



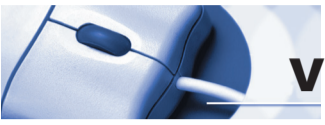
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Worth the wait



The Children's Center 3-year-old program planted tulips in November 2021 (bottom photo) and the students were excited to see the tulips blooming last week.

Man killed in crash

BYRON – There was a fatal, multi-vehicle crash in the 5800 block of North Illinois Route 2 just after 1 p.m. on Monday, April 25, according to the Ogle County Sheriff's Office.

A preliminary investigation revealed that a southbound vehicle driven by Dirk Miller, 55, of Mt. Morris, crossed the centerline and traveled into the northbound lane where it struck two oncoming vehicles. Miller was transported to Swedish American Hospital by Byron EMS where he was later pronounced dead.

The second vehicle, a 15-passenger school bus, was driven by Teresa Gabriel, 58, of Dixon. Gabriel was transported to KSB Hospital by Mt. Morris EMS for minor injuries. A passenger of the school bus, Connie Slotter, 34, of Dixon, was transported to Swedish American Hospital by Byron EMS for minor injuries. A juvenile passenger in the school bus was uninjured and was released to a family member.

The driver of the third vehicle, Kiara Franklin, 22, of Rockford, was transported to Mercy Hospital by Oregon EMS for non-life threatening injuries.

Stillman Valley EMS transported two juvenile passengers, also in the third vehicle to Mercy Hospital for observation.

Byron Fire/EMS, Byron Police, Oregon EMS, Stillman Valley EMS, Mt. Morris EMS and the Illinois Department of transportation assisted deputies at the scene. The accident remains under investigation.

Rochelle man completes Boston Marathon goal

By Jeff Helfrich
Managing Editor

ROCHELLE – For the past five and a half years, Kurt Lodico of Rochelle has been running marathons in hopes of competing in and finishing the Boston Marathon.

He did just that recently. The marathon was his 14th over that time. His time was three hours, 53 minutes, finishing 16,216 out of the full 30,000 in the race and 950th out of the 1,700 in his age group of 55-59.

Lodico was in the second wave of

runners to start the race. Each wave has 7,500 racers in it. Runners represented every state and people from 122 different countries ran in the Boston Marathon, he said. Qualification is required to get in. About 500,000 people attended the event, which was run at its normal time in the spring for the first time since the COVID-19 pandemic began.

"It was awesome," Lodico said. "It was unbelievable. The huge billboards they put up and it's lighted and there's so many TV cameras."

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LOCAL NEWS



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

First Fridays music back in Oregon on May 6

OREGON – The First Fridays Open Mic returns on May 6 to K’s Sports Bar in Oregon. The monthly event attracts many talented performers, but musicians and singers of all skill levels find acceptance from its supportive au-

dience. Each performer is allowed 15 minutes, and everyone can also join in on a jam session at the end of the show. The show starts at 7 p.m. Admission is free, although a jar is available for donations. Sign-up for

performers is at 6:45 p.m. K’s Sports Bar is located at 408 East Washington (Rt. 64) in Oregon Illinois, close to several restaurants. Interested parties who have questions can contact Jerry Tice, at 815-449-2660.

Serenity Hospice hosting luncheon fundraiser on May 7

OREGON – Serenity Hospice and Home will host our “Diamonds & Daisies” Garden Luncheon Fundraiser on Saturday, May 7th at the Stronghold Brubaker Center located at 1922 IL Route 2 N in Oregon. Doors open at 11 am. This fun event will feature a silent and live auction. We will be raffling off a diamond ring. Tickets are \$50 per person or \$350 for a table of eight. Appetizers and lunch will be provided and there will be a cash bar. All proceeds go towards our mission of providing the highest quality of care to our terminally ill patients and their families. Tickets can be purchased online at ourfundraiser.events/GardenLuncheon2022 or by calling Serenity at 815-732-2499.

MARATHON: The culmination of a dream

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 “There’s probably 200,000 people just at the finish line. They say some can’t even hear their name when they cross the line because it’s so loud. It’s very exciting going down that last stretch. It’s exhilarating.”
 Lodico qualified for the Boston Marathon two years ago, but the COVID-19 pandemic canceled it. It was canceled the next year as well. The event was rescheduled to October of last year, but Lodico opted not to compete, hoping for the full experience this spring.
 “It was amazing,” Lodico said. “It was very exciting. Everyone was talkative and excited and really looking forward to the marathon happening again.”
 During the past two springs, the Boston Marathon was run virtually, with runners around the country and world running the same amount of mileage and choosing their own routes. Lodico did take part in the event virtually both years.
 Runners competing virtually uploaded their time and information to a website. Lodico called competing virtually “very different.”
 “When I did that, I did have a few friends to cheer me on,” Lodico said. “Your adrenaline is higher in a real race. It’s a lot better in an actual race. Dealing with COVID-19 canceling it and having to go virtual was hard. I hit the original qualifying time required, and then I had to requalify because it expired. It was tough.”
 Lodico’s qualifying time to get into the Boston Marathon this year was three hours, 25 minutes. To qualify, he had to hit three hours, 35 minutes. When he ages up to an older age group with a higher qualifying time in a few years, Lodico said he’d like to run in the marathon again.
 Running the race on Monday was not without its challenges for Lodico.
 “There’s a lot of rolling hills, some that are really steep,” Lodico said. “At the beginning you feel good. But the hills were tough and they wore on me. I started to cramp up and I think it was from the hills. It was more challenging than I thought it would be.”
 Lodico said he’s always been a runner. It keeps him in shape and makes him feel good when he’s out there. Monday was the culmination of a dream for the Rochelle man.
 “Finishing and getting to the line after five and a half years of working towards that goal, that was my favorite part,” Lodico said.

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LOCAL NEWS

Meridian CUSD 223 again earns high ranking

The 2022 edition of Best High Schools includes a numerical ranking of nearly all public high schools nationwide — almost 18,000 of them.

Meridian CUSD 223 was recognized with this prestigious honor for the 6th consecutive year. This is an incredible accomplishment for any district, but in particular for a district that had not been honored prior to this streak.

“To earn this recognition for six consecutive years demonstrates the commitment to excellence of our teaching staff and leadership team,” said Dr. PJ Caposey, Superintendent of Schools. “I am tremendously proud of and thankful for their continued determination to strive for excellence.”

There are rankings within each state and within each census-designated metropolitan area that has three or more high schools, as well as the Best STEM Schools ranking and comprehensive Best Charter Schools and Best Magnet Schools rankings.

Also published are rankings of high

schools within each school district that has three or more high schools.

With today’s launch, U.S. News has published detailed school-specific information on enrollment, graduation rates, student body demographics, location, school type and results of state assessments as well as Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate tests.

The Best High Schools rankings, available online only, are produced in conjunction with RTI International, a global research firm. U.S. News doesn’t collect data directly from high schools — all data comes directly from official third-party sources.

U.S. News receives AP and IB data directly from the College Board and International Baccalaureate, respectively, for use in the rankings. The state assessment data and graduation rates are from each state, and other data comes from the U.S. Department of Education Common Core of Data.

The methodology focuses on six factors: college readiness, reading and



math proficiency, reading and math performance, underserved student performance, college curriculum breadth and graduation rates.

College readiness specifically measures participation and performance on Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate exams.

Mt. Morris Senior Center has meals, fun

Meet the new chief

The Mt. Morris Senior Center is hosting its monthly breakfast with the Mayor on Wednesday, May 4th 8-10 a.m. All are welcome to come to this meal to enjoy the delicious pancakes and biscuits and gravy as well as ask any questions you may have for the leadership of the village. Mt. Morris Village President Phil Labash and the new Mt. Morris Chief of Police Mike Cicchetti will be in attendance for breakfast this month.

The address of the Senior Center is 9 East Front Street, and the cost is \$2 for a half order of biscuits, \$3.50 for a full order, and \$1 for a pancake. All you can drink coffee is only 50 cents. Everyone in the community is welcome.

Kentucky Derby fun

Have you ever been to the Kentucky Derby? Would you like to try betting on your favorite horse and dressing up with a fancy hat? The Mt. Morris Senior Center is hosting the perfect event for you. On Friday, May 6th at 1 p.m. we will have a Kentucky Derby Party and Dessert Potluck. So, bring your favorite dessert and put on your fancy hat. This is a free event for everyone in the community. You will be given money to make your bets, and the big winner will receive a prize. Call Melissa at 815-734-6335 if you have any questions.

Taylor named to Angus Association

Taylor Yordy, Leaf River, is a new junior member of the American Angus Association®, reports Mark McCully, CEO of the national organization with headquarters in Saint Joseph, Missouri.

Junior members of the Association are eligible to register cattle in the American Angus Association, participate in programs conducted by the National Junior Angus Association and take part in Association-sponsored shows and other national and regional events.

The American Angus Association is the largest beef breed association in the world, with more than 25,000 active adult and junior members. Visit NJAA.info for more information about the National Junior Angus Association.



Carefree 4-H Club and Blackhawk Crossing 4-H Club members help plant trees at the Ogle County Fairgrounds on April 9th.

Ogle County 4-H members plant trees around county

Ogle County 4-H planted 25 oak trees around Ogle County, to bring new life to oak-hickory trees that are currently under threat in Illinois.

Pine Creek Valley 4-H Club planted trees at Pine Creek Church in Polo. Mighty Clovers 4-H Club planted trees at Monroe Center Community Church. Ogle County Clovers 4-H Club planted trees at The Kitchen Table in Rochelle. By-Y-Badgers 4-H Club planted

trees at United Church of Byron. Summerhill Huskies 4-H Club planted a tree at Warnken Park in Forreston. And in a group effort, Blackhawk Crossing 4-H Club and Carefree 4-H Club planted trees at the Ogle County Fairgrounds and Mount Morris Senior Center.

The 4-H Green Communities Tree Program focuses on tackling global issues at a local level.

Throughout the spring of 2022, youth in

31 counties throughout Illinois are planting oak trees on public properties in their county for a total of 775 newly planted trees across the state.

The 4-H Green Communities Tree Program follows the “learn-by-doing” philosophy of 4-H and is guided by the priorities of the Illinois Forest Action Plan. To help support this project, please visit: <https://go.illinois.edu/4hgreencommunity>.

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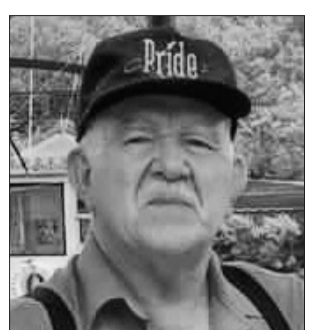
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LOCAL NEWS

Obituaries

Clifford Gilbert, Sr.

OREGON – Clifford “Butch” Gilbert, Sr., age 76 of Oregon, peacefully passed from this life Friday, April 22, 2022, at home following a 4-plus year battle with ALS. He was born on May 17, 1945 in Oregon, to Orville and Marcella Gilbert.



Jr, both of Mt. Morris, and Megan (Scott) Little of Sterling; his granddaughters Brittney Pretzsch and Desiree Gilbert, and GrandDog Bam Bam. Great Grandchildren Kloie, Conner, Levi and Arianna Pretzsch; Shirley’s children Teresa (Charles) Portner, Lori (Mike) Reynolds, Norma (Glen) Ford and Ronnie (Christine) Henson, 3 sisters Edith (Tim) Singley, Viola Phillips and LaVonne Taylor; 40 beloved nieces and nephews, and a host of other cherished relatives.

He was a 1964 graduate of Oregon High School. He married Shirley (King) Henson on Dec. 14, 2007. Butch retired from Chrysler in Belvidere after 40 years. Butch loved life. He loved his family and the loved people. He never met a stranger and if you met him, you never forgot him. He was a passionate lotto enthusiast, always hoping to “win big”, but not for himself, only so he could give it to everyone he loved. His family describes him as the most selfless, loving, caring, honest, most hard-working, generous man there ever was. There was never a time he didn’t tell you that he loved you, or rarely a time he wasn’t smiling and happy.

Those he will join in heaven include his son, Brian Gilbert, Grandson Nathan Pretzsch, his parents, two brothers and six sisters. Those left to remember him are his wife, his children Vonda Pretzsch, Clifford “Ollie” Gilbert,

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday April 27 at Farrell Holland Gale Funeral Home, Oregon, with Pastor Rick Eldred of East Oregon Chapel officiating. Visitation was Tuesday, April 26, 2022 from 5-7 p.m. Burial in Daysville Cemetery, Oregon. A memorial fund will be established in his name. The family would like to thank Serenity House Hospice staff and especially nurse Shelia for her compassionate care and kindness.

Sharon Pleniewicz

BYRON – Sharon Pleniewicz passed away at Generations at Neighbors in Byron on April 26, 2022. She was born in Charleston, S.C. on Sept. 15, 1944 the daughter of Vernon and Ravenel “Mary” (Rodgers) Godbee. She married Richard Pleniewicz on June 15, 1969.



McMinnville of Frisco, Texas; brother-in-law, Loren “Rob” Roberts of Albany, Ore.; sister-in-law, Patricia Godbee of Decatur, Ga.; grandchildren, Lorelei Buckley, Delilah Buckley, Ben McMinnville, and Jack McMinnville, and niece and nephews, Bethany Holden, Benjamin Roberts, and Gus Godbee.

Sharon believed in the power of education attending Anderson Jr. College, Appalachian State, and then earning her Master’s Degree from the University of Illinois. She was a member of the United Church of Byron. In her spare time; she enjoyed volunteering at Carpenter’s Place, senior trivia, bowling, and golfing. She loved spending time with her friends; going on yearly girls trips to the beach and having breakfast with the Juliettes on Wednesdays.

But, the most important thing in Sharon’s life was her family. She was an amazing and supportive mother and involved grandmother. She never missed an opportunity to love on her family and she loved to bake cookies with her grandchildren earning her the affectionate nickname “Cookie Grammy.”

She is survived and missed by her husband, Richard of Byron; daughters, Jennifer (Noah) Buckley of Riverside, Ill., and Lynn (Travis)

She is preceded in death by her parents and siblings Travis Godbee and Iris Roberts.

A celebration of Sharon’s well lived life will be held on Sunday, May 22, 2022 at the Byron Public Library, 100 S. Washington Street, Byron, Illinois from 1-5 p.m.. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Serenity Hospice and Home in Oregon. To leave an online condolence please visit www.farrellhollandgale.com

Susan Nordman

OREGON – Susan Martha Nordman passed away on Saturday, April 23, 2022 at the age of 85 at Pinecrest Terrace Nursing Home in Mt. Morris, surrounded by loving family members. She was born Dec. 24, 1936 in Byron, the daughter of Walter and Lillian (Moats) McNames. She attended Byron Public Schools.



soph Nordman of Beloit, Wis.; grandchildren Josh (Abby) Smith of Sycamore, Nick Nordman of Wilmington, N.C., Jonathan (Kelly) Poquette of Elon, N.C., Ashley Nordman (Coleman Beckerle) of O’Fallon, Mo., and Bradley Nordman (Nel) of Oregon; great-grandkids Carter Barringer, Darley Barringer, Briar Rose of Sycamore, and Everlee Jean Beckerle of O’Fallon, Mo., and many nieces and nephews whom love her and she loved.

all kinds of goodies for her family and church gatherings. She loved to play card games and Joker on Mondays with her friends from Byron and any other time someone would play. Susan was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

She was predeceased by her parents Walter and Lillian McNames, husband Henry Nordman; sisters Ava and Ida McNames, Mary (Jeff) Jefferies, Wilma (Bruce) Seymour; brother Robert (Blanche) McNames; grandson Joey Nordman and great-grandson Sebastian Francis Robert Poquette.

She is survived by her daughter Donna (Dale) Poquette of Dixon; sons Williams (Patricia) Nordman of Oregon, and Jo-

Funeral service was held 10:30 a.m. Saturday, April 30, 2022 at the St. Paul Lutheran Church in Oregon, with the Rev. Carl Rasmussen and the Rev. Rodney Caldwell Co-officiating. Visitation was 1 hour prior to the service at the church from 9:30-10:30 am. Burial took place at the Emmanuel Lutheran Cemetery at Paynes Point. A memorial fund is established in Susan Nordman’s name. Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home in Oregon is assisting the family with arrangements.

Gail Rasmussen

ROCHELLE – Gail Paulette Rasmussen, age 72, passed away on April 20, 2022 in Serenity Hospice & Home, Oregon. Gail was born on June 5, 1949 in Oregon, the daughter of Mervin (Gene) and Velma (Cole) Spangler. She graduated from Oregon High School class of 1967 and later she received an associates from Sauk Valley Community College, Sterling.



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Gail married Edward F. Rasmussen on July 16, 2002 in Oregon. She worked as a laborer for Wahl Clipper. Gail loved gardening, shooting, hunting, bird watching, and rescuing her beloved cats.

Gail is survived by her husband: Edward F.

Rasmussen, Rochelle; sons: Jimmie C. (Angela) Austin II, Dixon; Michael L. Austin, Dixon; daughters: Diane G (Kenneth) Urnik, DeMotte, Ind.; Kathy A (Dusty) Ehrler, Rome, Ga.; step-sons: Michael E (Monica) Rasmussen, Dixon; and Rick A. (Bonnie) Rasmussen, Eldena, Ill.; grandchildren:

Gail is preceded in death by her parents; brother: Craig F Spangler; and sister: Shirley M. Wilson.

Cremation rites have been accorded with Finch Funeral Home, Mt. Morris, IL. A celebration of life will take place at a later date.

RRC sets events, activities

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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.

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.

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Clare MaGeer returning to RRC on May 16
Clare MaGee will be at Rock River Center, 810 S Tenth Street, Oregon from 10-11:30 a.m. on Monday, May 16.

For several years, Clare MaGee has driven from New Market, Ontario, Canada to visit friends in Oregon and provided an upbeat musical program at Rock River Center. Join Clare with his guitar and banjo for a sing-along of oldies, folk songs and an array of tunes, along with stories and laughter.

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LOCAL NEWS

VCCT's 'Our Town' production has May performances set

By Jeff Helfrich
Managing Editor

ROCHELLE – The second production of its 2022 season, “Our Town,” will be on the stage at the Vince Carney Community Theatre.

The Pulitzer Prize-winning play by Thornton Wilder will be directed by Carol Weidmann, assistant directed by Zach Crabtree and produced by Jane Prunty. It opened on April 29. There will be 7 p.m. shows May 5-7 and a 2 p.m. show May 8.

“Our Town” presents the small town of Grover’s Corners in three acts: “Daily Life,” “Love and Marriage” and “Death and Eternity.” Narrated by a stage manager and performed with minimal props and sets, the play depicts the simple daily lives of the Webb and Gibbs families as their children fall in love, marry and eventually – in one of the most famous scenes in American theater – die.

“It’s going to offer many opportunities and challenges for our members and patrons alike,” Weidmann said, adding that when it became her turn to direct at the VCCT, she had three criteria.



“It had to have a large cast so we could provide acting opportunities for people of all ages,” Weidmann said. “The second is I wanted to evoke emotion in the audience. The third was that the cast and audience become aware of the original writer’s theme. And this one is kind of like, ‘Stop and smell the roses.’ I think it’s more than that.”

The cast includes Yeretzi Brizuela, Todd Burkhardt, Grayson Campbell, Crabtree, Terry Dickow, Dave Holden, Beth Hahn, Marilyn Janssen, Cheryl Johnson, Ellen O’Malley, Renee Page, Norm Read, Leah Van Stone, Bill Van Stone, Jacob Waddle, Zachary Waddle, Benjamin Webster, Sydney Webster, Dean Wren and Walt Zimmer.

The unique production of the play will include no curtains or furniture and patrons will be able to see the back of the stage before a man comes and looks the audience right in the eye and talks about a little town in New Hampshire.

The production has some nostalgia for Weidmann as she’s directing two actors – O’Malley and Zimmer – whom she directed while they were in high school.

Prunty said it’s been enjoyable to prepare the costume aspects of the play, which will include hats and long skirts.

VCCT opened its newly-renovated location at the former site of Lincoln School at 108 S. Main St. last year.

For tickets and more information, visit www.vccetrochelle.org.

Library concert series gets grant

POLO – Polo Public Library is pleased to announce it has received a \$7,000 grant for the 2022 Outdoor Concert Series.

The grant was awarded by the Community Arts & Humanities Fund of the Community Foundation of Northern Illinois’ Community Grants Program.

This year we are excited to welcome local bands in a variety of genres to play in concerts held over the course of five months.

We invite you to join us at one or all of these upcoming concerts this season:

- * Saturday, May 21st - Just 4 Fun Band - Playing classic rock, classic country, and oldies
- * Saturday, June 18th - Turas - an Irish/Celtic Folk band
- * Saturday, July 16th - Project Nos-

talgia - playing classic rock and oldies

* Saturday, August 13th - The Lone Canary - a Folk/Americana duo

* Saturday, September 17th - The Beaux - playing a variety of music from the 60s-90s

All concerts start at 7 p.m. and will last for approximately two hours.

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Learn more about CFNIL’s grant-making and commitment to endowment at www.cfnil.org.

Bank collecting peanut butter for pantry

BYRON – It’s time for the Rock River Valley Pantry’s Peanut Butter Rally, and Byron Bank is collecting peanut butter at their Byron, Davis Junction and Poplar Grove locations beginning May 2 to May 28.

“During the summer

months when kids are out of school, the Rock River Valley Pantry is an important organization for families in need to help feed their children,” says Byron Bank President, Brent Baker. “We believe in giving back to our communities and Byron Bank

is proud to support the Rock River Valley Pantry.”

Rock River Valley Pantry’s goal is to collect 20,000 jars of peanut butter. Please help Byron Bank collect this protein-rich staple and let’s all help feed hungry children in need this summer.

Fair Board seeks queen contestants for 2022

The Ogle County Fair Board is seeking contestants for its 2022 Queen Pageant.

The pageant includes four divisions: Little Miss & Mr., Junior Miss, Young Miss, and Miss Ogle County Fair. It will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 3, opening night of the fair, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

The 168th Ogle County Fair will be held from Wednesday, Aug. 3 through Sunday, Aug. 7 at the fairgrounds, 1440 N. Limekiln Rd., one mile west of Ore-

gon just north of Ill. 64.

The Little Miss & Mr. Division is open to children ages 5-8, Junior is for ages 9-12, Young is for ages 13-15, and Miss is open to ages 16-21.


Winners in each division will participate in events at this year’s fair and throughout the coming year.

The deadline for all entries and fees is July 15. For more information on how to enter, forms, fees, and pageant guidelines send an email to ocfqueen@gmail.com.

With Fondest Memories

We remember those who have passed away and are especially dear to us.

On Monday, May 30th The Ogle County Life will publish a special Memorial Day page devoted to those who are gone but not forgotten. The memorials will be similar to the sample below



David C. Andrews
July 10, 1961-May 5, 1980

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

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(SAMPLE)

- If you wish, select one of the following FREE verses below to accompany your tribute.**
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 3. Forever missed, never forgotten. May God hold you in the palm of His hand.
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 5. The days we shared were sweet. I long to see you again in God’s heavenly glory.
 6. Your courage and bravery still inspire us all, and the memory of your smile fills us with joy and laughter.
 7. Though out of sight, you’ll forever be in my heart and mind.
 8. The days may come and go, but the times we shared will always remain.
 9. May the light of peace shine on your face for eternity.
 10. May God’s angels guide you and protect you throughout time.
 11. You were a light in our life that burns forever in our hearts.
 12. May God’s graces shine over you for all time.
 13. You are in our thoughts and prayers from morning to night and from year to year.
 14. We send this message with a loving kiss for eternal rest and happiness.
 15. May the Lord bless you with His graces and warm, loving heart.

To remember your loved one in this special way, send \$10.00 per listing. Your special tribute will become a permanent memorial record in our paper.

Deadline is Wed., May 24th at 12 Noon

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LOCAL NEWS



Students of the Month

Congratulations to the Stillman Valley High School Students of the Month for February. Pictured from left are: Emily Vangsness (12th grade), Abbi Filobello (10th grade), and Trevor Miller (9th grade). Not pictured is Norah DeRosso (11th grade). Each of the students received a gift card for their achievement.

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Polo Police report

March 25

TIME: 11:45 a.m.

REPORT: Austin R. Norman, 19, Amboy, was cited for speeding 45 mph in a 30 mph speed zone. Norman was released on an I-Bond.

General Calls for Service for the weeks of March 21, 2022 thru April 3, 2022

Citizen Complaints/Assist	13
Juvenile	2
Animal Complaint	1
Fire/Medical Assist	1
Lock Out	1
911 Hang Up	2
Traffic Stops	6

April 4

TIME: 6:52 p.m.

REPORT: Austin R. Norman, 19, Amboy, was cited for speeding 48 mph in a 35 mph speed zone. Norman was released on an I-Bond.

April 6

TIME: 6:40 p.m.

REPORT: Zackery D. Poe, 27, Oregon, was cited for speeding 44 mph in a 30 mph speed zone. Poe was released on an I-Bond.

April 8

TIME: 10:35 p.m.

REPORT: Blake A. Burger, 17, Dixon, was cited for speeding 42 mph in a 30 mph speed zone. Burger was released on an I-Bond.

April 14

TIME: 6:14 p.m.

REPORT: Killian Vayda, 26, Amboy, was cited for speeding 49 mph in a 30 mph speed zone. Vayda was released on an I-Bond.

April 15

TIME: 7:55 p.m.

REPORT: Alexia J. Derrer, 18, Baileyville, was cited for speeding 48 mph in a 35 mph speed zone. Derrer was released on an I-Bond.

TIME: 9:55 p.m.

REPORT: Juan Paredes, 34, Dixon, was cited for speeding 49 mph in a 35 mph speed zone. Paredes was released on an I-Bond.

TIME: 6:55 p.m.

REPORT: Edward C. Shippert, 48, Lanark, was cited for speeding 47 mph in a 35 mph speed zone. Shippert was released on an I-Bond.

April 20

TIME: 5:58 p.m.

REPORT: Andrew Courbat, 42, DeWitt, Iowa, was cited for speeding 44 mph in a 30 mph speed zone. Courbat was released on an I-Bond.

April 22

TIME: 5:54 p.m.

REPORT: Charles Fehr, 55, Fairbury, IL, was cited for speeding 45 mph in a 30 mph speed zone. Fehr was released on an I-Bond.

TIME: 6:53 p.m.

REPORT: Donald T. Marta, 44, Lockport, IL, was cited for speeding 53 mph in a 35 mph speed zone. Marta was released on an I-Bond.

Screen printing class will be May 12

OREGON – The Serenity Shed at 113 N 3rd St., Oregon, is offering a fun “screenpainting” class on May 12th from 5- 7 p.m.

Light snacks will be provided. The class will be \$40.

To register, call 815-732-2499 and ask for Cathy or Denise. Support our mission and have fun celebrating spring in a creative way.

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Visit www.oregonpark.org to check out the variety of offerings from now through September 2022. Everyone's favorite programs are featured in the summer guide, including athletic camps, Art in the Park, Operation Move, Pop Up and Play, Concerts in the Park, Adult Programming, swimming and more.

Registration is open for all summer programming.

The Oregon Park District offers two easy ways for programs and passes. Register online with our recently updated registration software at www.oregonpark.org, or over the phone at 815-732-3101.

LOCAL NEWS



Service for people of Ukraine

On Sunday, April 10, A candlelight service was held at the Polo Senior Center for the people of Ukraine. Prayers were offered by several clergy and comments from several Polo organizations. The service closed with candlelight and singing "Let there be Peace on Earth." The service was sponsored by the Polo Council of Churches.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Tues., May 3

The Ogle County Democrats will be hosting their monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Oregon VFW Post 8739, 1310 W. Washington St, Oregon. All are welcome to join us. Attend early and enjoy food and beverages from the bar. Our special guest this month will be Karla Niemann, candidate for the 15th Circuit Judge.

Thurs., May 5

Star Wars Day: The Snacks Strike Back at the Julia Hull Li-

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

Fri., May 6

The First Fridays Open Mic returns to K's Sports Bar in Oregon. Each performer is allowed 15 minutes, and everyone can also join in on a jam session at the end of the show. The show starts at 7 p.m. Admission is free, although a jar is available

for donations.

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., May 7

The Oregon Park District's annually coordinates the Flower & Plant Sale and Mini Market is open 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Stop by and visit our new location, located

at the River's Edge Farmers Market, behind the Oregon Fire Department, N. 2nd St.

Serenity Hospice and Home will host our "Diamonds & Daisies" Garden Luncheon Fundraiser at the Stronghold Brubaker Center located at 1922 IL-2 N in Oregon. Doors open at 11 am. This fun event will feature a silent and live auction. We will be raffling off a diamond ring.

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MOMENTS IN TIME

* On May 18, 1783, the first United Empire Loyalists, known to American Patriots as Tories, arrive in what is now New Brunswick, Canada, to take refuge under the British crown. Loyalist refugees in western Quebec were given 200 acres apiece.

* On May 22, 1859, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, creator of Sherlock Holmes, is born. His first Sherlock Holmes story, "A Study in Scarlet," was published in 1887. Doyle soon grew weary of his creation, killing off Holmes only to resuscitate him later due to popular demand.

* On May 20, 1862, President Abraham Lincoln signs the Homestead Act, which opens government-owned land to small family farmers. The act gave the head of a family 160 acres to try his hand at farming for five years. If the farmer then could prove the homestead successful, he paid an \$18 filing fee and received a deed to the land.

* On May 21, 1881, in Washington, D.C., humanitarians Clara Barton and Adolphus Solomons found the American National Red Cross, established to provide humanitarian aid to victims of wars and natural disasters.

* On May 17, 1943, the crew of the Memphis Belle, one of a group of American bombers based in Britain, becomes the first B-17 crew to complete 25 missions over Europe and return to the United States.

* On May 19, 1975, New York City's Chinatown is almost entirely shut down with shuttered stores displaying signs reading "Closed to Protest Police Brutality." The demonstration was a reaction to the New York Police Department's treatment of Peter Yew after he witnessed the police beating a Chinese teenager and attempted to intervene.

* On May 16, 1980, Los Angeles Lakers point guard Earvin "Magic" Johnson steps in for injured center Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and scores 42 points, leading the Lakers to a four games-to-two series win over the Philadelphia 76ers and the NBA championship.

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Sorry, no perm or mullet for me

Living the Life

By Brad Jennings



I could only sit and try not to stare. If I had made eye contact with the guy, he would have seen the look of utter shock and horror on my face.

I was sitting in the salon where I get my hair cut every three weeks without fail. Sure, it is white and a little thin these days, but I still want my hair to look good. So, as I wait for the woman who cuts my hair to be ready for me (I am always early), I see a guy getting a perm.

Yes, he was getting a perm. And no, Jimmy Carter was not the president.

And then I saw that the man getting a perm was almost completely bald.

Let that sink in for a minute.

The top of his head was totally bald, but he had some hair on the sides, and he had grown it out as long as he could – about three inches. It was just enough to get rollers in so he could get a perm.

I get that we all want to look our best. But getting a perm when you are almost

totally bald? That doesn't make sense. But apparently, the man perm is making a very slow comeback. Shocking, but true.

Even more shocking is the fact that the once much-hated symbol of redneck fashion, the mullet, is also coming back. And this comeback is strong. I am starting to see mullets on younger people quite a bit these days.

I have been going through all of the senior photos for our annual graduation section, and the number of mullets I

saw was surprisingly high. One seems to be one too many, but there are plenty of young guys in Ogle County strutting around sporting a mullet.

And I do mean strutting around. Let's face it, if you have the guts to rock the mullet, you aren't worried about what other people might think of you. That is a bold look.

So, to you mullet guys out there, I salute you and the gusto at which you take on life.

It does seem that what's old is new again. Things come around and around in fashion trends. It makes me wonder when I will start seeing a ducktail. Will those be coming back? Are young people going to start slathering Brill Cream on their hair? Is Dippity-Do going to be on the wish list of hair care products for youths soon?

Sure, laugh it up. But crew cuts could be the next trend.

Remember when only lumberjacks, criminals and the unemployed had

beards? Well, look around these days – everyone has a beard. Teens? Beards. Old dudes? Beards. Toddlers? Well, not beards yet, but give them time.

The beard care industry must be a trillion-dollar earner these days. For twenty-somethings I think having a beard is a requirement, so a lot of that paycheck is going toward beard care.

I am looking forward to mutton chops coming back in fashion. How about the handlebar mustache? Sure, bring it back. I want men walking around looking like Civil War reenactors 24/7.

In the meantime, I guess we will have to get used to the mullet and its business in the front-party in the back attitude. And the mostly bald perm might become a go-to look for the over 60 crowd.

Wake me up when the mohawk is fashionable again. I'll give that one a shot.

Brad Jennings is Editor of The Ogle County Life.

High gas prices, political silliness in Springfield

Illinois politicians must think we are really a dumb bunch, they just passed legislation that requires every gas pump in the Land of Lincoln to bear a sticker telling us that the state could be screwing us over even worse at the gas pump.

Of course, they don't phrase it that honestly. They are quite literally giving us their 2-cents' worth. Illinois will still have the second-highest gasoline taxes in the nation – but, hey, our politicians are putting off a 2-cent-a-gallon tax hike scheduled for July 1 until Jan. 1, 2023.

Let's say in July, I were to pull into a service station to fill my pickup with fuel and I spend \$100. (I spent that much two weeks ago – the most I've paid in my life at a gas pump.) The legislature wants me to know life could be much worse. If they hadn't put off the tax increase, I could have paid \$100.40.

Feeling a little underwhelmed? Well, you ought to be.

In 2019, Gov. J.B. Pritzker and legislative Democrats doubled the state's gas tax, increasing it from 19 cents a gallon to 38 cents, and added an annual increase tied to inflation. It's that annual

increase for this year that may be suspended for six months, not the doubling of the state gas tax in 2019 or the inflationary increases that already have kicked in since then.

Illinois not only taxes gasoline by the gallon but it imposes a separate sales tax that taxes it by the dollar. The taxes paid per gallon are used in the basis to determine sales tax on the overall sale.

We are taxing taxes.

Josh Sharp, chief executive officer of the Illinois Fuel and Retail Association, said Illinois may be the only state that assesses its sales tax on top of the gas tax. Folks in some parts of Illinois are paying about 50 cents a gallon in state taxes alone.

Add on the federal taxes and consumers are paying about 77 cents a gallon in taxes, he said.

That's shameful, particularly at a time when gasoline prices are at near record levels. Families across the state have suffered through two years of a pandemic and now are struggling against the highest inflation the nation has experienced in nearly 40 years.

If Gov. J.B. Pritzker signs the legislation, every gas pump in the state must have a 4-by-8-inch

sticker reading: "As of July 1, 2022, the State of Illinois has suspended the inflation adjustment to the motor fuel tax through Dec. 31, 2022. The price on this pump should reflect the suspension of the tax increase."

If a gas station owner does not comply, they would face a fine of \$500 for each day they are out of compliance.

"We don't think the government can compel a business or a private citizen or anyone for that matter to utter speech that they don't want to participate in, and, to us, this is a very political speech. It's right before an election. It's difficult to make the case that there is a public safety aspect to this. It's a political message. It's talking about a tax hike," Sharp said.

"This is just an effort to make retailers engage in free political advertising."

If the legislation is signed into law, Sharp said his organization plans to file a lawsuit to block its implementation on the grounds that it violates the free speech rights of his members.

So, where did this notion originate?

Well, it came from that incubator of really bad ideas known as the final

two days of legislative session. Rarely do lawmakers become smarter or braver when they can see the end of their work in sight.

The delay of the 2-cent-per-gallon tax hike moved its implementation from before the November election to less than two months after. No one, least of all Pritzker, wants to be blamed for \$4.50 gasoline.

And in fairness, there is little a governor of any state can do about fluctuating oil prices on the international commodity exchanges. The only thing they can really influence that affects the price of gasoline is how it's taxed.

How much fuel should be taxed is a valid public policy debate. But instead of making a tough call on reducing state revenue and bringing gas taxes down to be in line with other states, our lawmakers chose a flimsy fig leaf of a sticker to cover their culpability in making Illinois one of the most expensive places in the nation to fill up.

We deserve better.

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

Oregon Lions gives thanks for fundraiser support

Dear Editor,

The Oregon Lions Club held one of their largest fundraisers of the year, our annual Drawdown, on March 24 at the Oregon VFW. We gave away several cash prizes, and nearly \$1900 in door prizes. These door prizes were all donated by local businesses, and we would like to thank each and every one of them for their generous donation to our cause.

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Carri E. Anderson and The Oregon Lions Club Drawdown Committee

LOCAL NEWS



Annual plant and flower sale is May 7

You will not want to miss out on this shopping opportunity, as the Oregon Park District annually coordinates the Flower & Plant Sale and Mini Market the first Saturday in May.

Stop by and visit our new location, located at the River's Edge Farmers Market, behind the Oregon Fire Department, N. 2nd St. The sale is open between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 7.

For those who love to garden you will not find better deals on flowers and plants. You can purchase everything from hanging baskets, perennials, annuals, succu-

lents, starter veggies, herbs and more. There will be some garden art items as well and yard décor.

For those interested in the Market items you can find everything from crafts, flower crowns, maple syrup, honey, homemade snacks and baked goods, handmade soy candles, Artisan Breads and more.

If you work up an appetite while shopping, you can enjoy homemade popsicles, gourmet grilled cheese sandwiches (11 a.m.-1 p.m.) with Jen's Artisan Breads, and Hector's will have fresh fruit drinks, Horchata,

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Feel free to bring the kids. They can enjoy a make and take craft for a small fee. Stop at the Park District booth and let the kids plant a fairy garden (while supplies last). Small fairy gardens can be planted for \$5.00 (credit/debit only - no cash). Proceeds from the fairy garden planting will benefit the Oregon Park District Youth Scholarship Fund.

Interested vendors can contact Debbie Lefelman at the debbie@oregonpark.org to see if space is still available.

Polo Women's Club sets annual fundraiser for May 14 at senior center

POLO - The GFWC Illinois Polo Women's Club invites the community to attend our annual fundraiser luncheon and auction, Saturday, May 14, 11:30 a.m., at The Polo Senior Center (101 W. Mason St. - accessible parking and facility) in Polo.

If you would like to attend, please contact a Women's Club member Louise Hall at 815-946-2198 or Beth Green at 815-299-1416 for tickets. The lunch/auction donation price is \$15 and tickets will be sold through Monday, May 2. The lunch will include a gourmet

sandwich, chips, salad, dessert, and beverage (catered by the Polo Senior Center). After lunch, we will have fun announcing the highest bidders and winners of the traditional raffle items, silent auction items, 50/50, and door prize.

GFWC Illinois Polo Women's Club is an organization dedicated to community improvement by enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service. Profits from the luncheon and auction are used to support local charities and organizations.



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LOCAL NEWS

Ogle County Sheriff

April 12

At approximately 9:55 p.m., Deputies conducted a traffic stop at the intersection of Mudcreek Road and West Cliff Road. After further investigation, Deja N. Patton, 24 of Mount Morris, was arrested for Driving Unlicensed. Patton was also cited for Operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle and Obstructed Registration. Patton was released from the scene on an I-Bond.

April 11

At 10:52 p.m., Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies conducted a traffic stop on I-39 south bound at mile marker 104. After an investigation, Jettie Strub, 51 of Dekalb, was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol, aggravated driving under the influence of alcohol, aggravated driving while license revoked, and resisting/obstructing a peace officer. Strub was also cited for operating an uninsured motor vehicle, no registration light, and open alcohol/driver. Strub was transported to the Ogle County Jail, and held until her appearance before a judge.

At approximately 2:46 p.m. Deputies conducted a traffic stop at the intersection of Pine St. and Grant St. in Stillman Valley. After investigation, Deputies placed Kevin Jones, 42 of Stillman Valley under arrest for Driving While License Revoked. Jones was additionally issued a citation for use of an electronic communication device. Jones was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

At approximately 10:41 p.m., Deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 5000 block of North Illinois Rt 2. After further investigation, James P Wessels, 60 of Rockford, was arrested for Driving While License Suspended. Wessels was also cited for Speeding and Operating an Unregistered Vehicle. Wessels was released from the scene on an I-Bond. A passenger in the vehicle, Mitchell A Wessels, 36 of Rockford, was placed under arrest for outstanding Ogle County and Stephenson County warrants. Mitchell Wessels was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

April 10

At approximately 1:58 p.m. Deputies responded to a hit and run in the 1,000 block of West Pines Road. Ogle County Deputies and Oregon Police Department were able to locate the offending vehicle and initiated a traffic stop at the intersection of 5th Street and Washington Street in Oregon. Upon further investigation Chad Sparby, 29 of Dixon, was arrested for Resisting a Peace Officer. Sparby was also cited for possession of cannabis, reckless driving, operate an uninsured motor vehicle, failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident, and improper lane usage. Sparby was transported to the Ogle County Jail in lieu of bond.

At approximately 2:34 a.m., Ogle County Deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 4000 block of North River Road for a lane usage and speeding violation. After investigation, Curtis Hillard, 26 of Rockford, was arrested for No Valid Driver's License and cited for Illegal Transportation of Alcohol. Hillard was transported to the Ogle County Jail. Hillard was additionally charged with Felony Obstructing for originally providing a false name. Hillard was also held on an Illinois Department of Corrections Warrant.

April 9

At approximately 8:30 a.m., Deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 7000 block of S. IL Route 2. After conducting a brief investigation, Jaminique Danielowski, 28 of Rockford, was cited and placed under arrest and Driving while License Revoked, as well as, Obstructing Identification. Danielowksi was issued an additional citation for Speeding and subsequently transported to the Ogle County Jail where she was held in lieu of bond.

At 10:54 p.m., Deputies responded to 6929 West Pines Road, White Pines Roller Rink for a disturbance. After a brief investigation Deputies arrested a 16 year old female from Sterling for battery. The juvenile was released to her grandmother. She will appear in Ogle County court at a later date.

April 8

At approximately 12:15 p.m., the Ogle County Narcotics Task Force, which is comprised of Deputies from the Sheriff's Office and Officers from the Rochelle Police Department, executed a search warrant in the 11000 block of Lincoln Lane of Rochelle. Pursuant to the search warrant, Michael Holland, 53 of Rochelle was placed under arrest for the following charges: Unlawful possession with intent to deliver (class X Felony), unlawful possession of a controlled substance of crack cocaine between 15-100 grams (class 1 felony), unlawful possession of a controlled substance of hydrocodone pills (class 4 felony), and endangering the life and health of a child (class a misdemeanor). Holland was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held pending a court appearance in front of a judge. The investigation is still ongoing with additional charges pending.

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Forreton FFA celebrates accomplishments of past year

FORRESTON—Forreton FFA held their annual end of the year banquet, April 11.

FFA members, FFA Alumni members, parents, supporters, and guests gathered for a nice dinner and celebrated all the accomplishments of the Forreton FFA throughout the year. All FFA members received their completion degree: fresh-

men receive the Greenhand degree, sophomores receive the Chapter Degree, and juniors the Junior Chapter Degree. Seniors were recognized as well. The top individual in each degree area was recognized and the Forreton FFA Alumni awards scholarships were presented.

High points from their year include successful participation in multiple

CDEs.

We sold 400 flats of strawberries which is higher than the past two years. The trap team has grown in numbers each year. Six FFA members completed their record books, two members won section, districts and competed on the state level.

A Forreton FFA member has not

been to state awards day with their record books in over 5 years. We had an awesome tractor day a few weeks ago and we are looking forward to a great greenhouse season.

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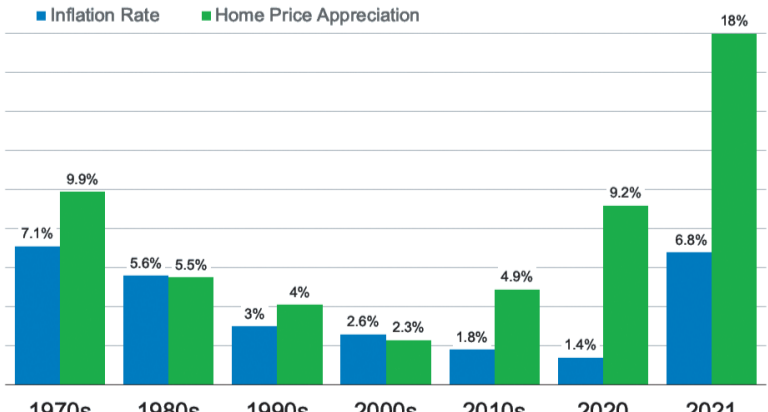
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2020	1.4%	9.2%
2021		18%

Source: NAR, CoreLogic, Consumer Price Index

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SPORTS

New Oregon basketball coach a familiar face

OREGON – Oregon High School recently hired Jarrett Reynolds by the OCUSD #220 Board of Education as the head boys' basketball coach for the 2022-23 school year.

"We are excited for Jarrett to have this opportunity," said Oregon Athletic Director, Mike Lawton. "Jarrett is a Hawk through and through. As a former player in the program not that long ago and now a teacher here at OHS, we feel he is poised to help move our program

forward in a significant manner. We look forward to his ability to work with our athletes on the five Hawk core values of accountability, integrity, selflessness, being coachable, and being physically and mentally tough."

Reynolds is a 2016 graduate of OHS and was a two-time captain of the boys' basketball team and soccer team as a student-athlete at Oregon. He attended the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater where he received his Bachelor's Degree in Sec-

ondary Education in May of 2020 and is currently employed full-time as a math teacher at Oregon High School. He assisted with OHS boys' basketball in a volunteer capacity during the 2019-20 and 2020-21 seasons. During the 2021-22 season, he became a full-time assistant coach.

"I'm very thankful for this opportunity," Reynolds said. "We have a great group of guys to establish traditions that bring excitement and pride to our community."

Scores

Girls Varsity Soccer

April 21,
Oregon 3, North Boone 0
Stillman Valley 0, Dixon 4
April 25
Stillman Valley 2, Hinckley-Big Rock 3
April 26
Stillman Valley 4, North Boone 0

Girls Varsity Softball

April 21
(Double header)
Oregon 4, Winnebago 0
Oregon 8 Winnebago 3
Stillman Valley 2, Rock Falls 3

April 25
Oregon 17, Byron 7
Stillman Valley 14, Winnebago 11
April 26
Oregon 3, Dixon 2
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Polo Library News

Children's Programs

May Clay Days dates are Mondays, May 2nd and 9th, from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Lego Days in May are the 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Storytime Saturdays *LIVE* with Ms. Melanie is Saturday, May 14th, at 10:30 a.m., we will be having a special guest from the Polo Fire Department.

REGISTER for any of the programs by calling 815-946-2713, emailing melaniew@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 talk about *The Beautiful Forevers* by Catharine Boo.

Lighthouses of Lake Michigan - Join Laura Keyes as she shares the history, beauty, and surprising stories of some of the over 120 lighthouses on Lake Michigan on Thursday, May 19th at 6:30 p.m. Seating is limited so don't hesitate to call 815-946-2713 or email library@pololibrary.org to reserve your spot!

Library newsletter - Our April/May newsletter is chock full of information on library services and programs. Print copies are available at the library, Life-line 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
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War of Two Queens by Jennifer Armentrout
Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo by Taylor Jenkins Reid

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.

Healthy Living & Butterfly Gardens

Thursday, May 5th, noon
Join us at the library or online to learn about recent research by the Alzheimer's Association in the areas of diet and nutrition, exercise, cognitive activity, and social engagement. Then explore the hands-on-tools you can use to help make their recommendations part of a healthy lifestyle. Following the healthy living presentation, staff from Klehm Arboretum & Botanic Garden will talk about the Monarch Butterfly and how to build your own butterfly garden at home. Whether you want to create a garden on your patio or anywhere else in your yard, join us to learn how your home can become a butterfly oasis! To watch online, please call the library or visit our facebook page or website, forrestonlibrary.org, for login instructions.

New Materials

New adult fiction titles include: "Dream Town" by David Baldacci, "A Family Affair" by Robyn Carr, and "The Investigator" by John Sandford.

Plastic Recycling

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

Library Hours

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Visit our website, Facebook, or Instagram for the link to sign up for this memorable event.

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

Moms are the best! This week, 5/4, we will be reading books about mothers in honor of Mother's Day! After learning about these wonderful caregivers, children will create a craft to take home! Come join an loveable 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 p.m.

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 website, www.mtmorris-il.org under the resources 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 through email at mmlib@mtmorris-il.org or call 815-734-4927.

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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 12th 2022.

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.

Byron Library News

Curbside Delivery

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

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.

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 9-11am 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 teamwork skills. All proceeds to benefit the OHS Lady Hawks Basketball Program.

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

Hawks 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 10-11 a.m. 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!

Intro to Weight Training for 12+

Join Personal Trainer, Jason Donegan, for this four week introduction to weight training. This class will teach proper weight lifting techniques and target specific areas of the body each week. Class will meet on Wednesday from 5-6 p.m. June 8-June 29. Cost is \$35R/\$42NR. Deadline is June 2.

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

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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.
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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.

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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

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Join Joanna at the library on Wednesday, May 18 at 10 a.m. for an engaging discussion of Yoon Choi's short story, "The Art of Losing." Copies of the reading available at the Circulation Desk. Adults only.

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.

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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: mimcob@frontier.com

MT. MORRIS TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

308 E. Brayton Rd. Mt. Morris, IL Phone: 734-6354 Rev. Josh Ehrler
Worship Services: Saturday 5:30 PM; Worship Sunday 9:30 AM.
Sunday Church School - follows Worship Service (Sept.-May) Chime Choir Wednesday 6:00 PM;

EBENEZER REFORMED CHURCH

2997 N. German Church Rd., 815-732-6313
3 miles east of Oregon on Rt. #64 then 2 miles north on German Church Rd.
• Rev. Josiah Youngquist
www.EBENEZERREFORMED.COM • Sunday school 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m.

LIGHTHOUSE UNITED METHODIST

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

OREGON CHURCH OF GOD

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

OREGON FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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

OREGON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

RIVERSTONE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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

ST. BRIDE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH, NALC

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

POLO

ST. MARY CHURCH

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

CHURCH OF THE OPEN BIBLE

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

CROSSROADS COMMUNITY CHURCH ~ POLO CAMPUS

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

FAITH DISCOVERY CHURCH

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

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

702 E. Dixon Street, Polo, IL 61064 • Tel: 815-946-3212
Sunday School for all ages 9am followed by Worship at 10am
Pastor Brian LeBaron
Website: www.faithumcpolo.com • [facebook.com/Faithumcpolo](https://www.facebook.com/Faithumcpolo)

STILLMAN VALLEY

RED BRICK CHURCH OF STILLMAN VALLEY (CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH)

Pastor Rev. Dr. Chris Brauns | Associate Pastor David Bogner
207 W. Roosevelt Road (Rte 72), Stillman Valley, Illinois
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.

VALLEY EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH

Interim Pastor Lisa Orris, Pastor Chuck Potts Minister to Students and Children
103 S Maple St, Stillman Valley, IL
815-645-8872 | www.valleycov.org
Sunday Morning 9:15am 'Gather' for learning & conversation, 10:15am Worship both onsite and online at [facebook.com/VECCFSV](https://www.facebook.com/VECCFSV)
Home of Valley Covenant Preschool 815-645-8882 Director Jill Huber
Bible Studies, Youth Group, Bread of Life Food Pantry
Please visit website for more information or contact the church office

GRACE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH DAVIS JUNCTION

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

WINNEBAGO

MIDDLE CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Connect with People, Connect with Christ
12473 Montague Road, Winnebago, IL 61088
Located near the intersection of Montague and Tower roads; Phone: 815-335-2609; e-mail: middlecreekchurch@gmail.com
Pastor: Rev. Dr. Anita Stuart-Steva
Sunday mornings: Family Communion Worship 8:30 a.m.; Blended Worship 10:20 a.m. (Sept. - May) and 10 a.m. (June - Aug.); Sunday School Sept - May 9:15 a.m.
Other activities include: Bible studies; Praise Band; Social/Service Groups; Kindred Heart Stitchers For more information call the church office 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Mon-Fri.

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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 10:00AM. Registration requested but not required.

Craft Kits for Adults:

May Craft Kits will be available on Wednesday, May 4th!

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!

New Releases:

Adult Books

Dream Town by David Baldacci

Beautiful by Danielle Steel

Juvenile Books

Jac & the Beanstalk by Renee Biermann (Graphic Novel)

The View From the Very Best House In Town by Meera Trehan

DVDs

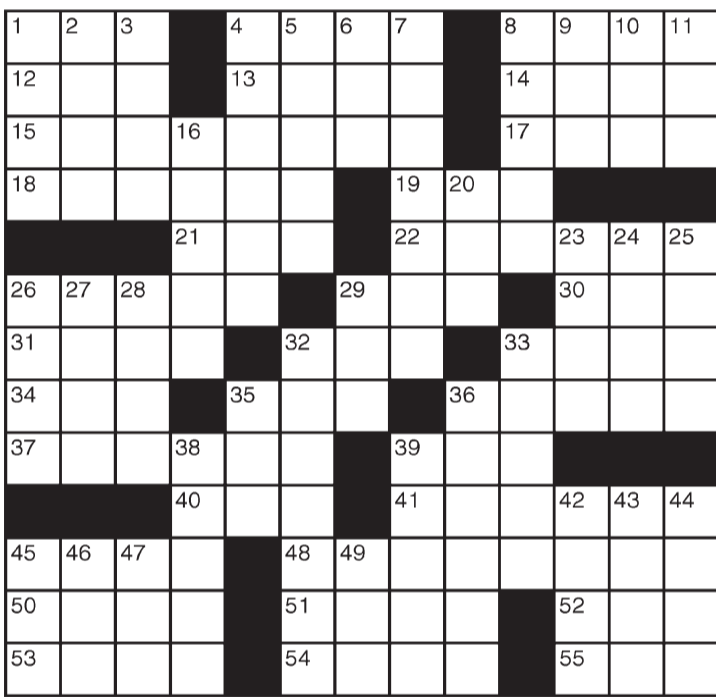
The King's Daughter

Weekly Brain Busters

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Knock
- 4 "The Thin Man" dog
- 8 Tabloid writing
- 12 Post-op area
- 13 Pace
- 14 Alike (Fr.)
- 15 Sushi fish
- 17 "Hi, sailor!"
- 18 "Burnt" crayon color
- 19 Melody
- 21 Ordinal suffix
- 22 Game fish
- 26 Looks intently
- 29 Chaps
- 30 Man-mouse link
- 31 Has bills
- 32 — de deux
- 33 Mythical birds
- 34 Capote nickname
- 35 Stable diet?
- 36 Hill of "Moneyball"
- 37 Raw bar mollusk
- 39 Impose
- 40 Ms. Thurman
- 41 Tristan's love
- 45 Tibia's place
- 48 Saltwater fish
- 50 Mata —
- 51 Hotel chain
- 52 Hot tub
- 53 Rhyming tributes



- 54 Lake bird
- 55 Fixed
- 9 "This tastes awful!"
- 10 Asian language
- 11 Layer
- 16 Leg joints
- 20 Author Fleming
- 23 Earth orbiter
- 24 Killer whale
- 25 "One-L lama" poet
- 26 Attend
- 27 Wrong
- 28 Jupiter counterpart
- 29 Spring month
- 32 Sunshade
- 33 Copter blade
- 35 Skirt edge
- 36 Singer Timberlake
- 38 North African capital
- 39 Steinway product
- 42 Privation
- 43 Hoodwink
- 44 Coup d' —
- 45 HBO rival
- 46 Possessed
- 47 Hot temper
- 49 Comic Philips

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MAGIC MAZE

ATHLETES TURNED ACTOR

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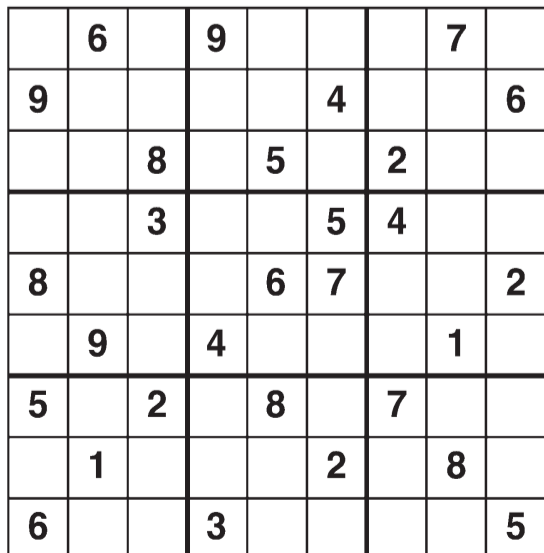
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
 Unlisted clue hint: SCHWARZENEGGER

- Bradshaw
- Jabbar
- Namath
- Simpson
- Chan
- Jenner
- Norris
- The Rock
- Connery
- Jordan
- Seagal
- Van Damme
- Ferrigno
- Karras
- Shaq

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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.

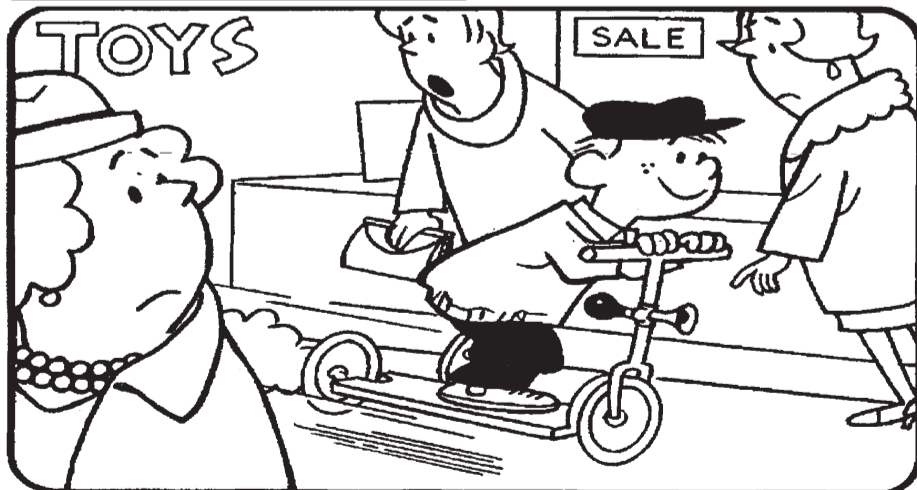
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- ◆ Moderate
- ◆◆ Challenging
- ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

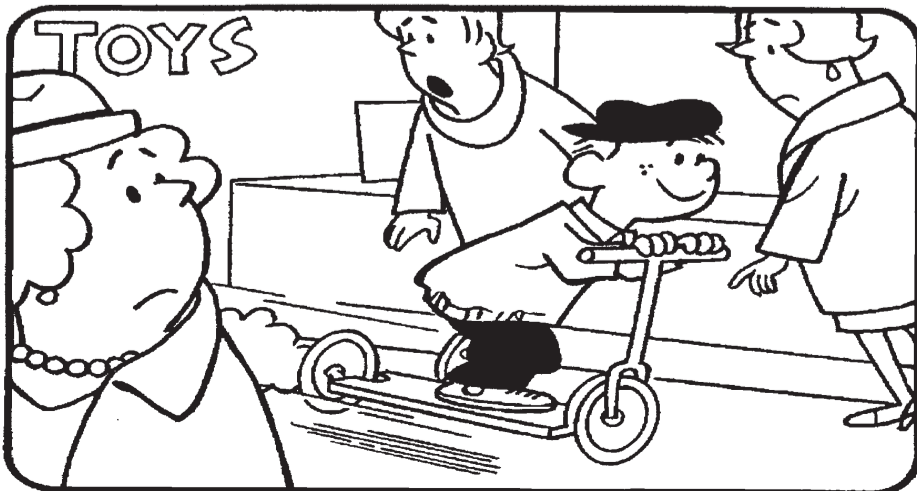
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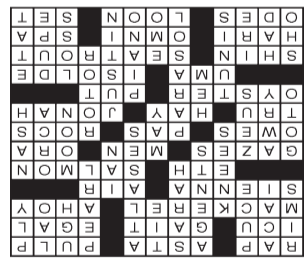
BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



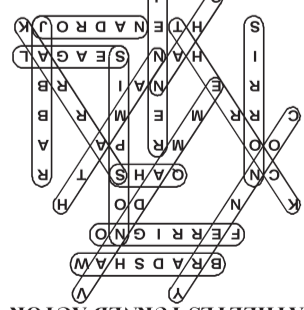
Differences: 1. Beads are missing. 2. Purse is missing. 3. Sign is missing. 4. Cap is reversed. 5. Horn is missing. 6. Collar is different.



Solution time: 26 mins.

Answers

King Crossword



ATHLETES TURNED ACTOR

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

Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

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.

Save the Date!-Read Beyond The Beaten Path Summer Reading Program Kickoff 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.

Library Book Clubs

The 2WBC Book Club meets Wednesday, May 11 at 12:30 pm to discuss Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens. The Cocktails & Crimes Book Club will meet on May 15 at 2 pm at Breakers Saloon Eatery to discuss? -stop by the Library and get the book to find out the title. The Afternoon Book Club meets Wednesday, May 18 at 1:00 pm to discuss Moonlight in Odessa by Janet Skeslien Charles. Books On Tap will meet Thursday, May 26 at 6:00 pm at Cork N Tap to discuss The Last Thing He Told Me by Laura Dave. Teen Book Association will meet Saturday, May 28 at 10 am to discuss Truly Devious by Maureen Johnson. The TBA will meet the last Saturday of each month at 10 am.

Preschool StoryTime (18 months- 5 years)

StoryTime now meets on Mondays at 9:30 a.m., now through May 16th. Registration is required and masks are recommended.

Yoga on Mondays at 9:30 am

Krystal Casey will be teaching a Monday morning yoga class at the library. We are all human; we are all part of something greater; we are all connected. Her personal mission is to inspire a spirit of oneness, acceptance, love, and peace among the community and empower all Americans to live their dream lives, every day. Registration is required, at www.oregonpubliclibrary.com.

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.”

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.

“The Office” TRIVIA at Cork N Tap - Wednesday, May 18th at 6:30 p.m.

Grab some friends and head down to Cork & Tap for The Office-themed Trivia. Teams of up to 6 can compete for prizes and bragging rights. Registration required, call (815) 732-2724 or visit www.oregonpubliclibrary.com to register your team.

An Evening with Michelle Zauner-Wednesday, May 18th, 7 p.m., Virtual Program

Join us for an evening with musician and author Michelle Zauner as she discusses her music career and her beloved bestselling memoir, “Crying in H Mart.” Jessica Hopper joins her in conversation.

Michelle Zauner is best known as a singer and guitarist who creates dreamy, shoegaze-inspired indie-pop under the name Japanese Breakfast. She has won acclaim from major music outlets around the world for releases like Psychopomp (2016) and Soft Sounds from Another Planet (2017). Critically acclaimed Jubilee (2021) is currently nominated for two Grammy awards. “Crying in H Mart” is her first book.

Jessica Hopper is a music critic, producer, and author based in Chicago. In a career spanning more than twenty years, Hopper has earned acclaim as a provocative, fearless music journalist. She has written for, among others, GQ, Rolling Stone, The New York Times Magazine, The Guardian, Elle, and the Chicago Reader. She is the author of “The First Collection of Criticism By A Living Female Rock Critic” and co-founded Golden Teapot, a production company specializing in music and culture documentary work.

This event is made possible by Illinois Libraries Present, statewide collaboration among 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 (LSTA).

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.

An Evening with Chicagoland Authors Jessamine Chan and Emily Maloney

Wednesday, May 25th at 7 p.m.

Virtual Event

Oregon Public Library is joining libraries across the state of Illinois to host Chicagoland authors

Jessamine Chan and Emily Maloney. Together they will discuss the systems of power that impact our lives, our families, and our finances, through the lens of their acclaimed books, The School for Good Mothers and Cost of Living.

Chan’s debut novel received critical acclaim and is a New York Times bestseller. A former reviews editor at Publishers Weekly, she holds an MFA from Columbia University and currently resides in Chicago. In addition to writing, Maloney’s work has ranged from dog grooming to pastry chef to general contractor. Her essays have appeared in the Washington Post, Glamour, and The Atlantic. She holds an MFA from The University of Pittsburgh and lives in Evanston, Illinois.

This event is presented in partnership with Illinois Libraries Present, a new collaborative effort designed to bring virtual events with bestselling, esteemed, and diverse authors to library patrons across the state. More than 190 libraries have joined Illinois Libraries Present, which is funded in part by a grant awarded by the Illinois State Library, a Department of the Office of Secretary of State, using funds provided by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services, under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA).

The event is free and open to the public, but registration is required. To register, visit www.oregonpubliclibrary.com or call (815) 732-2724.

Exercise your brains with TRIVIA!

The First and Third Thursday of the Month at 12:30 pm at Rock River Center

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

Puzzle Library

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

Oregon Writers Group -2nd Tuesday each month at 10 a.m.

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

Passport Services

New Releases

The Intruders: A Buck Trammel Western by William W. Johnstone LP FIC JOH (RED DOT)

Criminal Mischief by Stuart Woods LP FIC WOO (RED DOT)

A New Love for Charlotte by Amy Lillard LP FIC LIL (RED DOT)

When Stars Rain Down by Angela Jackson-Brown LP FIC JAC (RED DOT)

On Animals by Susan Orlean LP 590 ORL (RED DOT)

Saint Death’s Daughter by C.S.E. Cooney SF COO

Still Just a Geek by Wil Wheaton BIO WHE

Time is a Mother by Ocean Vuong 811.6 VUO

Three Debts Paid by Anne Perry MYS PER

Witness for the Persecution by E.J. Copperman MYS COP

The Unsinkable Greta James by Jennifer E. Smith FIC SMI

French Braid by Anne Tyler FIC TYL

Shadow Fallen by Sherrilyn Kenyon FIC KEN

Insomnia by Sarah Pinborough FIC PIN

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The Long Weekend by Gilly Macmillan FIC MAC

The Younger Wife by Sally Hepworth FIC HEP

The Missing Piece by John Lescroart FIC LES

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PUBLIC NOTICE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

In the)
(matter)Case No.
of the)2022P29
(Estate of:)
(John P.)
(Klemm)
)
)137 Harvest Glenn
)Drive, Davis Junction,
)IL 61020
)
)Date and Place of
)Death: March 19, 2022
)- Rockford, IL
)PUBLICATION
)NOTICE
)INDEPENDENT
)ADMINISTRATION
)TO: CREDITORS AND
)CLAIMANTS (ONLY)
)1. 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
)administered without
)Court supervision
)unless an interested
)party terminates
)i n d e p e n d e n t
)s u p e r v i s i o n
)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)

whose attorney is David
A. Smith, of Smith,
Birkholz & Morrow, P.C.
at 129 South Fourth
Street, P. O. Box 10,
Oregon, Illinois, 61061-
0010.

CLAIMS against the
estate may be filed in
the office of the Clerk
of the Court at Ogle
County Judicial Center,
106 South 5th Street,
Oregon, Illinois,
61061, or with the
representative, or both,
within 6 months from the
first publication of this
Notice, or within three
months from the date
of mailing or delivery
of Notice to creditors,
if mailing or delivery
is required by Section
18-3 of the Illinois
Probate Act, 1975, as
amended, whichever
date is later. Any claim
not filed within that
period is barred.
Copies of claims filed
with the Clerk must
be mailed or delivered
to the estate legal
representative and to
the attorney within 10
days after the claim has
been filed.
R. Gerald Hough, III
Independent Executor
No. 0502 (May 2, 19, 1)

PUBLIC NOTICE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF OGLE

In the)
(Matter)NO.
(of the)2022
(Estate of:)PR
(RALPH E.)000028
(LARSON,)
(deceased)
)
)CLAIM NOTICE
)Notice is given of the
)death of RALPH E.
)LARSON, of Byron,
)Illinois on December
)24, 2021. Letters of
)office were issued on
)March 30th, 2022, to
)JEANINE S. LARSON,
)226 N. Franklin St.,
)Byron, IL 61010, as
)independent executor,
)whose attorney is
)TOBIN & RAMON, 530
)South State Street;
)Suite 200, Belvidere, IL
)61008-3711.
)The estate will be
)administered without
)court supervision,
)unless under 5/28-
)4 of the Probate Act
) (755 ILCS 5/28-4),
)an interested person
)terminates independent
)administration at any
)time by mailing or
)delivering a petition to
)terminate to the clerk.
)Claims against the
)estate may be filed in
)the Office of the Ogle
)County Circuit Clerk
)-- Probate Division
)at the Ogle County
)Courthouse, at 106 S.
)5th Street, Suite 300,
)Oregon, IL 61061, or
)with the representative,
)or both, on or before
)October 26, 2022,
)which date is not less
)than six (6) months
)from the date of the
)first publication of this
)notice, or, if mailing
)or delivery of a notice
)from the representative
)is required by section
)5/18-3 of the Probate
)Act, the date stated in
)that notice. Any claim
)not filed on or before
)that date is barred.
)Copies of any 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.
)DATED: April 22, 2022.
)Jeanine S. Larson
)No. 0503 (May 2, 9, 16)

PUBLIC NOTICE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Public Notice is hereby
given that on April 19,
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:
DJ Mini Storage
15629 E. Eddy Rd.
Monroe Center, IL
61052
Dated: April 19, 2022

Laura J. Cook, Ogle
County Clerk
No. 0504 (May 2, 9, 16)

PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLICATION NOTICE OF COURT DATE FOR REQUEST FOR NAME CHANGE (ADULT) STATE OF ILLINOIS, CIRCUIT COURT OGLE COUNTY CASE NUMBER 2022MR000003

Request of:
Rachel Lynn Raak
There will be a court
date on my Request of
change my name from
Rachel Lynn Raak to
the new name of Rachel
Lynn Baker.
The court date will be
held on June, 10, 2022
at 10:30 a.m. at 106
S. Fifth St., Oregon,
IL, Ogle County in
Courtroom #204.
Rachel Raak
No. 0501 (May 2)

PUBLIC NOTICE TAKE NOTICE CERTIFICATE NO. 2018-00056 TO: Shannon S. Chavez Spouse of Shannon S Chavez Occupant Margaret A Sweeney Joel A Sweeney Village of Mt Morris Ogle County Clerk Persons in occupancy or actual possession of said property;

Unknown owners or
parties interested in
said land or lots.
A Petition for Tax Deed
on premise described
below has been filed
with the Circuit Clerk of
OGLE County, Ill. as
Case No. 2022TX9
The Property is located
at:
302 W FRONT ST, MT
MORRIS, IL 61054
Property Index Number:
08-27-405-013
Said Property was
sold on 11/5/2019 for
Delinquent Real Estate
Taxes and/or Special
Assessments for
the year 2018.
The period of
redemption will expire
on 9/1/2022. On
09/15/2022 at 9:00 AM
the Petitioner will make
application to such
Court in said County for
an Order for Issuance
of a Tax Deed.
Realtax Developers
LTD, Petitioner
No. 0506 (May 2, 9, 16)

PUBLIC NOTICE TAKE NOTICE CERTIFICATE NO. 2018-00242 TO: Helaleh Abdallah Spouse of Helaleh Abdallah Hiba Fawaz Hanan Spouse of Hiba Fawaz Hanan Occupant Usama Abdallah Ogle County Clerk Persons in occupancy or actual possession of said property;

Unknown owners or
parties interested in
said land or lots.
A Petition for Tax Deed
on premise described
below has been filed
with the Circuit Clerk of
OGLE County, Ill. as
Case No. 2022TX10
The Property is located
at:
118 Harvest Glenn
Dr., Davis Junction, IL
61020
Property Index Number:
11-22-428-003
Said Property was
sold on 11/5/2019 for
Delinquent Real Estate
Taxes and/or Special
Assessments for
the year 2018.
The period of
redemption will expire
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application to such
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Realtax Developers
LTD, Petitioner
No. 0507 (May 2, 9, 16)

PUBLIC NOTICE TAKE NOTICE CERTIFICATE NO. 2018-00091 TO: Richard V. Masso Melissa L Masso Occupant Brandon Masso U.S. Bank N.A. Ogle County Clerk Persons in occupancy or actual possession of said property;

Unknown owners or
parties interested in
said land or lots.
A Petition for Tax Deed
on premise described
below has been filed
with the Circuit Clerk of
OGLE County, Ill. as
Case No. 2022TX11
The Property is located
at:
207 S. Barber Ave.,
Polo, IL 61064
Property Index Number:
14-16-176-008
Said Property was
sold on 11/5/2019 for
Delinquent Real Estate
Taxes and/or Special
Assessments for
the year 2018.
The period of
redemption will expire
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No. 0509 (May 2, 9, 16)

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Spouse of Gary
Severns
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as follows, owned by
Myers Family Farm, LP
and being purchased by
Andrew Mugrage:
Part of the Northwest
Quarter (NW1/4) of
the Northwest Quarter
(NW1/4); and part
of the Southwest
Quarter (SW1/4) of
the Northwest Quarter
(NW1/4) of Section
23 Byron Township 25
North, Range 10 East
of the 4th P.M., Ogle
County, IL, 10.0 acres,
more or less
Property Identification
Number: Part of 04-23-
100-001
Common Location:
9500 Block of N.
Conger Rd.
All persons in
attendance at the
hearing shall have an
opportunity to be heard.
Any person who
also wishes to appear
as an interested party
with the right to cross-
examine others at the
hearing must complete
and file an appearance
form with the Ogle
County Planning &
Zoning Department
no later than five (5)
business days before
the date of the hearing.
The application for
this map amendment
is on file with
detailed description
and available for
examination at the
Planning & Zoning
Department, 911 Pines
Rd., Oregon, Illinois or
at the following URL:
http://www.oglecounty.org/departments/planning_and_zoning/zoning_board_of_appeals.php.

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the request filed April
18, 2022 of Aaron L.
Harrison, 3823 W.
Wisconsin St., Dixon,
IL for a Variation in
the R-2 Single-Family
Residential District to
allow the construction
of a dwelling addition
(attached garage) 11
feet from the right-of-
way line of S. Green

Classified **FREE!** Marketplace

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



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business days before the date of the hearing. The application for this variation is on file with detailed description and available for examination at the Planning & Zoning Department, 911 Pines Rd., Oregon, Illinois or at the following URL: http://www.oglecounty.org/departments/planning_and_zoning/zoning_board_of_appeals.php.
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
RANDY OCKEN, Chairman
Dated at Oregon, Illinois this 18th day of April 2022
No. 0511 (May 2)

Property Identification Number(s): 09-11-200-012
Common Location: 5700 Blk N. Razorville Rd.
All persons in attendance at the hearing shall have an opportunity to be heard. Any person who also wishes to appear as an interested party with the right to cross-examine others at the

hearing must complete Rd., Oregon, Illinois or at and file an appearance the following URL: http://www.oglecounty.org/departments/planning_and_zoning/zoning_board_of_appeals.php.
The application for this APPEALS special use is on file RANDY OCKEN, Chairman and available for Dated at Oregon, Illinois examination at the this 19th day of April Planning & Zoning 2022 Department, 911 Pines No. 0510 (May 2)

101 LEGAL NOTICE
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127 SERVICES AND REPAIRS
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105 BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES
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301 ANTIQUES
WANTED TO BUY: Vintage Metal and Wood Signs, Milk Bottles & Local Advertising, Oak Icebox, Iron Door Stop and Antique Lighting... Call Dick Harms at 815-562-2928 or email dickharms@hotmail.com

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

201 HELP WANTED
ASHTON - Bartenders and Waitresses Needed, Apply in Person at Ralphie and Lulu's. 812 Main Street in Ashton or call 815-453-2103. (TFN)

ANTIQUES WANTED:
I pay cash for antiques; furniture, glassware, pottery & crocks, tin & iron toys, sterling silver, decoys. If it's antique, I'm interested in looking! Call 815-562-2928 or email dickharms@hotmail.com

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- 3 Clerks for auctions (1st & 3rd Sunday of every month)
- Skilled office position

CALL 815-830-3898 FOR MORE INFORMATION

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305 GARAGE SALES

Garage Sale
BYRON:
218 E Hill Crest Dr.
Thursday, May 5th & Friday, May 6th, 8am-4pm.Yard Decorations, Furniture, Utility Trailer, Ball Canning Jars, Crocks, Jewelry, Sandpaper, Tow Chains, Weed Eater, & Lots of Miscellaneous. PIA#73

307 MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE
Console Stereo. Good Condition, \$100 Call 815-734-6597. (05/08/22)

Electric Train New Haven Powered Twin "A" Alcos Engine Units 0-27 Gauge. Also, New Haven Caboose, Never Used, Still in Boxes. "K-Line" Call (815) 562-2582, Leave Message. (5-01-22)

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Reasonable Rates
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Between the Railroads. 19.4 Acres Tillable-Zoned Industrial with creek and timber.
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Byron CUSD #226 OPENINGS

3rd Shift Custodian
2.75 hour per day
Lunchroom Supervisor
Elementary
Special Education Paraprofessional
(2022-23 School Year)

Please apply online at www.byron226.org under the 'About Us' tab In the Employment Opportunities Section

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Byron CUSD #226 has openings for Bus Drivers

SIGN-ON BONUS Available
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Work Description:

- Pay Rate \$25.00 per hour
- Open availability to schedule changes.
- 5 days a week Monday - Friday. Available on weekends, if needed.
- Ability to work in a safe and efficient manner and work independently
- Good communication skills both verbal and written with minimal supervision
- Driver must be safety minded and perform required DOT pre and post trips on equipment daily
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- Most loads will be loaded / unloaded by driver
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Driver Benefits Package:

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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.

Detailed Auction Listing Coming in May!!! 100's of items!! Internet Online Bidding from
Levelbid.com, Poxibid.com, and Equipmentfacts.com

AUCTIONEERS: Cal Kaufman Lenny Bryson Brent Schmidgall
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ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING AUCTION ITEMS AND PARKING CONTACT SEAN JANSSEN AT
815-677-2781 OR JANSSEN AG SHOP AT 815-732-0623. LUNCH STAND PROVIDED.
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