



Ogle County
Community Unity
Shop • Play • Stay

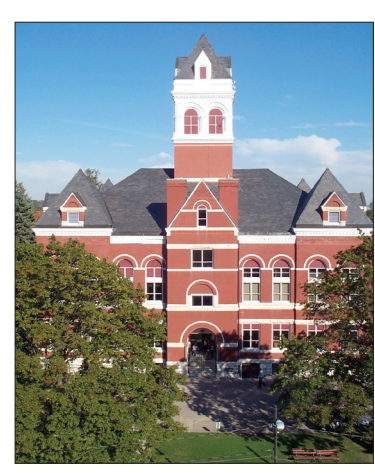
Today's Life issue sponsored by
Community Unity Member:



DeForest Dental P.C.
YOUR FOUNTAIN OF DENTAL HEALTH

OGLE COUNTY LIFE

ROCK VALLEY SHOPPER



VOLUME 33, ISSUE 5

MONDAY
April 11, 2022

FREE







KNOW IT TODAY



Lions hold drawdown

Oregon group held event and drew the names of winners on March 24. **10A**

WEATHER

 MONDAY HIGH LOW 66 53	 TUESDAY HIGH LOW 61 47
 WEDNESDAY HIGH LOW 61 36	 THURSDAY HIGH LOW 53 34
 FRIDAY HIGH LOW 50 35	 SATURDAY HIGH LOW 53 37

OBITUARIES

- Myrna Lou Hart
- Kyle Edward Aurand
- Sharon A. Harrison
- Harold Martin Book
- Richard Stukenberg

See page 4A

INSERTS

- Felker Foods
- Byron County Market
- Polo Fresh Food
- Menards
- Farm & Fleet
- Snyder Pharmacy
- Ace Hardware
- RP Home & Harvest

A special place for kids

Daycare center open in former church building

By Brad Jennings
Editor

OREGON – Jodi Heuerman said she knew that she wanted to work with children from the time she was a babysitter.

Now Heuerman, who lives outside of Oregon, has realized a dream of owning a large daycare center with the opening of Little Explorers Learning Adventures in Oregon.

“I’ve always loved working with children,” she said in her office at the new center, located at 200 S. 5th St.

Heuerman ran a daycare center out of her home for 10 years before looking to open a larger space. She approached Al and Jill Millhouse, whose son-in-law is Heuerman’s husband’s brother, about investing in a building for the business.

The couple, who own several businesses in Mt. Morris, agreed, and the hunt for the right building was on. When they found the space that was formerly the First Presbyterian Church, they knew it would be the right space for the center.

“It had a good size, in the middle of Oregon,” Heuerman said.

But preparing a church to be a daycare center was anything but simple. They purchased the building in December 2020 and began the remodeling in April 2021.

When asked how difficult the job was, Al Millhouse pauses.

“It took 10 years off my life,” he said finally.

See DAYCARE Page 2A



Little Explorers Learning Adventures is in the building that used to house the First Presbyterian Church in Oregon. It is for kids ages 6-weeks to 12 years. Pictured in the bottom photo from left are: Owner and Director Jodi Heuerman, and building owners Jill and Al Millhouse. (Brad Jennings photos)

Art show opens April 23

OREGON – Eagle’s Nest Art Group invites the public to attend its annual Spring Membership Art Show on Saturday and Sunday afternoon, April 23-24, from 1-4 p.m.

The show continues on Saturday and Sunday, April 30 and May 1, from 1-4 p.m. The ENAG gallery is on the second floor of Conover Square Mall, located at 201 N. Third St., Oregon, Illinois. An elevator is available.

Come for the Opening Reception on Saturday, April 23, from 1-4 p.m. to enjoy an afternoon of local art. Artists will be on hand to welcome you. Refreshments will be served.

The show consists of over 50 pieces of art, representing a wide variety of media: oil, acrylic & watercolor paintings, glass work, pottery, gourd art, calligraphy, drawing and jewelry.

In support of the Hands On Oregon project, ENAG is selling specially marked art pieces with all of the proceeds going to help with the work of this non-for-profit community project.

The annual art show is dedicated to celebrating the long history of art in this community. The Eagle’s Nest Art Group began in 1957 and continues to support the work of local artists with art shows, programs and classes. More information about the group will be available at the show.

The show is free.

For more information call 815-732-7783 or 815-734-6594.

Rotary clubs raise funds for refugees from Ukraine

Rotary International’s Disaster Relief Fund has kicked into “high gear” to help refugees in the Ukraine.

Citizens are struggling to obtain food, medicine, and basic necessities, as they are forced to flee from their homes and communities.

Partnering with Rotary Clubs in Ukraine and on its borders, the Rotary Foundation helps to assure that every donated dollar has the most purposeful impact to help those in need.

The Northern Illinois Rotary District, which also includes the Oregon Rotary Club, has designated \$50,000 toward the fund.

To donate, go to <https://my.rotary.org/en/disaster-response-fund>. All funds received into the Disaster Response Fund before 30 April will be used in support of the Ukrainian relief efforts.

The Rotary Foundation is a volunteer-driven 501(c)(3) organization, earning Charity Navigator’s highest ranking. Rotary is a non-political international organization supporting community-based services, humanitarian relief and peace initiatives throughout the world.



Fast. Easy. Safe.

Open a checking account, savings account, or CD online from the comfort of your home today!



www.stillmanbank.com



www.holcomb.bank

Selling or Buying Contact Ed

815-222-5238

RE/MAX Professional Advantage
Ed Clift
Broker
404 W. Blackhawk Drive
Byron, IL 61010
Cell: (815) 222-5238
edclift@remax.net
Office (815) 234-4663

Each Office Individually Owned and Operated

Hello, HELOC!

A Byron Bank Home Equity Line of Credit is a great way to use the equity in your home to finance home improvement projects, a fun getaway, debt consolidation or continuing education.

There are tons of possibilities!

Ready to say hello to the possibilities? Call 815-234-2561 to speak to a lender or visit byronbank.com.



Member FDIC

LOCAL NEWS



DAYCARE: Full kitchen and plenty of security

Continued from Page 1A

He said that when you are preparing a building to be used for children, there are strict rules to follow. The building includes new floors, new paint, new walls, new bathrooms in the classrooms and 71 new windows. There are also fire doors, a full kitchen and 28 security cameras.

The center takes kids ages 6-weeks to 12 years. It includes separate rooms for infants, tod-

dlers, 2-year-olds, 3-year-olds, and 4-year-olds. There is also a space for school-age kids up to the age of 12.

Of course, there is plenty of space for play – both outside and inside.

The staff of 15 includes teachers, assistants, a cook and office staff. Most are full-time employees.

The rooms look like classrooms, and Heuerman said the center does incorporate lesson planning so that

learning is a part of the day.

She said they hope to build a strong before and after school program and a summer program for school-age kids. She said she hopes to utilize some of the programs offered by the Oregon Park District in the summer.

There are currently 57 kids at the center, but the capacity is 102, including 19 school-age kids.

Little Explorers Learning Adventures is open Monday-Friday from 6 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Polo Senior Center has upcoming activities

Exercise classes: Tuesdays from 9-10 a.m. and 10:15-11:15 a.m., Thursdays 11 a.m.-noon and 12:15-1 p.m.

Walkabout Wednesdays: Every Wednesday at 2 p.m. walkers will walk around Polo for about 45 mins, weather permitting.

Every Thursday at 1 p.m. Mexican Train

April 11: Breakfast Club 9:30 a.m. Meet at Bennies in Sterling on Rt 40

April 13: Movie day at 11 a.m. Nobodys Fool, starring Paul Newman

April 15 at 11 a.m. Game day, pizza served

April 22: Pass Meal – Pasta bake with salad and bread. Program to be announced.

April 24 at noon: Sunday Funday, Live music and meal. Band Mountain Grass and friends.

April 25 at 12:30 p.m.: Brain wits class. Sandwiches served.

April 27: Craft Day at 10 a.m. Petal Pushers crafters, proceeds benefit serenity house

April 29: 8 a.m.-3 p.m. and April 30, 8 a.m.-2p.m. Sale extravaganza during Polo Town Wide garage sales.

Renting 8-foot tables and or space inside the senior center for selling your goods, \$10 per both. Community groups and not for profits no charge. Outsmart mother nature, have your sale indoors. Call to reserve a spot 815-946-3818.

Residents encouraged to clean up on Earth Day

The Mt. Morris/Oregon Indivisible group is challenging residents of Mount Morris and Oregon of all ages to walk in our neighborhoods April 22, Earth Day.

If you see trash, pick it up. If you find a neighbor who needs help raking or picking up branches and twigs, volunteer to do the job. We can all look at green spaces in our communities and adopt a flowerbed, call about having a community garden spot, or plan an event in a city park and invite our friends.

In our own yards we can find a spot to plant a tree or create a flower bed. One that attracts butterflies and birds may give you a new outdoor hobby.

Mount Morris Moose Lodge hosting Easter egg hunt

The Mt. Morris Moose Lodge, 101 Moose Dr., Mt. Morris, is hosting a Free Easter Egg Hunt on April 16 at 1 p.m.

Kids will hunt for eggs in four different age groups: 0-3, 4-6, 7-9 and 10-12.

Don't forget your baskets and make sure you say "Hi" to the Easter Bunny during the event.



The Right Fit
for your entire family

ANGELA MASSUTTI, APRN

For Angela Massutti, being a nurse practitioner and caring for families is perfect. The board-certified family medicine provider sees people of all ages—and entire families—at RCH's Family Healthcare Clinic. From wellness visits and chronic illness management, to helping people navigate anxiety and depression, Massutti says communication and compassion strengthen her patient relationships. "I am always willing to listen and work to find a solution that works for everyone," she shared.

Trust the family medicine team who understands the power of putting people first.

Call 815-562-3784 for an appointment or learn more at www.rochellehospital.com.

Family Healthcare Clinic
a department of
Rochelle Community Hospital

900 N. 2nd St., Suite 200, Rochelle, Illinois



Polo Lions donation

On Saturday, Feb. 26 Polo Lions Club member Jeff Short made two donations to the Polo Food Pantry. Kathy Wragg, director of the pantry, received the donations. One donation was a simple donation, and the other donation was made in the honor of Ed Olsen. Ed has relocated out of state. He was a longtime member of the Polo Lions Club and a longtime volunteer at the pantry.

Our Office is Growing!

Seeking PT/FT Hygienist
Are you ready to work for an office that allows scheduling flexibility and opportunities to use the latest in dental technology?



Please send resume to rdh@deforestdental.com or drop off in person at:

606 W. Washington St., Oregon IL 815-732-3225

Job Type: Part-time/Full-time
License/Certification: Registered Dental Hygienist (required)

DeForest Dental P.C.

LOCAL NEWS



VOP gets its own special night of dancing at Nash

OREGON – The Oregon Park District Staff spend many hours preparing and decorating for their annual Daddy Daughter Dance and Mother Son Date Night at Nash.

The dances are so much fun but nothing is better than sharing the decorated gym and dance atmosphere with our friends from the Village of Progress.

The Village love visiting Nash regularly for

fitness opportunities and swimming, but the dance is something special and memorable. They loved the Fishin' theme, visiting the photo booth, making fish art, playing fishing games and of course singing karaoke.

The Village clients are quite the dancers, but they really enjoy the twist, the macarena, the chicken dance and their moves to YMCA. They were all smiles during the balloon

drop, just like the little kids at the Mother Son Date Night and Daddy Daughter Dances earlier in the week.

“Planning and implementation special events is always rewarding, but the dances are a favorite and enjoyed by so many,” said Debbie Leffelman, Event Coordinator. “We look forward to sharing our dance floor with The Village of Progress again next year.”

Mt. Morris Senior Center sets activities

- * Join us for a new game. We will be playing pool on our table on Tuesdays at 2 p.m. All are welcome and we are happy to teach you the game.
- * There will be a Potluck at noon on Monday, April 11. Please bring a dish to pass or \$5.
- * There will be a free craft class at 11 a.m. on April 14th with Kerri from Liberty Village of Rochelle. All are welcome, but please sign up by calling 815-734-6335 or stopping by the Senior Center.
- * There is a Supper Club at 4 p.m. on April 19th at Cornett's Chana Tap. The carpool to Chana will leave the Senior Center at 4 p.m. or you can meet us there at 4:20 p.m. All are welcome!
- * We will be taking a trip to Galena on April 21st. The cost for this trip is \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members. We will be taking a Rock River Center Bus and visiting downtown Galena and Fergidaboutit Winery in Hanover. Give Melissa a call at 815-734-6335 to sign up!
- * There will be a Health Fair on April 22nd from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. sponsored by the Mt. Morris Senior Center and KSB. All are welcome to join us to learn some new things and have a little fun. There will be healthy eating demonstrations, a talk about “plarn”, and door prizes. All are welcome!
- * There is a Pie and Ice Cream Social on April 25th from 4-6 p.m. on the front lawn of the Mt. Morris Senior Center. All are welcome to join us for this free event. All donations received will go to the United Way of the Rock River Valley.

Bread of Life has distribution April 12

The Bread of Life Food Pantry will be distributing Food on April 12, at Valley Covenant Church 103 S. Maple, in Stillman Valley, from 3-5 p.m.

You must come inside to select and receive your groceries unless you call Bonni at 815-298-5035 by noon on

Monday, April 11. The Bread of life is open to residents of Stillman Valley, Byron, Monroe Center, Leaf River, Davis Junction, Kings and everyone in Meridian School District #223. We offer a large selection of fresh meats, fruit, dry goods and fresh bread.

Medicare program in Byron on April 20

BYRON – A free educational and informational presentation on the Medicare insurance program will be presented for the community at 6-7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 20, at the United Church of Byron, 701 West Second St.

The emphasis will be on the eligibility and enrollment periods, benefits, and options concerning all parts of Medicare. All are welcome. Presenter will be Greg Wills for the program. This program is sponsored by the Legacy and Endowment Committee of The United Church of Byron as a community service.

Byron Park District offers lifeguard training course in May

BYRON–The Byron Park District is once again offering a Lifeguard Training Course just in time for the start of swim season.

The American Red Cross Lifeguard Training course teaches lifeguard candidates the skills and knowledge needed to prevent and respond to aquatic emergencies. The lifeguard course is a blended learning course, which combines online learning with in-person skills sessions. Participants will receive the link for the online learning website by the first class date. Upon successful completion of written and skill tests, participants will receive a Lifeguarding with CPR/AED for the

Professional Rescuer and First Aid certifications.

The cost is \$125 for residents and \$140 for non-residents. The course is open to anyone 15 years and older. Classes will be held at the Byron High School Swimming Pool and the Byron Park District Conference Room. The first class will be held on May 4th and participants must be able to attend all classes.

Please be sure to register by April 20 to secure a spot. For more information including prerequisites, a complete list of class dates and times, or to register visit us online at <http://www.byron-parks.org/aquatics>

Senior center hosting health fair April 22

MOUNT MORRIS–The Mt. Morris Senior Center and KSB are hosting a health fair at the Mt. Morris Senior Center, 9 East Front St.

The health fair will take place on Friday, April 22 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. It will feature many different areas of health and all are welcome to attend. We will have healthy cooking demonstrations at 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

as well as a presentation about how to make “plarn” and what it is used for.

There will be many different places represented including KSB, the Loaves and Fish Food Pantry, the University of Illinois Extension, Serenity Hospice, the Oregon Park District, Sinissippi Centers, the new Mt. Morris Pharmacy, and more. There will be door prizes and something for everyone.

Church hosting special services for Easter

MOUNT MORRIS – The Evangelical Free Church of Mt. Morris will celebrate Easter with services on Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

The community is welcome to attend any or all of the services.

The Good Friday service will be held

on April 15 at 7 p.m. Sunday services on April 17 will begin with Sunday School at 8:30 a.m. followed by an Easter Brunch at 9:20 a.m., and the worship service at 10 a.m. Childcare will be provided for all services. The church is located at 102 S. Seminary Ave.

Club holding annual fundraiser May 14

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.

THE ILLINOIS STATE TREASURER'S I-CASH PROGRAM WANTS TO RETURN OVER

\$3.5 Billion
TO OWNERS

1 *in* **4**

ADULTS DISCOVER PROPERTY TO CLAIM WHEN THEY SEARCH
ILLINOISTREASURER.GOV/ICASH

To find out if you have Cash or property, visit **www.Illinoistreasurer.Gov/icash**. If you do not have access to the internet to search for unclaimed property, a computer may be available at your local public library.

I-CASH BY THE NUMBERS	
Reported to Treasurer's Office 9/1/2021 – 2/29/2022	
Reports	7437
Properties	1,153,833
Cash	\$229,665,345
Shares	24,427,926
Returned to Owners 9/1/2021 – 2/29/2022	
Number of paid claims	268,771
Cash and share value returned	\$147,204,004

ILLINOIS TREASURER'S
ICASH
DISCOVER WHAT'S YOURS

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT US AT
unclaimedproperty@illinoistreasurer.gov

These properties have been placed in the custody of the State Treasurer, to whom all further claims must be directed. Information regarding the amount or description of the property and the name and address of the holder may be obtained by any persons possessing an interest in the property at www.illinoistreasurer.gov or by addressing an inquiry to the State Treasurer, Illinois State Treasurer's Office, Unclaimed Property Division, PO Box 19465, Springfield, IL 62794-9465. Printed by the authority of the State of Illinois



LOCAL NEWS

Obituaries

Myrna Lou Hart

OREGON — Myrna Lou Hart (Hutson), 72, died after a long struggle with blood cancer at University of Chicago Medicine surrounded by her family on March 31, 2022. She was born in Chicago, on June 12, 1949, the daughter of Kenneth and Zelma (Reynolds) Hutson. She grew up on the south side of Chicago and Country Club Hills, a suburb of Chicago. She married Philip Foster Hart in Homewood, Ill., on Aug. 14, 1971. They raised two children together, Adam and Ryan.

Myrna was an NIU alumnus with a bachelor's degree in education and a master's degree in reading instruction. She taught in Oregon for 33 years, teaching for 6 years as a fifth grade teacher at Etnyre Middle School and 27 years as a reading specialist at Jefferson Elementary School, working with kindergartners through third graders. She absolutely loved helping young children build their literacy skills, and more importantly develop a love for reading. She believed reading allows people to expand their understanding and perspective on life. Myrna had an incredible capacity to truly respect small children and connect with them wherever they were developmentally. To her last day, she talked about her love for all of the students she was charged with educating and mentoring. She sincerely enjoyed the collaborative educational



process with colleagues, but more importantly the friendships created over the years.

Since retirement in 2004, Myrna had been involved in PEO and Democrats of Ogle County. She also dove into new adventures, including trips to Hong Kong and Taiwan, where her youngest son started his education career. She enjoyed traveling to new places in Florida with Phil as well. After he died in 2013, she got involved in Serenity Hospice and Home grief group, which became invaluable for her, both in terms of her own grief and for forging new friendships. She adopted a new dog, whom she named Molly and loved unconditionally. A few years after Phil's death, she started making annual trips to Colorado, where her oldest son moved in order to pursue natural resources management. Myrna treasured family and friends, and lovingly welcomed two daughters-in-law. She absolutely loved welcoming her first grandchild in 2019 and developing a loving relationship with him. Those who knew Myrna appreciated her

kindness, and her ability to listen to people with true understanding.

She is survived by her sons, Adam Hutson (Yorlene Zuniga) Hart of New Meadows, Idaho; Ryan (Elizabeth) Hart of Lake in the Hills, Ill.; grandson Liam Hart; beloved in-laws Thomas (Carolyn) Hart of St. Francisville, Ill., and Jan (J.D.) Miller of Clermont, Fla.; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband of 41 years, Philip Hart; parents Kenneth Hutson and Zelma Ferguson; half-brother Gene Case; beloved stepfather Carl Ferguson; and father and mother-in-laws George (Newt) and Inez Hart.

Memorial services will be held Saturday, April 16, 2022 at 2:30 p.m., preceded by visitation beginning at 1 p.m., in the Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home, 110 S. 7th St., Oregon, IL. Face masks are strongly encouraged at the visitation and service to protect those who are immunocompromised. In lieu of flowers, a memorial fund has been established in her name which will support literacy education at Oregon Elementary School, or donations can be made to Serenity Hospice and Home of Oregon. Myrna's remains will be laid to rest with Phil's at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia. To leave an online condolence please visit www.farrellhollandgale.com

Sharon A. Harrison

STILLMAN VALLEY — Sharon A. Harrison, 81, of Stillman Valley, passed away on Friday, April 1, 2022.

Sharon was born in Bertha, Minn., on July 25, 1940, daughter of Harold "Verl" and Violet (Johnson) White. She graduated from Motley High School in Motley, Minn. Sharon married James V. Harrison, Sr. in Hennepin, Minn., on July 23, 1960. She enjoyed reading, playing trivia and other games. She loved football and arranged her Mondays, Thursdays and Sundays around the lineup. She was an avid Minnesota Vikings fan. Most of all, Sharon cherished her time spent with her family. She loved watching her grandchildren and great-grandchildren participate in sports and other activities. She will be dearly missed.

Those left to honor Sharon's memory include



her children, Julie (Scott) Robins, Mindy (Bruce) Tucker and Jimmy (Trisha) Harrison; grandchildren, Tom (Tiffany) Stone, Kyle Robins, Kira (Eric) Patefield, Megan (Michael) Skirtich, Chase (Maureen) Robins, Justin Whipple, Nickalas (Fatima) Harrison and Kristen Harrison; great-grandchildren, Elayna, Makenna, Tucker, Roxanne, Judah, Chloe, Sawyer, Natalie, Adara, Desmond and John; brother, Dairien White; brother-in-law, Ron Gajewski; numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

ins. She is predeceased by her parents, husband; sister, Joan Gajewski; sister-in-law, LaVaune White; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Bill (Barbara) Harrison and Damon (Annie) Harrison.

Visitation was held on Thursday, April 7, 2022 from 5-8 p.m. at Fitzgerald Funeral Home & Crematory, 1860 S. Mulford Rd. Rockford, IL 61108. A funeral service was Friday, April 8th, 2022 at 10 a.m. also in the funeral home. Final resting place will conclude in Stillman Valley Cemetery.

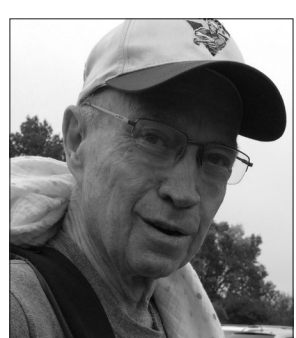
In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Sharon's name to the Bread of Life Food Pantry of Valley Covenant Church in Stillman Valley, IL.

Arrangements entrusted to Fitzgerald Funeral Home & Crematory. Share online memories and condolences at www.fitzgeraldfh.com

Kyle Edward Aurand

MOUNT MORRIS — Kyle Edward Aurand, 84, of Mount Morris, was ushered into Paradise in the Presence of His Savior and Lord on Sunday, April 3, 2022, while living at Pinecrest Community in Mt. Morris. He was born on April 11, 1937, in Oregon, the son of Edward Charles and Barbara Louise (Jones) Aurand. Kyle graduated from Oregon High School in 1955 having played on the football team and a member of FFA. He married his beloved wife Carolyn Sue Bain on Oct. 1, 1960, in Dixon. She preceded him in death on Aug. 8, 2014.

Before retiring in 2000, he worked for Centel Telephone Company and then Gallatin River Telephone Company for several decades as a Lineman and for a short time a Telephone Operator. Kyle was a longtime member and board member of Bethel Evangelical Congregational Church in Dixon. He served in the United States National Guard for several years. Kyle was a faithful volunteer with Prison Fellowship for 20 years, Roving Vehicles in Christ Service for 10 years, and Serenity Hos-



pice and Home. He especially enjoyed reading good books and then giving copies of books away he thought might bless others to read. Kyle also really loved walking and participated in many 5k's during his lifetime along with completing 150 miles in one week to raise money for the Pinecrest Good Samaritan Fund. Kyle loved his family lavishly and was a very active grandfather and cherished his time spent with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Kyle's purpose in life was described in his favorite Bible verse from Galatians 6:14 which says, "My only boast is in the crucifixion of the Lord Jesus, our Messiah. In Him, I have been crucified to the natural realm; and the natural realm is dead to me and no longer dominates my life." This Easter Season, Kyle's

faith in Jesus as His Risen Savior has become sight.

He is survived by his two children, Joyce (David) Dahl of Polo, Keith Aurand of Dixon; two grandchildren, Rachel (Travis) Fisher of Dixon, Abigail Dahl of Dixon; five great-grandchildren, Marian Haas, Shiloh Haas, Danielle Fisher, Theo Fisher, Allison Dahl; two sisters, Gwen (Marc) Netzt of Fla., Avolene (Larry) Stengel of Mt. Morris; one sister-in-law, Cloteel Aurand of Dixon; many nieces and nephews; and numerous great-nieces and nephews.

Kyle was preceded in death by his parents; and one brother, Spencer Aurand. Private family services will be held at Preston-Schilling Funeral Home. Burial will be at Grand Detour Cemetery in Grand Detour. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to Pinecrest Good Samaritan Fund.

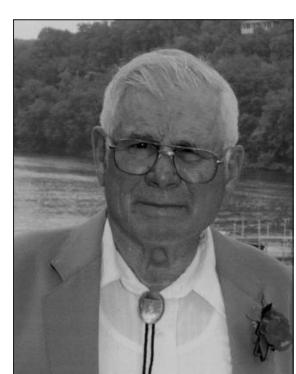
Arrangements were completed by Preston-Schilling Funeral Home in Dixon.

Condolences may be sent to www.prestonschilling.com.

Harold Martin Book

BYRON — Harold Martin Book, age 94, of Byron died Sunday April 3, 2022. Born Oct. 11, 1927 in Oregon, the son of Clarence W. and Jessie (Martin) Book.

The second of 11 children, Harold grew up in rural Oregon and attended Pleasant Valley School. The Book family moved to rural Leaf River in 1941 and he worked on the family farm and graduated from Leaf River High School class of 1945. Harold farmed in the Leaf River/Egan area and was also employed full time driving semi-truck for 41 years. He drove for Hi-Way Motor Service and A & B Freight Lines. He was a member of Leaf River Baptist Church, Stevenson County Antique Engine Club and a 41-year member of Local



325. Harold enjoyed gardening, watching and feeding the birds and squirrels, his many dogs in his lifetime and riding his scooter.

Survived by his children: Howard (Tammy) Book of Pocahontas, Ark., Connie (David) Fox of Tampico, Steven (Susan) Book of Forreton and Carol (Lloyd) Bellows of Oregon; 11 grandchildren; 30 great grandchildren; 5 great-great grandchildren; brother, David (Linda) Book of Peca-

tonica; sisters: Marjorie Genandt of Polo and Mildred Samons of Orland, Calif.; sister-in-law, Beverly Book of Pecatonica; and many nieces and nephews.

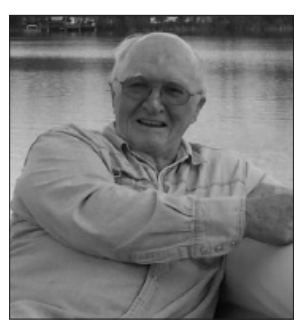
Predeceased by his wife, Cheryel, his parents, brothers: Albert, Everett and Glenn; and sisters: Doris Book, Delores Davis, Helen Myers, and Dorothy Butt.

Funeral services were held at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 9, 2022 at Leaf River Baptist Church, 6941 N Mt. Morris Rd, Leaf River, IL 61047. Visitation was held at the church from 10-11 a.m. prior to the service. Burial at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens, Freeport. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the Friends Forever Humane Society Freeport.

Richard Stukenberg

FORRESTON — Richard Lynn Stukenberg, 83 of Forreton passed away on April 4, 2022 after a well fought battle with cancer. Born 9-5-38 to Raymond and Ruth (Hartje) Stukenberg. Graduated from Forreton High School Class of 1956. Married Audrey Bocker Messer on Jan. 20, 1973.

Ran the Mobil Station in Forreton for years and was an Illinois State Highway Maintenance worker. He retired from Rockford Blacktop in 1998 after 32 years of service. Member of the First United Methodist Church in Forreton and Labor Local Union #32. For many years he helped with the beautification and maintenance at the White Oaks Cemetery. Favorite memories include Christmas celebrations with his daughters when they were younger as well as camping at Timberlake. He enjoyed fishing and



playing cards with his brothers and friends. He enjoyed camping and traveling to Arizona and Florida during the winter months. Favorite summer pastimes were relaxing on his front porch visiting with family and friends. He felt the porch had the best seats in town for parades and watching the traffic. He was a proud member of the Table of Knowledge which met daily at the local restaurant.

Survivors include his wife Audrey; daughters from his previous marriage, Shelby Korsberg, Stacy (Bob) Baker, Sara (Steve) Stoneback; granddaughters Erika

(Andrew) Edgar, Jamie (Dan) Gesell, Alyssa (Ryan) Kotecki, Jenna Baker and Leah (Ryan) Burnett.; great granddaughter Hadley Kotecki and great grandson Nolan Burnett; brother Gerald (Sandy) Stukenberg, sister Carol (Mike) Gagliardi; sister-in-law Marlene Witmer; brother-in-law Rex Printz and many nieces and nephews.

Preceded in death by his parents; brother Eugene and sister-in-law Marilyn Stukenberg; brother-in-law Gary Bocker and sister-in-law Judy Bocker; sister-in-law Ardis Printz; brother-in-law Brad Witmer.

Memorial service will be held at Burke-Tubbs Funeral Home, 504 North Walnut Ave., Freeport, Illinois on Saturday, April 16 at 1 p.m. Visitation to proceed service from noon-1 p.m. on the day of service. In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established in his name.

ADVERTISING DISCLAIMER

Advertisers please read your ad on the first day of publication. If there are mistakes, notify us immediately. We will make changes for errors made on our part and we will adjust bills accordingly, but only provided we receive notice immediately following the first time the ad appears. We limit our liability to you in this way and we do not accept liability for any other damages which may result from an error or omission in an ad. All ad copy must be approved by the newspaper, which also reserves the right to request changes, reject or properly classify an ad. The advertiser, and not this newspaper, is responsible for the truthful content of the ad. Advertising is also subject to credit approval, and may be refused at any time for any reason.

The Ogle County Life/ Rock Valley Shopper

USPS (004-083) ISSN (1045-3059)

Published every Monday by Rochelle Newspapers, Inc. at 211 Hwy. 38 East, Rochelle, IL 61068-1183. Subscriptions in our service area are free on a requester basis. Periodicals Postage Rates paid at Rochelle, IL 61068. Postmaster send address changes to the Ogle County Life/ Rock Valley Shopper, P.O. Box 175, Rochelle, IL 61068-9801. The circulation department is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. If you have carrier delivery and your paper fails to arrive by 7 p.m. on Monday, telephone our office at 732-2156, if your paper fails to arrive by mail telephone our circulation office at 562-4171, ext. 112. For subscriptions, call the LIFE office at 815-732-2156.

LOCAL NEWS



Spring planting lesson

The ladies of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Oregon recently enjoyed their first LLCK (Lutheran Ladies Coffee Klatsch). Tyler Hageman of Hageman Horticulture educated the ladies on spring planting. During his talk he arranged a small spring pot which was later presented to Pat Crofton of Oregon. Paper, Harper and Tessa Bruns, all students of Centerstage Dance Company, Dixon and members of St. Paul entertained the ladies; each doing their own recent competition dance. Guests enjoyed many savory treats as well as much needed fellowship.

Mount Morris Police

On Jan. 21, at 11:45 a.m. the Mt. Morris Police arrested Heather L. Heathcott, 41, for Driving While License Suspended and an Ogle County Warrant for Failure to Appear. Heathcott was transported to the Ogle County Correctional Center.

On Jan. 22, at 10:35 a.m. the Mt. Morris Police arrested, 42 year old Bradley A. Boyd of Mt. Morris for an Ogle County warrant for Failure to Appear on several traffic cases. Boyd was transported to the Ogle County Jail for booking.

David D. Lowtharp, 53 of Mt. Morris was cited under Village Code for abandoning a vehicle upon the roadway. Lowtharp can avoid a court appearance by monetary satisfaction.

On Feb. 1, at approximately 3:19 a.m. the Mt. Morris Police cited Emily Feiden, 26 of 2 S. Seminary, Mt. Morris for a Village Ordinance Complaint of loud Noise. Feiden can satisfy the complaint by fine payment in lieu of a court appearance.

On Feb. 5, the Mt. Morris Police Department cited 24 year old Drake Cooper of Freeport, IL for speeding.

The Mt. Morris Police Department arrested John W. Simmons, 44 of Marseilles, IL for outstanding warrants from Ogle County, LaSalle County IL and an outstanding warrant out of Arkansas. Simmons was transported to the Ogle County Jail for bonding and extradition.

The Mt. Morris Police Department cited Lisa Peterson, 46 of Leaf River for speeding.

On Feb. 10, at approximately 6:10 a.m. the Mt. Morris Police Department cited Brekk A. Callaway, 32 of Forreston for speeding in the 300 Block of N McKendrie ave.

Polo Senior Center offering day trip for show

POLO – The Polo Senior Center is offering a day trip to Delevan, Wis., for the Dancing horses show.

Bus leaves from First United Methodist parking lot at 10 a.m. on Saturday May 7.

Trip includes round trip transportation, a lunch at the show includes dessert, a tour of the dancing horse farm and a backstage pass that includes a training demonstration.

The bus will return to Polo around 5 p.m.

Cost is \$90 for members and \$100 for non-members. Please call 815-946-3818 for reservations

Please stop in or mail payment to arrive by May 1, 2022.

Easter Services

RiverStone
CHRISTIAN CHURCH

**THE RESURRECTION
CHANGES EVERYTHING**

Join us Sunday April 17th at 10:45 AM
609 S. Tenth St. Oregon, IL

The heart of God is a resurrecting heart. He longs for us to experience new life. Join us as we celebrate the greatest moment in human history. New life has come and we now have hope through the death and resurrection of Jesus.

Make sure to bring your kids as RiverKids will be celebrating Easter with their own service geared specifically for kids in nursery thru 6th grade!

United Church of Byron
701 West Second Street, Byron, IL
815-234-8777
www.unitedchurchofbyron.org

Loving God • Serving People • Following Jesus

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY ~ APRIL 10
8:15am: Lectio Divina Meditative Service
10:30AM: Worship

MAUNDY THURSDAY ~ APRIL 14
6:30pm: Soup Supper & Service with Communion

EASTER SUNDAY ~ APRIL 17
8:15am: Lectio Divina Meditative Service
10:00am: Easter Egg Hunt For Kids
10:30am: Worship

All are welcome!

04042022

**St. Paul
Lutheran Church**
– Holy Week Services –

*Loving Christ, Sharing Christ,
Trusting Christ*

Maundy Thursday Service
April 14 – 7 PM

Easter Sunday Service
April 17 – 11:30 AM
Easter Brunch served at 10:15 AM

Handicap Accessible - Holy Communion at all services

114 South 5th Street, Oregon, IL
815-732-2367

04042022

**Trinity Evangelical
Lutheran Church**
308 E. Brayton Rd., Mt. Morris, IL
815-734-6354 • www.trinitymmil.net

Palm Sunday Worship – 9:30 am 4/10
Maundy Thursday Worship – 7 pm 4/14
Good Friday Worship – 7 pm 4/15
Easter Vigil Saturday – 7 pm 4/16
Easter Sunday – 9:30 am 4/17

ALL are Welcome!

TRINITY
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
IN AMERICA

LOCAL NEWS

Ogle County Sheriff

March 11
At 1:10 a.m., Deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 5000 block of north Illinois Route 251 for expired registration. After a brief investigation Juma Mrisho, 29 of Rockford was arrested for Driving While License Suspended. Mrisho was taken into custody and released on a \$2,500/10% I-Bond with a return court date. Mrisho was also issued citations for expired registration and driving while uninsured.

March 9
At 8:31 p.m., Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies conducted a traffic stop on Rt. 38 at 7th St. in Rochelle for a traffic violation. After an investigation, Troy Scott, 27 of Rochelle was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol. Scott was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond. Scott was also cited for speeding 1-10MPH over the limit, improper turn signal, and operating an uninsured motor vehicle.

March 8
At approximately 5:35 p.m. Deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 13,000 block of E IL Route 72 on a red Dodge pickup for Use of Electronic Communication Device while driving. Upon further investigation Deputies arrested Ronald Monette, 49 of Davis Junction, for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol. Ronald was transported to the Ogle County Jail in lieu of bond.

At approximately 9:23 p.m., Deputies conducted a traffic stop on I-39 at mile marker #106 on a blue Kia for no registration light. Upon further investigation Deputies arrested Gabriel Ortega Avila, 32 of Texas, for No Valid Driver's License. Gabriel was released on an Individual Bond with a future court date given.

At approximately 9:37 p.m., Ogle County Deputies conducted a traffic stop on Interstate 88 at mile marker 76 3/4. After a brief investigation, Deputies arrested Jeremiah D. Harvey, 21 of Rockford, for Driving While License Suspended. Harvey was taken into custody without incident and released on scene on a \$2,500/10% Individual Bond with a return court date set. Harvey was also issued a citation for Illegal Window Tint.

March 6
At approximately 1:49 p.m., Ogle County Deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 10,000 block of E. Route 72. After a brief investigation, Deputies arrested Dawn M. Stonecipher, 42 of Byron, for No Driver's License. Stonecipher was given an I-Bond with a return court date.

At approximately 9:53 p.m., Ogle County Deputies conducted a traffic stop on I39 mile marker 111. After brief investigation, Deputies arrested Robyn Pierson, 32 of Oregon, for Driving While License Suspended. Pierson was also issued citations for Operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle and Obstructed Driver's View. Pierson was given an I-Bond with a return court date later next month and released on scene.

March 5
At 2:24 a.m., deputies initiated a traffic stop in the 9000 block of W. IL RTE 72 for a moving violation. The offending vehicle failed to stop, and was pursued by deputies until the pursuit was terminated. Through the course of the subsequent investigation, Bryce W. Hatfield, 19, of Belvidere IL, was arrested for Aggravated Fleeing to Elude a Police Officer, and Speeding 35+ mph Over the Speed Limit. Hatfield was also issued citations for Failure to Signal, Disregard a Stop Sign, and Improper Lane Usage. Hatfield was transported to the Ogle County Jail pending an appearance before a judge.

At approximately 3:32 p.m., Deputies responded to a vehicle in the ditch in the 1800 block of S. Freeport Road. After an investigation, Deputies arrested Bruce Prosser, 51 of Rochelle for driving under the influence of alcohol and obstructing a peace officer. Prosser's Chevrolet 2500 was towed by Dyer's. Prosser was transported to the Ogle County jail where he is being held in lieu of bond.

March 4
At approximately 8:23 p.m., Ogle County Deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 15000 block of East Creston Rd. After a brief investigation, Deputies arrested Hector Hernandez, 53 of Loves Park, for Driving While License Revoked. Hernandez was also issued citations for Failure to Signal and Operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle. Hernandez was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was released to correctional staff and held in lieu of bond.

At approximately 706 p.m., Ogle County Deputies conducted a traffic stop on I39 near mile marker 106. After a brief investigation, Deputies arrested Keith Ford, 33 of DeKalb, for Driving While License Suspended. Ford was also issued citations for Improper Lane Usage and an Equipment Violation. Ford was given an I-Bond on scene with a return court date later next month.

At 10:46 p.m., Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies conducted a traffic stop on I39 at mile marker 104 south bound for an equipment violation. After an investigation, Christal Modeliste, 23 of Rockford was arrested for driving on a suspended driver's license. Modeliste was also cited for no registration light. Modeliste was released on a signature I-Bond with a return court date.

At approximately 8:36 p.m. Deputies initiated a traffic stop on Interstate 39 near mile marker 111 southbound. After further investigation Joel Jackson Jr, 23 of Rockford, was placed under arrest for No Valid Driver's License and Unlawful Possession of Cannabis/Improper Container. Jackson was also cited for Operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle, Improper Lighting, and Illegal Window Tint. A passenger in the vehicle, Vandalle Reed, age 22 of Rockford, was cited for No Seat Belt. Both Jackson and Reed were released at the scene.

March 3
Ogle County Sheriff's deputies investigated a report of a residential burglary in the Mt. Morris Estates Trailer park. After an investigation Nancy Lee Limond and Kenny Adams were both arrested for residential burglary and theft over \$300. Both Limond and Adams were taken into custody and transported to the Ogle County Jail and are being held in Lieu of Bond.

At approximately 7:13 p.m., Ogle County Deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 400 block of S White Rock Road. After a brief investigation, Deputies arrested Christina N. Dodd, 26 of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, for No Valid Driver's License. Dodd was taken into custody without incident and transported to the Ogle County Jail where she was held in lieu of bond. Dodd was also cited for Improper Turn Signal.

March 1
At approximately 12:05 a.m., Deputies conducted a traffic stop on I-39 northbound near mile marker 110. Upon further investigation, Lucero Montalvo, 30 of Rochelle, was arrested for driving while license revoked. Montalvo was also cited for operating an uninsured vehicle and no rear registration light. Montalvo was transported to the Ogle County Jail where she is being held in lieu of bond.

At approximately 9:17 p.m. Deputies initiated a traffic stop near the intersection of Illinois Rt 64 and White Rock Rd. After further investigation Nicholas Parsons,

20 of Mt Morris, was placed under arrest for Unlawful Possession of Cannabis/Improper Container. Parsons was also cited for Operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle and Loud Exhaust. Parsons was released on an Individual Bond and will appear in court at a later date.



Feb. 27
At approximately 8:37 p.m., Deputies initiated a traffic stop in the 500 block of N IL Route 251 for speed. Upon further investigation Deputies arrested Jason Mireles, 41 of Rochelle, for Possession of a Controlled Substance - Crack Cocaine. Additionally, Ryan Fenton, 31 of Oregon, was arrested for an Ogle County Warrant for Possession of a Stolen Vehicle. Both individuals were transported to the Ogle County Jail in lieu of bond.

At 11:30 p.m., Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Jacob Saenz, 18 of Rockford for driving with no valid driver's license. Deputies arrested Saenz on Hwy 251 near Scott Road after he was stopped for speeding. Saenz was released on an I-bond and will appear in Ogle County court at a later date.

At approximately 12:56 a.m., Ogle County Deputies, Byron Police and Byron Fire Department responded to Tower Road and Mill Road for a one vehicle accident involving injury. After investigation, Deputies learned that a white Buick sedan driven by Jess Smith, 23 of Winnebago, was traveling west on Tower Road and failed to negotiate the curve. The Buick left the roadway in the south ditch and received heavy damage from striking an embankment. Smith was transported to a local hospital for suspected minor injuries. The front seat passenger McKenna Hawkins, 23 of Winnebago, was also transported to a local hospital for suspected serious injuries. Smith was later placed under arrest for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol. Smith was also cited for Improper Lane Usage, Failure to Reduce Speed, No Insurance, and Failure to Use Seatbelt. Smith was released on an Individual Bond with a return court date issued.

At 4:18 p.m., Deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 2700 block of North David Court, Oregon. After a brief investigation Deputies arrested Charles Peterson, 42 of Pecatonica for Driving While License Suspended. Peterson was taken into custody without incident and released on a \$2,500/10% Individual Bond with a return court date. Peterson was also issued citations for no front registration and expired registration.


Looking for a new CPA?



Jennifer Lungstrom, CPA, EA

Silene Walters, CPA, MAS

We do income taxes, payroll & bookkeeping.



WALTERS
Accounting Inc.

202 N. Walnut, Stillman Valley
815.645.8979

www.WALTERSTAX.com

01102022

2022

Ogle County

Plat Book

\$45.00

Additional \$10.00 if shipped

Available from the

Ogle Co. Soil and Water

Conservation District

Pickup at the USDA Service Center

1213 Pines Road, Oregon IL 61061

Or

Call 815-732-6127 ext. 3

03282022

Spring clean-up April 24

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

The rain date will be May 1.

This is a day for Oregon residents to get outside and clean up our yards together as a community.

All the information can be found online at <http://oregonil.com/oregons-community-clean-up-day/>

Is your yard already awesome? Sign up at the website provided to help someone who needs a hand and a team captain will contact you with details. Do you need some help with your yard? Is your siding needing some pressure washing or maybe you're struggling to get your mower going? Please sign up and a team captain will contact you with details.

Call Executive Director Liz Vos if you have any questions: 815-732-2100

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

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

Antiques & Collectibles

Belvidere Collectible Coins

www.goldsilverjewelrycoin.com

We Pay Highest Prices For Gold, Silver, Platinum, Jewelry, Coins, Flatware, Dental & Bullion

10% More For Jewelry With This Ad!

Hours: Mon.-Fri. 9:30am-5:00pm • Sat. 10:30am-2pm

~ Call For Directions ~ **(815) 547-7111**

880 Belvidere Road • Belvidere, IL

To advertise your business here, contact Andrew Heiserman at 815-561-2123

LOCAL NEWS



Unique Boutique

The Oregon Area Chamber of Commerce had a great time at the Grand Opening at Unique Boutique, located at 111 S. 4th St. in Oregon. Unique Boutique is a large group of crafters coming together to create a unique boutique. They offer beautiful everyday and seasonal home decor and gifts. They have something for all ages. Come take a look at their carefully curated offering of one of a kind items and some craft supplies too. Hours are 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Wednesday through Saturday.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Mon., April 11

Polo Senior Center Breakfast Club 9:30 a.m. Meet at Bennies in Sterling on Rt. 40.

Tues., April 12

Seed Swap at the Oregon Public Library from 2-6 p.m. Bring seeds to share to the library – fruits, vegetables, flowers and native seeds are the best. U of I Extension Office Master Gardeners and Master Naturalists will be on

hand to answer questions. For more information, contact 815-732-2724.

Thurs., April 14

Lunch group will meet at 11:30 at the Sunrise Restaurant 116 N 4th Street in Oregon. Please call 815-732-4111 by 10 a.m. to register.

Free Line Dancing lessons at Rock River Center. Learn to line dance with our Boot Scootin' Seniors Tuesday

and Thursday mornings from 9-10:30 a.m. This is a fun way to meet new people, get exercise, and enjoy great music.

Fri., April 15

The New Beginnings Al-Anon Family Group meets each Friday morning at 10 a.m. at the KSB Medical Clinic, 1107 S. Division (Route 52), in Polo. The meeting is also on Zoom; information for that option may be acquired by calling 815-732-7616.

Sat., April 16

The Mt. Morris Moose Lodge, 101 Moose Dr., Mt. Morris, is hosting a Free Easter Egg Hunt on at 1 p.m. Kids will hunt for eggs in four different age groups 0-3, 4-6, 7-9 and 10-12.

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

Brought to you by these sponsors:

DOUGLAS & FRYE
IF IT DOESN'T HAVE A MOTOR IT AIN'T A SPORT
MOTORSPORTS
1902 N. LOCUST ST., STERLING, IL • 815-625-4426
ACCESSORIES • PARTS • SERVICE
www.douglasfryemotorcycle.com

Maggie's
IDLE HOUR
"The Best Little Bar Around" Mt. Morris, IL
Burgers-Wings Appetizers-& More
115 S. Wesley Ave 815-734-4110
www.maggiesonline.com

SMITH BIRKHOLZ & MORROW, P.C.
David A. Smith
Jennifer L. Birkholz
Eric D. Morrow
Estate & Trust, Real Estate, Agribusiness, Corporate, Litigation, Criminal, DUI, Traffic & Family Law
129 S. 4th Street, Oregon, IL 61061
815-732-6124

DeForest Dental P.C.
606 W. Washington St.
815.732.3225
www.deforestdental.com

Rochelle
Community Hospital
Your Local Healthcare Resource.
815-561-2181
900 N. 2nd St., Rochelle
www.rochellehospital.com

Mike Hurst, Owner/Operator
HURST
HEATING & COOLING
815-757-4383
MONROE CENTER, IL
SALES • SERVICE • INSTALL

Bushman's Service
On Farm Tire Service
Milledgeville, IL
815-225-7411

Stan's Performance
FULL SERVICE GARAGE
Computer Diagnostic • Brakes • Tires
Oil Change • Transmission Care
We Do It All - Give Us A Try!
-Emergency- 815-734-4838
409 E. Hitt St • Mt. Morris
815-734-4272

Mobile Electronics
2-Way Radio Communication
We are an authorized dealer of Icom & Kenwood radio equipment
Forreston, IL • 815-938-2586

OGLE COUNTY LIFE
ROCK VALLEY SHOPPER
311 W. Washington St., Oregon, IL 61061
815-732-2156
www.oglecountylife.com

VIEWPOINT

"Congress shall make no law . . .
abridging the freedom of speech or of the press"

Published every Monday
Mike Feltes, General Manager
Brad Jennings, Editor

The Ogle County Life is a division of
News Media Corporation.

MOMENTS IN TIME

* On April 27, 1773, the British Parliament passes the Tea Act, a bill designed to save the faltering East India Company from bankruptcy. Many colonists viewed the act as yet another example of taxation tyranny, because it left in place an earlier duty on tea entering the colonies, while removing the duty on tea entering England.

* On April 28, 1916, Ferruccio Lamborghini is born in Italy. After experiencing mechanical difficulties with his Ferrari, Lamborghini decided to start his own rival sports car company. The Lamborghini 350 GTV, a two-seater coupe with a V-12 engine, debuted in 1963.

* On May 1, 1960, an American U-2 spy plane piloted by Francis Gary Powers disappears while on a flight over Russia. The CIA reassured the president that the plane was equipped with self-destruct mechanisms, but Russia produced not only the intact wreckage, but also the captured pilot -- very much alive.

* On April 26, 1977, Studio 54, which would soon become the most famous nightclub in the world, opens at 254 West 54th Street in New York City. It was known for excluding all but the most chic, famous or beautiful patrons.

* On April 25, 1983, Russian leader Yuri Andropov writes to Samantha Smith, an American fifth-grader from Manchester, Maine, inviting her to visit his country. Smith had sent Andropov a note in December 1982, asking if the Soviets were planning to start a nuclear war.

* On April 30, 1993, computer scientist Tim Berners-Lee releases the source code for the world's first web browser. Originally called Mesh, the browser he dubbed World Wide Web became the means of exploring the emerging information network that developed into the Internet.

* On April 29, 2004, the World War II Memorial opens in Washington, D.C., providing overdue recognition for the 16 million American men and women who served in the war.

(c) 2022 Hearst Communications, Inc.
All Rights Reserved

LIFE letters' policy

Concise letters are most likely to be chosen for publication, but the use of any material is at the discretion of management. All letters must be signed or they will not be considered for publication. During election times, no letters written by the candidates endorsing themselves will be considered for publication. Editing may be necessary for space, clarity or to avoid obscenity or libel, but ideas will not be altered. Writers are urged to use discretion and refrain from sarcasm or personal attacks. Criticism of individuals or organizations that is not broached tactfully will jeopardize the publication of a letter. Letters will be published in the order that they are received, unless there is a time factor involved, space permitting.

We are focusing on the wrong things

"Woke" is a word that gets tossed around a lot these days.

A lot. I had not heard of the word until a couple of years ago, but now it gets used all the time, generally as a put down of a segment of society that is fighting against what is seen as injustice.

Just so we all are clear here, "woke" means "alert to injustice in society, especially racism." Now, I don't know about you, but reading that I think we should all be a lot more woke.

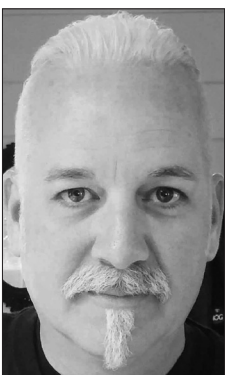
Racism continues to be a huge problem in our society. After years of slow progress, in recent years we have really slipped backward. It has become more acceptable in certain circles to belittle, mock and even for politicians to use racist dog whistles.

Tearing down Confederate statues in this country was and is a good thing. Is it "woke" to tear down statues honoring those committed to oppression and racism? If so, again, we should all be woke.

Of course, in 2022 we can't all just agree on something. One side or the other twists a meaning, starts with the

Living the Life

By Brad Jennings



sloganeering and we drive the entire concept off the cliff collectively. It is like the whole "cancel culture" thing, which I have written about before. People complain about it, and then do the same thing when it suits their needs.

Look at those complaining about people being woke. Those people mock it and put it down and want those they consider woke to suffer some consequences.

Isn't that just cancel culture? Of course it is, but people rarely see themselves in the things they love to hate.

Honestly, this is all so tiring. I feel like we, as a society, are looking for things to keep us separated. Us vs. them seems to be the American way these days, and we can't

sustain that forever. When I look at those who are feeling the most pressure to push back against things they see as "woke," it is the same people who want to protect the status quo, even when that is no longer working. We can't stay stuck, people. We must move forward, even if that makes certain people uncomfortable.

No one said progress would be easy. And yes, this is progress. Fighting racism, helping lift up those who have been marginalized -- those are good things. Those are things we all should be doing without question.

If you feel that lifting all Americans is somehow a threat to you or your "lifestyle," you are the problem. We should want the same rights and freedoms for all Americans.

So, can we please dispense of nonsense like critical race theory (which means "don't teach actual history") and cancel culture and wokeism? These are not real problems in this country.

We have plenty of problems to focus on: Out of control health-care costs, wages not keeping up with the cost of living, warming temps that are going to

pose huge problems here and all over the world, deteriorating infrastructure.

Those are things that do and will affect our lives directly. Those are problems we need to focus on and correct. Every time I see a friend on social media having a fundraiser because they have an ailment and, even though they have worked hard and paid their taxes and have "good" health insurance, they are on the verge of going broke, it makes me angry. Not at them, but at people doing nothing to help average Americans when it comes to healthcare costs.

That is a real problem. Worrying about someone being "woke" is not.

If you hear elected officials screaming about cancel culture and wokeism and critical race theory, it is clear these are unserious people not concerned with the daily lives of Americans.

Wouldn't it be nice if we could focus on the things that really mattered?

Brad Jennings is Editor of The Ogle County Life.

Being a defense attorney is admirable

Defending the accused shouldn't be a mark of shame.

But in the world of politics, there may not be a more loathsome creature than a criminal defense attorney.

I've been thinking about that these past few weeks as I watched Republican Senators attack U.S. Supreme Court nominee Ketanji Brown Jackson and Democrats assail Illinois GOP gubernatorial hopeful Richard Irvin.

Their transgressions? At some point in their careers, they defended people accused of crimes.

Never mind that our Constitution gives defendants an absolute right to legal counsel.

In our monochromatic world of soundbite politics, prosecutors are good and defense attorneys are bad.

The last person to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court with any experience as a defense attorney was Thurgood Marshall, who retired from the bench 31 years ago. And his work as a defense attorney ended in the 1950s.

That's a long time to go without anyone bringing the perspective of a defense attorney into deliberations.

According to a study by the libertarian think tank Cato Institute, defense attorneys are underrepresented among federal judges. As of April 2021, 318 former prosecutors were sitting as federal judges, more than one-third of the 880 total across the country. This was followed by 243 lawyers who had represented the government as "non-criminal courtroom advocates". Among the smallest fractions of those who became federal judges were former criminal defense attorneys -- about 76 total -- and former public defenders, who numbered only 58, less than 7 percent of all judges.

Considering law is a diverse field encompassing nearly every aspect of the human condition it is disappointing that we draw our justices from such a shallow

pool. The Democratic Governor's Association launched a television ad against Irvin citing his past as a defense attorney.

In a breathless voice, a narrator says Irvin defended people accused of domestic abuse and sexual assault as if they have unearthed some hidden character flaw. Well, lawyers defend people. Sometimes they are innocent and sometimes they are guilty -- but all have a right to effective counsel.

The attack is particularly disappointing considering that Gov. J.B. Pritzker is a lawyer himself. He ought to know how important the role of defense attorneys are in our society. (The same could be said of the multitude of Republican lawyers on the U.S. Senate Judiciary committee taking jabs at Ketanji Brown Jackson.)

A couple decades ago I covered an Illinois Supreme Court race in which one candidate boasted that he had never been a defense attorney.

I found it disappointing that this Harvard-educated lawyer embraced the idea of never having defended anyone as a mark of pride, something that would make him a better Supreme Court justice.

After all, when choosing a judge don't we want someone with diverse experiences in a variety of areas of law?

I've spent years tracking police misconduct cases. And in my podcast *Suspect Convictions* I took an in-depth look at numerous cases of wrongful convictions. Although it is nothing new, it remains a national shame. Our country sends innocent people to prison.

Just consider that a 2019 report by the National Registry of Exonerations found: Between 2% and 10% of convicted individuals in US prisons are likely innocent, 2,666 people have been exonerated in the US since 1989, proven innocent people have served more than 23,950 years in prison so far and Out of

100 sentenced to death, four are likely innocent, but only two get exonerated.

Protecting the innocent should be the highest calling of those serving in the legal profession. I've met many bright, talented and committed defense attorneys. But I've also met some who have turned their presence as a safety net for the wrongly accused into a hammock of low expectations.

Many of those wrongly accused end up wrongly convicted because of less than zealous work by their attorneys. This underscores the critical need for a vigorous defense bar. We should be praising those who choose this important work -- not casting aspersions on their character and fitness for office because they chose to serve defendants.

One of the most zealous advocates for the accused that I have met is John Hanlon, who recently retired as director of the Illinois Innocence Project.

Hanlon expressed disgust for the recent political attacks against members of the defense bar.

"It's politics. That's what's going on pure politics," he said. "It is repeated over and over again depending on what the cycle is and what office the person is seeking. They try to dirty them up with the alleged acts of their clients. And that's just a shame."

Former Scott County, Iowa, prosecutor Bill Davis said it smacks of hypocrisy.

"The people who attack defense attorneys are the same ones who extol the Founding Fathers. Have they forgotten that John Adams represented the British soldiers involved in the Boston Massacre? Our founders made a right to counsel a basic constitutional right. The system would not work without defense attorneys."

Scott Reeder, a staff writer for Illinois Times, can be reached at: sreeder@illinois-times.com.

LOCAL NEWS

Rock River Center sets upcoming events, trip, support groups

Rock River Center is a resource center located at 810 S. 10th Street, Oregon. Our activities and trips are open to all ages. Call our office at 815-732-3252 with any questions. Visit us on the web at www.rockrivercenter.org and like us on Facebook.

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

Free Line Dancing Lessons at Rock River Center

Learn to line dance with our Boot Scootin' Seniors Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9-10:30 a.m. This is a fun way to meet new people, get exercise, and enjoy great music.

Rock River Center Celebrates Volunteer Appreciation Week

All Center Volunteers are invited for refreshments Monday thru Thursday,

April 18-21, at Rock River Center.

We look forward to seeing ALL Center volunteers to say thank you and letting you know how important you are to Rock River Center.

Unclaimed Property Event April 20

Bonnie Jefferson, Ogle County Marketing Representative from the Illinois State Treasurer Office will be at Rock River Center on Wednesday, April 20, from 10 a.m.-noon to connect Illinois residents with their unclaimed property. Bonnie will meet with people on a first come, first served basis.

Unclaimed property is money or assets that have been separated from their owner for at least five years. Businesses and banks are required by law to turn over the unclaimed accounts to the state so they can be returned to their rightful owners.

Please also note not only individuals but companies, hospitals, not for profit organizations, etc. may also have monies.

If you think you may have some unclaimed assets or property, stop in and see Bonnie. No appointment is necessary.

Support groups

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

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

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

Low vision support group
Meets: 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month
Time: Noon-1:30 p.m.
For more information on any of our Support Groups, call Rock River Center at 815-732-3252 or 1-800-541-5479.

Legally Blonde!
Timberlake Playhouse
Wednesday, July 20, 2022

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

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

Cost: (includes RT transportation, lunch, show, tax and gratuity):

\$68 / Members
\$72 / Non-Members

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

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

Prepaid reservations can be made in person at the Rock River Center, 810 S. 10th St, Oregon or by mail. Rock River Center gift certificates accepted as payment. Please call the Center at 815-732-3252 or toll free 1-800-541-5479 for more information.



BYRON
220 W. 3rd St.
(815)234-5133

OREGON
113 S. 4th St.
(815)732-3365

Ogle County's Real Estate Market Leader!



704 S. 7th Street, Oregon

\$182,500 dickersonnieman.com/202201762

COZY 1.5 STORY HOME! Sitting on approximately half an acre with 4 bedrooms & 1.75 baths. Home features a main floor master bedroom, remodeled kitchen and bath. All appliances stay. Vinyl siding. natural gas heat. Window A/C. 4 car detached garage with wood burning stove.

MIKE LONG
(815) 761-4741

4906 E. Ashelford Drive, Byron

\$495,000 dickersonnieman.com/202201400

MOVE IN READY RIVERFRONT HOME! Stunning 4 Bed, 3.5 Bath; 2 story on a half acre lot overlooking The Rock River. Over 6,000 SF of finished living space. Newly remodeled kitchen with granite, SS appliances & ample storage. Professional landscaping, hot tub, private boat launch, private boat dock, and so much more!

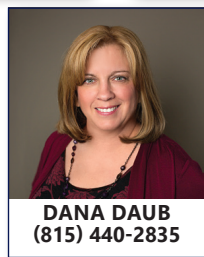
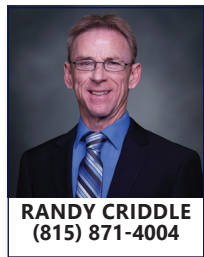
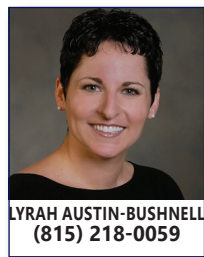
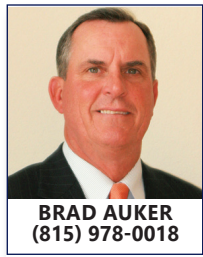
TIFFANY CRAVATTA
(815) 988-4388

100 Dayflower Circle, Davis Junction

\$60,000 dickersonnieman.com/202107841

LARGE MOBILE HOME! On premier lot in Rolling Meadows Park! 4 beds, 2.5 baths & 1600 SQFT of living space. Large family room connected to dining room. Open living room & kitchen w/cathedral ceiling. One side of home has 3 bedrooms that share full bath. Master suite is attached to kitchen & features tub & stand up shower.

SEAN HOSSEINI
(815) 200-8490



You're Invited to a

Garden Party

April 21st-23rd
Thu & Fri 9-5
Sat 9-3

Door Prizes, Store-Wide Discounts & Food Samplings

Merlin's Greenhouse and Flowers
The Other Side Boutique and Hagemann Horticulture
300 Mix Street • Oregon, IL 61061
815-732-2969

LOCAL NEWS



Oregon Lions hold their annual Drawdown at VFW

Drawdown Ticket holders gathered at the VFW in Oregon on March 24 and enjoyed a variety of sandwiches, appetizers and desserts before Lion Dave Stenger began to call out the Drawdown numbers.

There were 13 \$50 winners, two \$100 winners, one \$200 winner, and one grand prize winner won \$1,000. Thirty-three local businesses contributed a great variety of door prizes.

Oregon Lions want to thank all the local businesses who donated those door prizes as well as anyone who purchased a ticket.



Top left: Lion Gloria Fallon's daughter Keelie Fallon won the \$1,000 Grand Prize.

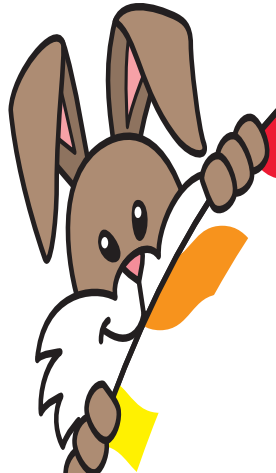
Middle left: Susana and Larry Holland won a door prize donated by Merlins.

Bottom left: Dr. Ginger Albano and her husband Darren, who was the winner of a \$200 prize.

Above: Oregon Lions Drawdown Committee – from left: Evelyn Anderson, Lion Dr. Carri Anderson, Oregon Lion Dave Stenger, Lion Dr. Seth Anderson and Lion Joanna Cermak.

Right: Lion Joe Kryszak.





Easter Ham Giveaway Winners!

The following list of winners will receive a gift certificate good for \$20 towards the purchase of an Easter Ham. Thanks for all our participating businesses that helped make our annual giveaway a big success.

Thomas Ross, ByronByron County Market

Loraine Untz, OregonSuper Valu

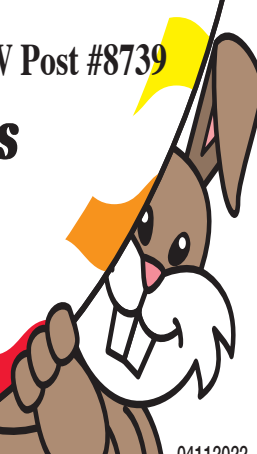
John Finrock, Mt. Morris Stillman Bank





Sheryl Gilbert, PoloFirst State Bank

Jean Byers, ForresteronKoeller Forresteron Hardware

Gerald Chasm, Oregon VFW Post #8739

Congratulations To The Winners!!



04112022

2022 Easter Menu

Seatings at 11 & 1

Buffet \$25

Seniors (60 & Over) \$22

Children (Under 13) \$15

- Vegetable Du Dour
- Mashed Potatoes
- Rock River Chicken
- 24-foot Dessert Table
- Bacon and Sausage
- Carved Seasoned Pork Loin
- AuGratin Potatoes
- Beef Gravy
- Baked Ham
- Yankee Pot Roast
- Maxsons Tossed House Salad
- Omelet Station
- Breakfast Potatoes
- French Toast Bake
- Broccoli Rice Cheese Bake
- Assorted Dinner Rolls

New **HOT** private gaming machines

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

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

Friday Fish Fry & Saturday Prime Rib

Maxsons
Restaurant & Riverboat

1469 N. IL Rt 2, Oregon IL • 815-732-6761 • Maxsons.net
Hours: Wed & Thur. 11A-5P; Fri & Sat 11A-8P; Sun 10A-2P; Mon & Tue Closed

Oregon hires Kundert as new head football coach

OREGON – Oregon High School is pleased to announce that Broc Kundert has been selected as the new head football coach at Oregon High School.

He will also be a teacher at the school.

“We are thrilled to be able to have Broc lead our football program here in Oregon,” said



Oregon Athletic Director Mike Lawton. “Broc is an outstanding coach with

a tremendous football background both as a coach and player. He is energetic, passionate, and a true student of the game. He is well-respected in the coaching community and we are tremendously excited for the future of Oregon Hawk football under his guidance.”

Kundert, 33, has been the head coach at Freeport

Aquin High School since 2018.

While coaching at that school, he led the Bulldogs to a 27-10 overall record and two NUIC South conference championships (in 2019 and spring of 2021). His 2019 team made the IHSA state quarterfinals while his 2020-21 spring team achieved a #1 ranking in the final Associated

Press Class 1A poll. He also coached the Bulldogs to the 8-Man state playoffs last fall in the school's debut in that format.

Prior to his time at Aquin, Kundert was an assistant coach at Freeport High

School from 2011-17. He is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin – Platteville where he

played football all four years, lettering in three of them.

“I am very excited about the opportunity to take over a program like Oregon,” Kundert. Said “Programs with the resources and tradition like Oregon don't come open very often so when they do it is an honor to be the person picked to lead it.”



Students of the Month

Meridian Junior High School would like to congratulate the January Student Leaders of the Month. These students were first nominated and voted on by their classmates for the January trait – RESPECTFUL and also Leader In Me Habit #5 – Seek First to Understand, then to be Understood. Congrats to the following (from left to right): Connor O'Sullivan (8th), Mylee Hulstedt (7th), Lucas Mendoza (7th) Brooklyn Buhler (6th), Kayden Campbell (6th), and Taylor Grobe (8th)



NEW LISTING




2166, 2170 & 2174 Fawn Ridge Dr., Dixon
\$46,000 Call Carla

Gorgeous Lot 2 (1.63 Acres) available to build your dream home. Located just off of Lowell Park Rd close to Dixon. Electric and natural gas at lot line, well and septic required. Stately lamp lighted lane offers evening comfort. The front of the lot offers partial grass area plus original hardwoods at the back of the lot to offer wooded privacy. Covenants and Restrictions are in documents. Don't miss out on your opportunity to own your own piece of paradise just outside of historic Dixon, Illinois. Don't delay call today!!

NEW LISTING

000 Galt Road
(32 Acres MOL) Sterling
\$150,000
Call Rebecca

32 ACRE PRIVATE ISLAND! A true Hunter's Paradise, have you been looking for your own private escape on the Rock River? Look no further! 32 acres of woods and shores and shores of your own riverfront! A great place to spend your weekends relaxing with family and friends or hunting along the river. Loads of possibilities to make this unique property your own waterfront respite! Call for more information today!



NEW LISTING

908 Leroy Avenue,
Rock Falls \$124,500
Call JD

Affordable riverfront property! Within walking distance to the high school & downtown- this 5 bedroom 2 bathroom home features tall ceilings, natural woodwork, an office space, and a ton of opportunity. This home can truly fit a family of any size, or else make a great addition to your rental portfolio. Make it yours today!



NEW LISTING



4375 S. Lowden Road, Oregon \$499,000 Call Rebecca

HILLTOP RETREAT WITH PANORAMIC COUNTRY VIEWS! Here is your opportunity to own a highly sought-after property in Ogle County- The Fox House. This property underwent a major renovation in 2012 updating the floor plan, plumbing, electric, HVAC, bathrooms and kitchen. The home has been designed as a weekend respite designed to sleep and entertain a large group. Kitchen features a butcher block island, ample counter space and plenty of cabinet, along with an amazing country view! Kitchen is open to the dining space and living room with wood burning fireplace & vaulted ceiling. Off of the living and dining room, there is a large deck that wraps around the west end of the home and leads to the master bedroom. There are 4 bedrooms and 2 full bathrooms on the main floor along with a laundry room. Upstairs you will find a large study that could also serve as a guest room, a bunk room, custom play room, full bath and potential 5th bedroom. Lower level is also finished with a family room for gatherings, media room, full bathroom and play room. The exterior was professionally landscaped and boasts beautiful perennials & stonework. Screened 3 season porch with a gas fireplace is the perfect spot for entertaining in the evenings! Custom swing set built to match the home. Expansive paved driveway to accommodate many guests. This is the getaway that you and your family have been looking for!

NEW LISTING



3747 W. Route 64 Lot 82, Mt Morris \$36,900

Looking for a move in ready 2 bedroom, 1 bathroom home that is the "Complete Package"? This beautifully updated 1983 Nashua 14 x 70 mobile home is being sold completely furnished! Furniture, appliances/washer/dryer/bed/dressers/tables/chairs/lamps/dishes etc. go with the property! Plus, a John Deere 42" riding mower to take care of your new yard is included! Updates include 1 year old furnace and central air, newer gorgeous cabinets, newer appliances, newer gutters, newer shed with cement foundation, new blinds, new fans and light fixtures and a re-sealed roof in the Fall of 2021! Home is located in Mt. Morris Estates and monthly lot rent is \$25.00. Purchaser must be approved by the park. Come look at this beauty soon!

NEW LISTING



218 Martin Avenue, Oregon \$225,000 Call Rebecca

BUILT IN 2020! Stunning 2+ bed/2 bath 1590 sq ft condo located in Stonegate Ridge Subdivision. These units have an open floor plan, white kitchen cabinets, large granite island, spacious dining room, main floor laundry and a den that can be used as an additional office or bedroom. White trim and hardwood floors. The master is over sized featuring a roomy walk in closet. This unit boasts many upgrades: hardwood flooring in bedrooms, glass door on master shower and custom blinds. Let the HOA take care of snow removal and the lawn care. With these units, you own your own yard and are able to customize your landscaping and outdoor space.

NEW LISTING



803 Midway Court, Oregon \$189,000 Call Lori

Ranch in Fairground Subdivision. Just what you have been waiting for. 3 bedroom, 3 bathroom ranch near the park. This house is on a cul de sac lot with very little traffic. Screened porch on the back of the house. Basement is finished with a family room, gas fireplace, full bath, kitchenette and large den. Main floor has a head of household bedroom with full bath and walk in closet. Living room has a cathedral ceiling and a gas fireplace. Main floor interior just repainted. Don't delay on this one! Now is your chance. Home Warranty included.

The Future of Home Price Appreciation and What It Means for You

MANY consumers are wondering what will happen with home values over the next few years. Some are concerned that the recent run-up in home prices will lead to a situation similar to the housing crash 15 years ago.

However, experts say the market is totally different today. For example, Odeta Kushi, Deputy Chief Economist at First American, tweeted just last week on this issue:

"... We do need price appreciation to slow today (it's not sustainable over the long run) but high price growth today is supported by fundamentals- short supply, lower rates & demographic demand. And we are in a much different & safer space: better credit quality, low DTI [Debt-To-Income] & tons of equity. Hence, a crash in prices is very unlikely."

Price appreciation will slow from the double-digit levels the market has seen over the last two years. However, experts believe home values will not depreciate (where a home would lose value).

To this point, Pulsenomics just released the latest

Home Price Expectation Survey – a survey of a national panel of over 100 economists, real estate experts, and investment and market strategists. It forecasts home prices will continue appreciating over the next five years. Below are the expected year-over-year rates of home price appreciation based on the average of all 100+ projections:

2022: 9%
2023: 4.74%
2024: 3.67%
2025: 3.41%
2026: 3.57%

Those responding to the survey believe home price appreciation will still be relatively high this year (though half of what it was last year), and then return to more normal levels over the next four years.

What Does This Mean for You as a Buyer?

With a limited supply of homes available for sale and both prices and mortgage rates increasing, it can be a challenging market to navigate as a buyer. But buying a home sooner rather than later does have its benefits. If you wait to buy, you'll pay more in the future. However,

if you buy now, you'll actually be in the position to make future price increases work for you. Once you buy, those rising home prices will help you build your home's value, and by extension, your own household wealth through home equity.

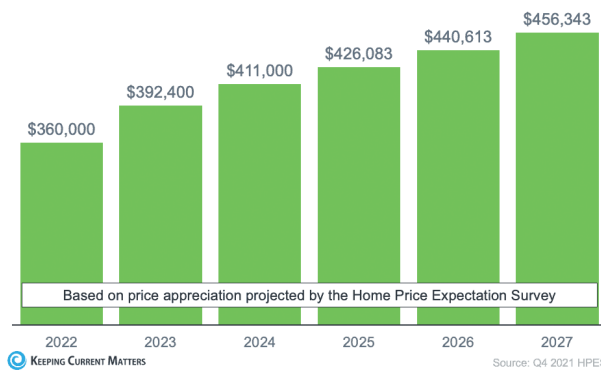
As an example, let's assume you purchased a \$360,000 home in January of this year (the median price according to the National Association of Realtors rounded up to the nearest \$10K). If you factor in the forecast for appreciation from the Home Price Expectation Survey, you could accumulate over \$96,000 in household wealth over the next five years (see graph):

Bottom Line

If you're trying to decide whether to buy now or wait, the key is knowing what's expected to happen with home prices. Experts say prices will continue to climb in the years ahead, just at a slower pace. So, if you're ready to buy, doing so now may be your best bet for your wallet. It'll also give you the chance to use the future home price appreciation to build your own net worth through rising equity.

\$96,343

Potential growth in household wealth over the next 5 years based solely on increased home equity if you purchase a \$360K home in January 2022



 Rebecca Hazard Designated Managing Broker/Owner 815-599-8432	 Carla Benesh 815-985-6235	 Mark True 815-631-1699	 Lori Peterson 815-973-2180	 JD Gieson 815-677-1873	 Boone Lockard 815-970-3506	 Carrie Rowland 815-677-8656	 Jenny Kirchner 815-440-2145	 Josie Kuss 815-994-1079
 Kim Behn 815-520-8810	 Taylor Miller 815-751-8943	 Merri Cruz 815-988-7947	 Casey Cline 217-840-8855	 Jamie Pendergrass 815-243-4310	 Ashley Patterson 815-291-6308	 Erin Spence 815-262-5553	 Stephanie Wendt 815-985-2035	

606 E Washington St., Oregon, IL

815-732-9100

RockValleyProperties.com

Each office is independently owned & operated.



SPORTS/NEWS

Trampel pitches no hitter as Oregon beats Byron

Dixon Defeated Oregon 5-3 on April 5.

Ellie Jarrett for Dixon outdualed Mia Trampel. Jarrett struck out 8 and Trampel struck out 9, but the Dixon hitters led by Sam Tourtellot (2 hits, 1 homerun) and Jarret (2 hits and clutch 2 RBI double) put up 5 runs on 10 hits. The Hawks got a homerun from and 2 hits from Bella Koertner, an RBI single from Lena Trampel, sacrifice RBI from Jess Suter.

Mia Trampel pitched a no hitter to lead Oregon to a 12-0 win over Byron on April 4.

Jess Suter had 3 hits including a triple and double for the Hawks. Lena

Trampel had 3 hits and Ava Hackman had 2 hits for Oregon.

Marengo swept a doubleheader from Oregon 3-2 and 16-1 on April 1.

The Hawk bats could not get going against a very good Marengo pitching staff and defense. The Hawks outthit Marengo in game 1, but couldn't bring their runners around to score. Liz Mois led the charge with an RBI base hit for the Hawks. Mia Trampel took the loss going 7 innings and striking out 7.

Marengo turned it winning game 2 16-1. Reilee Suter and Katelyn Bowers managed back to back hits to get the Hawks on the board.

Mt. Morris bowlers compete in tourney

The Mt Morris Rahn Junior High competed in the IESA State Sectional Boys and Girls Bowling Tournaments held April 2 at Plum Hollow Family Center, Dixon.

The Boys team finished in 3rd place overall in one of the most difficult Sectionals in the State and will advance as a team to next weekend's State Finals held at Joliet Town & Country Lanes April 8-9. The boys were led by RJ Keene who was a medalist finishing in 9th place individually overall with 523 3-game series (167-152-204). He was followed closely by Xander Garcia in 13th place

with a 494 series, Aiden Currier with a 439 series and Caleb Ehrler with a 412 series. Dixon's Jakob Nicklaus placed 10th individually with a 506 series and will advance to the State Finals as well.

The Girls team finished in 10th place and advanced 2 individuals to the State Finals Ahren Howey and Katlyn Miller. Howey rolled a 306 series (91-90-125) to finish in 28th place overall and Miller had a 295 series and 33rd place. Dixon Reagan's Allison Coss placed 10th individually with a 425 series and will advance to next weekend's event as well.

Scores

Girls Varsity Softball	
April 1	April 5
Stillman Valley 5, Dixon 8	Stillman Valley 12, Genoa-Kings-ton 1
April 5	Girls Varsity Soccer
Stillman Valley 10, Rockford Chris-tian 0	April 5
	Stillman Valley 0, Rockford Chris-tian 1
Boys Varsity Baseball	
March 31	Oregon 4, Rockford Lutheran 0
Stillman Valley 4, Dominion Chris-	

Birthday

Bicksler to celebrate 80 years

LEAFRIVER—Merle E. Bicksler will celebrate his 80th birthday on April 13th.

Merle has lived in Leaf River for 78 of his 80 years. He loves to travel, spending time with family and is a charter member of Leaf River Baptist church.

Merle will be celebrat-ing with his immediate family. Cards and well wishes can be sent to: Merle Bicksler, Leaf River IL 61047.



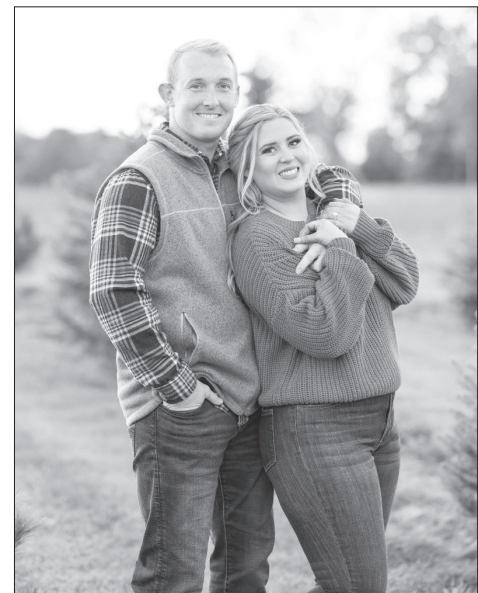
Engagement

Faivre, Thompson to wed in September

Michael and Paula Faivre of Polo are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Natalie, to Travis Thompson, son of Jeff and Julie Thompson of Mt. Carmel, Ill.

Natalie is a 2012 graduate of Polo Community High School and a 2016 graduate of St. Ambrose University, Davenport, Iowa. Natalie is a registered nurse at Deaconess Hospital, Evansville, Ind. She will graduate from the University of Missouri in August 2022 with her master's degree in Family Nurse Practice. She will continue her education to obtain her Doctor of Nurse Practice and a second degree in Nursing Education.

Travis is a 2012 graduate of Mt. Carmel High School and a 2016 graduate of Hanover College, Hanover, Ind. Travis is the President and operator of Travis Thompson Oil Corporation, a crude oil production company in the Illinois and



Indiana area.
A Sept. 24, 2022 wedding is planned. Invitations will be sent.

Locals graduate from UW-Stevens Point

STEVENS POINT, Wis.—The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point conferred degrees on more than 1,250 graduates for the spring and summer sessions of 2021.

The list of candidates for graduation includes the following local students:

Byron:

Natalie Carlson, Bachelor of Science, Dietetics 4+1 , Cum Laude
Jason McQueary, Bachelor of Science, Sociology, Social Work

Leaf River:

Nolan Edler, Bachelor of Science, Forestry - Mgmt.

Opening April 23



2810 W. IL Route 64, Oregon, IL 61061

920-229-9787

Open Tues.-Sat. 8am to 5pm

Come Check Out All Our **NEW** Items!

Iron Crafts



OUTDOOR LAWN FURNITURE

Maintenance Free Poly Furniture



- Gliding Rockers •
- Folding Adirondack Chairs •

All Furniture Can Be Customized to Meet Your Needs!

Brighten Up Your Home with Flowers!

- Perennials
- Succulents
- Annuals
- Vegetable Plants
- Potting Soil
- Many to Choose from
- Come Check Us Out!



LOCAL NEWS

Oregon Library News

Oregon Public Library Procedures

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

Library Book Clubs

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

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

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

Preschool StoryTime (18 months- 5 years)

StoryTime now meets on Mondays at 9:30 a.m. Registration is required and masks are recommended. NO STORY-TIME ON MONDAY, APRIL 18TH.

Yoga on Mondays at 9:30 a.m.

Krystal Casey will be teaching a Monday morning yoga class at the library. We are all human; we are all part of something greater; we are all connected. Her personal mission is to inspire a spirit of oneness, acceptance, love, and peace among the community and empower all Americans to live their dream lives, every day. Registration is required, (815) 732-2724. Space is limited. NO YOGA will be held APRIL 18TH

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

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

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

Bring seeds to share to the library- fruits, vegetables, flowers and native seeds are the best. Make sure your seeds are labeled with variety, year grown, crop family, days to maturity, location grown, germi-

nation rate and skill level. NO GMO SEEDS OR SEEDS OVER 2 YEARS OLD. U of I Extension Office Master Gardeners and Master Naturalists will be on hand to answer questions. For more information, contact (815) 732-2724. If you haven't seen it yet, come check out our new seed lending library.

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

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

Ink With A Friend Monthly Card Club- Monday, April 18th at 6:30 p.m.

Registration Deadline April 15th

Sending personal cards to your friends and family is a way to let them know you care and are thinking about them. Creating these cards makes it even more special. Come join us for Ink with a Friend. You will be provided a pre-cut kit along with personal instruction on how to create the wonderful cards while learning a variety of card making techniques. All designs include beautiful colored cardstock, gorgeous designer series paper, detailed stamped images, die cut pieces, matching ink, ribbon, and embellishments. This month, Liz has designed two (2) cards for you to make. All cards come with matching envelopes. Whether you're a new card maker or a seasoned pro, our kits are suited to every skill level. Don't wait! Sign up today to reserve your spot. Registration required (815) 732-2724 or www.oregonpubliclibrary.com.

We're Back! Movie at the Library- Wednesday, April 20 at 2:30 p.m.

After a long hiatus, movie time is back! Join us for the 2021 film, Clifford the Big Red Dog, rated PG. Registration is requested, but not required. No food or drink, please.

From Uptown Girls to Downton Abbey: How American Gilded-Age Heiresses Invaded the British Aristocracy Talk presented by Claire Evans- Wednesday, April 20th at 6:30 p.m.

Long before the British Invasion, the cash-strapped lords, viscounts, and dukes of Great Britain shifted their focus from hunting foxes and pheasants to more lucrative targets: cash-flush Gilded Age American socialites who were willing to trade their family's money for

an ancient title and often a chilly reception in the British aristocracy. Fans of "Downton Abbey" and "The Gilded Age" on television and film will delight as Anglophile and former U.K. resident Claire Evans recounts the tales of some of the famously loaded young Americans who infused bank accounts of many stately homes, including close relatives of Winston Churchill and Princess Diana. She'll also give travel tips if you'd like to create a Gilded Age tour for yourself.

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

From a Culture of Compliance to a Culture of Joy: Approaching Challenging Behaviors with an Asset Based Lens with Dr. Lindsey Meeker- Friday, April 22nd 9 a.m.-3 p.m. (1 hr break-lunch on your own)

Location: Rock River Center, 810 S 10th Street, Oregon, IL 61061

Registration required: <https://starnet.org/home/events/culture-of-compliance-to-culture-of-joy/> or visit oregonpubliclibrary.com. This event is FREE to attend - in collaboration with Florissa, EasterSeals Chicago and Greater Rockford, STARnet, Oregon Public Library, The Autism Program of Illinois and the Illinois Department of Human Services.

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

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

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

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

the Things We Create and How They Love Us Back.

This event is made possible by Illinois Libraries Present, a statewide collaboration of public libraries offering high-quality events. Illinois Libraries Present is funded in part by a grant awarded by the Illinois State Library, a Department of the Office of Secretary of State, using funds provided by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services, under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act.

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

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

Registration required, call (815) 732-2724 or visit <http://www.oregonpubliclibrary.com>

Exercise your brains with TRIVIA!

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

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

Puzzle Library

The library now has a

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

Oregon Public Library StoryWalk®

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

OPLD Dial-A-Story

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

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

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

Passport Services

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

PCs for People

We are excited to announce our new partnership with Pcs for People! We will be a distribution site for this organi-

zation. PCs for People distributes low-cost refurbished computers and internet to income-eligible individuals through an easy-to-apply online application system. Every desktop includes a mouse, keyboard, power cords, and monitor cords at no additional cost. Visit our website for more information or use the links below. You can also contact Pcs for People directly at 708-843-8450 or email at info@pcsforpeople.org. Check your eligibility here: <https://www.pcsforpeople.org/eligibility/> Sign up here: <https://tinyurl.com/oregonILtech>

New Releases

Dr. Death 2-DVD R DRD
Yellowstone-Season 4 5-DVD R YEL
The Boy Behind the Door DVD R BOY
John and the Hole DVD R JOH
Dexter-New Blood 4-DVD R DEX
Faithful Anti-racism: Moving Past Talk to Systemic Change by Christina Barland Edmondson 277.308 EDM
Raw Material by J. J. Marsh MYS MAR
Black Ops: The Life of a CIA Shadow Warrior by Ric Prado 10-BOCD BIO PRA
The Anxiety Healer's Guide by Alison Seponara 6-BOCD 152.4 SEP
A Girl During the War by Anita Abriel 8-BOCD FIC ABR
The Dickens Boy by Thomas Keneally 12-BOCD FIC KEN
The Joker War Sage by various authors 741.5 JOK (GRAPHIC NOVEL)
Murder is Not a Girl's Best Friend by Rob Bates MYS BAT
Moonlight in Odessa by Janet Skeslien Charles FIC SKE



Stillman Valley Nursery

9979 N. Kishwaukee Road
Stillman Valley, Illinois 61084

(815) 645-8113

Premium Hardwood • Designer Colored & Black Mulches
Pulverised Dirt • Mushroom Compost • Straw Bales

Delivery Available

03282022

KING BLACKTOP

For All Your Blacktop, Concrete and Sealcoat Needs

- ♦ Installation of NEW Blacktop
- ♦ Parking Lots & Driveways
- ♦ Commercial & Residential
- ♦ Driveway Additions
- ♦ Blacktop Repairs/Patching
- ♦ Sealcoating/Crack Filling



Concrete Stoops - Patios Sidewalks

Serving Ogle, Boone & Winnebago County for over 33 years

815-234-4171
or
815-234-2225



www.kingblacktop.com

3499 E TOWER RD
PO BOX 652
BYRON, IL 61010

LOCAL NEWS

Mount Morris Library News

Masks are optional
Thank you!

Quiche & Scone Sale Going on NOW!

Come in and order your choice (or all) of the varieties of quiche (Lorraine or veggie) and scones (traditional or Lemon Blueberry). Orders will be taken until April 20th with pickup of these fresh delicacies on April 22 from DUMC. Quiche can be ordered as a whole (\$20), half (\$12), or quarter (\$8). Scones are available by the dozen (\$18) or half dozen (\$10). We are making limited quantities so get your orders in soon!

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

It's going to be an egg-citing time! This week, 4/13, we will be reading books about *Easter eggs*! After learning about this beautiful symbol of spring, children will create a craft to take home! Come join our colorful story time at your Mount Morris Public Library! Every-bunny is welcome.

Lego Club Returns!

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

Adult Book Club

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

Display Case Showings

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

Illinois Libraries Present: Nick Offerman & Jeff Tweedy

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

Explore More Illinois

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

Rock River Center

The Rock River Center has a representative in our library the second Thursday of every month. Services provided by Rock River Center are designed to enable older and disabled persons to remain independent,

thereby avoiding costly long-term care. No appointment necessary but, if you want to make an appointment with the Rock River Center you may call 815-732-3252.

Adult Programming

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

Curbside Service is available!

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

Additional Services Offered




We make copies (\$0.25 per black and white page). We fax (\$2 for the first page and \$0.50 each additional page). We can scan a document and send it to email (\$2 per document). You can use a computer without a library card for \$1. Resume software is available on our computers. Come visit us and let us help you!

Monthly board meetings are the third Wednesday of the month at 7pm at the library unless otherwise noted. The public is welcome to attend.

IT'S

TAX

TIME

TREAT


YOURSELF TO

A NEW FIREARM

THIS TAX SEASON.

AGAIN!

Do you
have a
few extra
dollars
in your
pocket?



RATWORX

112 E. HITT ST., MOUNT MORRIS, IL.

815-734-7346

WE SELL GUNS KNIVES AND AMMO

www.ratworxusa.com

LOCAL NEWS

Meridian Junior High School Honor Roll

Meridian Junior High School
2021-2022
8th Grade A Honor Roll

3rd Quarter
Avery E. Britnell
Abigail J. Dennis
Gavin L. Evenson
Josephine R. Gibson
Taylor J. Haymes
Grace L. Jacobson
Colin J. Metcalf
Madison L. Moore
Joslyn M. Nanni
Connor J. O Sullivan
Audrey G. Payne
Zaiah E. Reed
Raegan L. Reynolds
Jett A. Shook
Catalina L. Smalley
Jack P. Sparrow
Charles E. Steele
Brady M. Stewart
Isabella G. Sugden

Meridian Junior High School
2021-2022
7th Grade A Honor Roll

3rd Quarter
Kate L. Costello
Samantha R. Denton
Jessie M. Hagemann
Mylee H. Hulstedt
Addison G. Meyer
Joshua D. Miller
Sydney L. Musial
Quinn D. O Connor
Brinna M. Sutliff
Makenzie L. Syfert
Ethan D. Waugh

Meridian Junior High School
2021-2022
6th Grade A Honor Roll

3rd Quarter
Cecilia M. Bishop
Abigail J. Bogner
Sophie I. Casey
Emma R. Champlain
Kaylyn M. Cicogna
Collin E. Evenson
Olivia J. Flaherty
Eva L. Gates
Addison R. Gillespie
Gwendolyn S. Hildreth
Charles R. Larson
Meghan A. Mannix
Casey J. Mcclary

Claire C. Phillips
Nora C. Schneiker
Kristinia J. Schultz
Joseph L. Scott
Dex J. Shook
Nathaniel A. Stone
Kacee B. Summers
Sage O. Sweet

Meridian Junior High School
2021-2022
8th Grade A/B Honor Roll

3rd Quarter
Vinicio R. Arias
Wyatt E. Birkett
Dawson E. Boyd
Elizabeth N. Brady
Gage S. Broski
Ethan S. Buhler
Cannyn E. Carlson
Addisyn P. Faerber
Dayanara Flores
Kelvin N. Gebel
Taylor R. Grobe
Brooklyn K. Hodge
Avalyn G. Janssen
Evan D. Jones
Cale E. Kleinschmidt
Collin T. Kryckyj
Arianna L. Lampley

Hailey N. Losoya
Preston S. Ludens
Chloi A. Maahs
Mia M. McGuire
Tegan M. Menet
Tyler G. Moody
Shelby D. Prosise
Kelsie J. Protano
Koen S. Reinhold
Rafael R. Rodriguez
Breanna F. Rowl
Liam M. Seabold
Evan T. Stahl
Noah A. Town
Dominic A. Valentino
Dathyn R. Vera
Dominick J. Wruck
Johanna K. Zinke

Meridian Junior High School
2021-2022
7th Grade A/B Honor Roll

3rd Quarter
Averie I. Aughenbaugh
Maison M. Bross
Khloe J. Chambers
Alexis G. Eggebrecht
Taveah R. Fortner
Maya M. Kayes
Karmen G. Knoll
Makinzie M. Lamb
Elijah E. Lassard

Kylie A Lewis
Christian A. Losoya
Kaera R. Lundine
Ryne J. Lundquist
Grace R. Manning
Annay Moreno
Leroy S. Mulrooney
Mckynlee M. Powless
Cody J. Rahn
Guillermo S. Salas
Godinez
Vaughn M. Schamper
Makenzi M. Shere
Ryan J. Spangler
Boyd M. Spoon
Anthony J. Tofari
Sydney V. Thompkins
Maya K. Wilson
Emma M. Withers
Sadie L. Zabinski
Bernice M. Zandonai

Meridian Junior High School
2021-2022
6th Grade A/B Honor Roll

3rd Quarter
Ayden M. Alderks
Isabella E. Anaya
Alianna N. Aquino
Paxto R. Barger
Brooklyn M. Buhler

Kayden R. Campbell
Stella G. Christiansen
Evan J. Cline
Rowan C. Considine
Wavelynd G. Faerber
Ida M. Fager
Trinity A Feltz
Bryce J. Files
Emma J. Gates
Jeisel G. Guzman
Jack L. Halbreiter
Camden W. Hamill
Matthew A. Herrera
Aleigha C Hodge
Max H. Horstman
Brady M. Jacobson
Noah S. Janesak
Sophia Jimenez
Dominick J. Johannsen
Ava M. Joy
Kyle J. Luchsinger
Lily G. Martinovich
Adam C. Mendoza
Maddelin S. Roushia
Audrina S. Shields
Jersey A. Smalley
Evelyn G. Stinson
Alexander K. Tinsley
Ulrich
Erin N. Tryggstad
Reese N. Violet
Jacob D. Way
Kenzie F. Williams
Abraham J. Wilson
Michael A. Wolfe
Desirae J. Wruck

DIRECTORY OF AREA HUMAN SERVICES

Alcohol Abuse Counseling & Recovery

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

Domestic Abuse Agency and 24-Hour Shelter and Helpline

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

Education

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

Low Income Housing

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

Habitat for Humanity of Ogle County

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

Mental Health

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

Senior Citizens Services

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

Sexual Assault/Abuse

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

Therapeutic

Pegasus Special Riders **973-3177**

Veterans' Services

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

Wellness Services

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

Byron Library News

Special Hours

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

Curbside Delivery

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

Did you know...that the Byron Library can help you save your VHS home movies? Bring your VHS tapes to the library, and our staff will copy what is on the tape to a DVD! Blank DVDs can be purchased from the library for a fee of \$1 each, or patrons are welcome to provide their own blank DVDs. Due to copyright laws the library cannot copy anything recorded onto VHS from television. Limit 5 tapes per visit.

Money Smart Week – Spend Smart, Eat Smart

Monday, Apr. 11
1-1:30 p.m.

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

Money Smart Week – Credit: Build & Improve It

Tuesday, Apr. 12
1-1:30 p.m.

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

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

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

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

Wine Glass Candle Holders

Thursday, Apr. 21
6-7:30 p.m.

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

Bee Keeping

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

Come learn what all the buzz about bee keeping is in this class for beginners. Call 815-234-5107 or visit Byron.evanced.info/signup to register.

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

Sellers makes Dean's List at Clarke Univ.

DUBUQUE, Iowa – The following students were named to the Dean's List at Clarke University for the Fall 2021 semester.

The list recognizes full-time Clarke students who have earned a 3.65 grade-point average or above, on a 4.0 scale, with a minimum of 12 graded hours. Congratulations to these students for their hard work.

Polo – Zoie Sellers

For more information, contact the Clarke University Marketing and Communication Office at marketing@clarke.edu.

LOCAL NEWS

Bertolet Library News

Closed: Saturday, April 16th
Bertolet Memorial Library will be closed on Saturday, April 16th for Easter weekend.

Trustee Opening:
We currently have an opening for a Trustee with a term that expires in 2023. Our Board of Trustees meets at the library on the 2nd Monday of each month at 6 p.m. If interested, please contact Director Linda Schreiber at 815-738-2742 during business hours or by email at bertolet705@gmail.com.

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

Create-a-Card: Saturday, April 23rd, 9 a.m.
Spring is in the air! High School graduation season is just around the corner. Create a one-of-a-kind card for that special graduate!

New Releases:
Adult Books
Braced For Love by Mary Connealy
Fear Thy Neighbor by Fern Michaels
What Happened To the Bennetts by Lisa Scottoline
Audiobooks
Greenwich Park by Katherine Faulkner
Juvenile Books
Claudia and the New Girl by Ann M Martin (Graphic Novel)
The Way I Saw It by Nancy Tandon
Picture Books
Cat Dog Dog by Nelly Buchet
Butts Are Everywhere by Jonathan Stutzman
Juvenile DVD
Sing 2

AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

BYRON

ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

CORNERSTONE FAMILY CHURCH

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

BYRON ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

226 E. Second St, Byron, IL 61010 - Phone 815-234-7431 - Fr. Richard Rosinski. Weekday Masses: Tuesday - Friday 7:30am, Weekend Masses: May - August Sat. 5:00 pm, Sun. 8:00 am and 10:00 am, September - April Sat. 5:00 pm, Sun. 8:00 am and 10:45 am, Reconciliation: Fri. 8:00 am - 8:30 am; Sat. 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm or by appointment

SHEPHERD EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

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

UNITED CHURCH OF BYRON

A Member Church of the United Church of Christ
701 W. Second Street ~ PO Box 927, Byron IL 61010-0927, 815-234-8777
Email: ucb@comcast.net Website: unitedchurchofbyron.org
Pastor: Tyler Spellious
Youth Ministry Coordinator: Richard Simpson
Adult Sunday School 9:00am-10:00am, Kids Sunday School (ages 3 thru high school) 10:00am-10:40am, Coffee & fellowship time: 10:00am-10:25am
Sunday Schedule and Worship Opportunities:
Service of Meditation and Prayer: 8:15am - 8:45am
Adult Christian Education Class: 9am
Main Worship with Chancel Choir: 10:30am
For complete ministry schedule and activities, please check our website or Facebook page or contact the church office.
Whoever you are or wherever you are on your journey, you are welcome here!

CHANA

CHANA UNITED METHODIST

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

DAVIS JUNCTION

DAVIS JUNCTION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

FORRESTON

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

402 2nd Avenue, Forreston, IL 61030, Phone 815-938-3203Pastor Scott

Ralston

Sunday Worship 9:00 am; Sunday School 10:00 am

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

402 First Ave., Forreston, IL Phone: 815-938-2380
Pastor Sung-Eun Kim
OPEN HEARTS, OPEN MINDS, OPEN DOORS
Worship at 9:00 a.m. (childcare provided) with coffee and fellowship immediately following. Sunday School Age 3-Adult, 10:15 am.
AA meets Mondays, 8:00 AM. Monthly United Methodist Women's meetings.
God is Good, All the Time, All the Time, God is Good!

ST. JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

LEAF RIVER

ADELINE ZION EVANGELICAL CHURCH

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

LEAF RIVER BAPTIST CHURCH

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

LINDENWOOD

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH – LCMS

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

LINDENWOOD UNION CHURCH

101 N Galena st, P.O box 67
Lindenwood IL 61539-4658
Worship: 10:00 am
Coffee Fellowship following service

KINGS

ELIM REFORMED CHURCH

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

MOUNT MORRIS

DISCIPLES UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH OF MT. MORRIS

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

MT. MORRIS CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

409 W. Brayton Road, Mt. Morris, IL 61045 Phone 734-4573
Pastor-Rodney Caldwell. Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m. Worship service available online, call for details. Other activities currently suspended due to pandemic. Email: mtmcb@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 J. Smith 4962 S. Daysville Rd., Oregon, IL 61061 815-732-7683
Worship at 9:00 a.m. Holy Communion celebrated the first Sunday of each of month. Lighthouse will lite up your life!

OREGON CHURCH OF GOD

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

OREGON FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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

OREGON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

RIVERSTONE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

609 S. 10th Street, Oregon, IL 61061
Pastor Craig Arnold ~ 812-236-1213
Sunday Service @ 10:45 AM ~ contemporary style worship with coffee and doughnuts in our cafe! Online worship is also available via Facebook.
We believe in sharing Communion every Sunday as an act of worship.
RiverKids Service @ 10:45 AM for nursery-6th grade ~ 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 RiverStoneUCC.com or on Facebook at facebook.com/RiverStoneChristianChurch

ST. BRIDE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH, NALC

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

POLO

ST. MARY CHURCH

Rector/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@crossroadsn.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.crossroadsn.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

STILLMAN VALLEY

RED BRICK CHURCH OF STILLMAN VALLEY (CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH)

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

KISHWAUKEE COMMUNITY EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

8195 Kishwaukee Road, Stillman Valley, IL 61084 / 815-965-1940
Pastor Tom Cox, Interim Pastor
www.kishchurch.org
Sunday Schedule: Discipleship Hour 9:00 AM, Coffee Fellowship 11:15 AM
Gathered Worship 10:00 AM
For complete ministry schedule check out our website or call the church 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.valleyevc.org
Sunday Morning 9:15am 'Gather' for learning & conversation, 10:15am Worship both onsite and online at facebook.com/VECCFSV
Home of Valley Covenant Preschool 815-645-8882 Director Jill Huber
Bible Studies, Youth Group, Bread of Life Food Pantry
Please visit website for more information or contact the church office

GRACE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH DAVIS JUNCTION

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

WINNEBAGO

MIDDLE CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

Stillman
BANK

Your Independent,
Local Community Bank
Since 1882

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

www.stillmanbank.com



OGLE COUNTY
LIFE
ROCK VALLEY SHOPPER

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

LOCAL NEWS

Forreston Library News

Preschool Storytime
Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.
Preschool Storytime is moving to Tuesdays beginning April 12th! Join us for a fun-filled time of stories, activities, and crafts each week! Please call the library for more information or to preregister.

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!
Community Room
Looking for a place to hold your event? Our

community room (with kitchenette) is available for meetings, parties, showers, family reunions, and more. Please call the library at 815-938-2624 for additional information.
New Materials
New Large Print Adult Fiction titles include: "Her

Hidden Genius" by Marie Benedict, "A Stranger's Game" by Colleen Coble, "A Relative Murder" by Jude Deveraux, and "Make You Feel My Love" by Robin Lee Hatcher.
Adult Programming
What type of adult programming would you like to see offered at the library? Would you prefer

daytime or evening? In person or Take and Make activities? We'd love to hear your suggestions so please call or stop in and share them with us!

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



Bird Realty
HOMES • FARMS • COMMERCIAL

Doug's got the key! Call Doug today!



Doug Weber
815-222-5806



How much equity do you have in your house?
I can help you find out!
CALL TODAY!
(815) 222-5806

Buying or selling real estate in Northern Illinois?
Call Doug at 815-222-5806 for all your real estate needs!

doug@dougweber.net | 1688 Brandywine Lane, Dixon, IL | www.dougweber.net



VFW Post #8739
1310 W. Washington St., Oregon, IL
815-732-6851

PUBLIC WELCOME
FOODS GREAT-DRINKS ARE COLD-GAMING IS LIVE
BAR IS OPEN MONDAY-WEDNESDAY (3PM-8PM)-FRIDAY (3PM-9PM)
KITCHEN OPEN MONDAY (3PM-7PM), WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY (3PM-8PM)

Cod, Catfish, Shrimp or Chicken
Friday's - Carry out available

SLOTS ARE WAITING!

J&J Gaming

Lightning Mondays - 5:30 PM
Bingo Wednesday at 5:30PM
Karaoke 3rd Fridays 7:00 PM
Game machines open Monday, Wednesday and Friday 3-8 pm

11292021

Family Kastanova, Inc.

Garage Door Services
Residential, Commercial, Industrial

- Installation & Repair Services
- Sale of Garage Doors & Electric Openers
- Repair & Replacement of broken springs

815-608-5444
or
773-744-6101

04112022

Anderson Plumbing & Heating Inc.
LENNOX

Serving Rochelle For More Than 25 Years
Quality Service Free Estimates
Residential & Commercial

562-8784
Lic.#058-087891

Weekly Brain Busters

King Crossword

ACROSS

1 Swiss peaks
5 — roll (winning)
8 Lily variety
12 Not worth debating
13 Chest muscle
14 Here (Sp.)
15 Shop tools
17 Void partner
18 Chemical suffix
19 MGM motto start
20 Enlighten
21 Elev.
22 Petrol
23 Prima donnas
26 Thornton Wilder drama
30 B — boy
31 Grass shack
32 "Closer" actor Clive
33 "Blue Bloods" actress
35 El Greco's birthplace
36 Sunbather's goal
37 Carrier to Amsterdam
38 Cabbage choice
41 Chairman of China
42 Persian, for one
45 Recognized

DOWN

1 Both (Pref.)
2 Burden
3 Corn recipe
4 Norm (Abbr.)
5 Dizzying designs

46 Sightseeing stop
48 Falco of "The Sopranos"
49 Whatever number
50 Unruly kid
51 Volition
52 Zee preceder
53 Priestly vestments

6 Reporter's quest
7 Rm. coolers
8 Desert hazard
9 Iso-
10 Chasm
11 Unctuous
16 Droops
20 Listener
21 Small wiper
22 Belly
23 Apply cream
24 Medit. nation
25 Half of XIV
26 Ump's call
27 Have bills
28 Drench
29 SSW opposite

31 Chick's mom
34 Carefree
35 LummoX
37 Rap star West
38 Distort
39 "The King —"
40 Bridal accessory
41 Oodles
42 Poet Sandburg
43 Basra resident
44 B'way booth sign
46 Legislation
47 CEO's deg.

© 2022 King Features Synd., Inc.

MAGIC MAZE

TWINKLE, TWINKLE LITTLE STAR

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

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

Acrab	Capella	Peacock	Sirius
Altair	Castor	Pollux	Spica
Atria	Deneb	Procyon	Vega
Canopus	Izar	Sargas	

©2022 King Features Syndicate, Inc. All rights reserved.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

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

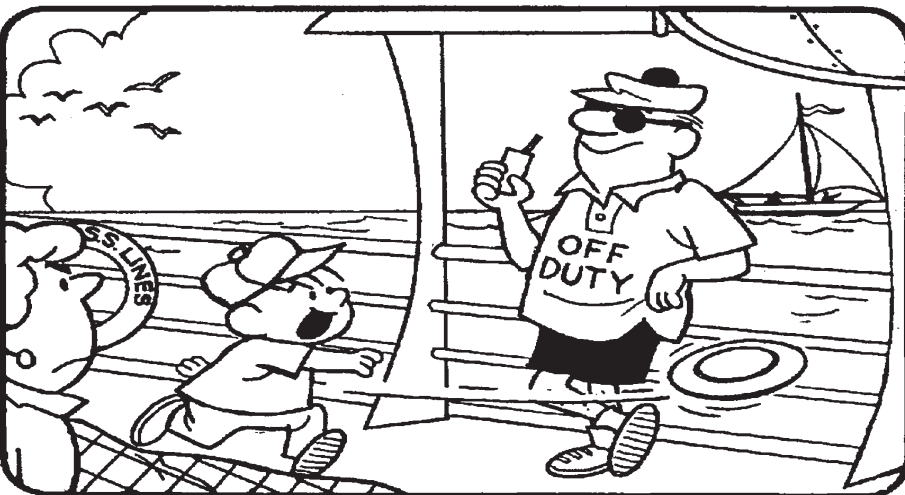
DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

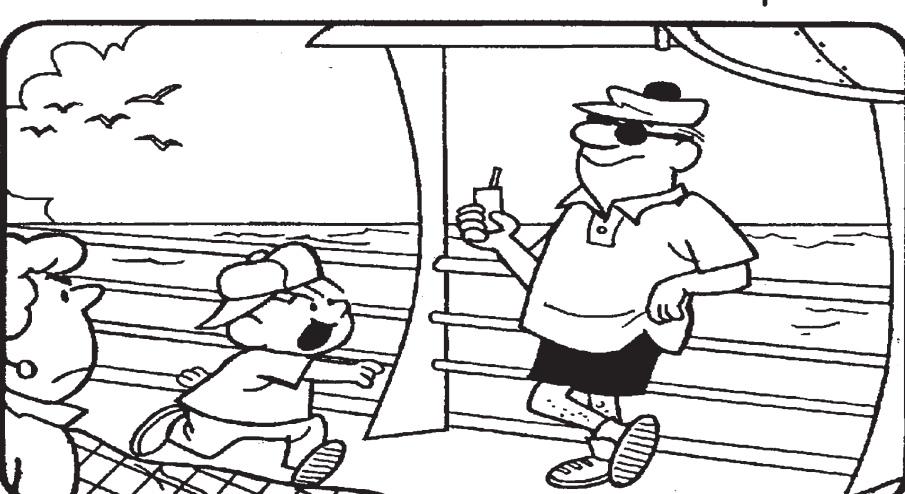
© 2022 King Features Synd., Inc.

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Life preserver is missing. 2. Cap is reversed. 3. Arm is moved. 4. Shirt words are missing. 5. Frisbee is missing. 6. Boat is missing.

©2022 King Features Syndicate, Inc.

King Crossword

Solution time: 23 mins.

Answers

TWINKLE, TWINKLE LITTLE STAR

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

Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

Classified Marketplace

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



OGLE COUNTY • OGLE COUNTY • OGLE COUNTY • OGLE COUNTY

PUBLIC NOTICE
PUBLICATION
NOTICE OF COURT
DATE FOR REQUEST
FOR NAME CHANGE
(ADULT)
STATE OF ILLINOIS
CIRCUIT COURT
OGLE COUNTY
Request of
Matthew Allen
Gronewoll
Case Number
2022-MR-2
There will be a court
date on my Request
to change my name
from Matthew Allen
Gronewoll to the new
name of Layla-Michelle
Aleia Gronewoll. The
court date will be held
on May 6th, 2022 at
9:00 a.m. at 106 5th St.,
Oregon, Ogle County in
Courtroom #202.
/s/ Matthew A.
Gronewoll
No. 0402 (April 4, 11,
18)

PUBLIC NOTICE
LEGAL NOTICE
On Thursday, April 28,
2022 a Public Hearing
will be held before the
Planning & Zoning
Commission at 6:00
p.m. at the Stillman
Valley Village Hall, 120
North Walnut Street, to
consider the following:
1. A proposed
revision to Section
5B-1-7, "Accessory
Uses" of the Stillman
Valley Village Code.
"Ordinance Amending
Title 5B, "Zoning
Regulations", Chapter
1, "General Zoning
Provisions", Section
5B-1-7, "Accessory
Uses", of the Stillman
Valley Village Code".
The Village is proposing
a change to Section 5B-
1-7 which will "prohibit
ground mounted solar
panels in all zoning
districts" in the Village
of Stillman Valley. Said
section requires all
proposed revisions to
the zoning regulations
must be reviewed by
the Planning & Zoning
Commission prior to
coming before the
Village Board.
Dated this 30th day of
March, 2022
Submitted by Yvonne
Dewey, CMC
Village Clerk
Village of Stillman
Valley
No. 0412 (April 11)

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

PUBLIC NOTICE
Sealed proposals for
the project described
below will be received
at the office of the
Village Clerk 106 N. Elm
Street, Davis Junction,
IL., 61020 until April 26,
2022 at 10:00 a.m.
Sealed proposals will
be opened and read
publicly at the office
of the Village Clerk at
10:00 am on April 26,
2022 . 106 N. Elm
Street, Davis Junction,
IL., 61020.
DESCRIPTION OF
WORK
Project Length
Proposed Improvement
1. Plans and proposal
forms will be available:
2. Prequalification
If checked, the 2
apparent as read low
bidders must file within
24 hours after the
letting an "Affidavit of
Availability" (Form BC
57) in triplicate, showing
all uncompleted
contracts awarded to
them and all low bids
pending award for
Federal, State, County,

Municipal and private
work. One original
shall be filed with the
Awarding Authority and
two originals with the
IDOT District Office.
3. The Awarding
Authority reserves
the right to waive
technicalities and
to reject any or all
proposals as provided
in BLRS Special
Provision for Bidding
Requirements and
Conditions for Contract
Proposals.
4. The following BLR
Forms shall be returned
by the bidder to the
Awarding Authority:
a. Local Public Agency
Formal Contract
Proposal (BLR 12200)
b. Schedule of Prices
(BLR 12201)
c. Proposal Bid Bond
(BLR 12230) (if
applicable)
d. Apprenticeship or
Training Program
Certification (BLR
12325) (do not use for
project with Federal
funds.)
e. Affidavit of Illinois
Business Office (BLR
12326) (do not use for
project with Federal
funds)
5. The quantities
appearing in the
bid schedule are
approximate and
are prepared for
the comparison of
bids. Payment to the
Contractor will be
made only for the
actual quantities of
work performed and
accepted or materials
furnished according
to the contract. The
scheduled quantities
of work to be done
and materials to be
furnished may be
increased, decreased or
omitted as hereinafter
provided.
6. Submission of a bid
shall be conclusive
assurance and
warranty the bidder
has examined the
plans and understands
all requirements for
the performance of
work. The bidder will
be responsible for all
errors in the proposal
resulting from failure or
neglect to conduct an
in depth examination.
The Awarding Authority
will, in no case, be
responsible for any
costs, expenses,
losses or changes
resulting from such
failure or neglect of the
bidder.
7. The bidder shall take
no advantage of any
error or omission in the
proposal and advertised
contract.
8. If a special envelope
is supplied by the
Awarding Authority,
each proposal should
be submitted in that
envelope furnished by
the Awarding Agency
and the blank spaces
on the envelope shall
be filled in correctly
to clearly indicate its
contents. When an
envelope other than the
special one furnished
by the Awarding
Authority is used, it shall
be marked to clearly
indicate its contents.
When sent by mail, the
sealed proposal shall
be addressed to the
Awarding Authority at
the address and in care
of the official in whose
office the bids are to be
received. All proposals
shall be filed prior to the
time and at the place
specified in the Notice
to Bidders. Proposals
received after the
time specified will be
returned to the bidder
unopened.
9. Permission
will be given to a bidder
to withdraw a proposal
if the bidder makes the
request in writing or in
person before the time
for opening proposals.
No. 0415 (April 11)
PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT
COURT OF THE 15TH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
OGLE COUNTY,
ILLINOIS

In The)
Matter)No.
of the)2022
Estate of:)PR 27
SANDRA)
L. HAYNES,) Deceased.)
IN)
PROBATE)
CLAIM NOTICE
NOTICE IS GIVEN of
the death of SANDRA
L. HAYNES of Byron,
Illinois. Letters of office
were issued on March
30, 2022, to BRADLEY
A. INGRAM of Byron,
Illinois, and SANDRA
S. GOBIN, of Byron,
Illinois, as Independent
Co-Administrators,
whose attorney is
Jennifer L. Birkholz of
SMITH, BIRKHOLZ &
MORROW, P.C. at 129
S. Fourth Street, P. O.
Box 10, Oregon, Illinois,
61061.
Claims against the
estate may be filed in
the office of the clerk, or
with the representative,
or both, on or before
July 11, 2022, or within
3 months from date
of mailing or delivery
of notice to creditors,
if required by Section
18-3 of the Illinois
Probate Act of 1975, as
amended, whichever
date is later. Any claim
not filed on or before
that date is barred.
Copies of claims filed
with the Clerk must be
mailed or delivered to
the estate legal
representative and to
the attorney within 10
days after the claim has
been filed.
Jennifer L. Birkholz
SMITH, BIRKHOLZ &
MORROW, P.C.
129 S. Fourth Street,
P.O. Box 10
Oregon, IL 61061
(815) 732-6124
Bradley A. Ingram,
Independent Co-
Administrator
Sandra S. Gobin,
Independent Co-
Administrator
No. 0416 (April 11, 18,
25)

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC
HEARING
Village of Progress, Inc.
RE: State of Illinois
Paratransit Vehicle
Grant for Ogle County,
Illinois.
Notice is hereby given
that a public hearing will
be held by the Village
of Progress, Inc., as
follows:
Date: Wednesday,
April 27, 2022
Time: 5:00 p.m.
Where: Village of
Progress, Inc.
For the purpose of
considering a project
for which financial
assistance is being
sought from the
Illinois Department
of Transportation,
pursuant to the
Illinois Department
of Transportation's
general authority to
make such grants,
and which is generally
described as follows:
A. Description of
Project: Village of
Progress is seeking to
receive a grant for a 14
passenger van w/lift.
This would replace one
of our existing buses
that has exceeded its
useful service life. If
received, the vehicle
would be used to
transport disabled
adult residents of Ogle
County to and from the
Village of Progress for
day training services.
Services include job
training, skills for
daily living, health
maintenance and
social and recreational
experiences.
B. This project
will be included
in a Consolidated
Vehicle Procurement
undertaken by the State
of Illinois on behalf of
Village of Progress,
Inc., with federal funds.
C. Relocation -
Relocation Assistance
will not be required.
D. Environment -
This project is being
implemented to
minimize environmental

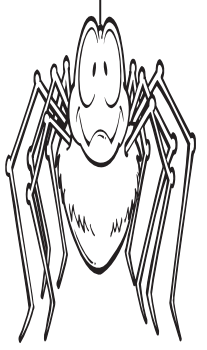
impacts.
E. Comprehensive
Planning - This project
is in conformance
with comprehensive
transportation planning
in the area.
F. Seniors and
Individuals with
Disabilities - All new
equipment included in
this project will meet
ADA accessibility
rules for seniors
and individuals with
disabilities.
At the hearing, the
Village of Progress, Inc.
will afford an opportunity
for interested persons
or agencies to be
heard with respect to
the social, economic
and environmental
aspects of the project.
Interested persons may
submit verbally or in
writing, evidence and
recommendations with
respect to said project.
A copy of the application
for a state grant for the
proposed project for the
intended service area
will be made available
for public inspection
at Village of Progress,
Inc., P.O. Box 418,
710 South 13th Street,
Oregon, IL.
Contact Person:
Brion Brooks, Executive
Director
Phone: 815-732-2126
Email: bbrooks@
villageofprogress.org
No. 0417 (April 11)

PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice of Public
Hearing
Rock River Center, Inc.
RE: State of Illinois
Paratransit Vehicle
Grant for Ogle County
Notice is hereby given
that a public hearing will
be held by Rock River
Center, Inc.
Date: April 26, 2022
Time: 2:00 p.m.
Location: Rock River
Center, Board Room
For the purpose of
considering a project
for which financial
assistance is being
sought from the
Illinois Department of
Transportation (IDOT),
pursuant to IDOT's
general authority to
make such grants,
and which is generally
described as follows:
A. Description of
project: Rock River
Center, Inc. requests
one, 12 passenger
light duty paratransit
lift equipped vehicle to
expand transportation
services for medical
appointments within
Ogle County and
surrounding counties.
Vehicles will also be
used to continue to
transport Ogle County
residents for conducting
personal business,
shopping, and other
recreation.
B. This project will

be included in a
Consolidated Vehicle
Procurement (CVP)
Program undertaken
by the State of Illinois
on behalf Rock River
Center, Inc., with
federal funds.
C. Relocation -
Relocation Assistance
will not be required.
D. Environment -
This project is being
implemented to
minimize environmental
impact.
E. Comprehensive
Planning - This project
is in conformance
with comprehensive
transportation planning
in the area.
F. Seniors and
Individuals with
Disabilities - All new
equipment included in
this project will meet
ADA-accessibility
requirements for
seniors and individuals
with disabilities.
At the hearing, Rock
River Center, Inc. will
afford an opportunity
for interested persons
or agencies to be
heard with respect to
the social, economic,
and environmental
aspects of the project.
Interested persons may
submit verbally or in
writing, evidence and
recommendations with
respect to said project.
A copy of the application
for a state grant for the
proposed project for the
intended service area
will be made available
public inspection at
Rock River Center, 810
S. 10th St., Oregon,
Illinois.
Contact Person: Jamie
Nobis, Executive
Director
Phone: (815) 732-3252
Email:
executivedirector@
rockrivercenter.org
No. 0418 (April 11)

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

ADVERTISE
WITH US



ONLINE ONLY AUCTION
Hacksauction.hibid.com
'Precision Machine Shop Equipment & Tools,
OB Motors & Sewing Machines Auction'
BIDDING OPENS: FRI., APRIL 22nd @ 8 A.M.
PREVIEW: SAT., APRIL 23rd - 9 A.M. to 1 P.M.
747 Manchester Rd., So. Beloit, IL 61080
Warren Evensen Estate. Featuring His Deluxe Metal
Working Machine Shop; Bridgeport Mill; Charmilles
Form 20 EDM; Mitsui MHT High-Tec Precision Sur-
face Grinders; Kanetec Magnetic Cleaner; MPC
Work-A-Matic Band Saw; Walker Magnetic Chucks;
Donaldson Torit VS1500 Dust Collector System; Fein-
mechanik Tool & Cutter Grinder; Precision Tooling &
Instruments; Kennedy Tool Cabinets & Chests; Dreitz-
ler Bead Blast Machine; Power Tools; Shop Support
Equipment; Mercury OB Boat Motor Collection & Vin-
tage Stand; Specialty Stock & Parts; Pfaff & Commer-
cial Sewing Machines; Many Other Quality Items.
Hack's Auction & Realty Service
Greg & Swan Hachmeister, Auctioneers
Pecatonica, IL 815-239-1436
www.hacksauction.com | I.A.F.L. #44000128

101 LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that at the Primary Election to be held on
June 28, 2022, in the County of Ogle, State of Illinois, the follow-
ing voting equipment and aids for the handicapped and the elder-
ly will be available. OVO and FVT voting devices will be provided
at the early voting site and regular polling places. The FVT device
is equipped to provide assistance in navigating a ballot to both
physically handicapped and blind voters. Staff or Election Judges
will be available to assist with these devices.

Should you have any questions, please contact the County
Clerk's Office, Monday thru Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. by
calling 815-732-1110.
Laura J. Cook
Ogle County Clerk
Dated: April 1, 2022

103 AUCTIONS

AUCTIONEER DIRECTORY

Lenny Bryson
Sales Of All Kinds
815-946-4120

Hack's Auction & Realty
Service, Inc.
Auctions - Real Estate
Appraisals
Online Auctions
Now Available
Pecatonica, IL
815-239-1436
Hacksauction.com



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)



OGLE COUNTY • OGLE COUNTY • OGLE COUNTY • OGLE COUNTY



203 HELP WANTED

**Seeking
PT/FT Registered Licensed
Dental
Hygienist**

flexible hours submit resume
to deforestdental@aol.com
questions call
815-732-3225

02212022

Now Interviewing

Dental office in Rochelle is looking to fill a Dental Assistant position. Must be self-motivated, reliable, personable and works well with other team members. Certification is helpful but not required. We are willing to train the right individual. Position will be 24-26 hours per week, Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. Send Resumes to P.O. Box 46 Drawer #3 Rochelle, IL 61068

04112022

SCHOOL BUS

Byron CUSD #226 has openings for **Bus Drivers** SIGN-ON BONUS Available Contact Barb Rundle at 815-234-5491 For more information

10112021

**Summer Employment
Roadside Mowing
Positions**

Ogle County Highway Dept Applicants must be at least 18 yrs of age. Starting wage is \$12/hr. Apply in person 7:00 AM - 3:30 PM or contact the office for an application. Applications must be received by April 29, 2022 Ogle County Highway Dept 1989 S IL Rt 2, Oregon, IL 815-732-2851 www.oglecounty.org

Not sure why business is slow?

**OUT OF SIGHT
OUT OF MIND...**

is not just a saying in business.

**Advertise today
and let your
business be in sight
and in the minds of
your customers.**

203 HELP WANTED

NOW HIRING

**Office Admin
NIU Lorado Taft
seeking office support
specialist.**

Full-time, weekday hours, full benefit package
Apply at:
<https://employment.niu.edu/postings/62652>

HELP WANTED

Temp. Cleaners

at the Byron Exelon Generation station. Pay is 18.54 an hour with Over time and Double time. Required training/ testing . Must pass Drug screening.

Apply on ABM.com look for ABM career opportunities. Search Location Byron and apply to the cleaner. Any questions call MaryJean Hoffman 815-406-2430.

04042022

LaVigna

LaVigna is looking for kitchen help - prep work, dishwashing, cooks. Please call us at **815-732-4413** or email at LaVignarestaurant.comcast.net

03282022

101 LEGAL NOTICE

This publication does not knowingly accept fraudulent or deceptive advertising. Readers are cautioned to thoroughly investigate all ads, especially those asking for money in advance.

105 BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

"This publication does not knowingly accept fraudulent or deceptive advertising. Readers are cautioned to thoroughly investigate all ads, especially those asking for money in advance."

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.

119 ANNOUNCEMENTS

"This publication does not knowingly accept fraudulent or deceptive advertising. Readers are cautioned to thoroughly investigate all ads, especially those asking for money in advance."

127 SERVICES AND REPAIRS

Furman Lawn Care and Tree Service. Mowing, Hedge Trimming, Painting, Interior and Exterior. Gutter Cleaning, Storm Damage Clean up, Spring and Fall and Much More. In Business Since 1999. Call Jeremy Furman 815-761-9619. Please Leave Message Will Return Call ASAP. Fully Insured. (TFN)

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

Recycle

501 APARTMENTS FOR RENT

**VILLAGE GREEN
APARTMENTS**

**502-506 Barbara St.
Mount Morris, IL**

Immediate openings for 1 bedroom apartment homes. Must be 62 years of age or older; disabled regardless of age. Included in rent; water, sewer and trash. All units have washer-dryer, stove, refrigerator & a/c units. Family pet welcome with a deposit.

Interested parties, please contact:
815-234-2620
Contact us today to receive an application for your new home.
Professionally Managed by CMS Management Company

An Equal Opportunity Provider.



02022021

201 DOMESTIC/CHILD CARE

NO INDIVIDUAL, unless licensed or holding a permit as a childcare facility, may cause to be published any advertisement soliciting a child care service. A childcare facility that is licensed or operating under a permit issued by the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services may publish advertisements of the services for which it is specifically licensed or issued a permit. Your Hometown Newspaper strongly urges any parent or guardian to verify the validity of the license of any facility before placing a child in it's care.

203 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)

**Class-A CDL
Drivers Wanted**

\$500 Sign on bonus
Local Trucking
Company seeking
full time,
year- round driver
to haul grain.
815-938-3644
Please
leave message.

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

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

205 SITUATIONS WANTED

Looking for someone for a ride to Oregon or Byron from Leaf River once a week.
(815) 218-0842

307 MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE

FREE Well Seasoned Ash Firewood. You Cut. You Haul. 815-562-7826. (4-13-22)

BEAUTIFUL Fireplace Mantel. Excellent Condition. 6ft 7" Long. Asking \$150 815-871-8063. (04-10-22)

BUNDLED Newspaper -\$3 per Bundle. End Roll- Cost Depends on Weight of Roll. Available Monday-Friday 8AM-NOON ONLY. SEE RECEPTIONIST AT FRONT COUNTER Rochelle News-Leader.

311 FARM EQUIPMENT

King Cutter 5ft BN Scraper - \$500 OBO - Franklin Grove - Call (815) 456-2839. (4-13-22)

405 HOUSES FOR SALE

ALL REAL ESTATE advertised herein is subject to the Federal Fair Housing Act, which makes it illegal to advertise any preference, limitation or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin, or intention to make any such preferences, limitation or discrimination. We will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. All persons are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised are available on an equal opportunity basis.

501 APARTMENTS FOR RENT

Large 2 bedroom Northside of Rochelle. FREE heat and water. NO PETS! Available Now at \$750/month. Security Deposit, Credit Report, and Job Verification needed. Call (815) 919-9015



409 LOTS AND ACREAGE

LAND FOR SALE

South Edge of Oregon

**45.4 Acres South of Pines Road
Between the Railroads. 19.4 Acres
Tillable-Zoned Industrial with creek
and timber.**

\$6,535 Per Acre

Daniel J. Boehle, Managing Broker
510 S. Fifth St., Oregon, IL
815-732-6050 815-751-0037

03072022

303 APPLIANCES

**NEW MILFORD
REFRIGERATION**

**NEW, USED
SCRATCH & DENT**

- Refrigerators • Freezers
- Washers/Dryers • Stoves

We also carry a large selection of refurbished appliances with a warranty.

**6331 11th Street, Rockford
815-874-2257**

11222020

**OREGON/
MT. MORRIS**

Newer 1, 2 & 3 BR APTS. Water, sewer, garbage inc. w/most units. HOUSES some w/garages, all in like new condition. Starting at \$295/mo. 815-734-4348 or 815-590-2302

511 STORAGE UNITS

**K&P SELF
STORAGE**

1563 Kysor Drive, Byron (next to D&W Garage)
815-247-8518

**OUTSIDE STORAGE
NOW AVAILABLE**

Storage Unit Sizes:
5' x 10' 10' x 10'
10' x 15' 10' x 20' 10' x 30'

**CAROL'S
SELF
STORAGE IN
OREGON**

**Reasonable
Rates**

**Sizes 10'x24' &
6'x10**

Call 732-2466

**An
Advertising
Proverb**

When Mark Twain was editing a newspaper in Missouri, one of his subscribers wrote in, saying that he had found a spider in his newspaper and wondered whether it was a sign of good or bad luck. Twain's response: "Finding a spider is neither good luck nor bad. The spider was merely looking over our newspaper to see which merchant was not advertising, so that he could go to that store, spin his web across the door, and lead a life of undisturbed peace ever afterward."

LOCAL NEWS



Park District has upcoming events

Spring Container Gardening Classes at Merlin's Greenhouse

Learn the tricks and techniques for planting a Spring Container Garden. This class is so popular, so we are offering 3 sessions to choose from. Learn everything you need to know about planting, soil, choosing the right plants/flowers, watering and caring for your spring planter. Take your beautiful container home to display on your porch, patio, from step or to give as a gift.

Class dates: Wednesday, April 27; Thursday, April 29 or Tuesday, May 3 at Merlin's Greenhouse starting at 6 p.m. Class fee is \$49/Resident or \$59/Non-Resident. Registration deadline is

April 20.

Fan Bus to Cheer on Oregon Gany-medes at The Field of Dreams

Hop on the fan bus to watch the Oregon Gany-medes Base Ball club play the Canton Cornshuckers Base Ball Club (of Canton, Michigan) at the Field of Dreams movie site in Dyersville, Iowa. Enjoy the If You Build It exhibit and dinner at Chad's Pizza & Restaurant (not included in trip fee) prior to the 7 p.m. game. Bring your lawn chair or blankets, snacks, and non-alcoholic beverages on the motor coach. Trip fee is \$38/Resident or \$45/Non-Resident. Registration deadline is May 2nd.

Locals make U of Iowa Dean's List

IOWA CITY, Iowa – More than 6,900 undergraduate students at the University of Iowa were named to the dean's list for the 2021 fall semester.

Dean's list status was earned by only 1,402 first year undergraduates during the 2021 spring semester at Iowa, only 1,427 second year students, only 1,836 third year students, and only 2,304 fourth year students.

Grace Carr of Leaf River, Class: Fourth Year; College: College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; Major: Speech and Hearing Science

Connor Flynn of Stillman Valley, Class: Fourth Year; College: College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; Major: Human Physiology

Pierce Knarr of Stillman Valley, Class: Fourth Year; College: College of Engineering; Major: Mechanical Engineering

Sean Flanagan of Lindenwood, Class: Second Year; College: College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; Major: Psychology

Ashley Rhodes of Chana, Class: Second Year; College: College of

Engineering; Major: Biomedical Engineering

Allison Kultgen of Byron, Class: Third Year; College: College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; Major: Health and Human Physiology

About the University of Iowa

As a top global university, Iowa is the ideal destination for learning, discovery, and innovation. We bring art and science together to create a truly unique interdisciplinary education. With over 200 areas of study to choose from, students are encouraged to mix and match majors, minors, and certificates to earn a degree that reflects their unique interests.

From inside our world-class medical center to the most prestigious creative writing program in the U.S., students have access to quality academic support and are equipped with the tools they need to stand out in a competitive workforce. Our 15:1 student-to-faculty ratio allows students to work directly with experts in their field while earning valuable, practical skills.

Freise earns honor at Cedarville University

CEDARVILLE, Ohio – The following students were named to the Dean's List at Cedarville University for Fall 2021.

This recognition requires the student to obtain a 3.5 GPA or higher for the semester and carry a minimum of 12 credit hours.

Rachel Freise of Byron, majoring in English,

Located in southwest Ohio, Cedarville University is an accredited, Christ-centered, Baptist institution with an enrollment of 4,715 undergraduate, graduate, and online students in more than 150 areas of study.

2022 FOOTBALL

SEASON TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

**CALL 815-753-PACK(7225)
OR VISIT NIU HUSKIES.COM**



LeafGuard®

Get it. And forget it.®

*Guaranteed not to clog for as long as you own your home, or we will clean your gutters for free

QUALITY TESTED
GOOD HOUSEKEEPING
Since 1909
UNITED WARRANTY - ghsal.com for details

18 YEARS BACKED BY THE SEAL

Call Today for Your **FREE Estimate!**

815-673-7499

RECEIVE A \$50 DARDEN GIFT CARD

OLIVE GARDEN
LONGHORN STEAKHOUSE
CHEDDAR'S
YARD HOUSE
BEACHES
SEASIDE

LIFETIME NO-CLOG WARRANTY
MADE ONSITE SPECIFICALLY FOR YOUR HOME
THE ONLY ONE-PIECE SEAMLESS DEBRIS SHEDDING GUTTER SYSTEM.
SCRATCHGUARD® PAINT FINISH

ONLY \$99 INSTALLATION*

*Does not include cost of material. Expires 4/30/22. All participants who attend an estimated 60-90 minute in-home product consultation will receive a \$50 gift card. No purchase is necessary. Retail value is \$50. Offer sponsored by LeafGuard Holdings, Inc. Limit one gift card per household. LeafGuard procures, sells, and installs seamless gutter protection. This offer is valid for homeowners over 18 years of age. If married or have a life partner, both cohabitating persons must attend and complete presentation together. Participants must have a valid photo ID, understand English, and be legally able to enter into a contract. The following persons are not eligible for this offer: employees of LeafGuard or affiliated companies or entities, their immediate family members, previous participants in a LeafGuard in-home consultation within the past 12 months and all current and former LeafGuard customers. Promotion may not be extended, transferred, or substituted except that LeafGuard may substitute a gift card of equal or greater value if it deems it necessary. Gift card terms and conditions (https://www.darden.com/gift-cards/terms-and-conditions) of such gift card will be mailed to the participant via first class US Mail within 21 days of receipt of promotion form provided at consultation. Not valid in conjunction with any other promotion or discount of any kind. Offer not sponsored or promoted by Darden Restaurants and is subject to change without notice prior to reservation. Offer ends 4/30/22.

NORTH AMERICA'S

#1 Selling Walk-In Tub

Featuring our *Free Shower Package*

SPECIAL OFFER

Now you can finally have all of the soothing benefits of a relaxing warm bath, or enjoy a convenient refreshing shower while seated or standing with Safe Step Walk-In Tub's **FREE Shower Package!**

- ✓ First walk-in tub available with a customizable shower
- ✓ Fixed rainfall shower head is adjustable for your height and pivots to offer a seated shower option
- ✓ High-quality tub complete with a comprehensive lifetime warranty on the entire tub
- ✓ Top-of-the-line installation and service, all included at one low, affordable price

Now you can have the best of both worlds—there isn't a better, more affordable walk-in tub!

Call today and receive a **FREE SHOWER PACKAGE** PLUS **\$1600 OFF** FOR A LIMITED TIME ONLY

Call Toll-Free **815-515-4749**

SAFE STEP WALK-IN TUB
www.BuySafeStep.com

With purchase of a new Safe Step Walk-In Tub. Not applicable with any previous walk-in tub purchase. Offer available while supplies last. No cash value. Must present offer at time of purchase.

Call Today for Your Free Shower Package

815-515-4749

FINANCING AVAILABLE WITH APPROVED CREDIT

EASE OF USE CERTIFIED

MADE IN TENNESSEE

BBB ACCREDITED BUSINESS

LIFETIME LIMITED WARRANTY

LOCAL NEWS

Julia Hull Library News

Storytime at the Library!

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

Teen Advisory Council (TAC)

Teens are invited to join us in this decade-plus long tradition at the library! What's TAC all about? TAC members assist in the planning and promotion of the library's programming, discuss and contribute ideas for the library's collection, and volunteer at library events. Next meeting: Tuesday, April 12 at 3 p.m. Member application required. Contact Kelly at khaas@mail.meridian223.org to inquire. Or, stop by the library! Ages 13-18.

Library Closure

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

Young Critics Book Club

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

Short & Sweets

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

Teen Eggsclusive Scavenger Hunt

Teens, this egg hunt is just for you!

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

Book Club for Adults: *Zorrie*

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

Tween Scene: Minute To Win It Games

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

Andy & Judy: New England Folk LIVE In Concert

Join us on the library lawn Monday, May 16 at 6:30 p.m. for an evening of live music with folk singer-songwriters Andy & Judy. Using the combination of their beautiful vocals and an eclectic array of instruments, they perform positive and uplifting songs in different styles, including traditional folk, roots music, country swing, and bluegrass. Learn about the tradition of folk singing with a contemporary twist—as they sing their songs in the spirit of community. Contact the library to register: 815-645-8611. All ages welcome. BYO chair.



This April, tweens (ages 10-12) met at the Julia Hull Library to experiment with paper, sponges, and foam to test which techniques make the best squishy in a DIY Squishes Lab (Stillman Valley).

Deadline
for all items
is 3 p.m.
Wednesday.

SERVICE CALL SPECIAL
\$29⁹⁵ ANY BRAND
We Service All Makes & Models. Test & check.
Over 30 Years Experience.
AFFORDABLE WATER
815-625-3426
Toll Free: **877-353-7638** 12212020

New Patients welcome!

DeForest Dental, P.C.

**606 W. Washington St.
Oregon IL 61061**
815.732.3225
www.deforestdental.com
Monday-Friday 8-5pm 09072020

KENNY CHESNEY
HERE and NOW
TOUR 2022
PRESENTED BY
Blue Chair BAY
Premium Rum

DAN + SHAY
OLD DOMINION
CARLY PEARCE

SAT. JUNE 25
SOLDIER FIELD

KENNYCHESNEY.COM

MTG AEG
FUELED BY MARATHON

DD HOMES NETWORK
www.ddhomes.net

JOB NOW HIRING OPENINGS

ENRICH ENHANCE ENGAGE

Now Hiring
in Oregon, IL
Qualified Intelletual Disabilities Professional/Manager

REQUIRED:

- Bachelor's Degree in Social Services Related Field
- Valid Driver's License
- At least one year of experience working with developmental disabilities

Excellent Benefits

Apply in Person at:
1301 Illinois St, Oregon, IL

Now HIRING

www.ddhomes.net

02142022