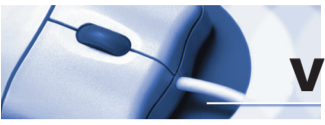




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County's tentative multiplier set

SPRINGFIELD – Ogle County has been issued a tentative property assessment equalization factor of 1.0000, according to David Harris, Director of the Illinois Department of Revenue.

The property assessment equalization factor, often called the "multiplier", is the method used to achieve uniform property assessments among counties, as required by law. This equalization is particularly important

because some of the state's 6,600 local taxing districts overlap into two or more counties (e.g. school districts, junior college districts, fire protection districts). If there were no equalization among counties, substantial inequities among taxpayers with comparable properties would result.

State law requires property in Illinois to be assessed at one-third (1/3) of its market value. Farm property is assessed differently, with farm homesites

and dwellings subject to regular assessing and equalization procedures, but with farmland and farm buildings assessed according to standards based on productivity.

The equalization factor is determined annually for each county by comparing the sales price of individual properties sold over the past three years to the assessed value placed on those properties by the county supervisor of assessments/coun-

ty assessor.

If this three-year average level of assessment is one-third of market value, the equalization factor will be one (1). If the average level of assessment is greater than one-third of market value, the equalization factor will be less than one (1). And if the average level of assessment is less than one-third of market value, the equalization factor will be greater than one (1).

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COVID-19 cases soar

No new mandates are being considered

By Brad Jennings
Ogle County Life
and Jeff Helfrich
Rochelle News-Leader

The current level of COVID-19 cases is concerning health officials in the county and the state.

The case numbers are so high that hospital bed availability is at a critically low level and most of the local hospitals have experienced long wait times in their emergency rooms.

As of Dec. 19, Ogle County was at 14.18 percent COVID-19 positivity rate with 784 cases per 100,000 people.

"Right now, Illinois is one of several surging states," said Kyle Auman, Ogle County Health Department public administrator. "Region 1, where we are, is one of the hotter spots in the state. I didn't expect to see levels this high. We expected some cases, since they make sense in the winter months. But not to this level and the issues with hospitalizations. It has to do with people interacting with one another and making good choices. We need to get it under control."

The director of the Illinois Department of Public Health said in a recent virtual news conference that while COVID-19 cases are up in the region and state, no new mandates are currently being considered by the state.



Ogle County Health Department Public Administrator speaks to the Ogle County Board at a recent meeting.

Dr. Ngozi Ezike said that at this point, with the vaccine available for a year, the state thought it would be in a "different place" when it came to COVID-19 infections.

"Things like indoor masking are already in place and there are vaccination opportunities," Auman said. "We need people to do those things. People have said they want mitigations managed locally and individually. That's kind of what's happening. And it doesn't seem like it's going very well."

Ezike said that with infection up, the threat of illness is high.

"This is setting up to be a very deadly COVID Christmas and New Year," she said.

Health officials agree that vac-

ination is the key to saving lives.

Auman said anyone who is far enough out from their original vaccination and is age 16 and older should be eligible for a COVID-19 booster. Auman said for the most part, everyone that was originally vaccinated is trying to get one, especially older age groups.

"That's a tool that can help us with things like hospitalizations," Auman said. "It can slow the spread and keep people out of the hospital. Now would be a crucial time to get it if you can. We've done a good job with boosters. But we're still at just over 51 percent vaccinated in the county."

See COVID Page 2A

Hospitals seeing bed availability low in region

COVID-19 cases are rising at an alarming rate in the Northern Illinois Rockford Region, Region 1, and an increasing number of patients with COVID-19 are being admitted to local hospitals.

Hospital bed availability has reached a critically low level, demand on hospital resources is high, and most of the local hospitals have experienced long wait times in their Emergency Departments.

With the identification of COVID-19 variants (Delta and Omicron) that spread more easily and the increasing COVID-19 cases in our region, the nine county local health departments and the eleven hospitals in Region 1 jointly seek the support and action of the community to address the high patient volumes.

The public is urged to:

* Use the emergency department for emergencies only.

Contact your primary care provider or go to a walk-in clinic for non-emergency needs.

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COVID: Need more people to get vaccinated

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“Those numbers are just too low to address this spread and the issues we’re seeing.”

Health officials agree that the key is vaccines.

Auman said the vaccination rate has been “growing slowly” over the past few months. Vaccines are readily available in the county and all of the OCHD’s partners that give vaccinations are “on board,” but haven’t seen a full day of vaccinations scheduled recently,

he said.

To increase vaccination rates, the state has tried things like lotteries and giveaways. Auman doesn’t think there’s one magic solution to getting more people in the door.

“There’s skepticism and politicization,” Auman said. “I think some people as time goes on may be convinced. We’ve seen quite a bit of that. People who have had family members get really sick or pass away due to COVID-19 have been convinced to get it. We hope more people decide to get it before

things get to that point.”

The Omicron COVID-19 variant was recently identified in the state of Illinois for the first time. Auman said there’s still more research that needs to be done on that variant, but he is concerned by it.

“I’m more concerned about what it means for future mutations of COVID-19,” Auman said. “The Omicron variant has 54 different mutations. It might not be as deadly or severe for some, but it’s more transmissible than the Delta variant. Each time it’s transmitted, there’s a possibility for a

new, worse mutation. It’s the fear of the unknown that scares me.”

The OCHD is looking to put the pandemic in the past and meet a common goal, which is getting life back to normal and people to stop getting sick with COVID-19.

“My department has been at this for 635 days,” Auman said. “It’s tiring, arguing with the community. And the opposition has been overwhelming and tiring and we’re ready to get back to the other good work that we do and did more of before COVID-19.”



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HOSPITALS: Help prevent spread

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For more information on when to use the emergency department, see the attached guide from Northwestern Medicine.

* Show compassion toward staff who are working hard amid this crisis.

* Get vaccinated for COVID-19 and flu. If eligible, get your

COVID-19 booster shot.

COVID-19 vaccine is available for everyone 5 and older.

Flu vaccine is available for everyone 6 months and older.

Flu and COVID-19 vaccine can be given at the same time.

To find a vaccine provider, go to vaccines.gov, call 1-800-232-0233 or text your ZIP code to 738829

* Prevent the spread of COVID-19 with layered measures. In addition to vaccination:

MASK-UP: Wear a face covering when with individuals outside your household.

BACK-UP: Keep at least 6 feet apart from others.

WASH-UP: Wash your hands frequently with soap and water for 20 seconds.

MULTIPLIER: Will be same as last year

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Assessments in Ogle County are at 33.16 percent of market value, based on sales of properties in 2018, 2019, and 2020.

Last year’s equalization factor for the county was 1.0000.

The tentative factor is subject to change (1) if the County Board of Review takes actions which significantly affect the county assessments or (2) if local officials or others can present data showing

that the Department of Revenue’s estimates of the average level of assessments in the county should be adjusted. A public hearing on the tentative multiplier will be held between 20 and 30 days after the tentative factor is published in a newspaper of general circulation within the county.

A change in the equalization factor does not mean total property tax bills will increase or decrease. Tax bills are determined by local taxing bodies when they

request money each year to provide services to local citizens.

If the amount requested by local taxing districts is not greater than the amount received in the previous year, then total property taxes will not increase even if assessments may have increased.

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LOCAL NEWS

Mosaic elects Nelson chase to Foundation Board

ROCKFORD – Mosaic – a whole-person healthcare non-profit serving people with intellectual and developmental disabilities – has elected Beth Nelson Chase of Mount Morris to serve a three-year term on the Mosaic Foundation Board of Directors.

A senior philanthropic advisor with the Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, Chase has more than 30 years experience in administration, advancement and network development with nonprofit, public organizations.

This includes serving as the past President of the Board for ALDE (As-

sociation of Lutheran Development Executives); Executive Director for the Bright Stars of Bethlehem, NFP; Vice President of Mission Advancement for Wartburg Theological Seminary; and Vice President for Advancement with Wheat Ridge Ministries (now known as We Raise Foundation).

Chase also was awarded the ALDE Outstanding Executive Award in 2017 as recognized through peer review and by the Board of Directors.

“Joining the Mosaic Foundation Board of Directors is for me, ‘coming first circle,’” Chase said. “Early in

my career, I was a music therapist for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. I wanted to serve on the Board, as I believe strongly in advocating for and serving these incredible individuals, their families and their caregivers.”

The Mosaic Foundation Board of Directors receives gifts on behalf of Mosaic, and oversees the disbursement of charitable gifts and investment income to Mosaic. The board is also responsible for the prudent investment and management of funds held in the Foundation.

With an agency in Rockford, Mosaic is a whole-person healthcare organization reaching across 13 states in more than 750 communities and providing supports to more than 5,200 people. Services empower people with disabilities, mental and behavioral health needs and autism, as well as aging adults to live their best life. Mosaic is an affiliated social ministry organization of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and a member of Lutheran Services in America. Mosaic is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization. For more information, visit www.mosaicinfo.org.



Movie in the pool

The Oregon High School Social Entrepreneurship Program recently joined with the Oregon Park District to offer a Holiday Movie in the Pool. The evening was a program for the Social Entrepreneurship Program and featured *The Grinch* playing on the pool big screen, sugar cookie decorating, popcorn and a chance to purchase raffle tickets to gift baskets donated from local merchants. The student-run evening was a success and over \$1,000 was raised for the program. The Oregon Park District would like to thank the students for a great evening!



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Water heater safety

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Carbon monoxide

Incomplete combustion of any fuel produces carbon monoxide. Carbon monoxide is poisonous and has no odor, taste or color. Carbon monoxide detectors are helpful, but they are no substitute for using equipment safely. This includes having your appliances inspected once a year by a certified contractor.

Appliance safety

According to the Federal Emergency Management Agency:

- It is important that you have your furnace inspected by a qualified specialist.
- Be sure all furnace controls and emergency shut-offs are in proper working condition.
- Keep trash and other combustible materials away from your air, heating and water heating systems.

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DO NOT try to identify the source or to stop the leak yourself.

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LOCAL NEWS

Obituaries

Cheryel L. Book

BYRON – Cheryel L. Book, 74, of Byron, died Wednesday, Dec. 15, 2021 in Generations at Neighbors, Byron. Born July 26, 1947 in Dixon, the daughter of Bennie, Jr. and Eleanor Jean (Parven) Sanford.



Married to Harold M. Book July 26, 2000 in Oregon. Cheryel was a graduate of Polo High School and was employed 41 years at Kable News Company in Mt. Morris. She was a member of EUB Church in Polo and attended Leaf River Baptist Church. Cheryel enjoyed tractor shows and loved her husband and her dogs. Survived by her hus-

band, Harold M. Book of Byron; step-children: Howard Martin (Tammy) Book of Pocahontas, Ark., Connie Mae (David) Fox of Tampico, Steven William (Sue) Book of Forreton and Carol Rae (Lloyd) Bellows of Oregon; 11 step-grandchildren; 30 step-great

grandchildren; 5 step-great-grandchildren; and nephew, Christopher Sanford.

Predeceased by her parents and brother, Stanley Sanford.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 20 in Leaf River Baptist Church preceded by a visitation beginning at 9:30 a.m. Pastor Billy Hardy, of the church, officiated. Burial in Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens, Freeport. In lieu of flowers, a memorial fund is being established. Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home, Byron assisted the family with arrangements.

David Saunders

MOUNTMORRIS– David Jordan Saunders, age 82, passed away on Dec. 19, 2021 in KSB Hospital, Dixon, with his family at his side. David was born on May 30, 1939 in Freeport, the son of William and Reta (Sanford) Saunders. He graduated from Mt. Morris High School class of 1957. David served in the United States Army. David married his loving wife, Sylvia Thomas on May 14, 1961; and they celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary this past May.



David is survived by his wife: Sylvia Saunders, Mt. Morris; 3 children: Laurie Dawn (Joe) Redfield, Rio Vista, Calif.; Todd (Amal) Saunders, Davie, Fla.; and Gary David Saunders, Lombard; 3 grandchildren: Haley Krause, Thomas Saunders, and Emma Saunders; 2 great

grandchildren: Sadii and Kit Krause. Also, surviving 2 nephews, David and Steve Cassidy, and a niece, DeAnne (Cassidy) Youssefi and their children. David was predeceased by his parents, and his sister, Dolores (Saunders) Cassidy. Dave was always involved in his children's activities, coaching and attending all their games and events. He was very proud of their accomplishments.

Dave worked in the printing departments of Kable Printing, Alpha

Omega Printing, and Donnelly printing in Mendota. While serving in the National Guard, his unit was sent to Desert Storm and was involved in Desert Shield. Following his retirement Dave enjoyed training his two Border Collies in Agility. He and Sylvia attended many weekends of Agility Trials. Due to Dave's training and patience and two smart Border Collies, Tess and Buddy, the blue ribbons began to pile up.

Services were held on Thursday, Dec. 23, 2021 at 11 a.m. in the Mt. Morris Church of the Brethren, with Rev. Rodney Caldwell officiating. Burial was in Silver Creek Cemetery, Mt. Morris. Visitation was held on Thursday, Dec. 23, 2021 in the Mt. Morris Church of the Brethren from 10 a.m. until service time.

Lila Darlene Knie

POLO – Lila Darlene Knie (nee Sanford), age 93 passed away Sunday, Dec. 19, 2021 at Polo Rehabilitation and Health Care Center.



She was born Jan. 12, 1928 in Eagle Point Township to Ina Sanford and graduated from Polo Community High School in 1946.

As an only child, Lila and her mother were very close. Ina instilled a love of the arts that held strong in Lila throughout her life.

Lila married Larry Knie on Sept. 20, 1947, in Polo upon his return from World War II.

Both Larry and Lila were members of the Ranch Hands, a popular country western band that won a state-wide contest, representing WSDR Radio Company out of Sterling.

Lila was a housewife

and continued her love of the arts, playing the accordion and fiddle, and yodeling. She began teaching lessons prior to moving to Kentucky in 1968.

While in Kentucky, her and Larry loved to camp, play their instruments for friends and campmates, and spend time with their pets. Over the years, Lila and Larry would travel to Texas or Illinois, visiting friends and family in their motorhome. Dogs, cats, accordions, fiddles, and laughs in tow, they would

spend the summer weeks traveling and sharing their time and talents with loved ones.

Following a house fire that destroyed their home in the early 2000s, the couple returned to Polo to be near family.

She'll be remembered for her quick wit, love of dominoes and card games, and her amazing fiddling paired with expert yodeling (if you heard it, you'd never forget it).

She is survived by her sister-in-law, Eileen Knie, and numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her mother, husband, brother-in-law, Charles Knie and sister-in-law, Lorraine Meyer.

Graveside services will be held at a later date. Arrangements are being completed by Polo Family Funeral Home.

Janice Marie Swenson

BYRON – Janice Marie Swenson, age 96, of Byron and formerly of Rockford, passed away peacefully Tuesday Dec. 14, 2021. Born in Seneca, Wis., on Aug. 1, 1925 to Joseph and Eldora Whiteaker (Webb). A fabulous cook, Janice loved creating beautiful floral pieces and spending time with her family, her true pride and joy. Beloved mother and grandmother; she will remain in our hearts forever.



She is survived by daughters, Gloria (David)

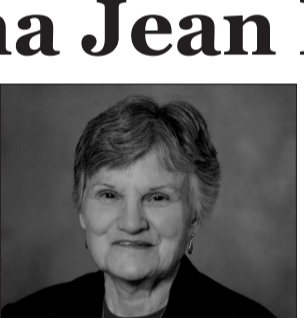
Stickler and Dianne (late Robert) Bailey; 19 grandchildren; 13 great grandchildren; and 6 great great grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. She is predeceased by her beloved husband

of 70 years, Robert Claus Swenson; siblings, Ruth Hazel, Cora Benhart, Donald, Perry, Leonard, Bernard "Rocky" and Byron Whiteaker; and her parents.

Funeral services held Wednesday, Dec. 29, 2021 at 1 p.m. at the Christenson Funeral Home, 925 3rd Avenue, Rockford, with visitation from 11 a.m. until the time of service at 1 p.m. Cremation rites accorded. Private Interment at Scandinavian Cemetery. Memorials to the family.

Myrna Jean Riley

STILLMAN VALLEY – Myrna Jean Riley, age 87, died Sunday, Dec. 19, 2021 at the Pinecrest Terrace in Mt. Morris. She was born Sept. 18, 1934 in Tangier, Ind., the daughter of Ward and Juanita (Borders) Norman.



She graduated from Tangier High School in 1952. Myrna married Lewis B. Riley on Aug. 30, 1958 in Tangier, Ind. She managed a retail gift shop, "The Treasurer Tree," which she and her husband Lewis owned in the 1980's. Myrna attended the Kishwaukee Community Evangelical Presbyterian Church near Stillman Valley where she sang in the church choir. The church choir performed at Carnegie Hall and in Vienna, Austria. She also volunteered in the office and kitchen at church and attended the women's bible study

group. She liked gardening and sewing. Myrna had a pen pal and friend from England, Margaret Maloy, with whom she communicated for over 70 years. She volunteered at the Rockford Art Museum and previously was active in a bowling league. She was a loving mother, grandmother, and aunt. Myrna was predeceased by her parents, her husband Lewis in 2018, and her sister Mary Frances McClain.

She is survived by her daughter Tammy (Dan) Thompson of Roscoe, son Michael (Julie) Ri-

ley of Bloomington, two brothers Wayne (Betty) Norman and Eugene (Ruth Ann) Norman, all of Crawfordsville, Indiana and four grandchildren; Megan Riley, Miles Riley, Brendan Riley, and Nathan Thompson, and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral service will be held 11 a.m., Tuesday, Dec. 28, 2021 at the Kishwaukee Community Evangelical Covenant Church near Stillman Valley with the Rev. Rodney R. Caldwell Chaplin of the Pinecrest Community officiating. Visitation will be prior to the service at the church from 10-11 a.m. Please wear a mask to attend the visitation or service. Burial will take place at the Kishwaukee Cemetery. A memorial fund is established in Myrna's name for the Kishwaukee Community Evangelical Presbyterian Church.

Max E. Perrin

Max E. Perrin passed away peacefully on Dec. 7, 2021.

Born on July 19, 1937 to Clarence and Evelyn Perrin.

Preceded in death by brothers Robert Perrin, Percy (Nellie) Perrin, son Scott Perrin and grandson Tyler Thomas.

Born and raised in Irene, Ill.

Survivors include his loving wife, Kathy Perrin of 37 years. His children Shelley (Chuck) Smith, Sherry (Rodney) Rowl, Melissa Parrish, Angela Bitner, Pansy (Keith) Goodmonson, Michael (Monica) Parrish and Todd (Brandy) Parrish; Five grandsons Zac (Andrea) Smith, Gabe (Cari) Smith, Cody Bitner, Emmett Goodmonson and Hayden Parrish; Two granddaughters Mallory Parrish and Ava Bitner; Five great grandchildren Liam, Max and Beau Smith and Charlotte and Eathan Smith; and his special McDonald's co-pilot Peanut.

Max was genuine and devoted. He made friends everywhere he went. He worked hard and played hard. Max had many hobbies. He belonged to the Riverbend Antique Tractor Pullers Club and the Weekend Tractor Pullers Shannon/Freeport Club.

Max built tractor motors for Pullers all across the U.S. He was innovative and knowledgeable and when it came to drag racing and tractor pulling, Max could produce power.

He owned and operated Max's Trucking for over 50 years. He was a faithful member of First Born Trucker's Chapel. He loved his family, his friends and his pets. Max is unforgettable, and will be missed and loved by many.

A special thank you to our friends at Generations at Neighbors and Serenity Hospice.

In lieu of flowers, memorials to the family and the Monroe Center Fire Department.

Memorial Service 11 a.m. at gravesite in Monroe Center, followed by Celebration of Life and lunch at the Monroe Center Fire Station on March 19, 2022.

Larry F. Jenkins

FORRESTON– Larry F. Jenkins, 73, of Forreton, died Wednesday, Dec. 15, 2021, at Polo Rehab and Health Care Center. Larry was born Oct. 25, 1948, in Rockford, the son of Floyd and Hortense (Faulkner) Jenkins.



Larry worked for Kable News in Mt. Morris, White Pines State Park in The Lodge, and Lake LaDonna. He was a member of Forreton Reformed Church. He was a Webelo Scout Leader and very active in Boy Scouts. He en-

joyed riding his motor scooter and bicycle to visit friends.

Surviving is his step-cousins, Jim Ludwig, Duane Ludwig, Cindy Tigges, Tom Lud-

wig, Jerry Ludwig, and Joan Culver.

Larry was preceded in death by his parents, sister, Linda; and stepfather, Ed Ludwig. Ed was also Larry's caregiver.

Graveside services were at 11 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 20, 2021, at Haldane Cemetery. Rev. Lyle Zum Dahl officiated. Visitation was 10:30 a.m. Monday at the Forreton Reformed Church. A memorial has been established in his memory. Please sign his guestbook at www.bucketubbs.com

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LOCAL NEWS

SVHS Environmental Club enters recycling competition

STILLMAN VALLEY – The Environmental Club at Stillman Valley High School has entered a competition sponsored by the Trex company to collect as much recyclable plastic film as possible from Nov. 15 to April 15 to earn a recycled bench to place in the courtyard at SVHS.

The school will be in a nationwide competition with other schools of the same enrollment

size. Materials that can be recycled for this event include plastic grocery bags, bread bags, bubble wrap, newspaper sleeves, ice bags, softener salt bags, produce bags, Ziploc bags, cereal bags, case overwrap or any stretch film. All materials should be clean and dry.

There are bins located at the high school for collection in the front foyer, Multi-Purpose room and teacher workroom. Please

only bring in the specific recyclable items.

Every month the Environmental Club will gather and weigh the plastic collected and report the total to Trex. The plastic will then be taken to a participating retailer for recycling.

The Environmental Club would appreciate all support offered towards this project and keeping materials out of our landfills.



Park vandalism

The Oregon Parks Department staff has discovered the slide at Williams Park was vandalized. Anyone who has any information pertaining to the damage can contact the Oregon Park District at info@oregonpark.org or by calling 815-732-3101.

Free vaccine clinic set for Dec. 28

BYRON – The State of Illinois is offering a free vaccination clinic at The United Church of Byron on Tuesday, Dec. 28 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

Whether you need your booster shot or are in need of your first or second dose, this clinic will offer all three types of vaccines: Pfizer, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson (unfortunately, they are not be able to offer the vaccines for children ages 5 - 11).

Walk ins are welcome, but you may also make an appointment by calling the church office. To schedule an appointment, please call the United Church at 815-234-8777, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 pm. or 1:30-5 p.m. The United Church is located at 701 W. 2nd Street, Byron.

If you can't make this event, find a clinic near you by visiting coronavirus.illinois.gov or by calling the hotline: 1-833-621-1284.

Polo Police report

Dec. 18

TIME: 11:47 p.m.

REPORT: Kiana Swift, 16, Polo, was cited for Operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle. Swift was released on an I-Bond.

Dec. 19

TIME: 12:14 p.m.

REPORT: Sonny Silva, 30, Sterling, was cited for speeding 53 mph in a 35 mph speed zone. Silva was released on an I-Bond.

General Calls for Service for the weeks of December 6, 2021 thru December 19, 2021

Citizen Complaints/Assist	12
Juvenile	2
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LOCAL NEWS

Ogle County Sheriff

Nov. 24
Deputies arrested Brandon Eash, 37 of Rockford, for driving while license revoked without a BAID system. Eash was arrested by Deputies on I-39 near Monroe Center after being stopped for speeding. Eash was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

Nov. 23
At approximately 10:39 a.m. Deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 200 block of E. Hitt Street in Mt. Morris. After investigation, Deputies placed Erik Rivera-Alvarado, 20 of Rockford under arrest for No Valid IL Driver's License. Rivera-Alvarado was additionally issued a citation for an Operating an Uninsured Vehicle. Rivera-Alvarado was released on an I-Bond at the scene and given a future court date.

At 11:20 p.m. Deputies conducted a traffic stop near the intersection of North Illinois Route 251 and East Mowers Road. After a short investigation Deputies arrested Keith L. Sanders, 34 years old, of Rockford for Improper Container of Cannabis/Driver and Unlawful use of Cannabis/Driver. Keith was released on I-Bond.

At approximately 10:26 p.m., Ogle County Deputies conducted a traffic stop near the intersection of Mulford Rd and E. Mowers Rd. After investigation, Deputies arrested Jordan Johnson, 26 of Rockford, for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol. Passenger Jerry Robinson Jr., 33 of Rockford was also arrested for Possession of a Controlled Substance (Crack/Cocaine) and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Johnson was issued citations for Operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle, Expired Registration, Expired Driver's License, Open Container/

Alcohol and an equipment violation. Both Johnson and Robinson Jr. were transported to the Ogle County Jail, where they were released to Correctional Staff and held in lieu of bond.

Nov. 22
At approximately 7:16 a.m. Ogle County deputies along with Oregon Fire and EMS responded to the intersection of Illinois Route 2 and Mud Creek Road in reference to a two vehicle accident. After an investigation it was learned that the driver of the box truck, Ronnette Newson age, 39 of Chicago turned westbound onto Mud Creek Road, at which time her vehicle overturned and struck a vehicle which was stopped at the stop sign waiting to turn northbound on IL Route 2. Newson was issued a citation for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident. Newson was transported to KSB Hospital by Oregon EMS for minor injuries. Maggio's Towing removed the vehicle from the location.

At 6:55 p.m. Deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 1000 block of south Skare Rd. After a short investigation Deputies arrested Zackery A. Letcher, 26 years old, of Dixon for Possession of Cannabis 500 to 2000 grams. Zackery was transported to Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

Nov. 21
At approximately 11:49 a.m. Ogle County Deputies and Stillman Fire Department/EMS responded to a two vehicle accident at the intersection of Kishwaukee Rd. and Hales Corner Rd. involving a grey Toyota driven by Brogan Griffith, 19 of Byron and black Cadillac driven by Angela Graham, 54 of Chicago. As a result of the crash, Graham was transported to a local hospital for minor injuries. After a brief

investigation, Griffith was cited for Failure to Reduce Speed to Avoid.

Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Kanijah Young, 21 of Rockford for no valid driver's license and an Stephenson County warrant. Young was arrested by Deputies on I-39 near Rte. 64 after being stopped for speeding. Young was held in lieu of bond at the Ogle County Jail.

At approximately 8:29 p.m., Ogle County Deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 11,000 block of W IL Rte 72. After a brief investigation, Deputies arrested Jarrell J. Williamson, 18 of Freeport, for No Driver's License. Williamson was taken into custody without incident and released on an individual bond. Williamson was also cited for Improper Lighting/One Headlight.

Nov. 20
At approximately 11:19 p.m., Deputies responded to a driving complaint at E IL Rte 64 and Blackhawk Drive. Deputies located a red Ford truck and performed a traffic stop on the vehicle. Upon further investigation the driver, Evan Janco, 23 of Oregon, was arrested for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol. Janco was transported to the Ogle County Jail and was also cited for Improper Lane Usage.

Nov. 19
At approximately 8:26 p.m., Ogle County Deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 300 block of west Third Street in Leaf River. After brief investigation, Deputies arrested Matthew Carlson, 43 of Rockford, for driving while license revoked. Carlson was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond. Carlson was also cited for speeding.

Nov. 18
At approximately 7:21 p.m., Ogle County Deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 15000 block of E. IL Rte 64. After brief investigation, Deputies arrested Acquianetta James, 30 of Rockford, for driving while license suspended. James was also issued citations for improper lighting/one head light and illegal window tint. James was given an I-bond with a return court date later next month and released on scene. Both vehicles were towed from the scene.

At approximately 8:15 p.m., Ogle County Deputies conducted a traffic stop at the intersection of N. Mulford Rd and E. Mowers Rd. After brief investigation, Deputies arrested Melinda Heaton, 36 of Loves Park, for driving while license suspended. Heaton was also issued citations for improper lighting/one head light and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. Heaton was given an I-bond with a return court date later next month and released on scene.

Nov. 15
Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Keith Sanders, 31 of Bloomington, for driving without a valid driver's license. Sanders was arrested on I-39 near Rte 64 after being stopped for speeding 103 mph in a 70 mph speed zone. Sanders was released on an I-bond and will appear in Ogle County court at a later date.

At 1:33 a.m., Deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 5000 block of Mulford road. After a short investigation Deputies arrested Dennis Ehmen, 62 of Monroe Center for no valid driver's license. Ehmen was released on an I-bond and will appear in court at a later date.



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LOCAL NEWS

RRC sets upcoming programs, support groups

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January 2022 Yoga for all Ages

Jennifer Pierce EdD, leads movement and exercises using yoga and mindfulness concepts. Incorporating these techniques into your lifestyle can enhance health, increase strength, improve balance & flexibility, and reduce depression and anxiety.

Class day and time: Monday and Wednesday, from 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Class dates: Jan. 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, 26, and 31.

Participant Information

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

Enrollment Options are as follows:

- A. \$35: Advance Enrollment for 1 class a week (1 free class)
- B. \$70: Advance Enrollment for all

16 dates (2 free classes)
 C. \$5 Drop-In Rate per class (No free classes)
 Advance enrollment is encouraged to get free class time. Space may be limited. Contact Rock River Center at 815-732-3252 to sign up.

Domestic Abuse Awareness Program

HOPE of Ogle County will be at Rock River Center to facilitate an informational program on Domestic Abuse Awareness.

This program will take place on January 10, from 10-11 a.m. at Rock River Center.

Join us if you would like to know... What is domestic abuse? How to recognize the signs? HOPE of Ogle County services/How they can help. How to make a referral to HOPE.

Be prepared to learn statistics, important facts, resources and answers to your questions. Handouts will be available.

To sign up for this very informative free program, call Rock River Center at 815-732-3252.

Winter Crafts Class

Join us on Wednesday, January 12, from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. for a Winter Craft Class.

You will learn how to make various winter crafts. Debbie will be on hand

during class to assist and to answer questions.

The class is free and fun, and all materials will be provided.

Registration is required by January 10 so we can be prepared. Space is limited. If you must cancel, please let us know. We will have a waiting list.

Call Rock River Center at 815-732-3252 to sign up.

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 & December from 2:00-3:00 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 care giving, and those for whom caregiving is already a way of life. You will find information, resources, encouragement & answers to difficult questions. Our meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month from 10:00-11:30 a.m. at Rock River Center. For more information, call the Center at 815-732-3252.

Diabetic support group

Sheryl Roche, Licensed Dietician facilitates this group by offering support, encouragement and the sharing of experiences when living with diabetes. Join us for shared discussion and menu options as well. This informative group meets the 1st Wednesday each month from 11 a.m. - 12 pm at Rock River Center. For more information, call Rock River Center at 815-732-3252 or 1-800-541-5479.

Low vision group

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

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

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Mon., Dec. 27

Jumanji Escape Room at the Oregon Public Library. Bring your friends and see if you can crack the case. You will have 60 minutes to solve the mystery. Up to 3 friends can join you. Registration required, call 815-732-2724 or visit our website www.oregonpubliclibrary.com.

Tues., Dec. 28

The United Church of Byron is continuing

free drive-through meals throughout the winter and will continue this ministry as long as possible. This takes place every Tuesday from 5:30-6:30 p.m. and meals will be delivered directly to your car. The meals are free, but donations will also be accepted. Meals will be offered to everyone on a first come, first serve basis until the food is gone.

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Church of Byron on from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Whether you need your booster shot or are in need of your first or second dose, this clinic will offer all three types of vaccines: Pfizer, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson (unfortunately, they are not be able to offer the vaccines for children ages 5 - 11).

Fri., Dec. 31

The New Beginnings Al-Anon Family Group

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

Sat., Jan. 1

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The IOC is a craven handmaid of Beijing

It should be a rule of thumb that the Olympic Games shouldn't be held in countries that operate concentration camps. If this strikes you as a reasonable demand, you aren't suited to serve on the International Olympic Committee. The IOC has doggedly defended Beijing as the host of the 2022 Winter Olympics even as the Chinese Communist Party pursues its campaign of unremitting barbarity against the Uyghurs. The Biden administration just announced a so-called diplomatic boycott of the games, a gesture of disapproval that won't dent the propaganda coup the IOC is handing the most dangerous regime in the world. The IOC is the World Health Organization of sports. When China disappeared female tennis star Peng Shuai for the offense of making an accusation of sexual assault against a former high government official, the IOC happily assisted in the regime's crisis PR, lest the shocking incident derail the games. The president of the IOC, Thomas Bach, had a video call with Peng where she said all was well and Bach pretended to take her assurances at face value. Of course, Peng wasn't free to speak her mind, but part of Bach's job now is to look the other way at China's blatant abuses. China has the great fortune to deal with international organizations -- except the Women's Tennis Association, which is suspending tournaments in China -- that lack all self-respect. The IOC is following in the well-trod footsteps of corporations, financiers and sports leagues that start out wanting to do business with China and end up complicit in the regime's crimes by staying silent or explaining them away. The difference is that the IOC claims to be acting in support of high ideals. Bach likes to quote the Olympic charter that says Olympism exists "to place sport at the service of the harmonious development of humankind, with a view to promoting a peaceful society concerned with the preservation of human dignity."

Placing sport at the service of China does the opposite on all counts.

China's autocrat, Xi Jinping, has been open about the political importance of the Olympics, "Hosting an excellent 2022 Games is a major task of the Party and the country, and it is a solemn commitment to the international community." Here, the interests of the CCP and the IOC -- as well as the corporate sponsors of the games -- coincide. The last time China hosted the Olympics, the Summer Games in 2008, it used the opening ceremony to stage a gigantic and memorable regime-enhancing spectacle. Beijing promised reforms to get awarded the games and then, true to form, engaged in yet more heavy-handed repression. If the 2008 Beijing Games were ill-advised, next year's Winter Olympics are a complete travesty. The atrocities in Xinjiang province are a matter of public record and the quashing of Hong Kong proceeds apace. No one who crosses the regime is safe from imprisonment or worse. China openly menaces Taiwan with an invasion. Indeed, China could conceivably be in a shooting war with the United States within a year or two of using the presence of our athletes, among others, to enhance the rule of its dictator-for-life. Bach insists that the IOC must always be politically neutral. As Michael Mazza of the American Enterprise Institute points out, though, the IOC banned apartheid-era South Africa from the games. There is no such thing as neutrality when dealing with an all-encompassing police state for which politics is a life-or-death matter. The games aren't being hosted by Switzerland or Norway -- nice, law-abiding countries with good ski slopes -- but a revanchist power that tramples on human dignity and is a clear and present danger to international peace. The IOC could have taken an off-ramp from these games at any point. Instead, its attitude is going to be, "Enjoy the snowboarding, never mind the concentration camps."

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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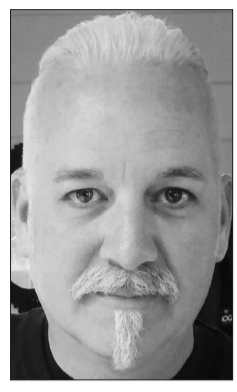
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Not much to celebrate on Earth Day

I am hopeful that everyone got what they wanted and needed for Christmas this year. I hope it was a day filled with family and friends and plenty of joy. I also hope that if any of you got new pets for Christmas, you understand the responsibility that comes with such a gift. This is a responsibility that will last for years, but the benefits are well worth it. The joy of a new puppy or kitten on Christmas morning can soon turn to the slap of reality of caring for a pet -- food, veterinarian care, training. Many people just aren't ready for it, so many of these animals, through no fault of their own, find themselves being taken to shelters in the months following Christmas. Many are adopted out to new homes, but some are not and are euthanized. That is a horrible but unavoidable truth. Just before Christmas, my wife and I saw on social media the story of a 10-year-old dog that had found its way to the shelter in Rockford. Yes, 10 years old. He was found as a stray, but no

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one had come to claim him. I can't imagine the fear that dog felt. He was just one of a handful of senior dogs in the shelter just before Christmas. These animals would love nothing more than to have a permanent home, even if it is only for their last few years. My wife and I adopt senior dogs. We adopted an 8-year-old male, Mr. Pibb, right before Christmas last year. He was covered with scars, was missing most of his teeth and was skin and bones. Today, he is a happy, wonderful member of our family. His sister, Dyna, who is now 8 herself, loves her goofy brother. We adopted

her when she was 3. She had spent most of her life in a cage and was not even potty trained. Today, that pretty little girl is the light of my life. I can't imagine life without that little girl. I wish we could adopt every dog that needed a home, but we can't. Shelters and rescues are full of dogs and cats looking for homes right now, but people still feel the need to buy a new puppy. Sure, they are cute. But they grow up and need care and training and attention. Sadly, these animals can find themselves abused, ignored or dumped at shelters. There are simply too many animals that need their humans to do better, but they don't. We are the ones who fail, not the dogs or cats. If you got a new pet for Christmas, I am very happy for you and the lifetime of joy you can bring to that animal and that animal can bring to you. Love them, care for them, make them true members of the family. Our dogs get the best of everything and they give us back the best that they have. These are not purebred dogs that will

be winning any awards. But we don't care. They are family. My wife and I not only adopt our dogs, but we also support a particular Pitbull rescue and the local shelter here in Rockford. We give food and money monthly to help save dogs so they can find a home that will welcome them and love and care for them. We want all dogs to have a chance to find a loving home. Please, do your part and help if and when you can. There are so many abused and neglected animals in this country. Some of them started out with bows on their head on Christmas morning. Trust me, an animal is the best gift you can get or give. The love and affection are truly priceless. But don't let them down. If you do, that says more about you than it does them. You are their life -- please take care of theirs. If you are looking for a pet, please adopt and don't shop, as they say. Adopting a pet can truly save a life. *Brad Jennings is Editor of The Ogle County Life.*

2022 scholarship applications available Jan. 4

The Ogle County Farm Bureau is pleased to announce that applications for their 2022 scholarship program will be available beginning Jan. 4 to graduating high school seniors, or those enrolled at an accredited university. Farm bureau members may pick up or have applications mailed. Applications can also be downloaded from the Ogle County Farm Bureau website at www.oglefb.org. The Don Bybee Memorial Scholarship is jointly funded by the Bybee family and the Ogle County Farm Bureau. Mr. Bybee served for many years as a director on the Ogle County Farm Bureau Board and offering this \$1,000 scholarship recognizes his passion for offering opportunities for Ogle County youth to advance their education. Also available is a \$1,000 scholarship funded jointly by the Ogle County Pork Producers Association and the farm bureau. The Mark Detig Memorial Scholarship will be awarded annually. Mr. Detig served as past president and director on the pork producers association board of directors and was involved in 4-H youth activities in Ogle County. These scholarships are in addition to the \$1500 Del Flessner Memorial Scholarship, honoring the former manager of the Ogle County Farm Bureau; and two \$1,000 General Farm Bureau Scholarships. The George R. LeFevre Memorial Scholarship is a \$1,000 scholarship funded by the Jeff and Joyce Tremble Family and the Farm Bureau. It recognizes Mr. LeFevre for his lifetime of service to agriculture and youth education in Ogle County. It will be awarded to a recipient studying in a field of agriculture. The Mary R. LeFevre Memorial Scholarship is a \$1,000 scholarship funded by the Jeff and Joyce Tremble family and the farm bureau. It

recognizes Mrs. LeFevre for her dedicated service in the healthcare profession and involvement with youth education. It will be awarded to a recipient studying in a healthcare related field. Finally, an Ag Technology Scholarship will be awarded in an amount of \$1,000. It will be awarded to students studying in an ag technology field similar to diesel mechanics, crop technician or similar fields of study. Eligible applicants must meet the following criteria: must be a high school graduate; must be an Ogle County Farm Bureau member or dependent of a member; must be accepted at an accredited university or college and pursue an agricultural or agricultural-related field of study; must be a resident of Illinois and must demonstrate a financial need. Applicants can be graduating high school seniors or students currently enrolled in an accredited college or university. Applications successfully completed and submitted will be judged on criteria including: academic performance, demonstrated interest in agriculture, financial need and character/personality. Those interested in receiving a scholarship application should contact the Ogle County Farm Bureau at 732-2231; or stop by their office at 421 W. Pines Rd. in Oregon. Applications can also be downloaded by visiting our website at www.oglefb.org. All applications and accompanying materials must be received no later than April 1, 2022. Agriculture students and Illinois Farm Bureau (IFB) members, spouses and children are eligible to apply for 82 college scholarships offered by the IAA Foundation, Illinois Farm Bureau's charitable arm. The scholarships, ranging from \$1,000 to \$7,500, will be awarded

in total of \$159,500 for the 2022-23 school year. Students may apply for a variety of scholarships, including three IAA Foundation Top Scholarships, where winners will each receive \$5,000 awards. Another \$7,500 award goes to the Illinois Farm Bureau Legacy of Leadership scholarship winner. In addition to family scholarships often established to honor the memory of a loved one, the IAA Foundation offers scholarships on behalf of organizations such as Prairie Farms Dairy. For 2022, the IAA Foundation is honored to administer the newly created Alvin Eigenrauch Memorial Scholarship and Steve Willits Memorial Scholarship. Additionally, three new fellowships have been added to support students pursuing advanced degrees. All applicants must be current high school seniors or students already enrolled at an accredited college or university. Scholarships are awarded based on academic performance, leadership experiences, involvement in activities and community service. Previous winners of an IAA Foundation scholarship are eligible to apply again if the scholarship allows. A full listing of available scholarships and eligibility guidelines is available on the foundation website, www.iaafoundation.org. The application opens Jan. 1, 2022 and must be completed online by Feb. 15, 2022. For more information, contact your county Farm Bureau, the IAA Foundation at 309-557-2232, or e-mail Jennifer Smith at jsmith@ilfb.org. "There are three stages of man: he believes in Santa Claus; he does not believe in Santa Claus; he is Santa Claus." -Bob Phillips *Ron Kern is the manager of the Ogle County Farm Bureau.*

Thanks to area Scouts for food collection on December 4

Dear Editor,
Thank you to Boy Scout/Cub Scout Troop 52, Pack 81 from Mt. Morris and Oregon for their "Scouting for Food" collection Dec. 4, and to everyone who donated food. We received so much good food and such a nice variety for our pantry guests. We appreciate their efforts!
Jan Francis and Barb Diehl, co-directors, Loaves & Fish Food Pantry, Mt. Morris

Food pantry sends thanks to all of its volunteers

Dear Editor,
Thank you to our volunteers at Loaves and Fish food pantry. There are a lot of dedicated people that work at the pantry to keep things running smoothly with prepping and planning of the service. And our volunteers are a big part of it, we could not do it without them. Thank you to our volunteers, we appreciate all you do with us. Have a great holiday and God Bless all of you.
Board of Directors at Loaves and fish; Lori Wolff, volunteer coordinator

LOCAL NEWS



Shepherd Premier

The Oregon Area Chamber of Commerce was happy to recently celebrate Shepherd Premier Senior Living Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. It is located at 8 Terrace View Blvd in Oregon, (where Family First was located.) Shepherd Premier Senior Living provides Assisted Living & Memory Care in a cozy home environment. Shepherd specializes in providing services specially designed for residents with dementia. They have limited rooms available so setup a private showing today while there is still availability. Visit shepherdpremier-seniorliving.com

Spring Into Action

Winter/Spring Activity Guide goes LIVE Jan. 5th at oregonpark.org



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LOCAL NEWS

Meridian Junior High School 1st quarter Honor Roll

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 Grace L. Jacobson
 Colin J. Metcalf
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 Connor J. O'Sullivan
 Audrey G. Payne
 Catalina L. Smalley
 Charles E. Stealt
 Brady M. Stewart
 Isabella G. Sugden

Vinicio R. Arias
 Tyler E. Ayotte
 Bradley O. Baney
 Gage S. Broski
 Cannyn E. Carlson
 Alexis L. Davis
 Rylan K. Donaldson
 Dayanara Flores
 Kelvin N. Gebel
 Josephine R. Gibson
 Kaiden D. Gosch
 Kyla I. Gretschnann
 Taylor R. Grobe
 Taylor J. Haymes
 Brooklyn K. Hodge
 Avalyn G. Janssen
 Evan D. Jones
 Cale E. Kleinschmidt
 Collin T. Kryckyj
 Arianna L. Lampley
 Mia M. McGuire
 Cole A. Montavon
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 Cody J. Rahn
 Guillermo S. Salas Godinez
 Vaughn M. Schamper
 Lucas S. Schweitzer
 Ryan J. Spangler
 Boyd M. Spoon
 Makenzie L. Syfert
 Anthony J. Tofari
 Sydney V. Tompkins
 Maya K. Wilson
 Emma M. Withers

Meridian Junior High School
 2021-2022
 7th Grade A Honor Roll
 1st Quarter

Samantha R. Denton
 Mylee H. Hulsted
 Kaera R. Lundine
 Joshua D. Miller
 Quinn D. O'Connor
 Alexander Paw
 Mackenzi M. Shere
 Brinna M. Sutliff
 Ethan D. Waugh
 Sadie L. Zabinski

Meridian Junior High School
 2021-2022
 6th Grade A/B Honor Roll
 1st Quarter

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 Paxton R. W. Barger
 Cecilia M. Bishop
 Abigail J. Bogner
 Lillian N. Bruder Green
 Brooklyn M. Buhler
 Kayden R. Campbell
 Sophie I. Casey
 Emma R. Champlain
 Stella G. Christiansen
 Kaylyn M. Cicogna
 Rowan C. Considine
 Collin C. Evenson
 Wavelynd G. Faerber
 Ida M. Fager
 Bryce J. Files
 Olivia J. Flaherty
 Kamilo J. Fuentes
 Eva L. Gates
 Addison R. Gillespie
 Jeisel G. Guzman
 Camden W. Hamill
 Matthew A. Herrera
 Gwendolyn S. Hildreth
 Aleigha C. Hodge
 Brady M. G. Jacobson
 Dominic J. Johannsen
 Ava M. Joy
 Clayton L. Maahs
 Lily G. Martinovich
 Adam C. Mendoza
 Claire C. Phillips
 Jonah M. Reed
 Hope R. Rynders
 Tristan J. Shepley

Meridian Junior High School
 2021-2022
 6th Grade A Honor Roll
 1st Quarter

Ayden M. Alderks
 Stella G. Christiansen
 Evan J. Cline
 Trinity A. Feltz
 Max H. Horstman
 Sophia Jimenez
 Charles R. Larson
 Meghan A. Mannix
 Casey J. McCleary
 Maddelin S. Roushia
 Kristina J. Schultz
 Joseph L. Scott
 Sage O. Sweet

Meridian Junior High School
 2021-2022
 7th Grade A/B Honor Roll
 1st Quarter

Averie I. Aughenbaugh
 Madison M. Bross
 Wyatt E. R. Casey
 Khloe J. Chambers
 Kate L. Costello
 Melinda K. Goldstick
 Jessie M. Hagemann
 Olivia J. Halbreiter
 Alexandria L. Hoff
 Maya M. Kayes
 Brayden M. Lauritzen
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 2021-2022
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Pine Creek Valley Club stays busy

September brought the start of the new 4-H year, and new officers were voted in for the Pine Creek Valley 4-H Club during our outdoor meeting at Oregon Park West, complete with pizza.

The club also participated in National 4-H Week by decorating the front lawn of Knie's Appliance in Polo. Thank you Knie's for your support! October was an awesome month for Pine Creek Valley as we enjoyed kicking off the new 4-H year by spending time together at Tanner's Apple Orchard, following our meeting. November's meeting was held on Zoom as everyone prepared for the holidays. We also took time out to celebrate all county club accomplishments at the annual Achievements Ceremony held in Byron. Our club walked away with Outstanding President, Outstanding Vice President, and Outstanding Leaders Team awards! Thank you to all who sponsor this day for us! Our club is excited to welcome four new families this year! If your family would like to join 4-H in the Polo area, we invite you to our monthly meeting held at Pine Creek Christian Church on the second Sunday of every month. -Submitted by Mason Zabran, Club Reporter

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NEW LISTING

2225 S Daysville Rd., Oregon \$134,900 Call Carla

New Listing in Oregon School district. This super cute 2 bedroom located in Daysville which offers a nice country setting! Large room sizes with cozy eat in kitchen with all kitchen appliances staying. Nice updated bathroom, gorgeous LVT throughout the main floor in the living room and bedrooms, finished lower level with recreation room and bonus room. Detached 2 car garage.

NEW PRICE! NEW PRICE! NEW PRICE!

3006 E. Holcomb Road, Oregon NOW \$109,900 Call Carla

Affordable adorable ranch home located in Stillman Valley school district. This 3 bedroom 1 bath home offers cozy main floor living with its nice sized living room. Loads of kitchen cabinets and countertop space with kitchen appliances to stay, Hardwood flooring in living room and 2 main floor bedrooms. The 2nd level bedroom offers a spacious area with a vaulted ceiling! This super cute home sits on just over an acre plus it is AG-1 Zoning. Conveniently located between Byron, Oregon and Stillman Valley.

2312 Halstead Ave., Rockford \$87,800 Call Merri

2 Bedroom Ranch with a great layout! Located close to multiple schools. The home has hardwood floors in both bedrooms and a spacious bathroom. Previously rented for \$750/month.

1200 W. 6th Street, Dixon \$79,900 Call JD

Opportunity strikes! With an extra wide corner lot, featuring a 2 car garage and new screened porch, this 3 bed property offers great potential at an affordable price. This home includes main floor laundry and full bathroom, new stove and fridge, and basement. The main level family room could also be easily converted into a fourth bedroom with walk-in closet. Make it yours today!

431 Williams Drive, Oregon \$129,900 Call Rebecca

MANY UPDATES RECENTLY DONE! You better take another look, many improvements have been done in the last week: stained bedroom hardwood floors, installed exterior lights, trim and paneling put up in dining room, updated GFI outlets throughout the home, and maintenance was also done by both electrician and plumber. This move in ready 3 bedroom, 1 bathroom ranch home is located on a cul-de-sac near Park West and Oregon schools. This home has nearly 1,300 square feet of finished space on the main floor with potential for additional finished square footage in the lower level. Kitchen features an eat-in area and a formal dining space. Living room with large picture window. Main floor laundry hook ups. Updated roof and siding. Oversized 2 car garage with plenty of room for cars and hobbies!

917 N. Etnyre Terrace, Oregon \$154,900 Call Boone

Cozy abode in rural subdivision! 3 bedroom, 2.5 bathroom home just outside of downtown Oregon. 1,682 sq ft ranch w/ 2 car garage situated on a .9 acre wooded lot. Check it out!

12529 N. Weldon Rd., Rockford \$1,200,000 Call Jamie

This house is a true showstopper with a welcoming entry capped by high-beamed knotty pine ceilings. Beautiful hickory wood floors greet you and infuse a warm and inviting glow to the spacious family room. The extensive chef's kitchen has it all, granite counters, oversized 48" Sub-Zero refrigerator, Thermador 6 Burner Range Top, 2 dishwashers, Kohler Farmhouse sink and tons of storage. The game room is an entertainer's dream, engulfed by stone featuring a custom, professional grade bar, beautiful reclaimed barn wood beams and radiant floor heating. 4.5 car heated attached garage and 50x36 heated storage building for all the toys comes complete with radiant heating. Picturesque inground pool comes complete with an automatic retractable safety cover, two spill bowl water features and pool house with guest quarters. Zoned AG, Byron School District and Ogle County Taxes. This is a must-see home that captures the imagination from the moment you step foot on this fabulous property!

124 E. Mason Street, Polo \$285,000 Call Lori

This is your opportunity to own a long standing and successful business. The Pinetracker Cafe is a staple in the community and region with a strong reputation for a quality dining experience. Since 2002, the owners have continued to expand and maintain a beautiful facility. The dining room and kitchen were a new construction addition in 2005. Most recently the outdoor terrace adds a new dimension with outdoor fire pit for dining & drinking experience. Second floor has 2 apartments. The larger, luxury apartment, completely remodeled in 2011 includes a fireplace. Owners have been diligent in maintaining the building including a new roof within the past few years. Come make some money, and make new friends in this charming community.

210 S. 3rd Street, Oregon \$129,900 Call Erin

AMAZING LOCATION!! 4 bed, 2 bath sits on a beautiful corner lot in downtown Oregon - walking distance to shops and restaurants. Covered front porch with attractive wood details, front entry shows off the historical beauty of this home. Family room has gas FP and leads into a formal dining room that just glows with natural light from the large picture window! The modern kitchen and FF laundry provides all the conveniences desired in today's home. The FF master has an ensuite bath updated last year! The second story is ripe with potential to make this home just what you have been dreaming about! For those who want to tinker outside, the oversized, insulated and heated 2 car garage is the perfect place! There is also a newer 3rd stall for all the other toys that won't fit! Many newer windows, new WHI (2020). You won't want to miss your chance with this home! Call today for private showing!

227 W. Provost, Amboy \$250,000 Call Jenny

The floor plan on this beautiful, newly built, custom home is fantastic! The custom kitchen is absolutely gorgeous, with a modern feel and an abundance of cabinets and quartz counter space. You will love the huge farmhouse sink and separate bar sink and wine fridge in the island. Living room has vaulted ceilings featuring a floor to ceiling stone fireplace. The main floor laundry is conveniently located and has cabinets and counters for folding. This ranch offers so much for the price. 3 large bedrooms and 2.5 baths, 1800 sq. ft., over-sized heated garage with bonus room, massive deck, concrete driveway, and a front porch that is so inviting. Main floor master suite offers tray ceilings, an abundance of space, and a functional walk-in closet with ample shelving. Master bath has a soaker tub along with a separate shower and a vanity with double sinks. There is another shared bathroom between the other bedrooms and a half bath off the main living space.

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SPORTS/LOCAL NEWS

Scores

Girls Varsity Basketball

Dec. 20
Stillman Valley 48, Aurora
Rosary 34

Dec. 18
Oregon 38, South Beloit 23

Boys Varsity Basketball

Dec. 20
Stillman Valley 53, Freeport
65

Oregon bowlers continue to roll

The Oregon Hawks Boys bowling team raised its season record to 10-2 with a 3165-2629 victory over Dixon tonight at Plum Hollow Family Center, Dixon on Dec. 16.

The Hawks were led by Isaac Kaltenbrun with a 634 series (203,235,196). Kaltenbrun was followed by Brady Davis 535 series, Brandon Rowe 530 series, Styler Klapp 510 series, Gavvin Surmo 502 series and Roberto Hernandez with a 454 series. The JV raised their record to 12-0 and were led by Codey Dunbar with a 462 series.

The Oregon Hawks Girls bowling team fell to 4-3 on the season

with a 2560-2795 loss to Dixon tonight at Plum Hollow Family Center, Dixon. The Lady Hawks were led by Ava Wight with a 566 series (221,194,151). Wight was followed by Mackenzie Alford 508 series, Paige Beauchem 445 series, Trinity Hultquist 382 series, Kendra Ehrler 381 series, and Kylie Krug 278 series.

The Hawks raised its season record to 11-2 with a 3265-2994 victory over Rockford Christian tonight at Town & Country Lanes, Mt Morris on Dec. 17.

The Hawks were led by Isaac Kaltenbrun with a 644 series (221,223,200). Kaltenbrun was

followed by Brandon Rowe 604 series, Jackson Werren 551 series, Brady Davis 501 series, Gavvin Surmo 485 series and Styler Klapp with a 480 series. The JV raised their record to 13-0 and were led by Codey Dunbar with a 550 series.

The Oregon Hawks Girls bowling team went to 5-3 on the season with a forfeit win over Rockford Christian. The Lady Hawks were led by Ava Wight with a 674 series (277,163,234). Wight was followed by Mackenzie Alford 424 series, Paige Beauchem 405 series, Kendra Ehrler 375 series, Trinity Hultquist 348 series, and Kylie Krug 327 series.

Byron students Dean's List at Cedarville University

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

This recognition requires the student to obtain a 3.75 GPA or higher for the semester and carry a minimum of 12 credit hours.

Local students were:

Rachel Freise of Byron; Heidie Raine of Byron.

Located in southwest Ohio, Cedarville University is an accredited, Christ-centered, Baptist institution with an enrollment of 4,550 undergraduate, graduate, and online students in more than 150 areas of study. Founded in 1887, Cedarville is one of the largest private universities in Ohio, recognized nationally for its authentic Christian community, rigorous academic programs, strong graduation, and retention rates, accredited professional and health science offerings, and high student engagement ranking.

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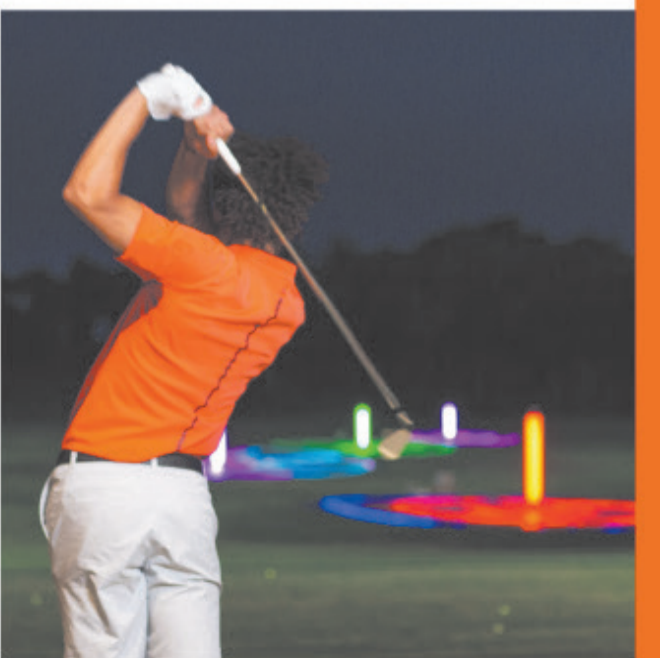
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LOCAL NEWS

Mount Morris Library News

Closed for the Holidays

Due to the upcoming holidays, the library will be closed on December 24th, 25th, 31st, and January 1st. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the director or a member of the library board. Contact information is available on the website. www.mtmorris-il.org

Masks are required

We are requiring everyone over the age of two to wear masks in the library. We understand how everyone feels, but we ask for your understanding and cooperation. Thank you!

Curbside Service is available!

We want to remind everyone that you still have

Byron Library News

Change in Programming

Due to increased Covid cases in Ogle County and the Byron schools implementing an adaptive pause, all in-person programming at the library is on hold until January 4th. At that time we will reevaluate when programming can resume. The library is still open during normal hours.

Special Hours

The Byron Public Library will be closed December 31, 2021 through January 1, 2022 in observance of New Year's Eve and Day. We wish all of our patrons a safe and happy holiday season!

Curbside Delivery

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

Blood Drive

Monday, Jan. 10, 1-6 p.m.

Join us as we host a community blood drive in partnership with the Rock River Valley Blood Center. Register for an appointment by calling the library at 815-234-5107 or visiting https://donor.rrvbc.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/54327. Walk-ins are also welcome!

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

Storytime

Story time is on Wednesdays at 11:15 a.m. Donna Wells is our guest reader, and we will have a fun craft to do also. All preschool children are welcome.

Adult Book Club

The December book is Blackberry Winter by Sarah Jio. Copies are available at the library. This group will meet in-person at the library on Monday, December 27th at 3:30 p.m.

Display Case Showings

We have two unique displays for the month of December. One is a collection of Santa's and the other is all things "Christmas Story." These displays will brighten your holidays! We are always looking for people who are willing to share a collection or artwork in our display cases. If you are interested, please let us know.

Rock River Center

The Rock River Center has a representative in our library the second Thursday of every month. Services provided by Rock River Center are designed to enable older and disabled persons to remain independent, thereby avoiding costly long-term care. No appointment necessary but, if you want to make an appointment with the Rock River Center you may call 815-732-3252.

Bertolet Library News

Holiday Hours:

Bertolet Memorial Library will be closed for the New Year December 31st-January 2nd. We will reopen on Monday, January 3rd at 10 a.m.

Mitten Tree:

Mittens to wear; Hats for their hair; Scarves for their neck; Gloves too? Check! Our annual Mitten Tree is now on display through the end of December. Please help decorate our Mitten Tree with thick, warm mittens, gloves, hats, and scarves for all ages. Items will be distributed through New Life Community Center in January.

Paws for Reading

Paws for Reading will be "Paws"ed in December as Ryan will be celebrating the holidays with her fur-mily in December. So our next Paws for Reading event will be Wednesday, January 19th at 4 p.m. Register your independent reader for a 15 minute time slot by calling 815-738-2742 today.

Story Hour:

Join Miss Jana for Story Hour and learn about animals and letters on Thursdays at 10 a.m. Registration requested but not required. Masks will be required. *There will not be Story Hour on December 23rd or 30th.*

Craft Kits for Adults:

Bertolet Memorial Library is now offering take home craft kits for adults and/or families. The kits provide the materials and instructions needed to make a craft. It's a great opportunity to be creative and de-stress at the same time. Our December craft, Snowman Candle, is available now!

Create-a-Card:
Hope you have a great holiday season! See you all on January 15, 2022.

Masks:
Masks are required at the library for all patrons over age 2. We will be happy to provide curbside service as needed.

New Releases:
Adult Books
Point of Danger by Irene Hannon
A Cowboy For Keeps by Jody Hedlund
The Heart Of a Cowboy by Jody Hedlund
Audio Books
The Surrogate by Toni Halleen
The Rose Code by Kate Quinn
Adult DVDs
Nine Days
Suicide Squad
Picture Books
Quackenstien Hatches a Family by Sudipta Cardhan-Quallen
The Oboe Goes Boom Boom Boom by Colleen Af Venable

The 2022 From The Heart Cash Calendars are NOW AVAILABLE!!

The proceeds of the sale of the calendars benefit our From The Heart recipients: Pegasus Special Riders, Rochelle Christian Food Pantry, HOPE, Focus House, Shining Star Children's Advocacy Center, CASA, Rochelle Area Community Foundation, Hub City Senior Center & Rochelle Rotary.

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In Dixon at: Shining Star
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Oregon Library News

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Library Holiday Hours

The Library will be closed Friday, December 31 and Saturday, January 1. Everyone have a safe and happy holiday!

Library Book Clubs

Books On Tap will NOT meet in December due to the busy holiday season. We will discuss both The Last Mrs. Parrish and January's Book: The Library Book by Susan Orlean on January 27th at 6 p.m. at Cork & Tap. The 2WBC Book Club meets Wednesday, January 12 at 12:30 p.m. to discuss An Absolutely Remarkable Thing by Hank Green. The Afternoon Book Club meets Wednesday, January 19 at 1 p.m. to discuss In Five Years by Rebecca Serle.

Preschool StoryTime (18 months- 5 years)

We'll be taking a break until 2022...Beginning January 3, StoryTime will be a new day, Monday, and a new time, 9:30 a.m. Registration and masks will be required.

Jumanji Escape Room- December 27th – December 28th and January 3rd – January 4th

Bring your friends and see if you can crack the case. You will have 60 minutes to solve the mystery. Up to 3 friends can join you. Registration required, call 815-732-2724 or visit our website www.oregonpubliclibrary.com.

Rogue Town Author - Vito Colucci Jr.- Thursday, January 6th at 6:30pm

Local resident, Vito Colucci Jr, takes you back to those days and the years he worked undercover. Disgusted by what was happening in his home town, Stamford police officer Vito Colucci vowed he would do whatever it took to bring the corruption to light. It was a decision that eventually placed him in an undercover role, wearing a wire to gather evidence against senior officers in the Stamford Police Department, and nearly cost him his life. It's the raw truth and that's what makes it so compelling. This program is offered both in-person and through zoom. Registration required, (815) 732-2724 or visit our website at www.oregonpubliclibrary.com. Registration deadline, January 4th.

Yoga on Mondays at 9:30 a.m. will be taking a break till January 24

Krystal Casey will be teaching a Monday yoga class at the library. Registration is required, (815) 732-2724. Space is limited due to COVID regulations.

Try It Tuesday – Tuesday, January 11th (while supplies last)

Beaded Wish Bracelets. Each kit will contain all supplies needed to make a custom beaded wish bracelets. A wish bracelet is a fun craft project made from hemp string and beads. A wish bracelet is designed to eventually break down, the beads falling off one by one. You make a wish when you put the bracelet on. Once the beads are gone, your wish will come true. **KITS ARE FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE for Oregon Library Card Holders.**

Ink With A Friend- Monday, January 17th at 6:30 p.m.

Registration Deadline January 14th
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Create Your Own Dragon-Wednesday, January 26, 2:30 p.m.
7th grade & up, Registration Deadline Friday, January 21

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Puzzle Library

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Oregon Public Library StoryWalk®

StoryWalk® was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT in 2007, and developed in collaboration with the Vermont Bicycle & Pedestrian Coalition and the Kellogg Hubbard Library. Current story is ... Jan Brett's The Night Before Christmas.

OPLD Dial-A-Story

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Passport Services

The Oregon Public Library offers Passport Application Processing. It is recommended that patrons seeking Passport Services call the Library prior to their visit to ensure that an official processor is available at that time and for a checklist of items you will need for the appointment. Oregon Writers Group -2nd Tuesday each month at 10:00 am. 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.

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Life Without Parole by Elaine Viets
Be My Ghost by Carol J. Perry
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Bright Burning Things by Lisa Harding

Julia Hull Library News

Holiday Closures

The library will be closed Friday, December 31-Saturday, January 1.

Book Club for Adults

Pick up a book, then join us for a lively discussion of Alexandra Andrew's transfixing new novel, *Who Is Maud Dixon?*. Adults only. Copies of the reading available on loan. Email Joanna at jkluever@mail.meridian223.org to register for a link to the program. Monday, January 3 at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom.

Tween Scene: Snow Slime

Wishing for a way to enjoy the winter season without freezing? Head to the library to make some very cool slime! No frostbite necessary! Ages 10-12. Tuesday, January 4 at 6 p.m. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

Craft Bomb: Cold Days, Crafty Nights

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Adult Winter Reading Challenge

Hey, Adults! Winter is almost 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 February 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! Pre-register now! Program runs January 2 through February 28.

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Young Critics Book Club

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LOCAL NEWS

Polo Library News

Special Hours

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Children's Programs

Winter Reading Land Kick-Off Party, Saturday, January 8th 10:30 a.m. Help Ms Melanie kick off our Winter Reading Land with a Board Game Party. This program is for Kindergarten through 5th graders. Register by emailing melaniew@pololibrary.org or call 815-946-2713. In person Story Time will be Saturdays, January 22nd and 29th at 10:30 a.m.

Adult Programs

John Lynn's America Coast to Coast, Part 1 Jan. 12, 6 p.m. This is a live on Zoom program. Register at the Circulation Desk, email library@pololibrary.org or call 815-946-2713.

Book Discussion

Book groups meet Friday, January 14th and Monday, January 24th at 1:30 p.m. Book 2 Movie discussion group meets on Tuesday, January 18th at 5 p.m. Any of these groups are open to anyone who is interested, no registration required. Stop in and pick up a copy and join us!

Coffee with a Cop

Wednesday, January 12th at 10:30 a.m. Drop in and enjoy coffee and conversation with Polo's Chief of Police, Troy Randall.

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 Pastor - Rev. Julie Bunt

EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH OF MT. MORRIS

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

MT. MORRIS CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

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

MT. MORRIS TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

308 E. Brayton Rd. Mt. Morris, IL Phone: 734-6354 Rev. Josh Ehrler
Worship Services: Saturday 5:30 PM; Worship Sunday 9:30 AM.
 Sunday Church School 10:45 AM; (Sept. 10, 2017 Thru May 2018) Sept.-May Chime Choir Wednesday 6:00 PM; Chancel Choir Wednesday 7:00 PM.

OREGON

EBENEZER REFORMED CHURCH

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

LIGHTHOUSE UNITED METHODIST

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

OREGON CHURCH OF GOD

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

OREGON FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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

OREGON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

RIVERSTONE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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

ST. BRIDE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH, NALC

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

POLO

ST. MARY CHURCH

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

CHURCH OF THE OPEN BIBLE

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

CROSSROADS COMMUNITY CHURCH ~ POLO CAMPUS

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

FAITH DISCOVERY CHURCH

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

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

STILLMAN VALLEY

RED BRICK CHURCH OF STILLMAN VALLEY (CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH)

Pastor Rev. Dr. Chris Brauns | Associate Pastor David Bogner
 207 W Roosevelt Road (Rte 72), Stillman Valley, IL 615-645-2526 | www.theredbrickchurch.org
 Sunday: Worship at 9:00 am and 10:30 am. Sunday School at 9:00 am. Wednesday: AWANA (Sept - April) from 6:00 to 7:15 pm. Men, women, youth Bible Studies throughout the year. See website for all activities or contact the church office.

KISHWAUKEE COMMUNITY EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

8195 Kishwaukee Road, Stillman Valley, IL 61084 / 815-965-1940
 Pastor Eric Tonjes, www.kishchurch.org
 Sunday Schedule: Discipleship Hour 9:00 AM, Coffee Fellowship 9:50 AM
 Gathered Worship 10:00 AM
 For complete ministry schedule check out our website or call the church office.

VALLEY EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH

Rt. 72 & Maple St., in Stillman Valley • Phone 815-645-8872
 Pastor: Rev. Rick Lindholtz • www.valleycov.org
 Chuck Potts, Pastor to Students, Children
 Sunday morning 9:15am "Gather" for learning and conversation; 10:15am
 Worship, both onsite and online at www.facebook.com/VECCoV
 We are requesting all attendees wear masks, practice social distancing, and stay home if ill.
 Communion is served the first Sunday of the month.
 Please call or visit the website more info about Bible study groups, Youth Group, Bread of Life Food Pantry, and Valley Covenant Preschool. Also the home of Valley Covenant Preschool 815-645-8882.

WINNEBAGO

MIDDLE CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

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OGLE COUNTY LIFE

ROCK VALLEY SHOPPER

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

Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

WORD FUN

Study the two words on each line to find the ONE letter in the left column that is NOT in the word in the right column. Write the extra letter on the blank space. Then read DOWN to answer this riddle:

WHEN IS THE WORST TIME TO BUILD A SNOWMAN?

IRISES	___	SIRES	CASTER	___	REACT
PECANS	___	SPACE	CLAUSE	___	LACES
			MOORED	___	RODEO
METRIC	___	CRIME	MARKED	___	RAKED
HONEST	___	NOTES	PAGERS	___	GRASP
MUSSEL	___	SLUMS	ALBERT	___	BLEAT

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Even Exchange

by Donna Pettman

Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

- | | | | |
|--------------------------|-------------|---------------------|-------------|
| 1. Bracelet bauble | ___ _ _ _ M | Grid | ___ _ _ _ T |
| 2. Use one's ears | ___ _ _ _ E | Boxer Sonny | ___ _ _ _ O |
| 3. Aesop's story | F ___ _ _ | Kitchen furniture | T ___ _ _ |
| 4. ___ Cup in tennis | ___ _ _ S | Biblical king | ___ _ _ D |
| 5. Clothes bin | ___ _ P | Carpenter's tool | ___ _ M |
| 6. Football maneuver | ___ A | "___ Me Elmo" | ___ I |
| 7. Bullwinkle, e.g. | ___ O | Mickey or Minnie | ___ U |
| 8. Tire repair item | ___ T | Scorched and dry | ___ R |
| 9. Put icing on the cake | ___ S | Forward facing | ___ N |
| 10. Cook slowly | ___ A | Black-and-blue mark | ___ U |

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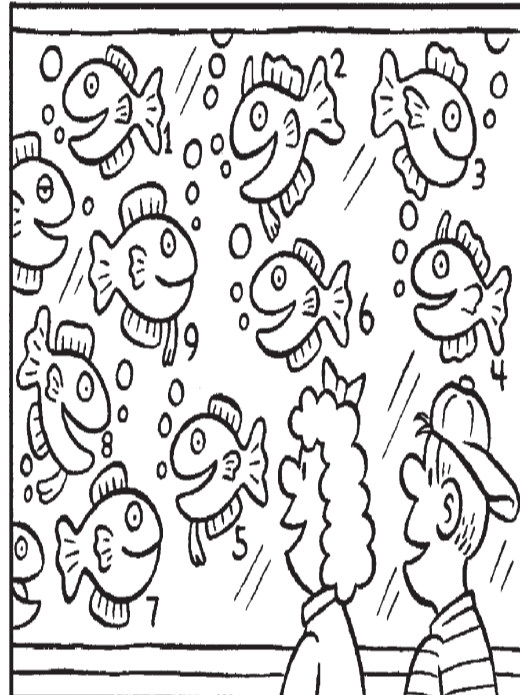
BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Fork is shorter. 2. Boots are different. 3. Hat is different. 4. Arm is showing. 5. Oven mitt is different. 6. Grill leg is removed.



SCHOOL'S OUT! Two of the fish in the above tank are exactly alike. See if you can find them before the bigger fish does. Answer: Numbers 1 and 6.



MANY WORDS! What six-letter word contains an additional six words within itself, without moving any of the letters around?

Herein -- he, her, here, ere, rein, in.

THE "C" PYRAMID! Pictured at right is a word pyramid. Each word, as you go down the pyramid, contains the same letters as the word above it plus a new letter. We give you all of the C's. Here are some hints from the top down.

- | | |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1) Musical tone (given). | 5) Medieval war clubs. |
| 2) Master of ceremonies. | 6) Ships of the desert. |
| 3) Eccentric wheel. | 7) To make still. |
| 4) Fraudulent scheme. | 8) Way to cook eggs. |

The words are c, mc, cam, scam, maces, camels, becalms, scramble.

Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
A		A			A	
P	A	P	A			A
	P			A	P	
E			P	P		P
			E	E	E	E
	E	E				

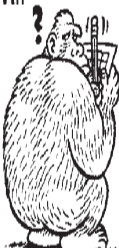
A SIMIAN STUMPER!

Can you fill in our puzzle grid? In each case we give you an "ape" and a hint to guide you through our jungle of incomplete words. Also, if you get them all correct, the middle letters, read across, will name a jungle animal.

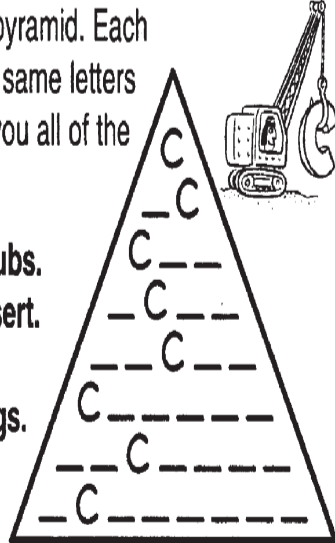
- Highest points.
- North American Indian infant.
- Give one's OK.
- Measuring instrument.
- Small knife.
- Put into practice.
- Low protective wall.

Insert the answers in the grid top to bottom.

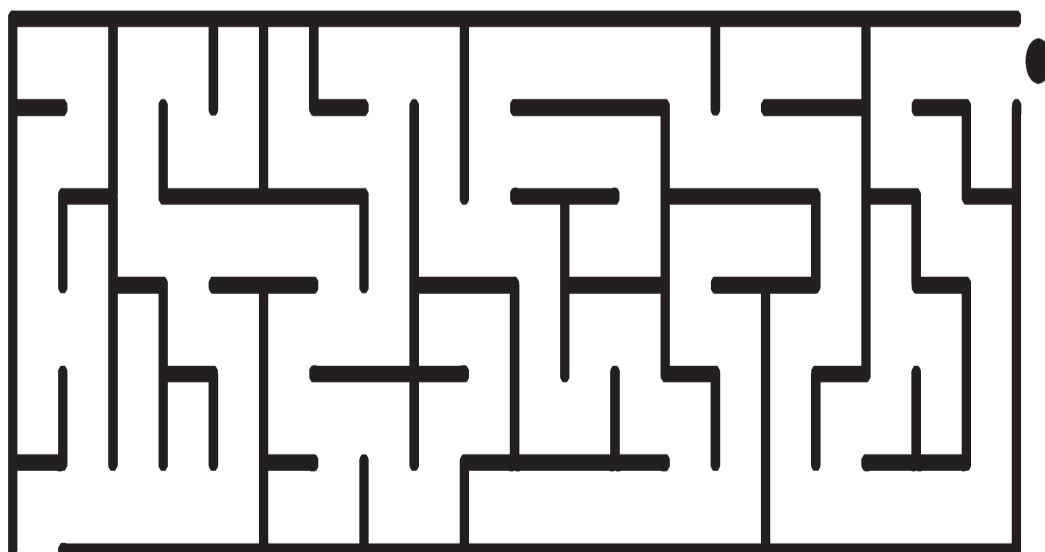
1. Apogees. 2. Papoose. 3. animal is "gorilla." Applied. 7. Parapat. The jungle Approve. 4. Caliper. 5. Scalpel. 6.



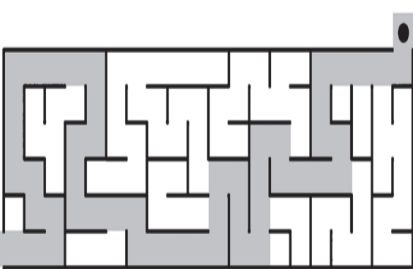
Illustrated by David Coulson



Kids' Maze



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Kids' Maze Solution

- Even Exchange answers
- Charm, Chart
 - Listen, Liston
 - Fable, Table
 - Davis, David
 - Hamper, Hammer

Answers

IRISES	I	SIRES
PECANS	N	SPACE
METRIC	T	CRIME
HONEST	H	NOTES
MUSSEL	E	SLUMS
CASTER	S	REACT
CLAUSE	U	LACES
MOORED	M	RODEO
MARKED	M	RAKED
PAGERS	E	GRASP
ALBERT	R	BLEAT

Puzzles4Kids

LOCAL NEWS

Oregon Lions Club



Members of the Oregon Lions Club, who are veterans, were honored at the Lions' Meeting on Nov 11th. Thank you for your service gentlemen!



Bob Coulter from the VFW in Oregon, accepts a \$1000 check from Oregon Lions' President Dave Stenger. It will help fund the Christmas Food Baskets that are distributed annually by the VFW in Oregon.



Oregon Lions' President Dave Stenger welcomes Megan Smick as a new member of the Oregon Lions Club. Megan is pastor at the United Methodist Church in Oregon.



Ogle County States Attorney Mike Rock was the speaker at the Oregon Lions' Meeting on November 11th. Photo shows Mike Rock and Oregon Lions' President Dave Stenger.

Classified Marketplace

FREE!

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



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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Ogle County Educational Cooperative (OCEC) maintains temporary student records on students with disabilities who have received special education services while attending the public schools in Ogle County. These records are maintained at the OCEC central office in Byron. This notice is intended only for those individuals having birth dates during the period of 1996, 1997, 1998, and 1999 who have received special education services. OCEC advises as follows: Any temporary student records maintained regarding your special education services will be destroyed effective January 31, 2022. These records may be of assistance to former students and they may request the actual student records, rather than the records being destroyed. Individuals wishing to obtain their temporary records must request such no later than January 15, 2022 at the OCEC offices at 417 N. Colfax St., Byron, IL 61010. The OCEC will continue to maintain permanent records of former students on compact discs. By Matt Zilm, Director
No. 1201 (Dec. 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22, 27, 29)

PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN THE)
MATTER)No.
OF THE)2021
ESTATE)P 94
OF:
JOHN F.)
KRUSE, deceased.
CLAIM NOTICE
NOTICE IS GIVEN
of the death of JOHN F. KRUSE of Byron, Illinois. Letters of office were issued on November 9, 2021, to CHRISTINE L. ANDERSON of Byron, Illinois, whose attorney is David A. Smith, of Smith, Birkholz & Morrow, P.C. at 129 South Fourth Street, P. O. Box 10, Oregon, Illinois, 61061-0010.
CLAIMS against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court at Ogle County Judicial Center, 106 South 5th Street, Oregon, Illinois, 61061, or with the representative, or both, within 6 months from the first publication of this Notice, or within three months from the date of mailing or delivery of Notice to creditors, if mailing or delivery is required by Section 18-3 of the Illinois Probate Act, 1975, as amended, whichever date is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of claims filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the estate legal representative and to the attorney within 10 days after the claim has been filed.
Newspaper
Christine L. Anderson
Independent
Administrator
No. 1212 (Dec. 13, 20, 27)

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLICATION NOTICE OF COURT DATE FOR REQUEST OF NAME CHANGE (ADULT)
STATE OF ILLINOIS CIRCUIT COURT OGLE COUNTY JESSICA MARIE CALDWELL
CASE NUMBER 2021 MR 56
There will be a court date on my Request to change my name from

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on December 10, 2021, a certificate was filed in the Ogle County Clerk's Office setting forth the names and post office address of all of the persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as: Ry Rentals, 7992 W. Judson Rd., Polo, IL 61064.
Dated: December 10, 2021
Laura J. Cook, Ogle County Clerk
No. 1219 (Dec. 20, 27, Jan. 3)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on December 14, 2021, a certificate was filed in the Ogle County Clerk's Office setting forth the names

Jessica Marie Caldwell to the new name of Jessica Marie Moser. The court date will be held on Jan. 13th 2022 at 9 a.m. at 106 S. 5th St., Oregon, IL, Ogle County in Courtroom #202.
Jessical Caldwell
No. 1216 (Dec. 13, 20, 27)

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and post office address of all of the persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as: Forever Memories Pet Care, 10502 N. Mulberry Rd., Leaf River, IL 61047.
Dated: December 14, 2021
Laura J. Cook, Ogle County Clerk
No. 1222 (Dec. 20, 27, Jan. 3)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Sealed bids will be received by the Ogle County Highway Department, Oregon, Illinois until 2:00 P.M., January 7, 2022, for the purchase of the following new equipment with trade ins:
1) 1 Ton Dump Truck
2) 45 HP Tractor
3) Two (2) Tandem Axle Dump Trucks with 13' body.
4) 250 Gallon Crack Sealing Melter Applicator.
Specifications for the new equipment are available at the Ogle County Highway Department, 1989 South IL Rt. 2, Oregon, IL between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 3:30 P.M. Monday - Friday.
The Road and Bridge Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.
No. 1225 (Dec. 20, 27, Jan. 3)

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For Specifications or to make an appointment to view the trailer please contact Mark Rundle, Byron Township Road Commissioner, at 815-234-8438.
Sealed bids must be received at the Byron Township Office, 507 Colfax Street, Byron IL no later than 10:00am January 14, 2022.
Bids will be opened January 14, 2022 at 10:15am at the Byron Township Office.
Byron Township Road District reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids.
Barbara Rundle
Byron Township Clerk
No. 1233 (Dec. 27)

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Applications are available to download through the library's website at www.juliahull.org/job-opportunities. Send your letter of interest, resume and completed application to Joanna Kluever, Library Director, at jkluever@mail.meridian223.org, or by mail at 100 Library Lane, Stillman Valley, IL 61084.

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Minimum qualifications include a high school diploma and 5 years law enforcement experience. Candidates must be certified as an Illinois Police Officer or have the ability to obtain a waiver from the Illinois Training and Standards Board. Post-secondary education in law enforcement, criminal science or related fields is a plus but not required. Prior leadership and supervisory experience is preferred and strong consideration will be given to individuals that have completed additional administrative and command training.

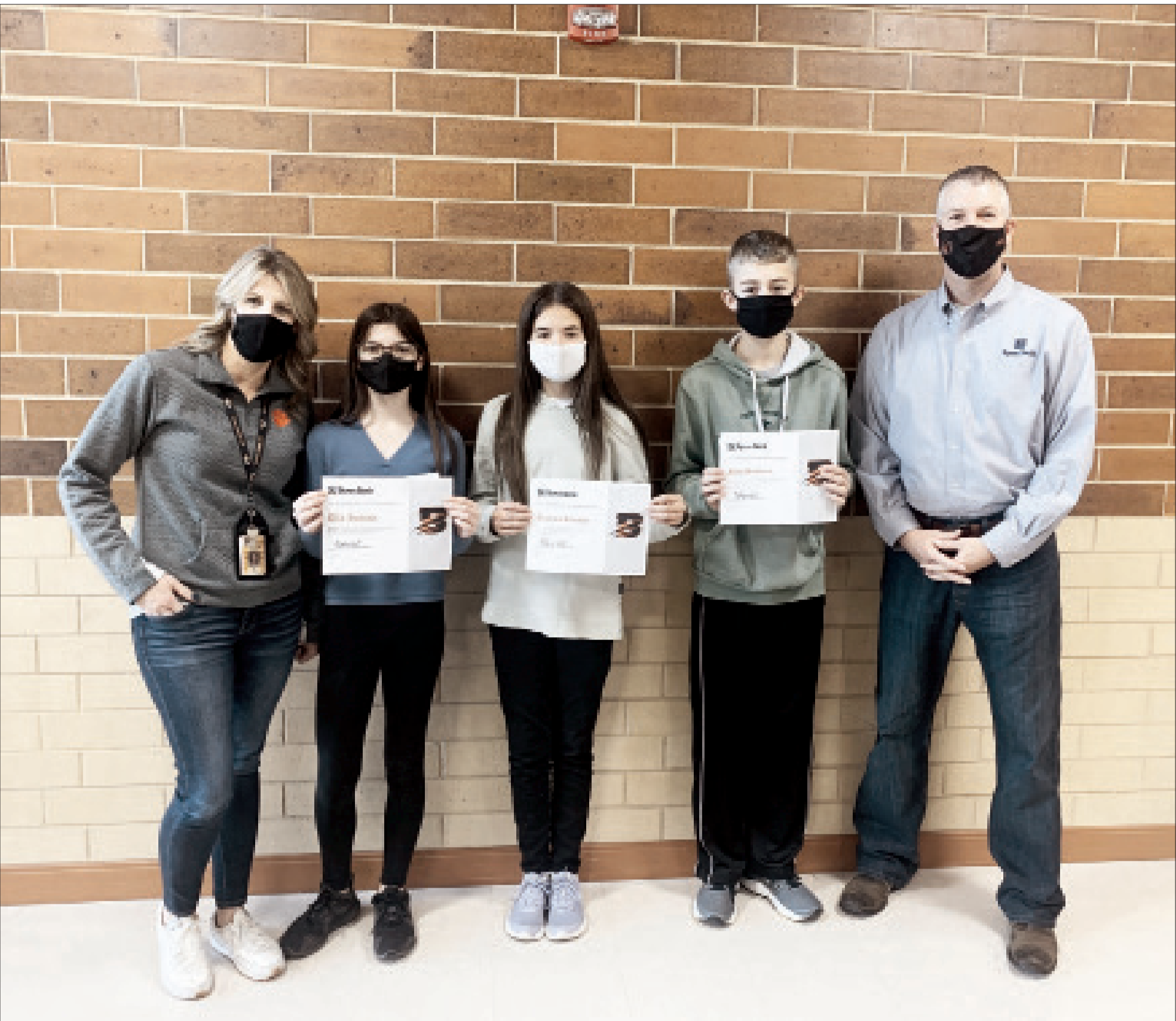
Residency within 3 miles of the Village limits is required.

Qualified candidates should complete a Mt. Morris Police application and submit a cover letter and resume for consideration. EOE employment applications can be obtained from Mt. Morris Village Hall, 105 W. Lincoln St., Mt. Morris IL, 61054. Please call 815-734-6425 for additional information.

Closing date for applications is 4:30 PM Friday, January 7, 2022.

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LOCAL NEWS



Students of the Month

Byron Bank, located at 200 N Walnut St. in Byron, is proud to announce the Byron Middle School Students of the Month for October. Students are selected by teachers based on criteria of: work habits, positive attitude, good manners, cooperation with faculty and peers, and a good role model for other students. Byron Bank presents the students with a cash prize and a certificate of award. The October 2021 Students of the Month are: (from left) Mrs. Felecia Fuller, Byron Middle School Dean – Ella Tunick, 6th grade – Alayna Brandt, 7th grade – Alex Booker, 8th Grade, and from Byron Bank-Mr. Brent Baker.

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LOCAL NEWS

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Savory Chicken Pot Pie

Join Lynn Kaufman with Lynnies' Kitchen and learn to make a delicious Pot Pie with a Cheddar Cheese crust on January 26th. Class is at Cork & Tap from 6-7:30 p.m. The next day pop your Pot Pie in the oven and dinner is served! All food is included in the class fee, but you will be asked to bring a few utensils and cooking supplies to class. Fee for the class is \$36/Resident or \$43/Non-Resident. Registration deadline is January 19.

Taste of Oregon Pairing at Cork & Tap

Make it a date night or an evening out with friends at Cork & Tap! This new fun pairing on Saturday, January 29 from 5:30-7 p.m. can be dinner out as the four food samples will be enough to satisfy your taste buds and your hunger. Choose between wine or beer as your beverage upon registration. Four wine or beer samples will be included in the tasting as well as 4 delicious foods made by local restaurants or caterers. Pairing will include cheese/crackers/fruit (Hazels), Pork Kabobs (Ralfie's BBQ), Italian beef (Father & Son) and Turtle Cheesecake (The Noble Cakery). This pairing is \$28/Resident or \$34/Non-Resident. Registration deadline is January 22.

Ceramic Gingerbread Valentine Hearts DIY kit

Have fun painting 2 ceramic gingerbread Valentine hearts! Kit includes two heart 4 3/4" tall x 4 1/2" wide, 1 paint brush, an assortment of paint colors, and sealer. Kits can be picked up on January 24 at Nash Recreation Center. DIY kit fee is \$12/Resident or \$14/Non-Resident. Registration deadline is January 17.

Indoor Soccer

Practice your soccer skills in the warm of Nash! For ages 4-7 years old. Youth players will develop their fundamentals and team playing strategies through a 30 min practice followed by a 30 min game every week on Saturday mornings at Nash. . All players will receive a t-shirt and their own soccer ball to keep! Season runs February 12th through March 12th.

Volunteer coaches are needed. Please email lesley@oregonpark.org if you are interested. Fee \$40/Resident, \$48/NR. Registration deadline is January 24th.



Writing group

If you like to write stories or essays, etc., and would like to join a group which could offer you some support and feedback, please join us at Taft Campus in Oregon on Sunday, Jan. 16 from 3-5 p.m. The leader is Molly McNett, who teaches fiction writing at NIU. The group will meet about every six weeks at Taft and take turns reading each other's work. At the first meeting we will determine a time that will best suit the group. If interested, or if you have any questions, please email Molly at mmcnett@niu.edu.

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