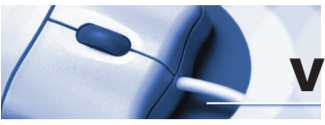


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Paving projects set to start

Oregon park District work includes new asphalt at Park West. **3A**

Byron plant part of study

Department of Energy grant used to research carbon removal technology

BALTIMORE – The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) has awarded a \$2.5 million grant to Constellation and its project partners to explore the benefits of constructing direct air capture (DAC) technology at the company's Byron nuclear energy plant in Illinois.

While nuclear plants do not produce any carbon emissions, direct air capture would remove

carbon dioxide directly from the atmosphere, a possible next-generation technology to help our nation combat the climate crisis. Constellation, the nation's largest producer of carbon-free energy, will partner with 1PointFive Inc., Worley Group Inc., Carbon Engineering Ltd., Pacific Northwest National Laboratory and the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign to

research the viability of DAC technology at the zero-emission Byron plant.

"This exciting DOE collaboration highlights Constellation's continued use of innovation and leverages the clean energy expertise at our nuclear plants to further advance climate saving projects in the communities we serve," said Joseph Dominguez, CEO of Constellation. "We need many new solutions to address the climate crisis and exploring this technology at one of our clean energy centers is a

positive step driving us toward a carbon-free future."

The DAC project at Byron Station could capture 250,000 tons of CO2 each year, reducing global carbon emissions and helping to decarbonize energy intensive sectors of the economy. The study will also focus on the potential for a nuclear plant to become the center of a direct air carbon capture hub, partnering the DAC technology with storage of CO2.

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Oregon Ganymedes a hit



The Oregon Ganymedes open their season against the Creston Regulators on May 1. Below, Mark Herman with an example of the jerseys worn by the team.

Vintage baseball team aiming to continue winning ways in 17th season

By Brad Jennings
Editor

OREGON – Oregon has quite a history of baseball teams.

There were the Oregon Actives and the Oregon Mutuals and, of course, the Ganymedes. These were local teams made up of local players who played for not only exercise, but also for the glory of their town in the 1860s and 1870s.

Now, more than 100 years later, the Ganymedes are still out there on unimproved fields, with no gloves, playing other teams from Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and many other states.

"Most people are horrified we don't

wear gloves," said Mark Herman, captain of the Oregon Ganymedes, named after a spring found on the Rock River below the Blackhawk statue.

Herman started up the Ganymedes again in 2005, as he thought it would be good to start a team for the Chana School Museum in Oregon. The grounds outside the school are where the team plays games locally.

He found people around town who were either athletes in their younger years or played softball. He said players range in age from the 30s to the 50s.

"I wanted to form a true town team," Herman said.

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LOCAL NEWS

BASEBALL: Season opens on May 1 in Creston

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Now in its 17th season, the team plays what is called Vintage Baseball, and it uses rules from the era of 1858-1867. The ball is a bit softer than the ball used today, and the bats a bit thicker. The pitcher tosses the ball underhand, and they don't really call balls and strikes. Herman said it is a hitter's game.

"This is a game of action," Herman said, adding that hitters tell the pitcher where they would like the ball placed. "This is more like basketball."

There are no fences, just open fields.

"There's a lot of hitting, there's a lot of running," he said.

And a lot of scoring, although games are still 9 innings and three outs are required.

Playing on unimproved fields is part of the fun, Herman said. On the local field, there are trees that



are in play. In other cities, there are buildings on the field, and even a stream.

"We like it when it is bumpy," Herman said.

But with no gloves, is Herman ever afraid when a ball is hit right at him?

"Absolutely," he said with a laugh, adding that he got his nickname "Iron Chest" when a ball hit him square in the chest.

The team plays 15-20 games per season, which generally runs from May to August. And this year, the team is going to play on the Field of Dreams in Iowa, where the movie

of the same name was filmed in the late 1980s.

"There is a lot of excitement to do this," Herman said of that special game. "This is a lot of people's bucket list game."

Herman said they rented the field for the game, which is May 27. The Oregon Park District is organizing a fan bus to the game.

Herman said there are about 300 teams nationally. The Ganymedes have traveled to Milwaukee, Chicago, Normal and even St. Louis to play games.

The team opens the 2022 season on May 1 in Creston against the Regulators. The first home game will be on Sunday, May 15.

So, is the Oregon team any good? It has played 222 games since 2005 and has won 136 of them, including beating teams from large cities.

"We're pretty good," Herman said. "We hold our own against the big boys."

Park District's Summer Guide available April 29

The Oregon Park District's Summer guide will be available to view on Friday, April 29.

Visit www.oregon-park.org to check out the variety of offerings for summer. Everyone's favorite programs are featured in the guide, including fitness classes, adult leagues, youth sports, camps, swim lessons, athletics, Art in the Park, Pop Up and

Play, personal training and much more!

Registration is open for passholders on Monday, May 2 and open for all on Tuesday, May 3 and can be completed online, by phone or in person.

Register online at www.oregonpark.org, in person at Nash Recreation Center, 305 S. 5th Street, Oregon, or over the phone at 815-732-3101.

STUDY: Ending in 2023

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"Carbon dioxide removal is essential" to zeroing out greenhouse gas emissions, according to a report issued earlier this month by the United Nations' Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. The report stated the world must act now to reduce emissions before global temperatures rise to dangerous levels by the year 2050.

The carbon-removal DAC study at Byron Station will involve Carbon Engineering's DAC technology, licensed to 1PointFive, within plant operations at the Byron nuclear plant and its twin 495-foot-tall hyperbolic cooling towers. In the proposed study, a chemical solution would be added to water flowing through the facility's main condenser on the non-nuclear side of the plant. After traveling through the condenser, the water would travel out to the cooling towers, where CO2 in the

air will attach itself to the chemical solution and become captured and sequestered for later use, potentially in industrial processes that will have net zero emissions ranging from creating sustainable aviation fuel to beverage industry (carbonation) production.

The study, which is expected to conclude in 2023, is designed to leverage the massive flow of clean water vapor from the cooling towers to eliminate carbon emissions created by emitting power plants, transportation and other industrial sources. The study will inform any future decisions around how and where a DAC facility might be integrated with a nuclear plant.

"Constellation's nuclear experts deliver world-class reliability while incorporating innovative methods to help address climate change," said Dave Rhoades, Chief Nuclear Officer at Constellation.

Oregon Ganymedes Base Ball Club 2022 schedule

(Away) Sunday, May 1 at 1 p.m. – vs. Regulators Base Ball Club of Creston, Illinois & Quarrymen Base Ball Club of Lemont, Illinois at Creston School Field, Creston, Illinois

(Home) Sunday, May 15 at 1 p.m. – vs. Prairie Chickens Base Ball Club of McLean County, Illinois at Chana School Museum Iron Chest Field, Oregon, Illinois

(Away) Friday, May 27 at 7 p.m. – vs. Cornshuckers Base Ball Club of Canton, Michigan at Field of Dreams Movie Site, Dyersville, Iowa

(Home) Saturday, May 28 at 1:00 pm – vs. Cornshuckers Base Ball Club of Canton, Michigan at Chana School Museum Iron Chest Field, Oregon Illinois

(Away) Sunday, June 12 at noon – vs. Milwaukee Grays Base Ball Club of Milwaukee, Wisconsin at Estabrook Park and Beer Garden, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

(Home) Sunday, June 26 at 1 p.m. – vs. Plowboys Base Ball Club of DuPage County, Illinois at

Chana School Museum Iron Chest Field, Oregon, Illinois

(Home) Sunday, July 10 at 1 p.m. – vs. Regulators Base Ball Club of Creston, Illinois & Quarrymen Base Ball Club of Lemont, Illinois at Chana School Museum Iron Chest Field, Oregon, Illinois

(Away) Saturday, July 23 at 1 p.m. – vs. Quarrymen Base Ball Club of Lemont, Illinois & Plowboys Base Ball Club of DuPage County, Illinois at Mt. Assisi Convent, Lemont, Illinois

(Away) Sunday, July 31 at TBA – Red Oak Vintage Base Ball Festival vs. several base ball clubs from Illinois, Indiana & Wisconsin at Cantigny Park, Wheaton, Illinois

(Away) Saturday & Sunday, August 13 & 14 at TBA – World Tournament of Historic Base Ball vs. 11 base ball clubs from Illinois, Indiana, Michigan & Ohio at The Henry Ford Museum of American History/Greenfield Village, Dearborn, Michigan

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LOCAL NEWS

Ogle County releases voting information for 2022

Ogle County Clerk, Laura J. Cook, announces that her office complies with the Federal Voting Accessibility for the Elderly and Handicapped Act.

The Ogle County Courthouse is accessible to disabled citizens for voter registration. If you are unable to go to a Deputy Registrar, we will send a deputy registrar to the residence of any person who wishes to register to vote. For information on this service, please call the County Clerk's Office at 815-732-1110.

Voter registration

Any Ogle County resident who has never registered in Ogle County, has moved within the county, or has had a change of name since the

last election must be registered with the correct name and address if they wish to vote in this election. First time registrants shall (by Nov. 8, 2022, General Election) have resided in their precinct for 30 days and must be 18 years of age on or before the November 8, 2022, General Election.

The last day to register to vote or change your address for the June 28, 2022, General Primary Election is May 31, 2022, (with the exception of grace period voter registration beginning June 1, 2022 and ending June 28, 2022, in the office of the Ogle County Clerk.)

Vote by mail – available to any properly registered

voter – no excuse necessary

All properly registered voters are eligible to Vote by Mail. An Application to "Vote by Mail" can be downloaded by visiting the Ogle County Official website at www.ogle-county.org. This application must be filled out and mailed or hand delivered to the County Clerk's Office, who will then mail the Vote by Mail ballot to the voter. After voting the Vote by Mail ballot it must be mailed or hand delivered back to the County Clerk's Office so it can be counted on Election Day.

The first day to apply for a Vote by Mail ballot March 30, 2022, for the June 28, 2022, General Primary Election.

The first day to mail a Vote by Mail ballot is May 19, 2022, with the last day for mailing a ballot from the County Clerk's Office being June 23, 2022. Early voting in person at the County Clerk's Office may be done through June 27, 2022, until 4:30 p.m.

Early voting

Will be conducted at the Ogle County Clerk's Office located at the Ogle County Courthouse, 105 S. 5th Street, Oregon, May 19, 2022 through June 27, 2022, for all Ogle County Precincts. Voting hours are Mon – Fri 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturday, June 25, 2022, from 9 a.m.-noon.

Early Voting will be conducted at the Flagg Township

Building located at 303 W. Rt. 38 in Rochelle June 22, 2022 through June 24, 2022, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and June 25, 2022, from 9 a.m. to Noon, for Flagg and Dement Precincts, ONLY.

If there are any voters in Ogle County who cannot get into the polling place, we can send two Judges of Election within 50 feet of the polling place with the ballot. A request should be made prior to the Election on a form provided by the County Clerk's Office.

If the Clerk's Office can help or assist you in any way, our regular office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, telephone 815-732-1110.

Oregon Park District paving improvements set to begin

OREGON – The Oregon Park District's 5-year rolling capital improvement plan identified the need for paving and concrete improvements during fiscal year 2022.

The park district announced its intent to accept paving and concrete bids on March 4, 2022. Bid documents were available at Nash Recreation Center and www.oregonpark.org. The sealed bids were opened on April 6, and the low bid was approved by the Board of Commissioners on April 12.

The low bid was awarded to Herbig Blacktop for the amount of \$272,319. Paving improvements will begin as weather allows and will be completed by June 1. The improvements will address aging conditions and improve ADA accessibility for all users. Improvements and possible disruptions will include the following:

Primary parking lot at Park West located between diamonds 1 and 2 will receive a 2" overlay of asphalt. Work is expected to begin on May 1st and conclude by May 15th to minimize

disruption to the spring soccer season and baseball and softball season. Park users are encouraged to use the parking lot near the soccer fields or the upper parking lot located north of the band shell during this time.

Park West soccer complex is slated to receive a new sidewalk and asphalt trail connecting the amenities to the existing trail system. Improvements will begin after May 1st.

The outdoor classroom trail located at Park West will see the existing path paved with asphalt.

The Reading Nook will receive a new sidewalk connection to the existing play structure.

The existing concrete and pavers at Lions Park will be removed and replaced. The work is scheduled to be completed by May 21st to minimize disruption to the youth softball season.

Installation of asphalt pickleball courts at Mix Park in the south corridor.

The maintenance shop parking lot and service drives will be expanded and resurfaced with a 2" overlay of asphalt.



The Board of Commissioners has approved \$1,061,650 in capital improvement expenditures to occur district wide in 2022. Paving and concrete improvements represent approximately 25% of the capital budget. The scheduled improvements will support the

District's mission to pursue capital improvement projects that maintain the existing infrastructure, improve accessibility for all users and in return reduce maintenance expenses over the course of the improvements life expectancy.



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LOCAL NEWS

Obituaries

Eleanor E. Albright

Eleanor E. Albright, 99, of Polo, passed away Wednesday, April 13, 2022, at the Polo Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center.



Sidney, Allison, Ellenor, Samuel, Benjamin, Garrett, Eliza, and Charles Zimmerman, Dustin McCollum, Madison and Lincoln Loomis; great great granddaughter Chloe Cunningham.

Eleanor was born on March 24, 1923, in Milledgeville, the daughter of Harold and Eleanor Colliflower. On Aug. 7, 1942, she and Adon Albright were married in Dixon. Eleanor worked at Green River Ordinance in Amboy during the war. After moving to Polo, she worked for Polo Phone Company, Polo Locker, Raley's Dime Store and Smith's Variety Store. She was active in her younger years with the Eastern Star in Polo.

Zimmerman and Dillon Albright-Plock; grandchildren Eric (Corinne) Zimmerman, Scott (Julie) Zimmerman, Ryan (Barb) Zimmerman, Dewayne (Amy) Bonnell Jr., Deanne Loomis; great grandchildren Sarah (Cory) Cunningham, Sadie, Sophie,

She was preceded in death by husband Adon; great grandson Devin McCollum.

Services were at 11 a.m. Friday, April 22, 2022, at Polo Family Funeral Home, 110 E. Dixon St. Burial was immediately following at Fairmount Cemetery in Polo.

Memorials may be directed to Shriners Hospital.

Visit www.polofamilyfuneralhome.com to send condolences.

Survivors include daughters Adona (Larry)

Kristi Lynn Oleson

Kristi Lynn Oleson, age 58, of Leaf River, passed away surrounded by loved ones on April 3, 2022, after a courageous battle with AML. She was born March 1, 1964 in Black River Falls, Wis. Kristi was raised in Cassville, Wis., where she graduated high school in 1982. After graduation, she moved to Leaf River, where she worked at Quality Metal in Byron. She later began work at Kable News in Mt. Morris. When they closed, she worked at the Byron School until the time of her diagnosis. She was a member of the Moose Club and Lions Club.



lose it due to chemo. She made the most with the time she was given. Her wishes were to have one more family Christmas, and one more birthday, both of which she got to celebrate with loved ones.

taking full advantage of spoiling her nieces and nephew whenever she could. She was an avid Green Bay Packers and Wisconsin Badgers fan. She had a major love for her cats, her dog Oreo, and peanut butter. She held her Native American heritage close to her heart, and enjoyed going to rendezvous. Shopping was always one of her favorite things to do with her little sister. When Kristi received her diagnosis on March 28th, 2021, she said she "couldn't just sit around and cry that she had cancer," and she didn't! She lived every single day to the fullest and even shaved her hair into a mohawk when she started to

Kristi is survived by her father Robert Kort, brother Eric Kort, sister Melanie (Kevin) Gerber, nieces Kimberly Molitor, Samantha (David) Sabine, April (Dustin) Egger, nephew Kyle (Dominique) Kort, great nephew Delontae, and great nieces Dynaeja, Teegan, Kinsley, Harlow and Jaquelynn. She was proceeded in death by her mother Shirley Kort on Dec. 26, 2011.

A celebration of life is being held on June 11, 2022 from 1-4 p.m. at St. Johns United Church of Christ fellowship hall located at 1010 South Park Blvd Freeport. There will be a service at 2:30 p.m. held in the same location.

A special thank you to family, friends, and the nurses at the Swedish American Hospital of Rockford and the Cancer Center, for all of the love, support and prayers.

Kristi loved spending time outdoors with family and friends, riding bikes, swimming, and spending time with her best friends, Angie and Kim under their tree along the bank at Riverside Park. Kristi enjoyed spending time with her brother Eric and sister Melanie, growing closer as they grew up. She also loved her spontaneous trips with her cousin Kathy, and going to concerts with friends. She loved to be an Aunt,

Annal Chana potluck will be May 2

CHANA – The Chana Mother's Club Annual Potluck Salad Supper will be held Monday, May 2 at 6 p.m. in the Chana Education Center, 204 N Main St. in Chana.

pictures or memories as we prepare to celebrate 150th Chana Sesquicentennial this year. Please bring a dish to pass if able or if not, come anyway. Table service and drink will be provided.

All former Chana Mother's Club members, teachers, students and any new or old community members are invited. Bring yourself, a friend, any old

For additional information, please call Linda Daub (815-543-3844), Nancy Hay (815-732-2069) or Joyce Stocking (815-904-5948).

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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.

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

It's All About Love 2022 Quilt Show

Friday, April 29, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Saturday, April 30, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Rock River Center.

\$5 per person (includes 1 raffle ticket). Ages 10 and younger Free.

To purchase raffle tickets, \$1 each or six for \$5, ask your local quilt guild member or call Ruth Whitney at 815-262-0740.

May 2022 Yoga for ALL Ages

Jennifer Pierce EdD, leads movement and exercises using yoga and mindfulness concepts.

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Class day and time: Friday, from 10-11 a.m.

Class dates: May 6, 13, 20, and 27. Cost: \$5 Drop-In Rate per class

Participant Information All participants should arrive 5-10 minutes before the class starts; bring a yoga mat, water bottle, and wear loose-fitting clothing.

Space may be limited. Contact Rock River Center at 815-732-3252 to sign up.

Mother's Day Tea on May 4

Ladies, join us as we celebrate you at a Mother's Day Tea in your honor at RRC from 2-3 p.m. Tea and light snacks will be served. There will be games and prizes.

Reservations Required by Wed., April 27. Call Rock River Center 815-732-3252 to make your reservation. Recommended Donation: \$5

Legally Blonde! Timberlake Playhouse Wednesday, July 20, 2022

A fabulously fun award-winning musical based on the adored movie, *Legally Blonde The Musical*, follows the transformation of Elle Woods as she tackles stereotypes and scandal in pursuit of her dreams.

Action-packed and exploding with memorable songs and dynamic dances – this musical is so much fun, it should be *illegal!!!*

Cost: (includes RT transportation, lunch, show, tax and gratuity): \$68 / Members \$72 / Non-Members

We will be having lunch at "The Deck" across from Timberlake Playhouse. Transport to restaurant provided.

Reservation Information
Reservation/payment/lunch choice
deadline: June 20, 2022.

Prepaid reservations can be made in person at the Rock River Center, 810 S 10th St, Oregon or by mail.

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- * \$33,562 for a 1 person household
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You must live in Illinois at the time you file your application.

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:

- Byron/Jarrett Prairie Center: No meeting in May
- Forreston/Faith Lutheran Church: May 18 from 11 a.m.-noon.
- Mt. Morris Library: May 12 from 11 a.m.-noon.
- Polo Public Library: May 25 from 10 a.m.-noon.
- Rochelle/Hub City Senior Center: May 4, 11, & 25 from 9:30 a.m.-noon.

Support groups

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

Caregiver support group
Meets: 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month
Time: 10-11 a.m.

Diabetic support group
Meets: 1st Wednesday of each month
Time: 11 a.m.-noon

Low vision support group
Meets: 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month
Time: Noon-1:30 p.m.

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

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Upcoming Mount Morris Senior Center activities include music, ice cream social

* The Mt. Morris Senior Center is located at 9 East Front Street. All ages are welcome to join us for any events and activities. You may not think you are old enough to come to the Senior Center, but let us ease your mind...you are welcome. Everyone is welcome at the Mt. Morris Senior (And Community) Center. If you have any questions, please call Melissa at 815-734-6335.

* Free Pie and Ice Cream Social at the Mt. Morris Senior Center on Monday, April 25th 4-6p.m. The entire community is welcome to join the Mt. Morris Senior Center for pie and ice cream by donation only. All donations will go to support the United Way of the Rock River Valley.

* There will be some fantastic music at the Mt. Morris Senior Center on Wednesday, April 27th. Local musician will play from 10:30 a.m. until noon and then we will enjoy lunch together. Please call to reserve your spot, so that we are sure to have enough food for you!

* Do you know what Ramadan is? Come to the Mt. Morris Senior Center to find out. We will be having a Ramadan meal and learning more about this im-

portant month in the Muslim Year. This meal will be at noon on Friday, April 29th. The cost for this meal is \$15, and all are welcome! Call 815-734-6335 to reserve your spot today.

* Join us for Book Club on Monday, May 2nd at 11 a.m. This month we will be discussing the book *If you Ask Me (And of Course You Won't)* by Betty White, but that is okay if you haven't had time to read it. They have copies available at the Mt. Morris Public Library if you would like to catch up. If not, just join us to talk about the book and read the next one. Our book for June will be *The Murder of Mary Russell* by Laurie R. King.

* Have breakfast with Mayor Phil Labash and the new Chief of Police Mike Cicchetti on Wednesday, May 4th at the Mt. Morris Senior Center! We will be serving Biscuits and Gravy (\$2.00 for a half order, \$3.50 for a full order, Pancakes (3 for \$1), and Coffee (50 cent all you can drink). Breakfast is served 8-10 a.m. All are welcome to come to meet our new chief and enjoy some breakfast together.

LOCAL NEWS

Ogle County Sheriff

April 8
At approximately 12:23 a.m., Ogle County Deputies conducted a traffic stop near the intersection of E. Flagg Rd and S. Skare Rd. After investigation, Deputies arrested Shawn Mortenson, 43 of Ashton, for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol and Driving While License Suspended. Mortenson was also issued citations for Expired Registration, Operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle and Transporting an Open Alcoholic Container. Mortenson was transported to the Ogle County Jail, where he was released to correctional staff and held in lieu of bond.

At approximately 7:37 p.m., Ogle County Deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 13000 block of East Illinois Route 72. After a brief investigation, Deputies arrested Grant A Johnson Jr, 29 of Rockford, for No Driver's License (expired over one year) and Unlawful Possession of Cannabis (Improper container/driver). Johnson was taken into custody without incident and released on a \$3000 individual bond with a return court date set. Johnson was also cited for Operating An Uninsured Motor Vehicle and Suspended Registration.

April 7
At 2:48 a.m., Deputies conducted a traffic stop at the intersection of North Illinois Rt 2 and Creekside Dr in Byron. As a result, Stephen J. Lohse, 47 of Dixon, was arrested for Driving While License Suspended. Lohse was also issued a citation for a lighting violation. Lohse was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

April 6
At approximately 1:12 p.m., deputies responded to the Mt. Morris Estates Trailer Park at 3747 W. IL Rte. 64 in reference to a domestic dispute. After investigation, Fernando Carreno, 43 of Mt. Morris was arrested for domestic battery. Carreno was also charged with aggravated battery to a peace officer. Carreno was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held pending a court appearance in front of a judge.

At approximately 3:07 p.m., Deputies responded to the Mt. Morris Estates Trailer Park, 3747 West Illinois Rt 64, in reference to a domestic dispute. After investigation, Fernando Carreno, 43 of Mt Morris, was arrested for Domestic Battery. Carreno was additionally charged with Aggravated Battery to a Peace Officer (Class 2 Felony). Carreno was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held pending a court appearance in front of a judge.

April 5
At 9:16 p.m., Deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 4,000 block of south Lowden Road. After a brief investigation, Carrie Oneil, 36 of Dixon, was placed under arrest for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol. Oneil was transported to Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of

bond. O'Neil was also given a warning for inoperable taillights.

April 3
At approximately 1:07 p.m. Deputies responded to the Mt. Morris Estates Trailer Park at 3747 W. IL Rte. 64 in reference to a 911 hang up with people arguing in the back ground. After investigation, Deputies placed Brandon Reints, 40 of Mt. Morris under arrest for Domestic Battery. Reints was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held pending a court appearance in front of a judge.

April 2
At approximately 9:56 p.m., Deputies were dispatched to the area of North Indian Heights Dr. and West Mud Creek Rd. regarding a suspicious person. Through the course of the investigation, Deputies arrested Regino Gallegos Jr., 56 of Austin TX, for Disorderly Conduct and Obstructing a Police Officer. Gallegos was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

April 14
At approximately 10:07 p.m., Ogle County Deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 13000 block of E. IL Rte 38. After investigation, Deputies arrested Tara Johnson, 33 of Rochelle, for Improper Container of Cannabis/Driver. Johnson was also issued citations for Operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle and an Obstructed Windshield. Johnson was transported to the Ogle County Jail, where she was released to correctional staff and held in lieu of bond.

March 31
At approximately 6 a.m., Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies responded to a one vehicle accident in the 17,000 block of W. Milledgeville Road. After an investigation it was determined that a black Chevrolet Trail Blazer being driven by Mark R. Much Jr. (age 32 of Milledgeville) was traveling eastbound when he lost control on the snow covered roadway. The vehicle entered the south ditch and struck a culvert at that location. Much was transported to the hospital by Milledgeville EMS for minor injuries sustained in the accident. No citations were issued.

March 30
At approximately 12:52 a.m., Deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 6000 block of North Leaf River Rd. During the course of the investigation, Joan C. Stanis, 60 of Leaf River IL, was arrested for Aggravated Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol, Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol, and Driving on a Revoked License. Stanis also received citations for Improper Traffic Lane Usage, Illegal Transport/Carry Alcohol Driver, and Operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle. Stanis was transported to the Ogle County Jail where she was held pending an appearance before a judge.

March 29
Deputies investigated a one vehicle ac-

cident in the 10,000 block of West Illinois Route 72. A grey 2015 Dodge Journey, driven by 24-year-old, Taylor Michalak was westbound on Illinois Route 72 when it left the roadway. The vehicle entered the south ditch before striking a tree and coming to rest. Michalak and a male passenger were examined and released by Forreton Fire and EMS. Michalak was issued a citation for improper lane usage. The accident remains under investigation.

At approximately 9:06 a.m., Deputies responded to the 4000 block of North Mulford Rd for a single-vehicle accident which had occurred earlier in the morning. Upon arrival, Deputies discovered the operator of the involved vehicle had left the accident scene. While Deputies were investigating this accident a second accident was reported on Interstate 39 near mile marker 108. After further investigation it was learned that driver involved in the accident on Interstate 39 was the same driver of the vehicle involved in the accident on Mulford Rd. Subsequent to the investigation, Deputies arrested and cited David L. Cunningham Jr, 38 of Monroe Center, for Driving while license revoked (2 Counts). Failure to report an accident, Failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident, Unlawful Use of a weapon, Possession of a weapon/No FOID card, Unlawful possession of Firearm by Felon, Improper container/driver (Cannabis) and Operating an uninsured motor vehicle. Cunningham was transported to the Ogle County Jail and is being held with no bond.

March 28
At approximately 7:05 p.m., Ogle County Deputies conducted a traffic stop on I-39 at mile marker 111. After a brief investigation, Deputies arrested Acquianetta James, 31 of Rockford, for Driving While License Suspended. James was also issued a citation for Loud Exhaust. James was released on an I-Bond with a return court date later next month.

At approximately 9:57 p.m. Deputies attempted to stop a vehicle in the 5000 block of North Illinois Rt 26. The vehicle fled and was later stopped near the intersection of Chestnut Ave and Spruce St in Forreton. After further investigation Tyquan Spearman, 18 of Freeport, was placed under arrest for Aggravated Fleeing to Elude a Police Officer and Resisting a Peace Officer. A passenger in the vehicle, Derrick Gibson, age 24 of Freeport, was placed under arrest for Resisting a Peace Officer. Spearman was also cited for Speeding, Improper Lane Usage, and Disobeying a Traffic Control Device. Spearman was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held pending an appearance before a judge. Gibson was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bail.

March 27
At approximately 10:25 p.m., Ogle County Deputies conducted a traffic stop at Illinois Route 64 and Interstate 39. After

a brief investigation, Deputies arrested Osman Omar Avila Meza, 28 of Elgin, for No Valid Driver's License. Avila Meza was taken into custody without incident and released on scene on a \$2,500/10% Individual Bond with a return court date set. Avila Meza was additionally cited for Illegal Window Tint and Operating Uninsured Motor Vehicle.

March 26
At approximately 9:18 p.m., Ogle County Deputies were dispatched to a driving complaint on a green Cadillac Sedan traveling westbound on Illinois Route 72 from Stillman Valley. The person reporting the complaint provided the registration to the Cadillac which revealed the vehicle to be stolen from Rockford earlier in the day. Deputies located the vehicle and conducted a traffic stop at Illinois Route 72 and Kishwaukee Road. After a brief investigation, Deputies arrested Doris S. Medina, 30 of Rockford, for Possession of a Stolen Vehicle, Resisting a Peace Officer, and an active Rockford PD arrest warrant for Assault/Domestic Battery. Medina was taken into custody and transported to the Ogle County Jail where she was held with no bond. The Cadillac was release to the owner on scene.

March 25
At approximately 6:53 a.m., Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies checked a vehicle that was parked on the shoulder of Illinois Route 64 near I-39. After a brief investigation Tyrone Pearson Jr., 40 of Rockford, was arrested for Driving While License Revoked. Pearson was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was released to correctional staff for processing.


March 24
At approximately 10:46 p.m. Deputies initiated a traffic stop on Interstate 39 near mile marker 113 northbound. After further investigation Michael Bear, 29 of Rockford, was placed under arrest for Driving While License Revoked and Unlawful Possession of Cannabis. Bear was also cited for Operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle and Illegal Window Tint. While Deputies were still on the scene of the initial traffic stop a second vehicle arrived. After a brief investigation the driver of the second vehicle, Thi Ha, 25 of Rockford, was placed under arrest for Driving While License Suspended. Ha was also cited for Operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle. Ha was released on an Individual Bond and will appear in Ogle County Court at a later date. Bear was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

At approximately 5:30 p.m. Deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 100 block of South Hickory St in Stillman Valley. After further investigation Blake Cohoon, 37 of Stillman Valley, was placed under arrest for Driving While License Revoked. Cohoon was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

Email all items to bjennings@oglecountylife.com.
Deadline is 3 p.m. Wednesday.

The family of *Ferdinand Fransen* invites family and friends to a celebration of his life on **Saturday April 30th 2022**.
Location will be the **Byron Oregon Sportsman's Club 1509 E Townline Road, Leaf River, Illinois 1:00PM**

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Call Barb Burke, former Director of the Polo Senior Center for more information and to register:
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LOCAL NEWS

Out of the Darkness Campus Walk hosted by Stillman Valley High School

Stillman Valley High School senior, Lillie Doss, and School Counselor, Trisha McKendry, are teaming up with the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention to host an Out of the Darkness Campus Walk with the goal of bringing awareness and prevention of suicide to our community.

Just nine years ago, Doss lost her father to suicide. She approached McKendry with the idea that she wanted to do something to make a difference for others who have experienced a similar loss while honoring the memory of her father. She said she hopes to make a positive impact on our students and community by bringing awareness and prevention to all. Together Doss and McKendry worked with the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) to bring this walk to our community.

"I could not be any prouder of Lillie for all her efforts to make this walk a reality," McKendry said.

This prevention and education event is an opportunity to reflect on the loss of loved ones, friends, and family to suicide. It is a reminder of how we have supported one another through these times of loss. For those who have never experienced a loss, this is an opportunity to spread compassion, education, and awareness of suicide prevention.

In the fall of 2022, the AFSP will re-



turn to Stillman Valley High School and provide the school with follow up suicide education/prevention.

The Out of the Darkness Campus Walk is open to the entire community. It will take place on Sunday, May 1, at 1 p.m. Check in and on-site registration will begin at 11:30 a.m. The public may register in person on the day of the walk or online at: www.afsp.org/stillmanvalleyhigh. All donations are in support of the AFSP. Please take a moment to visit the website to learn how you can make a difference.

Rochelle play opens April 29

ROCHELLE – The Vince Carney Community Theatre is excited to bring "Our Town" to Rochelle.

This play by Thornton Wilder represents the daily lives of people in America from 1901 to 1913. The first act describes their daily lives, the second act focuses on love and marriage, and the third act discusses death. This play is unconventional in its use of minimal sets and complete lack of props.

"Our Town" centers on two families

from a small town called "Grover's Corners" in New Hampshire. Narrated by the omniscient "Stage Manager," the play represents anyone's town. The daily events and families could be part of any town.

"Our Town" opens on April 29, and runs for two weekends. Performances will be held at the Lincoln Arts Center, 108 S. Main St. in Rochelle. Tickets are \$15 each and can be purchased on our website www.vcctrochelle.org or at the door.

Mobile food pantry set for Mount Morris

Loaves & Fish Food Pantry alongside Northern Illinois Food Bank is hosting a Mobile Food Pantry on Friday, April 29, from 10-11:30 a.m.

The truck will be located at Church of the Brethren, 409 West Brayton Road, Mt. Morris. This mobile pantry is open anyone in Ogle County.

Loaves & Fish Food Pantry is located on the lower level of the Mt. Morris

Church of the Brethren, 409 W. Brayton Road, and is open on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays from 4:30-7 p.m. and second and fourth Mondays from 2-4:30 pm. Anyone experiencing food insecurity is eligible to receive food. You do not need to have a referral, and no proof of income is required.

If you have any questions, call 815-613-8776 and leave a message.

Annual Polo Meat Raffle tickets now on sale

POLO – Tickets for the annual Polo Lions Club Meat Raffle are on sale now through June 19.

A total of five winners will be drawn on June 19. Prizes include two quarter beefs, both with freezers' two half hogs; and one \$100 gift certificate to Polo Fresh

Food Market.

Tickets are \$20 each and can be purchased at First State Bank Shannon Polo at the Polo branch, as well as Koeller Hardware in Forresteron. Proceeds and donations will benefit Polo through a variety of community projects.

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LOCAL NEWS



Day of Dabbling

4-H Day of Dabbling took place on March 5th in Oregon. It was a very fun place for club members to get to know each other and do some cool classes: including baking, making candles, making DIY bath salts, making rockets, and other fun activities as well. Written by Kamryn Feltz.

'Hitathon' hosted by SVHS to benefit teacher with cancer

STILLMAN VALLEY – Stillman Valley High School is hosting a "Hitathon" on May 22 starting at 2 p.m.

Everyone is invited to attend. Hit off our softball pitchers to try to win prizes. We are also holding a 60/40 raffle. See raffle prices and event information on Facebook – search "TeamWood Cancer Fundraiser."

Tamara Wood, SVHS Math teacher, colleague, wife, and mother, has taught in our district for

13 years. She currently leads Student Council, May Day, Homecoming, Mr. SVHS, and many other activities within our district and community, as well as being a former softball coach.

Unfortunately, she was diagnosed with Breast Cancer in early March. This came shortly after a diagnosis of cancer in her jaw the previous year which required multiple surgeries and time away from school. Though both cancers are not related, she

is currently undergoing treatment for her current diagnosis while postponing reconstructive surgery for her jaw which would have been scheduled for April.

The overall expected course of treatment is estimated to take a year. This will include chemo, surgery and radiation treatments. This is going to require Wood to take a leave of absence from the classroom for the rest of this school year and potentially part of next year.

Polo Woman's Club holding annual perennial plant sale May 7 at school

POLO – The Polo Woman's Garden Club will be having their annual perennial plant sale on Saturday, May 7, 8 a.m.-2 p.m., at the Polo Community High School AG department (located behind the high school – 100 S. Union Ave.)

This sale will be the same day as the opening of the Polo FFA Greenhouse. All plants are dug from local gardens, so they are "proven winners." If you have perennials you would like to share for the sale, please contact Carol Lindstrom at 815-973-2058 or Beth Green at 815-299-1416.

Beautiful garden raffle baskets are on display at the First State Bank-Polo and the Blackhawk Area Credit Union. Try your chance to win them. Tickets are \$1 each or 6/\$5. The drawing for the baskets will be held at the plant sale on May 7th. You do not need to be present to win.

All proceeds from the sale will be used for the advancement of gardening, city beautification, programs to stimulate an interest in co-operative gardening among amateurs, and to aid in the protection of forest, wildflowers, birds, and all pollinators.

Pegasus celebration will be July 23

Pegasus Special Riders, Inc is celebrating 25 years of service to the community and have planned several events for our silver anniversary.

Events as of now include a golf outing at Prairie View Golf course and our Annual Picnic.

The golf outing at Prairie View Golf Course is \$75 per person or \$30 for a team of four. Each team will get a golf cart and two drink tickets and one meal ticket per player. Prizes will be awarded for longest drive and hole in one. Additional games and a silent auction will round out the event. Tee off is at 11 a.m. registration begins at 10 a.m. Anyone interested in sponsoring the golf outing please contact administrator, Sara Morris.

We are pleased to invite the community to join us in celebrating 25 years of service at the Annual Picnic Celebration on Saturday, July 23. The picnic is held

at the riding facility located on the corner of Carthage and Flagg Roads in Oregon (the only intersection between Daysville and Lowden Roads on Flagg). Contact Morris for additional information (815.973.3177), visit Pegasus on the web at www.PegasusSpecialRiders.org or like us on Facebook.

Pegasus Special Riders is a non-profit organization providing therapeutic horseback riding to Northern Illinois residence with physical, mental and emotional challenges. The organization is staffed by over 50 volunteers that are involved with all aspects of the program from horse care, horse handling during lessons and barn chores to fund raising and special events. Pegasus is a member of the PATH International, which sets the standards for a safe and therapeutic riding experience, as well as the education of certified riding instructors.

Multi-Family sale to help with scholarships

Byron's PEO Chapter NZ will hold a multi-family garage sale on Friday and Saturday, May 13 and 14, from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., at the Byron Masonic Lodge located at 4771 E. Ashelford Drive in Byron.

All are welcome to shop the wide variety of "treasures" – there is sure to be something for every member of the family.

Proceeds from the sale will be used to fund educational scholarships and grants for women. The P.E.O. Sisterhood is a U.S.-based international

women's organization of about 230,000 members, with a primary focus on providing educational opportunities for female students worldwide. There are approximately 6,000 local chapters in the United States and Canada. As of April 2020, nearly \$366 million has been awarded to over 113,000 women from the organization's six educational philanthropies. The organization also owns Cottey College, an independent college for women in Nevada, Missouri.

For more information about PEO, please visit www.peointernational.org.

Polo gun club hosting open house April 30, May 1

Tri County Gun Club of Polo, Illinois will be having an open house April 30 and May 1, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day.

This event is open to the public at no charge. All ranges will be open with a range officer or instructor in charge. You will be able to try 10 different shooting sports. An NRA *Women On Target Class*, is offered by Tri-County Woman of Caliber, 20 seats available each day. There will be raffles and door prizes.

Have you ever wanted to experience shooting a 50-caliber rifle or a full auto rifle, come give it a try.

There will be two food vendors from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. each day. More information and Raffle tickets are available online at www.tcgc.net

Tri County Gun Club is located between Polo and Milledgeville on South Brookville Road, just north of Hazelhurst.

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LOCAL NEWS

Oregon Police report

March 30
At 7:50 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Angela D. Noifalaise, 57, Dixon, on an outstanding Lee County warrant for failure to appear. Noifalaise was transported to the Ogle County jail.

March 31
At 9:40 p.m., Oregon Police issued Jayden R. Banta, 17, Rochelle, a citation for speeding, 71 mph in a 35 mph zone. This violation occurred in the 1100 block of W. Washington Street.

April 2
At 6:48 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Clinee A. Streeter, 24, of Virginia, MN, for driving while license revoked. Streeter was also charged with possession of a controlled substance. Streeter was transported to the Ogle County jail. These violations occurred in the 100 block of S. 4th Street. 3 parking citations and 6 verbal warnings issued during the week of 3/28/2022 through 4/03/2022.

April 4
At 4:27 a.m., Oregon Police issued Curtis T. U. Akins, age 19, Forreston, IL, a citation for disobeying a red light. This violation occurred at the intersection of 4th and Washington Streets.

April 5
At 3:19 p.m., Oregon Police responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Jefferson Street resulting in the arrest of an 11-year-old male juvenile of Oregon for domestic battery and attempting to disarm a police officer, a class 2 felony. The juvenile was taken into custody and transported to the Kane County Juvenile Detention Center to await an appearance for these charges.

April 6
At 1:40 p.m., the Oregon SRO Officer

issued a city citation to one male juvenile, age 16, Oregon, for violating Ordinance 6-84, possession of tobacco products and alternative nicotine products. This violation occurred at the Oregon High School, 210 S. 10th Street.

April 8
At 6:43 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Michael D. Ramsey, age 30, Oregon, on an outstanding Lee County warrant for theft. Ramsey was transported to the Ogle County jail.

April 9
At 12:25 a.m., Oregon Police arrested Nicholas A. Parker, age 42, of Rock Falls, for aggravated driving under the influence of drugs, aggravated driving while license revoked, and possession of methamphetamine. Parker was also issued citations for improper lane usage, driving while license revoked, and driving while under the influence of drugs. These violations occurred in the 200 block of N. 4th Street. Parker was transported to the Ogle County jail.

At 10:28 a.m., Oregon Police arrested Larry J. Brown, age 46, Oregon, on an outstanding Henry County warrant for failure to appear on a driving while revoked charge. Brown was transported to the Ogle County jail.

April 10
At 2:25 a.m., Oregon Police arrested Thor O. Bishop, age 23, of Cedar Rapids, IA, for driving while license suspended. Bishop was transported to the Ogle County jail. This violation occurred in the 300 block of W. Washington Street.

At 7:06 a.m., Oregon Police issued Gannon R. Zuniga, age 18, Mt. Morris, a citation for operating an uninsured motor vehicle. This violation occurred in the 600 block of S. 2nd Street.

At 12:24 p.m., Oregon Police issued Rebecca L. Davis, age 27, Kingston, IL,

citations for operating a vehicle with an expired registration and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. This violation occurred in the 1300 block of Pines Road.

At 7:28 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Kevin A. Kost, age 27, Mt. Morris, on an outstanding Lee County warrant for failure to appear. Kost was transported to the Ogle County jail.

4 parking citations and 15 verbal warnings issued during the week of 4/04/2022 through 4/10/2022.

April 11
At 9:09 a.m., Oregon Police were notified of a crash that had occurred on Friday, 4/8/2022 at 9:30 p.m. where the mailboxes for the Mobile station and the Riverside Liquor Store located at 108 E. Washington Street, were struck by a 2018 GMC driven by Shawn K. Reynolds, 47, Oregon. Reynolds was issued citations for improper lane usage and leaving the scene of a property damage accident.

At 1:13 p.m., Oregon Police issued Chelsey L. Simpson, 29, Byron, a citation for operating a vehicle in violation of the tinted front side windows law. This violation occurred at the intersection of 4th and Washington Streets.

April 12
At 6:27 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Eneolia Landa, 32, of Darlington, WI, for no driver's license. Landa was also issued a citation for operating a vehicle with a suspended registration. Landa was transported to the Ogle County jail. These violations occurred in the 700 block of N. 4th Street.

At 10:06 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Ines Carrasco, 25, Freeport, for no driver's license. Carrasco was also issued citations for disregarding a traffic control device and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. Carrasco was transported to the Ogle County jail. These violations occurred at

the intersection of 4th and Washington Streets.

April 13
At 1:49 p.m., Oregon Police responded to an ambulance call that turned into a disturbance call in the 700 block of S. 7th Street resulting in the arrest of Joshua R. Shank, 36, Polo, for domestic battery. Shank was transported to the Ogle County jail.

April 14
At 11 a.m., the Oregon SRO Officer issued a city citation to one male juvenile, 15, Oregon, for violating Ordinance 6-84, possession of tobacco products and alternative nicotine products. This violation occurred at the Oregon High School, 210 S. 10th Street.

April 15
At 3:34 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Chance A. Proper, 23, Dixon, for possession of cannabis 10 to 100 grams, and improper container as a driver. Proper was transported to the Ogle County jail.

At 7:53 p.m., Oregon Police investigated a two-vehicle traffic crash in the Municipal parking lot located in the 100 block of N. 5th Street involving a 2007 Chevrolet driven by Clayton H. Metheny, 22, Mt. Morris, that struck a parked 2015 Dodge owned by Gonzalo Nava-Chapuleno, age 50, Oregon. No citations were issued.

April 17
At 6 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Angel D. Esquivel, 21, Savanna, for no valid driver's license. Esquivel was transported to the Ogle County jail. This violation occurred in the 300 block of W. Washington Street.

5 parking citations and 12 verbal warnings issued during the week of 4/11/2022 through 4/17/2022.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Mon., April 25
The Mount Morris Senior Center invites the community to a Pie and Ice Cream Social from 4-6 p.m. on the front lawn of the Mt. Morris Senior Center. This is a free event, but all donations received will go to the United Way of the Rock River Valley. All ages are welcome.

Tues., April 26
The Ogle County Republican central committee will hold their monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Ogle County Courthouse in

the County Board room on the third floor.

Thurs., April 28
Bee Keeping program at the Byron Library, 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.

Fri., April 29
Loaves & Fish Food Pantry alongside Northern Illinois Food Bank is hosting a Mobile Food

Pantry from 10-11:30 a.m. The truck will be located at Church of the Brethren, 409 West Brayton Road, Mt. Morris. This is open anyone in Ogle County.

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 30
Tri County Gun Club of Polo

will be having an open house today and May 1, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. This event is open to the public at no charge. All ranges will be open with a range officer or instructor in charge. There will be two food vendors from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. each day. Tri County Gun Club is located between Polo and Milledgeville on South Brookville Road, just north of Hazelhurst.

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MOMENTS IN TIME

* On May 13, 1607, some 100 English colonists arrive along the east bank of the James River in Virginia to found Jamestown, the first permanent English settlement in North America. Dispatched from England by the London Company, they had sailed across the Atlantic aboard the Susan Constant, Godspeed and Discovery.

* On May 14, 1796, Edward Jenner, an English country doctor, administers the world's first vaccination as a preventive treatment for smallpox. Scientists following Jenner's model developed new vaccines to fight diseases such as polio, whooping cough, measles and tetanus.

* On May 12, 1932, the body of aviation hero Charles Lindbergh's baby is found, more than two months after he was kidnapped from his family's Hopewell, New Jersey, mansion. Kidnapping was made a federal crime in the aftermath of this high-profile crime.

* On May 15, 1942, gasoline rationing begins in 17 eastern states to aid the American war effort during World War II. By the end of the year, President Franklin Roosevelt had made gas rationing mandatory in all 48 states.

* On May 9, 1960, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration approves the world's first commercially produced birth-control pill, Enovid-10, made by the G.D. Searle Company of Chicago. Clinical tests of the pill had begun in 1954.

* On May 10, 1980, Treasury Secretary G. William Miller announces the approval of nearly \$1.5 billion in federal loan guarantees for the nearly bankrupt Chrysler Corporation, at the time the largest rescue package ever by the U.S. government to an American corporation. The loan terms required Chrysler to raise another \$2 billion on its own.

* On May 11, 1997, chess grandmaster Garry Kasparov resigns after 19 moves in a game against Deep Blue, a chess-playing computer developed by IBM scientists. It was the sixth and final game of their match, which Kasparov lost two games to one, with three draws.

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Being a man can mean many things

Living the Life

By Brad Jennings



I think some men are very, very confused about what a "man" is or is supposed to be.

Last week, Tucker Carlson of Fox News, a person I have never watch in my life, made the news for a documentary on men, or the end of men and manhood. Or something like that, it was hard to follow while I was laughing.

Why laughing? Well as anyone who read the news about this last week knows, Carlson offered up some strange things that men should do, including to very private areas.

Yes, it was quite funny. But that is not what really got my attention. What got my attention is much of the nonsense talked about in this "documentary." It seems filled with dudes wrestling and flipping tires and generally bro-ing out in a way that many men, such as myself, find laughable and obnoxious.

Now, I don't know this Carlson guy at all. He certainly doesn't look like the prototypical manly man, but that doesn't matter. Men come in all shapes

and sizes. We are certainly not all alike.

Carlson seems bent on pushing this image of men as rough and tough cowboys who don't cry, like to break things and never really hug their children. This is the image some people want to hold up as masculine and manly.

I am here to tell you that is hogwash. For the record yes, I used the word hogwash.

When I hear someone saying, "man up" or "be a man," all I can do is roll my eyes. In my nearly six decades on this planet, I have met a lot of different kinds of men. Quiet, loud,

short, tall, mean, friendly – you name it.

One thing I have learned is that being tough or loud or aggressive or strong does not make you a man. Far from it.

My father taught me how to be a man. He was a professional baseball player, has advanced college degrees and was married to my mother from college until she died of cancer. He is smart and thoughtful and kind.

My dad taught me to treat people with respect and kindness. Lead with a smile if you can. He taught me that his wife, my mother, was his partner, his equal. They both took the lead, depending on the situation.

My dad told me he loved me, and hugged me often – daily, actually. He always made sure that I knew I mattered and that he was there for me.

My dad was not a fighter or a yeller. He enjoyed sports and drinking beer on the weekends, and we went fishing and to games and tossed the ball around often.

But he also encouraged

me to be my own person. When I started gravitating toward music he was only encouraging. He taught me the first chords on the guitar that I ever learned. It has become a life-long passion.

I tried to pass the same lessons on to my own son, who is a thoughtful, caring and educated man himself. I was far from a perfect parent, but I do believe my son learned important lessons: Treat people well, no matter their color or sexual orientation. Love people, respect people, help people when you can, and they need it.

Be there for your friends, and don't judge. The world is full of the brim with judgmental jerks. My son knows what toxic masculinity is and he avoids it in the people he surrounds himself. I do as well.

A man should not be defined by how he looks or how many big toys he has. He should be judged by his heart and his deeds. My dad taught me that.

Brad Jennings is Editor of The Ogle County Life.

Are we a Republic, or a Democracy?

Guest Opinion

By Lowell Harp



"America is a republic, not a democracy" – So I'm told, in response to my criticisms of certain undemocratic American institutions. That familiar phrase, so brief but seemingly so full of meaning, calls for a close look at what those two ancient words mean and how they connect to this dispute.

One of the institutions in question is the Electoral College, which grants more voting power to citizens of small states than to larger ones in electing the President. Another is the Senate, which likewise over-represents voters from states with small populations. A third is the Senate filibuster, which requires extra-large majorities in order to enact laws.

Their supporters insist that they protect our civil rights by limiting the power of the majority.

This, they say, is what a republic does, while in a democracy the majority can do as it pleases. Democracy, from this point of view, is just another kind of tyranny.

This idea takes its inspiration from ancient history. It compares the "democracy" of Athens unfavorably to the "republic" of Rome. I've placed those words in quotations because neither government truly represented its people.

Only a small fraction of Athenians enjoyed the privilege of voting. As for Rome, Garret G. Fagan, in his Great Courses Lecture series, makes it clear that in spite of its name it was, by design, "an oligarchy controlled by a handful of influential families."

The first real government of, by, and for the people is ours, created a mere 230-odd years ago. The writers of our Constitution looked to the ancients for inspiration, but as Thoughtco.com informs us, "...the exact meanings of the terms republic and democracy remained unsettled" among them, and the general public used those words "more or less interchangeably, as remains common today." Modern dictionaries, including Websters' New World and Merriam-Websters', likewise define each in terms that seem to boil

down, after all is said, simply to rule by the people.

Critics of "democracy" then and now seem to have the Athenian kind in mind. Citizens voted directly on the laws and there were few if any protections against the abuse of power. That system doesn't exist today and isn't what most of us mean when we speak of democracy.

Thoughtco.com, for example, defines democracy as "a form of government that empowers the people to exercise political control, limits the power of the head of state, provides for the separation of powers between government entities, and ensures the protection of natural rights and civil liberties." Sounds a lot like a republic, doesn't it?

We can all agree, then, that whatever we call it, a system of government should protect our rights and keep any group or individual from becoming too powerful. Our Constitution established many institutions for that purpose. They include federalism, separation of powers among the branches of government, our Bill of Rights, a Congress divided between a Senate and House of Representatives, and judicial review of the laws.

They preserve our civil

liberties and set limits on the power of the government. They force it to make decisions step-by-step, and cushion it from the fickleness of public opinion. But in the end, when all is said and done, the majority must prevail, if we're to be a nation in which the people rule instead of the few.

Our Electoral College, unequal Senate representation, and filibuster, which exist nowhere else in the democratic world, don't serve those purposes. Instead, they privilege one faction over others, time and again rendering the majority powerless. The result is a weak and ineffective government, unaccountable to voters and often incapable of acting for good or ill.

Our kind of government, whether we call it a republic or a democracy, won't endure if it can't respond to the concerns and aspirations of its people. That's what this dispute, with its ominous potential for our future, is about.

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

Award does not indicate efficient school system

Dear Editor,

First, congratulations to Kimberly Radostits. I do not know Kim, but conversation from some parents indicate it is an honor well deserved and very well publicized by the Life and Mt. Morris Times.

I am compelled to remind that one awarded teacher does not indicate an efficient school system. Better news would be to learn that the researched, documented information of comparable area schools to OCUSD 220 indicates the education level

is concerning to the school administration and Board of Education. I look forward to reading about such efforts.

MaryJane Warkins, Mount Morris

Tampering with the U.S. mail is a federal offense

Dear Editor,

It seems the recent letters in your paper, indicate how little people know what is written in our constitution. We are guaranteed freedom of speech. That means I can express myself in any way I want either with a sign or verbally. If you don't like it, you don't have to look at it or listen.

Now people who disagree have expressed themselves by putting nasty notes in mailboxes. I guess they don't know that they are tampering with the U.S. mail and that is a federal offense.

Sincerely yours,

Charlotte A. Meiter, Byron

LOCAL NEWS

Spring Health

What is Shoulder Impingement Syndrome?

By Jeffrey R. Cates, DC, MS,
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Shoulder impingement syndrome is caused by repetitive pinching of the shoulder tendons, bursa and/or ligaments resulting in pain and restricted movement. Overhead arm movements increase the risk for developing a shoulder impingement. It is commonly seen in workers engaged in heavy labor, weightlifters and athletes. If left untreated, a shoulder impingement can lead to a rotator cuff tear.

The symptoms of impingement syndrome can include weak, restricted shoulder motion when reaching overhead or out to the side, or pain with throwing motions. Many have pain when sleeping on the damaged shoulder.

It can usually be diagnosed with a physical examination. Rarely, an X-ray or MRI is needed to identify shoulder impingement syndrome. During an exam, the doctor will evaluate your range of motion, rotator cuff tendons, bursa, muscle firing patterns, spine, and posture.

The treatment will vary depending on the exam findings and will likely change as the condition improves. Engaging in range of motion exercises too early can aggravate the problem. It is important that both you and the doctor understand the biomechanics and stages of rehabilitation.

The treatment plan usually consists of:

- * Patient education including exercise instruction.
- * Pain management including physiotherapy and home instructions.
- * Manual therapy including shoulder and spine mobilization.
- * Muscle strengthening and coordination.
- * Range-of-motion exercises are



considered once impingement and soft tissue swelling is controlled.

Shoulder impingement syndrome can be prevented by:

- * Maintaining proper strength in the shoulder and shoulder-blade muscles.
- * Maintaining proper range of motion in the shoulder and spine.
- * Maintaining good posture by pointing the sternum (breast bone) up.
- * Avoiding forward-head and rounded-shoulder postures.

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About the author: Dr. Cates has worked with the CCGPP for several decades and has published works that include several guidelines and medical journal articles on quality assurance and standards of care in healthcare. He is co-author of the CCGPP low-back chapter and lead author of the chapter on thoracic disorders and contributor to several other of the profession's best practice guideline texts. Dr. Cates' published works are included in the medical literature. He maintains a private practice of chiropractic orthopedics in Oregon.



How to treat pesky allergies

Allergies

An allergy is when your immune system attacks something that doesn't bother some other people, such as pollen, mold, pet dander, food, insect stings or bites.

The American Academy of Allergy Asthma & Immunology says about 50 million Americans suffer from some allergy.

Symptoms

Symptoms of allergies include a runny nose, sneezing, itching, redness, rashes, swelling and trouble breathing. Life threatening symptoms include anaphylaxis, a severe reaction characterized by a feeling of warmth, flushing, shortness of breath, throat tightness,

vomiting or diarrhea, and a drop in blood pressure that can cause a loss of consciousness and shock.

Diagnosis

Your doctor may send you to a specialist, an allergist or immunologist. Allergies are diagnosed through skin or blood tests combined with a thorough medical history and physical exam. These tests can help you identify triggers to minimize your allergy symptoms.

Treatment

Other than avoiding as much as possible the things that make you sick, there are a variety of over-the-counter and prescription medications that can alleviate your

allergy symptoms. Always talk to your doctor before starting any medication and be aware that many antihistamines and other medications can make you very drowsy. Make sure to read the labels thoroughly and ask a pharmacist if you're concerned about drug interactions.

Immunotherapy

Some allergic conditions may respond well to immunotherapy, a gradual exposure to allergens to train your immune system not to attack certain stimulants. Immunotherapy shots usually are administered one or two times a week for a range of months. Sublingual tablets can also treat allergies for certain types of grass.

Don't forget your sunscreen this summer

Warmer weather means more time outside in the sunshine. It also means you need to protect your skin from the sun's rays.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says the sun can damage your skin in as little as 15 minutes. Keep reading for ways to protect yourself and your family.

wearing long-sleeved shirts and pants with UV protection, a hat to shade your face and sunglasses to protect your eyes. Pay attention to weather forecasts and look for a UV index rating. But beware, cloudy days still mean sun exposure.

Sunscreen

Even on cloudy or cool days, the CDC recommends at least SPF 15 sunscreen when you go

outside. SPF refers to the sun protection factor, the sunscreen's effectiveness in blocking UV rays. The higher the number, the more protection. Remember to reapply, though. Even high SPF numbers wear off. Reapply every two hours and after swimming, sweating or towel-drying off, the CDC says.

Symptoms of Skin Cancer

Exposure to UV rays can cause skin cancer. Symptoms of skin cancer are new skin growths, a sore that doesn't heal or a change in a mole. The CDC says to remember the ABCDEs of melanoma:

A: Asymmetrical. Does the mole have an irregular shape?

B: Border. Is it jagged?

C: Color. Is the color uneven.

D: Diameter. Is the spot larger than a pea?

E: Evolving. Has it changed in the past few weeks or months?

If you have any of these symptoms, talk to your doctor.

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Ways for women to banish belly fat

A svelte waistline is something many women aspire to, but it's something that can be especially beneficial for aging women. The Mayo Clinic says that an expanding waistline is more problematic after menopause, when body fat tends to shift to the abdomen. This is attributed to decreasing levels of estrogen, which appears to play a role in where fat is distributed in the body. Some women also are genetically predisposed to having rounder midsections.

While many women lament extra belly fat for its effects on their appearance and clothing options, there's an even deeper reason why it can be a good idea to try to shed some of that fat. Johns Hopkins Medicine says larger waistlines full of visceral fat are linked to a higher risk of heart disease, diabetes and cancer. Losing that midsection can improve blood vessel functioning and also may improve sleep quality.

Shedding belly fat requires dedication, and these are some strategies women can try as they aim

to lose some weight in their midsections.

- **Avoid excess sugar.** Numerous studies have shown that excess sugar can lead to an increased accumulation of fat in the belly and liver, advises Healthline. This eventually may lead to insulin resistance and other metabolic problems.

- **Eat more soluble fiber.** Data published in the journal Nutrition says soluble fiber helps a person feel full by absorbing water and forming a gel that slows down food as it passes through the digestive system. The National Institutes of Health also notes an observational study of more than 1,000 adults that found that, for every 10-gram increase in soluble fiber intake, belly fat gain decreased by 3.7 percent during a five-year period.

- **Consider curbing carbs.** Johns Hopkins researchers compared the effects of a low-carbohydrate diet to a low-fat diet for six months—each containing the same amount of calories. Those on the low-carb diet were able to lose roughly 10 more

pounds than those on the low-fat diet, with a much higher percentage of fat loss on the low-carb plan.

- **Exercise more.** Exercise seems to diminish belly fat by reducing circulating levels of insulin in the body, says Johns Hopkins. Most people should aim for 30 to 60 minutes of moderate to vigorous exercise every day.

- **Slim down portion sizes.** The Mayo Clinic says calories can add up even when making healthy food choices. Watch portion sizes carefully to stay within the recommended caloric limits for age and gender.

Belly fat seemingly creeps up and can be both unattractive and unhealthy. Losing belly fat can take a little extra effort, but it's worth it in the long run.

Getting enough sleep is important to overall health

What is Sleep?

Everyone has an internal body clock that tells you when you to sleep and wake up, usually a 24-hour cycle called the circadian rhythm. The circadian rhythm is tied to lots of things such as light, darkness, hormones and other factors. Our circadian rhythm changes with age; young children tend to sleep more in early evening and may have more REM sleep than other people.

Sleep is important because, during sleep, your body is working to support healthy mental and physical function. The National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute says sleep deficiency can alter activity in some parts of the brain, triggering trouble making decisions, solving problems and controlling emotions. It's also been linked to depression, suicide and risk-taking behavior.

Sleep is also when your body repairs itself. Deficiency is linked to an increased risk of heart disease, kidney disease, high blood pressure, diabetes and stroke.

Improving Sleep

Allow yourself enough time to sleep. Instead of making sleep the first sacrifice to a busy schedule, protect your time to sleep

for your good health. Next, establish and stick to a bedtime routine. Go to bed around the same time and try to wake up at the same time every day. Set quiet time before bed, and avoid heavy meals before bed, as well as nicotine, strenuous exercise, artificial light and caffeine. Keep your bedroom quiet, cool and dark. You may also choose to take a hot bath or practice relaxation techniques before bed.

When to Talk to Your Doctor

If you're not getting enough sleep and these simple techniques didn't help, it may be time to talk to your doctor. If you feel sleepy during the day, don't wake up refreshed, or are having trouble adjusting to a new schedule, it's time to seek help.

Before your visit, the NHLBI recommends thinking about the following:

How often do you have trouble sleeping? How long has this been going on?

When do you go to bed and get up?

How long does it take you to fall asleep? How often do you wake up at night?

Do you snore loudly? Do you wake up gasping or feeling out of breath?



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LOCAL NEWS

Students of the Month



Congratulations to the Byron High School Students of the Month for February. Pictured from left are: Addison Fuller (9th grade), Abigail Baker (10th grade), Lauren Carlson (11th grade), and Rebekah Starwalt (12th grade). Each of the students received a gift card for their achievement.



Congratulations to the Byron High School Students of the Month for March. Pictured from left to right are: Nolan Brass (9th grade), Taryn Dolan (10th grade), and Audrey Kilmer (11th grade). Not pictured is Taylor Nelson (12th grade). Each of the students received a gift card for their achievement.



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Byron A.C.E.S. team captures 5th place in state finals

BYRON – The Byron ACES Team (Academic Challenge in Engineering and Science) competed in the state finals recently, placing 5th place among all Illinois schools in the 700 Division.

Team members compete in seven different categories (Biology, Chemistry, Engineering Graphics, English, Mathematics, Physics, and Computer Science) by taking two different tests.

“We match up each student with the two tests that they are best suited to take,” said coach Mike McHale.

Typically the squad is reserved for juniors and seniors, but occasionally McHale asks a few sophomores to compete.

“We’ve had some success over the years ... but it has been a few years since we placed in the top five ... which is always one of our goals at the beginning of the year,” he said.

The team was lead throughout the year by Junior Brayden Baker (finished 2nd in Mathemat-

ics and 4th in Physics in the State Finals), senior Riley Jarret (2nd place in Biology and English at Sectionals), and sophomore Andrew Freedlund (4th place in Mathematics and Byron top chemistry score in State Finals). Other state finalist medalist included Shannon McHale and Sadie Stickler (tie for 5th in mathematics) and Joel Pauley (tie for 5th in Physics).

“The team worked and prepared diligently this year ... these types of things don’t happen by accident,” McHale said. “Most of these kids are already looking forward to next year.”

Team members include: Alaina Haas, Lauren Carlson, Shannon McHale, Brayden Baker, Lauryn Shank, Jon Wicklein, Jack Sober, Sadie Stickler, Joel Pauley, Sydney Smith, Anika Roush, Kate Schilling, Addie Ebersohl, Luke Mathieu, Lily Swiech, Riley Jarrett, Ava Kultgen, Denise Braithwaite, Andrew Freedlund and Audrey Kilmer.




NEW AGENT

RE/MAX of Rock Valley Welcomes Jenn Goley!

Northern Illinois is a great place to live and work, which is why Jenn loves to call it home. With roots in Geneva, IL, Jenn moved to Byron in 2009 following her graduation from Western Illinois University. Real estate is a passion for her, and with a background as a Mortgage Lending Officer, it is easy to see why more clients call Jenn for help buying and selling. She is passionate about helping clients take the next step in their homeownership journey and assisting them every step of the way. When Jenn isn't in the office you'll find her spending time with her husband, Matt, and 2 children, Bryce and Brynn.

You can contact Jenn at 630-732-6858
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NEW LISTING



316 Woolf Court, Rochelle
\$179,900 Call Erin

Beautifully updated Victorian home ready for a new family! This gorgeous 3 bed, 2 bath has original woodwork and hardwood floors throughout the home. The newer windows in the oversized living room let all the natural light in and keep the utility bills down! You won't be disappointed by the larger bedrooms and 2nd floor laundry. The updated kitchen has all SS appliances and expanding island that is a game changer for entertaining! Entertain your friends out back around the fire pit while the kids play at the park next door! Most updates done between 2016-2017 including siding, windows, on demand WH, partial roof, and appliances. Situated close to shopping and schools, this house is a MUST SEE!! Make your appointment today!

NEW LISTING



2068 Schnell Road, Ashton
\$269,900 Call Rebecca

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NEW LISTING



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\$139,900 Call JD

WORRY FREE LIVING in this beautiful 3 bedroom 2 bathroom property. Enjoy modern aesthetics and an ideal location within close proximity to downtown, parks, river access, and much more. With tons of renovations completed previously, there is nothing to do but move in. You will surely appreciate the large kitchen area, main floor laundry, spacious backyard, and additional full bathroom. Make this home yours today before it is too late.

NEW LISTING



7505 E. Wildwood, Stillman Valley
\$469,900 Call Rebecca

The ONE that you have been waiting for! You better move quickly to call this 4+ bedroom, 3.5 bathroom home situated on 2 rural acres your HOME! Pinterest perfect interior design throughout, there is nothing to do but move in and enjoy all that this property has to offer. Main floor living space with updated flooring and open concept to the dining room, living room, sun room with wood burning fireplace, and eat in kitchen. Split floor plan with master suite featuring an updated en suite and his/hers closets. Over sized laundry and mudroom on the main floor as well. 2 additional bedrooms on the main plus bonus room above the garage serves as a large bedroom. Finished walk out, lower level with large family room and potential 5th bedroom with en suite bathroom. Attached and heated 3 car garage offers plenty of room for storage for cars and toys! Plenty of space outdoors for entertaining with fabulous country views. Looking to build a shed in the future? This lot offers great building sites. Call for your showing today!

NEW LISTING



500 E. River Street, Dixon
\$200,000 Call Rebecca

COMMERCIAL PROPERTY FOR SALE! 430 & 500 E River Street are being offered for sale. Nearly a half acre of riverfront, commercial property located near downtown Dixon. Property features two outbuildings. One is 90x60 building that was home to a machine for many years. Building features a front reception area, bathroom, and large overhead doors. There is also a large, gated storage area in the back. The adjacent parking lot is over sized and offers plenty of additional parking and storage space. There is an additional 30x60 building included. Property is sold as is.


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Scores

Boys Varsity Baseball

April 19
Stillman Valley 4, Dixon 13
April 18
Stillman Valley 13, Rockford Lutheran 3
April 16
Stillman Valley 2, Richmond-Burton 9
April 15
Stillman Valley 4, Sycamore 7

Girls Varsity Softball

April 19
Stillman Valley 15, Genoa-Kingston 0
Oregon 11, Rockford Christian 0
April 16
Stillman Valley 11, Sycamore 12
Stillman Valley 5, Sycamore 7
April 15
Stillman Valley 11, Genoa-Kingston 2

Girls Varsity Soccer

April 19
Stillman Valley 4, Genoa-Kingston 1
April 16
Oregon beat North Boone and Tied Harvard to win the Harvard Tournament
Stillman Valley 0, Lisle 4
April 18
Oregon 10, Pecatonica 1

Dean's List

Augustana College

ROCK ISLAND – Augustana College announced more than 1,000 students were named to the Dean's List for the 2021-22 fall semester. Students who have earned this academic honor have maintained a grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a four-point scale for courses taken during the term.

Marissa Gorseger of Oregon; Patricia Plachno of Polo; Brooklynn Schelling of Oregon; Emily Medford of Monroe Center; Adam Thorsen of Mount Morris; Leslie Bandera of Oregon; Jenna Hale of Davis Junction; Isabella Olalde of Mount Morris.

Known for sparking passionate curiosity, Augustana College is an empowering home to explore over 90 areas of study. The college enrolls 2,500 curious changemakers who get energized by four years as part of a community that reflects the diversity of the United States.

Illinois Wesleyan University

BLOOMINGTON – Illinois Wesleyan University's Dean's List for the fall semester of the 2021-22 academic year consisted of 734 students from 28 states and 17 countries.

To qualify for the Dean's List, students must earn a GPA of 3.50 or better during the semester, based on 4.0 for straight A's. The following local students made the list:

Valeria Viteri-Pflucker of Polo, a senior majoring in Physics.
Jadyn Bothe of Oregon, a first-year majoring in Neuroscience.

Founded in 1850, Illinois Wesleyan is a nationally recognized, highly selective liberal arts university. The University is exclusively undergraduate and enrolls approximately 1,700 students from across the nation and around the globe. Illinois Wesleyan prides itself on producing graduates who are well-rounded, broadly educated individuals with a spirit of inquiry who can successfully adapt to the demands of a rapidly changing, complex world.

Concordia University Wisconsin

MEQUON, Wis. – Concordia University Wisconsin officials have released the Fall Honors List for the 2021-2022 academic year. To be eligible for the honor, students must achieve a minimum 3.60 GPA.

Among the area students named to the list were:
Forrester, Sierra Reining, Senior, Psychology

Founded in 1881, Concordia University Wisconsin, 12800 North Lake Shore Drive, Mequon, offers over 75 undergraduate majors and is affiliated with The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. The school is located on 200 acres of Lake Michigan shoreline, only 15 minutes north of downtown Milwaukee.

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LOCAL NEWS

Mount Morris Library News

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Thank you!

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.

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

April showers bring May flowers! This week, 4/27, we will be reading books about May Day! After learning about this flowery celebration, children will create a craft to take home! Come join a beautiful story time at your Mount Morris Public Library!

Newspaper Available!

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

Lego Club!

Lego night on Thursday, May 19, 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 May book is *Educated: A Memoir* by Tara Westover. Copies are available at the library. This group will meet in-person at the library on Monday, May 23rd at 3:30 PM.

Display Case Showings

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.

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. Services provided by Rock River Center are designed to enable older and disabled persons to remain independent, thereby avoiding costly long-term care. No appointment necessary but, if you want to make an appointment with the Rock River Center you may call 815-732-3252.

Adult Programming

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

Curbside Service is available!

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

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Plastic Recycling

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

Adult Programming

What type of adult programming would you like to see offered at the library? Would you prefer daytime or evening? In person or Take and Make activities? We'd love to hear your suggestions so please call or stop in and share them with us!

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.

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.

Book Club for Adults: Zorrie

Pick up a book, then join us for a lively discussion of Laird Hunt's novel, *Zorrie*. Monday, May 2 at 6:30 p.m. Adults only. Copies of the reading available on loan. Email Joanna at jkluever@mail.meridian223.org to join the program by Zoom.

Tween Scene: Minute To Win It Games

Think you can win it, with only a minute? You'll need all your speed, flexibility, and strategy to find out! Come compete in a variety of ridiculous tasks to see just how mad your skills are. Tuesday, May 3 at 6 p.m. Ages 10-12. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

Star Wars Day: The Snacks Strike Back

It's "Revenge of the Fifth" and tasty things are happening in a galaxy not so far away. Stop by the library on Thursday, May 5 at 3 p.m. to make edible Star Wars crafts out of sweet snacks. Ages 13-18. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

No-Sew Rope Basket

This May, we're crafting a basket you can put *all* your eggs in! (No sewing required!) We'll each make a simple DIY vessel for your craft supplies (or other storage needs). Then, add rose-gold handles, for just a hint of bling! Adults only. Email Joanna at jkluever@mail.meridian223.org to register for this Zoom program on Monday, May 9 at 6 p.m. *Please note: Participants must supply their own glue gun and glue sticks.

Craft Bomb: Crafts In Bloom

What will it be? You'll find out when it drops on Friday, May 13! 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.

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. Using the combination of their beautiful vocals and an eclectic array of instruments, they perform positive and uplifting songs in different styles, including traditional folk, roots music, country swing, and bluegrass. Learn about the tradition of folk singing with a contemporary twist – as they sing their songs in the spirit of community. Contact the library to register: 815-645-8611. All ages welcome. BYO chair.

Young Critics Book Club

Join us on Tuesday, May 17 at 6 p.m. for a book discussion and hands-on craft/activity all about *Little Robot*, by Ben Hatke. Copies of the reading available at the library upon registration. Ages 7-9.

Let's Build A Kite!

Join Miss Kelly on Saturday, May 21 at 10 a.m. for this STEM challenge as we explore the forces that keep kites in the air. We'll build our own unique kites, then send them soaring on the library lawn. Ages 5-9. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

Dive Into Reading with Smarty Pants!

Join Smarty Pants at the library as we head under the waves to learn all about life in the oceans as we kick-off this year's Summer Reading Program: *Dive Into Reading!* Smarty Pants' Balloons Under the Sea is a hilariously fun program featuring magic, all-ages comedy, interactive storytelling and, of course, Smarty's award-winning, larger than life balloons! All ages welcome. Thursday, May 26 at 1:00 PM. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

Forreston Library News

Preschool Storytime (New Day!)

Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.
Preschool Storytime has moved to Tuesdays! Join us for a fun-filled time of stories, activities, and crafts each week! Please call the library for more information or to preregister.

Illinois Libraries Present a Virtual Event

Nick Offerman and Jeff Tweedy Wednesday, April 27th, 7 p.m.
Illinois Libraries Present invites you to join actor/humorist/woodworker Nick Offerman and his musician/hiking buddy, Jeff Tweedy. Best known for his breakout role as Ron Swanson in the hit TV series «Parks and Recreation», Nick Offerman, originally of Minooka, IL 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, musician, songwriter, author, and record producer is best known as the singer and guitarist of the band Wilco. This event is made possible by Illinois Libraries Present, a statewide collaboration of libraries offering high-quality events. Please call the library to register

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LOCAL NEWS

Oregon Library News

Oregon Public Library Procedures

Masks are recommended upon entering the Library. Holds can be placed online through the catalog: <http://search.prairiecat.info/iii/encore/?lang=eng>, over the phone with Library staff, or through our mobile App - PrairieCat Mobile. Remember to check our Facebook posts or the local papers for new releases! Please call (815) 732-2724 for any questions.

Library Book Clubs

Books On Tap will meet Thursday, April 28 at 6 p.m. at Cork N Tap to discuss Northern Spy by Flynn Berry. The 2WBC Book Club meets Wednesday, May 11 at 12:30 p.m. to discuss Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens. The Cocktails & Crimes Book Club will meet in May to discuss? - the location, date, and time of the club are revealed in the book chosen for that month. If you would like to join this book club, stop by and get the book to find out more information. The Afternoon Book Club meets Wednesday, May 18 at 1 p.m. to discuss Moonlight in Odessa by Janet Skeslien Charles

Teen Book Association (TBA) - Saturday, April 30th at 10 a.m.

Join us for this NEW teen book club! We'll enjoy donuts and a discussion of Scythe by Neal Shusterman. The TBA will meet the last Saturday of each month at 10 a.m.

Preschool StoryTime (18 months- 5 years)

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

Yoga on Mondays at 9:30am - NO YOGA APRIL 25th, classes resume May 2nd

We now have a SEED LIBRARY!

To add seeds that you have saved or purchased to the collection, bring them to the Circulation Desk and request a seed envelope for each plant. Please fill out as much of the information on the envelope as you can, put in enough seeds to grow at least five plants, and return the envelope to the Circulation staff. You do not need to have a library card to donate seeds or 'borrow' seeds.

Our intention is to make wholesome food available to our community members. Through this seed library, we hope to foster a culture of sharing and abundance. In the spring, the Seed Lending Library will be up and running for community members to be able to take seeds and grow their own plants. If you have ideas about how you'd like to see the Seed Lending Library develop, or have any questions, please email us at carib@oregonpubliclibrary.com with the subject "Seed Lending Library."

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

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

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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 the 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.

Illinois Author Kristy Lee "Meet the Author" - Saturday, April 30th at 1 p.m.

Kristy Lee was born in Southwestern Colorado. She moved to Illinois after graduating from Alfred University, New York with a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology. Kristy has spent the majority of her career in human resources at various not-for-profits in Illinois and, in 2016, she graduated from the University of Illinois with her Master's Degree in Public Administration. Kristy is now working to obtain her Doctorate of Education in Organization and Leadership. When she is not writing, working, or furthering her education, Kristy is traveling the globe with her husband, having set a goal of going to one new place each year. Kristy's debut novel is titled The Worst Thing I Could Do.

Registration required, call (815) 732-2724 or

visit <http://www.oregonpubliclibrary.com>

Healthy Living for Your Brain & Body AND How to Build Your Own Butterfly Garden at Home - Thursday, May 5th - noon WATCH PARTY

For centuries, we've known that the health of the brain and the body are connected. But now, science is able to provide insights into how to make lifestyle choices that may help you keep your brain and body healthy as you age. Join us to learn about research in the areas of diet and nutrition, exercise, cognitive activity, and social engagement, and use hands-on tools to help you incorporate these recommendations into a plan for healthy aging. Klehm Arboretum & Botanical Garden will talk about the Monarch Butterfly and how to build your own Butterfly Garden at home. No matter if you create a garden on your patio or plant them in the ground, join us to learn how your home can become a butterfly oasis!

The program will conclude with a live special question and answer session. Registration required, (815) 732-2724 or visit <http://www.oregonpubliclibrary.com>.

Try It Tuesday - Tuesday, May 10th (while supplies last)

No-Sew Rope Bowl. Need a decorative piece to hold your fruit, keys, or clutter? And let your guests know you made it yourself and didn't pay his designer prices? Crafting is a great reliever of stress. Pick up your rope basket/bowl kit, all you need is a good hot glue gun. All other supplies provided. KITS ARE FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE for Oregon Library Card Holders.

A Read Beyond The Beaten Path Summer Reading Program Kick-off Party - Thursday, May 19th, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Join us for the start of your summer on the Library lawn. Rain date May 20th, same time. This is an "open house" type event. Come and meet some incredible birds of prey, participate in activities, crafts and lots of fun. Come start your summer off

right at the Oregon Public Library. Registration is recommended, the first 20 families registered will get to build a birdhouse (one per family). Registration begins May 5th at Oregon Public Library.

Ink With A Friend Monthly Card Club- Monday, May 23 at 6:30 p.m.

Registration Deadline May 18th

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! Sign up today to reserve your spot. Registration required (815) 732-2724 or www.oregonpubliclibrary.com.

Exercise your brains with TRIVIA!

The First and Third Thursday of the Month at 12:30 p.m. at Rock River Center

Test your knowledge of sports, history, movies and much more. Come alone, bring your friends and make a team of 4, or join a team when you arrive. Registration required, <http://www.oregonpubliclibrary.com>.

Puzzle Library

The library now has a free puzzle library. Take a puzzle, leave a puzzle.

This is open to anyone in the community.

Oregon Public Library StoryWalk®

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

New Releases

Argyles and Arsenic by Molly MacRae MYS MAC

The Librarian Always Rings Twice by Marty Wingate MYS WIN

Show Me the Bunny by Laurien Berenson MYS BE

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Memphis by Tara M. Stringfellow FIC STR

Cover Story by Susan Rigetti FIC RIG

The Ursulina by Brian Freeman MYS FRE

DIRECTORY OF AREA HUMAN SERVICES

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Sinnissippi Centers, Inc. Oregon 732-3157
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Education

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

Low Income Housing

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

Habitat for Humanity of Ogle County

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

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Senior Citizens Services

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

Sexual Assault/Abuse

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

Therapeutic

Pegasus Special Riders 973-3177

Veterans' Services

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

Wellness Services

Ogle County Health Dept
907 Pines Rd, Oregon 562-6976
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Saturday, May 7

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LOCAL NEWS

Byron Library News

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

Did you know... that the Byron Library can help you save your VHS home movies? Bring your VHS tapes to the library, and our staff will copy what is on the tape to a DVD! Blank DVDs can be purchased from the library for a fee of \$1.00 each, or patrons are welcome to provide their own blank DVDs. Due to copyright laws the library cannot copy anything recorded onto VHS from television. Limit 5 tapes per visit.

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.

Morse Code Bracelets

Tuesday, May 3
6-7 p.m.
Share a message with someone special using Morse code. Join Beth as she teaches you how to make an adjustable bracelet with a beaded Morse code word of your choice to give as a Mother's Day, graduation, or birthday gift. All materials will be provided. Please call 815-234-5107 or visit Byron.evanced.info/signup

to register. We are unable to make take-home kits for this project. Please call the library to let us know if you are unable to attend the program so that we can try to fill your seat.

Healthy Living

Thursday, May 5
Noon-1 p.m.
For centuries, we've known that the health of the brain and the body are connected. But now, science is able to provide insights into how to make lifestyle choices that may help you keep your brain and body healthy as you age. Join us to learn about research in the areas of diet and nutrition, exercise, cognitive activity and social engagement, and use hands-on tools to help you incorporate these recommendations into a plan for healthy aging. Klehm Arboretum & Botanical Garden will talk about the Monarch Butterfly and how to build your own Butterfly Garden at home. No matter if you create a garden on your patio or plant them in the ground, join us to learn how your home can become a butterfly oasis. Please visit Byron.evanced.info/signup or call 815-234-5107 to register.

Taking Good Pics

Monday, May 9
6-7 p.m.
How are your picture-taking skills? Want to get more from your cell phone camera? Join John Franks, a retired professional photographer, as he shares tips on getting better pictures using your cell phone. Please visit Byron.evanced.info/signup or call 815-234-5107 to register.

Egypt Travelogue

Friday, May 13

1-2 p.m.

Egypt was the first large organized society in human history, and still exerts influence on us today. Learn a little history, and see photos of some incredible monuments while hearing about the speaker's travels through the country. Pyramids, temples, tombs, obelisks, the Sphinx, and the Nile: you'll see it all. Please call 815-234-5107 or visit Byron.evanced.info/signup to register.

DIY Denim Planters

Thursday, May 19
6-7 p.m.
Come join Cathy for another DIY craft project at the library. We will be creating a recycled Denim Planter. These are a great use of old jeans for a whimsical garden decor! All materials will be provided. Please call 815-234-5107 or visit Byron.evanced.info/signup to register. We are unable to make take-home kits for this project. Please call the library to let us know if you are unable to attend the program so that we can try to fill your seat.

DIY Butterfly Puddler

Thursday, May 26
6-7 p.m.
Attract more butterflies to your yard by creating your very own Butterfly Puddler! All materials will be provided. Please call 815-234-5107 or visit Byron.evanced.info/signup to register. We are unable to make take-home kits for this project. Please call the library to let us know if you are unable to attend the program so that we can try to fill your seat.

Visit the Byron Library Facebook page to keep up to date on library news and virtual programs!

AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

BYRON

ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH

624 Luther Drive, Byron IL 61010 815-234-5277
Pastor: Janet Wald
Sunday Worship Service held at 9:00 am. A recording of each Sunday's worship service is available on our Facebook page and our website later in the day. Communion is served every Sunday. Sunday School for ages 3 through Adult is held at 10:00 am September through May. Confirmation studies for 7th and 8th grade students are held each Sunday morning at 10:00 am. Monday afternoon Bible Study is held at 1:30 pm via Zoom. In person Bible Studies are held Tuesday evening at 7:00 pm and Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 pm. Book Club and The GATHERING meet monthly; quilts meet twice monthly. Visit our website <http://www.AllSaintsByron.org> or call the church office for further information.

CORNERSTONE FAMILY CHURCH

205 N. Peru St., Byron 815-234-8737 cornerstonefamilychurch.org
Sr. Pastor: Randy Snider, NextGen/ Family Pastor: Collin Nichols
Children's Ministry Director: Lori Martin
Worship Service on Sundays at 10am with Children's Worship Service and Nursery Available
Sr High Youth Ministry Sundays at 6:00pm, Jr High Youth Ministry Wednesdays at 6:30pm
Numerous Small Groups Available for All Ages throughout the week. Please call our Church Office or visit our website for more details. Office Hours: 8:00am-4:30pm Mondays-Thursdays

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Adult Sunday 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
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Ralston

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VISITORS WELCOME

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6941 N Mt Morris Rd, Leaf River, IL 61047
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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
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Lindenwood IL
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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: mtmcb@frontier.com

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308 E. Brayton Rd. Mt. Morris, IL Phone: 734-6354 Rev. Josh Ehler
Worship Services: Saturday 5:30 PM; Worship Sunday 9:30 AM.
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505 Hill St. Oregon, IL 61061 Phone: 732-2642
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OREGON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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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

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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 & Mongon Drive on Liberty Hill), Oregon
• 732-7211 - Office Rev. Eldred George
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Worship Services: Sunday 10 am Holy Communion with Hymns Christian Education Available

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11:30 a.m. Worship

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Pastor Brian LeBaron
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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 office.

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Interim Pastor Lisa Orist, Pastor Chuck Potts Minister to Students and Children
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815-645-8872 | www.valleycov.org
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LOCAL NEWS

Polo Library News

Children's Programs - April 23rd at 10:30 a.m., Storytime Saturday "in person" in our children's library, come join Ms. Melanie for a story, earth-friendly animal crafts, and other hands-on activities.

Saturday, April 30th, Polo High School Greenhouse from 10:30-11:30 a.m., in celebration of Earth Day & Arbor Day, join Ms. Melanie and FFA HS students for a discussion about how a greenhouse works and environmental enrichment.

Spring Reading Program "Bloom into Reading" started Saturday, April 9th and will end Saturday, May 14th. This 5-week spring program will focus on nature related activities and book reading participation. Registration is still open.

REGISTER for any of the programs by calling 815-946-2713, emailing melanie@pololibrary.org, or clicking the Google form link on the Polo Library Facebook for the program.

Adult Programs - Friday Discussion Group will meet on 5/13 to discuss *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* by Kim Michele Richardson. Wednesday Book 2 Movie group will meet on May 18 to discuss *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak. Monday Afternoon Book club will meet on 5/23 to discuss *The Beautiful Forevers* by Catharine Boo.

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.

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 Laundromat. If you prefer to receive it electronically visit our website and subscribe.

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

Library Services - Converting VHS to DVD - With VHS and other videotape formats disappearing fast now is the perfect time to preserve your videos and other important memories. This new service will allow us to convert your VHS tapes measuring approximately 7x4x1 to DVD for you. For \$5 per tape library staff will convert your memories to a more manageable format. Tapes may be dropped off during regular library hours. Unfortunately, our convertor does not accommodate VHS-C (compact videocassette) or mini DV tapes.

Memorial Gifts - We accept donations for purchasing memorial books. A bookplate will be added to the book stating your loved one's name and occasion you want to memorialize. Call the library for more information.

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

New books expected in May

- 22 Seconds by James Patterson
- Aunt Dimity and the Enchanted Cottage by Nancy Atherton
- When She Dreams by Amanda Quick
- Overboard by Sarah Paretsky
- The Summer Place by Jennifer Weiner
- This Time Tomorrow by Emma Straub
- Thrill of the Hunt by Rita Mae Brown
- Secrets by Fern Michaels
- Every Cloak Rolled in Blood by James Lee Burke
- War of Two Queens by Jennifer Armentrout
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LOCAL NEWS

Bertolet Library News

“Hoo” Haven: Saturday, May 14th, 9:30 a.m.

On Saturday, May 14th at 9:30AM, Bertolet Memorial Library will welcome presenters and animals from “Hoo” Haven Wildlife Rehabilitation and Education Center in Durand.

During this educational program, children and adults alike will learn about some of the animals that are rescued and how they are nursed back to health and prepared to return to their natural habitats. The presenters will also be bringing an owl, a red-tailed hawk, and a tortoise for participants to see and learn about.

In conjunction with this event, the library is collecting supplies for “Hoo” Haven through May 14th. Because the organization is not government funded, they rely entirely on donations and volunteers to rehabilitate the animals. Donations may be brought to the library in advance of the program or on May 14th. A wish list is available on their website: www.hoohaven.org or for you to pick up at the library.

Monetary donations are also appreciated and are used for special food, medicine, and other items for the animals. Please visit www.hoohaven.org for more information and volunteer opportunities, and plan to join us for this interesting and informative program.

Book of the Month for April: The Giver of Stars by Jojo Moyes

Set in Depression era America, The Giver of Stars is the story of five extraordinary women who run a traveling library in rural Kentucky. Based on the true story of the Packhorse Librarians, this band of women face multiple hardships as they bring books to those who never had any. Pick up a copy of the book at the Bertolet Memorial Library, and discover how these women from different backgrounds forge a friendship that overcomes adversities, both from natural disasters and from those opposed to their courageous efforts to share the gift of learning with those in need.

LEGO Club: 1st Monday of the month, 5 p.m.

Create with us on the 1st Monday of each month. We will have the LEGOs waiting for you!

Story Hour: Thursdays at 10 a.m.

Join Miss Jana for Story Hour and learn about animals and letters on Thursdays at 10 a.m. 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, May 21st, 9:30 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:

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

New Releases:

Adult Books

Love On the Range by Mary Connealy

A Man With a Past by Mary Connealy

The Noel Letters by Richard Paul Evans

The Boys by Ron & Clint Howard

Juvenile Books

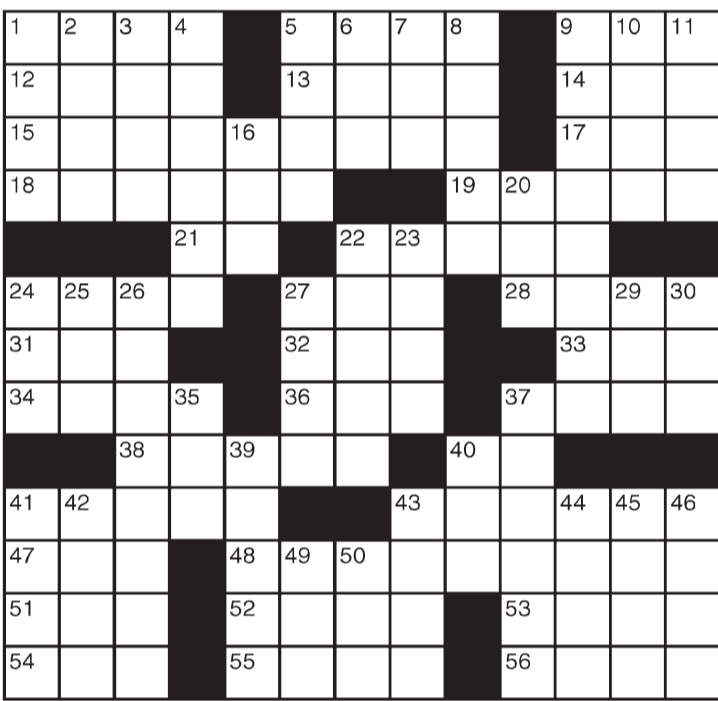
Owly: Just a Little Blue by Andy Runton (Graphic Novel)

Weekly Brain Busters

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Karate level
- 5 Caprice
- 9 Perch
- 12 Writer Wiesel
- 13 Car
- 14 Man-mouse link
- 15 Time between vernal equinoxes
- 17 "Viva — Vegas"
- 18 Wesley of "Blade"
- 19 Striped critter
- 21 Symbol of strength
- 22 Chirp
- 24 Right on the map?
- 27 — chi
- 28 Evening, in an ad
- 31 Duo
- 32 Grass shack
- 33 Feedbag tid-bit
- 34 Big name in scat
- 36 Boom times
- 37 "Mad Money" network
- 38 Beetle Bailey's boss
- 40 Italian river
- 41 "Untrue!"
- 43 "Jurassic Park" bird
- 47 Paris pal



- 7 Call — day abbr.
- 8 Code name?
- 9 Puzzle answer
- 10 Persia, today
- 11 To-do list item
- 16 "Toy Story" dinosaur
- 20 Understanding
- 22 Hosiery shade
- 23 Funny folks
- 24 Paris summer
- 25 Piercing tool
- 26 Start of summer or winter
- 27 Hoodlum
- 29 Bar bill
- 30 List-ending
- 35 Small batter-ies
- 37 Patients' shares
- 39 Kentucky Derby prize
- 40 Bit of butter
- 41 Houston acronym
- 42 Actor Epps
- 43 Anger
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— ISLAND : ISLANDS OF IRELAND



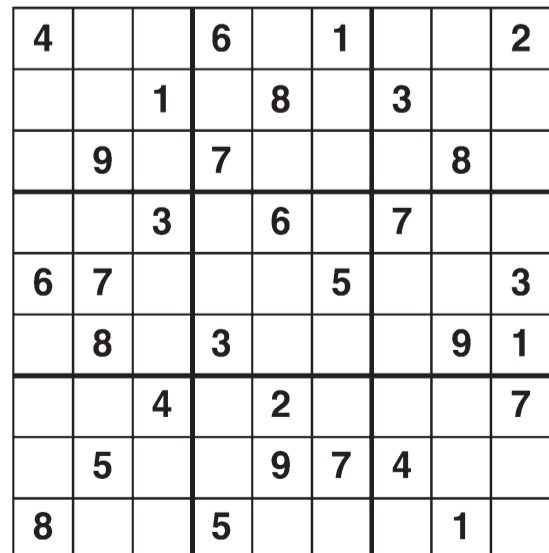
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- Mid
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- Rathlin
- Rossmore
- Rough
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- Valentia

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

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

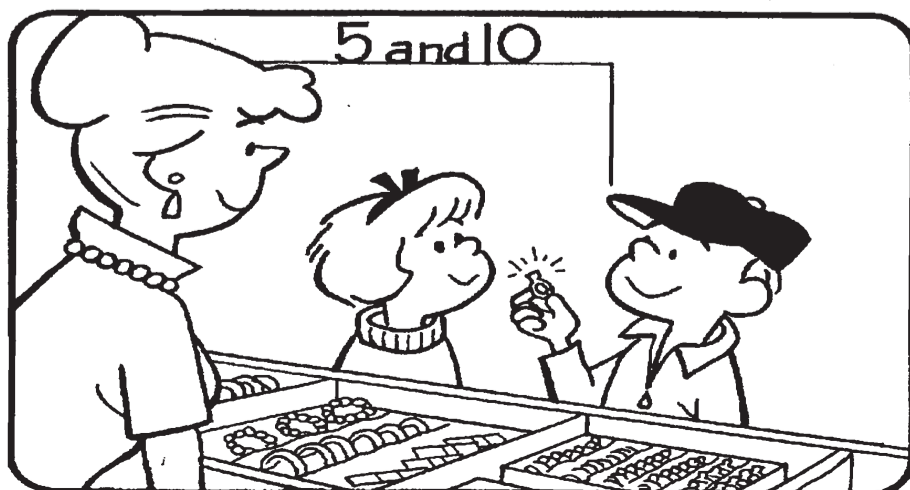
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



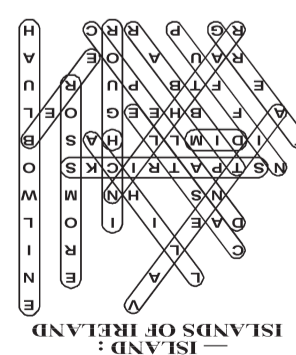
Differences: 1. Earring is different. 2. Sleeve is shorter. 3. Hair is shorter. 4. Light is missing. 5. Glasses are missing. 6. Jacket is opened.



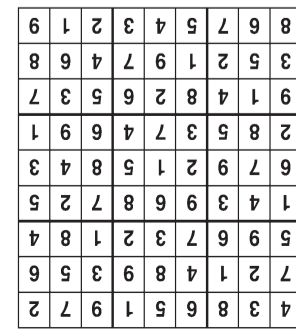
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Answers

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Public Notice is hereby given that on April 1, 2022, a certificate was filed in the Ogle County Clerk's Office setting forth the names and post office address of all of the persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as:
Rock River Floral Collective, 224 S. German Church Rd. Oregon, IL 61061
Date: April 1, 2022
Laura J. Cook, Ogle County Clerk
No. 0414 (April 11, 28, 25)

PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In The)
Matter)No.
of the)2022
Estate of:)PR 27
(SANDRA)
(L. HAYNES,)
(Deceased.)
IN)
PROBATE)

CLAIM NOTICE
NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of SANDRA L. HAYNES of Byron, Illinois. Letters of office were issued on March 30, 2022, to BRADLEY A. INGRAM of Byron, Illinois, and SANDRA S. GOBIN, of Byron, Illinois, as Independent Co-Administrators, whose attorney is Jennifer L. Birkholz of SMITH, BIRKHOLZ & MORROW, P.C. at 129 S. Fourth Street, P. O. Box 10, Oregon, Illinois, 61061.
Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the clerk, or with the representative, or both, on or before July 11, 2022, or within 3 months from date of mailing or delivery of notice to creditors, if required by Section 18-3 of the Illinois Probate Act of 1975, as amended, whichever date is later. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred.
Copies of claims filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the estate legal representative and to the attorney within 10 days after the claim has been filed.
Jennifer L. Birkholz SMITH, BIRKHOLZ & MORROW, P.C. 129 S. Fourth Street, P.O. Box 10 Oregon, IL 61061 (815) 732-6124
Bradley A. Ingram, Independent Co-Administrator Sandra S. Gobin, Independent Co-Administrator No. 0416 (April 11, 18, 25)

PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on March 10, 2022, a certificate was filed in the Ogle County Clerk's Office setting forth the names and post office address of all of the persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as: Nava Family Restaurant, 4449 West Rte. 64, Mt. Morris, IL 61054
Date: March 10, 2022
Laura J. Cook, Ogle County Clerk
No. 0419 (April 11, 18, 25)

PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the)
matter)Case No.
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Estate of:)
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INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION TO: CREDITORS AND CLAIMANTS (ONLY)
1. The Notice is hereby given of the death of John P. Klemm who died on March 19, 2022, a resident of Davis Junction, Illinois.
2. The Representative for the estate is Edward P. Klemm of 119 North Harrison Street, Batavia, IL 60510.
3. The Attorney for the estate is Leslie G. Bleifuss of 210 E. North Street, Elburn, IL 60119.
4. Claims against the estate may be filed on or before October 11, 2022. Claims against the estate may be filed with the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Ogle County Judicial Center, 106 South 5th Street, Suite 300, Oregon, IL 61061, or with the Representative, or both. Any 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 filed.
5. The estate will be administrated without Court supervision unless an interested party terminates independent supervision administration by filing a petition to terminate under Article XXVIII 5/28-4 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/28-4).
Edward P. Klemm, as Executor of the Estate of John P. Klemm No. 0424 (April 18, 25, May 2)

PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice of Public Hearing
Board of Education of Meridian Community Unit School District No. 223, Ogle and Winnebago Counties, Illinois
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the School Board of Meridian Community Unit School District No. 223, Ogle and Winnebago Counties, Illinois, that a tentative amended budget for said School District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection at Meridian Junior High School within the District Office when school is in session and electronically by emailing Superintendent Caposey at pcasey@mail.meridian223.org, from and after 8 a.m. on the 2nd day of May, 2022.
Notice is further hereby given that a public hearing on said amended budget will be held at 6:30 p.m., on the 16th day of June, 2022, at 207 W Main Street, Stillman Valley, Illinois in the Boardroom of Meridian Junior High School within Meridian School District, dated this 19th day of April, 2022, School Board of Meridian Community Unit School District No. 223, Ogle and Winnebago Counties, Illinois.
By PJ Caposey Superintendent No. 0428 (April 25)

PUBLIC NOTICE
The Annual Meeting of the Lafayette-Pine Rock-Taylor Multi-Township Assessment District will be held at the Pine Rock Town Hall Wednesday May 11th at 7:00 p.m. Business to be conducted will include approval of the last meeting minutes, approval of Fiscal Year Treasurer's Report, Assessor's Report, 2022-2023 Budget, 2023 Levy, and any other business necessary. The Proposed Budget and

Proposed Levy are available for inspection by contacting the MTAD treasurer at 815-732-7387 to arrange a time. No. 0427 (April 25)

PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the State of Illinois Compiled Statutes, the Ogle County Engineer will hold a public hearing on Monday, May 9, 2022 at 10:00 AM in response to an appeal filed regarding the Rockvale highway commissioner's denial of the vacation of the

unimproved right of way between Lot 70 and Lot 71 of Mongan & Etryre 7th Subdivision. The County Engineer will use this appeal hearing to hear and consider reasons for or against the proposed vacation. The hearing will be held at the intersection of Mongan Drive and Jennie Lane near 1142 N Mongan Dr, Oregon, IL 61061. Jeremy Ciesiel, P.E. County Engineer Ogle County, Illinois No. 0430 (April 25, May 2)



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Duties will include but not limited to the following:
Drivers license required, be able to lift occasionally 50lbs, have basic hand tool skills, be able to operate a gas driven edger, gas power washer, trash duties before and after concerts on the bandshell, some painting, must work well with other village employees and be willing to work alone at times. Work will be on the downtown Campus area as well as performing some basic maintenance duties at the Village Hall and occasionally in our parks. Please apply at the Village Clerk's office at 105 W. Lincoln, Mt. Morris, or fill out an application online www.mtmorrisil.net. Starting wage is \$12.00 an hour.

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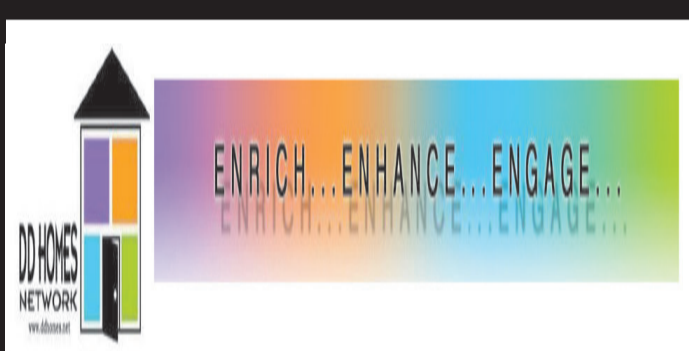
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103 AUCTIONS

Janssen Ag Services LLC Business Relocation Auction LIVE ONSITE & ONLINE

Two Day Auction: June 17 - 18, 2022

Held at Janssen Ag Services LLC 4779 S Daysville Rd, Oregon IL 61061
Directions: 5 miles S. of Oregon IL on Daysville Rd to site or 7 miles N. of Franklin Grove on Daysville

June 17: Consisting of Farm & Construction Equipment, Trucks, Trailers, Pallets of Equipment Parts, Tools, Etc...
June 18: Consisting of Personal Property, Signs, Toys, Antiques, Collectibles, Misc Household, Real Estate (10.5 acres house & shop)

*Open consignment for equipment ONLY on Friday sale: **Deadline June 10 NO EXCEPTIONS!!!**
Call Sean at 815-677-2781 for details

June 17 Highlights: 305 Gold Edition Magnum, '07 Sterling Semi, JD 4320 w/3070 hrs., 1999 KW W900L 2WS 550 CAT 13sp (750hp) AR FRT 315 W.B., JD 4250 Open Station 2715 hrs, JD 7520 Open Station LH REV w/741 Classic Ldr, 2007 FL Century Class (435hp) Mercedes, 10sp, 2011 Felling 48x102 Hyd. Trailer, 2019 '34 Load Trail Gooseneck Trailer, 2021 Dodge Ram 3500 Limited w/apx 40,000 miles, Kobelco SK455RX Mini Excavator, Case 650L 6 way Dozer CAH LGP 3200 hrs, Takeuchi TB235 Mini Excavator w/thumb 1600 hrs, JD 8330 IVT trans 4000 hrs MFWD, 2007 Freightliner Century Class 435hp Mercedes 10 spd 3:36 3/4 lockers Wet Kit(All new front to back), 2014 Artic Cat Prowler 550xt 4x4 1900 mile, several hundred tractor weights (all brands), Multiple ATVs UTVs, Hay Equipment, 50+ Tractors, New Skid Mt Attachments, Tires, and 200 Lots of Equipment, Parts, and Tools.

June 18 Highlights: 1964 1100 4WD Custom Pick-up, Large Metal Peterbilt Sign from (Newark CA Plant), Pool Table from movie (Color of Money Starring Tom Cruise & Paul Newman), Full NASCAR Collection, Multiple Metal Signs (Dealer, Feeds, Etc.), Extensive Farm Toy Collection, Lighted Signs, Multiple Collector Crocks, Copper Pans, Candlesticks, Queen Bedroom Set 4 pieces, Cherry Bedroom Set from early 1900's Dixie Furniture Company Virginia(Full Bed, Chest, Dresser), Oak Secretarial Desk, Oak Buffet w/Mirror, Oval Pine Side Table, Spindle Leg Side Table w/Claw Ball Feet, Large Square Cutting Block Table, Antique Tall Remington 2 Door Safe, Full Size Tan 3 Cushion Couch, Antique 4 Leg Dining Table, Multiple Antique Chairs, Inversion Table, Multiple Decoration Items, Full Collection Boyd's Bears, Square Coffee Table Glass Drop in Center, Antique Mirrors, Antique Cabinets, Various Household Items including :Cookware, Glasses, Utinsels. Garden & Lawn Items, 100's of Longaberger Baskets, Tall Oak Antique Wardrobe, Much More.

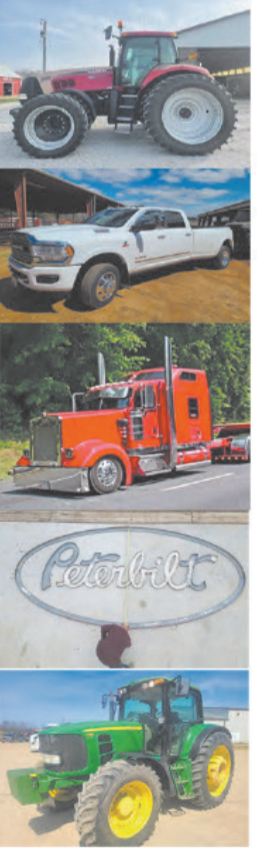
June 18 Real Estate: 10.5 Acres, Ogle County, 4779 S. Daysville Rd, Oregon IL.
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LOCAL NEWS

Oregon Park District sets upcoming events, activities

Garden Goodies with Mom
 Mother's Day fun with Mom includes making a few garden-style treats with instructor Lynn Kaufman on Wednesday, May 4, 2022 from 6-7:30 p.m. at Cork & Tap. This is a perfect quality time activity and always fun when food is involved. Payment is based on one adult and one child. Each additional child is \$5. Fee is \$35/Resident (Mom & Child) or \$42/Non-Resident. Registration deadline is April 27.

Fan Bus to Cheer on Oregon Ganymedes at The Field of Dreams
 Hop on the fan bus to watch the Oregon Ganymedes Base Ball club play the Canton Cornshuckers Base Ball Club (of Canton, Michigan) at the Field of Dreams movie site in Dyersville, Iowa. Enjoy the If You Build It exhibit and dinner at Chad's Pizza & Restaurant (not included in trip fee) prior to the 7 p.m. game. Bring your lawn chair or blankets, snacks, and non-alcoholic beverages on the motor coach. Trip fee is \$38/Resident or

\$45/Non-Resident. Registration deadline is May 2nd.
Flower & Plant Sale and Mini Market
 The cure for spring fever! Buy or Sell! This is a highly anticipated event for those ready to start thinking about their spring gardens and landscaping. This event attracts both vendors with flowers, plants, garden art, homemade and handmade items and more. Food vendors will also be there, and the Park District will provide the opportunity to plant a mini fairy garden for only \$5. Mark your calendar! The Flower & Plant Sale and Mini Market is on Saturday, May 7, 2022 from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at the River's Edge Market location, behind the Fire Department. Vendor can register for a booth space for \$15/Resident or \$18/Non-Resident.

Pool Closed
 Nash Recreation pool will be closed through Sunday, May 15 for painting and repairs.

Co-ed Sand Volleyball League

This Co-Ed Sand Volleyball League will be played at our sand volleyball courts at Park West. There will be regular season followed by an end of year tournament. Teams may have up to 6 players on the court at a time, but may never exceed 3 males on the court. Players must be 18+ and graduated from High School. Gather your friends and come on out for some summer fun on Thursday nights! Season runs May 19th through July 28th. Team fee is \$165 and the registration deadline is May 12.

Girls Basketball Camp
 The OHS Lady Hawks basketball program is excited to introduce a Lady Hawks Summer Basketball Camp! Have fun and improve your basketball skills. Join Coaches Olyvia Rand and Angela Reynolds for an exciting week long camp that will help to develop your fundamental basketball skills and well as learn some new strategies. Camp will run from Monday June 6th through Thursday June 9th with K-8th grade from 9-11 a.m. and 9-12th Grade

from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. This camp will be held at the Blackhawk Center and each participant will receive a camp T-shirt. Players will be divided into age appropriate groups and work on basic skills like shooting and dribbling, and also work on their team work skills. All proceeds to benefit the OHS Lady Hawks Basketball Program.

Fee is \$30 Resident/\$35 Non Resident and the deadline is May 23rd.

Basketball Camp
 Join the OHS Varsity Boys coach, Jarrett Reynolds and his team for a week long basketball camp outside at our Park West Basketball Courts. This Co-ed camp will concentrate on developing your fundamental skills and

learning new strategies. The week will end with a friendly 3 v3 tournament for the players on the Friday! All participants will receive a camp T-shirt and medals will be awarded to the tournament winners. All proceeds will benefit the OHS Boys Basketball Program. In the event of a rain out, camp will be moved to the Blackhawk Center. Camp runs from May 23rd- May 27th with 6-9yrs from 10-11am and 10-14years from 11-noon. Fee is \$30 resident/ \$35 non-resident and the deadline is May 11th.

Little Baseball Stars
 Your child will learn the very basics of baseball in this introductory program for 3-5 year olds, offered by OHS Coach

Nate Girton and his baseball players. A parent/adult will be required to attend each evening and may be asked to assist their child throughout the program. Each week, children will learn a new skill and develop a previously learned skills. Catching, running, batting, and safety will be taught. The last night will be a T-Ball game! Only the first 14 participants will be accepted for each time slot. Each child will receive a t-shirt. All proceeds to benefit OHS Baseball program. This program will meet on Tuesdays and Thursday from July 5th through July 14th, with timeslots starting at 4, 5 and 6 p.m. Fee is \$30 resident and \$35 non-resident. Deadline is June 21st, but limited spots are available so register soon!

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