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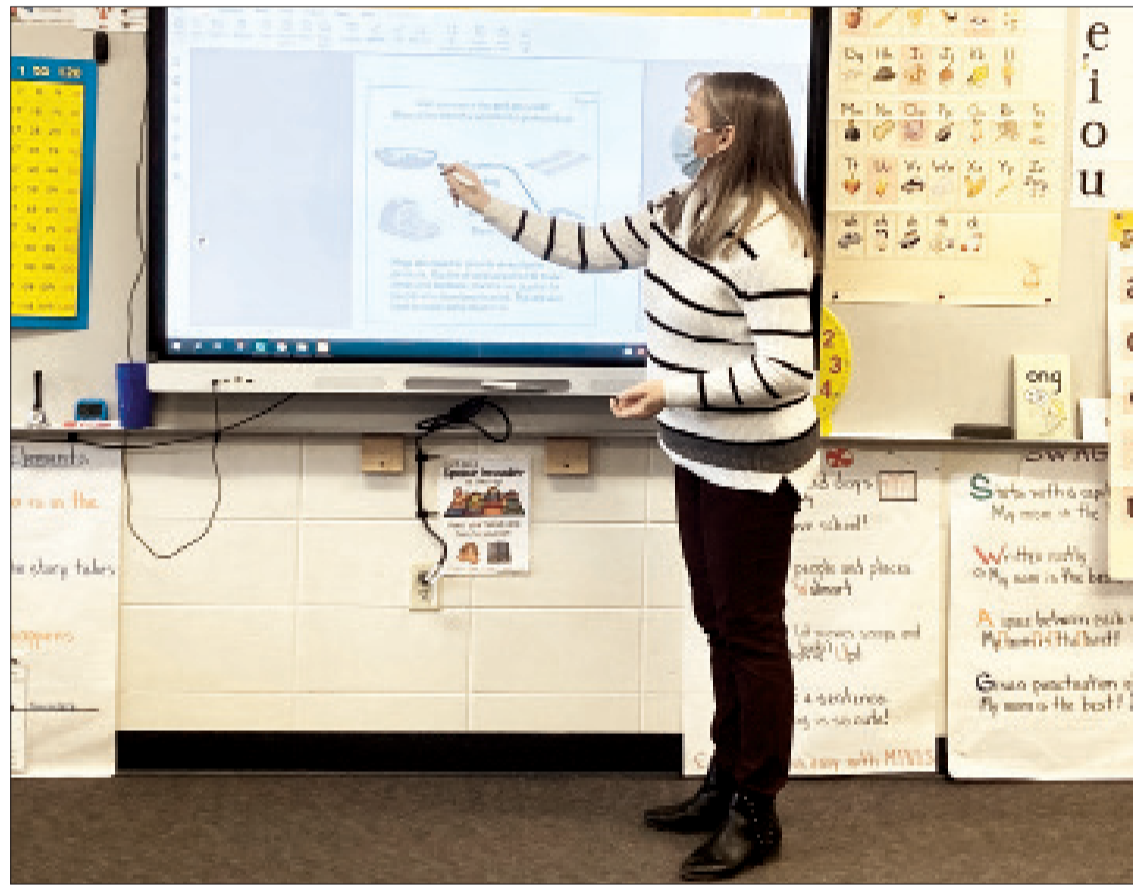
Park District taxpayers only charged half of amount they should have paid

OREGON—Due to an administrative error, Ogle County did not collect enough taxes for the Byron Park District last year — to the tune of \$479,912. The county and the park district announced that due to the error, 2020 property taxes extended by the County Clerk on behalf of the park district and reflected on tax bills to affected taxpayers sent out in 2021, did not include an exten-

sion for the Park District's duly adopted and certified 2020 levy for bond and interest purposes. That means Byron Park District taxpayers owe an arrearage of 2020 taxes in that total amount. Pertinent provisions of state law require that this arrearage of 2020 taxes for bond and interest purposes be added to and listed separately on tax bills for 2021, which will be due in two equal installments

in June and September 2022. Paul Zepezauer, the Byron Park District's executive director, said that taxpayers in the district were only charged about half of what they should have been last year. If the Park District's 2020 levy for bond and interest purposes had been extended and included on the 2020 tax year bill, the corresponding additional tax rate would have been \$.00261. For a residential property having a fair market value of \$100,000 and a 2020 equalized assessed

valuation or EAV of \$33,333 or 33% of market value, this rate would have resulted in taxes of approximately \$86.99. However, the omitted 2020 bond and interest levy will be extended against the 2021 EAV of property subject to the levy. So, the rate extended for the arrearage and the resulting amount of tax shown on individual bills will vary somewhat from those which have resulted had the Park District's bond and interest levy been extended and included on 2020 tax bills.



Melinda Charbonneau grew up on a farm and says she is a perfect fit as Ag in the Classroom coordinator. (Submitted photo)

Ag in the Classroom keeps the educational focus on Agriculture

By Brad Jennings
Editor

Talk about a perfect fit. When the Ogle and Carroll county Farm Bureaus came together with U of I Extension to create the Ag in the Classroom coordinator position, Melinda Charbonneau was the perfect candidate. She had worked in Extension as a secretary and 4-H Program Coordinator, so she was familiar with Extension and its programs.

"The Ag in the Classroom

position was a perfect fit for me," Charbonneau said. "It combined two things that I love: agriculture and education. My degree is in secondary education, and I grew up on a farm where we raised dairy and beef cows, sheep, and chickens. We also grew crops including corn, soybeans, oats and hay." Charbonneau sat down to answer some questions about the Ag in the Classroom program.

Question: Can you explain

what the Ag in the Classroom program is? **Answer:** "The purpose of Ag in the Classroom is to educate youth where their food and fiber comes from. There are many careers in agriculture and fewer farm kids to fill those roles. We need young people that are excited to go into agriculture fields. Getting youth excited to learn more about agriculture will hopefully make them better consumers."

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Toy and craft show returns

FORRESTON – The Forreston FFA Alumni is very excited and proud to bring back their toy and craft show.

The Forreston FFA Alumni Toy and Craft show will be held at Forreston High School on March 12, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Over 40 farm toy and craft exhibitors will join us. A silent auction will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., you do not need to be present to win. One of the area's best lunch stands will be on site with their homemade pies. To add to the fun there will be a Farm Display Competition with student and adult categories, raffles for gift cards to Eickman's Meat processing and Culver's, and many door prizes for everyone! General admission is \$3.00 and children under 5 are free.

To celebrate this year's in-person event, two show tractors will be featured. These tractors are the third tractors in the Home-town Series started by the Alumni to highlight local dealerships from the area. The first 2022 show tractor is a 1/16 scale 2270 White Oliver highly detailed priced at \$75. The second 2022 show tractor is a 1/64 scale 1955 Oliver with loader priced at \$30.

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LOCAL NEWS

County accepting grant letters for federal funds

The Ogle County Emergency Food and Shelter Program has been listed to receive federal appropriations from The Department of Homeland Security, EFSP National Board Program in the amount of \$20,169 for phase 39, and \$62,338 for ARPA-R.

This amount is subject to change by the National EFSP National Board. The Ogle County EFSP Program is accepting federal grant letters of application from agencies in Ogle County that provide emergency food and shelter. Eligible agencies must meet the following criteria; have the capability to provide emergency food and/or shelter services; propose to use the funds to supplement or expand an existing program and services; is a private nonprofit with a voluntary board or an agency of government; have an accounting system, and practices non-discrimination, have FEIN# and DUNNs #.

Letters of application for requested funds should be made to Ogle County Emergency Food and Shelter, and emailed to HOPE of Ogle County, Attn: Ruth Carter, hopeogle.admin@hopedv.org

The application letters must be received by 5 p.m. on Feb. 25. The local board is to distribute funds appropriated by Congress to help expand the capacity of food and shelter programs run by local service organizations with services in Ogle County.

AG: Connection to farming

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We also need our future government officials to understand the importance of agriculture and the impacts their regulations have on it.”

Q: What types of kids are attracted to the program?

A: “All types of students are interested in Ag in the Classroom. The program offers hands on activities that all youth can get excited about.”

Q: What is the content of the lessons? Is it all agriculture based?

A: “The content of all lessons tie back into agriculture. There are lessons about corn, soybeans, cows, pigs, etc... However, there are other lessons that correlate with standards or curriculum in the school that can be tied back into agriculture. For example, the environmental lessons talk about taking care of the Earth, soil conservation, protecting our water, etc... These lesson focus on a topic such as water and its importance. Then the discussion leads to what youth

can do to take care of water and the role farmers play in protecting water.

Q: What topics seem to be the most popular with the kids?

A: “The most popular topic with youth is when we are making food. Prior to Covid we would make bread and tootsie rolls. Through these activities students discovered where the ingredients came from, measuring skills, and got to experience the process of making an end product. We are still able to make butter because it is an individual activity as part of the lesson on dairy cows. Students really like making a food product they can enjoy eating.”

Q: How important is a program like this in a farming area such as Ogle County?

A: “Even though we live in a rural area many students are removed from the farm. The Ag in the Classroom program provides them a connection and better understanding of what they see happening in the farming community around them.”

Polo FFA hosting spaghetti dinner

POLO – The Polo FFA Alumni is hosting a Spaghetti Dinner on Tuesday, March 8, from 5-7 p.m. at the Polo Community High School Cafeteria. Dinner will include tossed salad, spaghetti, garlic bread, dessert and beverage. Ticket cost is \$10 for adults, \$7 for children 12 and under. Proceeds will be used to fund the FFA Alumni Scholarship, awarded to a Polo High School senior or seniors that are pursuing higher education in the agricultural fields. Contact any Polo FFA Alumni member, or Ginger Albano at 815-631-0457 to purchase tickets.

TOY: Features hometown farm equipment

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This year our Hometown Series features DeVries Implement Company, which was owned by Derald DeVries. Derald purchased the Ratmeyer dealership, which was located in Forreston on the corner of Rt. 26 and Cherry St., in 1971. In

1974, White Farm Equipment became the main brand. DeVries handled Oliver, White, New Idea, Gehl, Glencoe, Simplicity, and Bush Hog over the years. In 1978, a new dealership was built on Rt. 72 just east of Forreston. DeVries sold the business to Read Bros. in 1990. Masks are required to

be worn indoors and covid safety guidelines should be followed. Contact Rick Garnhart at 815-238-3044 for Toy Show and farm display information. Contact Cathy Kohlbauer at 815-275-6710 for craft show information. For any other information contact FFA Advisor Kelley Parks at 815-938-2036.

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Annual Polo Farm Toy Show set for March 5

POLO – The 37th annual Polo Farm Toy Show will be on Saturday, March 5 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Polo High School. The event, sponsored by the Polo Lions Club, will feature about 100 dealer tables and a 50/50 drawing. The cafeteria will be open. Admission is \$3 for adults and children 12 and under are free. For dealer information please call Irene Short at 815-946-3730. Polo High School is located at 100 Union Ave. in Polo.

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LOCAL NEWS



Pictured are Jeff Rigoni, Lockport Township Park District Commissioner; Jeff Wilmarth, Byron Park District Board President; Scott Jeffrey, Byron Park District Vice President; Paul Zepezauer, Byron Park District Executive Director and Bill McAdam, Downers Grove Park District Executive Director.

Byron Park District receives award

BYRON – The Byron Park District has been recognized as an Illinois Distinguished Accredited Agency by the Illinois Association of Park Districts (IAPD) and the Illinois Park and Recreation Association (IPRA).

The two statewide associations administer the Illinois Distinguished Accreditation program with the goal of improving the delivery of park and recreation services to Illinois residents. “Illinois has a reputation for the best park districts, forest preserves, conservation, recreation and special recreation agencies in the nation,” said Peter Murphy, IAPD President and CEO.

“The Illinois Distinguished Accreditation program provides an opportunity for these agencies to undergo a voluntary, comprehensive evaluation process to demonstrate that they have met state guidelines to provide exceptional park and recreation services to their community. The end result is to improve the quality of life for Illinois residents.”

“This program gives recognition to park and recreation agencies that go above and beyond in dedicating themselves to offering quality programs and services designed to fulfill their community’s needs,” said Barry

Franks, IPRA Interim Executive Director.

A park district or recreation agency interested in applying for Distinguished Accredited Agency recognition undergoes a detailed, lengthy process of application and evaluation. A Joint Distinguished Park and Recreation Accreditation Committee (JDPRAC) comprised of members from IAPD and IPRA coordinates the process.

“Agencies submit a self-evaluation and a formal letter requesting admission into the process,” said Jeff Rigoni, IAPD Co-Chair of the JDPRAC. “If the committee determines the agency is eligible to continue the process, we send them an evaluation date.”

Rigoni said on the day of the evaluation, the agency presents documented information and gives a tour of pertinent facilities and parks for the evaluation team’s review.

The team reviews general management procedures, finance and business operations, facilities and parks, personnel, recreation services, legal documentation and other materials including mission statements, goals, and safety manuals.

Upon completion of the evaluation, the agency is notified in writing of the official results within ten

days. Agencies that have achieved Distinguished Accredited status are recognized during the IAPD/IPRA Annual Conference in January.

“There are tremendous benefits for an agency that achieves Distinguished Accredited status,” said Bill McAdam, IPRA Co-Chair of the JDPRAC. “The agency’s application and review process is an excellent self-evaluation and agencies that apply realize increased operational efficiency and effectiveness. Communities can have confidence that their park district or recreation agency employs qualified professionals and has met professional standards.”

The Byron Park District applied for the Illinois Distinguished Accreditation program in 2019.

“We felt that the accreditation process would be a great way for us to evaluate the District by reviewing our existing policies and procedures and help us to identify and correct any potential deficiencies within the District. The process proved to be very beneficial and we are excited to join a very impressive list of accredited Park Districts,” said Executive Director, Paul Zepezauer.

The JDPRAC approved the Byron Park District for Distinguished Accred-

ited status in November 2021. When presenting to the selection committee, the accreditation review team highlighted the new 14,000 square foot Byron PE Center facility expansion, which was completed in 2021 and the District’s strong partnerships with the Byron School District and Byron Forest Preserve.

In compliance with the program, the Byron Park District will be reevaluated in six years to verify that they have continued to demonstrate sound management practices in providing quality park and recreation services to the community.

IAPD is a non-profit service, research and education organization that serves park districts, forest preserves, conservation, and recreation agencies. The association advances these agencies, their citizen board members, and professional staff in their ability to provide outstanding park and recreation opportunities, preserve natural resources and improve the quality of life for all people in Illinois.

Established in 1944, IPRA’s mission is to provide and promote exceptional standards of education, networking, and resources for all professionals in the Illinois park, recreation, and conservation communities.

County holding electronic recycling event on Feb. 25

The Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department (OCSWMD) will be holding a residential electronic recycling event on Friday, Feb. 25, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the County Annex Building at 909 Pines Road in Oregon.

A free permit is required in advance to attend this recycling event. Permits are limited and must be requested by 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 23. To obtain a permit call the OCSWMD at 815-732-4020 or email the department at solidwaste@oglecounty.org and provide your name address, phone number and email address. Permits are limited to one per household per month, and allow up to seven (7) large items to be brought in for recycling. A full list of accepted items and other event information is included with the permit. This event may be curtailed and/or cancelled due to inclement weather or other issues beyond the control of the OCSWMD.

This event is for Ogle County residential electronics. Accepted items include all types of televisions and computer monitors, computers, keyboards, e-mice, all computer hardware and cables, laptops, tablets, cell phones, video game equipment, printers, FAX machines, copiers, scanners, VCR/ DVD players, cable and satellite boxes, all remote controls (please remove batteries), radios, stereo equipment, home phones, digital clocks, calculators, cameras, holiday light strands, extension cords, computer power back-up units, rechargeable batteries, CFL bulbs, and printer ink cartridges. Microwave ovens are accepted for a \$5 fee per unit.

A full list of accepted items and further instructions will be included with issuance of the permit. Please call the OCSWMD at the number above, visit www.oglecounty.org, or go to Facebook at Ogle County Solid Waste Management for more information. If you have business, institutional, or government agency electronic items to recycle please call the OCSWMD for information on the business electronics recycling program.



Donation

The Oregon Rotary Club presented donations of \$10,000 each to both The Village of Progress and Serenity Hospice and Home in Oregon. Hollie Guist, Rotary Foundation Chairman presented the checks to Lyn Knodle (Serenity) and Brion Brooks (VOP). These donations were made possible through the proceeds from the annual Rotary Angle Ball which was virtual again this year. The generosity of the local community was astounding. Thank you to all who participated.

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The family of Genevieve Pearson

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The deadline for submitting applications is February 28. 02212022

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LOCAL NEWS

Obituaries

Judy Barnhart

Judy Barnhart, age 79, died Sunday, Feb. 13, 2022 at OSF Hospital in Rockford. Judy was born Dec. 12, 1942 in Oregon, the daughter of Wilbur and Ida (Kump) Sweeney.



Judy attended Mt. Morris Schools and received her GED in 1973. She went on to nursing school and completed her LPN program in 1982. She was employed at Pinecrest Nursing Home (CNA and LPN) for 26 years and retired in 1999. She married in 1959 and gave birth to three children. Judy is survived by her

children and many nieces and nephews. Two brothers: Gene Sweeney, Beloit, Wis., and Dave Sweeney, Lake Carroll, Ill. One sister: Pat Burd, Mt. Morris.

Judy is preceded in death by her mother Ida in 1989, father Wilbur in 1994, and daughter Rhonda in 1972. Also, a sister Joyce Shelton, sister-in-law Julie Sweeney, and brother Richard Sweeney.

Funeral services were on Wednesday, Feb. 16, 2022 at 11 a.m. at Evangelical Free Church, Mt. Morris, with luncheon to follow.

George Glendenning

George J. Glendenning went to meet his Savior on Feb. 4, 2022, in Sun City, Ariz. He was born on June 5, 1933 to George Bruce and Alfhild (Clover) Anderson Glendenning in Rockford.



He grew up just south of Stillman Valley and graduated from Stillman Valley High School in 1952. During that time, he met the love of his life Donna (Fowler) Glendenning, and they were married in October of 1953 and raised four sons. George loved the Lord and lived a life of service to his family and his community. He was drafted into the Army in June of 1953 and served at San Luis Obispo, Camp Atterbury, Fort Carson, and Beal AFB. He was proud of His country and served faithfully.

After his time in the Army, George moved back to Stillman where he continued to farm and raise his family. He loved the farm life and raised his sons with a strong work ethic. He further gave to his community by serving on the Ogle County Fair board, serving on the steering committee of the Ogle County Hospice Serenity House and helping with bowling fundraisers for veterans. George served the Lord in various leadership capacities in his local congregation. He was always available to help out with mowing, running for parts and filling in wherever

he could; he continued to be physically active in recent years by becoming an avid bowler. George and Donna have wintered in Peoria, Ariz., for nearly 30 years, where George enjoyed hiking, biking, bowling, horseshoes and sunshine.

George is preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Floyd Glendenning.

He is survived by his wife of 68 years: Donna J (Fowler) Glendenning; and his four Sons: George B Glendenning (Pam), Terry S Glendenning (Tammy), Kevin L Glendenning (Kim) and Douglas J Glendenning (Jodi) all of this area. Grandchildren: Michael Glendenning (Julie), Mark Glendenning (Stacey), Joshua Glendenning (Vanessa), Faith Groenhagen (Kyle), Talitha Gardner (Philip), Lucas Glendenning (Alicia), Lance Glendenning (Abby), Telah Garwacki (Rob), Abby Glendenning; Bailey Stark (Jim), Brenna Ingersol (Chris); Clint Glendenning (Kayla), Cassie Jennings (Tyler), Great Grandchildren: Drew and Anna

Glendenning; Adam, Jared and Jackson Glendenning; John and Isla Glendenning; Enoch and Scarlett Groenhagen; Eian, Natalie, Caleb and James Gardner; Kyla Mishler (Josiah), Micah, Lianah and Alayna Glendenning; Jared, Elijah, Ava and Ellen Glendenning; Scott and Morgan Garwacki; Kadence and Kinsley Glendenning; Ava and Joanna Jennings and 2 more to arrive in the spring. He is also survived by his brother Tom Glendenning (Joan), sister-in-law Geraldine Glendenning and several nieces and nephews.

George will be forever loved and missed by his family, the friends in the community where he lived his entire life as well as those in his winter home in Arizona.

A Celebration of Life service was held 11 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 19, 2022 at the Kishwaukee Community Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 8195 North Kishwaukee Road, Stillman Valley, with the Rev. Scott Neese officiating. Visitation was from 9-11 a.m. prior to the funeral at the church. Private burial took place at the Stillman Valley Cemetery following the service. In lieu of flowers a memorial fund is established for the Serenity Hospice and Home in Oregon, and the Gideon International Bible Program. Visit www.farrellhollandgale.com to leave a condolence or memory.

Donald Baugous

OREGON – Donald Baugous, longtime Oregon resident, passed away on Feb. 9, 2022. Don was born June 1, 1938 in Sioux City, Iowa, the son of Roy and Thelma (Green) Baugous. In 2003, Don retired from E.D. Etnyre where he was employed as a Product Specialist for 38 years.



On Oct. 27, 1978, Don married Marcia Allen. Upon his retirement, he and his wife purchased an RV and spent the next eight years traveling. Don was an avid fisherman. He loved Nascar and was a devoted Chicago Bears fan. He enjoyed the outdoors and spent hours working in his yard and garden. He is survived by his

wife, Marcia, sister, Colleen Woods and very special family members David, Becky, Jake and Abby Duke and his faithful puppy, Daisy Duke who was always at his side. He was predeceased by both his parents, his brother Dwayne Baugous of California and his stepson, Rick Haas. In keeping with his

wishes, Don will be cremated and burial will be in Daysville Cemetery. A memorial service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to Becky Duke, 310 Aldrin Street, Oregon, IL 61061 and the Duke Family will decide who to dedicate the memorial to. Finch Funeral Home assisted with the funeral arrangements.

Don's family would like to thank Dr. Reckamp for the constant care he has given Don, Dr. Hanif for his expert skills in cardiology and also a special thank you to the staff at KSB Hospital. The nurses there were wonderful. Thank you all so very much.

Larry E. Boes

Larry E. Boes, age 74, passed away on Feb. 8, 2022. He was born in Winchester, Ill., on July 7, 1947 the son of Eugene and Mary (Wood) Boes. He married Donna J. German on Aug. 15, 1964 in Rockford.



Larry was a strong provider and a hard worker; he worked at Chrysler for over 30 years but oftentimes worked two jobs when his children were growing up. He married Deborah Grimes March 4, 2021 in Byron at their Church. He was a proud public servant who was a two term Republican Ogle County Board member. He was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints where he was an Elder, and served in

the branch presidency. He was also a member of the Masons. He enjoyed DIY projects, fishing, vacations, site seeing, and gardening. He is preceded in death by his parents, wife (Donna), and daughter Julie Frye. He is survived by his wife Deborah, son Brad

Boes and Brian (Melissa) Boes of Roscoe; son-in-law, Bradley Frye of Byron; siblings, Donald (Cece) Boes of Columbia, Mo., Gloria Ferguson of Muskegon, Mich., and Michelle of Ind.; grandchildren, Josh Frye, Courtney (Nick) Williams, Kahley (Sam) Watkins, Jordan Boes, Ryan (Cali) Zoeller, and Kayla Zoeller; and 11 great grandchildren. A funeral service was held at noon on Wednesday, Feb. 16, 2022 at the Farrell Holland Gale Funeral Home in Byron. Visitation was held at from 11 a.m. to noon prior to the service. Burial at Byron Cemetery. Memorials are established for the American Diabetes Association. for iPhone

Michael S. Kump

CHANA – Michael S. Kump, age 63, died Saturday, Feb. 5, 2022 at his home near Chana. He was born May 28, 1958 in Rockford, the son of Evert L. "Sam" and Jean E. (Cook) Kump.



He was a lifelong member of the Chana and Oregon area. Mike graduated from Oregon High School in 1976 where he was a standout athlete at Oregon High School, where he played football, basketball and excelled in track. He was an excellent high jumper, ran relays, long jump, did it all for the Oregon Hawks Track Team. He married Vickie Hosier who predeceased him in 2020. He formerly worked for Quality Metal in Byron, Dayton Superior as a concrete mixer and most recently for Etnyre Corporation in Oregon, where he retired a year

ago after 16 years as a "Lead" Trailer Welder. Mike had a love of animals. He leaves behind his beloved brown lab "Ratchet" and "Willie" the cat. He was a kind and giving friend to all that knew him. He was very generous and would always lend a helping hand in any way he could with everyone. After he retired, his happy place was spending time around the firepit in his back yard where you could find him with friends drinking beer and solving the world's problems. He will be "so" missed. Mike was predeceased by his father Sam and his wife Vickie. He is survived by his mother Jean Kump of Franklin Grove, his sister Deborah Donahue of Anchorage, Alaska and her 3 children; Meghan Antonucci of Marysville, Washington, Ryan Donahue of Anchorage, Alaska, and Cameron Donahue of Spokane, Washington. A visitation was held from noon-2 p.m., on Saturday, Feb. 19, 2022 at the Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home, 110 S. 7th St. Oregon, Illinois 61061. Please visit www.farrellhollandgale.com to leave a condolence or memory of Mike.

Kim L. Swanson

BYRON – Kim L. Swanson, age 61, passed away at Swedish American Hospital in Rockford on Feb. 10, 2022. He was born on March 6, 1960 in Rockford the son of Ronald F. and Louise A. (Sundeed) Swanson. Kim was huge Chicago Cubs fan and could be found listening to all their games. He enjoyed being outdoors and could be found fishing, camping, bike riding, walking, and mushroom hunting. He never missed buying his weekly lotto ticket and liked stopping by garage sales. Kim was inventive and enjoyed



building and flying rockets and also enjoyed listening to music. But, most of all he was an animal lover especially cats and dogs. He is preceded in death by his parents and dog, Lady. He is survived by

his siblings, Carl (Theresa) Swanson of Sterling, Judy (Gene) Maule of Rockford, Ronald (Darlene) Swanson of Rockford, Randy (Patty) Swanson of Rockford, and Fayette (Charles) Johnson of Holcombe, Wis.; his cat, Scooby, and numerous nieces and nephews. A private service and burial will be held. In lieu of flowers donations in Kim's name may be made to Cause for Paws in Byron or the Rockford Rescue Mission. To leave an online condolence please visit www.farrellhollandgale.com

Report policy

Any arrests listed in this paper are merely charges and the defendants are presumed innocent unless proven guilty in a court of law. Please note that all police reports received from the Oregon Police, Byron Police, Polo Police, Mt. Morris

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LOCAL NEWS

Obituaries

Ethel M. Richardson

MOUNT MORRIS – Ethel M. Richardson, a long-time resident of Mt. Morris, passed away on the morning of Feb. 12, 2022. She was at home surrounded by loved ones. She was born Sept. 26, 1938, in Yankee-town, Ind. She was the oldest of 10 children.



Ethel moved to Northern Illinois in 1958, living with her close friend and cousin Wilma. They both came north for better job opportunities, and by the sounds of her and Wilma's stories, to also have fun adventures. Through the brother of Wilma's future husband Ed Ramsey, Ethel met Bobbie, the love of her life. They soon married, having a double ceremony with Wilma (Bates) and Bill Ramsey, during a tornado, just another one of the many adventures. Ethel and Wilma remained close to her final day.

Ethel worked for the telephone company and then for Watt Publishing Co. in Mt. Morris. She made many friends over the years and enjoyed bowling on the Watt Publishing Team and going to many tournaments.

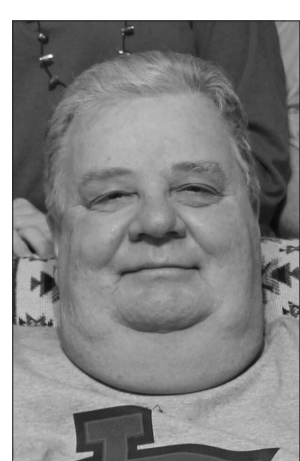
Her focus was her family and friends. She and Bobbie would enthusiastically travel around the USA and Canada visiting friends and family.

Visitation will be at Finch Funeral Home in Mt. Morris on Monday Feb. 21, 2022 at 10 a.m. followed by her funeral at 11 a.m. The commitment ceremony will follow at Trinity Memorial Gardens Hillcrest, IL, north of Rochelle. A luncheon afterwards at the Rochelle Moose at 311 N. Main St Rochelle, IL 61068

The Family requests donations to be sent in Ethel's name to St Jude Children's Hospital in lieu of flowers.

Roger J. Quick

STILLMAN VALLEY – Roger J. Quick, age 69, died Sunday, Feb. 13, 2022 at his home in Stillman Valley. He was born July 14, 1952 in Rockford, the son of "Pete" Alvin and Adeline (Drummond) Quick.



He graduated from Stillman Valley High School in 1971. Roger married Cindy Reimer on Sept. 1, 1979 in Lindenwood. He formerly worked for Kysor in Byron, Bergstrom in Rockford, and Micron in Winnebago. He was a member of the Kishwaukee Community Evangelical Presbyterian Church near Stillman Valley. His hobbies included fishing, golfing, listening to music, going to the shooting range, going to the drag strip, and watching NASCAR races. He enjoyed being with his family and especially cherished time with his grandchildren. He also loved telling stories and jokes and

making people laugh.

He was predeceased by his father "Pete" Alvin Quick.

He is survived by his loving wife Cindy of Stillman Valley, his mother Adeline Quick of Rockford, daughters Stephanie Brodnick of Bloomington, and Lindsay Molitor (Cole Johnson) of Pecatonica, siblings Debra Fletcher (Todd) of Rochelle, Pamela Quick-Stangley (George) of Rochelle, Fred Quick of Mt Vernon, James "David" Quick (Cheri) of Jones-

borough, Tenn., and Robert (Ginger) Quick of Holcomb, three grandchildren Ellison Harper Brodnick, Lydia Lou Molitor, and Owen Roger Johnson, and many nieces and nephews. Also, a daughter Jessica (Tim) Schoenrock and granddaughter Olivia.

Funeral service will be held 11 a.m., Monday, Feb. 21, 2022 at the Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home, 136 W. Roosevelt Rd. in Stillman Valley, with the Pastor Harold Quick officiating. Visitation will be held Sunday, Feb. 20, 2022 at the funeral home from 2-4 p.m. Private burial will take place at the Big Mound Cemetery near Davis Junction. In lieu of flowers a memorial fund is established in Roger's name for the American Diabetes foundation. Visit www.farrellhollandgale.com to leave a condolence or memory of Roger.

Sharon Schuring

Sharon (Levey) Schuring, 76, passed away on Sunday, Feb. 6, 2022, surrounded by her loved ones. Born January 25, 1946, in Elgin, to Sheldon and Virginia (Dare) Levey. She graduated from Larkin High School in Elgin. Sharon married Dennis Schuring on July 10, 1964 in Algonquin.



Theatre Company. After retirement, she spent the majority of her time with her family and taking care of her grandchildren. She also enjoyed hosting family dinners, gardening, and cooking and baking. She was also known for her compassion for animals. Monthly Sharon got together with a group of

friends that called themselves the kindergarten group. They started grade school together at Illinois Park School in Elgin.

Survived by her husband, Dennis; children, Dan (Lisa) Schuring and Sheli (Jeff) Chapin; grandchildren, Aubrey, Lindsay, Nick, Ian and Nathan Schuring, Julia (Marc) Jacobson, and Jamie Chapin; and sister, Wendy (Ron) Hansen. Predeceased by her parents.

Memorial Services to be determined at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Diabetes Association and The Humane Society. To share a memory or condolence, visit olsonfh.com.

RRC has upcoming 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 815-732-3252. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Eastern Bluebirds Program on Feb. 24

Learn about the Eastern Bluebird at an interesting program beginning at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 24.

Though the current status of the eastern bluebird is of least concern due to the population increasing, it wasn't always this way. A loss of habitat, increased competition for nesting sites, and the introduction of two invasive species nearly wiped them out. The more docile bluebird could not compete. Come hear the story of this little blue gem and how to attract them to your garden.

Peggy Doty is an Educator for the University of Illinois Extension specializing in environmental education as a means to relate wildlife related issues and water quality to all ages. She holds a B.S. in Zoology with a specialization in wildlife management.

Peggy is especially interested in human reactions and relationships to wildlife. She also holds a M.S. in Education with a specialization in Outdoor Teacher Education in Curriculum and Instruction.

Registration is requested. Please call Rock River Center at 815-732-3252 if you plan on attending.

Understanding Trusts on Feb. 28

Attorney David Smith, of SMITH & BIRKHOLZ, PC will be at Rock River Center on Monday, Feb. 28, from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m.

There are several different types of Trusts. Dave will discuss the Revocable Living Trust and the Testamentary Trust.

The type commonly used in estate planning is a Revocable Living Trust. This Trust can be created by one person, a husband and wife together, a husband and wife separately, or a family together. "Living" means it is created while the person is alive; and "Revocable" means the person can make changes any time, so long as they are alive and not suffering from any serious incapacity.

You will also learn about a "Testamentary Trust." This means a Trust is created in the Will of the deceased person and is usually a Trust set up for underage or incapacitated beneficiaries, such as minor children or a family member with a serious disability.

Bring your questions to this very informative FREE program.

Registration requested by Friday, February 25 so we can be prepared. Call Rock River Center at 815-732-3252 if you plan on attending.

Legally Blonde!

Timberlake Playhouse Wednesday, July 20

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

Elle appears to have it all. Her life is turned upside down when her boyfriend Warner dumps her so he can attend Harvard Law. Determined to get him back, Elle ingeniously charms her way into the prestigious law school. While there, she struggles with peers, professors and her ex. With the support of some new friends, though, Elle quickly realizes her potential and sets out to prove herself to the world.

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

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

\$72 / Non-Members

We will be having lunch at "The Deck" across from Timberlake Playhouse before the show

Reservation Information

* Reservation/payment/lunch choice deadline: June 20.

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

* Rock River Center gift certificates accepted as payment.

Please call the Center at 815-732-3252 or toll free 1-800-541-5479 for more information.

Support Groups Cancer Support Group

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

Caregiver Support Group

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

Carroll Junior Taylor

Our beloved Husband, Daddy, Poppa, Carroll Junior Taylor, "CJ", 80 of Oregon, entered into eternal rest, surrounded by his loving family on Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2022. He was born Dec. 17, 1941 in Sedgwick, Ark., to Raymond Carroll and Ruby Ellen Taylor.



time with his family, his grandchildren, and very special great-grandbaby girls.

CJ had a heart for the less fortunate, especially children. He was a hard worker and a generous provider to the ones he loved. He led a long and full life, sprinkled with questionable choices, but he did life his way and on his terms. Carroll was raised in faith, but had never formally made that final step of baptism until near the end of his earthly journey, when he accepted Christ and was baptized alongside his grandson Kayleb on Sept. 11, 2021!

He is survived and will be forever missed by his

loving, faithful wife of 53 and one-half years, his son Michael Todd Taylor of Leaf River, daughter and son-in-law, Cassandra "Casey" and Tim Corbin of Sterling, granddaughter, Kelsey Leigh Lipe Collins of Sterling, grandson Kayleb Taylor Lipe of Fulton, Ill., and the love and pure joys of his life – his great granddaughters, Ryleigh, Mikayla and Wynnie Jo. Carroll is also survived by a brother, Jim Taylor of Oklahoma and a whole mess of special in-laws, nieces, nephews and friends.

Carroll was predeceased by his daughter, Gloria Jean Taylor, beloved brother Tom Taylor, his parents and parents-in-law, nieces and nephews.

Funeral Services were held Monday, Feb. 14, 2022 at 11 a.m., and visitation was from 5-7 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 13th at the Farrell Holland Gale Funeral Home in Oregon. Burial at Daysville Cemetery, Oregon. Memorials may be made to the family.

Mobile Food Pantry is Feb. 24

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

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

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

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

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

LOCAL NEWS



Forreston music fundraiser

Now through Feb. 25, the music students at Forreston Junior/Senior High School will be selling Butter Braid pastries as a fundraiser to benefit the music programs. Each pastry is \$14, and the flavors available this year are apple, blueberry and cream cheese, cinnamon, cream cheese, raspberry, strawberry and cream cheese, caramel rolls and cinnamon rolls. Orders may be placed online. Please contact any of the band or choir students to get the link to order or contact Cris Zipse at czip74@gmail.com for more information. Delivery is scheduled for Thursday, March 10. Profits raised from this fundraiser benefit all music students, enhance their musical opportunities and assist with the continued success of our fine music programs in the Forrestville Valley School District.

Floski Family Foundation now accepting scholarship applications

BYRON – Applications are now available for the Floski Family Foundation Scholarship for Service and Leadership. The \$1,000 scholarship is being offered for the 14th year to a graduating Byron High School senior who has demonstrated service beyond self-interest and beyond Byron High School to the wider local, state, national or international community, and who has developed as a young leader as a result. The winner will be someone who plans to further this or her education in

the fall of 2022. Family income and GPA are not considerations. Applicants will be asked to write a brief essay discussing the personal benefits they have received from public service and to submit the number of service hours they have performed during high school that they would like the committee to consider. Applicants are encouraged to understand that, while the number of service hours is a consideration of the judging committee, the scholarship is not

always awarded to the student who submits the most hours: Committee members are prepared to be impressed by how the student has grown as a person while performing public service. Other details and applications for the scholarship may be obtained at the Byron High School Guidance Office and on the students' Naviance-Family Connection accounts. Application deadline is Friday April 22. The winner will be announced at BHS Honors Night Wednesday, May 18.



Guest speakers for Lions

The Oregon Lions Club met on Thursday, Jan. 27 at the VFW in Oregon. The speakers for the evening were Stacy Groesch and Cheryl Lee from the Elburn Lions Club. The two Lions demonstrated the use of the vision screening device that is used to screen children in the Elburn area. Pictured from the left are Oregon Lion Joe Kryszak, Elburn Lion Stacy Groesch and Elburn Lion Cheryl Lee.

Oregon Police report

- Feb. 8**
At 12:04 p.m., Oregon Police issued Carole C. Bolin, 88, Byron, a citation for operating an uninsured motor vehicle. This violation occurred in the 500 block of N. 4th Street.
- Feb. 9**
At 5:28 p.m., Oregon Police investigated a three-car traffic crash in the 300 block of S. 5th Street involving a 2017 Ford driven by Judith A. McNett, 82, Oregon, and a parked 2020 Chevrolet belonging to Leroy R. Smice, 49, Mt. Morris, and a parked 2017 Nissan belonging to Jason J. Donegan, 34, Stillman Valley. No citations were issued.
- Feb. 10**
At 12:02 a.m., Oregon Police arrested Kristopher M. Mockovak, 20, Oregon, on an outstanding Ogle County warrant for failure to appear. Mockovak was transported to the Ogle County jail.
- Feb. 11**
At 8:30 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Jourdan M. McBride, 21, of Crestwood, IL, for driving while license suspended and issued a citation for improper can-

nabis container as a driver. A passenger in McBride's vehicle, Collin P. Brown, 22, of Midlothian, IL, was also arrested for improper container of cannabis as a passenger. Both McBride and Brown were transported to the Ogle County jail. These violations occurred in the 1300 block of W. Washington Street.

Feb. 13
At 12:23 a.m., Oregon Police arrested Chet L. Harrolle, 39, Oregon, for improper container as a driver, felony driving while license revoked, and also issued a citation for speeding, 46 mph in a 40 mph zone. A passenger in Harrolle's vehicle, Randi M. Suter, 33, Oregon, was arrested on an outstanding Ogle County warrant for possession of drug paraphernalia. Suter was also charged with possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia. Both Harrolle and Suter were transported to the Ogle County jail. These violations occurred in the 100 block of W. Washington Street.

9 verbal warnings issued during the week of 2/07/2022 through 2/13/2022.

Scholarships being offered by the Tri-County Opportunities Council

ROCK FALLS – At least 12 scholarships will be awarded by Tri-County Opportunities Council to income-eligible students residing in the agency's service area. The scholarships are worth up to \$1,250 and have been made available by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Development (DCEO) through its Community Services Block Grant funds. To be eligible for the scholarship competition:

- * The applicant must be a member of an income-eligible household.
- * The applicants must be attending an Illinois accredited post-secondary educational institution of higher learning during the fall of 2022.
- * Applicants must be a resident of Bureau, Carroll, LaSalle, Lee, Marshall, Ogle, Putnam, Stark or Whiteside County in Illinois.
- * Students must be considered full-time (minimum of 12 semester hours) to qualify for the full \$1,250 scholarship. Part-time students will be considered in the competition, however, scholarship awards will be pro-rated if they are selected as a winner.

Application deadline is March 25. Further information and application forms may be obtained by contacting the office at 800/323-5434, Ext. 710 or on the website at www.tcohelps.org.

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LOCAL NEWS

Ogle County Sheriff

Jan. 17
At 4:11 p.m., Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 20,000 block of E. IL Rt. 64 for improper display of registration. After an investigation, Louis J. Wright II, 34 of Kansas City, MO was arrested for driving on a suspended license. Wright was also issued a citation for improper display of registration. Wright was released from the scene on a signature I-Bond with a return court date.

Jan. 16
At approximately 3:30 p.m. Deputies responded to a domestic disturbance at 2760 S. Brooke's Island Road. Upon further investigation, Regina Tomayo, 54 from Texas, was arrested for Domestic Battery. Regina was then transported to the Ogle County Jail in lieu of bond.

At approximately 3:06 a.m., Ogle County Deputies and Byron EMS responded to the 10800 block of North Illinois Route 2 for a two-vehicle accident with injury. After further investigation, it was determined that a Ford Mustang driven by, Jason Eldon age 36 of Rockford, left the roadway and struck an embankment becoming disabled in the southbound lane. A Jeep SUV driven by, Amy King, 37 of Byron, was traveling southbound and struck the disabled Ford Mustang. King was released on scene by Byron EMS. Eldon was transported to a local hospital for a suspected minor injury. Eldon was cited for Failure to Reduce Speed to Avoid an Accident and Improper Traffic Lane Usage.

At approximately 10:03 p.m., Ogle County Deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 19000 block of east Illinois Route 64. After further investigation, Fredrick

Reynolds, 25 of Dekalb, was arrested for Driving While License Suspended. Reynolds was also cited for speeding and released on a Notice to Appear with a return court date.

Jan. 15
At 5:21 a.m. Deputies were dispatched to a disturbance in the 300 block of E South Park Drive in Byron. After an investigation Deputies arrested Diane Harrod, 53 of Byron, for Aggravated Domestic Battery. Diane Harrod was taken into custody without incident and transported to the Ogle County Jail. The victim was transported to a near-by hospital with minor injuries.

Jan. 14
At 9:44 a.m., Ogle County Deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 4000 block of North Illinois Route 2. After a short investigation, Deputies arrested Logan D. Smith, 30 of Rockford, IL for driving without a license. Smith was transported to Ogle County Jail.

At 1:53 a.m., Deputies responded to a juvenile disturbance at 204 Main Street, Chana. After an investigation a 10 year old juvenile was arrested for aggravated battery. The juvenile was released into the custody of his mother.

Jan. 10
At 8:51 a.m., Ogle County Deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 5000 block of South Illinois Route 2. After a short investigation, Deputies arrested Luna V. Barrett, 20 of Princeton, IL for driving without a valid driver's license. Barrett was transported to Ogle County Jail.

At approximately 4:46 p.m., Ogle County Deputies were dispatched to a

driving complaint of a white U-Haul truck traveling westbound on IL Rte 64 from Woodlawn Road. A short time later, it was reported the U-Haul struck a white Jeep causing injuries. After investigation, it was determined the Jeep, operated by Erik Desch 30 of Sycamore, was traveling eastbound on IL Rte 64 just east of Interstate 39. The U-Haul, operated by Chase Schott, 21 of Monroe Center, was traveling westbound on IL Rte 64, crossed over the center yellow line, and entered the eastbound lane. The U-Haul then struck the Jeep on the driver's side causing totaling damage and multiple airbag deployment for both vehicles. The Jeep continued eastbound and exited the roadway entering the south ditch and came to rest facing west. The U-Haul continued into the south ditch and came to rest facing southwest approximately forty yards from the roadway. Both Desch and Schott were transported to a nearby hospital for minor injuries. Schott was taken into custody and cited for DUI-Combination of Alcohol and Drugs. Schott was also cited for Transporting Open Container of Alcohol, Improper Traffic Lane Usage, Failure to Reduce Speed to Avoid an Accident, and Operating Uninsured Motor Vehicle. Schott was released on a \$3000.00/10% individual bond with a return court date.

Jan. 8
At approximately 1:54 a.m., Deputies responded to a single vehicle accident near the intersection of Columbine Rd and Townline Rd. Upon investigation, it appeared a southbound vehicle being driven by Kevin Beard, 23 of Mt Morris, failed to yield as he approached the intersection. The vehicle traveled through the intersection before striking a tree.

After further investigation, Deputies placed Beard under arrest for Driving Under the Influence of Al-cohol. Beard was also cited for Failure to Reduce Speed to Avoid an Accident. Beard was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond. Deputies were assisted at the scene by Forrester Fire/EMS. The accident remains under investigation.

Jan. 7
At 7:04 p.m., deputies initiated a traffic stop in the 2000 block of E. IL RTE 72. During the investigation, deputies arrested John W. Sherman, 44, of Rockford, IL for Driving on a Revoked License. Sherman was also issued citations for speeding 15-20 mph above the speed limit, and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. Sherman was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

At 9:12 p.m., Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies conducted stop on I-39 in the area of mile marker 103 for failing to pull over for emergency vehicles (Scott's Law Violation). After an investigation, Taylor Black, 23 of St. Louis, MO was arrested for driving on a suspended license. Taylor was also cited for failing to pull over for emergency vehicles. Taylor was released on a signature I-Bond with a return court date.

Jan. 5
At approximately 3:10 p.m. Deputies responded to a car in the ditch at the intersection of Conger Road and Plum Hill Road. After further investigation Paul Bush, 43 of Dixon, was arrested for No Valid Drivers License. Paul was then released on an Individual Bond and was given a future court date.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Mon., Feb. 21
Yoga on Mondays at 9:30 a.m. at the Oregon Public Library. Krystal Casey will be teaching a Monday morning yoga class at the library. Registration is required, 815-732-2724. Space is limited.

Tues., Feb. 22
The Ogle County Republican central committee will hold their monthly meeting at the Ogle County Courthouse in the Ogle County Board room at 6:30 p.m. Several area candidates will be attending the meeting.

Thurs., Feb. 24
Loaves & Fish Food Pantry alongside Northern Illinois Food Bank is hosting a Mobile Food Pantry from 10-11:30 a.m. The truck will be located at Mt. Morris Moose Family Center, 101 Moose Drive, Mt. Morris. This mobile pantry is open anyone in Ogle County. Loaves & Fish Food Pantry is located on the lower level of the Mt. Morris Church of the Brethren, 409 W. Brayton Road, and is open on the first and third Thursdays from 4:30-7 p.m. and second and fourth Mondays from 2-4:30 p.m.

Eastern Bluebirds Program at Rock River Center in Oregon. Learn about the Eastern Bluebird at an interesting program beginning at 10 a.m. Registration is requested. Please call Rock River Center at 815-732-3252 if you plan on attending.

Fri., Feb. 25
The Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department (OCSWMD) will be holding a residential electronic recycling event from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the County Annex Building at 909 Pines Road in Oregon. A free permit is required in ad-

vance to attend this recycling event. Permits are limited and must be requested by 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 23.

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.

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

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VIEWPOINT

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

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MOMENTS IN TIME

* On March 13, 1836, Texan Gen. Sam Houston begins a series of strategic retreats to buy time to train his ill-prepared army, which consisted of 374 poorly equipped men. A month later, his newly trained army won a stunning victory against Mexico's Santa Anna.

* On March 10, 1902, the U.S. Court of Appeals rules that despite his claims, Thomas Edison did not invent the movie camera. It did admit that Edison invented the sprocket system that moved perforated film through the camera.

* On March 8, 1917, the February Revolution begins when riots and strikes over the scarcity of food erupt in Petrograd. A week later, centuries of czarist rule in Russia ended with the abdication of Nicholas II. Vladimir Lenin returned home and took control of the Russian Revolution.

* On March 11, 1942, U.S. Gen. Douglas MacArthur abandons the island of Corregidor under orders from President Franklin Roosevelt. Left behind were 90,000 American and Filipino troops, who would soon succumb to the Japanese offensive. Only one-third of those left behind survived to see MacArthur's return in January 1945.

* On March 12, 1969, the London drug squad appears at house of Beatle George Harrison and his wife Pattie Boyd with a warrant and drug-sniffing canines. Sgt. Pilcher, the man behind the raid, was convicted of planting drugs in other cases and went to jail in 1972.

* On March 9, 1979, Major League Baseball teams are ordered by the MLB commissioner to allow equal access to all reporters. The order came after Sports Illustrated reporter Melissa Ludtke's successful lawsuit for refusing her access to clubhouses at Yankee Stadium during the 1977 World Series.

* On March 7, 1988, representatives of the Writers Guild of America called a strike for all the union's members. The five-month walkout was estimated to cost Hollywood some \$500 million, as many viewers began watching cable channels.

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Banning books never the answer

Banning books is a sure sign of a culture in decline. It actually makes me, as an American, truly feel sick to my stomach. But book banning seems to be back in some Southern states, and we are not the better for it.

Texas has moved to ban books including "Maus," which is aimed at younger readers. It illustrates the dangers of racial segregation and genocide. Those sound like topics that should be taught to younger students to me.

Tennessee, Alabama, Oklahoma – all looking at banning books. Books about racism and sexual identity are favorite targets.

Alabama's governor talked with pride about banning books. Alabama ranks near the bottom in education in the nation, and in the past has ranked dead last. Maybe the governor should be talking about people reading more books instead of banning ones that don't match up with her world view.

To be clear, this is about

Living the Life

By Brad Jennings



the culture wars people yell about these days. Things that make you uncomfortable? Ban them.

It is like this critical race theory nonsense. Not teaching kids about the horrible racial past – and present – in this country doesn't mean it didn't and isn't happening. It did and it is and trying to bury that will only come back to haunt all of us.

I understand that some topics can make people of a certain age or religion or even political slant uncomfortable. Hey, the world is changing and that

can be scary, especially for people who have always seen the world through their own narrow lens.

But banning books and refusing to teach true history because it makes some uncomfortable is simply wrongheaded. These books will be even more sought out. And the history some hope to bury will be taught and discussed in even more depth.

If you can't face the fact that white people have a long history of horrible treatment of minorities in this country, you are burying your head in the sand. I am not saying you, as an individual. But in a general way? It is impossible to deny.

In many of your lifetimes black Americans couldn't enter the same door of a restaurant or drink at the same water fountain.

Black veterans did not get the same benefits as white veterans after WWII. Is that fair? Should we ignore that?

No, it is not fair. No, we

should not ignore it.

The New Yorker wrote an interesting piece about this horrible injustice to those veterans back in 2016. It makes me feel a pit in my gut just thinking about it.

Yes, those things should be taught. We need to make sure we move forward together in this country. One way we do that is by facing the past and present and working to make things better.

Banning books and burying horrible history that makes a certain group uncomfortable is not what America is all about. America is not a place for a single group of like-minded people to flourish while others suffer.

If you think it is, you are in the wrong country.

Look at the history of banning books in other countries – it is not a good thing. Knowing more will help us as a nation, not knowing less.

We are better than this, and we need to show it.

Brad Jennings is Editor of The Ogle County Life.

Things to consider before DLR closure vote

Dear Editor,

(Oregon) Board Members,

Bryan Wills recently responded to one of the advisory committee emails. We appreciate Bryan responding, it has been frustrating that there has been only limited discussion or feedback by the Board.

We believe closing DLR is the culmination of Superintendent Mahoney's multi-year planning to make Oregon a One Location/One Campus complex in Oregon. He has spent the last five years on the planning, rationale and justification as to why Oregon School District should be a One Campus complex.

The plan obviously did not encompass improving education, as Oregon's state test scores have plummeted in the last five years. The administrative focus has shifted from priority of education to being one campus. Who is accountable for this resulting education failure? Systemic problems start at the top. The past priorities of being one of the best ranked high schools in the nation, as we were in 2012, per US News and World Report, have fallen by the wayside. It would appear when High School Principal PJ Caposey left Oregon in July 2013 to take the Meridian Superintendent position, the lower expectations became the accepted norm.

The timeline of the Superintendent's plan of a One Campus would appear to have started in 2018. The pieces would be as follows:

* Superintendent and Board negotiate a five year contract valued at \$1,340,000. This contract, the highest in the area, will give the Superintendent job security thru June 2024.

* Superintendent and Board negotiated with the Oregon Education Association "OEA", the first of two contract renewals in the Spring of 2018, a three year renewal and a

two year renewal in 2021. Neither of these contracts from a financial perspective were out of the norm. This shows the Board and Superintendent did not believe financial problems existed in the district when they negotiated this contracts.

* Oregon School Board takes ownership of the Blackhawk Center in 2018. Despite the need for future repairs, the athletic facility was needed as part of the One Campus plan.

* Increased Tort levy by 30% to \$2,147,000 in School Year Ending 6/30/2020 to transfer expenses from operating funds to Tort fund. This tax rate levy to pay for Tort expenses can be done without taxpayer consent.

* Levied new Fire and Safety tax of five cents per \$100,000 of EAV in 2020, generating \$100,000/year of new taxes. This new tax can be done without taxpayer consent.

February 2021, Board approved an \$11.6 million dollar Life Safety Bond for improvements on the Oregon campus (nothing for DLR). This included roofs, parking lots, athletic facilities, locker rooms, bathrooms, a new \$1 million district administration office and over \$1 million dollars of improvements in the Black Hawk Center. This can be done without taxpayer consent.

* Administrators given normal 2.5% to 3.5% increases for the 2021/2022 school year. Seems business as usual.

* Lastly, the Superintendent's recommendation to close the DLR building in May 2021 (AFTER Life Safety Bond for the \$11.6m had been approved by the Board). Justification financial crisis.

The One Campus plan is now ready for your vote on Tuesday, February 22, 2022.

Bryan Wills quote – "This decision has absolutely nothing to do with anything but trying to put this

district in the best financial position possible so we can give our children the education they need and deserve both now and for the future."

The school district is in its best financial position in four years. A reserve of \$9.8m in the operating funds, seven straight years of EAV growth and \$3.3m in Covid dollars from the Federal government for the current school year puts the Oregon District in a very stable financial position. When did the Board start believing in this financial crisis to warrant closing a building? The justification to close DLR, according to the Superintendent is financial, but the facts do not support that position. We believe the real reason is a perceived need for the One Campus concept.

Keeping DLR Junior High is not a priority. Standardized test results are bad now, but we believe they will get worse with the consolidation of the Junior High into the High School. These test results are so disappointing and are so visible to any prospective family researching Oregon schools. Check out Zillow great school ratings.

Bryan quote – "This decision will have a tremendous amount of consequences, both intended and unintended?"

We agree! What if this closure fails? Test results hit rock bottom. Have you discussed alternatives?

The Board has been given a second chance to vote to keep DLR. Please refocus administration's time on achieving educational excellence. The financial crisis is taking care of itself with balanced budgets and growing fund balances.

Thank you,

Bruce Obendorf, Oregon School Board Member 2004-2016, Mount Morris School Board Member 1987-1994

Disturbed by mean-spirited political signs

Dear Editor,

In response to a recent letter, I too am disturbed by the mean-spirited political signs and flags posted in yards. I am even more concerned when I know the family and know young children live in that home.

What are we teaching our children? It seems as though we are

saying it's alright to say nasty things about people we disagree with and then print it on a sign or flag so everyone knows we are unhappy. Is this the example we want to set? Is this how we teach our children to resolve conflict with their friends and in the school setting?

I have learned that in life our ac-

tions are either helpful or hurtful. How are these displays helpful in bringing about a positive change? Honestly, it doesn't take a lot of creativity to call people names and be vulgar. Again, I ask how is this helpful?

We all have a choice. Let's choose hopeful.

Stacie E. McCallen, Leaf River

We choose what is best for us, not the government

Dear Editor,

Thank you and mega dittoes to Noralee Gray's response in the Ogle Country Life of February 7. It's our God given big "R" Right to have the freedom to choose what's best for ourselves and our family. Not the governments! Not being allowed to choose for ourselves and make our own decisions is a slippery slope.

"Those who give up essential Liberty to gain a little temporary safety will deserve neither and lose both" – Benjamin Franklin

We chose liberty and freedom. Let's keep America "the home of the brave and the land of the free."

Michael and Linda Cain, Mt. Morris

LOCAL NEWS



Children's Center registration for 2022-23 is on March 5

OREGON – Registration for the Oregon Park District's Children's Center for the 2022-23 school year is Saturday, March 5.

Due to priority registration for returning students only five slots will be available for our 4-year-old program and seven slots for our 3-year-old program.

Nash Recreation Center doors will open at 7 a.m., numbers will be passed out and registration will begin at 8 a.m.

The order for registration is as follows: resident annual members, non-resident annual members, residents then followed by non-residents.

A non-refundable deposit is required at registration. The deposit amount will be the first month of tuition for the respective class and will be applied to the September payment. A copy of the child's birth certificate is also required at registration.

The Oregon Park District Children's Center program is designed to help prepare your child for kindergarten. Children will learn both indoors

and outdoors utilizing both of our classrooms. Mrs. Crandall and Mrs. Teresa have developed a curriculum to assist your child's social and emotional development as well providing kindergarten readiness skills.

Drop-off and pick-up will occur at our Children's Center entrance located at School Street and South 6th Street. This location allows for you to drop your child off at the entrance from your car directly to our teachers. This procedure, enacted during COVID, has been successful and will continue in the 2022-23 school year. Our students and staff are able to be independent from Nash Recreation Center with their own kitchen, bathroom and both indoor and outdoor classrooms. The separation has allowed for easier transitions at drop-off and much less contact than entering through the traditional Nash Recreation Center entrance. Pick-up will allow parents to park on School and 6th Street and enter our back patio for dismissal.

The Tuesday/Thursday class is geared toward

3-year-olds and younger 4-year-olds. Class meets from 8:15-10:45 a.m. two days per week. Children must be at least 3 years old to attend the two-day class. Tuition for the program is \$100 resident/\$120/non-resident.

The Monday/Wednesday/Friday class is structured for 4-year-olds and younger 5-year-olds. Children must be at least 4 years old by Sept. 1 to attend. Class will meet on Monday and Friday from 8:15-11 a.m. Wednesday class will meet from 8:15-12 p.m. Children will bring a packed lunch each Wednesday and enjoy lunch with their teachers to help prepare them for school lunches in Kindergarten. Tuition for this program is \$135 resident/\$162 non-resident.

Children must be potty trained by the first day of class.

For more information on registration or to schedule a classroom visit and meet the teachers prior to registration contact tina@oregonpark.org or phone 815-732-3101 and speak with Tina Ketter, Superintendent of Recreation.

Summer camp set for Leaf River

As part of a new Local Campership program and partnership with Forrestville Valley School District CUSD 221, students in 1st-8th grade may now be considered for a Merit-Based Campership to attend Camp Kupugani, a multicultural sleepaway summer camp, which unites children of varied backgrounds and provides them with empowerment and community-building skills.

To make this process fair and considerate to families, we would like to narrow our pool of students to consider for this opportunity by asking people to simply return an interest form indicat-

ing whether you would be willing and able to consider sending your student to Camp Kupugani this summer for this awesome, empowering experience.

For more information, please go to campkupugani.com or email kupugani@gmail.com.

The typical cost for two weeks at camp is \$2,295. Campership winners (based on positive recommendations from teachers or youth-serving professionals) will be able to attend for free!

Camp Kupugani is in Leaf River. The dates are: Boys and girls (June 26-July 9); boys and girls (July 10-July 23); girls only (July 24-Aug. 6).

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Claudia Dijstelbergen

"Thank you for your community service."

Sandy Kincade

"Thank you. for a great paper!"

"Blessings and thank you to all who make this paper possible."

Bob & Bobbi Cupp

"Keep up the good job of bringing area news. Really like have the paper delivered by mail."

Don & Linda Orsted

"I love your weekly columnists and look back in old days. Thanks you."

Carole Zull

"Thank you for your service to the community and surrounding areas."

Carole Sutton

"We always turn to read Brand Jennings column first. He has down to earth, honest, practical, thoughtful opinions and comments. Enjoy your newspaper."

"Sir, enclosed is \$10 to help with Ogle County Life. It's a very good informative paper."

Joann Sund

"Keep up the good work."

Marjorie Felker

"Dear Editor: Keep up the good work I read your Editorial every week. Good Job!"

Donald Long

"Enjoy the Ogle County Life!"
Ronald Lentz

"We want to thank you for sending us your newspaper. Your paper is very good about covering all the local news that we need to know about. We are happy that we are still able to support your paper and hope that we can continue to do so."
Archie & Anne Thompson

"Dear Staff members, Thank you for all your hard work and providing the free Ogle County Life to our communities. I enjoy reading it each week."
Sue McCause

"Enjoy your newspaper especially Brad Jennings column. Ten mile round trip each Sunday to secure a paper."
Donald Weinstein

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Liz Palmer

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"We really enjoy reading the Life paper. Look forward to receiving it every Monday. Thank you."

"Enjoy your view point and cartoons. It's a great little paper. Thanks."
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"Enjoy reading it but there could be more local news. Rochelle, Oregon, Mt. Morris. Again thank you! Lots of ad supports!!"
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Cindy Pederson

"I don't like the big size of the paper. Can you make it the size of the insert Section 3. It would be so much easier for us older people to handle. Thank you & God bless you."
Mary

10 % of all contributions made by February 28 is going to area senior centers as a donation to help provide services for our county's senior citizens. Thank you to all of our Honorary Staff Members for your comments and support. We couldn't do it without you!"

Sincerely, Mike Feltes, General Manager





Popular dances return to Oregon after cancellation last year

OREGON—The Oregon Park District always has a special event on the horizon and the staff absolutely love “Creating fun for a lifetime” that families can enjoy.

The ever-popular Daddy Daughter Dance and the Mother Son Date Night are back after Covid restrictions forced the cancellation last year. The registration deadline: Friday, March 4 is fast approaching so sign up today!

The Mother Son Date Night will take place on Friday evening, March 18, at 6:30 p.m. with a At The Fishin’ Hole theme. Not only is there dancing, but the boys love to play games and can earn “Bobber Buck” to spend at the “Bair Shop”. Young boys will enjoy this one-on-one time with their moms or a mother-figure. The Daddy Daughter Dance is on Saturday, March 19, with a Under the Sea theme. Dads or those father-figures can treat your little princess to a wonderful evening of dancing. Make them feel special and demonstrate to young girls how a man should treat them later in life. The tradition at the dance is for the girls to make a commemorative bracelet. Some of the girls that have been coming to the dances for years have quite a collection.

The dances are so much fun and give couples a chance to make memories. Professional Photographer, Danny Williams, Williams Group Photography, will be there to capture that special moment for families. Refreshments, dance contests and the ever-popular balloon drop at the end of the evening are just part of the excitement. Not only are the events fun for the couples, but the dances are good for Oregon and the local economy. There are



The ever popular balloon drop. It is one of the best parts of the evening for both the boys and girls. They love the countdown to the balloon drop at the end of the evening.

flowers ordered, hair is styled, restaurant reservations are made, and more.

We encourage you to sign up now if you haven’t already. This year’s dance is the

perfect opportunity to dress up and spend some quality time with your child. For pricing and to register, visit Nash Recreation Center, or register over the phone at

815-732-3101. Visit www.oregonpark.org for more information and to register online and to check out the many other programs and events the Park District offers.

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SPORTS/NEWS

OHS football player participates in Dream -All American Bowl

OREGON – Oregon High School’s senior linebacker and running back, Daniel Dominquez, was selected as the only participant from Illinois in the 2022 Dream-All American Bowl football game.



The game was held Jan. 8 at the AT&T Stadium in Texas. Dominquez was invited to submit films from his past Oregon football seasons and was accepted during this past fall football season. The all-star football game series is held at the regional and national level across the country. Even though his team lost its game in Texas, he received the leadership award from his team. He is now evaluating options for playing football after graduation.

Nation and Dream Scouting Network and obtains a national TV audience. Players who participate receive premium uniforms and gear, have the chance to learn from higher-level coaches, and gain a boost in recruitment opportunities.

“This was a once in a lifetime type of experience,” Dominquez said. “I am blessed and honored that I was chosen and appreciate every challenge that I faced while I was there. It made me step up my game even more in just that little period with teammates I’ve never met before.”

The all-star game series culminates with the DREAM All-American Bowl Game. The game is sponsored by Recruit

Oregon girls compete in tournament

The Oregon High School Girls Bowling team competed in the IHSA Sectional Tournament at Don Carter Lanes in Rockford finishing on Feb. 12, in 6th place with a 4900 series, in the 12-team field.

to move up from 22nd place after the 2nd game behind a 701 3-game series in the afternoon. She ended the day being the 2nd highest individual not on an advancing team, as well as 5th place overall. Also bowling for Oregon Paige Beauchem 928 series, Mackenzie Alford 911 series, Trinity Hultquist 901 series and Kendra Ehrler 863 series.

The Lady Hawks were led by Ava Wight with a 1297 series (212,160,224,258,255,188) who finished in 5th place overall and will advance the IHSA State Finals.

The top 4 teams and the top 5 individuals not on an advancing team moved on to the State Finals at The Cherry Bowl.

Wight overcame some early tournament struggles with the lane condition

Scores

Boys Varsity Basketball
Feb. 15
Stillman Valley 41, Genoa-Kingston 49

Feb. 12
Forreston 60, Oregon 25

Stillman Valley 41, Winnebago 67

Girls Varsity Basketball

Feb. 15
Stillman Valley 36, Rockford Lutheran 48

Feb. 14
(IHSA 2A Regional Tournament)
Oregon 21, Winnebago 78

Feb. 10
Stillman Valley 55, Newman Catholic 26

Julia Hull Library News

Adult Winter Reading Challenge
Hey, Adults! Winter is here. You have nature’s permission to grab a book, burrow in, and make cozy. Why not be rewarded for it? Use the Beanstack app to register and track your progress. For each book you read, and each activity you log, you’ll earn a badge (and a chance to win actual prizes!) Drawings held weekly. Earn your *Bona Fide Reader* Badge by Feb. 28, and be entered to win our grand prize: a gift certificate to LINO’S PIZZA in Rockford. **BONUS:** Earn 5 Review/Activity Badges in addition to your *Bona Fide Reader* Badge, and you’ll be entered twice! Through February 28.

RSVP for this Zoom program.

Tween Scene: Macrame Rainbow Wall Hanging
Twins can find a rainbow at the end of a rainy spring day by using versatile macramé to make this fun decoration. Ages 10-12. Tuesday, March 1 at 6:00 PM. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

Book Club for Adults
Pick up a book, then join us for a lively discussion of Nathaniel Ian Miller’s novel, *The Memoirs of Stockholm Sven*. Monday, March 7 at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom. Adults only. Copies of the reading available on loan. Email Joanna at jkluever@mail.meridian223.org to register for a link to the program.

Elegant Indulgence: The History & Rituals of Afternoon Tea
There are few hours in life more agreeable than the hour dedicated to the ceremony known as afternoon tea. -Henry James

Rainbow Mobiles
Embrace every color of the rainbow with simple supplies to make a bright hanging mobile! Saturday, March 12 at 10:00 AM. Ages 4-9. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

This beautifully illustrated lecture by Leslie Goddard, PhD. explores the history and elegant artistry of afternoon tea. Learn why afternoon was so popular with the Victorians and Edwardians, what a proper menu includes, and why the custom of afternoon tea remains so enduringly appealing. The pleasure of your company is requested Monday, February 28 at 6:30 p.m. Email Joanna at jkluever@mail.meridian223.org to

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.



This Valentine’s Day, crafters met with Joanna from Julia Hull Library (Stillman Valley) on Zoom to create trinket bowls using a paint-pour method.



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Library Book Clubs

Books On Tap will meet Thursday, February 24th at 6 p.m. at Cork N Tap to discuss *The Light We Lost* by Jill Santopolo. The 2WBC Book Club meets Wednesday, March 9 at 12:30 p.m. to discuss *Station Eleven* by Emily St. John Mandel. 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.

Preschool StoryTime (18 months- 5 years)

StoryTime now meets on Mondays at 9:30 am. Registration and masks are required.

Library Lover's Book Bundle for Youth - February 7-28th

Not sure what to read, do, or need something to curl up with in February? Register for a youth (5th - 8th grade) book bundle beginning January 31st. Each bundle will have 2 hand-picked books, craft, some fun activities and treats. Available to Oregon Public Library cardholders. Complete the registration form online at www.oregonpubliclibrary.com or stop in the library to complete one.

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

Registration Deadline February 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.

oregonpubliclibrary.com and click the newsletter image to sign up and receive our NEW email newsletter.

Daisy's Girls: Camp with Juliette Gordon Low-Wednesday, March 2 at 4 p.m.

Adapted and Performed by Betsey Means. Registration Required 815-32-2724 or www.oregonpubliclibrary.com

Juliette Gordon Low (1860-1927) was the founder of the Girl Scouts of the United States of America. A wealthy socialite of the United States and Great Britain, Juliette spent most of her life enjoying the recreations of the privileged classes. After meeting the founder of the Boy Scouts, Sir Robert Baden-Powell, she discovered a social cause to which she would devote the rest of her life. An enthusiastic organizer and fundraiser, she led the formation of the Girls Scouts of the USA in 1912. By the time of her death, the Girl Scouts had become a successful national organization with thousands of members.

Oh, Jackie O! - Tuesday March 8th at 1 p.m.

Paradise Playhouse presents, another provocative & delightful original solo musical based on the life of Jackie Kennedy Onassis. Written, directed and starring Jillann Gabrielle. Registration required, (815) 732-2724 or www.oregonpubliclibrary.com.

Try It Tuesday - Tuesday, March 8th

Sunflower Diamond Painting Kit. What is Diamond Painting? Similar to both cross-stitch and paint-by-numbers, diamond painting is a new creative hobby that has taken the world by storm, especially fans of DIY crafts. Crafters have fallen in love with this activity because it is easy to learn and incredibly rewarding. Mastering the basics is a breeze, and crafters describe diamond painting as relaxing and calming. In fact, most say it is more stress-relieving than any other craft. Each kit will contain all supplies needed. KITS ARE FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE for Oregon Library Card Holders.

Sensory Strategies for the Classroom - March 9th at 6 p.m.

Either In-Person or via ZOOM
Join us for this informative session as we discuss and explore considerations for supporting students with sensory issues in the classroom. Often, the environment presents challenges and opportunities that we need to evaluate and modify to meet the students every changing needs. We dive in deep to address those modifications, accommodations and share many strategies for success for all students. Check Family Matters website at www.fmptc.org, soon to get a link to register. This program is in collaboration with Easter Seals, Family Matters, and Florissa. If you are unable to participate in ZOOM, please contact the library at (815) 732-2724 and accommodations can be made for viewing in the library.

POW Camps in Illinois - Thursday, March

10th at 1 p.m.
Nearly 400,000 prisoners were shipped to the United States and detained in camps across the country. There were 175 Base camps in the U.S. Twenty-one of these camps were in Illinois. One of the Base Camps was Camp Grant in Rockford. A Branch Camp was in Lanark, IL which was under Grant. Join us as we learn more about these camps from Carol Chandler. Registration required, 815-732-2724 or visit www.oregonpubliclibrary.com.

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.

OPLD Dial-A-Story

Need a quick story? Call 1-630-397-0912 to hear one! Children's stories are changed out monthly. Current story- Stacey's Extraordinary Words by Stacey Abrams.

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

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

New Releases

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Library Services

Converting VHS to DVD - With VHS and other videotape formats disappearing fast now is the perfect time to preserve your videos and other important memories. This new service will allow us to convert your videotapes to DVD for you. For \$5 per tape library staff will convert your memories to a more manageable format. Tapes may be dropped off during regular library hours.

Tax season is upon us and forms and instructions have arrived. If you need a form other than 1040 library staff will be happy to print it for you at no cost. If we print multiple forms for you a donation is appreciated. Public computers are available for doing your own taxes but keep in mind you will need a current email address to file online.

Adult Programs

Friday Book Discussion Group will meet on March 11th to discuss *The Women's March* by Jennifer Chiaverini. Book

2 Movie Group is reading and viewing *Hidden Figures* by Margot Shatterly Lee and will meet on March 1th. Monday Afternoon Book Club is reading *Once and Future Witches* by Alix Harrow and will meet on March 28th. These 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 first Wednesday 5-7 p.m. or 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.

Children's Programs

Saturday Storytime on February 26th at 10:30 a.m. - live read and Winter Reading Program Wrap-Up Party. Play board games and win prizes for participating and playing along.

Coming soon in March... Children's Library Area Open House, March 26th, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Kicking off in April... Spring Reading Program "Bloom into Reading". This program will run April 9th to May 21st.

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Might be time to upgrade your headlights

With the exception of certain luxury and sports car manufacturers, many of today's automakers equip their vehicles with standard halogen headlights. While such headlights are effective in the short-term, within two or three years the bulbs used in halogen headlights start to break down due to aging, exposure to the elements and everyday usage. Such a breakdown can compromise their light output by as much as 40 percent, dramatically reducing visibility as a result.

The reduced visibility associated with older halogen headlights is a legitimate safety concern, especially for the multitude of motorists who are already uncomfortable driving at night, when the visual acuity of the human eye is reduced by up to 70 percent. While drivers might not be able to do much about the makeup of their eyes, they can take steps to enhance their nighttime visibility.

• Don't wait for night-fall. According to the National Safety Council®, traffic death rates are three times greater at night than

during the day, despite the fact that roads tend to be less congested after sundown than they are in broad daylight. Many drivers feel their vision is most compromised during the twilight hours, when the sun is gradually setting and day is transitioning into night. To combat such difficulties, make a conscious effort to turn your headlights on earlier. Make it a rule to turn lights on when leaving the office at the end of a workday or set a daily alarm on your smartphone so you're reminded to turn your headlights on at the time you feel your vision typically starts to suffer.

• Upgrade your headlights. A recent study from the AAA motor club found that the halogen headlights used in more than 80 percent of the vehicles on the road today fail to safely illuminate unlit roadways, even when vehicles are traveling at speeds as low as 40 miles per hour. But drivers and their passengers need not be at the mercy of their manufacturer-issued headlights. Philips Upgrade Headlight Bulbs, such as the X-tremeVision Bulbs, em-

ploy advanced technology that can deliver up to 100 percent more light on the road than standard halogen bulbs. Compatible with various makes and models, each Upgrade Headlight Bulb produces a longer beam pattern than standard halogen headlights, vastly improving nighttime visibility on even the darkest roadways.

• Take care of your lights. Drivers know to heed "check engine" warnings and schedule regular tuneups and oil changes, but vehicle maintenance entails more than just taking care of what's under the hood. Properly maintained headlights can go a long way toward helping motorists feel safer when driving at night. When headlights are ignored, the resultant clouding can reduce their light output, thus compromising drivers' visibility. And thanks to sunlight, ozone, pollution and other factors, the plastic headlamp lenses found on many vehicles can become hazy and yellow overtime, making it more difficult for drivers to see. Utilizing a protective UV coating to produce longer lens clarity and prevent clouding for up to two years, the Philips Headlight Restoration Kit quickly and effectively combats clouding on headlights as well as taillights, turn signals and reflective lens covers, making it easier for drivers to see the road and for others drivers to see them.



Ag in the Classroom hits area schools as part of celebration

As part of their 100 days of school celebration, Ag in the Classroom visited classrooms in German Valley, Kings, Chadwick Milledgeville, and Stillman Valley.

During the program, students were read the book, "Ms. Bindergarten Celebrates 100 Days of Kindergarten." In the book each of Ms. Bindergarten's students bring in a collection of 100 items. For example, Adam brought in a fort made of 100 popsicle sticks.

Students worked together to put each of the items in the book into one of the following categories: cotton, trees, pigs, soybeans, sugar, cows, and corn.

They learned how these agricultural commodities play a role in their everyday life. At the conclusion of the program, students used their imaginations to create something new and agriculturally related using the number 100.

Agriculture in the Classroom is a program to help students gain a greater awareness of the role of agriculture in the economy and society. Students learn that thou-



Norah Morrow, kindergarten student at Highland Elementary in Stillman Valley, shares what she learned about agriculture with her 100th Day of School drawing

sands of farm products are in the world around them – on their plate, in the clothes they wear, in the medicine that makes them well, and in earth-friendly fuels and plastics.

Ag in the Classroom is offered through the University of Illinois Extension-Ogle County in partnership with Ogle

County Farm Bureau, Carroll County Farm Bureau, Ogle County Soil & Water, and Carroll County Soil & Water.

For more information about the program, call the Ogle County Extension Office at 815-732-2191 or visit the Extension website at web.illinois.edu/bdo.

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Friday, Mar. 4
1-2:30 p.m.
Spend a relaxing afternoon sipping a non-alcoholic Irish coffee while learning about the Emerald Isle. We will be watching the film *Karma Trekkers Ireland* which delves into the rich history of Ireland. Please visit Byron.evanced.info/signup or call 815-234-5107 to register.

Operation: Gratitude
Tuesday, Mar. 8
6-7 p.m.
It's time for another outreach program. Operation Gratitude puts together boxes for military deployments. We will be creating very simple, quick paracord bracelets for these boxes. Supplies and instructions will be provided. This is a special way to thank those who serve our country. Please register by calling 815-234-5107 or visiting Byron.evanced.info/signup.

PI(e) Day
Monday, Mar. 14
6-7 p.m.
Celebrate PI(e) Day at the Byron Public Library. We will learn about the mathematical constant and then create our own mini fruit pie. Please be sure to choose which pie filling you'd prefer. Register by visiting Byron.evanced.info/signup or calling 815-234-5107.

DIY Kokedama (Japanese Moss Ball)
Thursday, Mar. 24
6-7 p.m.
Get ready to be a little messy and make your own Kokedama (Co-key-da-ma) using soil, a plant, and moss. Call 815-234-5107 to register, or register by visiting Byron.evanced.info/signup.

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.

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

Weekly Brain Busters

King Crossword

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ACROSS

1 Atlas page
4 Ivy League University
9 Science room
12 GPS suggestion
13 Haunting
14 Docs' org.
15 1989 Al Pacino film
17 Decks in the ring
18 Small battery
19 Yard tools
21 "Understood"
24 Membership
25 Tolkien beast
26 Civil War soldier
28 Pulitzer category
31 Abound
33 Narc's org.
35 Dr. McGraw
36 Anticipate
38 Chips go-with
40 Sugar suffix
41 Mark Harmon TV series
43 School break
45 Shun
47 Owned
48 Sashimi fish
49 New York City's — Park
54 Decay
55 Ryan or Tatum

DOWN

1 "— Miniver"
2 Packed away
3 Shell-game item
4 "No cheating!"
5 Akin
6 Acapulco gold
7 "The First — Club"
8 Required
9 Sierra Nevada resort
10 Cupid's specialty
11 Low range
16 Granola grain
20 John Irving hero
21 Teeny bit
22 Got bigger
23 Maryland beach town
27 Nap site
29 Avoid
30 Pub orders
32 Lansing's st.
34 Dunce
37 Steering system part
39 Gems from oysters
42 Pigs
44 LPs' successors
45 Jug handles
46 "Scram!"
50 Churchill gesture
51 Conditions
52 Pair
53 Conclusion

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MAGIC MAZE

SNAPPY WORDS

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

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

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| Cold snap | Snap pea | Snapback | Snappish |
| Gingersnap | Snap roll | Snapchat | Snapshot |
| Snap bean | Snap-brim | Snapdragon | Unsnap |
| Snap fastener | Snap-on | Snape | |

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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. Tree is missing. 2. Pocket is missing. 3. Scarf end is missing. 4. Tail is different. 5. Tag is missing. 6. Curtains are missing.

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Answers

King Crossword

SNAPPY WORDS

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Answer

MARKETPLACE

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Equity One Investment Fund LLC Purchaser or Assignee February 9, 2022 William R. Mongan Harriet Lea Mongan William Robert Mongan Harriet Lea Mongan Occupant Scott Mongan Lee Mongan William Scott Mongan U.S. Attorney General for Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation U.S. Attorney General for Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation U.S. Department of Justice for Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation Laura J. Cook, County Clerk of Ogle County, Illinois Claimants, Judgment Creditors, and Decree Creditors, if any of the above described as "Unknown Owners" "Unknown owners or parties interested in said land or lots" No. 0214 (Feb. 14)

gable trims, ridge caps, ridge vents, and discard all old materials Install new 26 gauge White roof steel with Kynar paint finish with stainless steel fasteners - 1 (one) piece roof. sheet metal from eave to peak Install new ridge vents, ridge caps, gable trim, fascia trim, and new gutters with stainless fasteners Work to be completed between 4-1-22 and 8-31-22 Contractor to provide proof of insurance before work begins Contractor to pay Prevailing Wage. Bids to be received by March 10, 2022 Mark envelope: Roof Bid and mail to: Scott Township 11993 Ill. Rt. 72 P. o. Box .91 Davis Junction, Ill. 61020 Questions - Contact R. Horn 815 494-2988 No. 0222 (Feb. 21)

Circuit Court of Ogle County, Illinois for a Petition for Adoption of Austin Lee Henning, an adult. Now, therefore, unless you file your response to the Petition for Adoption in this cause in the Office of the Circuit Clerk of Ogle County Courthouse, Illinois on or before 1:00 p.m. on the 10th day of March 2022, a default may be entered against you at that time and a Judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Petition for Adoption. By: Attorneys for Petitioners Brandi L. Chudoba (ARCD # 6282659) FAULKNER SPEARS & CHUDOBA, LLC 308 West State Street, Suite 115 Rockford, IL 61101 P:(815) 963-8050 / F: (815) 963-8057 eservice@fsclegal.com No. 0223 (Feb. 21, 28, Mar. 7)

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and the Federal Trade Commission.
119 ANNOUNCEMENTS
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The Department of Revenue, Springfield, Illinois, has fixed Tuesday, March 1, 2022, as the date for an examination for the office of Supervisor of Assessments. The examination will be held at the Old Ogle County Courthouse, located at 105 S. 5th Street - Room 317, Oregon, IL 61061, at the hour of 10:00 A.M. Application forms and information may be obtained by contacting Ogle County Clerk and Recorder, Laura J. Cook at the Old Courthouse, in Oregon, located at 105 S. 5th Street - Suite 104, Oregon, IL during the hours of 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday. Individuals interested in taking the examination should contact Laura Cook at 815-732-1110 by 10:00 A.M. of the day before the examination

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LOCAL NEWS

Oregon Park District has upcoming activities

Learn to Make a delicious savory Chicken Pot Pie
 This Cooking class with Linnie's Kitchen is on Thursday, March 3 from 6-7:30 p.m. at Cork & Tap. Learn to make this delicious Chicken Pot Pie with a cheddar cheese crust. Food supplies are included in the class fee. You will be asked to bring a few utensils and kitchen supplies. Take it home a bake this delicious pie to feed your family. \$36/Resident or \$43/Non-Resident. Registration deadline is Feb 24.

Beer, Bread & Biscuits with Linnie's Kitchen
 You get a glass of beer to enjoy while making a loaf of Irish Soda Bread and homemade biscuits with an Irish twist...to take home & bake. This cooking workshop with Lynn Kaufman is Wednesday, March 16, from 6-7 p.m. at Cork & Tap. Fee is \$36/Resident or \$43/Non-Resident. Registration deadline is March 9.

Mother Son Date Night at the Fishin' Hole
 Dance the night away, enjoy refreshments and the exciting balloon drop. Boys will enjoy playing a few games and earning "bobber bucks" to spend at The Bait Shop. Moms, bring your favorite fisherman to the dance and make some memories together on Friday, March 18, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Fee for young fisherman is \$15/Resident or \$18/Non-Resident. Mom, Grandma, Big Sister, etc. fee is \$10/person. Registration deadline is March 4.

Daddy Daughter Dance Under the Sea
 Bring your little mermaid to the dance! The evening includes snacks and bracelet making and the highly anticipated balloon drop. Bring your little princess to the dance on Saturday, March 19, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Fee for your princess is \$15/Resident or \$18/Non-Resident. Dads, Grandpa, Big Brother, etc. fee is \$10/person. Registration deadline is March 4.

Paint a Happy Easter Ceramic Gnome
 This fun painting class will be held on Saturday, March 19, from 5-8 p.m. at Cin's Treasures-Conover Square. All supplies needed will be provided along with guidance and instruction by Cindy Hendrickson, store owner. Learn "dry brushing" and "antiquing" techniques. Fee for the class is \$15/Resident or \$18/Non-Resident. Registration deadline is March 12.

Spring Soccer
 Practices will be held during the week and games are scheduled for Saturdays beginning April 2nd in Oregon and surrounding towns. All players

are required to provide their own practice balls, which can be purchased for an additional fee. Are you unsure of which age level to sign up for? Reference our age chart below.

- U6- Born in 2016 Fee \$50/\$63NR
 - U7- Born in 2015 Fee \$50/\$63NR
 - U9- Born in 2013 & 2014 Fee \$65/ \$80NR
 - U11- Born in 2011 & 2012 Fee \$65/\$80NR
 - U13- Born in 2009 & 2010 Fee \$70/\$85NR
 - U15- Born in 2007 & 2008 (No H.S. Players allowed). Fee \$70/\$85NR
- If you are interested in coaching please contact Lesley at lesley@oregonpark.org
 Deadline for Registration is March 1st, 2022

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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