCH OF GOD

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

OREGON FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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

OREGON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

RIVERSTONE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

609 S. 10th Street , Oregon, IL 61061 Pastor Craig Arnold ~ 812-236-1213 Sunday Service @ 10:45 AM ~ contemporary style worship with coffee and doughnuts in our cafe! Online worship is also available via Facebook. We believe in sharing Communion every Sunday as an act of worship. RiverKids Service @ 10:45 AM for nursery-6th grade $^\sim$ provides a safe and fun environment where kids can learn about who God is and who they are because of Him. Encounter Youth Ministry for kids in 7th-12th grade meets on Sunday

afternoons. Please see our Facebook page for scheduled dates and times. For complete ministry info and events, visit us online at Riverstonecc.com or on Facebook at facebook.com/RiverStoneChristianChurch

ST. BRIDE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH 1000 Highway 64, West (Hwy 64 W & Mongan Drive on Liberty Hill), Oregon 732-7211 - Office Rev. Eldred George

Webpage: saintbrides.org • E-mail:saint.bride.church@gmail.com • Worship Services: Sunday 10 am Holy Communion with Hymns Christian Education Available

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH, NALC

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

POLO ST. MARY CHURCH

Rectory/Office: 211 North Franklin Ave., Polo, IL 61064 PHONE: 815-946-2535 • Rev. Joseph P. Naill Masses: Sun 10:30am, Tuesday Mass 8 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation: First Sunday of each month after OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

www.stmarypolo.org

CHURCH OF THE OPEN BIBLE 302 S. Franklin Ave., Polo, Illinois • 815-946-2848 • Luke N. Schier, Pastor

Sunday Worship: 9:30am We include our children in our Sunday Worship Experience. ""THE GRAND Kids Class" Ages 3-10 are then dismissed right after Praise & Worship. Blended Services. "Passion for God" "Compassion for People" Visit our website: PoloOpenBible.org

CROSSROADS COMMUNITY CHURCH ~ POLO CAMPUS Meeting Sundays @ 10AM Service 205 N. Jefferson Avenue, Polo ~ 815.837.5255

polo@crossroadscn.com . We offer contemporary worship and relevant Bible teaching through

engaging messages and powerful video. Join us after services for coffee, snacks & fellowship. Kidzlink Children's Ministry (nursery-5th grade) Crave Youth Group (6th-12th grade) ~ Sunday nights 6PM, . Visit our website: www.crossroadscn.com

FAITH DISCOVERY CHURCH 801 W. Oregon St., Polo • 815-946-3588 • Jeremy Heller, Pastor

Sunday School 9:00 a.m., Worship Service 10:00 a.m., Nursery Available, Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m. We Are an independent nondenominational Christian church. Visitors are always welcome

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

702 E. Dixon Street, Polo, IL 61064 • Tel:815-946-3212 Sunday School for all ages 9am followed by Worship at 10am Pastor Brian LeBaron

RED BRICK CHURCH OF STILLMAN VALLEY (CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH)

STILLMAN VALLEY

Pastor Rev. Dr. Chris Brauns | Associate Pastor David Bogner 207 W Roosevelt Road (Rte 72), Stillman Valley. 815-645-2526 | www.theredbrickchurch.org Sunday: Worship at 9:00 and 10:30 am. Sunday School at 9:00 am. Wednesday: AWANA (Sept – April) from 6:00 to 7:15 pm. Men, women, youth Bible Studies throughout the year. See website for all activities or contact the church office.

KISHWAUKEE COMMUNITY **EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

8195 Kishwaukee Road, Stillman Valley, IL 61084 $\,/\,$ 815-965-1940 Pastor Tom Cox, Interim Pastor www.kishchurch.org Sunday Schedule: Discipleship Hour 9:00 AM, Coffee Fellowship 11:15 AM Gathered Worship 10:00 AM

For complete ministry schedule check out our website or call the church

VALLEY EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH Interim Pastor Lisa Orris, Pastor Chuck Potts Minister to Students and

103 S Maple St. Stillman Valley, IL 815-645-8872 | www.valleycox.org Sunday Morning 9:15am 'Gother' for learning & conversation, 10:15am Worship both onsite and online at facebook.com/VECCfSV Home of Valley Covenant Preschool 815-645-8882 Director Jill Huber Bible Studies, Youth Group, Bread of Life Food Pantry Please visit website for more information or contact the church office

GRACE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH DAVIS JUNCTION

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

WINNEBAGO

MIDDLE CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Connect with People, Connect with Christ

12473 Montague Road, Winnebago, IL 61088 Located near the intersection of Montague and Tower roads; Phone: 815-335-2609; e-mail: middlecreekchurch@gmail.com Pastor: Rev. Dr. Anita Stuart-Steva

Worship 10:20 a.m. (Sept. – May) and 10 a.m. (June – Aug.); Sunday School Sept - May 9:15 a.m. Other activities include: Bible studies; Praise Band; Social/Service Groups; Kindred Heart Stitchers For more information call the church office 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Mon.-Fri.

Sunday mornings: Family Communion Worship 8:30 a.m.; Blended



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

Polo Library News

Children's Programs - Saturday, April 9th, "Reading to the Dogs" 12 to 2:30 p.m. Read aloud to some new doggy friends from LLC Comfort Dog Ministry Team! Must register to participate.

Storytime Saturdays are in person at the library on April 9th and April 23rd at 10:30 a.m., come join Ms. Melanie for a story, a craft, and other hands-on

Early Out Dismissal....kiddos, head

on over to the library, Wednesday, April 6th from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. for Movie @ the Library. Enjoy a movie and refreshments together. Look for clues on our Polo Library Facebook page to help you figure out the movie we will be watching.

Kicking off in April....Spring Reading Program "Bloom into Reading". This program will run April 9th to Saturday May 14th. This 5-week spring program will focus on nature related activities and book reading participation.

Look for more on.....Clay Day Every Monday starting April 11th from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. and Lego Nights, 1st and 3rd Thursdays from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. starting on April 7th.

Adult Programs - Friday Book Discussion Group is now meeting at Polo Senior Center. They will meet to discuss Talk Funny Girl by Roland Merullo on April 8th at 1:00 p.m. Book 2 Movie Group is reading and watching French Exit by Patrick deWitt. Their meeting is on Wednesday, April 20th at 5:00 p.m. Monday Afternoon Book Club will meet on April 25th at 1:30 p.m. to discuss Carnegie's Maid by Marie Benedict.

Coffee with a Cop - Join us for coffee (or tea) and conversation with Polo's Police Chief Troy Randall on Wednesday, April 13th at 10:30 a.m.

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

Master Gardener intern Carl Mook will join us on Zoom on Wednesday, April 27th at 6:00 p.m. to present his program "Trees to Beautify Your Yard: how to select, plant, and care for your trees". There will be time at the end of the program

to ask questions. Please call the library (815-946-2713) to register and receive the link for this program. There will also be a limited number of seats available to view at the library so contact us early to reserve your seat.

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 Finfrock at 815-946-2713.

Library newsletter - Our April/May newsletter is chock 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 Laundramat. If you prefer to receive it electronically visit our website and subscribe.

Forreston Library News

Preschool Storytime

Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.

Preschool Storytime is back! Join us for a fun-filled time of stories, activities, and crafts each week! Please call the library for more information or to preregister.

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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!

Community Room

Looking for a place to hold your event? Our community room (with kitchenette) is available for meetings, parties, showers, family reunions, and more. Please call the library at 815-938-2624 for additional information.

New Materials

Agent" by Janet Evanovich, and "A Safe House" by Stuart Woods.

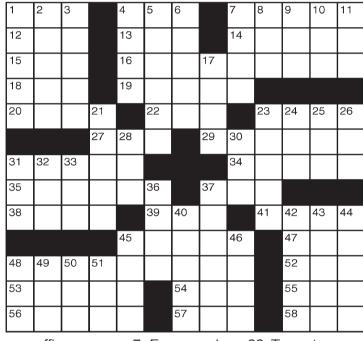
New Adult Fiction titles include: "The Recovery

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, or through Facebook messaging. Of course, we always love to see you in person, too!

Weekly Brain Busters

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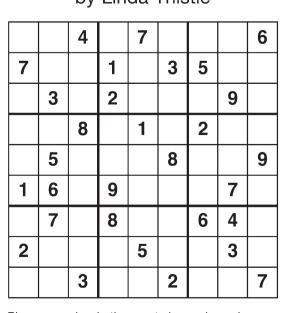
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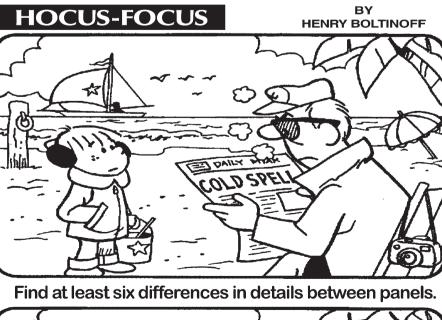
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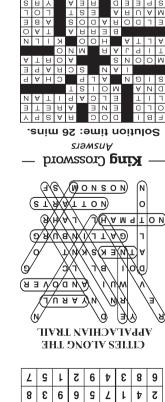
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Weekly SUDOKU

Illinois.

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



COUNTY COUNTY OGLE

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OF OGLE

Letters of Office were IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15th issued on February JUDICIAL CIRCUIT 7. 2022. to LAURA S OGLE COUNTY, JOHNSON, whose ILLINOIS address is 8205 Elevator Road, Roscoe, MATTER IL 61073, and whose OF THE)2022attorneys are Fearer, **ESTATE** Nye & Chadwick, 420 4th Avenue, PO Box OF: DONALD 117, Rochelle, IL 61068. L. FREY, against the deceased Estate may be CLAIM NOTICE in the office of the NOTICE IS GIVEN of Circuit Clerk of the the death of DONALD Court at Ogle County Courthouse, Oregon, L. FREY of Mt. Morris, IL 61061, or with the were issued on October representative, or both,

Junction.

PUBLIC NOTICE

2022. to MARCIA

FREY of Mt. Morris,

Illinois, whose attorney

of Smith, Birkholz &

Morrow, P.C. at 129

South Fourth Street,

P. O. Box 10, Oregon,

CLAIMS against the

estate may be filed

in the office of the

Clerk of the Court at

Ogle County Judicial

Center, 106 South 5th

Street, Oregon, Illinois,

61061, or with the

representative, or both,

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Notice, or within three

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18-3 of the Illinois

Probate Act, 1975, as

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not filed within that

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to the estate legal

representative and to

the attorney within 10

days after the claim has

No. 0316 (Mar. 21, 28,

PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT

COURT OF THE 15th

JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

OGLE COUNTY,

NOTICE OF

APPOINTMENT OF

ADMINISTRATOR

On 8 Ji, day of March,

2022. MARCIA FREY

was appointed as the

L. FREY, deceased.

Several of the heirs at

law of the decedent,

namely Mitchell Frey,

Evan Frey, Adam Frey,

Justin Frey, Brittany

Honakee, and Anthony

Frey, on due inquiry

cannot be found so

that process cannot

be served upon them.

This Notice is given as

required under Section

5/9-5 of the Illinois

Probate Act of 1975

Subscribed and sworn

this 8th day of March

Christine B. Donahue,

David A. Smith, her

No. 0317 (Mar. 21, 28,

PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT

COURT OF THE

FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL

CIRCUIT

OGLE COUNTY.

(755 ILCS 5/9-5).

By: David A. Smith,

Marcia Frev.

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Marcia Frey

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David A.

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claim not filed within

that period is barred.

Copies of a claim filed

with the Clerk must be

mailed or delivered to

the representative and

to the attorney within 10

days after it has been

PUBLIC NOTICE

hereby that pursuant to the State of Illinois Compiled Statutes, the Rockvale Township highway commissioner hold a public hearing on Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at 10:00 AM to examine the unimproved right of way between Lot 70 and Lot 71 of Mongan & Etnyre 7th Subdivision and to hear reasons for or against vacating this right of way. The hearing will be held at the intersection of Mongan Drive and Jennie Lane near 1142 N Mongan Dr, Oregon, IL 61061. Jason Benesh Rockvale Twp Commissioner

PUBLIC NOTICE

No. 0335 (Mar. 28, April

Ogle County, Illinois

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held on the proposed budget for the City of Byron, Ogle County, Illinois, for the fiscal year commencing May 1, 2022 and ending April 30, 2023. The hearing will be held on Wednesday, April 20, 2022 at 6:25 pm at Byron City Hall, 232 W. Second Street, Byron, Illinois 61010. The proposed budget is

available at Byron City Hall for review. Byron, Municipal Corporation

John Rickard, Mayor No. 0401 (April 4)

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

STATE OF ILLINOIS CIRCUIT COURT OGLE COUNTY Request of Matthew Allen Gronewoll Case Number

2022-MR-2 There will be a court date on my Request to change my name from Matthew Allen Gronewoll to the new name of Layla-Michelle Aleia Gronewoll. The court date will be held on May 6th. 2022 at 9:00 a.m. at 106 5th St.,

Oregon, Ogle County in Courtroom #202. /s/ Matthew A. Gronewoll No. 0402 (April 4, 11,

ILLINOIS IN THE MATTER OF THE)2022

ESTATE OF) PR 7 LAWRENCE SABELLA. Deceased. **CLAIM NOTICE**

Notice is given of the

death of LAWRENCE

J. SABELLA, of Davis

Annual Town Meeting Notice is Hereby Given To the legal voters, residents of the Town of Leaf River in the County of Ogle and

State of Illinois, that the

Annual Town Meeting

PUBLIC NOTICE

place on Tuesday, April 12, 2022, being the second Tuesday of said month at the hour of 6:45 p.m. at Leaf River Township Hall, 12 Main St., Leaf River, IL for the transaction of the miscellaneous business of the said town: and after a Moderator having been elected, will proceed to hear and consider reports of officers, and decide on such measures as law, come before the meeting: and especially no later than September to consider and decide 21. 2022, and any

of said Town will take

the following: 1) Approval of 2021 meetings minutes 2) Annual Township Financial Statement 3) Setting Moderator's salary for 2023

4) Setting date, place, and time for 2023 **Annual Town Meeting** 5) Other business as brought before the meeting Dated: March 28, 2022

Leaf River Township

Janet Cunningham

No. 0403 (April 4)

PUBLIC NOTICE ZONING BOARD OF **APPEALS** STATE OF

ILLINOIS)SS OF OGLE

Public Notice is hereby given to all persons in Grand Detour Township that a Public Hearing will be held April 28, 2022 at 6:00 P.M. in the County Board Room, 3rd floor of the Ogle County Courthouse, Illinois, to consider the request filed March 18, 2022 of

Tate, 7905 S. Green St., Dixon, IL for a Variation in the R-2 Single-Family Residential District to allow the construction of a single-family dwelling 1) 13 feet from a side lot line in lieu of 25 feet:

Robert & Kristi

the rear lot line in lieu this map amendment by the Ogle County Amendatory Ordinance on property described as follows and owned by the petitioner(s): Lots 3 & 4 of Block 16

of original Village of Grand Detour, part of the West Half (W1/2) of the Northwest Quarter (NW1/4) of Section 13 Grand Detour Township 22 North, Range 9 East of the 4th P.M., Ogle

County, IL Property Identification 21-13-107-Number:

003 Common Location:

8040 S. Main St. **Grand Detour** in

persons attendance at the hearing shall have an opportunity to be heard. Any person who also wishes to appear

as an interested party with the right to crossexamine others at the hearing must complete and file an appearance form with the Ogle Planning & County Zoning Department no later than five (5) business days before the date of the hearing. The application for this variation is on file with detailed description and available for examination at the

Planning & Zoning Department, 911 Pines Rd., Oregon, Illinois or at the following URL: http://www.oalecountv. org/departments/ planning_and_zoning/ zoning_board_of_ appeals.php. ZONING BOARD OF

APPEALS RANDY OCKEN, Chairman

Dated at Oregon, Illinois this 18th day of March 2022 #002-22VAR No. 0404 (April 4)

PUBLIC NOTICE ZONING BOARD OF **APPEALS**

STATE OF)

ILLINOIS)SS COUNTY OF OGLE Public Notice is hereby

given to all persons in Monroe Township April 28, 2022 at 6:00 P.M. in the County Board Room, 3rd floor County Illinois, to consider the request filed March 15. 2022 of Larry & Tina Bahr, 5057 Linden Rd. #5111, Rockford, IL 61109 (Purchaser); and Joshua Peterson.

IL (Seller) for Amendment to Zoning District to from AG-1 rezone Agricultural District to R-1 Rural Residential

15748 Royster Rd.,

Monroe

Center,

District on property described as follows owned by Joshua Peterson and being purchased by Larry & Tina Bahr:

North part of Lot 4 of Royster Estates, part of the Southeast Quarter Southwest Quarter

(SW1/4) of Section 19, Monroe Township 42 North, Range 2 East of the 3rd P.M., Ogle County, IL, 5.09 acres, more or less Property Identification

12-19-300-

Location: Common 15700 Block of Royster

attendance at the hearing shall have an opportunity to be heard. Any person who

as an interested party with the right to crossexamine others at the hearing must complete form with the Ogle County Planning & Zoning Department no later than five (5) business days before the date of the hearing. and 2) 14 feet from The application for detailed description and available for

examination at the Planning & Zoning Department, 911 Pines Rd., Oregon, Illinois or at the following URL: http://www.oglecounty. org/departments/ planning_and_zoning/ zoning_board_of_

ZONING BOARD OF **APPEALS** OCKEN, RANDY Chairman Dated at Oregon, Illinois

appeals.php.

this 15th day of March, 2022 #003-22AM No. 0405 (April 4)

PUBLIC NOTICE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS STATE OF **ILLINOIS**)SS

Public Notice is hereby given to all persons in Marion Township that a Public Hearing will be held April 28, 2022 at 6:00 P.M. in the County Board Room, 3rd floor of the Ogle County Courthouse, Oregon, Illinois, to consider the request filed March 22, 2022 of Chad & Tracy Surmo, 500 Madison St., Oregon, IL for Amendment Zoning District to rezone from AG-1 Mt. Morris Township 24 North, Range 9 East Agricultural of the 4th P.M.. Oale IA Intermediate

the petitioner: Part of the Southeast Quarter (SE1/4) of the Southeast Quarter (SE1/4) of Section 18 Marion Township 24 North, Range 11 East of the 4th P.M., Ogle County, IL, 30.02 acres,

more or less

Agricultural District on

property described as

follows and owned by

Property Identification Number: 10-18-400-011 Common Location: 3858 N. Black Walnut persons

attendance the at hearing shall have an opportunity to be heard. Any person who also wishes to appear as an interested party with the right to crossexamine others at the

and file an appearance form with the Ogle County Planning Department no later than five (5) business days before the date of the hearing. application this map amendment file detailed description and available examination at the Planning & Zoning Department, 911 Pines Rd., Oregon, Illinois or at the following URL: http://www.oglecounty. org/departments/ AUCTIONS planning_and_zoning/ zoning_board_of_ appeals.php. **APPEALS**

RANDY OCKEN, Chairman Oregon, Dated at this 22th

Illinois day of March 2022 No. 0406 (April 4)

PUBLIC NOTICE

ZONING BOARD OF

APPEALS

STATE OF

ILLINOIS)SS COUNTY OF OGLE

Public Notice is hereby given to all persons in Mt. Morris Township that a Public Hearing will be held April 28, 2022 at 6:00 P.M. at the Old Ogle County Courthouse, Third Floor County Board Room #317, 105 S. Fifth St.,

the request filed March 21, 2022 of Tonya & Jeff Pennington, 6372 N. Mt. Morris Rd., Leaf River, IL for a Special Use Permit in the AG-1 Agricultural District to allow a Small Rural Business (auto repair shop) on the property described as follows and owned by petitioner(s): Part of the Northeast (NE1/4) of Quarter the Southeast Quarter (SE1/4) of Section 03

Oregon, IL. to consider

Property Identification Number(s): 08-03-400-001 Common Location:

County, IL,11.19 acres,

6372 N. Mt. Morris Rd. attendance at hearing shall have an opportunity to be heard. also wishes to appear

as an interested party with the right to crossexamine others at the hearing must complete and file an appearance form with the Ogle County Planning Zoning Department

no later than five (5) business days before the date of the hearing. The application for this special use is on file with detailed description hearing must complete available examination at Planning & Zoning

> http://www.oglecounty. org/departments/ planning_and_zoning/ zoning_board_of_ appeals.php.

Department, 911 Pines

Rd., Oregon, Illinois or

at the following URL:

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS OCKEN. RANDY

Illinois this 21th day of March 2022 #002-22SU No. 0407 (April 4) **PUBLIC NOTICE**

at

Dated

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS STATE OF) **ILLINOIS**

COUNTY OF OGLE Public Notice is hereby

given to all persons in Buffalo Township that a Public Hearing will be held April 28, 2022 at 6:00 P.M. at the Old Ogle County Courthouse, Third Floor County Board Room #317, 105 S.

of Nitram Properties, Inc., %Ryan Byrnes, 2456 E. Pleasant Grove Rd., Oregon, IL for a Special Use Permit in the I-1 Industrial District to allow excavation, extraction. or quarrying of raw materials from the earth on property described as follows and owned by the petitioner:

The East Half (E1/2) of the Southwest Quarter (SW1/4); and part of the West Half (W1/2) of the Southeast Quarter (SE1/4) of Section 18 Buffalo Township 23 North, Range 8 East of the 4th P.M., Ogle County, IL, 88.75 acres. more or less Property Identification Number(s): 14-18-400-

016 & 14-18-300-002 Common Location: 14584 W. Brick Church Rd. attendance at the

hearing shall have an opportunity to be heard. Any person who

Oregon, as an interested party with the right to crossexamine others at the

hearing must complete and file an appearance form with the Ogle County Planning & Department no later than five (5) business days before the date of the hearing. The application for this special use is on file with detailed description examination at the Planning & Zoning Department, 911 Pines Rd., Oregon, Illinois or at the following URL: http://www.oglecounty. org/departments/

zoning_board_of_ Fifth St., Oregon, IL, to appeals.php. ZONING BOARD OF consider the request **APPEALS** filed March 18, 2022 RANDY Chairman Dated at Oregon, Illinois this 18th day of

planning_and_zoning/

March 2022 #001-22SU No. 0408 (April 4)

> **PUBLIC NOTICE ANNUAL**

TOWN MEETING NOTICE IS HEREBY **GIVEN** To the legal voters,

residents of the Town of Pine Creek in the County of Ogle and State of Illinois, that the Annual Town Meeting of said Town will take place on Tuesday, April 12, 2022 being the second Tuesday of said month at the hour of 7 o'clock p.m. at Pine Creek Township Hall 5527 W. Pines Road, Oregon, IL 61061 for the transaction of the miscellaneous business of the said town; and after a Moderator having been elected. will proceed to hear and consider reports of

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before the meeting. Dated March 14, 2022 Sheryl Hopkins. Pine Creek Township No. 0409 (April 4)



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203 HELP WANTED



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COUNTY

An Advertising

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