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COVID numbers continue to plunge

By Brad Jennings
Editor

OREGON – The COVID-19 positivity rate in Ogle County has plunged, the County Board learned at its March 15 meeting.

Kyle Auman, Ogle County Health Department administrator, told the board that the positivity rate in the county was 2.14 percent, which he said was the “lowest we’ve seen in quite some time.”

The last time Auman reported to the board on COVID in the county was in January, when the positivity rate was 22.58 percent.

Auman said the number of cases continues to taper off, with the County Health Department seeing about five cases per day.

He told the board the CDC has changed the data it uses to measure COVID, and that Ogle County is now

considered to be at a low level.

Auman said throughout the pandemic, the Health Department addressed 13,897 cases of COVID. A total of 60.18 percent of the county’s population is vaccinated and there was a total of 128 deaths from COVID to date.

Overall, 64.03 percent of the population in Illinois is vaccinated.

“Hopefully we’ll keep these levels where they are and we’ll continue to taper off and we’ll be able to get back to more routine business at the Health Department,” Auman said.

That includes a recently completed assessment of health services in the county. Auman said the top areas the county identified to address are mental health, chronic disease and access to care. “We’re looking forward to addressing those over the next couple of years and partnering with local organizations to address those issues,” he said.



Ogle County Health Department Administrator Kyle Auman addressed the County Board at its March 15 meeting. (Brad Jennings photo)

Raising funds for cancer fight

Sheriff’s office jumps in when detective’s wife is diagnosed

By Jeff Helfrich
Rochelle News-Leader

OREGON — The Ogle County Sheriff’s Office drew names recently for a raffle benefiting the family of one of its detectives.

On Jan. 1, 2022, Amber Most, wife of Detective Kevin Most, suddenly became ill. Over the following two weeks, Amber underwent a series of tests and was ultimately diagnosed with stage 4 metastatic cancer.

Amber, Kevin and their 7-year-old daughter, Addi, have a long road ahead. The sheriff’s office started a raffle to help cover medical costs. What began as a raffle for three guns at the start of the year grew to include 12 prizes



Ogle County Sheriff’s Office Det. Kevin most with his wife, Amber, and daughter Addi. Amber was diagnosed with cancer in January. (Submitted photo)

after donations from various county businesses.

The raffle drawing was moved up after being original-

ly planned for March 1 due to Amber starting another round of treatment on March 1.

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Historic Coliseum to get new life

OREGON – Former Next Picture Show Director Michael Glenn has been named executive director of the Coliseum Museum of Art, Antiques & Americana (CMAAA).

The (CMAAA) is a recently formed not-for-profit focused on renovating and repurposing the historic Coliseum building in downtown Oregon to create a new cultural center for the area.

A native of the area, Glenn’s background includes roles as Executive Director of Hopegivers International in Columbus, Ga., and Executive Vice President of the National Religious Broadcasters Association in Washington, D.C. Most recently, he served as Executive Director of the Next Picture Show, a community fine arts center in downtown Dixon.

“Mike is an exciting addition to our team,” said Ron Bry, CMAAA Board Vice President.

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COLISEUM: Art, history displays

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“His background and skillset are what we need to guide the building renovation, develop partnerships with businesses and organizations, and create the programs and events in order to foster a creative environment for Oregon and the surrounding area.”

Opened in 1922, the art deco facility at 124 N. 4th St. was once a center of activity for the community. Sitting on the edge of the Oregon Commercial Historic District renovation has already started with plans for a south entrance ramp, new lighting, construction of permanent display cases, and the addition of a Digital Media Studio on the second floor.

CMAAA’s mission is the acquisition and display of art, antiques, Americana and history, including both perma-



nent and rotating exhibits, and provide a venue for artists representing all facets of art an opportunity to host exhibitions and offer their creations for sale through a museum store.

“Oregon and the county offer tremendous cultural resources,” Glenn said. “The Coliseum will be an integral part of the community and reflect the values and quality of life. In conjunction with some of the other area attractions, we expect to help draw local and long distance visitors. In addition, when you

look to relocate it can be more than a good job and quality of schools that can make the difference.”

CMAAA will collaborate with the City of Oregon, Oregon School District, Park District, Library, Serenity Hospice & Home, Village of Progress, Ogle County Historical Society, Depot Museum, Chana School Museum and others to help create a gathering place for our community, a showcase for the rich historic and artistic heritage of the region, and a place for schoolchildren and future generations, to learn about our roots in Midwestern values.

Progress reports will be posted on the CMAAA website and soon to be launched Facebook page with plans for an official opening in late 2022 or early 2023. For more information, please go to www.cmaa.org or contact info@cmaa.org.



CANCER: Proceeds go to family

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Ogle County Sheriff Brian VanVickle said he wanted Amber and Kevin there for the drawing.

The couple drew 12 names and spoke to the community and thanked it for its support during a Facebook live video. Amber expressed gratitude for those who bought and sold tickets and donated items for the drawing.

“We’re so grateful and so thankful to everyone who has donated and helped through this,” Amber said. “We also want to thank the Ogle County Sheriff’s Office for being our family. Law enforcement is extremely important to us and we couldn’t do this without them. I want to thank everyone here who has sold tickets and done this for us. We love them very much and we’re very gracious.”

In a press release, the sheriff’s office called the response to the raffle “overwhelming,” and said that it demonstrates

the kindness and generosity of the citizens of Ogle County and the surrounding communities.

The release mentioned the following businesses that helped with the raffle: Hub-Rensen Printing in Hillcrest, Mel’s Custom Graphics in Mt. Morris, Rat Worx in Mt. Morris, Tim Ponder, Headon’s Fine Meats in Creston, Turf RX in Stillman Valley, Calhoun Plumbing in Oregon, Patchwork Inn in Oregon, Tease Salon in Stillman Valley, Bad Ash Cigars in Oregon, Black Rifle Coffee and Goodman Painting.

Car magnets were also made by Mel’s Custom Graphics with all proceeds going to the Most family. They’re for sale for \$10 each at the Ogle County Sheriff’s Office, 202 S. 1st St in Oregon.

VanVickle spoke during the drawing on Facebook live and said he enjoyed seeing the support for the Most family from the community.

“We’re fortunate to

live in the community we live in,” VanVickle said. “Because they truly do support law enforcement. This is a shining example of not only supporting law enforcement, but supporting your neighbor and families and the community.”

Kevin thanked the sheriff’s office for organizing the raffle and selling tickets and putting manpower towards it. He said there have also been multiple other police and fire departments that have done similar things for his family. He thanked the businesses for donating the prizes, magnets and selling tickets.

“You never expect cancer to come your way,” Kevin said. “But I guess I didn’t expect the mass amounts of generosity and time and effort that everybody has put into this. I just want to thank everybody in our community and many communities in the state of Illinois. The outreach from far distances has been just amazing.”

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After your meal, consider a relaxing walk through the lovely Lowden State Park. What a wonderful way to honor our mothers and with a day she will always remember.

The NIU Taft Field Campus is located at 1414 N. River Rd, Oregon, in Lowden State Park. The brunch is \$ 20 for adults and \$15 for ages 12 and under. For more information and to make reservations online, go to: <https://secure.actblue.com/donate/mothersdaybrunch> or <https://oglecountydems.org/calendar/special-events/mothers-day-brunch>

Alternatively, you can send a Check to: Ogle County Democrats, P. O. Box 312, Davis Junction, IL 61020. Please include number of reservations and contact information, phone/email. The deadline for Reservations is April 20th and reservations are limited to a first come, first served basis.

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Best Wishes Brad!

LOCAL NEWS

Oregon antiques Show is March 27, 28

The fourth weekend in March is the much-anticipated return of the Oregon Antiques Show, Sponsored by the Oregon Woman's Club.

This year the event is on March 26 and 27. Hours will be 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday. The show is located at the Blackhawk Center, 1101 West Jefferson St., one block south of Rt 64 (Washington Street), Oregon. Watch for directional signage.

The show will feature quality antiques from the early 1800's through the retro era of the 1950's includes all areas of col-

lecting – furniture, glass, china, pottery, toys, primitives, textiles, jewelry, dolls, silver, decorator items and more.

You will be amazed at the selection available. There will be items for all collecting tastes and budgets, for both the new and advanced collector. Many changes have taken place during the past 70+ years developing one of the premier antique shows in northern Illinois. This year is no exception, with the addition of new and returning dealers, it is shaping up to be another great event.

The Oregon Woman's Club, a

member of the General Federation of Woman's Clubs, sponsors this show as a major fundraising event and uses the proceeds to help fund various community projects and charities. As in past years, the show will be held at the Blackhawk Center Sports Arena, located on the Oregon public school campus.

The facility offers ample parking, handicap accessibility and a huge area for our 40+ Midwest antique dealers to display their merchandise for sale. Quality antiques from the early 1800s through the retro era of the 1950s includes all areas

of collecting furniture, glass, china, pottery, toys, primitives, textiles, jewelry, dolls, silver, decorator items and more. You will be amazed at the selection available!

There will be items for all collecting tastes and budgets, for both the new and advanced collector. We like to think of it as 'comfort food for the eyes.'

The food concession will be provided by the Chana United Methodist Ladies. The menu will include 'Homemade Chicken & Noodles', plus a selection of sandwiches, chips, beverages, and delicious desserts.

On Sunday, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Hacks Auction will offer verbal appraisals of your small treasures for \$5 per item. Please supply photos of large items. If a written appraisal is needed, discuss details with the agents.

Entry to the show is \$6 per person, which is good for the weekend. Door prizes will be awarded throughout the day, both days of the show.

Mark your calendar for March 26 and 27, 2022, and make plans to enjoy the day or the weekend in beautiful Oregon, IL. For additional information visit www.oregonil.com.



Byron Lions, Uptown Lanes make donation to CASA

BYRON – On Saturday, March 5 Uptown Lanes hosted the Old Forrester Distilling Co., as a fundraiser for CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) in cooperation with the Byron Lions Club.

Participants Tasted their way through the History of Whiskey in order to raise money for CASA- 15th Judicial Circuit. Together, the Byron Lions and Uptown Lanes were able to present a check for \$5,200 to support the work of CASA.

CASA - 15th Judicial Circuit is a nonprofit, volunteer organization that speaks for the best interests of abused and neglected children within the Juvenile Court system

in Lee, Ogle, and Carroll Counties. CASA volunteers are men and women who want to help their community's children. A CASA volunteer is screened, trained and then are appointed by the judge as the Guardian ad Litem for these children. Volunteers, appointed to one case at a time, review records, interview parents and speak with all parties directly related to the case, most importantly, the child. CASA volunteers then appear in court to recommend to the judge the actions and services that meet that particular child's needs at that particular moment in his or her life and for the child's future.

CASA volunteers come from all walks of life, with a variety of professional, educational, and ethnic backgrounds. All it takes is a desire to help children and the dedication to stay involved for the life of a case (approximately 24 months). It takes objectivity, communication and negotiation skills, and the ability to respectfully work with a variety of people.

Caption – Becca Ketter, President of the CASA Board of Directors, accepts a check from Blake Horras from Uptown Lanes and from the Byron Lions: Sean Hoesseini, Jason Ketter, and Jeff Billeter

Mount Morris Senior Center has upcoming activities

Mt. Morris Senior and Community Center News

* Local musicians will be joining us on Wednesday, March 23rd to jam with us at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome to come to listen to the music and stay for a \$5 lunch at noon. Please call 815-734-6335 to make sure we have enough food for everyone.

* Lunch bunch at Johnny Pancakes in Rockford on Friday, March 25 with the Mt. Morris Senior Center! All are welcome to join us. We will meet at the Senior Center at 11 a.m. and carpool to the restaurant. Call us at 815-734-6335 so we save you a seat.

* We will be hosting a Potluck with a program by the Mt. Morris Public Library on Tuesday, March 29th. Please bring a dish to pass or \$5 and your own table service. All are welcome!

* All pool players be ready for some fun! We are hosting a pool game at the Mt. Morris Senior Center on Tuesdays at 2 p.m., and all are welcome! Bring your own beverage and make your way upstairs and to the right for a game of pool!

* Join us for Biscuits and Gravy every Wednesday from 8-10 am. The cost is only \$2.00 for a half order and \$3.50 for a full order. Drink some coffee for only 50 cents. On the first Wednesday of each month you can also eat breakfast with the Mayor and enjoy pancakes for only \$1 each. All are welcome to join us!

* Get ready for an Adult Easter Egg Hunt on the Campus on Saturday, April 9th! Check next week's paper for more information. Call 815-734-6335 or stop by Mt. Morris Village Hall to purchase tickets for \$10 each.

Arts scholarship offered

Scholarship applications for Performing Arts Guild are now available at the Oregon High School guidance office or can be downloaded from the website at: www.performingartsguild.com.

These scholarships are limited to individuals living in Mt. Morris and Oregon or attending the Oregon School District #220. Applications are open to anyone interested in studying the arts. Scholarship application deadline is April 4. Scholarships will be awarded on May 18, during the OHS Honors Night Assembly.

Ashton Firemen's Breakfast

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Ludwig's make donation to FHS FFA program

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

Norm and Mary Ellen Ludwig were lifelong farmers in Forreton. They loved farm life and dedicated their lives to being good members of the community. Norm was a member of the US Army and served in the Korean War, he was active in his church and was a member of the American Legion and Mt. Morris Moose Lodge. Norm passed away in September, 2019. Mary Ellen was generous with her time and volunteered in multiple ways to help her community including at her church, with local girl scout troops, and as an election judge. Mary Ellen passed away in December, 2021.

To honor their memory and their love of farming, their family donated \$1,000 in their name to the Forrestville Valley High School FFA Program. Forrestville Valley appreciates the generosity of the family, friends and neighbors for continuing Norm and Mary Ellen's legacy with this donation.

Happy 95th Birthday

Milford celebrated his 95th birthday on March 19. Milford was married 63 years to the late Nancy (Horton) Bunger. He has four children: Susan (deceased) (Mike) Andreas, Mike (Cindy), Teresa and Matt. Also, four grandchildren, Bryan (Carrie), Janna, Brent (Jennie), and Brandon and five great grandchildren. The family would like to honor him with a card shower. Please send greetings and memories to 5525 S. Watertown Rd, Ashton, IL 61006



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LOCAL NEWS

Obituaries

Mariel J. Holm

OREGON – Mariel J. Holm, age 89, died Wednesday, March 9, 2022. She was born Sept. 23, 1932 in Chicago, the daughter to Raymond E. and Mary (Flasko) Gieselmann.

Mariel graduated from Blue Island School District High School in 1950. She married John F. Holm on Aug. 11, 1951, in Oaklawn. He preceded her on May 7, 1997. Mariel and John were lifelong farmers in the Oregon area. She also worked for Caron Spinning in Oregon, and at Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Center in Oregon, and the Ogle County Jail as a cook. Mariel was a lifelong member of the St. Paul Lutheran Church where she was regularly active in the church choir, and on many church committees. She loved spending time with her family. She also loved working in her flower gardens, cooking for her family, reading, and sewing. She had traveled to all fifty states. She served her community as



a school board member, and as an election judge.

Mariel was preceded in death by her parents Raymond E. and Mary Gieselmann, her stepmother Della Gieselmann, her brother Raymond J. Gieselmann, her husband John F. Holm, and her son Harlan Holm.

Mariel is survived by her children John R. (Teresa) Holm of Seattle, Wash.; Nancy (Earl) Polvi of Edinburg, Texas; Peter (Brenda) Holm of Oregon; and Lorna (Art) Bacon of Oregon, Ill. She has 13 grandchildren: David Coleman (Sarah Fairfield); Mariel F. (Greg) Crosswhite;

Kathryn Holm (Travis Echazabal); Brad (Katie) Holm; Rachel Holm; Halley Holm; Brent Wagner; Mikala (Dylan) Hafer; Josh (Katryna) Holm; Justin Holm; Kaleb Baker (Katie McBride); Kaite (Robert) Hofer; and Kristen (Scott) Abuhl. She has five great grandchildren: Landon, Austin, Logan, Lily, and Noah, and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral service was at 10 a.m., Monday, March 14, 2022, at the St. Paul Lutheran Church in Oregon, with the Pastor Carl Rasmussen officiating. Visitation was on Sunday afternoon from 2-4 p.m. at the Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home, 110 S. 7th Street in Oregon. Burial at the Riverview Cemetery near Oregon. A memorial fund is being established in Mariel's name for the Rock River Senior Citizen's Center, the St. Paul Lutheran Church, and Shepherd Premier Senior Living of Oregon. Visit www.farrellhollandgale.com to leave a condolence or memory of Mariel.

Jeffrey Satterfield

MOUNT MORRIS – Jeffrey Donald Satterfield, June 17, 1962 to March 9 2022.

Jeff grew up in Mount Morris. He worked at Continental Airlines for 21 years, he retired because of ill health.

Jeff was preceded in death by his father Donald Satterfield, his life partner David Wilson McCrea, and Gary D.

Satterfield

Jeff is survived by His mother, Genevieve Satterfield, siblings, David (Judy) Toney, Donna (Richard) Hoy, Michael (Tina) Toney, Stuart (Deb) Toney, and Laura (Greg) Spees, and Doresa Hunt. Jeff had many nieces and nephews.

There will be no public services.



RRC sets events, support groups

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The Latest in Alzheimer's and Dementia

"The Latest in Alzheimer's and Dementia" as presented by the Alzheimer's Association. Thursday, March 31 at noon at the Rock River Center.

Alzheimer's is a global health problem with more than 6 million people living with the disease in the US alone. Tremendous gains have been made in the understanding of the science and basic biology underlying Alzheimer's and other dementias. These advances are leading to great strides in strategies for prevention, detection, diagnostics, and therapeutic interventions.

Join us to learn more about:

- Landscape of Alzheimer's and Dementia Science
- Risk Factors for Alzheimer's and all other dementia
- Highlights in Early Detection and Diagnosis
- Latest Advances in Clinical Trials, Treatments and Lifestyle Intervention

Contact Rock River Center at 815-732-3252 if you plan on attending.

April 2022 Yoga for all Ages

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

Incorporating these techniques into your lifestyle can enhance health, increase strength, improve balance & flexibility, and reduce depression and anxiety.

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

Class dates: April 1, 8, 15, and 22.

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

Enrollment information
\$5 Drop-In Rate per class
Space may be limited. Advance enrollment is suggested to reserve your spot. Contact Rock River Center at 815-732-3252 to sign up.

April Trivia Dates at RRC Thanks to all who attended the February Trivia Kickoff hosted by Oregon Public Library. Due to the positive response, we are pleased to announce the following Trivia dates in April.
Rock River Center, 12:30-2 p.m.

Thursday, April 7 and April 21

Free Team Registration at Oregon Public Library

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Teams may register in person at the Oregon Public Library, or by calling 815-732-2724.

Questions? Call 815-732-2724.

Register for April 7, by April 5

Register for April 21, by April 19

Support Groups Cancer Support Group

"Facing the Challenge" is a support group that provides a safe, accepting environment for patients currently going through treatment, survivors, caregivers and loved ones to talk openly about the challenges a cancer diagnosis brings. ANYONE who has been affected by cancer is invited to attend! Rock River Center and Home of Hope are partnering to offer information to this group. They meet quarterly on the 4th Wednesday of the month in March, June, September & November from 2-3 p.m. at Rock River Center.

Caregiver Support Group

Kaylene Park, RN from Serenity Hospice & Home, leads the Caregiver Support Group. This group is not limited to those caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's. We welcome those new to caregiving, those who anticipate caregiving, and those for whom caregiving is already a way of life. You will find information, resources, encouragement & answers to difficult questions. The Caregiver Support Group will meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month from 10-11:30 a.m. at Rock River Center. For more information, call the Center at 815-732-3252.

Diabetic Support Group

Sheryl Roche, Licensed Dietician, facilitates this group by offering support, encouragement and the sharing of experiences when living with diabetes. Join us for shared discussion and menu options as well. This informative group meets the 1st Wednesday each month from 11 a.m.-noon at Rock River Center. For more information, call Rock River Center at 815-732-3252 or 1-800-541-5479.

Low Vision Group

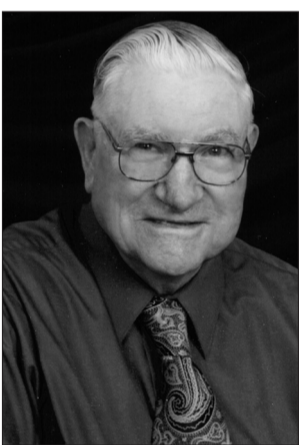
This is a group for those who have low vision, any form of vision loss, AMD or to caregivers of those with vision loss. Low Vision Group meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at noon at Rock River Center.

Registration requested for all activities and groups. Please call Rock River Center at 815-732-3252 if you plan on attending.

Robert Anderson

CHANA – Robert Edwin Anderson, age 93, passed away Friday, March 11, 2022. He was born Aug. 2, 1928 on the family farm near Chana the son of Edwin F. and Ouida F. (Barnes) Anderson.

Bob was drafted into the U.S. Army and served his country in Korea. Bob farmed the family farm for many years prior to becoming the rural postal carrier for Chana. He held that position for 27 years, retiring in October of 1998. He was an avid Chicago Cubs fan and enjoyed gardening in his younger years. His last several years were spent at The Meadows and



Franklin Grove Living Center where he met and befriended several of the residents and staff.

Bob was predeceased by his parents, sisters Isabelle, Frances, and Helen (Wayne) King, nephews Dennis and John (Debbie) King and great nephew

Seth King.

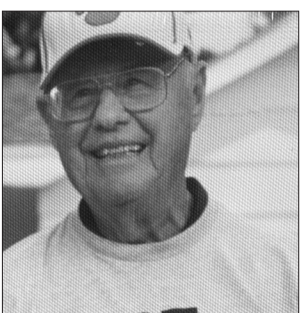
He is survived by his nephew Robert (Deborah) King and several great nieces and nephews.

A visitation was held from 9:30-10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 15, 2022 at the Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home, 110 S. 7th St. in Oregon, followed by a 11 a.m. Graveside service at the Washington Grove Cemetery with the Pastor David Rogula officiating. A memorial fund is established for the Serenity Hospice and Home or the Chana United Methodist Church. Visit www.farrellhollandgale.com to leave a condolence or memory of Bob.

Chet Kobel

BYRON – Chet Kobel loved his family, his friends and his community. Doing good was his thing.

Celebration of Life Open House will be held March 26, 2022 from 2-5 p.m. in the lower level of the Jarrett Prairie Center, 7993 N. River Rd, Byron, IL 61010.



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Floski Scholarship applications available

BYRON – Applications are now available for the Floski Family Foundation Scholarship for Service and Leadership.

The \$1,000 scholarship is being offered for the 14th year to a graduating Byron High School senior who has demonstrated service beyond self-interest and beyond Byron High School to the wider local, state, national or international community, and who has developed as a young leader as a result. The winner will be someone who plans to further

his or her education in the fall of 2022. Family income and GPA are not considerations.

Applicants will be asked to write a brief essay discussing the personal benefits they have received from public service and to submit the number of service hours they have performed during high school that they would like the committee to consider. Applicants are encouraged to understand that, while the number of service hours is a consideration of the judging committee, the scholarship is not

always awarded to the student who submits the most hours: Committee members are prepared to be impressed by how the student has grown as a person while performing public service.

Other details and applications for the scholarship may be obtained at the Byron High School Guidance Office and on the students' Naviance-Family Connection accounts.

Application deadline is Friday April 22. The winner will be announced at BHS Honors Night Wednesday, May 18.

LOCAL NEWS

Start gathering items for annual Chana School sale

March means “Spring Madness,” and even if you’re not a basketball fan, you can go mad cleaning out that clutter and unused items for the 2022 annual sale to benefit the 1883 Chana School Museum.

People have been stuck at home for months during the pandemic. Now get your mind off 2020-2021 and focus on the positive idea of making space at your home by sorting, organizing, and gathering of unwanted items for this year’s annual rummage sale. Your donated items may be a treasure to others. Start in a bedroom or hall closet and slowly go through your house, apartment, and garage separating items that you use from those items that don’t fit anymore, that are out of date, or just aren’t wanted or needed anymore. Put these things in bags or boxes and store in a corner of a room, porch, garage, or basement. This year’s benefit sale

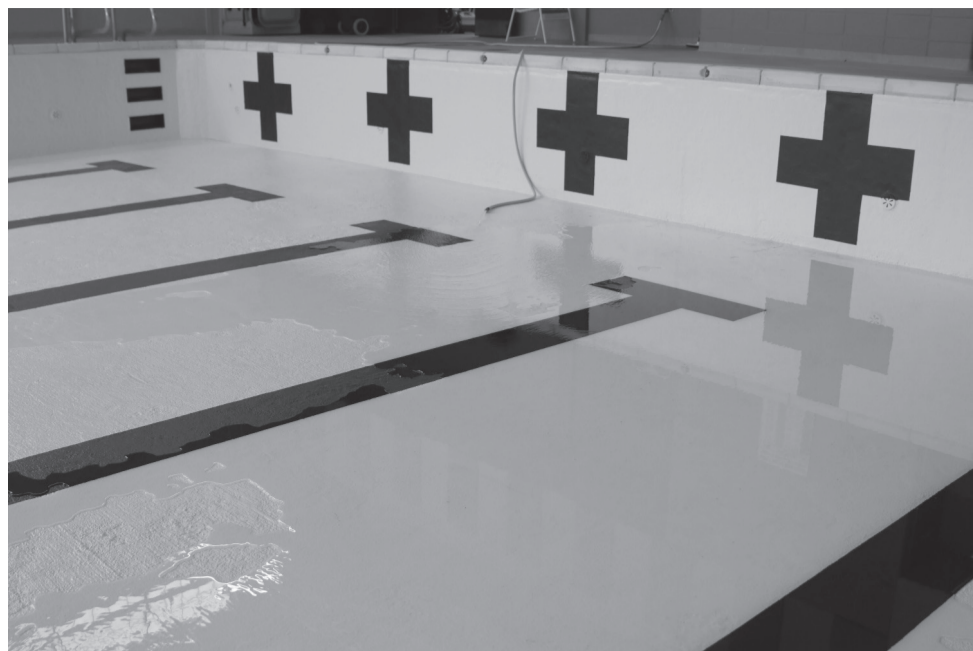
will be held on June 3rd and 4th at the Oregon Coliseum. This annual fundraiser brings in usually enough funds to pay the expenses for the museum for a year. After these past two years where the museum was either closed or limited to visitors, funds are greatly needed. You can make a difference by donating big and small items for this fundraiser.

We are not able to take items right now. We ask that you focus on cleaning out your home and garage. If you haven’t worn an article of clothing in the last 10 years most likely you won’t ever again so get rid of it. If you haven’t used those extra tools, bikes, lamps, furniture, dishes, etc. then consider donating them to help the old schoolhouse museum.

Large entertainment centers, large appliances, microwaves, blinds, and a few other items will not be accepted for the sale. If you have any

questions about items for the sale please call Ray at 815-979-2903.

Your support is past years have helped to save the old school, restore it, and presently maintain the museum and its programs. If you would like to volunteer to help with this year’s sale and have a lot of fun with others, please Connie at 815-732-2447. The 1883 Chana School Museum is on the National Register of Historical Places since 2005. It is open by appointment. The school is available for programs, weddings, and special meetings. The school is the location for many school field trips where the students dress in 1800s style clothing and experience a whole day of education and traditions from that era in rural Illinois. More information concerning this year’s annual sale to benefit the Chana School Museum will be posted closer to the June sale date.



Nash pool to close for repairs

OREGON—Nash Recreation Center Pool will be closed for repairs beginning April 15th.

Following the pool closure in August 2021 to repaint the pool surface, staff identified the paint was not adhering to the pool’s surface. This was communicated with the contractor and the contractor will be returning to complete the corrective work. The work will not result in any additional fees outside the originally contracted amount.

“The district is fortunate to have discovered

the issue early on and has worked alongside the contractor to identify a solution,” said Erin Folk, Executive Director.

The pool closure is expected to last four weeks to allow for proper cure time of the primer and paint prior to refilling the pool. During this time the district will also complete routine maintenance and a deep cleaning of the locker rooms and pool deck. The closure will take the place of the Oregon Park District’s regularly scheduled closure in August.

The pool is anticipated

to reopen on May 16th but will reopen sooner if the corrective work is completed sooner than expected. All Water Aerobic passes will automatically be extended for the duration of the pool closure. All other members that will not be utilizing Nash Recreation Center during the pool closure may temporarily suspend their pass. The temporary suspension will extend their membership for the duration of the pool closure. To request a pass suspension, please contact the front counter receptionist at 815-732-3101.

Play coming to Mt. Morris in May

MOUNT MORRIS – This spring the Performing Arts Guild of Mt. Morris will present, “The One-Act Play That Goes Wrong.”

The show will be presented on Friday through Sunday, May 13-15 and May 20-22 at the Pinecrest Grove Theater, 500 Evergreen Lane, Mt. Morris. Friday and Saturday shows are at 7:30 p.m. and the Sunday matinee shows are at 2 p.m.

Tickets are \$15 with a \$2 discount for students (K-12) and seniors (over 65). 2020 membership tickets will be honored.

For information or to order tickets call 815-734-2103 or order online at www.performingartsguild.com and click on *tickets*.

Tickets will go on sale April 1.

The play by Henry Lewis, Jonathan Sayer, and Henry Shields is about a fictitious Cornley University Drama Society that has received a substantial bequest and is putting on a performance of *The Murder at Haversham Manor* – a 1920s murder mystery play.

The script was written by the fictitious Susie H. K. Brideswell. During the performance, a play within a play, a plethora of disasters befall the cast, including doors sticking, props falling from the walls, and floors collapsing.

Auditions were held in February and we are pleased to announce the cast: Jessica Garrison, Zander VandeSand, Alexander Cremeans, Hannah Sheely, Dylan Stormont, Dennis Cheatwood, Deven Kenerson, and Montana Larson.

The play will be directed by David Sheely and Trudy Whalen. Producers are Karen Urish and Jennifer Bakener.

Mobile Food Pantry in Mt. Morris March 24

MOUNT MORRIS – Loaves & Fish Food Pantry alongside Northern Illinois Food Bank is hosting a Mobile Food Pantry on Thursday, March 24, from 10-11:30 a.m.

The truck will be located at Mt. Morris Moose Family Center, 101 Moose Drive, Mt. Morris. This mobile pantry is open anyone in Ogle County.

Loaves & Fish Food Pantry is located on the lower level of the Mt. Morris Church of the Brethren, 409 W. Brayton Road, and is open on the first and third Thursdays from 4:30-7 p.m. and second and fourth Mondays from 2-4:30 p.m. Anyone experiencing food insecurity is eligible to receive food. You do not need to have a referral, and no proof of income is required. If you have any questions, call 815-613-8776 and leave a message.

Game afternoon returns at RRC on April 8

OREGON – Friday, April 8 marks the return of Oregon Woman’s Club’s “game afternoon.”

The party is open to the public and will be held between 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. at the Rock River Center. Players can bring their own cards or board games. Refreshments will be served, and a collection of door prizes will be awarded. Bring along friends and reserve a table for a group or come alone and join with others to play to make a fun afternoon.

Admission is \$5 at the door. Call 708-369-2037 to reserve a table.

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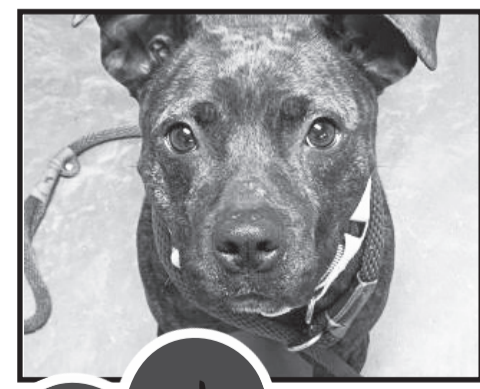
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LOCAL NEWS

Forreston FFA members honored

FORRESTON – Laci Meyer (Senior) was selected as the District FFA Proficiency Winner in Swine Production Entrepreneurship and Justin Myers (Freshman) was selected as the District FFA Proficiency Winner in Diversified Crop Production Entrepreneurship.



FFA Awards Selection process in Decatur on Saturday, March 26.

Meyer and Myers are members of the Forreston FFA Chapter of the Illinois Association FFA. Illinois FFA recognizes students in forty-seven different areas based on their work-based learning, also known as Supervised Agricultural Experiences or SAE. FFA members who demonstrate outstanding agricultural skills and competencies through record keeping, leadership, and scholastic achievement may be considered for this award. SAEs allow students to learn by doing by either owning and operating an agricultural business, working or serving an internship at an agriculture-based business or conducting an agriculture-based scientific experiment and reporting results.

Meyer has been involved in the following other agriculture education and FFA activities: currently the chapter co-president, Section 1 Poultry CDE, and planning the plot dinner. Myers has been involved in the following other agriculture education and FFA activities: Section 1 Greenhand workshop, Section 1 Poultry CDE, and the plot dinner. Kelley Parks is the agriculture teacher and FFA Advisor at Forreston Jr./Sr. High School.

Meyer and Myers were selected as the District 1 Winners by a committee of agriculture industry representatives and teachers knowledgeable in this work-based area. Meyer is the daughter of Adam and Lori Meyer from Leaf River. Myers is the son of David and Gail Myers from Leaf River, IL.

The two will receive plaques for their accomplishments. These plaques are made possible by gifts by individuals, businesses, corporations and organizations through the Illinois Foundation FFA.

Receiving this honor now makes Laci and Justin eligible to compete in the State

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All "A" Honor Roll

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- Cope, Maddylynn R.
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- McKinley, Isabelle G.
- Milburn, Ava R.
- Mondello, Isaac J.
- Nelson, Taylor A.
- Roush, Anika M.
- Schilling, Kate S.
- Smith, Hailey E.
- Starwalt, Rebekah K.
- Stickler, Sadie L.
- Stoll, Nolan S.
- Tucker, Sophie E.
- Wallery, Sheyenne H.
- Wallin, Kayla B.
- Weekley, Caleb D.

JUNIORS

- Baker, Brayden A.
- Bargren, Hunter F.
- Duncan, Jasmine R.
- Grundstrom, Ella G.
- Haas, Alaina M.
- Henert, Kennedy R.
- Kesler, Nicholas P.
- Kilmer, Audrey G.
- Kultgen, Ava J.
- McHale, Shannon P.
- Murphy-Voiles, Kathleen G.
- Pruett, Reece C.
- Rehberg, Emmalyn N.
- Rock, Michael T.
- Smith, Sydney R.
- Swiech, Lily S.

SOPHOMORES

- Baker, Abigail L.
- Braithwaite, Denise E.
- Brandt, Maison J.
- Dolan, Taryn M.
- Fish, Brianna L.
- Freedlund, Andrew R.
- Groharing, Carter S.
- Groharing, Madison L.
- Hegberg, Rosalie P.
- Little, Reese E.
- Mindock, Josephine A.

FRESHMEN

- Bechtel, Hannah C.
- Boatman, Taylor K.
- Cassens, Nicholas J.
- Chen, Xiang Yi
- Clinton, Zachary E.
- Dietrich, Claire M.
- Franchi, Gianna L.
- Fuller, Addison G.
- Henert, Delaney J.
- Henkel, Claire C.
- Kilmer, Natalie R.
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- Ramos, Liliana M.
- Roush, Bryson T.
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- Wilde, Raven T.

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- Benidt, Kassandra
- Bianchi, Joshua S.
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- Bowers, Keirney N.
- Brass, Nicholas J.
- Cassens, Alexandria L.
- Claunch, Andrew J.
- Clodfelter, Alyssa J.
- Conderman, Carter L.
- Connell, Maxwell T.
- Coyne, Taylor A.
- Criddle, Sydney T.
- DeHahn, Jennifer L.
- Dietrich, Ethan H.
- Fuller, Chloe M.
- Hendriksen, Piper L.
- Jackson, Megan E.
- Johnson, Anika T.
- Jones, Ryan T.
- Ketter, Natalie J.
- Kretsinger, Caden M.
- Kuzlik, Victoria R.
- Lenz, Jacob R.
- Livingston, Dallas J.
- Lorenz, Jack D.
- Luna, John R.

- Mathieu, Luke D.
- McKnight, Kaci M.
- McQueary, Jacob W.
- Myers, Addyson E.
- Nelson, Linnea S.
- Nelson, Tracee M.
- Newton, Jaidyn L.
- Palzkill, Ethan W.
- Pauley, Joel R.
- Pendergrass, Peyton L.

- Poppen, Jenna L.
- Potter, Evan R.
- Robinson, Maria J.
- Roth, Kennedy P.
- Salazar, Daniel JR
- Satti, Luciana L.
- Shank, Gunnar J.
- Shank, Whitney A.
- Shouer, Timothy J.
- Spickler, Kennedy L.
- Spickler, Natalie L.
- Whelan, Brandon M.
- White, Kacy A.
- Winkhart, Joaquin A.

JUNIORS

- Bell, Nathan L.
- Bielskis, Brittyn M.
- Carlson, Lauren M.
- Carlson, Maia K.
- Cone, James F.
- Eisele, Prezley A.
- Freedlund, Max I.
- Freedlund, Mikalah J.
- Gentz, Madison C.
- Hardy, Isabel G.
- Hawthorne, Keslee R.
- Janovsky, Zachary M.
- Kann, Jacob M.
- Krall, Ava M.
- Laurence, Josslyn M.
- Lindquist, Madison R.
- Malone, Alexis M.
- McLester, Zadok A.
- Nielsen, Gracelyn K.
- Palmgren, Ashton J.
- Politsch, Tyson J.
- Reiche, Joseph L.
- Rosavelasquez, Bella C.

- Salisbury, Cole J.
- Saltzgeber, Samuel R.
- Scullion, Chloe E.
- Shank, Lauryn R.
- Sholes, Cooper A.
- Shultz, Hadlea N.
- Smith, Braden J.
- Sober, John S.
- Stienmetz, Nathan W.
- Strohecker, Kennedy M.

- Swartz, Hayden J.
- Whitmer, Brooke M.
- Wicklein, Jonathan M.
- Wieck, Colton L.
- Winkhart, Xiomara A.

SOPHOMORES

- Adler, Elise M.
- Aken, Kye D.
- Allen, Brooke L.
- Aranda, Raegan K.
- Buser, Carson P.
- Carby, Aiden D.
- Carson, Rachel K.
- Connell, Abigail J.
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- Druien, Allison V.
- Dyck, Elizabeth A.
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- Girone, John C.
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- Jones, Kiley I.
- Kann, Paityn C.
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- Ross, Jacob R.
- Scheck, Hailey K.
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- Smith, Ashlyn R.
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- Wicklein, Paul H.

FRESHMEN

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- Bielskis, Karsyn R.
- Boatman, Thomas K.

- Brinkmeier, Olivia M.
- Brown, Rory G.
- Brown, Tatum L.
- Connell, Liam H.
- Gentz, Samuel A.
- Groen, Rebekah H.
- Haas, Hunter J.
- Hanes, Ella R.
- Helms, Averi D.
- Jones, Meredith E.
- Knoll, Brayden A.
- Larson, Hayden E.
- Lawver, Jacob S.
- LeMke, Brenna C.
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- Moser, Abigail M.
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- Palmgren, Skylar G.
- Palzkill, Jaden M.
- Pauley, Benjamin R.
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- Poulsen, Miami T.
- Rehberg, Hayden M.
- Ross, Jarett B.
- Schilling, Neve O.
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- Zumdahl, Brooklyn G.

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- Reinagle, Kara E.
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- Willis, Brianna R.

JUNIORS

- Davis, Jennasyn G.
- Duke, Dominik G.
- Fleeger, Ella K.
- Green, Logan T.
- Mershon, Charles S.
- Moser, Madison E.
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- Reed, Tyler J.
- Rothermel, Colin D.
- Smith, Corinna M.
- Spencer, Adrien M.
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- Gautier, Ophelia C.
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LOCAL NEWS

Oregon Police report

Feb. 28

At 6:06 a.m., Oregon Police responded to the 800 block of S. 10th Street for a one vehicle traffic crash where a 2006 Saturn driven by Shane A. Imel, 29, Oregon, struck a fire hydrant. No citations were issued.

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

At 12:30 p.m., Oregon SRO Officer issued a city citation to one juvenile female, 15, Oregon, for violating Ordinance 6-84, possession of tobacco products and alternative nicotine products. This violation occurred at the Oregon High School, 210 10th Street.

At 1:28 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Cindy L. Naylor, 48, Dixon, for possessing an improper container of cannabis as a driver. Naylor was also cited for operating a vehicle with an expired registration. Naylor was transported to the Ogle County jail. These violations occurred in the 600 block of N. 4th Street.

March 1

At 4:36 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Carrie A. Cowley, 30, Mt. Morris, on an outstanding Ogle County warrant for failure to appear. Cowley was also issued a citation for driving while license suspended. Cowley was transported to the Ogle County jail. These violations occurred in the 100 block N. 3rd Street.

At 6:21 p.m., Oregon Police issued Jesus M. Martinez-Ochoa, 27, Rockford, a citation for no valid registration. This violation occurred in the 100 block of S. 2nd Street.

At 6:58 p.m., Oregon Police arrested James D. Wright, 39, Oregon, on an outstanding Ogle County warrant for failure to appear on a traffic charge. Wright was also issued a citation for driving while license suspended. Wright was transported to the Ogle County jail.

March 2

At 4:35 p.m., Oregon Police issued Adam M. Peterson, 30, Polo, a citation for operating a vehicle in violation of the tinted front side windows law. This violation occurred in the 1300 block of Pines Road.

March 3

At 10:43 a.m., Oregon Police responded to a two-vehicle traffic crash at the intersection of W. Washington and Monroe Streets involving a 2018 Jeep driven by Betty L. Wells, 83, Mt. Morris, and a 2022 Freight Liner semi driven by Daniel L. Knight, 44, of Roscoe, IL. Wells was issued citations for failure to yield turning left and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. There were no injuries and both vehicles drove away from the scene.

At 3:10 p.m., Oregon SRO Officer issued a city citation to one juvenile male, 17, Mt. Morris, for violating Ordinance 6-84, possession of tobacco products and alternative nicotine products. This violation occurred earlier in the day at the Oregon High School, 210 10th Street.

March 4

At 7:03 a.m., Oregon Police arrested Diane L. Harrod, 53, Byron, for retail theft and on an outstanding Ogle County warrant for aggravated battery/use of a deadly weapon. Harrod was transported to the Ogle County jail.

At 5:19 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Nicholas Gazdowicz, 30, Oregon, on an outstanding Ogle County warrant for domestic battery. Gazdowicz was transported to the Ogle County jail.

At 7:28 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Dustin J. Johnson, 41, Oregon, for driving under the influence of alcohol. Johnson was transported to the Ogle County jail. This violation occurred in the 1000 block of Monroe Street.

At 10:24 p.m., Oregon Police responded to a disturbance call in the 900 block of S. 4th Street resulting in the arrest of Jeremiah J. Pumfrey, 32, Oregon, for domestic battery. Pumfrey was transported to the Ogle County jail.

6 parking citations and 9 verbal warnings issued during the week of 2/28/2022 through 3/6/2022.

March 7

At 1:30 p.m., Oregon SRO Officer issued one 17-year-old male juvenile, Oregon, a civil citation for possession of cannabis not more than 10 grams, a civil citation for possession of a wax-like substance containing THC and issued a city citation for violating Ordinance 6-84, possession of tobacco products and alternative nicotine products. These violations occurred in the Oregon High School student parking lot. The student was then released into the school's custody.

At 2:26 p.m., Oregon Police issued Jamie L. Sparrowgrove, 35, Rockford, a citation for operating a vehicle in violation of the tinted front side windows law. This violation occurred in the 600 block of N. 4th St.

March 8

At 3:42 p.m., Oregon Police investigated a two-vehicle traffic crash in the 1100 block of Jefferson Street involving a 2015 Dodge driven by Angela J. Harrolle, 45, Chana, and a parked 2019 Nissan owned by Jessica L. Kiesling, age 37, Oregon. No citations were issued.

At 4:02 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Uriel Moreno, 32, Rockford, for driving while license suspended. Moreno was also issued a citation for operating a vehicle when registration is suspended. Moreno was transported to the Ogle County jail. These violations occurred in the 500 block of N. 4th Street.

At 6:43 p.m., Oregon Police placed one 15-year-old male juvenile into limited custody for the offense of battery. The juvenile was released into his parent's custody with a referral to the State's Attorney's Office for review.

At 9:49 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Jeffrey M. Billeter, 64, Byron, for driving under the influence of alcohol. Billeter was also issued a citation for improper lane usage. Billeter was transported to the Ogle County jail. These violations occurred in the 100 block of N. 4th Street.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Mon., March 21

Yoga on Mondays at 9:30 a.m. at the Oregon Public Library. Krystal Casey will be teaching a Monday morning yoga class at the library. Registration is required, 815-732-2724. Space is limited.

Weds., March 23

Local musicians will be at the Mount Morris Senior Center to jam at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome to come to listen to the music and

stay for a \$5 lunch at noon. Please call 815-734-6335 to make sure we have enough food for everyone.

Thurs., March 24

Loaves & Fish Food Pantry alongside Northern Illinois Food Bank is hosting a Mobile Food Pantry from 10-11:30 a.m. The truck will be located at Mt. Morris Moose Family Center, 101 Moose Drive, Mt. Morris. This mobile pantry is open anyone in Ogle County.

Fri., March 25

Lunch bunch at Johnny Pancakes in Rockford with the Mt. Morris Senior Center. All are welcome to join us. We will meet at the Senior Center at 11 a.m. and carpool to the restaurant. Call us at 815-734-6335 so we save you a seat.

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.

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MOMENTS IN TIME

* On April 6, 1776, the Continental Congress takes the first step toward American independence by announcing its decision to open all American ports to international trade with any part of the world that is not under British rule. It was the first act of independence by the Continental Congress.

* On April 9, 1859, a 23-year-old Missouri youth named Samuel Langhorne Clemens receives his steamboat pilot's license. Clemens would later write under the pseudonym Mark Twain, a boatman's call noting that the river was only 2 fathoms deep, the minimum depth for safe navigation.

* On April 10, 1879, Schandor Herz -- the future John Hertz, the man behind what will one day be the world's largest car-rental company -- is born in present-day Slovakia. In 1923, Hertz bought a fleet of used Ford Model Ts and named the business Hertz Drive-Ur-Yourself Corporation.

* On April 5, 1955, Sir Winston Leonard Spencer Churchill, the British leader who guided Great Britain and the Allies through the crisis of World War II, retires as prime minister of Great Britain. In the first year of his administration, Britain had stood alone against Nazi Germany.

* On April 7, 1961, President John F. Kennedy sends a letter to Congress recommending that the U.S. participate in an international campaign to preserve ancient temples and historic monuments in Egypt's Nile Valley threatened by construction of the Aswan High Dam.

* On April 4, 1973, the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center officially open in New York City. The buildings replaced the Empire State Building as the world's tallest building, though they would only hold that title for a year.

* On April 8, 1989, California Angels rookie pitcher Jim Abbott, who was born without a right hand, makes his Major League Baseball debut in a 7-0 loss to the Seattle Mariners.

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Early Shorts Guy does it again

It never fails. People always jump the gun when the weather gets even a little nicer.

Let's face it—last week was nice. It was nice enough to walk around without a sweatshirt. It was even nice enough to open a few windows and turn the heat off. For me that is always a joyous occasion.

But there are always those people who act like it is the middle of summer that first nice day of spring. You know the person. They pull out the shorts, tank top and sandals and strut around town like they are at a Fourth of July celebration.

I was at the grocery store early in the week (see recent column) and there he was, the guy in the shorts and tank top, walking with his head held high and looking at the rest of us hunched over in our hoodies like we were extras on the set of "The Walking Dead."

That guy always thinks he is superior, but he is not. He is testing Mother Nature, and that is never a good or smart thing to

Living the Life

By Brad Jennings



do. Because of that guy, I fully expect temperatures to plummet and snow to fly just to remind us that no, it is not summer and yes, that guy is jumping the weather gun.

The Early Shorts Guy (or ESG) is always a guy. Women are too smart to break out summer wear too early. He is also usually between the ages of 22-36. Let's face it, if you are 22 you really don't know any better. You are a babe in the woods. You are barely old enough to drink legally, and probably shouldn't vote if you are wearing shorts and tank tops this early.

The 36 year olds are the failure to launch types. They are generally single and living at home still or again. Maybe they were married to their high school sweetheart, but she dumped him because he spent much of his time playing video games in his "man cave" with his "bros" from college. He didn't graduate from college, of course, but he was there long enough to pledge a frat and meet a group of similarly stunted dudes.

Of course, when it comes to the ESG, there are outliers. There are the guys who just lost weight and discovered working out so they can't wait to break out tank top. There are the guys who spend all winter in the tanning booth and need to remind the world that they are, in fact, brown year around. Skin cancer be damned!

There are the "cool grandpa" types who want to prove that they are still cool. If you must break out the shorts this early to prove you are cool, I have news for you—you aren't. And too many in this

category still choose to wear socks with their sandals. No matter how many of you tell me you do this and like it, it is a horrible fashion choice. You are embarrassing your wife, trust me.

The ESG is a dud who probably played sports in high school but was never quite as good as he thought he was. He is more likely to have bought a class ring than the average guy in high school.

He was probably pointing at the camera in his school photo. His car wasn't (or isn't) fast but was (is) very loud. When he plays his car stereo, everyone around him hears it.

The ESG has about a 0.00000002 percent chance of being a vegetarian.

So, in this short window of time before the warm temps stick around, we will deal with the ESG. But at least those lily-white legs are a sign that winter is almost over.

Brad Jennings is Editor of The Ogle County Life.

Livestock farmers support food security in state

If you've ever driven through the Illinois countryside, you've likely seen a herd of cattle dotting the landscape. You might have wondered whether the animals that farmers raise benefit businesses and residents in our state.

They do. Livestock farms offer important sources of revenue for local businesses, strengthen the food supply, and continue to reduce impacts on the environment.

With livestock on 1 in 3 Illinois farms, animal agriculture is an economic engine for our state.

In 2019, livestock farms and related meat and dairy processors contributed more than \$31.8 billion in economic activity, supported more than 91,000 jobs, and accounted for \$4.7 billion in household income.

When many meatpacking plants shuttered due to worker safety concerns at the height of the pandemic, the backlog of orders

and limited processing capacity highlighted the critical role of food processors. Disruptions also demonstrated the need for investments in small and medium-sized meat packers, many of which stepped up to fill the supply chain gap.

Thanks to their efforts, Illinois' state licensed meat establishments processed more than 31 million pounds of meat to feed families across the state in 2020.

Illinois Farm Bureau recently partnered with Texas A&M University to offer Hazard Analysis Critical Control Points (HACCP) certification — a prevention-based approach to the safe production, handling and preparation of foods — to support the continued development of local meat packing companies.

As important as food processing facilities are, it's also important to remember that production starts on the farm.

More than 96% of

the 71,000 farms in Illinois are family-owned and operated. For these farm families, producing quality meat and dairy products means providing nutritious protein sources for the community.

In 2020, Illinois farm families donated more than 250,000 pounds of food to local food pantries. Donations of pork, beef and dairy products offered resources to those in need, while also benefiting food processors in the community.

In addition to providing a steady supply of food for American families, farmers also continue to produce more with less.

Pig farmers today use 75% less land and 25% less water than they did 60 years ago, cattle farmers are producing 60% more beef with 40% fewer carbon emissions than 50 years ago, and each gallon of milk produced by dairy farmers creates 63% fewer carbon emissions than in 1944.

Innovative barn construction, rotational grazing on cover crops and manure management as fertilizer applications are among the practices farmers use to continuously improve soil and water quality on their farms.

By caring for animals in ways that also benefit the environment, farmers ensure a bright future for agricultural production on family farms and a steady food supply for all.

The next time you find yourself driving past a herd of cattle, or picking out food at the grocery store, I encourage you to think about the many ways livestock farms and related industries add value in our state.

Richard Guebert Jr. is the Illinois Farm Bureau president. This op-ed was distributed through a cooperative project between Illinois Farm Bureau and the Illinois Press Association. For more food and farming news, visit FarmWeekNow.com.

School board made bad decision on closure

Dear Editor,

I'm so at a loss to understand true reality of this poor decision made (at the Oregon School Board meeting of Feb. 22) on the part of four board members. What is the driving force behind the scenes to make totally illogical decisions considering the overwhelming factual information that the advisory board has dug up proving beyond all doubt that (Superintendent Tom) Mahoney's reasons and financial numbers were in total error on the financial ground of the school district? The huge report which was published after months of digging into the school's financial records, real estate tax data from the county courthouse is very factual and can't be disputed. So, the original reason for closing was proven to be totally false and also proved that the district is in a very good financial position and should remain so well into the future.

It was also found that the building in Mt. Morris is in much much better shape than portrayed by Mahoney and the district has the money to have done the needed repairs. The district has over the past recent years has spent considerable major funds

on heating upgrades, major electrical upgrades, gym ceiling and LED lighting, total locker replacement to name a few. Please understand all of these upgrades and projects are and should be longterm major investments to any building, not things you do if you were planning to dispose of a building in the next 5-10 years. So, if they dispose of the building it will be a gross waste of taxpayer money in the end.

The pros and cons of mixing the middle school students into the high school environment can be a double sided sword but after listening to all the many arguments from many people it seems to me that it is a bad choice, time will tell. The citizens advisory board was made of well-chosen educated and professional people that several times proved beyond a shadow of a doubt that closing DLR will be totally the wrong decision made by the board.

Two of the board members, both highly educated individuals from the beginning voted correctly to save the building and both had prepared statements backing their decisions. They both made complete logical and financial sense and yet the rest

of the board members turned a deaf ear and ignored their peers recommendations. How could that be? Decisions are usually and rightfully so be made from truthful facts and information, yet it appears that all logic was thrown out the window and ignored both times they voted on this critical issue.

So I wonder about the credibility of all board members that supported the vote to close the DLR for the second time (at the meeting). The board could have become true heroes ... if they had said look, because of the volume of real data that we weren't aware of, we will keep DLR as a feasible part of the overall district property, but they chose not to do the right thing.

Many thanks to the advisory committee for their hard work, shame on Mahoney and the board members that made an illogical vote, they should resign and thanks to the two board members that did vote based on true facts and data!

Sincerely,

Jerry Stauffer, Village of MM Trustee

LOCAL NEWS

Book vending machine a hit at Monroe Center Grade School

MONROE CENTER – Monroe Center Grade School in the Meridian School District #223 has had a lot of great things happening in their building this year.

While students have academically made advancements to their learning like never before, our teachers have been key in their learning and development of instruction, and the data is representative of just that. Our students have had a few surprises along the way to celebrate what they are doing with leadership and their learning.

Even though the school has been through much with the pandemic in mind, not unlike other district schools across the country, our library decided that during the pandemic while so many of our students were reading more than ever that we would try to do a Read-A-thon to get students excited about the progress they were making individually while navigating through it all. With that in mind, we had one of the most successful library fundraisers ever, thanks to our incredible community.

Dana Brooks, library director, was key in this entire process. Her vision of what we could do to impact student learning and love of reading was incredible.

When last year's Read-A-thon was launched, we never could have imagined the incredible response of our students and families. At the time of year when students tend to "wind down," they were instead reading like crazy. Our hearts were touched by the generosity of parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, neighbors, and local businesses willing to support and encourage our students to read. We truly have a very special community. Our students read and read.... raising a mind-blowing

\$10,000 last year. This enabled our library and school to purchase needed items as well as "fun items" that all benefited our students. We were able to purchase additional new book titles, replace some of the well-loved titles that were falling apart, and acquire needed rolling carts to feature popular series books in the library.

The student prizes for our reading programs such as the Bluestem program and Million Word Wall got "an upgrade" and we were able to give the library a little "facelift" in the décor department.

These opportunities were exciting, but probably the most exciting purchase was one that would never have been possible without the generosity of those supporting our Read-A-thon. Deana Simpson said she had always dreamed of having a book vending machine which would combine the fun of a prize dispenser with the excitement of new books.

With our fundraiser, this dream became a reality and our Monroe Center students now have opportunities to acquire their own brand new books in this fun and motivational way, not to mention building home libraries at the same time.

"Just helping students get excited or continue to be excited about reading while using it to celebrate leadership and incredible accomplishments in the building is key," Simpson said when asked about what the hope is for the use of this vending machine. "We want all of our students to be able to celebrate their wins whether large or small and this is another way to do that."

When asking students how they like the vending machine they said it's better than candy.



We encourage community members to check out our book vending machine when visiting Monroe Center Grade School. It is custom wrapped with our school district logo and a "magical"

book theme to match our belief in the magic of reading. Thank you all for your tremendous support. We look forward to our next Read-A-thon coming to MC in April.

Serenity Shed offering art classes

OREGON – The Serenity Shed at 113 N 3rd St., is offering some fun classes where people can make their own unique decorations.

Wood cut-out class
They have a wide-variety of wooden cut-outs to choose from, with many Easter and spring themed designs.

You can drop-in anytime on March 16th and the 24th between 1-6 p.m., just let Cathy and Denise know ahead of time at 815-732-4111. Prices vary between \$22-\$37 depending on the cut-out. All supplies are included.

Painted Glass Block class
For \$25 come and paint a beautiful glass block! These make stunning decorations. The class is on April 1st from 2-4 p.m.

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LOCAL NEWS



Church donates to VOP

The Church of Jesus Christ Forever recently presented a \$4,500 check to the Village of Progress in Oregon. "We thank you, Brion Brooks and Sherri Egan for your wise use of resources to help those persons whom you serve. We also thank your dedicated staff. May this donation assist the Village in its very important work." In photo from left are: Rev. Rick Ryland, Rev. Laurie Ryland, Brion Brooks, Rev. Kale Aluli, Rev Jackie Jacobs, Eric Jacobs and Rev. Robert James. Missing in photo Revs. Roselani and Joshua James.

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Annual Oregon dabbling event brings out kids of all ages

More than 40 youth participated in the 2022 4-H Day of Dabbling held March 5 at the Oregon Church of God.

Sponsored by University of Illinois Extension Ogle County, this annual event was open to all youth, ages 5-15. It was designed to provide participants with the opportunity to explore numerous areas of 4-H project work hands-on.

Fifteen workshops were offered; each participant chose three. Project areas

touched on included: visual arts, food & nutrition, wind energy, woodworking, outdoor adventures, Cloverbud projects, butterflies, and science. As a result of the workshop, participants took home creations ranging from a birdfeeders and paracord bracelets to candles and candy bouquets.

Workshops were conducted by 4-H volunteers and youth. Presenters included: Alivia Thies, Cheryl Price, Mount Morris;

Andy Hinrich, AJ Hinrichs, Lisa Hinrichs, Gracie Prose, Oregon; Katie Sherburne, Lydia Sherburne, Maggie Eden, Julie Carlson, Lauren Carlson, Byron; Clare Montavon, Davis Junction; Amanda Harbaugh, Chana; Rachel Toth, Stillman Valley, Marcia Huer, Kathy Michel, Master Gardner; and Johnna Jennings, University of Illinois Extension Educator. Assisting in a variety of ways were Immanuel Arellano, Mount Morris; Trent

Heller, Grand Detour; and Gracie Prose; Oregon. Many thanks to all who contributed their time and energy to make this event possible.

4-H is a program of the University of Illinois Extension. For more information about 4-H, contact the Ogle County Extension Office, 421 W Pines Road, Suite 10, Oregon, IL 61061, (815)732-2191 or visit us online at <https://extension.illinois.edu/bdo>.

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FEATURED LISTING



2772 S. Ill Route 2, Oregon
\$119,900 Call Carla

Absolutely charming 2 bedroom just outside of Oregon next to Castle Rock State Park with trails galore! This super cute home offers a nice open floor plan with an enclosed front porch! Nice updated kitchen with appliances staying. Newer vinyl windows throughout, new furnace 2022, new washer & dryer included with sale. Large lot with privacy fence, gazebo and towering trees.

NEW LISTING



505 Don Drive, Pecatonica
\$259,000 Call Merri

Valley View Home with many Updates is ready for its new owners! This home features an unexpected grand entrance with vaulted ceilings and hardwood floors throughout the main level. The spacious living room is perfect for entertaining or just relaxing in front of the wood burning fireplace (can be converted back to gas). Main floor master with walk-in closet and HUGE master suite will make you want to move right in! 2 generously sized bedrooms with a full bath and loft on the second floor offer endless possibilities. The basement has a 4th bedroom and an additional room that can be used as an office, gaming room, or converted into a 5th bedroom. But wait- there's MORE! Check out the movie room with projector and screen and a 3rd full bathroom. Enjoy the privacy of the backyard with the privacy fence, above ground, heated swimming pool with deck, shed, and chicken coop (yes- you can have chickens with a permit in Pecatonica city limits!) Updated include: Roof 2020, Furnace 2020, AC 2021, Whole house humidifier 2021, Washer and refrigerator 2021, Carpet in basement 2022. Don't miss out on this one!



406 N. 6th Street, Oregon
\$139,999 Call Erin

MOVE IN READY!! Adorable 2 bed, 2 bath brick ranch in Oregon. Beautiful hardwood floors throughout this home. Double sided gas fireplace heat the whole house on those chilly evenings. Open kitchen is great for entertaining and larger bedrooms each have a bathroom close by! Large windows let in amazing natural light all day long! The large garage has space for your car and toys. The fenced in backyard has been landscaped to create a private oasis! Great for a starter home or downsizing, this home just needs you to move in! Come and see it today!



6913 W. Wagner Road, German Valley
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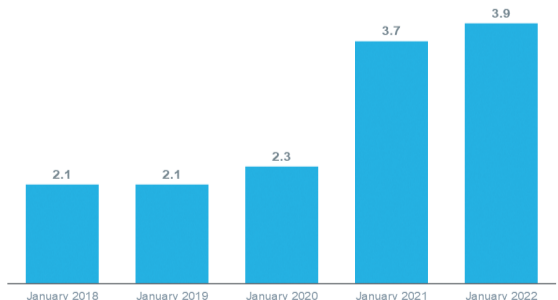
What a find! This old country school house has been converted to a 2 bedroom, 1 bath, main floor laundry. Nice open floorplan with 10ft ceilings and sliders that lead from the living room to the very large multitiered deck. Located in rural German Valley with a nice private location. Kitchen appliances stay, exposed lower level could be converted back to a 1 car garage. Loads of potential with this property.

How to Navigate a Market Where Multiple Offers is the New Normal

If you're thinking of buying a home today, you already know that the number of homes available for sale is low. But what does that really mean for you? As a buyer, low housing supply coupled with high buyer demand means you should be prepared to navigate a highly competitive market where homes sell fast and get multiple offers. Realtor.com has this to say:

Average Number of Offers Received

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Source: NAR

"Homes also flew off the market at record pace as buyers put offers in the moment properties came up for sale..."

In a bidding war situation like this, doing everything you can to get ahead of the competition is a wise move. That's because when you find a house and submit an offer, it'll likely be up against strong offers from other buyers. According to the latest Realtors Confidence Index from the National Association of Realtors (NAR), homes today are receiving an average of 3.9 offers. That's the most offers we've seen in January for the last 5 years (see the graph at left).

To help you navigate bidding wars with multiple offers, an expert real estate advisor is key. They know what's worked for other buyers, what sellers are looking for, and how to help you prepare when it comes time to make an offer. Here are three tips to keep in mind that will help you make the best offer possible.

1. Know Your Numbers

Knowing your budget and what you can afford is critical to your success as a homebuyer. The best way to understand your numbers is to work with a lender so you can get pre-approved for a loan. Pre-approval shows sellers you're serious, which can give you a competitive edge. You should also know making an offer at the home's asking price may not be enough. Homes today often sell for more than their listing price. An agent can help you understand

the market value of the home and what other homes are selling for in your area.

2. Be Ready To Move Fast

Speed and the pace of sales are contributing factors to today's competitive housing market. When homes are selling fast, it's important to stay on top of the market and be ready to move quickly. Your agent will help you stay up to date on the latest listings and help you put together your best offer as soon as you find the home you want to buy.

3. Make a Strong but Fair Offer

When you're up against other offers, putting your best offer forward from the start is key. Lean on your agent to write a strong offer and use their expertise on which levers you can pull to make your offer as enticing as possible. One option is to waive some of your contract contingencies (conditions you set that the seller must meet for the purchase to be finalized). Just remember there are certain contingencies you don't want to give up, like the home inspection.

Bottom Line

No matter what, your agent is your best resource for making an offer that stands out in a competitive market. If you're ready to get started, reach out to a RE/MAX of Rock Valley real estate professional to talk through what you can expect as a buyer and how to kick off a successful home search.



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The challenges climate change poses to agriculture

Climate change poses an array of challenges. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration notes that the impacts of climate change on various sectors of society are inter-related, a connection that mirrors the ripple effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. The human health crisis that arose during the pandemic affected all aspects of life, as illnesses limited worker productivity, thus affecting the global supply

chain, including the availability of food. Scientists warn that a similar scenario could play out as a result of climate change. The agricultural sector could face considerable challenges in the years to come. The Fourth National Climate Assessment is a government-mandated report that must be delivered to the United States Congress once every four years. Among the many aims of

the report are to provide an analysis of the effects of global changes on the natural environment and agriculture. The report also must project major trends for the next 25 to 100 years. The most recent report, delivered in 2018, noted that changing precipitation patterns could intensify in the coming years, leading to more intense periods of heavy rain and longer dry periods. Those shifting patterns

and other changes could lead to an increase in conditions and weather events that pose unique challenges to the agricultural sector. • Flooding: The Union of Concerned Scientists notes that many agricultural regions of the United States have already experienced increased flooding. The effects of flooding on the agricultural sector are often devastating and include accelerated soil erosion, water pollution and

damage to infrastructure that challenges farmers' ability to get food from their farms to stores and, ultimately, consumers' dinner tables. • Drought: The National Integrated Drought Information System reports that the primary direct economic impact of drought in the agricultural sector is crop failure and pasture losses. The Government of Canada notes that areas of western Canada are already experiencing frequent and severe droughts, and scientists expect other areas of the country to be affected by drought more often in the years to come. The same goes for the United States, which the UCS notes has already dealt with severe drought in California, the Great Plains and the midwest.

Depleted water supplies are a byproduct of drought, and such depletion can take a toll on crops and livestock. • Economics: The effects of climate change on crops and livestock may force farmers to change the nature of their farms. The UCS notes that farmers may be forced to choose crop varieties and animal breeds that are suited to the new conditions sparked by climate change. Going in a new direction could force farmers to make potentially costly investments in machinery and other changes as they make the transition. Climate change will pose unique challenges to the agricultural sector that could force farmers to make some difficult decisions in the years ahead.

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Forrester Library News

Preschool Storytime
Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.

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

An Evening with Jenny Lawson (Virtual)
Wednesday, March 30th, 7 p.m.

Join us for an evening with the #1 New York Times bestselling author and award-winning humorist as she discusses her most recent memoir, "Broken (in the best possible way)" and her brilliantly funny body of work. Lawson is a journalist, author, and blogger known for her great candor in sharing her struggle with mental illness. She will be joined by R. Eric Thomas, bestselling author, award-winning playwright, and screenwriter. His book "Here for It: Or How to Save Your Soul in America" was featured on NBC's Today Show as a Read with Jenna selection. This event is made possible by Illinois Libraries Present, a statewide collaboration among public libraries offering high quality events.

Funding for this grant was awarded by the Illinois State Library, a Department of the Office of Secretary of State, using funds provided by the U.S. Institute of Library Services, under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA). Please call the library for more information or to register for this virtual event.

Community Room
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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 forresterpubliclibrary@gmail.com, or through Facebook messaging. Of course, we always love to see you in person, too!

Byron's Rose makes Dean's List

MILWAUKEE — Anna Rose, of Byron, a senior at Wisconsin Lutheran College, has been named to the college's Dean's List for the fall 2021 semester.

Rose is a graduate of Stillman Valley High School.

To be eligible for Dean's List, a student must carry a semester GPA of 3.6 or higher.

Wisconsin Lutheran College (WLC) is an independent, nationally ranked Christian college located in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The college, which prepares students for lives of Christian leadership, is recognized for its academic excellence and superior student experience.

Julia Hull Library News

Spring BINGO!
Spring into the library and try your luck at winning a round of BINGO! We'll have lots of fun and prizes. All ages welcome. Tuesday, March 29, 1-2 p.m.

Spring Craft Drop-In
We're not foolin'! Stop into the library for a round of colorful Spring crafts, Friday, April 1, 1-3 PM. Ages 2-9.

Storytime at the Library!
Join us in person at the library for songs, stories and crafts! Wednesdays at 10 a.m., starting April 6. Ages 2-5. Space is limited: call the library to register: 815-645-8611.

Book Club for Adults
Pick up a book, then join us Monday, April 4 at 6:30 p.m. for a lively discussion of John Musgrave's memoir, *The Education of Corporal John Musgrave: Vietnam & Its Aftermath*. Adults only. Copies of the reading available on loan. Email Joanna at jkluever@mail.meridian223.org to register for a link to the program.

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

quired: 815-645-8611.

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

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

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



This March, young crafters embraced every color of the rainbow using simple supplies to make bright hanging mobiles with Miss Kelly at Julia Hull Library (Stillman Valley)!

the library to register for this in-person program, and reserve your copy of the reading: 815-645-8611. Tuesday, April 19 at 6:00 PM. Ages 7-9.

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.

Locals named to Dean's List at the University of Iowa

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

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Students make Dean's List at Olivet Nazarene University

BOURBONNAIS — To qualify for inclusion on the Dean's List, a student must have been enrolled as a full-time undergraduate student and must have attained a semester grade point average of 3.50 or higher on a 4.00 grading scale.

Hope Hickey of Davis Junction
Alyssa Kruger of Dixon
Emily Ogden of Stillman Valley
Grant Ogden of Stillman Valley

Olivet Nazarene University is an accredited Christian, liberal

arts university offering more than 140 areas of undergraduate and graduate study, including the Doctor of Education in ethical leadership. Olivet's 275-acre park-like main campus is in Bourbonnais, Illinois, 45 miles south of Chicago.

Additionally, the School of Graduate and Continuing Studies offers online education with offices and meeting spaces throughout Chicagoland and the Midwest.

From Oxford to Tokyo, hundreds of Olivet students also experience the global classroom each year through study abroad opportunities, internships and worldwide mission trips.

The Significance of the Resurrection

Behold... the voice of God which said, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him" Matthew 17:5
Friends, are you listening? "God, hath in these last days spoken unto us by His Son..."
Hebrews 1:1-2 "Concerning his Son Jesus Christ... declared to be the Son of God with power... by the resurrection from the dead" Romans 1:3-4

Let's consider the scene of the crucifixion: The people cried out, "Crucify Him, Crucify Him!" Then as He hung there on the cross, suffering immensely, he cried, "Father, forgive them!" What a wonderful expression of His love for man. Again, as darkness hung over the land, He cried, "It is finished!" Jesus died. The greatest moment in time was just witnessed.

The earth began to quake, the rocks shifted, and men feared greatly, saying, "Truly this was the Son of God!" He was placed in the tomb. It was sealed with a great rock, and men were commanded to guard the tomb.

Now what? Did men truly win? Did the evil powers finally conquer? Absolutely not!

Jesus rose from the dead. Christ is Risen! Indeed, He is risen! The empty tomb is proof. He conquered the death. He is Victor over sin and evil. He is triumphant in power!

The significance of the resurrection is power. Power to live. Power to be free. Power to live eternally.

Another significant fact is that this power can be yours.

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection, and the life, he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live... And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?"
John 11:25-26

Yes, this spiritual power can be your experience. Power to stop sinning. Power to break from your addictions. Power to love instead of hate. Power to forgive others. Power that surpasses all else.

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Library Book Clubs

Books On Tap will meet Thursday, March 24 at 6 p.m. at Cork N Tap to discuss Daisy Jones and the Six by Taylor Jenkins Reid. 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.

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 am. Registration is required and masks are recommended.

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

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Ink With A Friend Monthly Card Club- Monday, March 21st at 6:30 p.m.

Registration Deadline March 18th
Sending personal cards to your friends and family is a way to let them know you care and are thinking about them. Creating these cards makes it even more special. Come join us for Ink with a Friend. You will be provided a pre-cut kit along with personal instruction on how to create the wonderful cards while learning a variety of card making techniques. All designs include beautiful colored cardstock, gorgeous designer series paper, detailed stamped images, die cut pieces, matching ink, ribbon, and embellishments. This month, Liz has designed two (2) cards for you to make. All cards come with matching envelopes. Whether you're a new card maker or a seasoned pro, our kits are suited to every skill level. Don't wait! Sign up today to reserve your spot. Registration required (815) 732-2724 or <http://www.oregonpubliclibrary.com>.

Nutritional Cooking Class - Tuesday, March 22nd at 6:30 p.m.

Have you been trying to eat a healthier, more plant-based diet? Wondering what to do or recipes that might help you? Lynnies' Kitchen to the rescue! Join us in person to learn more healthful tips & sample delicious plant-based foods. It's National Nutrition Month... a great time to jump start a healthier YOU! Registration required, (815) 732-2724 or <http://www.oregonpubliclibrary.com>

80s & 90s TRIVIA NIGHT at Cork & Tap - Wednesday, March 23rd at 6:30 p.m.

Grab some friends and head down to Cork & Tap for 80s & 90s Themed Trivia. Teams of up to 6 can compete for prizes and bragging rights. Registration required, call (815) 732-2724 or visit <http://www.oregonpubliclibrary.com> to register your teams spot.

An Evening with Jenny Lawson- Wednesday, March 30th at 7 p.m.

Virtual Program - ZOOM
Join us for an evening with the #1 New York Times bestselling author and award-winning humorist Jenny Lawson as she discusses her most recent memoir, Broken (in the best possible way), and her brilliantly funny body of work. Lawson is a journalist, author, and blogger known for her great candor in sharing her struggle with mental illness. Her previous books Let's Pretend This Never Happened and Furiously Happy were #1 New York Times best-sellers. She will be joined in conversation with R. Eric Thomas, bestselling author, award-winning playwright, and screenwriter. His book Here for It: Or, How to Save Your Soul in America was featured as a Read with Jenna pick on NBC's Today. This event is made possible by Illinois Libraries Present, a statewide collaboration among public libraries offering high-quality events. Funding for this grant was awarded by the Illinois State Library, a Department of the Office of Secretary of State, using funds

provided by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services, under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA). Register for this virtual event at www.oregonpubliclibrary.com.

Alzheimer's Watch Party: Advancing the Science at Any Given Moment

Date: Thursday, March 31; Time: noon.
Alzheimer's is a global health problem with more than 6 million people living with the disease in the US alone. Tremendous gains have been made in the understanding of the science and basic biology underlying

Alzheimer's and other dementias. These advances are leading to great strides in strategies for prevention, detection, diagnosis, and therapeutic interventions. The Alzheimer's Association is a global leader in research, mobilizing the field to advance the vision of a world without Alzheimer's and all other dementia.

Join us to learn more about:

- Landscape of Alzheimer's and Dementia Science
- Risk Factors for Alzheimer's and all other dementia
- Highlights in Early Detection and Diagnosis
- Latest Advances in Clinical Trials, Treatments and Lifestyle Intervention

New Collaboration!

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

Exercise your brains with TRIVIA!

The First and Third Thursday of the Month at

12:30 p.m. at Rock River Center

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

It's Trevor Noah: Born A Crime by Trevor Noah

Reviewed by Carlee, 8th grade
"I would recommend this book to others because it's very informational and you can learn a lot of things you never knew about what life was like in South Africa. 5 stars!"

Alex Rider: Storm Breaker by Anthony Horowitz

Reviewed by Jackson Messenger, 8th grade
"I would recommend it because it has action, suspense and mystery. 4 1/2 stars!"

Puzzle Library

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

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- What's Today For? by Jessy Humann

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.

PCs for People

We are excited to announce our new partner-

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

New Releases

- The King's Man DVD R KIN
- The Beatles: Get Back 3-DVD 782.42 BEA
- Brian Wilson: Long Promised Road DVD 782.42 WIL
- The Magnolia Palace by Fiona Davis LP FIC DAV (RED DOT)
- The Maid by Nita Prose FIC PRO
- The Berlin Exchange by Joseph Kanon FIC KAN

This Might Hurt by Stephanie Wrobel FIC WRO

The Paris Apartment by Lucy Foley FIC FOR

Don't Cry for Me by Daniel Black FIC BLA

The Swimmers by Julie Otsuka FIC OTS

Last Duke Standing by Julia London PB ROM LON

Say You'll Be My Lady by Kate Pembroke PB ROM PEM

The Nineties by Chuck Klosterman 306.0973 KLO

Mala's Cat by Mala Kaczenberg 940.5318 KAC

Sentence: Ten Years and a Thousand Books in Prison by Daniel Genis 365.6092 GEN

Nothing to Lose by J. A. Jance MYS JAN

Wild Irish Rose by Rhys Bowen MYS BOW

Bertolet Library News

Women's History Month:

In recognition of Women's History Month, Bertolet Memorial Library is highlighting its collection of titles about Elizabeth Cady Stanton and the struggle for women's rights. When Stanton was born in 1815, women couldn't vote or hold elective office, couldn't keep the wages they earned, and weren't even allowed to speak in the public arena. Elizabeth Cady Stanton, leader of the Women's Suffrage movement, launched a revolution when she drafted the first organized demand for women's rights in 1848 at Seneca Falls, N.Y. In her words, "Our struggle shall be hard and long, but our triumphs shall be complete and forever." Visit the Library on Saturday, March 26th at 10 a.m. for Laura Keyes' presentation on the history of the women's rights movement, and check out our collection of titles on Women's Suffrage.

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 6:00PM. If interested, please contact Director Linda Schreiber at 815-738-2742 during business hours or by email at bertolet705@gmail.com.

Laura Keyes' Suffrage Program: Saturday, March 26th, 10 a.m.

Join us as Laura Keyes arrives as Elizabeth Cady Stanton on Saturday,

March 26th at 10:00AM. Elizabeth Cady Stanton fought for equal rights for women for over fifty years, and upon her death in 1902, she left behind a legacy of her crusade for female equality and myriad writings that would inspire feminists for over a century to come. Hear from Mrs. Stanton in 1866, when the Civil War was over but the battle for Women's Suffrage was just beginning. *Many books for all ages on this subject are on display at Bertolet Memorial Library!*

Movie Matinee: Monday, March 28th, 1 p.m.

We are looking forward to the return of our movies and popcorn! Join us on Monday, March 28th at 1:00PM as we watch the tale of the Madrigals, an extraordinary family living in a magical house in the Colombian mountains. But when Mirabel, the only ordinary family member, discovers the magic surrounding their home is in danger, she may be her family's last hope.

Family Game Night: Thursday, March 31st, 5-7 p.m.

We hope you used your family time these past 2 years to hone your board game skills! Family Game Night returns on Thursday, March 31st from 5-7 p.m. Bring your family's favorite game to share with others or choose from the selection available.

Lego Club: Monday, April 4th, 5 p.m.

Lego Club returns for ages 5 and

up on Monday, April 4th!

Story Hour: Thursdays at 10 a.m.

Join Miss Jana for Story Hour and learn about animals and letters on Thursdays at 10 a.m. Registration requested but not required. *There will not be a Story Hour on March 31st.*

Craft Kits for Adults:

March has us getting ready for Spring! Pick up your Cookie Cutter Seed Bird Feeder today!

Create-a-Card: Saturday, May 21st, 9 a.m.

There will not be a Create-a-Card in April. Bertolet Memorial Library will be closed on April 16th for Easter weekend. Jessie will return on May 21st... just in time to start those graduation cards!

New Releases:

- Adult Books
- Bookshop By the Sea by Denise Hunter
- Redeeming Love by Francine Rivers
- Seeds of Change by Lauraine Snelling
- Juvenile Fiction
- Birdie's Billions by Edith Cohn
- Adventure Awaits by Karen Kingsbury
- Picture Books
- Right This Very Minute by Lisl Detlefsen
- Color the Sky by David Elliot

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LOCAL NEWS

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.

Advancing the Science

Thursday, Mar. 31
Noon-1 p.m.
Watch the Alzheimer's Association LIVE interactive program. This program will discuss: the landscape of Alzheimer's and dementia science; risk factors for Alzheimers and all other dementia; highlights in early detection and diagnosis; and the latest advances in clinical trials, treatments and lifestyle intervention. Call 815-234-5107 to register, or register by visiting Byron.evanced.info/signup.

DIY Spring Wreath

Thursday, Mar. 31
6-7 p.m.
Who's ready for Spring? Give guests a warm, cheery welcome this season with an elegant DIY Spring Wreath. Join Heather and Cathy for an evening at the library as

they guide you step-by-step in creating your very own wreath. Register by visiting Byron.evanced.info/signup or calling 815-234-5107.

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.

Natural Cleaners

Tuesday, Apr. 12
6-7 p.m.
In honor of Earth Day on April 22, we will show you how to make your own "green" cleaners with simple household items. Each attendee will receive a bag of these earth-friendly ingredients and recipes to begin cleaning. Please register by calling 815-234-5107 or visiting Byron.evanced.info/signup.

Wine Glass Candle Holders

Thursday, Apr. 21
6-7:30 p.m.
Get in touch with your crafty side with us as we create a set of wine glass candle holders. Call 815-234-5107 or visit Byron.evanced.info/signup to register.

Bee Keeping

Thursday, Apr. 28
6-7:30 p.m.
Come learn what all the buzz about bee keeping is in this class for beginners. Call 815-234-5107 or visit Byron.evanced.info/signup to register.

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

AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

BYRON

ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

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Mailing Address: P.O. Box 838, Byron, IL 61010

UNITED CHURCH OF BYRON

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701 W. Second Street ~ PO Box 927, Byron IL 61010-0927, 815-234-8777
Email: ucb@comcast.net Website: unitedchurchofbyron.org
Pastor: Tyler Spellous
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: chanaucm@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 815-938-3203 Pastor 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!

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Pastor Karen Tews
West Grove Rd. At Columbine Rd.
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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
815-393-4658
Worship: 10:00 am
Coffee Fellowship following service

KINGS

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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

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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 BRETHERN

409 W. Brayton Road, Mt. Morris, IL 61045 Phone 734-4573
Pastor-Rodney Caldwell. Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m. Worship service available online, call for details. Other activities currently suspended due to pandemic. Email: mtmcob@frontier.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;

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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

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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 St., Oregon, IL 812-236-1213 • riverstonecc.com
Sunday 10:45 a.m.

ST. BRIDE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH, NALC

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

POLO

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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

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302 S. Franklin Ave., Polo, Illinois • 815-946-2848 • Luke N. Schier, Pastor
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205 N. Jefferson Avenue, Polo ~ 815.837.5255
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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
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Visit our website: www.crossroadscn.com

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

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

STILLMAN VALLEY

RED BRICK CHURCH OF STILLMAN VALLEY (CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH)

Pastor Rev. Dr. Chris Brauns | Associate Pastor David Bogner
207 W Roosevelt Road (Rte 72), Stillman Valley.
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 the activities or contact the church office.

KISHWAUKEE COMMUNITY EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

8195 Kishwaukee Road, Stillman Valley, IL 61084 / 815-965-1940
Pastor Tom Cox, Interim Pastor
www.kishchurch.org
Sunday Schedule: Discipleship Hour 9:00 AM, Coffee Fellowship 11:15 AM Gathered Worship 10:00 AM
For complete ministry schedule check out our website or call the church office.

VALLEY EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH

Interim Pastor Lisa Orris, Pastor Chuck Potts Minister to Students and Children
103 S Maple St, Stillman Valley, IL
815-645-8872 | www.valleycov.org
Sunday Morning 9:15am "Gather" for learning & conversation, 10:15am Worship both onsite and online at facebook.com/VECCFSV
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

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LOCAL FISH FRY GUIDE

SALT

Rochelle, IL.

Fish Fry Days

Every Friday During Lent

Fish Fry EVERY Friday night plus other fish specials all throughout Lent!

531 S 7th Street, Rochelle, IL, 815-561-2727
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Lenten Fish Fry Buffet

All You Can Eat Every Friday Night

March 4th-April 8th
Serving 5 p.m. through 7 p.m.

Adults \$13.00
Children under 5 are free

Handicap accessible
Carry outs available
\$10.00

881 N. Mongan Dr., Route 64 West
Oregon, IL 815-732-7383

Lenten Fish Fry

FRIDAYS IN LENT
MARCH 4, 11, 18, 25
APRIL 1, 8
5:00-7:00 PM

Fish Dinner
ADULT (11YRS+) \$12
SR. CITIZEN (65+) \$11
CHILDREN (4-10YRS) \$7
Includes 2-3 pieces of baked or fried cod and everything on the menu excluding pizza

Pizza Dinner
ADULT (11YRS+) \$10
SR. CITIZEN (65+) \$9
CHILDREN (4-10YRS) \$5
Includes 2-3 slices of pizza (1 slice for Children's Dinner) and everything on the menu excluding fish

FAMILY RATE - \$40
IMMEDIATE FAMILY - DINE IN ONLY
UNDER 3 - FREE

BEER & WINE AVAILABLE - 50/50 RAFFLE - HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE - CARRY OUTS AVAILABLE

MENU

Dr Del's Baked & Fried Cod
Alfano's Pizza
Macaroni & Cheese
French Fries
Potatoes w/Parsley
Green Beans
Cole Slaw
Dessert
Drinks

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH PARISH CENTER
236 KELLEY DRIVE. ROCHELLE, IL

Friday Night fish fry dinners are sponsored by Saint Patrick Parish Youth

CATCH OUR FISH FRY!

Friday Night Fish Fry!

Your Choice of
Cod OR **Perch**
\$13 OR **\$15**

Fish Fry Special!
Cod (All you can eat) - \$13

4-8 pm
Other seafood available/Full menu available

1469 N. IL Rt 2
Oregon IL
815-732-6761
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VFW

Post 8739

1310 W. Washington St.
Oregon, IL
815-732-6851

Every Friday Fish Fry
Cod, Catfish & Shrimp Dinners

Served 3pm-8pm
Public welcome, dine in or carry out.

FISH FRIDAY

Every Friday night
Serving 5 - 8 p.m.

Fried cod, baked cod,
bluegill or shrimp

\$10.95 - \$11.95

Includes: choice or potato (baked, french fries or onion rings), salad bar with homemade soup and complimentary dessert

Dine in, carry out or curbside delivery

812 Main St. - Ashton

Friday 5pm-9:30pm

FISH FRY FRIDAYS

208 N. Walnut St.
Stillman Valley
815-645-9828

PUBLIC WELCOME, DINE IN OR CARRY OUT. CHECK FACEBOOK FOR UPDATES

LOCAL NEWS

Mount Morris Library News

Display Case Showings

'Watch' us this month as we have a display of alarm clocks ringing in March! Local collector, Lori Peterson, is showcasing her collection of clocks in our display cases. 'Wind up' your excitement and come visit this 'alarming' display! 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.

Masks are optional

Thank you!

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.

Spring Break Drop-In Activities

School will be out from Spring Break sooner than you think! Want a creative craft for the kids to work on during their time off? 'Spring' into the Mount Morris Public Library for a great craft and some super books! They can be taken home or completed here while you browse for a new book! Oregon School's spring break is March 28th-April 1st!

Quiche & Scone Sale Coming Soon!

Be on the lookout for our Quiche and Scone sale coming in April! We will be offering a variety of deli-

cious items! Yum!

Storytime-Wednesdays at 11:15 a.m.

Let's go find the gold at the end of the rainbow! This week we will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day learning about rainbows and pots of gold! We will be reading books about 'St. Patty's Day', then the children will be creating a craft to take home! Come join our lucky story time at your Mount Morris Public Library! All preschool-age children are welcome.

Adult Book Club

The March book is *The Lost and Found Bookshop* by Susan Wiggs. Copies are available at the library. This group will meet in-person at the library on Monday, March 28th at 3:30 p.m.

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.

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 \$1.00. 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.

Weekly Brain Busters

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Slander in print
- 6 L-P link
- 9 Old map letters
- 12 Fred's dancing partner
- 13 Goal
- 14 Salt Lake athlete
- 15 Lightweight wood
- 16 "Lust for Life" punk rocker
- 18 Duration
- 20 Sea predator
- 21 "I'm not im-pressed"
- 23 Poseidon's home
- 24 Serpentine
- 25 "— a roll!"
- 27 Lent a hand
- 29 Live-in nanny
- 31 Mine vehicle
- 35 Call on
- 37 Activist Parks
- 38 Island porch
- 41 Stitch
- 43 Resistance unit
- 44 "Oops!"
- 45 Proverbial burg
- 47 1987 Peter Weller film
- 49 Hotel posting
- 52 CBS logo

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- 53 Group of two
- 54 Said something
- 55 ISP alternative
- 56 Norm (Abbr.)
- 57 Plains shelter
- DOWN
- 1 Science room
- 2 Writer Tarbell
- 3 Hotel staffer
- 4 Otherwise
- 5 Inclines
- 6 Rum cocktail
- 7 At hand
- 8 Texter's
- "Wow!"
- 9 Toyota model
- 10 Inventory
- 11 Settle a debt
- 17 There
- 19 Bike components
- 21 Ms. Farrow
- 22 Ostrich's kin
- 24 Sun. talk
- 26 Arizona tribe
- 28 Fawned (on)
- 30 Jr.'s son
- 32 Stove work-space
- 33 Fireplace residue
- 34 Zodiac animal
- 36 14-legged crustacean
- 38 Enticed
- 39 Greetings at sea
- 40 Prestigious prize
- 42 German sausage
- 45 Sulk
- 46 Scruff
- 48 LPs' successors
- 50 Scrape (out)
- 51 Observe

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MAGIC MAZE

NECKLACE STYLES

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

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Unlisted clue hint: **Fits Tightly Around the Neck**

- Bib
- Lariat
- Multi-strand
- Princess
- Collar
- Lavalier
- Negligee
- Sautoir
- Festoon
- Locket
- Opera
- Tassel
- Graduated
- Matinee
- Pendant

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

- ♦ Moderate
- ♦♦ Challenging
- ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Lamppost is missing. 2. Dog's ear is missing. 3. Collar is different. 4. Leash is missing. 5. Jacket is smaller. 6. Poster is different.

Answers

King Crossword

Solution time: 26 mins.

NECKLACE STYLES

Answers

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6	8	4	5	7	2	9	3	1
2	4	7	1	9	6	3	5	8
8	3	9	2	4	5	1	7	6
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Village Green Apartments
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Byron, IL
815-234-2620

Now accepting applications for one bedroom apartments. Must be 62 yrs or older; disabled regardless of age

Interested parties please call
815-234-2620
Contact us today to receive an application

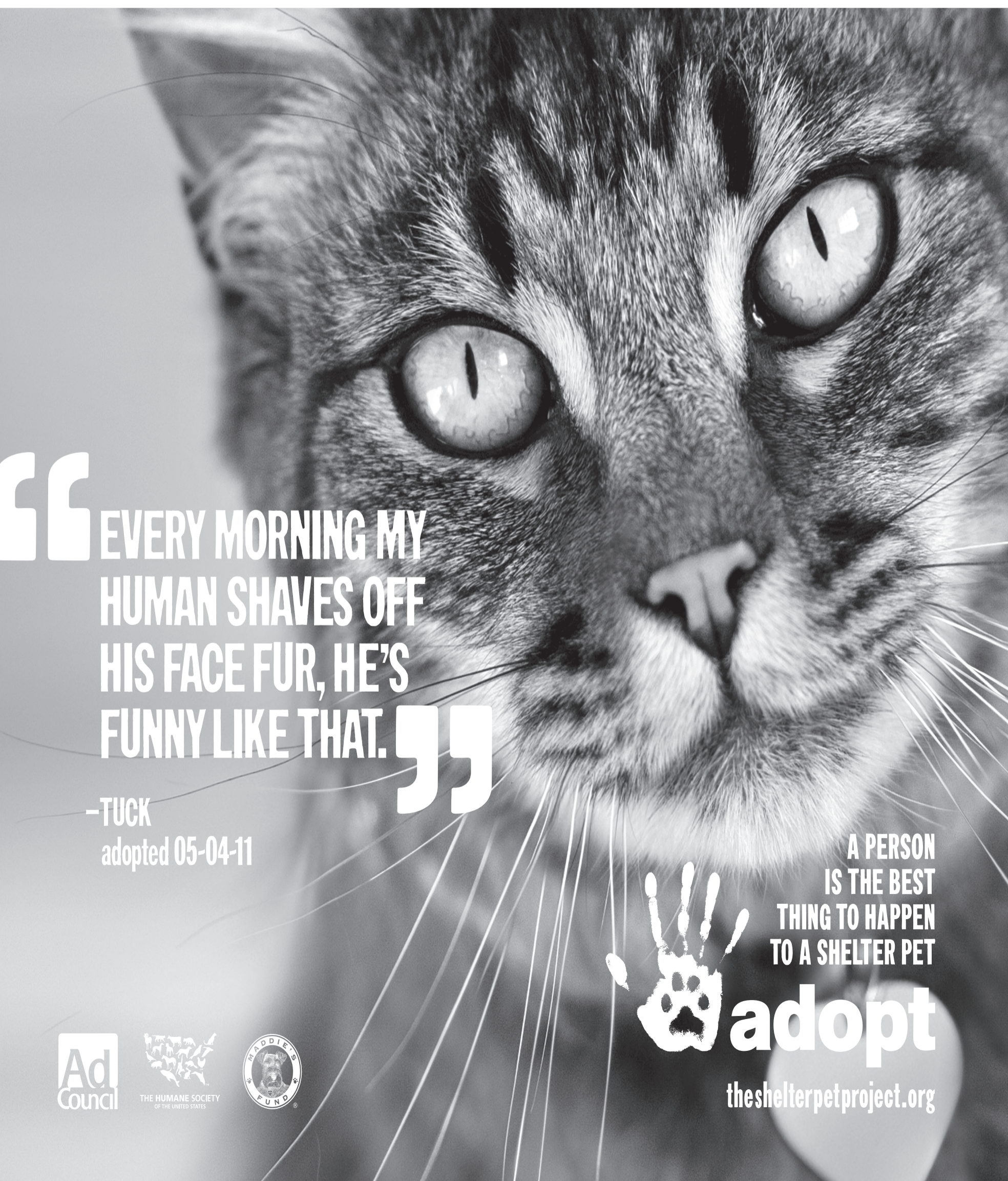
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Interested parties, please contact:
815-234-2620
Contact us today to receive an application for your new home.
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“EVERY MORNING MY HUMAN SHAVES OFF HIS FACE FUR, HE’S FUNNY LIKE THAT.”

-TUCK
adopted 05-04-11

A PERSON IS THE BEST THING TO HAPPEN TO A SHELTER PET



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MARKETPLACE

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

IN THE)
MATTER)No.
OF THE)2022
ESTATE)PR 15
OF:)
HARRY)
JACOBSEN,)
JR.,)
Deceased.)

CLAIM NOTICE
NOTICE IS GIVEN
of the death of Harry
Jacobson, Jr. of
Rockford, Ogle County,
Illinois.

Letters of office were
issued on February 1
7, 2022 to Kimberly
J. Walsh of Rockford,
Illinois, whose attorney
is Douglas P. Floski,
of Floski Law Office,
LLC. at 220 W. Third
Street, P. O. Box 1007,
Byron, Illinois, 61010-
1007.

CLAIMS against the
estate may be filed
in the office of the
Ogle County Clerk
of the Circuit Court
at 106 S. 5th Street,
#300, Oregon, Illinois
61061, or with the
representative, or both,
within 6 months from
the first publication of this
Notice, or within three
months from the date
of mailing or delivery
of Notice to creditors,
if mailing or delivery
is required by Section
18-3 of the Illinois
Probate Act, 1975, as
amended, whichever
date is later. Any claim
not filed within that
period is barred.

Copies of claims filed
with the Clerk must
be mailed or delivered
to the estate legal
representative and to
the attorney within 10
days after the claim has
been filed.

KIMBERLY J.
WALSH Independent
Administrator
No. 0303 (Mar. 7, 14,
21)

PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby
given that on February
28, 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: 1st
Time 2nd Time Around,
305 South 4th St.,
Oregon, IL 61061.
Dated: February 28,
2022.
Laura J. Cook, Ogle
County Clerk
No. 0305 (Mar. 7, 14,
21)

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

IN THE)
MATTER)No.
OF THE)2022
ESTATE)PR 12
OF:)
ROBERT I.)
JOHNSON,)
deceased.)

CLAIM NOTICE
NOTICE IS GIVEN OF
the death of ROBERT I.
JOHNSON of Oregon,
Illinois. Letters of
office were issued on
February 18, 2022, to
CYNTHIA L. BAADE
of Roscoe, Illinois,
whose attorney is David
A. Smith, of Smith,
Birkholz & Morrow, P.C.
at 129 South Fourth
Street, P. O. Box 10,
Oregon, Illinois, 61061-
0010.

CLAIMS against the
estate may be filed in
the office of the Clerk
of the Court at Ogle
County Judicial Center,
106 South 5th Street,
Oregon, Illinois,
61061, or with the
representative, or both,
within 6 months from
the first publication of this
Notice, or within three
months from the date
of mailing or delivery
of Notice to creditors,
if mailing or delivery
is required by Section
18-3 of the Illinois
Probate Act, 1975, as
amended, whichever
date is later. Any claim
not filed within that
period is barred.

Copies of claims filed
with the Clerk must
be mailed or delivered
to the estate legal
representative and to
the attorney within 10
days after the claim has
been filed.

CYNTHIA L. BAADE
Independent Executor
No. 0307 (Mar. 7, 14,
21)

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

In the)
Matter)No.
of the)2022
Estate of)PR
DIANE)000008
MARIE)
TAYLOR,)
deceased.)

Notice is given of the
death of DIANE MARIE
TAYLOR. Letters of
office were issued
on Feb. 21 2022, to
ROBERT H. GEHRKE,
JR., whose address
is 1720 Birch Ave.,
Belvidere, IL 61008, as
administrator, whose
attorney is TOBIN,
RAMON & BARBER,
530 South State Street,
Suite 200, Belvidere,
Illinois 61008-3711.

Claims against the
estate may be filed on
or before September
15, 2022, that date
being at least six (6)
months from the date
of first publication, or
within three (3) months
from the date of mailing
or delivery of Notice
to creditors, if mailing
or delivery is required
by 755 ILCS 5/18-3,
whichever date is later.
Any claim not filed by
the requisite date stated
above shall be
barred.

Claims against the
estate may be filed in
the Office of the Ogle
County Circuit Clerk
-- Probate Division
at the Ogle County
Courthouse, at 106
S. 5th St., Suite 300,
Oregon, IL 61061, or
with the estate legal
representative, or both.
Copies of claims filed
with the Circuit Clerk's
Office - Probate
Division, must be
mailed or delivered
to the estate legal
representative and to
her attorney within ten
days after it has been
filed.

DATED: March 8, 2022
TOBIN, RAMON &
BARBER

Attorneys for Petitioner
530 South State Street;
Suite 200
Belvidere, IL 61008-
3711
(815) 544-0316
mail@tobinramon.com
ROBERT H. GEHRKE,
JR.,
Administrator
No. 0309 (Mar. 14, 21,
28)

PUBLIC NOTICE
STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT
COURT OF THE 15th
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF OGLE

In the)
Matter)2022
of the)PR 18
Estate of)
JAMES N.)
VANCKO,)
Deceased.)

NOTICE FOR
PUBLICATION -
CLAIMS
Notice is given of the
death of James N.
Vancko whose address
was 920 Old Wagon
Road, Oregon, IL
61061. Letters of office
were issued on March
2, 2022, to Teresa K.
Vancko whose address
is 920 Old Wagon
Road, Oregon, IL
61061, as Independent
Administrator, whose
attorney is Amanda
J. Martinez, The Law
Office of Amanda
Adams Martinez LLC,
5732 E. Riverside Blvd.,
#201, Loves Park, IL
61111.

The estate will be
administered without
Court Supervision,
unless under
section 28-4 of the
Probate Act of 1975
(755ILCS 5/28-4) any
interested person may
terminate independent
administration at any
time by mailing or
delivering a petition to
terminate to the Circuit
Court Clerk.

Claims against the
estate may be filed in
the office of the Clerk
of this Court at 106 S.
5th St., #300, Oregon,
IL 61061 or with the
representative, or both,
on or before, 2022, any
claim not filed within
the period is barred.
Copies of a claim filed
with the Clerk must be
mailed or delivered to
the attorney within 10
days after it had been
filed.

Attorney Amanda J.
Martinez ARDC#: 6287970
The Law Office of
Amanda Adams
Martinez LLC
5732 E. Riverside Blvd.,
#201
Loves Park, IL 61111
p. 815-491-8065
a.martinez@
adamsmartinezlaw.com
No. 0310 (Mar. 14, 21,
28)

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

In The)In
Matter)Probate
of the)No.
Estate of:)2022
JOSEPH T.)PR 16
VODAK,)
Deceased.)

CLAIM NOTICE
NOTICE IS GIVEN OF
the death of JOSEPH
T. VODAK of Rochelle,
Illinois. Letters of office
were issued on March 2,
2022, to DEBORAH J.
BAUGUS of Sycamore,
Illinois as Independent

Administrator, 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 *
June 14, 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
No. 0311 (Mar. 14, 21,
28)

PUBLIC NOTICE
Town of Grand Detour
Annual Meeting
Annual town meeting
notice is hereby given
to the legal voters,
of the Town of Grand
Detour, in the County of
Ogle, and the State of
Illinois, that the Annual
Town Meeting of said
town will take place
on Tuesday, April 12,
2022 being the second
Tuesday of the said
month at the hour of
7:30 p.m. at the Grand
Detour Town Hall for
the transaction of the
miscellaneous business
of the said town.

No. 0314 (Mar. 21)

PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice is hereby given
that on April 4th, 2022
the Village of Mt. Morris
Planning Commission
will hold, at its regular
meeting, a public
hearing to consider the
request from Warren
Stultz, property owner
of parcel #08-26-330-
002, also known as 501
E Hitt Street, to consider
a variance in the Village
of Mt. Morris, Ogle
County, Illinois. The
property is currently
zoned R-1 Single
Family Residential.

Said request is for a
side setback for the
rebuild of an existing
property. Additional
information is available
in the Village Clerks
Office, 105 W Lincoln
St., Mt. Morris, IL. The
public hearing will held
at 7:00 PM in the Village
of Mt. Morris, Village
Hall Board Room at
105 W Lincoln St., Mt.
Morris, IL 61054.
Paula Diehl - Village
Clerk
Village of Mt. Morris
No. 0315 (Mar. 21, 28)

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

IN THE)
MATTER)No.
OF THE)2022
ESTATE)PR 20
OF:)
DONALD)
L. FREY,)
deceased.)

NOTICE OF
APPOINTMENT OF
ADMINISTRATOR
On 8 Ji, day of March,
2022, MARCIA FREY
was appointed as the
Administrator of the
Estate of DONALD
L. FREY, deceased.
Several of the heirs at
law of the decedent,
namely Mitchell Frey,
Evan Frey, Adam Frey,
Justin Frey, Brittany
Honakee, and Anthony

CLAIM NOTICE
NOTICE IS GIVEN OF
the death of DONALD
L. FREY of Mt. Morris,
Illinois. Letters of office
were issued on October
8, 2022, to MARCIA
FREY of Mt. Morris,
Illinois, whose attorney
is David A. Smith,
of Smith, Birkholz &
Morrow, P.C. at 129
South Fourth Street,
P. O. Box 10, Oregon,
Illinois, 61061-0010.

CLAIMS against the
estate may be filed in
the office of the Clerk
of the Court at Ogle
County Judicial Center,
106 South 5th
Street, Oregon, Illinois,
61061, or with the
representative, or both,
within 6 months from
the first publication of this
Notice, or within three
months from the date
of mailing or delivery
of Notice to creditors,
if mailing or delivery
is required by Section
18-3 of the Illinois
Probate Act, 1975, as
amended, whichever
date is later. Any claim
not filed within that
period is barred.

Copies of claims filed
with the Clerk must
be mailed or delivered
to the estate legal
representative and to
the attorney within 10
days after the claim has
been filed.

Marcia Frey
Independent
Administrator
No. 0316 (Mar. 21, 28,
April 4)

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

IN THE)
MATTER)No.
OF THE)2022
ESTATE)PR 20
OF:)
DONALD)
L. FREY,)
deceased.)

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Evan Frey, Adam Frey,
Justin Frey, Brittany
Honakee, and Anthony

Frederick, on due inquiry
cannot be found so
that process cannot
be served upon them.
This Notice is given as
required under Section
5/9-5 of the Illinois
Probate Act of 1975
(755 ILCS 5/9-5).
Marcia Frey,
Administrator
By: David A. Smith,
her attorney
Subscribed and sworn
to before me
this 8th day of March
2022.
Christine B. Donahue,
Notary Public
David A. Smith, her
attorney
No. 0317 (Mar. 21, 28,
April 4)

Elect a Moderator
Approve Minutes of the
2021 Annual Meeting
Approve the
Supervisors Annual
Financial Statement
Approve Road
Commissioner Report
Approve Joint Bridge
Fund
Appoint an Audit Firm
Dated March 15, 2022.
Paula Diehl,
Township Clerk
No. 0318 (Mar. 21)

PUBLIC NOTICE
Taylor Township
meeting schedule 2022
Taylor Township 2022
regular meetings are
held on the second
Tuesday of the month

at 7 pm.
Annual town hall
meeting - April 12, 7
pm.
The meetings are held
at the Taylor Township
building at 280 West
Flagg Road.
For questions, contact
Melody Jackovich,
Clerk Taylor Township
630-886-3351.
No. 0319 (Mar. 21)

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF
MONTHLY MEETINGS
BUFFALO TOWNSHIP
117 NORTH
FRANKLIN AVE
POLO ILLINOIS
2022-2023
ANNUAL MEETING:
Tuesday APRIL 12,
2022 AT 7:00 PM
APRIL MONTHLY
MEETING APRIL 12,
2022 FOLLOWING
THE ANNUAL
MEETING HELD
AT THE POLO
TOWN HALL, 117
N, FRANKLIN AVE
POLO
IL 61064.
REMAINING
MONTHLY MEETINGS
ARE HELD ON
THE SECOND
WEDNESDAY OF
THE MONTH AT 7:30
PM AT POLO TOWN
HALL.
MAY 11, 2022
JUNE 8, 2022
JULY 13, 2022
AUGUST 10, 2022
SEPTEMBER 14, 2022
OCTOBER 12, 2022
NOVEMBER 9, 2022
DECEMBER 14, 2022
JANUARY 11, 2023
FEBRUARY 8, 2023
MARCH 8, 2023
No. 0321 (Mar. 21)

PUBLIC NOTICE
ANNUAL
TOWN MEETING
NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN
To the legal voters,
residents of the Town
of Buffalo in the County
of Ogle and State of
Illinois, that the Annual
Town Meeting of said
Town will take place on
Tuesday, April 12, 2022
Being the second
Tuesday of said month
At the hour of 7:00 P.M.
at Polo Town Hall
117 N Franklin Avenue
Polo IL 61064
No. 0322 (Mar. 21)

PUBLIC NOTICE
Sealed bids will

PUBLIC AUCTION

Having decided to discontinue our Snow Removal & Lawn Care Business, we will sell at Public Auction the following described equipment. This Auction will be held Live On Site at **615 N 15th Street, Rochelle IL 61068** with a part of the auction being held indoors. Watch for Bearrows Auction signs from 20th Street and Flagg Blacktop in Rochelle IL. For More information, and pictures, visit our web site at www.bearrows.com click on the Auction Zip link.

Saturday, March 26th, 2022

10:00 a.m.

Comfort Station

Auctioneers note: This auction will feature some very good quality trucks, trailers, commercial lawn care and snow removal equipment that is ready to go to work for you, and has been well maintained. For more information, contact Auctioneer John Bearrows at 815-739-9150 or visit our web site www.bearrows.com to view color photos. Plan now to attend.

Trucks & Trailers: 2006 GMC Sierra SLT 1/2 Ton, 4WD, Crew Cab, 6ft box, Leather and loaded up, approx. 138,305 miles, some rust; 1998 GMC 3500, 2WD, 6.5 Turbo Diesel, approx. 87,775 Miles, 10ft dump box, landscapers sides, cloth int. solid truck; 1998 Chevy Cheyenne 3500 1 Ton dump, 8 ft box, 4 speed manual trans, 7.4L gas, 2 way gate, 2WD, good work truck, VIN# 197949; 1997 Ford F150 XLT, 163,238 Miles, Cloth int, Std cab, PW, PL, Tilt, Cruise, some rust; 1997 Ford F250 XLT Lariat, 2WD, approx. 64,482 Miles, Std Cab, Auto, 8ft box, Tool box, PW,PL, Tilt cruise, some rust VIN# 11857; 1990 Dodge Ram Pickup, LE150, 2WD, ext. cab, 8ft box, with shell, PW, PL, VIN# 017096, some rust; 2003 Jamie Wldg 18ft Road Boss utility trailer, tandem axle, lift assist gate; 1994 Rettig Ent 16ft Tandem axle utility trailer, w/lift assist ramp; 1993 Jamar 16 ft tandem axle utility trailer, w/lift assist rear gate; 2000 Holt Trailer, 18 ft tandem axle utility trailer, 16ft flat + 2ft beaver tail with folding ramps;

Case IH Tractor, Skid Steer & Attachments: Case IH DX55 Compact Tractor, with LX118 Loader, 72" quick Tach bucket, and a 758C Case IH Mounted Backhoe, 18.4x24 Rears, 12x16.5 Turf Frts, approx. 4697 Hrs.; Case 1840 Skid steer, approx. 2300 hrs, Aux Hyd., 62" Dirt Bucket w/detachable teeth, & Push Blade, (quick Tach) 10-16.5 Rubber(VIN# JAE0175482); Set of FFC Quick Tach Pallet Forks; Berco Frit mounted broom (Like new);

ExMark Mowers & Others: ExMark Lazor Z, S series, Red Technology, Better seat, 60" Mulch deck, 554 Hrs, Kawasaki Gas engine; ExMark Lazor Z, S series, Red Technology, Better seat, 60" Mulch deck, 571 Hrs, Kawasaki Gas engine; ExMark Lazor Z XP mower w/60" Deck, Diesel; ExMark Lazor Z C1, 52" deck, 23HP Vanguard, 2012 Hrs.; ExMark Lazor Z, X series, w/60" deck, Kohler Command Pro 747cc, 2372 Hrs; ExMark Lazor Z XS series diesel, 60" mulch deck, 1613 hrs; ExMark Lazor Z XP series, diesel, 60" side discharge deck, 1775 Hrs; 2-Woods 6215 Mowing Machines, Diesel, 60" decks, walking rear wheels; ; Pull type Gang mower; Woods 72" 3pt rotary mower, hard rubber tire and safety chains; Cub Cadet 1711 hydro Garden tractor with deck and mounted sprayer w/3 ft walk and hand gun; Troy Bilt 21" walk behind variable speed mower; TORO 4ft walk behind commercial Proline mower; Kinco walk behind sickle mower; Walk behind self-Prop fence row mower; Walk behind string trimmer; 12ft. Woods Tri-Deck pull type finish mower, Hyd lift and fold; Grasshopper 72" mower, w/vacuum, 1970 Hrs; Cub Cadet 125 Hydro, snowblower, deck & wheel weights;

Snow Blowers, Assorted Shop Tools & Equipment John Deere 826 Walk Behind snow blower; Large assortment of Stihl String trimmers & Blowers, shovels, rakes, thatcher's, lawn rollers, and other items used in his lawn care business; Snow Blowers include 2-Toro CCR 2000 Power Curve and many other walk behinds, with several that are newer; 4ft pull type lawn Aerator; 110 Gal Pickup Fuel Tank; 300 Gal overhead gas and 300 Diesel overhead tank; Many assorted parts including filters, plugs, blades and other items; Aluminum scaffolding; Bench grinders; Radial arm saw; Torch Kit w/cart; Shop Vacs; Sears 15" floor drill press; Usual hand & power tools; Keller KKL-16 folding ladder; Drop Cords; Husqvarna 455 Rancher 20" chain saw; Other quick start chain saw; Chains and load binders; Forney welder; Splitting mallets; Gas pressure washer;

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TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 2022 AT 10:00 A.M.

79.18 Taxable Acres ± • 1 Tract

The SMJ Family Farms land is located approximately 3 miles south of Durand, Illinois and is further described as being located in Section 35, T28N•R10E, Durand Township, Winnebago County, Illinois.

The farm represents mostly tillable productive cropland which sells with a tenant for the 2022 crop year only.

SMJ FAMILY FARMS, LLC

Attorney: David Shockey | Shockey & Cox Law Offices LLC
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MARKETPLACE

be received for the following sections by the Ogle County Highway Department, Oregon, Illinois, until 2:00 P.M. April 8, 2022 for:

- 22-XX000-00-GM 2022 Township Sealcoats,
- 22-00000-02-GM 2022 County Sealcoats,
- 07-12125-00-FP Lynnville Twp Paving,
- 22-XX000-01-GM Flagg/Lynnville Twp Micro-surfacing,
- 22-26120-00-FP Oregon-Nashua Township Paving,
- 20-00324-00-BR Ridge Road Culvert Replacement,
- 21-00339-00-BR Lowell Park Road Culvert Extensions,
- 21-00341-00-RS Sterling Road Resurfacing,

Proposals are available at the Ogle County Highway Department, 1989 South IL Rte. 2, Oregon, IL between the hours of 7:00 A.M. And 3:30 P.M. Monday - Friday.

The Road and Bridge Committee reserves the right to accept or reject and or all bids. No. 0323 (Mar. 21, 28)

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

IN THE)
MATTER)No.
OF THE)2022
ESTATE OF) PR 7
LAWRENCE)
J.)
SABELLA,)
Deceased.)

CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of LAWRENCE J. SABELLA, of Davis Junction, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on February 7, 2022, to LAURA S. JOHNSON, whose address is 8205 Elevator Road, Roscoe, IL 61073, and whose attorneys are Fearer, Nye & Chadwick, 420 4th Avenue, PO Box 117, Rochelle, IL 61068.

C l a i m s
against the Estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk of the Court at Ogle County Courthouse, Oregon, IL 61061, or with the representative, or both, no later than September 21, 2022, and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed

with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

FEARER, NYE & CHADWICK, Attorneys for LAURA S. JOHNSON, Executor of the Estate of LAWRENCE J. SABELLA, deceased No. 0325 (Mar. 21, 28, April 4)

PUBLIC NOTICE
MARION TOWNSHIP ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
To the legal residents of the Township of Marion in the County of Ogle and State of Illinois, that the ANNUAL MEETING of said town will take place on TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 2022 being the second Tuesday of said month.

The town meeting for the transaction of miscellaneous business of said town will be held at the hour of 7:00 P.M. on said day at the Marion Township Building and a Moderator having been elected, will proceed to hear and consider reports of officers and decide on such measures as may, in pursuance of law, come before the meeting; and especially to consider and decide the following:

- * Annual Supervisor's Report
- * Road Commissioner Annual Report
- * Miscellaneous Business

Dated this 4th day of March, 2022

Candy S Beck Clerk No. 0324 (Mar. 21)

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

119 ANNOUNCEMENTS
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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)

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.

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WANTED TO BUY: Vintage Metal and Wood Signs, Milk Bottles & Local Advertising, Oak Icebox, Iron Door Stop and Antique Lighting... Call Dick Harms at 815-562-2928 or email dickharms@hotmail.com

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307 MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE
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Applications may be picked up at and returned to: The Byron Police Department, 232 W. Second Street. Applications will be accepted until April 8, 2022.

Minimum requirements: U.S. Citizen, 21 years of age, High School Diploma and a valid drivers license. College education is preferred.

Applicants must be able to pass the State of Illinois P.O.W.E.R. Test.

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SCHOOL BUS

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For more information

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Director

Ogle County is seeking a Director for the Solid Waste Management Department. Position is responsible for administration of all functions of the Department including fiscal management, its enforcement & inspection program, recycling & waste reduction initiatives, educational efforts, grant programs, and implementation of its Solid Waste Management Plan.

For job description & requirements visit www.oglecounty.org

To apply, send resume and cover letter by 9 a.m. April 8, 2022 to:

Ogle County Clerk,
SWM Director Application
105 S. 5th St., Suite 104
Oregon, IL 61061
815-732-1111
Or email to ocbc@oglecounty.org

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We have two positions to fill and are offering an incremental hiring bonus up to \$1,500 for candidates who can start by March 31, 2022.

Applicants should possess excellent communication and organizational skills with a positive personality and team-player approach. Previous media sales or related marketing experience is a plus, including print, digital and social media advertising.

Sky is the limit on earning potential and career development in this position. We offer a competitive base salary plus commission, paid vacation, paid sick days, paid holidays, excellent medical benefit plans, and 401-K options.

Qualified applicants should mail or e-mail their resume to Mike Feltes (mfeltes@oglecountylife.com) or mail it to the following address:

Ogle County Life
ATTN: Mike Feltes
P.O. Box 175
Rochelle, IL 61068

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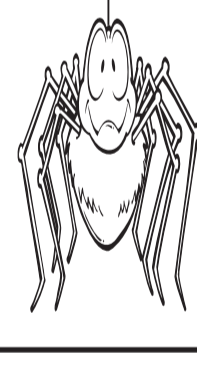
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Ogle County Zoning Department

SUMMARY: Will assist the Planning and Zoning Administrator in the enforcement of the Ogle County Amendatory Zoning Ordinance and Ogle County Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance. The Ogle County Planning & Zoning Department is responsible for regulating construction activities in the unincorporated area of the county. This department regulates construction through zoning, flood hazard and subdivision regulations. The position is full-time (40-hour work week), and includes benefits such as health insurance, IMRF pension, and generous leave-time.

A detailed job description and requirements can be found here:
Ogle County Website

To apply, please send resume to:
Ogle County Planning & Zoning Department
Attention: Mark Miller, Planning & Zoning Administrator
911 Pines Rd.
Oregon, IL 61061

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LOCAL NEWS

Park District has upcoming activities

Paint a Spring Door Hanger
Welcome your guests with a painted *Home Sweet Home* door hanger. Register for this workshop instructed by Cindy at Cin's Treasures, Conover Square, on Tuesday, April 5, at 6 p.m. This piece measures 22" across. You simply add the paint and assemble. Class fee is \$35/Resident or \$42/Non-Resident. Registration deadline is March 29.

Spring Rolls & Pot Stickers Cooking Class
Learn to make 2 healthy Asian appetizers & dipping sauce with Lynnies' Kitchen at Cork & Tap on Thursday, April 21, at 6 p.m. All food supplies included but you bring a few cooking supplies. Class fee is \$36/Resident or \$43/Non-Resident. Registration deadline is April 14.

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 Ganymedes Base Ball club play the Canton Cornshuckers Base Ball Club (of Canton, Michigan) at the Field of Dreams movie site in Dyersville, Iowa. Enjoy the If You Build It exhibit and dinner at Chad's Pizza & Restaurant (not included in trip fee) prior to the 7 p.m. game. Bring your lawn chair or blankets, snacks, and non-alcoholic beverages on the motor

coach. Trip fee is \$38/Resident or \$45/Non-Resident. Registration deadline is May 2nd.

Womens 3 on 3 Basketball League
Womens Basketball League is back at the Oregon Park District! Games are played 3-on-3 on a half court at Nash. Teams will compete in a regular season followed by a tournament to conclude the season. This is a fun opportunity for all skill levels to play in a competitive atmosphere. The league will be self officiated and all players must be 18+ years old and graduated from High School. Number of teams is limited, so register early! Fee \$100 p/team, Deadline March 30th. Season runs 4/6 through 5/11.

Baseball and Softball 2022
Registration is open for all of our Baseball and Softball programs, featuring options for ages 3 years old through 14 years old. Whatever your skill and age level, we have a program that will help develop your skills and ensure that you will have a fun season! Coaches are needed for all levels, please email lesley@oregonpark.org if you are interested in coaching.

- Little Baseball Stars (Ages 3-5) \$30/\$36 NR Deadline 6/21
 - T-Ball- (Ages 5-6) \$45/\$54 NR Deadline 4/21
 - Boys Coach Pitch (Ages 7-8) \$45/\$54 NR Deadline 4/1
 - Minor Boys (Ages 9-10) \$75/\$90 NR Deadline 4/1
 - Leon Gasmund Baseball (Ages 11-12) \$90/\$108 NR Deadline 4/1
 - Sandy Koufax Baseball (Ages 13-14) \$95/\$113 NR Deadline 4/1
 - Coach Pitch Girls Softball (Ages 7-8) \$45/\$54 NR Deadline 4/1
 - Minor Girls Softball (Ages 9-10) \$75/\$90 NR Deadline 4/1
 - Junior Girls Softball (Ages 11-12) \$90/\$108 NR Deadline 4/1
 - Intermediate/Senior Girls Softball (Ages 13-14) \$95/\$113 NR Deadline 4/1 (No High School Players)
- Register at Nash, by calling 815-732-3101 or online at www.oregonpark.org,

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*Does not include cost of material. Expires 3/31/22. 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 3/31/22.

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