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Charges filed in fire case



Ogle County Sheriff Brian VanVickle, left, and Ogle County State's Attorney Mike Rock address the media at a press conference announcing charges in the death of Melissa Lamesch of Mount Morris. She was pregnant when killed in November 2020. (Brad Jennings photo)

Boyfriend charged in 2020 death of pregnant Mt. Morris woman

By Brad Jennings
Editor

OREGON – A Malta man was arrested last week and charged with killing a pregnant Mount Morris woman who was found dead following a house fire in November 2020.

At a press conference on March 9, the day of the arrest, Ogle County State's Attorney Mike Rock said that a grand jury had returned a 10-count indictment against Matthew T. Plote, 34. He was charged in the death of Melissa Lamesch, who died on Nov. 25. Her baby, a boy, was due on Nov. 28.

The charges against Plote include three counts of first-degree murder, one count of premeditated murder, three counts of homicide of an unborn child, one count of residential arson, one count of aggravated domestic battery and one count of concealment of a homicidal death.

He is being held in the Ogle County Jail on a \$10 million bond, of which \$1 million is necessary for his release.

"I want to thank law enforcement for their very hard work on this case," Rock said. "I know they put a lot of man hours into it, to get



Matthew T. Plote

this case to a point where we could present it to a grand jury."

According to the warrant, Plote allegedly strangled Lamesch, 27. Rock said that the two were dating at the time.

Rock said he didn't want to comment when asked if Plote was the father of the child Lamesch was carrying.

If convicted of all charges, Plote will face a life in prison.

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Horse arena damaged by high winds

Pegasus Special Riders seek volunteer help, donations

By Brad Jennings
Editor

OREGON – Pegasus Special Riders, Inc. is seeking donations after a windstorm on Saturday, March 5 severely damaged its main arena building.

The high winds tore off about 120 feet of canopy, twisted the steel frame and the large front door was blown off and landed inside of the arena, said Sara Morris, Pegasus administrator. She said the back doors were blown off the tracks.

All 11 horses and the two cats were not harmed.

Pegasus Special Riders, located at 6668 S. Carthage Road, has been operating since 1997. It is a therapeutic riding program for children and adults with special needs. Volunteers perform all of the required duties, such as working with the riders, caring for the horses and facilities, raising funds and providing the necessary administrative support.

Twelve volunteers come out on March 6 to help with some cleanup. Lessons at Pegasus are supposed to start on April 19, but it is unclear when and where those lessons will happen.

Anyone who would like to donate to Pegasus can use the Donate button on its Facebook page or website – www.pegassuspecialriders.org.

"Thank you everyone for your continued support towards the program," Morris said. "We are in need of volunteers for lessons, feeders, grounds and additional instructors."

There will be volunteer training on March 18 from 1-4 p.m. Volunteers at Pegasus help with anything from lessons to feeding the horses. If you are interested, please RSVP by calling Morris at 815-973-3177.

Help from the community in the form of donations is already coming in too. Rochelle Kiwanis Golden K recently donated to Pegasus to help cover costs of the damage to the facility.



The main arena building used by Pegasus Special Riders was severely damaged by high winds on March 5. (Submitted photo)

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LOCAL NEWS

Meridian district employees honored by state board

Jacque Buchanan, Elaine Nicholson, Steve Pierce, and the COVID Response Team will all be honored as Those Who Excel Honorees by the Illinois State Board of Education.

Meridian CUSD nominated each person or group for this state-wide honor last school year and received notice of their recognition last week. "The Those Who Excel program is about honoring those who are truly exceptional within your district and then entering them into a competition to recognize their incredible efforts at the state level," said Meridian CUSD 223 Superintendent PJ Caposey.

"It was incredibly important to honor the work of our staff and community given the incredible stress and complexity of the past two years. I could not be more thankful for the team we have in place in Meridian."

The Illinois State Board of Education annually sponsors Those Who Excel to honor individuals who have made significant con-

tributions to our state's public and nonpublic elementary and secondary schools. Excellence, Meritorious Service and Special Recognition awards are presented in seven categories: classroom teacher, school administrator/principal, student support personnel (licensed), educational service personnel (unlicensed), school board member/community volunteer; team, and early career educator.

Nomination materials are evaluated by a selection committee comprised of individuals who represent a variety of educational organizations. Awards of Excellence winners in the classroom teacher category are finalists for the Illinois Teacher of the Year.

Local school district leaders and members of school communities nominate candidates.

Meridian winners were in the following categories:

* Jacque Buchanan won an award of Meritorious Service for work as a classroom teacher.

* Elaine Nicholson won an award of Mer-



Elaine Nicholson



Jacque Buchanan



Steve Pierce

itorious Service for work as a support staff member.

* The COVID Response team won an award of Meritorious Service for their work as a team.

* Steve Pierce won an award of Excellence for his community service – one of SIX people in the state to earn this recognition.

2022 waste reduction and recycling grants available

Waste Reduction/Recycling Grants for 2022 are available to Ogle County businesses, schools, churches and non-profit groups wanting to establish or improve on waste reduction and recycling programs and services.

The grants are up to \$2,000, and funds are limited, so they will be awarded on a competitive basis in amounts from \$100-\$2,000, in three rounds or until funds are depleted. The matching fund grant pays 80% of the total project cost up to \$2,000, and the applicant must provide a minimum 20% match of the total project cost. Example: Total project cost - \$2,500; grant amount \$2,000; applicant matching amount \$500.

The deadline for submittal of applications for the first round of grants is 4 p.m. Thursday, April 7.

The application for the grants is simple and flexible. Businesses could use grant funds to help purchase waste reduction and recycling materials and equipment such as collection bins, carts, bal-

ers and storage containers. Equipment needed to switch from disposable packaging to reusable packaging for products and supplies could also be considered. Businesses are encouraged to consider projects to reduce food waste or implement food waste recycling programs.

Waste hauling companies could use grant funds to improve the quantity and quality of materials collected in their curbside recycling collection programs. This could be done through promotional efforts, instructional stickers for carts and bins, direct mail, and other educational efforts.

Schools may seek funds for special projects that will further a student's understanding of how to reduce the amount of trash sent to the landfill. The requests may be for materials and equipment, such as recycling bins/carts, videos, books, worm (vermicomposting) bins, composters, or other waste reduction or recycling equipment.

Municipalities seeking to improve commercial, curbside, or multifamily

recycling programs are encouraged to apply. Grant applications for equipment and materials needed to improve electronics recycling options in Ogle County are also encouraged since most electronics have been banned from landfills since 2012.

These are just examples, and applicants are encouraged to find innovative ways to reduce waste and increase what is recycled. The grants may not be used to pay for ongoing expenses such as staffing, collection, and hauling costs. Priority will be given to new applicants.

All applications will be reviewed by the Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department and the Ogle County Board HEW/Solid Waste Committee.

For more information or to request an application, please contact the Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department at 815-732-4020, solidwaste@oglecounty.org, or visit www.oglecounty.org to download the application.

Man sentenced in 2018 stabbing case

Leonard Smith, of Rockford, was sentenced to 20 years in prison for Attempted First Degree Murder on March 3 by Judge John B. Roe.

On June 1, 2018, the Ogle County

Sheriff's Department responded to the area of 4989 North Route 251 for a stabbing victim. During the investigation, Smith was developed as a suspect. At least 85 percent of the sentence will be served.

Church hosting Medicare program March 16

BYRON – A free educational and informational presentation on the Medicare insurance program will be presented for the community at 6-7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 16, at the United Church of Byron, 701 West Second St.

The emphasis will be on the eligibility

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

FATAL: Expected back in court next month

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The Ogle County Sheriff's Department worked with Mount Morris Police on the investigation. Sheriff Brian VanVickle said he wanted to focus on Lamesch's family now, and hopefully give them some long-awaited

closure.

"Obviously this has been a long investigation," he said. "The fire occurred in November of 2020."

Lamesch had been an EMT since June 2016 and was working for Trace Ambulance in Tinley Park.

Firefighters were

called to the Mount Morris home at 206 S. Hannah Ave. at 4:29 p.m. for smoke coming from the residence. Lamesch was found on the kitchen floor. Despite life-saving measures taken at the scene, she was pronounced dead.

Plote is next expected in court next month.

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LOCAL NEWS

Hack's Auction offering appraisals at antique show

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first auction. Hack's has evolved into a premier auction company in northern Illinois. Greg and Swan, sons of Henry and Nancy, are leading Hack's Auction into the future.

The Hackmeisters are no strangers to the Oregon area. The Oregon Women's Club invites you to join Hack's Auction Staff as they provide their appraisal services on Sunday, March 27 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. A \$5 fee per item will be

charged as a donation to the Oregon Women's Club. Bring in a family heirloom or antique that you are curious to identify or to find out what it is worth and Hack's Auction Staff will provide you with an appraisal. Photographs of large items may also be appraised. A written appraisal can be discussed with the Hack's agents.

Allow plenty of time to also enjoy over 40 antique dealers exhibiting their

items for sale. Don't forget to enjoy a lunch from the Ladies of Chana United Methodist Church.

The Antique Show will be held on Saturday, March 26 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday, March 27 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Blackhawk Center, 1101 W. Jefferson St. in Oregon.

There is plenty of free parking and handicapped access. For additional information email kathew1968@yahoo.com.

Summer camp sessions offered at Lorado Taft

This summer, Lorado Taft will be offering five summer camp sessions.

Three sessions are for children ages 7-12 and occur June 13-17, June 27-July 1, and July 5-8. Our June 13-17 session is Dirt Don't Hurt. We will learn all that mud has so offer us as well as about other things we think are dirty. We will explore our river and see what trash is left behind and learn about how we can make better choices for our earth.

Our June 27-July 1 session is Survivor themed. We will split campers into teams and they will compete for points throughout the week while they complete different challenges.

Our July 5-8 session is a four day Around the World Camp. This camp fee is \$95 because of the shortened schedule. Campers will learn about places, animals, and cultures around the world.

Camps will start at 8:30 a.m. and end at 4:30 p.m. with the exception of Friday, when we will end at 2 p.m. Tentatively (depending on Covid-19 guidelines in place at that time) families are invited to lunch and a presentation on Friday of each camp, during which the campers will show what they have been working on during their week at the camp. There is an additional fee for family members attending the Friday lunch.

The fee for the June and August camps is \$115 for the first child and \$90 for any subsequent children in the family. The fee for the four-day July camp is \$95 for the first child and \$75 for any subsequent children in the family. Early drop off and late pick up will be available for an additional fee.

Our littles session for children ages 5-6 will be held July 11-15. This is our Bugs and Butterflies Camp. Throughout the week we will explore our woods, water, and prairies to find the critters that live there. The camp will start at noon and end at 4:30 p.m. Lunch and a snack will be provided. The fee for this camp will be \$75 a child.

We also have a session for older campers, aged 13-17, who are interested in being a junior counselor. They will attend a morning session to learn how to teach a game or do a craft and then will help the Lorado Taft staff in the afternoon with the little's camp July 11-15. Camp will start at 8:30 am and end at 4:30 p.m. The fee for this camp is \$115 for the first child and \$90 for any subsequent children in the family. Early drop off and late pick up will be available for an additional fee.

The safety of our campers and their families, as well as our staff, is extremely important to us! Northern Illinois University requires that guests to all campuses follow all applicable guidelines related to health and safety communicated by the University, including but not limited to Covid-19 protocols and guidelines.

For more information or to register, contact Alyssa Parker at 815-732-2111, ext. 125 or at aparker4@niu.edu. Registration forms are also available on the Lorado Taft Campus website at www.niu.edu/taft.

Byron Women's Club offering Scholarship

BYRON – The Byron Women's Club Empowerment Scholarship is awarded to a woman residing in the Byron School District who would like to continue their education in college/community college, a GED program, or a vocational/professional training program.

Please pick up an application at the Byron High School Guidance Office. You may contact Emma Ewing at 815-494-7098 or emmaewing816@gmail.com.

Completed application forms must be received by April 29.



Learning center opens

The Oregon Area Chamber of Commerce was pleased to celebrate the grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony at Little Explorers Learning Adventures LLC. Located at the former First Presbyterian Church of Oregon 200 S 5th St. Little Explorers Learning Adventures is an early childhood learning center. The beginning years of a child's life sets the stage for the later years, choosing the right educational program for your child will be one of the most important decisions you'll ever make. Little Explorers Learning Adventures is committed to providing a safe, healthful, happy, drug free and educational environment, within a nurturing atmosphere, for every child we serve. The facility has an open-door policy and you are welcome to visit, call, email, or talk to center personnel at your convenience. Learn more by finding them on Facebook and Instagram or calling 815-310-5950.

Movie nights are back at United Church of Byron

BYRON – Family Movie Nights are again starting at the United Church of Byron.

As always, movies are free and open to the community. As soon as the weather gets warmer, we

will show the movies on the lawn again, but until then, we will host them in our fellowship hall. Our first movie will be on Friday evening, March 18 at 7:30 p.m. and we will be showing the movie "Luca" – On

the Italian Riviera, an unlikely but strong friendship grows between a human being and a sea monster disguised as a human.

Popcorn and other snacks will be available for a freewill donation or

you are welcome to bring your own. You are also welcome to bring blankets or sleeping bags to put on the floor, if you wish. Please visit our Facebook page or our website www.unitedchurchofbyron.org.

Rock River Center has upcoming events, activities

Rock River Center is a resource center located at 810 S. 10th Street, Oregon. Our activities and trips are open to all ages. Call our office at 815-732-3252 with any questions. Visit us on the web at www.rockrivercenter.org and like us on Facebook. Registration is requested for anyone planning to attend a scheduled program or class at Rock River Center. It helps us plan enough seating. Just give us call

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2022/2023 American Classic Tours Preview

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

Joe Conroy, President of American Classic Tours,

Inc. will provide an informative program schedules complete with beautiful images of these destinations.

American Classic Tours, Inc. of Grayslake, IL offers deluxe, well-paced, all-inclusive tours throughout North America. Come and learn about

their unique, top quality itineraries. American Classic Tours, Inc. has been a proud partner of the Rock River Center for many years. We will be serving assorted "travel-themed" snacks as refreshments. To register to attend, call Rock River Center at 815-732-3252 by Thursday, April 7.

The family of Steven White would like to thank everyone for their calls, cards, plants, gifts, food, help with the Celebration of Life and donations to The American Foundation For Suicide Prevention. (AFSP) very much appreciated at this difficult time.

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Happy 95th Birthday Milford Bunger

Milford will celebrate his 95th birthday on

March 19. Milford was the son of the late Edward and Mary Bunger and siblings Melvin (Bud) Bunger and Eleanor Watson. Milford was married 63 years to the late Nancy (Horton) Bunger.

He has four children: Susan (deceased) (Mike) Andreas of Maryville, Mike (Cindy) of Oregon, Teresa of Bartlett and Matt of Williamsville. Also, four grandchildren, Bryan (Carrie) Andreas and Janna Andreas, both of Edwardsville, Brent of Ashton, and Brandon of Williamsville, and five great-grandchildren, Amira Andreas, Jax Andreas, Gia Pettus, Kai Pettus and Alexis Bunger.

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LOCAL NEWS

Obituaries

Mary Jane Owens

Mary Jane Owens, 78 years old, of Lindenwood, passed peacefully Friday morning, March 4, 2022. She was born July 17, 1943, in Chicago, to Thomas and Mary O'Malley. The family moved to Rochelle in the winter of that same year. She graduated from Mt. St. Clare Academy and College. She attended Illinois State University, earning a BA degree in education and loved teaching primary grades. She met her true love, Barney Owens, at The Beacon in Rochelle, and they married within the year. They created a beautiful life together, and "Barn" lovingly and faithfully took care of his "Jane Darlin'" through her battle with scleroderma until the very end.

Mary Jane was a strong, independent, woman of faith. She loved and longed for the beach and always marveled at God's glorious sunsets. She never met a stranger, and within minutes could be chatting with anyone, making a connection and a friend for life. Once a friend, you soon discovered her Irish wit, and no topic was off the table.

Her proudest accomplishments were her three children. She rarely missed anything in which her children and grandchildren were involved, whether it be a sporting, musical, church, or community program. She



was tech savvy enough to stream an event she had to miss, and she loved texting to keep in touch with anyone who could keep up – the more emojis, the better! If she wasn't texting, you could count on a card in the mail for any little thing, and it most likely had a \$2 bill, or a few singles tucked inside for "a little treat."

She was one of the integral parts of holding the "O'Malley Clan" together and was the "constant" for so many people in her life, both young and old. She lived her Catholic faith by example, encouraged all, and was proud of any progression a person was making. The best lesson she left us was to ALWAYS look for the blessings in ANY situation.

Mary Jane was preceded in death by many special relatives and friends.

She is survived by her husband, Barney, and her children: Chip (Megan) Owens of Quincy, Kelly Keppen of Woodstock,

and Marguerite (André) Brass of Byron. She leaves behind eight grandchildren who adored her: Delaney and Chloe Keppen of Woodstock, Nolan, Nick, Madeleine, and Nate Brass of Byron, Marissa (Dan) Boebel of Leaf Rive, and Mallory (Zac) Sanders of Virginia Beach, VA, along with two great granddaughters, Genevieve Boebel and Riley Sanders. She will be terribly missed by her three siblings, Pat (Jim) Hanley of Rochelle, Tom (René) O'Malley of Sherman Oaks, Calif., and Neil (the late Billie) O'Malley of Belvidere, along with many nieces, nephews, and close friends.

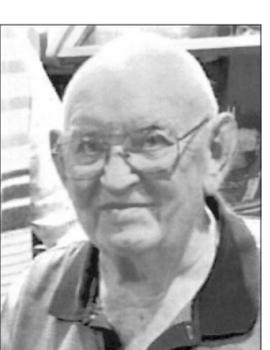
Visitation was on Thursday, March 10, 2022, from 4-7 p.m. at the Unger Horner Funeral Home, 400 N 6th St., Rochelle. The funeral mass was held the following morning at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, March 11, 2022, at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Rochelle with Father Richard Rosinski and Father Jesus Dominguez officiating. Burial followed at St. Patrick Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Scleroderma Foundation of Greater Chicago for Research or the Poor Clare Nuns of Rockford, both C/O Unger Horner Funeral Home, PO Box 87, Rochelle, IL 61068. Guestbook at www.UngerHorner.com.

Archie C. Thompson

OREGON – Archie C. Thompson, age 91, left this earthly life on Friday March 4, 2022 in his home with his wife and daughter by his side.

Arch was born on Feb. 7, 1931 in Elk City, Okla., the son of Samuel Lloyd and Eda Lois (Ross) Thompson. After spending his first few years in Western Oklahoma during the "Dust Bowl," his family moved to Eastern Oklahoma where he lived until high school graduation. He then joined the Air Force where he learned aviation mechanics, specializing in the new field of jet engines. This led to a dream career of being a flight engineer for American Airlines for 35 years.

After the Air Force, Arch returned home to Tahlequah, Okla., where he met the love of his life, Anne Cole, and they were married within six months. Together they had three wonderful children,



and lived in Kansas City, Mo., Dallas, Texas suburbs, Chicago suburbs, Buffalo, N.Y., Lake Whitney, Texas, and Northern Illinois.

In July 2001, during his wife's surgery, Arch was introduced to Jesus, where he said he went through a conversion and experienced the greatest day of his life. Ever since that day he has served God and his Church.

Arch is survived by his loving wife: Anne, Oregon; daughter: Laurie Friemuth, Orego; son: James Thompson, Ash-

land, Va.; grandchildren: Nick, Max, and Emily Thompson, all of Ashland, Va.

He is predeceased by his parents; daughter: Cheri Thompson (1983); granddaughter: Delaney Thompson (2020); and son in law: Bob Friemuth (2020).

Services were held on Saturday, March 12, 2022 at 11 a.m., in Finch Funeral Home, 405 East Hitt, Mt. Morris, with Pastor Jeremy Heller of Faith Discover Church where Arch was a member, treasurer, Deacon, and Elder, officiating. Burial was held in Oakwood Cemetery, Mt. Morris. Visitation was held in Finch Funeral Home on Saturday, March 12, 2022 from 10 a.m. until service time. www.finchfuneral.com

Memorials to Faith Discover Church, 801 West Oregon Street, Polo, IL 61064.

To God be the Glory!

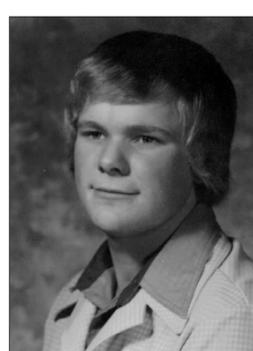
Kevin Lee Druien

Kevin Lee Druien, age 62, of Dixon, passed away on Saturday evening, March 5, 2022 at KSB Hospital in Dixon.

Kevin was born April 6, 1959 in Princeton, Ill., the son of Kenneth S. and Virginia (Wallgren) Druien. He grew up on a farm on the outskirts of Stillman Valley, the second son of seven boys and one sister. He attended Stillman Valley Schools. Kevin was a member of the FFA and held office of Sentinel. He graduated in 1978.

He met the love of his life, Terry Roeser, in 1993 and they spent the next 28 years together. Kevin has one daughter, Cheyene Druien.

Kevin was employed at EDEtner for 36 years as a welder. He also worked at Neighbors Nursing Home as a night maintenance man for many years. Kevin was a Stillman Valley Cardi-



ologist, Bears, and Cubs fan. His greatest passion was farming and the great outdoors. He loved the farm and it never left him. He liked sitting on the porch remembering all the adventures of growing up in a large, loving family on the farm where he played, worked and learned that the greatest value in life was family.

Kevin was preceded in death by his parents and sister-in-law, Cindy Druien.

He is survived by Terry Roeser and her sons, Kyle and Ryan;

one daughter, Cheyene of Iowa; six brothers, Kenneth L. Druien of Mt. Morris, John Druien of Oregon, Charles (Libby) Druien of Stillman Valley, James (Ashly Bennet) Druien of Byron, Robert (Tammy) Druien of Byron and Ronald (Jennifer) Druien of Byron; one sister, Cindy (Jeff) Champlain of Stillman Valley; and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation was Thursday, March 10, 2022 from 5-7 p.m. at Chapel Hill Funeral Home in Dixon and also on Friday, March 11 from 9:30-10 a.m. at the funeral home followed by the funeral at 10 a.m. with Pastor Patrick Featherston officiating. Burial at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens in Dixon.

A memorial has been established. Online condolences may be sent to www.chapelhilldixon.com.

Colleen VanZandt

Colleen Cain (Hevrin) VanZandt passed away on March 8, 2022, in Holbrook, Ariz. She was born on Nov. 19, 1928, in rural Chana, to Lester and Leola (Beaman) Cain. They moved to rural Byron in 1932. Colleen attended first grade at Whitacker School and then moved to the city of Byron where she attended Byron Schools and graduated in 1947. She married Marvin Hevrin in June, 1947. They were married for 26 years.

Colleen married John VanZandt in August of 1974. He passed away in September of 1987. Colleen worked at the Byron Post Office for 32 ½ years and retired in May

1988. She was a member of the United Church of Byron all her life. She sang in the church choir and was treasurer of the Memorial Committee and the Sarah Circle for many years. She joined the Women of the Moose in Mt. Morris in 1985 and earned her Academy of Friendship, College of Regents, and Star Recorder degrees. She also worked in the dining room as a waitress and cashier for many years. She cooked burgers on Tuesday nights and was chairman of the funeral committee.

Colleen moved to Holbrook, Arizona to live with her daughter, Kelli, in 2010. She is

survived by her two daughters, Wendy Drew and Kelli Stemp, six grandchildren, four great grandchildren, one great-great grandchildren, several nieces and nephews, sister-in-law, Mary Cain, and her special little buddy, Chico Diablo.

She was preceded in death by her parents; daughter, Robin Doan (2009); sister, Evelyn Peterson, and three brothers, Delos, Gaylen, and Allan Cain.

Memorials may be sent to The United Church of Byron, P.O. Box 927, Byron, Illinois, 61010, and the Women of the Moose, Chapter 485, P.O. Box 93, Mt. Morris, Illinois, 61054.

Art show runs through March 25

BYRON – Byron Museum of History is hosting an Art Show through March 25.

A feature of this year's show is a landscape titled "Early October" painted by Byron-born Wilson Henry Irvine in 1915. Irvine went on to study art with in the *Hudson River* painting tradition. Special thanks to the Rockford Art Museum for the loan of his original art.

All of the other artwork was submitted by area artists that belong to the Eagle's Nest Art Group. The group welcomes all forms of art. Whether you are an experienced artist or a beginner or just a person who is interested

in art, you will fit in to this low-key, friendly group.

Eagle's Nest Art Group welcomes all who are art-minded to participate in its full schedule of programs and art show opportunities. A variety of media are represented, including oil, acrylic, watercolor, pastels, photography, fiber art, and several other forms of art. If you would like a list of programs and/or a membership form, call (815)732-7783. Find us on Facebook at *Eagle's Nest Art Group, Oregon, Illinois*.

Visit the Byron Museum Wednesday to Saturday 10 a.m.-3 p.m. through March to see the exhibit. Book a tour

by calling the Byron Museum at 815-234-5031, or send an e-mail to info@byronmuseum.org. The Byron Museum of History is located at 110 N. Union Street in Byron, Illinois, 61010. Our website address is www.byronmuseum.org

The Byron Museum of History is dedicated to preserving the Byron area's rich history through exhibits, programs, and artifact preservation. The Museum Complex consists of a large exhibit hall with varied displays and encompasses the historic Read House - which is a listed Underground Railroad site on the National Park Service's *Network to Freedom*.

County Republicans to meet on March 29

OREGON – The Ogle County Republicans will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 29 at the Ogle County Courthouse in the County Board room at 6:30 p.m.

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"A Celebration of Life
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to celebrate the life of
James L. Barnes
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LOCAL NEWS

Oregon's Cates serving on national panel

Dr. Cates Continues Serving on National Panel of Expert Scientist
 Dr. Jeffrey R. Cates, an Oregon chiropractic orthopedist, will continue to serve on a national panel of expert scientists.



Because of Dr. Cates' expertise in evidence-based chiropractic practice and evaluation of the scientific literature, the Scientific Commission of the Clinical Compass invited Dr. Cates to continue to serve for another 2-year term. This term will run April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2024.

The purpose of the Commission is to advise the chiropractic profession on issues related to identifying, interpreting,

and compiling the scientific evidence related to chiropractic care and to collaborate on the development, publication, dissemination, and utilization of guidelines and care pathways. The Scientific Commission of the Clinical Compass thanks Dr. Cates for his dedication to the profession and the health of the public.

Annual White Rock Cemetery cleanup will be on April 2

KINGS – The annual cleanup of the White Rock Cemetery in Kings will be on April 2.

Any decorations or accessories people want to keep must be removed by April 2 or they will be disposed of.

OHS students get hands-on medical experience

OREGON – High school students in Oregon will work hands-on with healthcare professionals thanks to Oregon High School's collaboration with the University of Illinois College of Medicine Rockford.

The program started last year and has expanded to allow a total of 28 students. The Rural Healthcare Explorers Program is made possible by a \$17,103 grant from the Community Foundation of Northern Illinois' Dr. Louis

and Violet Rubin Fund.

This program is a six-week introduction to the field of healthcare and prepares students wishing to pursue a degree in the health sciences. Students will learn about fields such as medicine, pharmacy, and nursing through hands-on activities, discussions with local healthcare professionals, and a health topic exploration project. The program will begin in April.

"I enjoyed being part of the

program last year because it helped me learn more about the medical field in rural areas," said Allyssa Leary, an OHS sophomore. "I learned the importance of having healthcare professionals work locally. I also appreciated having various guests come in and talk to us about their jobs in medicine and the pros and cons. It was a very eye-opening experience, and I am thrilled to get the opportunity to join the program again!"

Museum presents Underground Railroad program

The "Underground Railroad" in the Rock River Valley presentation at the "Davis Junction Museum" will be given by Dan Wykes on Sunday, March 20 at 1:30 p.m.

Leading up to the American Civil War, Illinois residents were affected by the institution of slavery, despite the state's status as a declared free state. Fugitive black slaves would enter and traverse Illinois in their attempts to escape slave catchers and achieve freedom. Among the primary routes was the corridor leading from certain Mississippi River crossings in the Missouri to lower

Lake Michigan communities in northeastern Illinois and southeastern Wisconsin, through the Fox River Valleys. From there freedom seekers were compelled to emigrate to Canada where slave-catching was not allowed.

This is our first presentation of 2022 on our open Sunday. We are open every week either Tuesday or Wednesday mornings from 10 a.m. to noon. This year we will be placing new engraved bricks from last year's fundraiser in our walkway. We hope to replace the wood in the postal wagon that was donated to us in front of the museum.



Please feel free to call for Questions at 815-994-0803.

If you would like to attend our next meeting it will be on March 16 at 6 p.m. We are always looking for volunteers and presenters.

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LOCAL NEWS

Blood drive set for March 18

The Oregon Knights of Columbus Council 1092 and Catholic Daughters of America 1337 are hosting a Community Blood Drive at St. Mary's Community Center set-up in the Knights of Columbus Hall, located at 881 Mongan Drive on Friday, March 18.

Staff from the Rock River Valley Blood Center will draw blood between 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. This will be running in conjunction with the St. Mary's Lenten drive-up or dine-in Fish Fry, which will start at 5 p.m., that evening. Anyone donating or attempting to donate at this drive will receive a coupon for two dollars off dinner, at any of the St. Mary's Fish Fry's this season.

The Rock River Valley Blood Center is the sole

supplier of blood and related services to OSF Saint Anthony Medical Center, Javon Bea Hospital-Rockton, Javon Bea Hospital-Riverside, SwedishAmerican Regional Cancer Center, SwedishAmerican Medical Center - Belvidere, SwedishAmerican Hospital, Beloit Health Systems, Edgerton Hospital and Health Services, FHN Memorial Hospital, Rochelle Community Hospital, Mercyhealth Hospital and TraumaCenter-Janesville, Mercyhealth Hospital And Medical Center-Harvard, and Mercyhealth Hospital Medical Center-Walworth.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, contact Gus Lamesch at 815-289-3328.

NRA banquet will be March 30

The Sauk Valley Friends of NRA will hold their 28th Annual banquet on March 30 at the Rock Falls American Legion Post 902, 712 4th Ave., Rock Falls.

Doors open at 5 p.m., dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. There will be a live auction, silent auction, and several raffles.

Friends of NRA, is a

501(C)(3) Fundraising Program, staffed by local volunteers working together to preserve our rights and heritage. Half of the money earned at all the N. IL Banquets will be spent on programs benefiting programs around N. IL. For tickets or more information, go to www.tcgc.net/friends-nra/ or call 815-625-7916.

Byron Police report

Jan. 6
Byron Police arrested Daniel Flanagan, 48 of Byron, for Driving While License is Revoked. Flanagan was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

Byron Police arrested Dustin Reeverts, 29 of Oregon, for Driving While License is Revoked. Reeverts was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

Jan. 11
Byron Police arrested Sasha Haylett, 38 of Rockford, on a Lee County warrant. Haylett was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond. Haylett was also issued a citation for Suspended Registration.

Jan. 15
Oscar Cisneros, 44 of Oregon, was issued a citation for Speeding 46 mph in a 30 mph Zone.

Jan. 17
Byron Police arrested Christopher Rozakis, 37 of Stillman Valley, for Driving While License is Suspended. Rozakis was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

Jan. 19
Paul Claey's, 72 of Long Grove, Iowa, was issued a citation for Failure to Reduce Speed to Avoid an Accident after striking a structure in the 100 block of W. Second St.

Jan. 20
Byron Police arrested Tyler Stubblefield, 33 of Byron, for Domestic Battery. Stubblefield was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

Angela Aimers, 36 of Rockford, was issued a citation for Operating a Motor Vehicle With Suspended Registration.

Jan. 28
Bryson Helfrich, 21 of Sterling, was issued a citation for Driving While License is Suspended.

Jan. 29
Byron Police arrested Glenda Rush, 58 of Byron, for Driving When License is Revoked. Rush was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

Feb. 3
Byron Police arrested Edward Slotter, 37 of Dixon, on a warrant for Resisting a Peace Officer. Slotter was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

Feb. 8
Luke Kreseck, 28 of Oregon, was issued a citation for Disobeying a Traffic Sign.

Feb. 11
Carla DalSanto, 61 of Byron, was issued a citation for Failure to Report Crash to Police.

Feb. 17
Aiyana Avila, 23 of Beloit, Wis., was issued a citation for No Proof of Insurance.

Deogratus Bizimana, 40 of Loves Park, was issued a citation for Speeding 50 mph in a 30 mph Zone.

Feb. 19
Randy Bray Jr., 19 of Rockford, was issued citations for Speeding 44 mph in a 30 mph Zone and Driving While License is Suspended.

Benjamin Vargas, 33 of Byron, was arrested for Disorderly Conduct.

Feb. 20
Jonathan Brumfield, 21 of Rockford, was issued a citation for No Valid Driver's License.

Feb. 21
Danica Ford, 40 of Rockford, was issued a citation for Speeding 54 mph in a 35 mph Zone.

Feb. 23
Colton Sabo, 30 of Poplar Grove, was issued citations for Speeding 54 mph in a 30 mph Zone and Improper Lane Usage.

Feb. 27
Richard Hernandez Jr., 78 of Rockford, was issued a citation for Operating a Motor Vehicle When Registration is Suspended.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Weds., March 16

A free educational and informational presentation on the Medicare insurance program will be presented for the community at 6-7:30 p.m. at the United Church of Byron, 701 West Second St. The emphasis will be on the eligibility and enrollment periods, benefits, and options concerning all parts of Medicare.

Thurs., March 17

Evening Support Group

will meet from 5-6 p.m. at The Serenity Home, 1658 S IL RT 2. This group is open to all adult bereaved in the community. To register please call 815-732-4111 by noon. Please use the back parking lot and entrance. You must wear a mask to enter the building.

Fri., March 18

Diamond Art will meet from 9-11 a.m. at The Serenity Shed, 131 N 3rd St in Oregon. Please bring your own sup-

plies. To register please call 815-732-4111 by 4 p.m. on March 17.

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

Sat., March 19

The Mt. Morris Moose will

be hosting a corned beef/roast beef and cabbage dinner from 4-8 p.m. There are no reservations needed and it will be first come, first serve. This event supports the Mt. Morris Moose and Moose Charities <https://www.mooscharities.org/>

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

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MOMENTS IN TIME

* On April 3, 1776, the Continental Congress, lacking sufficient funds to build a strong navy, gives privateers permission to attack all British ships. Any goods captured by the privateer were divided between the ship's owner and the government.

* On March 28, 1814, the funeral of Guillotin, the inventor and namesake of the infamous execution device, takes place outside of Paris. Guillotin had built the guillotine to show the intellectual and social progress of the Revolution; by killing aristocrats and journeymen in the same way, equality in death was ensured.

* On March 30, 1820, Anna Sewall, author of "Black Beauty," is born. "Black Beauty," the first significant children's story in the English language to focus on animal characters, established the precedent for countless other works. The story, narrated by the horse, showed Black Beauty's progression through a series of increasingly cruel owners.

* On April 2, 1863, responding to acute food shortages, hundreds of angry women riot in Richmond, Virginia, demanding that the government release emergency supplies, breaking windows and looting stores. Confederate President Jefferson Davis threw his pocket change at them from the top of a wagon.

* On March 29, 1927, Major Henry O'Neil de Hane Segrave becomes the first man to break the 200 mph barrier. Driving a 1,000 horsepower Mystery Sunbeam, Segrave averaged 203.79 mph on the course at Daytona Beach, Florida.

* On March 31, 1959, the Dalai Lama, fleeing the Chinese suppression of a national uprising in Tibet, crosses into India, where he is granted political asylum. With the beginning of the Cultural Revolution in China, suppression of Tibetan Buddhism escalated, and practice of the religion was banned and thousands of monasteries were destroyed.

* On April 1, 1963, the ABC television network airs the premiere episode of the daytime drama "General Hospital." The enduring soap opera would become the longest-running serial program produced in Hollywood.

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We need energy independence now

One thing these days that seems true to me is that people need to have something to blame on politicians.

Look, I understand that, as politicians are often to blame for the horrible discourse in the country and various pains we all feel. Name calling, taxes, gridlock, inaction on issues that need immediate action—there are plenty of reasons for us to get mad at elected officials.

But sometimes we put the blame in the wrong place. Take gas prices.

I remember in 2008 when gas prices soared. Many people went nuts and blamed then-President George W. Bush. I lived in California at the time, and with taxes on fuel being higher there, we were paying near \$6 a gallon.

Trust me, I didn't like it, and it influenced what I did. Weekend trips to Palm Springs were out. Visiting my brother in San Diego would wait.

Sure, state politicians got some heat for higher

Living the Life

By Brad Jennings



gas taxes, but those were really pennies on the dollar. And I never blamed Bush—the president didn't then and still doesn't control the price of gas.

I blamed oil companies and OPEC. They were responsible for the prices. And as prices rise today, they are still responsible for the high prices of gas.

Look, fuel prices are determined by many factors, including taxes and refining costs and crude oil prices. We know all these things. They are not ever determined by the person

in office.

Most people know this, of course. Those that blame this, or any president, are doing so for petty political reasons only. I get that, but it is still distracting us from the real problem.

The U.S. is now producing more oil than ever. We are a net exporter of oil. And no, the Keystone XL Pipeline being cancelled has no effect on current prices. If you think it does, I encourage you do a few Google searches.

As people argue politics, big oil companies are laughing all the way to the bank. The companies had billions in record profits last year as prices rose. This year they will probably rake in even more, while us poor suckers at the pump pay the price.

This is about supply and demand. The demand had been low and the supply high, so you cut production. Now demand is back up and supply is down. So, prices rise—and quickly.

Yes, more production could lower prices, and

it will eventually. But for now, we are being squeezed.

That is why we must have energy independence. Sounds familiar, right? I remember all those people driving Hummers in 2008 who traded them in for hybrids. They saw the future. Sadly, once prices fell a lot of people jumped back into giant gas guzzlers and off they went.

Renewable energy is the future. We all know that is true. We need to invest in that future now, so we aren't constantly being punched by big oil. Yes, you love that huge truck that gets 12 miles per gallon. But an electric vehicle would mean you aren't going to be spending the college fund you have set up for your kids on fuel when prices spike every few years.

This is not about politics. This is about our country taking charge of its energy future.

Brad Jennings is Editor of The Ogle County Life.

The need for people to become organ donors

I glanced at the calendar and the date Feb. 26 stared back at me. It was my brother Danny's birthday.

He would have turned 65. A milestone birthday. At 13 you are a teenager. At 16, a driver. At 18, a voter. At 21, an adult. And at 65 you're a senior citizen.

But there is no Social Security check coming in the mail. His life came to an end too soon.

I'd almost forgotten the significance of the day. Earlier in the week, I chatted with a friend who had donated a kidney to a stranger. I mentioned I had a brother who benefitted from a liver transplant.

But even that conversation wasn't enough to jog my memory. The mind doesn't like being reminded of tragedy. Losing a sibling at age 48 ranks right up there among life's losses.

For months Danny had teetered atop the Mayo Clinic's transplant list waiting for a liver.

For years he suffered from a rare liver disease — primary sclerosing cholangitis. His liver was giving out. Death was near — unless a transplant liver was found.

While there are some excellent living donor programs, my brother's transplant surgeon determined he was not a good candidate to receive portion of a liver from a living donor.

So, I found myself in the perverse situation of hoping someone would die so that my brother would live.

His prospects grew dimmer as he waited.

Each day, 20 Americans die waiting to have an organ transplant. The waiting list for folks seeking transplants exceeds 100,000.

Not enough people have signed up to be organ donors.

For my brother, his situation was more dire than most. Not only did physicians need to find a good genetic match but also someone who had never had mononucleosis.

Danny had never had mono. Our mother, a registered nurse, drilled in us the importance of good hygiene. We never shared cups, lollipops or dishes with friends. And mono, a common infection, never came our way.

But this careful attention to cleanliness became a detriment. If Danny received an organ from someone who had been infected anytime in their life, he could have life-threatening complications.

So, the potential donor pool was small. And all we could do was wait and pray.

I was at an investigative reporting conference in Atlanta when I received the early morning call.

It was my mother and she was crying.

Mom didn't weep easily.

But that day her tears were happy ones.

A donor liver had come through.

A middle-aged woman in Rochester, Minnesota, had died of a brain aneurysm. Sometime earlier, she'd signed an organ donor card.

That small act saved my brother's life.

On Father's Day 2004, he began his path to recovery. With the gift of a new liver his yellowing skin returned to a healthy peach color. His weakened body regained energy.

But this isn't an "and they lived happily ever after" story. I wish it were. Cancer began to grow

in his transplanted liver and by December 2005, he was dead.

My brother, a man who lived 48 years without tasting alcohol, died of liver failure. It's not fair. It's not right. It just is.

At age 57, I still see my big brother's influence. He's the reason I studied at Iowa State, why I love John Prine music and why I shoot free throws in the same stiff awkward manner he taught me.

I see his legacy in his adult son and daughter. Still, I wonder what might have been.

I can't help but ask was it worth it? He only lived a year and one half after his transplant. Well, when you don't know if your next breath will be your last, 18 more months is a blessing.

It gave Danny time to reconcile wounded relationships, love and look eternity squarely in its face.

Some woman, whose name we will never know, gave him a year and a half that he never would have had.

My brother was not a man prone to much introspection. He was a farmer. Most things were black and white: crop yields, commodity prices, hog weights.

Idle intellectual reflection was not something for which he was known. But when it came to the unknown woman who gave a part of herself to him, he became quiet and contemplative.

"I wonder what she was like. Did she have kids?" he said shortly before he died.

I wonder if her family misses her as much as I miss him.

We do know this much about the woman: She cared enough to give.

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

Reader says masks are not effective against COVID

Dear Editor,

A recent contributor bemoaned the fact that many Oregon businesses are not following the mask mandate. The contributor stated that she does not want to pass on COVID to a vulnerable person by shopping in a store with unvaccinated people who don't wear a mask, or run the risk of contracting the virus herself.

First off, it makes little difference if a person is vaccinated or not because both can spread the virus, and just because a person is not wearing a mask does not mean they are not vaccinated. Initially, the CDC recommended that vaccinated people did not need to wear masks. Also, if you are not

sick with COVID, you cannot pass on the virus. If you are sick, you should not be out shopping in the first place.

Many family-owned businesses have been forced to close after the mandates and restrictions made it impossible to stay open. The few that remain are struggling to keep going and certainly do not need to chase away any potential customers. Furthermore, is it really the job of these business owners to enforce J.B. Pritzker's mandate? After all, Pritzker's own wife and family ignored the very own travel ban that he issued.

Several studies have shown the cloth and paper mask that are commonly worn to be ineffective.

The CDC actually called them merely facial decoration. Even N95 masks are often useless unless properly fitted and sterilized between uses. A couple of links: <https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2015/04/150422121724.htm>; Covid-19: Important potential side effects of wearing face masks that we should bear in mind (bmj.com)

My belief is that if you feel a sense of security by putting on a face mask, by all means wear one. Wear two if it makes you feel better. However, do not expect that everyone around you has to join your fear parade.

Sincerely,
Barrett Smith, Byron

LOCAL NEWS

Ogle County Sheriff

Feb. 8
At 12:30 a.m. Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies were dispatched to a car burglary in progress in Leaf River. A short time later Deputies stopped a suspicious vehicle in the area and later arrested the two occupants for criminal trespass to a motor vehicle. The two males arrested were Brody Stone, 22 of Oregon and Trei Sanders, 27 of Oregon. Stone was also arrested for violation of an order of protection and cited for no valid driver's license and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. Sanders was also cited for illegal transportation of alcohol. Both Stone and Sanders were being held in lieu of bond at the Ogle County Jail.

Feb. 7
At 3:14 p.m., Deputies conducted a traffic stop at 6th Ave and N 8th St, Rochelle. After a short investigation Deputies arrested Derrick E Perkins, 39 of Prophetstown for driving while license suspended and a Whiteside County warrant. Derrick was transported to Ogle County Jail. Perkins was also cited for No Front Registration, Operating Uninsured Motor Vehicle and Expired Registration.

Feb. 5
At approximately 10:43 p.m., Ogle County Deputies conducted a traffic stop on I-39 near mile marker 99. After a brief investigation, Deputies arrested Tim Guldan, 57 of Hancock WI, for Driving While License Suspended. Guldan was also issued citations for Operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle and Improper Lighting. Guldan was given an I-Bond with a return court date later next month and released on scene.

At approximately 8:40 p.m., Ogle County Deputies responded to a single vehicle crash in the 1000 block of North Daysville Road. Upon arriving Deputies made contact with the driver and sole occupant, Vincent Digiovanni, 27 of Byron. Upon investigation, Deputies learned that Digiovanni was northbound when he entered the east ditch before

striking a tree. Digiovanni was uninjured in the crash and was placed under arrest for improper cannabis container as a driver. Digiovanni was also cited for driving too fast for conditions and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. Digiovanni was released on an I-Bond at the scene and given a future court date.

At approximately 1:16 p.m. Deputies initiated a traffic stop near the intersection of Illinois Rt 72 and Mt Morris Rd. After further investigation Jermaine Canada, 24 of Freeport, was placed under arrest for Driving While License Suspended. Canada was also cited for Operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle and Expired Registration. Canada was released on an Individual Bond and will appear in Ogle County Courts at a later date.

At 1:47 p.m., Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies were dispatched to the Castle Rock Boat Launch (3100 S. IL Rt. 2), for a check welfare on a male subject slumped over the steering wheel of a parked vehicle. After investigation, Daniel Sarot, 44 of Lombard, IL was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol. Sarot was transported to the Ogle County jail, and held in lieu of bond. Sarot was also issued a citation for illegal transportation of alcohol.

Feb. 3
At 9:14 p.m., Deputies conducted a traffic stop at North Illinois Route 251 and Holcomb Road. After a brief investigation, Albert Stevenson of Rockford, was arrested for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol, Aggravated DUI, and driving while license revoked. Stevenson also received citations for illegal transportation of alcohol, speeding and improper lane use. Stevenson was transported to Ogle County Jail where he was held without bond.

Feb. 2
At approximately 0730 hours, Ogle County Deputies responded to a two vehicle crash near the intersection of

IL Rte. 64 and Rocky Hollow Rd. After conducting an investigation, it was discovered that a Ford Explorer driven by Isabel Tapia-Flores, 33 of Mount Morris, was traveling eastbound on IL Rte 64 when she lost control and began sliding sideways. The Ford collided with the front end of a Jeep Liberty occupied by four juveniles. Tapia-Flores as well as two of the juveniles were transported to KSB hospital in Dixon where they were treated with non-life threatening injuries. Tapia-Flores was later issued a citation for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident.

Feb. 1
At approximately 10:33 p.m., Ogle County Deputies conducted a traffic stop on I-39 at mile marker 102. After investigation, Deputies arrested Deshontee Dixon, 25 of Coal City, for Driving While License Suspended. Dixon was also issued citations for Illegal Window Tint and an Equipment Violation. Dixon was given an I-Bond with a return court date later next month and released on scene.

Jan. 31
At approximately 9:38 p.m. deputies responded to a motorist assist at the intersection of IL Rte. 72 and Pecatonica Road. After investigation, Deputies placed Richard Nelson, 44 of Mt. Morris under arrest for Driving While License Suspended. Nelson was released on an I-Bond at the scene and given a future court date.

At approximately 9:11 p.m. Deputies initiated a traffic stop in the 6000 block of South Unity Rd. After further investigation Antwon Woodson, 29 of Polo, was placed under arrest for Driving While License Suspended. Woodson was also cited for Speeding, Expired Registration, and Improper Lighting. Woodson was released on an Individual Bond and will appear in court at a later date.

Jan. 29
At approximately 10:28 p.m., Ogle

County Deputies conducted a traffic stop at IL Rte 251 and Dutch Road. After a brief investigation, Deputies arrested, Elijah D. Williams III, 35 of Rockford, for Driving While License Revoked and Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol. Williams also had two outstanding Rockford arrest warrants for Domestic Battery and Failure to Appear for Resisting. Williams was taken into custody without incident and transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was additionally charged with Aggravated DUI and held without bond. Williams was also cited for No Rear Registration Light.

At approximately 11 p.m., Ogle County Deputies located a car in the ditch in the 1000 block of N. IL Rte 2 in rural Oregon. After a brief investigation, Deputies arrested Trevor M. Moore, 23 of Oregon, for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol. Moore was additionally cited for improper lane usage and transported to the the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

Jan. 28
At approximately 1:26 a.m., Ogle County Deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 3000 block of S. IL Rte 251. After a brief investigation, Deputies arrested Matthew Barfield, 19 of Rockford, for Driving While License Suspended. Barfield was also issued a citation for an equipment violation. Barfield was given an I-Bond with a return court date later next month and released on scene.

Jan. 27
At 8:43 p.m., Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 4000 block of N. IL Rt. 2 for an equipment violation. After an investigation, Alexis Lueders age 19 of Bettendorf, IA was arrested for driving on a suspended license. Lueders was also issued citations for no valid registration, no registration light, and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. Lueders was released on a signature I-Bond with a return court date.

Mary Morgan kindergarten registration April 12 and 13

BYRON – Mary Morgan Elementary School is holding kindergarten registration for the 2022-23 school year in April. Please pick up a packet of required forms prior to registration at the school office, 420 N. Colfax St., Byron. Completed packets can be turned in from 5:30-6 p.m. on April 12 or 13 at the school. There will be a parent gathering and kindergarten screening from 6-7 p.m. Parents need to RSVP by April 4 by calling 815-234-5491, Ext. 757.

Roast beef dinner is March 19

MOUNT MORRIS – On Saturday, March 19, the Mt. Morris Moose will be hosting a corned beef/roast beef and cabbage dinner from 4-8 p.m. The meal is first come, first serve. The dinner will include both corned beef and roast beef, cabbage, potatoes, and carrots. This event supports the Mt. Morris Moose and Moose Charities <https://www.mooscharities.org/>

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LOCAL NEWS



Oregon Park District offers container garden workshop

The Oregon Park District, Hagemann Horticulture and Merlin's Greenhouse have partnered offering workshops on planting a spring container garden.

This is always a popular workshop so there are three dates to choose from. Participants will learn everything they need to know about planting, soil, watering and caring for your spring planter. Hagemann Horticulture/Merlin's Greenhouse staff will walk you through the greenhouse educating participants on plants and if they thrive best in sun or shade. They will talk about choosing plants that complement each other, how to arrange the plants for aesthetics and more. Participants will then get to choose 5 plants for their 14" pot.

To register for these workshops, visit www.oregonpark.org. You can also register over the phone by calling Nash Recreation Center at 815-732-3101. Choose between 3 class dates: April 27, 6:30-8 p.m., April 28, 6:30-8 p.m. or May 3, 6:30-8 p.m. Class fee is \$49/Resident or \$59/Non-Resident. Registration Deadline is April 20.

For more information on this and other fun workshops offered through the Oregon Park District contact debbie@oregonpark.org.

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Students of the Month

Congratulations to the Byron High School Students of the Month for January. Pictured from left to right are: Delaney Mc Kinney (9th grade), Macey Stoddard (10th grade), Cooper Sholes (11th grade), and Isaac Mondello (12th grade). Each of the students received a gift card for their achievement.



TOP LISTINGS TOPS CLOSINGS TOP PRODUCER



Congratulations to Carla Benesh - Top Listing agent and Top Producer & Lori Peterson - Top Closing agent for the month of February!



NEW LISTING



9095 Small Street, Leaf River
\$189,900 Call Ashley
 ATTRACTIVE and WELL MAINTAINED 3 bed 1 bath ranch with several updates is calling you home! This country home features beautiful panoramic views and rustic charm throughout! A newly finished basement provides additional space for entertaining/playing, storage, and a home office area. Two lots are included in this property giving you ample space for outdoor activities and additional garage storage. Located on a quiet street with walking trails nearby and in a great school district. Recent upgrades include new furnace, roof, siding, fascia, gutters, and garage doors with side mount openers. You don't want to miss out on this energy efficient home so schedule your showing today!!!

NEW LISTING



000 Brown St., Franklin Grove
\$29,900 Call Carla
 Nice lot in Franklin Grove. Located in the South end of town, great location. Sale is subject to annexation into village of Franklin Grove. Water and sewer lines are at the property line.

NEW LISTING



410 S. 5th Street, Oregon
\$135,000 Call Lori
 Welcome home! This house is on a corner lot with a driveway off of the alley. Attached 2 car garage. There is a full bathroom on both the first and second floors. Foyer with original woodwork. The ceilings are 9 feet tall. Second floor has 3 large bedrooms, one with a walk-in closet. First floor has a kitchen, formal dining room, living room, den and bathroom. Large open porch on the front of the house. Basement even has some finished space! Rush on over, you will be glad you did!

NEW LISTING



1010 Parkview Dr., Rock Falls
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 More than what meets the eye! Nearly 2,000 sq ft ranch home located in the desirable East Coloma district. Built in 2010, this property features vaulted ceilings, master bed/bath with a walk in closet, beautiful gas fireplace, four seasons room, hardwood floors and woodwork throughout, main floor laundry, 2.5 car garage, and a HUGE basement with egress windows, bathroom cutout and so much finishing potential. Make this home yours today before it is too late.

Congratulations to the RE/MAX of Rock Valley Award Winners for Sales Production in 2021!

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SPORTS/NEWS



Oregon's Noon to compete in nationals

PLATTEVILLE, Wis. – Freshman Brenna Noon, of the University of Wisconsin-Platteville women's track and field program, will compete in the shot put at the NCAA Division III Indoor Track and Field Championships in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. The Top 20 individuals in each event qualify for the national meet.

The Oregon native used the UW-Platteville Last Chance Meet to qualify for the national meet. Noon threw a personal best 13.97 meters (45'-3") to move up to 14th nationally. She improved her mark over two feet from her fourth-place finish at the WIAC Indoor Track and Field Championships on Feb. 25.

The preliminaries and finals of the women's shot put were held on Saturday, March 12 at 11 a.m.

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

Mt. Morris Senior and Community Center sets activities

* Our Supper Club is headed to Maria's in Amboy on Tuesday, March 15th and you are welcome to join us. We will be carpooling from the senior center and leaving at 4 p.m. Call 815-734-6335 to reserve your seat.

* A birthday celebration complete with free bingo for all! Join us for lunch on Wednesday, March 16th as we all celebrate our March birthdays. At 10:30 a.m. we will play bingo, and at

11:30 a.m. an \$8 Alfredo lunch will be served. Afterwards we will enjoy cake and ice cream together. Call 815-734-6335 to reserve your spot!

* Trivia and Tacos for all on Thursday, March 17th at 6 p.m. All ages are welcome to join this fun evening. The trivia costs \$2 and the tacos are \$2 each. Please bring your own beverages of any kind. Come with your own team or join a team when you arrive.

There will be a prize for the winning team! Call 815-734-6335 to make sure there are enough tacos for all.

* Do a Kraft with Kerri on Friday, March 18th at 11 a.m. This spring craft will be fun for all. Please call 815-734-6335 to add your name to the list.

* 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.

Dean's List

University of Wisconsin-Whitewater

WHITEWATER, Wis. – The following students were named to the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater Dean's List for the 2021 fall semester.

Stillman Valley: Chad Gerig who is studying Finance

Forreston: Liz Gronewold who is studying Marketing; Eli Metz who is studying Art

Polo: Lauren Strauss who is studying

Media Arts and Game Development

Oregon: Evan Vache who is studying Finance; Conner Young who is studying Legal Studies

These students have demonstrated their academic abilities by receiving a grade point average of 3.4 or above in a single semester.

"I want to extend my congratulations to every student who set high academic stan-

dards for the fall semester and achieved a high grade point merit recognition through the college Dean's List," said John Chenoweth, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs. The Registrar's Office reports 3,558 students were selected for the Dean's List for the fall semester. About 11,500 students are currently enrolled at the university's White-water and Rock County campuses.

Wheaton College

WHEATON – Dean's List honors are earned by undergraduate students who carry 12 or more credit hours and achieve a 3.5 grade point average or higher on the 4.0 scale. Local students who have earned

Dean's List honors:

Collin Hardy of Byron

Micah Johnson of Stillman Valley

Abigail Wehler of Mount Morris

Wheaton College (Wheaton, Ill.) is a

coeducational Christian liberal arts college noted for its rigorous academics, integration of faith and learning, and consistent ranking among the top liberal arts colleges in the country.

Wartburg College

WAVERLY, Iowa – Wartburg College has recognized 509 students who were named to the 2021 Fall Term Dean's List.

Those recognized are:

Halley Holm, of Oregon.

Tucker Mumford, of Polo.

The list honors students who earned a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or above in at least four

course credits during the term. Three of the four course credits have to be graded with a traditional letter grade. Wartburg, a four-year liberal arts college, enrolls 1,543 students.

Anniversary

Sheely's set to celebrate 50 years

Gary and Sandy Sheely of Oregon are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on March 25.

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Oregon Library News

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Library Book Clubs

The Afternoon Book Club meets Wednesday, March 16 at 1 p.m. to discuss *The One Hundred Years of Lenni and Margot* by Marianne Cronin. Books On Tap will meet Thursday, March 24 at 6:00 pm 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 pm to discuss *The Echo Wife* by Sarah Gailey.

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.

Spring Break Book Bundles- Registration begins March 14

Youth Patrons, ages 6-18

Pickup between March 23rd- April 1st

Are you looking to get away with a couple of great books? Sign up for a Spring Break Binge Bundle for a selection of books hand-selected by one of our librarians. Visit www.oregonpubliclibrary.com to register or stop by the Library for a registration form!

St. Patricks Day TRIVIA 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, call (815) 732-2724. Contact the Rock River Center to have lunch before trivia at (815) 732-3252, by 10:30am on March 14th, limited seating.

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 www.oregonpubliclibrary.com.

Voucher Drawing for Cooking Classes

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.

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? Linnies' 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 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 to register your teams spot.

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

Virtual Program - ZOOM

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

Date: Thursday, March 31, 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

Puzzle Library

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

Bertolet Library News

Trustee Opening:

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

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.

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 5-7PM. Bring your family's favorite game to share with others or choose from the selection available.

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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.

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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 to complete or completed here while you browse for a new book! Oregon School's spring break is March 28th-April 1st!

Storytime-Wednesday's 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.

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.

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Forreston Library News

Preschool Storytime

Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.

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

Healthy Living/Mission Wildlife Program

Wednesday, March 16th, 1 p.m.

Join us as Joe Landmichl of the Alzheimer's Association of Illinois presents a program on lifestyle choices that may help keep your brain and body healthy as you age. He will discuss research in the areas of diet and nutrition, exercise, and social engagement as well as offering hands-on tools to add these recommendations into your daily routine. He will also share a video featuring Julie Scardina of Mission Wildlife, who will explain her organization's purpose and introduce us to unique animals from around the world. Please plan to join us for these interesting and informative presentations.

Community Room

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

Library Hours

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

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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.

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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.

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Polo Library News

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Adult Programs

Monday Afternoon Book Club is reading *Once and Future Witches* by Alix Harrow and will meet on March 28th. Programs are open to anyone who is interested, no registration required. Stop in to pick up a copy and join us!

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

Jigsaw Puzzle Swap - Are you bored with the same old puzzles you have at home? Bring your gently used puzzles to the library and leave with new-to-you puzzles. Each puzzle to swap must: be primarily at least 500 pieces, be complete, no missing pieces; be placed in a zip-lock bag within its container; include an image of the completed puzzle - picture on box, poster or photo. Please bring donated puzzles to the circulation desk. Don't have a puzzle to swap? Come pick one out and swap it back when you've finished with it. Jigsaw Puzzle Swap is located in the display cabinet in the Congress Street foyer.

Children's Programs

Storytime Saturdays are in person at the library on March 26th at 10:30 a.m., come join Ms. Melanie for a story, a craft, and other hands-on activities.

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140 S. Church Road, Kings, IL 61068 • Rev. Cary Winn
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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During the COVID-19 pandemic, weekly worship is online at www.disciplesumc.org
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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 BRETHREN

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

MT. MORRIS TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

EBENEZER REFORMED CHURCH

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

LIGHTHOUSE UNITED METHODIST

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

OREGON CHURCH OF GOD

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

OREGON FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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

OREGON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

RIVERSTONE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH, NALC

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

POLO

ST. MARY CHURCH

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

CHURCH OF THE OPEN BIBLE

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

CROSSROADS COMMUNITY CHURCH ~ POLO CAMPUS

Meeting Sundays @ 10AM Service

205 N. Jefferson Avenue, Polo ~ 815.837.5255
polo@crossroadsccn.com

We offer contemporary worship and relevant Bible teaching through engaging messages and powerful video. Join us after services for coffee, snacks & fellowship. Kidzink Children's Ministry (nursery-5th grade) ~ during 10AM service
Crave Youth Group (6th-12th grade) ~ Sunday nights 6PM.
Visit our website: www.crossroadsccn.com

FAITH DISCOVERY CHURCH

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

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

STILLMAN VALLEY

RED BRICK CHURCH OF STILLMAN VALLEY (CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH)

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

KISHWAUKEE COMMUNITY

EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

WINNEBAGO

MIDDLE CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

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LOCAL NEWS

Julia Hull Library News

Short & Sweets
Join us at the library on Wednesday, March 16 at 10 a.m. for an engaging discussion of David Means' short story, "Clementine, Carmelita, Dog." Copies of the reading available at the library.

Family Feud: Teen Edition
It's time to play Family Feud! Compete against other teens to see if you can guess the most popular answers to survey questions about a range of pop culture topics. Thursday, March 24 at 3 p.m. Ages 13-18. Registration required.

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

All supplies provided. Ages 10-12. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

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.

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

Young Critics Book

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

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.



This March, Julia Hull Library tweens (ages 10-12) found a rainbow at the end of a rainy Spring-like day – using macrame cording and yarn to make a fun and colorful decoration! (Stillman Valley)

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.

Weekly Brain Busters

King Crossword

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MAGIC MAZE

PLACES IN THE U.S. WITH BIRD NAMES

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Unlisted clue hint: **Colorado Town : A Male Duck**

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| Black Hawk, CO | Eagle, AK | Peck, ID | Swan, IA |
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| Crane, MT | Little Flock, AR | Plover, WI | |

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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. Hockey stick is missing. 2. Sign is shorter. 3. Arm is moved. 4. Tree is missing. 5. Sign is different. 6. Log is shorter.

King Crossword
Answers

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MARKETPLACE

PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on February 8, 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: White Oak and Co., 7813 E. Wildwood Rd., Stillman Valley, IL 61084.
Dated: February 8, 2022
Laura J. Cook, Ogle County Clerk
No. 0231 (Feb. 28, Mar. 7, 14)

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Facsimile: (815) 233-1988
Email: ree@etpcxlaw.com
No. 0232 (Feb. 28, Mar. 7, 14)

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
KENNETH A.) PR
NELSON,) 11
Deceased.)
CLAIM NOTICE
NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of KENNETH A. NELSON of Byron, Illinois. Letters of office were issued on February 18, 2022, to NATHAN D. LEWIS of Byron, Illinois and GEANELLE NELSON of Byron, Illinois, as Independent Co-Executors, 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 August 28, 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
Nathan D. Lewis, Independent Co-Executor
Geanelle Nelson, Independent Co-Executor
No. 0239 (Feb. 28, Mar. 7, 14)

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)

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
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)

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.
William H.T. Lee Independent Administrator
No. 0237 (Feb. 28, Mar. 7, 14)

PUBLIC NOTICE
STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OGLE COUNTY IN THE) No. OF THE) 22 ESTATE) PR 10 OF) DAROLD) L. WUBBENA) Deceased)
NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION
Notice is given of the death of DAROLD L. WUBBENA. Letters of Office as Independent Executor were issued on February 18, 2022 to Robert J. DeVries, whose attorneys are Elliott, Trainor & Willman, P.C., 1005 West Loras Drive, P.O. Box 1149, Freeport, Illinois, 61032-1149. The estate will be administered without court supervision unless any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a Petition To Terminate to the Circuit Clerk and the attorney for the Independent Executor at the address set forth below.
Notice is given to the known heirs whose names and addresses are stated in the Petition filed in the above proceeding to probate a Will and also unknown heirs at law of DAROLD L. WUBBENA, that an Order was entered by the court on February 17, 2022 admitting the Will to probate. Within 42 days after the effective date of the original order of admission, you may file a petition with the court to require proof of the Will by testimony of the witnesses to the Will in open court or other evidence, as provided in Section 5/6-21 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/6-21), you also have the right under 5/8-1 of the Probate act (755 ILCS 5/8-1) to contest the validity of the Will by filing a petition with the court within six months after admission of the Will to probate.
Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk, Ogle County Courthouse, 106 S. 5th Street, Oregon, IL 61061 or with the attorney for the representative, or both, on or before September 5, 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 attorney for the representative within ten days after it has been filed.
E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp>, or talk with your local circuit clerk's office.
KIMBERLY STAHL, Circuit Clerk
Ralph E. Elliott
Bridget C. Trainor
Christina M. Willman
ELLIOTT, TRAINOR & WILLMAN, P.C.
Attorneys for Independent Executor
1005 West Loras Drive P.O. Box 1149
Freeport, IL 61032
Telephone: (815) 233-

PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In The) 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 OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In The) No. OF THE) 2022 ESTATE) PR 15 OF:) HARRY) JACOBSEN,) JR.,) Deceased.)
CLAIM NOTICE
NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of Harry Jacobsen, Jr. of Rockford, Ogle County, Illinois.
Letters of office were issued on February 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 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
STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In The) No. OF THE) 2022 ESTATE) PR 12 OF:) ROBERT I.) JOHNSON,) 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 representative and 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) No. OF THE) 2021 ESTATE) OF:) LEONA) REEDER,) deceased.)
CLAIM NOTICE
NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of LEONA REEDER of Leaf River, Illinois. Letters of office were issued on January 13, 2022, to William H.T. Lee of Rock Falls, 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,

PUBLIC NOTICE
Gravel Bids
Marion Township Public Notice
Marion Township is accepting bids for Road Rock for fiscal Year 2022-2023
Specifications:
Must be able to furnish for fiscal year from April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023 including winter months.
• Must spread on any Township road or delivered to Township garage as per Road Commissioner.
• Price per ton road rock spread on road.
• Road rock must be C D6 state inspected.
• Must have 1-10 tandems or 1-8 semi dumps for road construction as requested by Road Commissioner.
• \$200.00 per day deducted if not met after 48-hour notice by Road Commissioner.
• Must be able to furnish road rock within 4 hours if needed.
• Ogle County prevailing wage rates apply on all materials delivered.
• Proof of insurance must be on file before delivery and approved by Road Commissioner.
Sealed bids must be turned in by 3:00 p.m. on Friday, April 29, 2022 at Township Clerk's office at 400 W. Roosevelt Road, Stillman Valley, IL 61084. Bids will be opened at 7:00 pm on May 2, 2022. Any questions please call 815/222-6298.
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(commonly known as 204 W. 2nd St., Leaf River, IL 61047)

On April 8, 2022, at 10:00 a.m., at the Ogle County Sheriff's Department, 202 S. 1st Street, Oregon, Illinois, the Ogle County Sheriff, or his authorized deputy, having been designated by the Circuit Court of the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit, Ogle County, Illinois as Sale Officer in the case entitled Sterling Federal Bank, F.S.B. f/k/a Mt. Morris Savings & Loan Association, Plaintiff, v. Justin Shane Akins and Village of Leaf River, an Illinois Municipal Corporation, Case No. 2015 CH 59, will sell the following described property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder.
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Lot 9 in Block 5 in the Village of Leaf River, according to the Plat thereof recorded in Book B of Plats, page 2, in the Recorder's Office in Ogle County, Illinois; situated in the County of Ogle and State of Illinois, commonly known as 204 W. 2nd St., Leaf River, IL 61047
DESCRIPTION: (Based on Appraisal) 1 story ranch with partial basement, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1392 sq. ft., deck, porch and fence INSPECTION: Contact Brad Kolb at Sterling Federal Bank, F.S.B., 110 E. 4th Street, Sterling, IL 61081, 815.622.3361 to determine if property is available for inspection. **TERMS OF SALE:** 20% down day of sale, balance due the Monday following the sale. All funds shall be CERTIFIED CHECK payable to and delivered to the Ogle County Sheriff. Sale is subject to taxes for 2021 and all subsequent years. **TAXES WILL NOT BE PRORATED.** SALE IS "AS IS" If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no rights against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Any sale is subject to court approval. Any specific restrictions on property or title will be announced day of sale. Announcements day of sale take precedence over any printed material.
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Ogle County Life
ATTN: Mike Feltes
P.O. Box 175
Rochelle, IL 61068

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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:

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SWM Director Application
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LOCAL NEWS

Park District has upcoming events, activities

Hoppin' Down The StoryWalk Trail

Families are invited to join us for a hop down the StoryWalk Trail at Park West to find the Easter Bunny. Read the storybook *We're Gong on an Egg Hunt*, play some games and get pictures with the Easter Bunny on Wednesday, April 6. It is a FREE event, but registration is required by 3/25/22. There are still some spots open so register today. This event is sponsored by E.D. Etnyre & Co.

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 Ganymedes at The Field of Dreams

Hop on the fan bus to watch the Oregon Ganymedes Base Ball club play the Canton Cornshuckers Base Ball Club (of Canton, Michigan) at the Field

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

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)

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