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# State champions

## Byron football team goes undefeated, wins Class 3A title

By Brad Jennings  
Editor

**DeKALB** – In the end, there was just no stopping the Byron High School football team.

During the 2021 season many had tried, but all had failed. And that includes Tolono-Unity, who met Byron in the IHSAClass 3A Championship game on Nov. 26 in DeKalb. The Tigers sent a message early and never let up, winning the state championship

37-7.

“I am just so proud of all of these kids and all of the hard work that they have put into this program,” said Head Coach Jeff Boyer. “Their hard work paid off and they have made a lifetime of memories.”

And what memories: The win not only sealed the championship for Byron, but also a perfect – and dominant – season. The Tigers were 14-0 overall, and 9-0 in the Big Northern Conference. The team



The Byron Tigers celebrate winning the IHSAClass 3A Championship in DeKalb on Nov. 26. (Jodi Jones photo)

scored 587 points on the season and gave up just 149.

Making it this far was

not new for the Tigers. Byron also made it to the championship game in 2019 but fell to Wil-

liamsville 46-42.

That was not going to happen this year.

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### Candlelight Walk

Candlelight Walk was back to normal this year in Oregon on Nov. 27, bringing out families to shop, ride the horse-drawn wagons, eat and enjoy the downtown area. (Brad Jennings photos)



## Pantry offers clothing, other items this month

**MOUNT MORRIS** – Loaves & Fish Food Pantry will be giving out warm hats, scarves, and gloves as well as some toys and household items during the month of December.

Visitors to the pantry can come in to the church (please wear a mask) and pick out items before shopping. For those who are not comfortable coming into the church, a limited selection will be available curbside.

We will also have a ham for each family that would like one. These will be available for indoor shoppers as well as curbside. No proof of residency or income is required.

In December the pantry is open Dec. 13 from 2-4:30 p.m., Dec. 16 from 4:30-7 p.m. and Dec. 27 from 2-4:30 p.m. If you do not need to shop for other grocery items, you are still welcome to come and pick up a ham and some winter accessories!

Loaves and Fish Food Pantry is located in the lower level of the Mt. Morris Church of the Brethren, 409 W. Brayton Road, Mt. Morris. If you have any questions, call 815-734-4573 and leave a message with phone number and we will return your call. Anyone experiencing food insecurity is eligible to receive food. No proof of residency or income is required to receive food on normal pantry days.



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# LOCAL NEWS



## Bakery visit

The Oregon Park District Children's Center had a fun field trip to visit O's Bakery in Oregon. During "B" week it was the perfect time to visit the Bakery and decorate a turkey leg cookie with brown frosting! Thank you to Ms. Olivia for the fun field trip.

# RRC sets activities

Rock River Center is a resource center located at 810 S. 10th St., Oregon. Our activities and trips are open to all ages. Call our office at 815-732-3252 with any questions. Visit us on the web at [www.rockrivercenter.org](http://www.rockrivercenter.org) and like us on Facebook. Registration is requested for anyone planning to attend a scheduled program or class at Rock River Center. It helps us plan enough seating. Just give us call 815-732-3252. Thank you for your support in this matter.

### Christmas Programs at RRC

Monday, Dec. 6, the Oregon High School Madrigals will be performing at Rock River Center from 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 15, the Oregon Jr. High Band will perform from 10:30-11 a.m.

Monday, Dec. 20, A "Timeless" Christmas Sing-A-Long, featuring Denny Jacobs and Mike Bratt, from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at Rock River Center

Registration requested to accommodate seating. Call 815-732-3252 if you plan on attending.

Refreshments will be served. Packaged, unopened cookie donations accepted.

### 2021 Annual Holiday Brunch

Our Rock River Center traditional holiday brunch will be served on Friday, Dec. 17, from 9:30-11 a.m.

Our menu this year will include: Biscuits and sausage gravy, vegetable egg casserole, sausage patties, hash brown potatoes, fruit salad, an assortment of sweets, orange juice, milk and coffee.

Cost: \$8 per person / Children under 6 Free. Reservations must be made by Thursday, Dec. 9.

Attendees will be entered into a drawing to win our holiday gift basket. Celebrate Christmas with us by wearing your favorite Christmas sweater.

### Selecting and Maintaining Christmas Plants and Flowers

Kathy Michel, a University of Illinois Extension Office Master Gardner, will be at Rock River Center on Wednesday, Dec 8 from 10-11 a.m.

She will discuss how to select and make your Christmas plants and flowers thrive until Santa arrives! Various types of holiday

plants and flowers will be on display. Let Kathy answer your questions at this informative and fun program. Remember to enter her drawing for a door prize.

Advance registration is requested. Call 815-732-3252 if you plan on attending.

### December 2021/January 2022 Yoga for ALL Ages

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

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

Class dates: Dec. 1, 6, 8, 13, 15, 20 and 22; Jan. 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, 26, and 31.

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: \$35: Advance Enrollment for 1 class a week (1 free class); \$70: Advance Enrollment for all 16 dates (2 free classes)

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For a 3-person household the minimum gross monthly income must be at least \$3,661, but no more than \$4,575, etc.

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# TITLE: Tigers came out strong

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The Tigers came out strong, with Senior Ethan Palzkill scoring on a 32-yard pass from Braden Smith early in the game. Byron also scored twice in the second quarter – a 2-yard run by Senior Andrew Claunch and a 1-yard run by Smith – which was ultimately all the Tigers needed.

Tolono-Unity scored once in the third, but Palzkill put the exclamation point on the win – and championship – with scoring runs of 20-yards and 5-yards in the fourth.

"The post season run that this team had was a

storybook finish," Boyer said. "They won two games in the last 10 games and were able to cap it off with a State Championship. The Byron Community will be talking about this for a long time."

For the game, Palzkill had 9 carries for 78 yards. Byron was led by Senior Chandler Binkley, a high-light player all season, who had 178 yards rushing on 21 carries.

Defensively, Claunch had three solo tackles and three assists, Smith had three solo tackles and three assists, and Palzkill had four solo tackles and one assist.



Jodi Jones photo



# LOCAL NEWS

## Byron Museum hosting indoor market

**BYRON** – The Byron Museum of History is hosting an indoor market from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Dec. 11. Museum and Indoor Market admission is always free.

Many of the indoor vendors set up booths at the Sunshine Park Farmer's Market during the summer, providing homegrown produce, handmade gifts, baked goods, and all natural body care. Get your autumn produce and an early start on your holiday shopping with help from local artisans.

Gina Miller will show off a Tower Garden and David Ewald will be selling his homegrown popcorn. Other vendors include Creekwood Alpacas, Bechard's Botanicals, Jewelry Creations by Ruth, Greeting Cards by Pat, Barefoot Books, Heirloom Industry, St Vincent De Paul, and others.

Get your tickets for the Great American Quilt Raffle and you'll get four chances to win a quilt with each ticket only \$1 or buy six tickets for \$5. The Byron Women's Club will be selling

raffle tickets to raise funds for their local scholarships. See all four quilts on display at the Indoor Markets.

Byron museum's theater space is now available to rent for your private parties and public events. Face masks are required for everyone visiting the museum. Learn more on Facebook.

The Byron Museum of History is dedicated to preserving the Byron area's rich history through exhibits, programs, and artifact preservation. The Museum Complex consists of a large exhibit hall

with varied displays and encompasses the historic Read House – which is a listed site on the National Park Service Underground Railroad Network to Freedom.

Permanent museum exhibits include; Agriculture Then and Now, Underground Railroad, Local Veterans, Byron Business, Outhouses, Trains, and A.G. Spalding. Open Wednesday-Saturday 10:00 to 3:00, located at 110 North Union Street, Byron IL 61010. [www.byronmuseum.org](http://www.byronmuseum.org).



### Oregon Lions

Members of the Oregon Lions Club, who are veterans, were honored at the Lions' Meeting on Nov 11<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your service gentlemen! From left to right: Lions, Ed Smola, Jerry Hinrichs, Duane Moser, Chuck McCourt, Jim Hoff and Don Fuller.

Bob Coulter from the VFW in Oregon, accepts a \$1,000 check from Oregon Lions' President Dave Stenger. It will help fund the Christmas Food Baskets that are distributed annually by the VFW in Oregon.



### Toys for Kids campaign open in Mount Morris

**MOUNT MORRIS** – The Mt. Morris Police and Fire Departments announce that it is once again time to start off the 2021 "Toys for Kids" campaign. This program, with your help, provides Christmas gifts for the less fortunate children in the Mt. Morris Fire Protection District. Cash donations and

checks payable to Mt. Morris Fireman's Association will gladly be accepted at the Mt. Morris Police Department or Village Hall, located at 105 W. Lincoln, Mt. Morris, IL 61054. Names, ages, and addresses of needy children, within the Mt. Morris Fire District, can be left by calling 815-734-4106.

*Thank You*

*There are not enough words to fully express our heartfelt gratitude for the cards, flowers, memorial gifts, kind expressions of sympathy, thoughts, prayers, love and support extended to our family during this difficult time in the loss of our precious Mom. A special thank you to Pro-Medica (Heartland) Hospice, Rockford for their tender, kind and loving care of Mom. It will always be remembered.*

*The Family of Peggy Dyal*

### Polo decorating contest is now underway

**POLO** – The Polo Chamber of Commerce and the Polo Christmas Festival Committee are excited to announce the new Holiday Home Decorating Contest open to all homes and businesses within the Polo School District. Homeowners and business owners are encouraged to show their holiday spirit. Winners will be awarded in four categories: People's Choice/Best in Show, Best Use of Lights, Most Creative and Best Business. Entry is required by visiting [www.polochamber.org](http://www.polochamber.org) or the Polo Public Library. Winners will be announced on Dec. 22.

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## Operation Santa donations being accepted in Byron

**BYRON** – Byron Police Department's Operation Santa has been making Christmas a little brighter for the less fortunate children in the Byron community for the past 31 years.

Byron Kiwanis has been partnering with the police department for 13 years, hosting Breakfast with Santa and Mrs. Claus where all toy and monetary donations are given to Operation Santa.

Unfortunately, due to COVID restrictions, Breakfast with Santa and Mrs. Claus is canceled for 2021. However, the needs of the children in the Byron area have not been canceled, and we are still intending to provide Christmas gifts to those who otherwise would go without.

In lieu of gathering actual toys, we are asking you to make a monetary donation to Operation Santa. These donations will be used to purchase

toys for specific age groups to be distributed through People Helping People. Donation checks, payable to Operation Santa, can be dropped off at or mailed to the Byron Police Department, PO Box 923, Byron, IL 61010.

Operation Santa continues to succeed with the dedicated volunteers and thrives on the generosity of our community members. Through this program, over 4,900 children have received gifts at Christmas.

Parents or guardians of children (up to age 14) in the Byron area who would benefit from the Operation Santa Claus program are asked call the Police Department, 815-234-5000, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. to register.

Parents will be asked to provide the children's names, ages, and gender. Names must be submitted no later than Wednesday, Nov. 17.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Obituaries

### Olive Hickerson

**ROCHELLE** – Olive Hickerson, 97, of Rochelle, passed away Monday, Nov. 29, 2021 at her home, the same home where she was born. Olive was born Jan. 9, 1924, in Rochelle, the daughter of Ole and Katie (Meirath) Sveta. She married Richard Hickerson on Feb. 7, 1942 in Brentwood, Mo.



family more than life itself and would do anything for them. She enjoyed all the family reunions through the years and visiting with extended family. Olive had the biggest heart of anyone you could meet, she was always giving to her community and anyone who happened to pass by the farm.

Olive was a lifelong member of St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church in Rochelle, where she was baptized and confirmed. She was a farmer's daughter who later became a farmer's wife. She did all of the bookkeeping for her husband. She raised chickens and sold eggs to the greater Rochelle community. Olive was very civic minded. For years, she worked as a candy stripper for Rochelle Community Hospital and delivered for Meals on Wheels. She loved her

Alles and Cierra McGinnis; and two great-grandchildren, Charlotte and Amelia Alles.

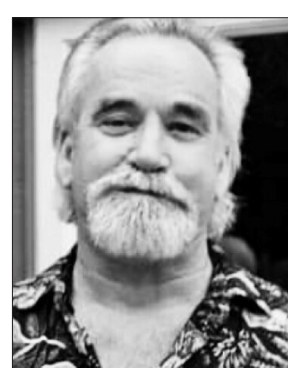
In addition to her parents, Olive is preceded in death by her husband, Richard; two sons, David Hickerson and Roger (Virginia) Hickerson; and two sisters, Ruth and Grace.

Visitation was from 10 a.m. until noon on Thursday, Dec. 2, 2021, at the St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1415 10th Ave. in Rochelle. The funeral service followed the visitation at noon with Pastor Gregory Hoffmann officiating. Interment followed the service in Lawnridge Cemetery in Rochelle. Contributions in Olive's memory may be directed to the family for a memorial to be established.

Please visit [www.ung-erhomer.com](http://www.ung-erhomer.com) to sign the online guest book.

### Frederick W. Harmon

**OREGON**—Frederick W. Harmon, 68, of Oregon, IL, died peacefully at home on Monday, Nov. 15, 2021.



Fred was born on Nov. 1, 1953, at Jackson Park Hospital in Chicago. He grew up in Flossmoor, Ill., and attended public schools there. He graduated from Home-wood-Flossmoor High School, Class of 1971. Following graduation from H-F High School, Fred attended Winona State University in Winona, Minn. He decided to head south to work in the commercial fishing industry in Pensacola, Fla., where he lived for many years. Fred then returned to the Chicago area to work in the construction business as a finish carpenter for new construction and remodeling.

Fred ultimately settled in as a resident of Oregon. He enjoyed family gatherings, his friends, live music, travel, and being on or near any large body of water. He was a man of many talents from art to carpentry, to

sailing, music, and fishing. He was our own family "MacGyver," always using his unconventional problem-solving skills to "rig" things or get out of a jam. A myriad of stories will confirm that! In recent years, Fred had served as an Ogle County Election Judge and he was active in the Oregon, and Palos Park, Ill., Alcoholics Anonymous.

Fred will be missed by his three siblings, Emery F. Harmon III, Patrick J. Harmon, and Mary Louise Harmon Neugent (Gerard). He was a doting uncle to his nephews and niece, Gerard Neugent II (Kate), Emery Harmon IV, Edward Harmon, and Elizabeth Neugent Dixon (Rob), four great-nephews

and great-niece. He'll be missed by his aunt, Nancy Murphy, and his many cousins, John Carney (Carol), Ruth Carney Thomas (Alan), Peter Carney (Sue), and Mary Margaret Carney Roman (Nick), Tom Harmon (Stacy), and Mary Pat Harmon Harris (Ron), Bill Murphy, Jr., and the "California Cousins," Katie Kilpatrick Warren (Ward), Rob Kilpatrick (Heather), Bill Kilpatrick (Donna), Kevin Kilpatrick, Terence Kilpatrick (fiancée, Lori), and many other family members and friends.

Fred is preceded in death by his parents, Emery F. Jr. and Mary Louise, his grandparents and his aunts and uncles.

A memorial Mass took place on Saturday, Dec. 4, 2021, 11 a.m., at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 301 N 4th St., Oregon, IL 61061.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial may be sent to:

Friends of Bill W./Oregon Barn Group, Frederick W. Harmon Memorial, 404 S. 4th St., Oregon, IL 61061

### Robert Palmer

Robert Palmer, age 79 of Grand Haven, Mich., passed away on Saturday, Nov. 27, 2021 at home. He was born on Dec. 23, 1941 in Leaf River, to the late Hank and Evalene (Mathews) Palmer.



Robert married Janet Rowe on June 29, 1985 in Okemos, Mich. Robert graduated from high school and worked as a truck driver for Yellow Freight for 30 years before his retirement. He was a member of All Shores Wesleyan Church and loved farming, golfing, fishing, and telling stories; especially about his dad. Robert also enjoyed watching sports and was a big fan of the Chicago Bears and Chicago Cubs.

dren, Dameon, Hayden, Anthony, and Milez; and his sister, Dixie Dzielak.

He was preceded in death by his son-in-law, Doug Roberts; grandson, Robert "Robbie"; sisters, Lois Himes, and Darlene Holeyton; and his brother, Dick Palmer.

The Memorial Service for Robert took place on Friday, Dec. 3, 2021 at Klaassen Family Funeral Home with Pastor Dave Boomgaard officiating. Memorial Contributions may be made to All Shores Wesleyan Church or the American Diabetes Association of Michigan. Please visit [www.klaassen-funeralhome.com](http://www.klaassen-funeralhome.com) to sign Robert's online guestbook.

Robert will be remembered and forever missed by his wife of 36 years, Janet; his three daughters, Tracy Roberts, Angela Tayon, and Tammy (Dennis) Griffin; his three sons, Chris Palmer, Thomas Mackey, and Daniel (Melissa) Mackey; grandchildren, Brianne, Sean, Erin, Adam, and Andrea; great-grandchild-

### Dorothy McCollough

**ROSCOE** – Dorothy A. "Dotty" McCollough, age 73, passed away after a short battle with cancer on Nov. 23, 2021 at Swedish American Hospital in Rockford. She was born on March 1, 1948 in Rockford the daughter of L. Kruse and Ruth Louise (Champlain) Hoernecke.



She attended Stillman Valley schools until her junior year when she moved to Morgan Hill, Calif., finishing her final two years of high school there. She married Edward Michael McCollough on Jan. 17, 1970; he passed away in February 2021. Dorothy worked for many years for Bombardier in Beloit. She was a member of the Congregational Christian Church in Stillman Valley and was recently attending Roscoe United Methodist close to her home. Dorothy will be remembered for her big heart who wouldn't even kill a fly. She loved all animals especially cats and horses which she used to show. She was known for personally rescuing

any cat in need as well as volunteering with various animal rescues in the area. She enjoyed camping, biking, and hiking; making sure to always stop at waterfalls during her travels. She was proud of her extensive collection of Breyer Horses and anything cat related.

Dorothy was independent and persistent especially when playing the claw machine games. She would not stop until she won a stuffed animal. But, most importantly Dorothy loved her family above all else. She was a dedicated wife, sister, aunt, and friend who never missed family game night and would stick her tongue out any time a camera was pointed at her. She leaves a lifetime

of memories with anyone who loved her.

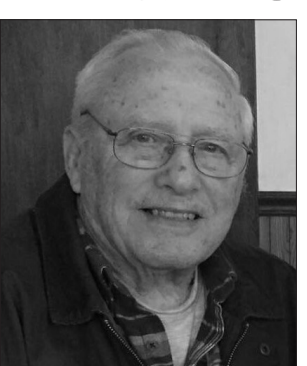
She is survived by her brothers, Robert (Patsy) Hoernecke of Oregon and Russ Hoernecke of Byron; nieces and nephews, Debra Porter, Johnny Porter, Cindy (John) DiDonna, Mark (Tammy) Hoernecke, Tracy (Curt) Vache, and Joanne Hoernecke; special great nephews, Ryan Hoernecke and Evan Vache; close friends, Raelene Erxleben and Nancy Warhurst; and several nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband Edward, sister, Mary Ruth, sister-in-law, Mary, and a great nephew.

A graveside service was held on Saturday, Dec. 4, 2021 at 11 a.m. at Stillman Valley Cemetery with Pastor Bogner of The Congregational Christian Church in Stillman Valley officiating. Memorials are established in her name to be distributed to various animal shelters. To leave an online condolence please visit [www.farrell-hollandgale.com](http://www.farrell-hollandgale.com)

### Richard Alan Sweeney

**MOUNT MORRIS** – Richard "Dick" Alan Sweeney, age 84, of Mt. Morris, passed away on Saturday, Nov. 27, 2021 after a brief illness. Dick was born on Sept. 11, 1937 in Rockford, the son of Wilbur and Ida (Kump) Sweeney. Dick lived most of his life in the Mt. Morris area, and attended, the Mt. Morris schools. He finished high school while serving in the U.S. Navy.



After his service in the Navy, he worked at Kable Printing Company as a mailing operator for 42 years.

On June 19, 1965, Dick married Margaret Mueller

wife: Margaret Sweeney, Mt. Morris; son: Joel (Stephanie) Sweeney, Paynes Point, Ill.; 2 grandchildren: MacKenzie and Carson Sweeney; 2 great grandchildren: Luna and Oliver; brothers: Gene Sweeney, Roscoe, and Dave Sweeney, Lanark; 2 sisters: Pat Burd and Judy Barnhart both of Mt. Morris.

Dick is preceded in death by his parents and sister: Joyce Shelton.

Cremation rites have been accorded with Finch Funeral Home, 405 East Hitt, Mt. Morris, IL.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

in Paynes Point, Ill. They had one son, Joel.

Throughout his life, Dick enjoyed archery and catfishing. He also loved to watch old westerns on television. In his earlier years, he relished his horses and trail riding

Dick is survived by his

#### Report policy

Any arrests listed in this paper are merely charges and the defendants are presumed innocent unless proven guilty in a court of law.

Please note that all police reports received from the Oregon Police, Byron

Police, Polo Police, Mt. Morris Police, the Ogle County Sheriff's Department and the Illinois State Police, will be printed without exception. Requests to omit particular reports will not be considered or honored at any time.

### Church hosting free vaccine clinics

**MOUNT MORRIS**—Trinity Lutheran Church, Mt. Morris, is hosting two free vaccine clinics in their fellowship hall.

The first date is Monday, Dec. 6; the second date is Monday, Dec. 27. Vaccinations will be available from noon-5 p.m. both dates. Pfizer, Moderna, and Johnson & Johnson vaccines will be available. Children doses and booster

shots will also be available. No reservations required. The vaccinations will be administered through a program provided by the Illinois Department of Public Health.

Questions? Please call the church office at 815-734-6354. Trinity Lutheran Church is located at 308 East Brayton Road, Mt. Morris.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Obituaries

### Joleen Lynn Dunavin

Joleen Lynn Dunavin, 46, died Nov. 24th, 2021 with her mother and husband by her side.

She was born in Billings, Montana and graduated from Byron High School in Byron (Class of '93). After dominating high school sports, Joleen was awarded a full ride scholarship and went on to briefly run track for DePaul University in Chicago.



Finding her calling elsewhere, she joined the United States Air Force, where she continued her sports endeavors and also met her one-of-a-kind husband, Patrick. It was no surprise to anyone that her military career would be filled with many achievements. Her career included several amazing duty stations such as Germany, Texas, Alaska, Hawaii, and California. She also went on 2 deployments and was awarded an F-16 incentive flight (she didn't puke!). Among so many accomplishments, she also earned her master's degree and served for 26 years, having just celebrated her retirement as a CMSgt. Joleen loved her military life, she truly bled blue.

Family was so important to Joleen. Any moment she could spend with her family was her happy place. She also loved running and her organized Air Force PT sessions came to be her favorite. She was a traveler and adventurer, always bringing her family along. Joleen made sure everyone else's cup was always full, making her decisions with such selfless intention. She was a lighthouse of true inspiration, leadership and greatness to all whom she encountered. She made our lives better. Joleen will be so incredibly missed by so many.

Joleen is survived by her husband, Patrick Dunavin; her parents and spouses Karla and Jeff Fuller, Michael and Putri Carter; Her brother Anthony Carter; Her sisters and spouses Jennifer and Patrick Lee; Michele and Dallas Wrasse; and her little loves, her nephew and nieces Conner and Chloe Lee, and Payton Wrasse; as well as several other very close family and friends.

Memorial services were held at Honquest Funeral home located at 4311 N Mulford Rd, Loves Park, IL on Saturday, Dec. 4th, 2021, beginning with a visitation from 10 a.m.-noon, followed by a funeral service at noon. The family also invited anyone wishing to celebrate Joleen's Life and share a story or two to stop in between the hours of 4-7 p.m. at Prairie Street Brewery in Rockford.

### Church offering free Medicare, Social Security program

BYRON – A free educational and informational presentation on Social Security and Medicare programs will be presented for the community at 6-7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 15, at The United Church of Byron, 701 West Second St.

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

United Church of Byron is a fun and diverse church with a heart for mission! Check us out at [www.unitedchurchofbyron.org](http://www.unitedchurchofbyron.org) Illinois covid-19 guidelines will be followed for this program.

### Mary Ellen Ludwig

FORRESTON – Mary Ellen Ludwig, 84, of Forreston, died Wednesday, Dec. 1, 2021 at Generations at Neighbors in Byron. Mary Ellen was born Oct. 16, 1937 to Ted and Faith (Miller) Knodle.



She married the love of her life, Norman L. Ludwig on Jan. 14, 1956. Mary Ellen cherished her days working alongside Norm on the farm, raising their three sons, shaping them into the hardworking men they are today. Mary Ellen enjoyed family history and left meticulous notes describing some of the antiques which have been passed onto future generations. She was a talented seamstress, sewing and mending her boys' clothing along with doing alterations for many people in the community. She also loved to quilt and made several complicated quilts for her family. She canned, cooked and baked, keep-

ing everyone well fed. Every meal Mary Ellen made was delicious, but her carrot cake was more than memorable as was her colorful cupboard of leftover labels. Her grandchildren were read to, sang to, given sewing lessons and allowed to sell the family sweet corn under her watchful eye. Many memories were made gathered around the dining room table, playing games and watching the traffic go by in the front yard. Mary Ellen laughed often, and so did others around her as she shared anecdotes, stories and her funny sayings. She made everyone

feel at home. She loved her husband, her kids, her grandkids and her friends. She was one of a kind.

Mary Ellen was generous with her time and volunteered as a youth leader at her church, Forreston United Methodist Church, was active with the local girl scout troop and served for many years as an election judge. She and Norm both enjoyed playing cards and fishing. They also sold collectible odds and ends, tools and crocks at Autumn on Parade for many years.

Surviving Mary Ellen are Jeff (Patti) Ludwig, of Byron, their children Caitlin (Adam) Pusateri, Marin and Rowan Pusateri; Nick (Tara) Ludwig, Remmer and Lou Ludwig; Elizabeth Ludwig; Dave (Sue) of Forreston and their children Ryan (Mandy) Aryanna Martel, Robby (Lindsay) Ludwig, Elle, Emery, and Presley Ludwig;

Ted Ludwig of Webster, Minn., and his children Kristy (Matt) Nokes, Nikki (Kyle) Darst, Jack and Leo Darst, many nieces and nephews and special friend, Sandy Hoffman.

Mary Ellen was preceded in death by her husband, Norman, her parents, and her sister, Jeanette.

Mary Ellen's life was celebrated at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 4th at Burke Tubbs Funeral Home in Forreston with Pastor Sung-Eun Kim officiating. Visitation was from 10 a.m. until time of service. Covid guidelines in place during the visitation and service. Burial in Haldane Cemetery. The family would like to thank the staff at Generations at Neighbors and Serenity Hospice and Home for the care they gave to Mary Ellen. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the family to be established at a later date.

### Oregon VFW delivering Christmas food baskets

OREGON – Once again at Christmas time, Oregon VFW Post 8739 will be making up and delivering Christmas food baskets to families and individuals who are in need in the Oregon area.

This year has been almost as tough as last year for everyone with the Covid 19 which led to lost jobs and sick families. We are asking those who donate for this purpose please be generous again this year. We normally do 120-plus baskets.

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Any family or individual who is in need must call the VFW Monday or Wednesday from 3-7 p.m. at 815-732-6851. Please do not call on Fridays as our phone and people are busy with other work. The Post is closed Tuesday and Thursday. We will start taking calls Nov. 8. In order to order food we will stop taking orders Dec. 3. Each individual or family must call for themselves.

Even if you have called in the past you need to call this year to update your information and make sure you are on the list. We will only ask for address, phone number and number living in your household. Baskets may be a little different due to shortages in food supplies.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Ogle County Sheriff

**Nov. 7**  
At approximately 6:32 p.m., Ogle County deputies responded to a driving complaint in the area of IL Rte. 38 and Beck Road. The vehicle was located in Creston. After investigation, Kevin Jarm, 42 of Elburn, was placed under arrest for DUI-Alcohol. Jarm was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond. Jarm was also cited for Operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle.

**Nov. 5**  
Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Zachary Mann, 32 of Rochelle for driving while license suspended and an outstanding Ogle County traffic warrant. Mann was arrested by deputies on I-39 after being stopped for speeding. Mann was held in lieu of bond at the Ogle County Jail.

At approximately 5:03 p.m., Ogle County deputies responded to 211 Powers Road in Hillcrest for a two vehicle accident. After investigation, Laritza Deler-Carcasses, 30 of Rochelle, was placed under arrest for driving on a suspended license. Carcasses was transported to the Ogle County Jail where she was held in lieu of bond. The accident is still under investigation.

At approximately 7:48 p.m., Ogle County Deputies responded to a residence in the 5500 block of W Lightsville Road (Leaf River) for the report of a domestic disturbance no longer in progress. After investigation, Deputies ar-

rested David A. Stark, 38 of Leaf River, for Aggravated Domestic Battery and Interfering With the Reporting of Domestic Violence. Stark was taken into custody without incident and transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held with no bond.

**Nov. 4**  
At 6:45 a.m., Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies attempted to conduct a traffic stop in the 8000 block of N. IL Rt. 251 for speeding and improper lane usage on a white Chevrolet Malibu. The vehicle fled from the Deputy attempting to conduct the traffic stop, and a short pursuit began, but was terminated shortly after it began. After an investigation, the vehicle was later located in Steward. The driver of the vehicle, Kory Barber, was taken into custody, and charged with aggravated fleeing or attempting to elude a peace officer, no valid driver's license, speeding 35+ over the speed limit, and improper lane usage. Kory was transported to the Ogle County jail and held until his appearance before a judge.

**Nov. 2**  
At 9:25 p.m., deputies responded to a suspicious vehicle complaint in the 200 block of S. Division Ave. in Polo IL. As a result of the investigation, Yancy L. Webster, 56 of Polo, was arrested for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol, Obstructing Identification, Resisting/Obstructing a Police Officer, and Violation

of the Concealed Carry Act. Ryan T. Dawson, 31 of Polo, was arrested for Obstructing Identification, and Resisting/Obstructing a Police Officer. Both Webster and Dawson were also cited for Unlawful Transport/Possession of Open Alcohol. Both Webster and Dawson were transported to the Ogle County Jail where they were held in lieu of bond.

At 6:49 p.m. the Ogle County Sheriff's deputies along with the Rochelle and Hillcrest Fire depts. responded to a two vehicle crash at the intersection of Hwy 251 and Rte 64. Investigation by deputies revealed that a south bound vehicle operated by Shirley Rees, 82 of Steward Illinois failed to yield at the intersection and struck a westbound vehicle operated by Charles Myers age 64 of Mount Morris, Il. Rees was transported by Rochelle Fire Dept ambulance to the Rochelle Hospital for treatment of minor injuries. Deputies cited Rees for failure to yield at an intersection.

**Nov. 1**  
Three Ogle County Sheriff's deputies arrested Deprise Nolton, 29 of Montgomery, Ill., for driving with no valid license. Nolton was arrested by deputies on I-39 near Monroe Center after being stopped for speeding. Nolton was held in lieu of bond at the Ogle County jail.

At approximately 7:28 p.m., Ogle County Deputies conducted a traffic

stop at the in intersection of IL Rte 72 and Pecatonica Road. After a brief investigation, Deputies arrested Darius D. Triplett, 30 of Rockford, for Driving on a Revoked License. Darius was taken into custody without incident and transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond. Darius was also cited for Operating Uninsured Motor Vehicle and Unsafe Backing on a Roadway.

At 10:51 p.m. Ogle County Deputies were dispatched to a one vehicle accident in the 8000 block of N. IL. RTE. 251. After a brief investigation it was learned that a maroon Chevy SUV, driven by 38 year old Kari Schmidt of Cherry Valley, was southbound and left the west side of the roadway. The SUV traveled in the ditch and then struck a field entrance and the vehicle overturned coming to rest on the roof. Schmidt was the driver and only occupant of the vehicle. Schmidt was placed under arrest for DUI and given citations for Improper Lane Usage and Not Driving on the Right Side of the Lane. Schmidt was taken to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

**Oct. 31**  
At approximately 12:22 a.m., Deputies performed a traffic stop in the 1,000 block of N. IL Rte. 2. After investigation, Deputies placed Alexandro Cervantes Huerta, 20 of Rockford under arrest for No Valid Driver's License. Cervantes Huerta was released on an I-Bond at the scene and was given a future court date.

**Oct. 29**  
At 1:49 p.m., Deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 18000 block of Illinois Rte 64, and after a short investigation arrested Andrew Rodriguez, 20 of Rockford for no valid driver's license. Rodriguez was released at the scene and will appear in court on 12-3-21 at 0900.

At approximately 2:03 p.m. Deputies responded to a single vehicle accident in the 1500 block of N. Union Rd involving a 2013 Buick Regal operated by Kym M. Bernard, 57 of Polo. After investigation, it was discovered that the vehicle was travelling North on Union Rd when the vehicle veered to the left side of the roadway striking a culvert causing the vehicle to overturn and land off the west side of the road. Bernard was transported to KSB for minor injuries by Polo FD. Bernard was cited for Improper Traffic Lane Usage, and Seat Belt Required.

**Oct. 28**  
Ogle County Deputies investigated a vehicle stalled in the roadway in the 8000 block of E. IL. RTE. 64. The driver of the vehicle, 29 year old Jacob Quade of Rochelle, was arrested for No Valid License. Quade was given an I-Bond on scene and released with a pending court date.

**Oct. 27**  
At approximately 2:09 a.m., Deputies responded to the 12,000 block of N. Baileyville Road in reference to a property

damage only accident involving minor damage. After investigation, Deputies placed Michael Sides, age 56 of Rockford under arrest for Driving under the Influence of Alcohol. Sides was additionally issued citations for improper use of registration, unsafe backing on the roadway, illegal transportation of alcohol, and unlawful possession of cannabis (driver). Sides was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

At approximately 9:23 a.m., Deputies responded to a two-vehicle accident in the 17,000 block of E. IL. RTE. 38 involving a Chevrolet sedan and Freightliner tank truck. The driver of the Chevrolet, Christine Hughes (age 45) of Rochelle, struck the Freightliner as it was turning. Hughes was transported to Rochelle Community Hospital for minor injuries. Hughes was cited for Failure to Reduce Speed to Avoid an Accident.

**Oct. 26**  
At approximately 11:50 p.m. Deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 7,000 block of N. River Road. After investigation, Deputies placed Lucas Tuttle, 35 of Byron under arrest for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol. Tuttle was additionally issued a citation for an inoperable registration light. Tuttle was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

At approximately 6:22 a.m., Deputies conducted a traffic stop on I-39 at mile marker 111. After an investigation, Deputies arrested Aniyah Jordan, 18, of Robbins, Ill., for driving while license suspended. Jordan also received citations for no insurance and speeding. Jordan was given an I-bond for her citations, and will appear in court at a later date.

At approximately 4:40 p.m., Ogle County Deputies responded to the 300 block of Main Street in Forreston, IL in reference to a domestic complaint. After brief investigation, Deputies arrested Matthew J. Peace, 56 of Freeport IL, for Domestic Battery. Peace was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was released to Correctional Staff and held in lieu of bond.

**Oct. 25**  
At 11:59 hours, Deputies responded to Illinois Rte. 72 and Mill Rd. for a two-vehicle crash. After a short investigation it was learned that a 2015 Dodge Dart driven by Samantha Norup, 26 of Byron, was traveling east on Illinois Rte. 72 and failed to give the right away to a 2016 Jeep driven by Jacqueline Dietrich, 60 of Byron, that was turning north onto Mill Rd. Dietrich was transported to a Rockford Hospital for minor injuries by Byron Fire. Norup refused medical and received citations for driving without valid insurance and failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident. Norup was also arrested on an outstanding warrant for failure to pay fines and transported to the Ogle Co. Jail. Deputies were assisted on scene by

Byron Fire.  
At approximately 10:52 p.m., Deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 11,000 Block of E. IL Rte. 38. After investigation, Deputies placed David Coil, 34 of Ashton under arrest for Possession of a Controlled Substance (tramadol), Possession of a Controlled Substance (morphine), and Improper Container Driver. Coil was additionally issued citations for improper tint and expired registration. Coil was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held pending a court appearance in front of a judge.

**Oct. 24**  
At 12:29 a.m., the Ogle County Sheriff's Office and Lynn Scott Rock Fire Dept. were dispatched to a single vehicle roll over crash on Hwy 251 near Holcomb Road. Investigation by deputies revealed that a southbound vehicle driven by Jason Bausser, 36 of Sterling, left the west side of the roadway and overturned. Bausser was transported by ambulance for treatment of what appeared to be non life threatening injuries. Bausser was arrested for DUI and released on a I-bond. Bausser was also cited for improper lane usage and illegal transportation of alcohol.

At approximately 12:25 a.m., Ogle County Deputies and Byron Fire/EMS responded to the 4800 block of E. IL Rte. 72 for a one vehicle roll over accident. After investigation, Tyler Jackson, 34 of Davis Junction, was arrested for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol. Jackson was also cited for Failure to Reduce Speed to Avoid Accident and released on an I-bond. Jackson was transported to a local hospital for injuries. He was issued a return court date.

**Oct. 23**  
At approximately 12:38 a.m., Ogle County Deputies conducted a traffic stop at N IL Rte 2 and Kathryn Road. After a brief investigation, Deputies arrested Seth E. Dascher, 28 of Rockford, for No Valid Driver's License and Unlawful Possession of Cannabis (Improper Container). Dascher was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond. While at the jail, Dascher was additionally charged with Possession of a Controlled Substance and cited for speeding.

At approximately 9:51 p.m., Ogle County Deputies along with Byron Fire and EMS personnel were dispatched to the 10800 block of N IL Rte 2 for a single vehicle rollover accident with injuries. After investigation, Deputies arrested Kelly L. Helfrich, 29 of Rochelle, for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol and Driving While License Suspended. Helfrich was transported to a local hospital for minor injuries. Helfrich was additionally cited for Improper Traffic Lane Usage and Transport Open Container of Alcohol. Helfrich was released on a \$3000.00/10% individual bond and provided a return court date.

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# LOCAL NEWS



OWC members present winter hats and gloves for students at Lincoln Elementary School in Rochelle. Left to right: Nancy Bartels, OWC board member; Michele Gittleson, Lincoln Elementary, Jan Steward, OWC president, Sandi Chasm, OWC board member.

## Woman's Club members donate Hats, gloves and mittens to school

**OREGON** – Members of the Oregon Woman's Club brought the gift of warmth to Lincoln Elementary School, Rochelle, recently. Three OWC members delivered a collection of warm hats, gloves, and mittens to the office at the school. "It's a fact of life," said Jan Steward, OWC president. "Kids lose their gloves in the winter, and, sadly, many families are struggling, and some kids don't have warm gloves in the first place. The gift of gloves that the school can deliver as needed is simple for us and can be hugely important to the kids." The Oregon Woman's Club is a part of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, a nationwide group of community-based volunteer women's clubs. The OWC supports numerous local groups, including Lifeline, Serenity House, Rock River Center, FOCUS House in Rochelle, Winning Wheels, Friends of the Oregon Library, VFW Post 8739, and Nachusa Grasslands.

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### Mon., Dec. 6

Book Club for Adults at the Julia Hull Library in Stillman Valley, 6 p.m. on Zoom. Pick up a book, then join us for a lively discussion of Michael Pollan's latest work, *This Is Your Mind On Plants*. Adults only. Copies of the reading available on loan. Email Joanna at [jkluever@mail.meridian223.org](mailto:jkluever@mail.meridian223.org) to register for a link to the program.

### Tues., Dec. 7

Young Widows will meet at the Serenity Home 1658 S IL RT 2 Oregon, IL from 6-7 p.m. Please call 815-732-4111 by

noon to register. This group is for ages 55 and under. Please use the back parking lot and entrance. A mask is required.

### Weds., Dec. 8

Coffee with a Cop at the Polo Library at 10:30 a.m. Join us for a community conversation with a member of the Polo Police Department. Coffee is provided.

### Thurs., Dec. 9

Lunch group will meet at The Sunrise II Family Restaurant 101 W 2<sup>nd</sup> St in Byron, at 11:30a.m. Please call 815-732-4111 by 10 a.m. to register.

### Fri., Dec. 10

C.A.F.E. will meet at the Serenity Home 1658 S IL RT 2 In Oregon, from 9-10 a.m.. Please call 815-732-4111 by 4 p.m. on Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> to register. This group is open to all adult in the community. Please use the back parking lot and entrance. A mask is required.

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., Dec. 11

Best beginnings learning center and Vivid salon are putting on a craft and vendor show from 4-8 p.m. There will be a variety of crafters and direct salespeople between the two businesses. Northside BarbaQ will have its food truck out front. Come out to 108 N. 2nd St. in Oregon to do some Christmas shopping and support local businesses.

*Please send your items for the weekly Community Calendar to [bjennings@ogle-countylife.com](mailto:bjennings@ogle-countylife.com). Deadline for all items is 3 p.m. Wednesday.*

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## MOMENTS IN TIME

\* On Dec. 25, 1776, Gen. George Washington crosses the Delaware River with 5,400 Patriot troops, hoping to surprise a Hessian force celebrating Christmas at their winter quarters in Trenton, New Jersey. Washington's men quickly overwhelmed the German defenders, who were groggy from the previous evening's festivities, and by morning the town was surrounded.

\* On Dec. 21, 1891, James Naismith introduces the game of basketball as an activity for bored and unruly students during difficult New England winters. Based on rules he created, the game was tested by 18 students at the International Young Men's Christian Association Training School in Massachusetts.

\* On Dec. 22, 1956, a baby gorilla enters the world at the Columbus Zoo in Ohio, becoming the first gorilla born in captivity. Colo went on to become a mother, grandmother and a great-grandmother to Timu, the first surviving infant gorilla conceived by artificial insemination. Colo died in 2017 at the age of 60.

\* On Dec. 26, 1966, Jimi Hendrix writes the lyrics to "Purple Haze," the song that would give him his breakthrough hit. Rolling Stone magazine would later name "Purple Haze" one of the 100 Greatest Guitar Songs of All Time.

\* On Dec. 23, 1982, the Missouri Department of Health informs residents of Times Beach that their town was contaminated when the chemical dioxin was sprayed on its unpaved roads. The entire town was evacuated and demolished.

\* On Dec. 20, 1995, the United Nations peacekeeping force formally transfers military authority in Bosnia to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, clearing the way for deployment of some 60,000 NATO troops.

\* On Dec. 24, 1979, the Soviet Union invades Afghanistan under the pretext of upholding the Soviet-Afghan Friendship Treaty of 1978. Despite fierce resistance from the Afghan army, it took the Soviets only a few days to secure the capital of Kabul.

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## Let's all stay safe this holiday season

We are all creatures of habit. For example, when we leave the house we grab our wallet – or purse – keys, sunglasses. And a mask.

Yep, that pesky mask. Feels like we were born with them on our face (well, those of us who use them), but it has only been a year and a half or so.

I am firmly in the habit of grabbing my mask and putting it in my pocket when I leave the house. Going to a restaurant? Wear it to the table. Grocery store? Mandatory. Here's the thing – COVID is not over. And not by a long shot. In Winnebago County the number of cases remains high. In Ogle County, despite the best efforts of health officials, people continue to get sick and die.

The U.S. still leads the world in daily COVID cases, deaths and COVID hospitalizations. The reason? A lot of people just won't get vaccinated. We have way lower vaccination rates than other Western countries.

### Living the Life

By Brad Jennings



But I am not here to ask you to get a vaccination. If you haven't by now, you probably won't. Your body, your choice, right? That is fine with me.

I am vaccinated, so my concern is not that high. Yes, I can still get sick. But my chances of severe illness that can lead to hospitalization or death is very, very low. Way lower than those who are not vaccinated.

My worry is about people who are especially vulnerable. With the holidays at hand, we will be gathering with family and

friends. It is a wonderful, joyful time. But gathering can mean older and not as healthy people will be in our personal space bubble.

This can be dangerous with a pandemic still raging in our country, of course. My wife and I did not gather last year as we usually do with family in Wisconsin due to COVID but hope to this year.

What will that look like? Well, it will mean masking a social distancing. Is it inconvenient? Sure, it is, but is that worth the health of those around me? To me, that is a clear "yes."

I hope everyone will do the same. Please, be cautious around potentially vulnerable family members and friends. You can sit around in your masks and talk about how ridiculous it is that you must.

The old saying, "Better safe than sorry" comes into play here. I don't like wearing masks either. Well, in the winter they can give some extra

warmth, but they can clearly be uncomfortable to say the least.

But wearing one over the holidays if you gather with family won't be such an inconvenience that it will ruin your holidays, I promise. You can even make biting remarks about family members you aren't particularly fond of under your breath and have a great chance of getting away with it.

Other benefits:

\* A great way to block your uncle's bad breath.

\* The perfect way to hide your daughter's new lip ring from grandma and grandpa.

\* Don't feel like trimming your nose hair? Wear that mask!

I hope everyone has a chance to see those they love this holiday. That is what this time of year is all about. I just encourage everyone to be as safe as possible. Let's ensure we can get together for years to come.

Brad Jennings is Editor of The Ogle County Life.

## A 5-point plan to revive democracy

Democracy is in retreat. We can see it in two surveys completed last year, one from the Economist Intelligence Unit and the other from Freedom House. Both reveal a steady and continuing decline in democratic institutions around the world over the past 15 years or more, even in traditionally democratic countries.

America is an important part of the remedy to this crisis, because, sad to say, it's part of the problem. The Economist's annual Democracy Index identifies only 23 nations out of 165 as being fully democratic today and the United States isn't one of them. It's a "flawed democracy," due to its low scores in "Political Culture" and "Functioning of Government," for the fifth year in a row.

The damage reaches beyond our shores. In a survey of citizens in 17 advanced economies throughout the world, released by the Pew Research Center earlier this month, only 17% of those questioned agreed that our government is "a good example for others to follow." Another 57% affirmed that we "used to be a good example but not in recent years."

Former diplomat Elizabeth Shackelford, in a

### Guest Opinion

By Lowell Harp



5-19-21 Chicago Tribune article, explains why this matters. Her review of a Eurasia Group Foundation survey, covering over 5,000 people in 10 countries, reveals that respondents most often pointed to our cultural, diplomatic, and economic activities as having a positive effect on their countries. Military sales and involvements came in last.

The image that we project to the world is our most valuable foreign policy asset. When we fail to live up to democratic ideals, that image, and with it our influence, even our national security, is damaged. Ms. Shackelford concludes that "Biden was right when he told Congress that America must prove to the world that our style of democracy still works."

But as we've seen, that's a questionable proposition. The many and complicated causes of

our downward slide boil down to one simple one, identified by Gerald Sieb in the 10-5-21 Wall Street Journal. "The center," as he puts it, "has been hollowed out."

Moderates in the Democratic and Republican parties have lost power to their left and right wings. Voters as a result often have to choose between hard-core liberal and conservative politicians who reject compromise. The country lurches back and forth with each shift in political power, unable to keep a steady course, or get much accomplished at all, and democratic principles dissolve into cynicism and extremism.

This problem is too entrenched to be defeated by good intentions alone. It calls for changes in our political framework. Here are some reforms that could help:

1. Outlaw gerrymandering, which allows politicians to create safe districts where there's little or no need for them to compromise with the other party.

2. Reform primary elections. Open primaries and ranked choice voting are promising alternatives that could discourage extremism and polarization in each party.

3. Replace the current state-based system of

representation in the Senate with one that instead gives an equal voice to each citizen, and more accurately embodies the broad political core of the country.

4. Abolish the Presidential Electoral College, which grants extra voting power to some citizens at the expense of the rest, so that the President can justifiably claim to truly represent the whole country.

5. Abolish the filibuster, which allows Senators to veto popular laws instead of compromising on them.

These measures won't automatically produce a new age of civility and good government, but they can help revive the center in a political system that too often enables our worst political behavior. With a stronger democracy at home, we can again become the example that we used to be throughout the world.

That's our best defense in a world that's increasing hostile to democracy.

Lowell Harp is a retired school psychologist who served school districts in Ogle County. His column runs monthly in The Ogle County Life. For previous articles, you can follow him on Facebook at <http://fb.me/lowellharp>.

## Kinzinger betrays the people he represents

Dear Editor,

I enjoyed reading the Nov 8<sup>th</sup> Living the Life "Kinzinger on the right side of history" written by Brad Jennings. At first I thought the article was going to be a satire, because we all know that Adam Kinzinger is functioning on the left side of the political history. Just two weeks ago Adam acted so upset about the gerrymandering that will wipe out the Republican political seat he occupies. Oh, those Democrats in Springfield . . . they knew the voters would throw him out in 2022. So, the Democrats just rewrote the lines to make it a Democratic winner next November . . . I still am laughing at obvious political corruption at it best.

Going on, the article continues to twist the truth and place blame on the million person Trump rally in connection with the disturbance at the Congress Building. Praising the action and giving appreciation of Kinzinger's love for his country in his blaming of Trump without evidence is unethical. The author writes about Kinzinger's sadness for the Anti-Democratic events of Jan 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at the Congress and portrays Kinzinger as a true American. Actually, this is where Adam Kinzinger betrays the people he represents in the District in Illinois he supposedly serves.

The article is well written, but was it a good article to write? Praising someone who condemned people without evidence seems to be the left's way of doing things. Condemning people through free speech and media is a coward's attack on the person and personal rights especially if it's fraudulent and indefensible. I will not go on depicting the remaining parts of rhetorical article but will stop here due to the limited length that "Letters to the Editor" can be. Many believe Adam will continue serving against the true meaning of American freedoms and our Constitution and the voters of his district. A lot of people say Adam Kinzinger, like Liz Cheney, are not true Patriots of our Country but they are paid for Politicians.

Thank you for letting me share my thoughts and observations.

Steven G Sorenson, Polo



# LOCAL NEWS



## Food drive

The Stillman Valley National Honor Society recently conducted a non-perishable food drive in which members collected items to be donated to the Bread of Life food pantry in Stillman Valley. Members also presented the food pantry with a monetary donation that was collected throughout the drive.

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# SPORTS/NEWS

## Scores

### Girls Varsity Basketball Nov. 27

Stillman Valley 53, Johnsburg 40

Nov. 30  
Stillman Valley 52, Marengo 23

### Boys Varsity Basketball Nov. 30

Stillman Valley 58, Woodstock 62

## Byron inducts individuals, teams into Hall of Fame Class of 2021

The Byron School District is pleased to announce the Hall of Fame Class of 2021.

### Inductees are:

- \* Russ Hoffman – 1972 (Football, Basketball, Track) 1st BHS player to be name 1st Team All-State Football
- \* Paige Knodle – 2011 (3x State Hurdle Champion)
- \* Elizabeth Curtiss – 2011 (State Champion Girls Golf)
- \* Mark Cotter – 2000 (Football,

Wrestling, Baseball) All-State Wrestling and Football

\* Chuck Bingham – 1980 (Football, Wrestling, Track) Placed all 4 years in the Discus at the State Finals

\* 1968-69 Boys Basketball Team – 24-4, District Champions

\* 1995-96 Girls Basketball Team – 3rd Place Class A

\* 1985 Boys Track Team – 3rd Place and 1st state trophy for BHS

The Class of 2021 was presented at a football earlier in the season.

## Oregon boys bowlers keep hot streak on the lanes alive

The Oregon High School Boy's bowling team moved their match record to 5-1 on Nov. 27 at Town & Country Lanes, Mt Morris with a pair of victories.

In the opening contest Oregon defeated West Central 2818-2320 in a 5-player match format contest. Leading the way for the Hawks was Senior Jackson Werren with a 641 series (205,199,247). Werren was followed by Isaac Kaltenbrun 620 series, Brandon Rowe 570 series, Bryan Immel 514 series, Gavvin Surmo 348 (2 games) and Brady Davis 125 (1 game).

In the second contest Oregon defeat Abingdon 2643-2374. Once again, the Hawks were led by Jackson Werren with a 552 series (187,213,152). He was followed by Bryan Immel 541, Isaac Kaltenbrun 513, Brandon Rowe 503, Roberto Hernandez 389 (2 games) and Styler

Klapp 145 (1 game).

On Nov. 26, The Oregon Boys Bowling team participated in the NIBPA Pre-Season Tournament at Don Carter Lanes today in the Varsity and JV Divisions.

The tournament is comprised of schools from the NIC-10 and NIBC conferences.

In the Varsity Division Oregon finished as the highest placing NIBC school and 9<sup>th</sup> overall with a 5116 team-series. The Hawks were led by Isaac Kaltenbrun with an 1139 series. Kaltenbrun finished individually in 21<sup>st</sup> place followed by Bryan Immel 1042 (33<sup>rd</sup> place), Brandon Rowe 1034 (35<sup>th</sup>), Jackson Werren 952 (43<sup>rd</sup>) and Styler Klapp 949 (44<sup>th</sup>).

In the JV Division Oregon was also the highest placing NIBC school and 7<sup>th</sup> place overall. They were led by Gavvin Surmo with a 1099 series and

a 16<sup>th</sup> place individual finish. He was followed by Codey Dunbar 998 (26<sup>th</sup>), Brady Davis 952 (29<sup>th</sup>), Roberto Hernandez 743 (5 games), Immanuel Arellano 572 (4 games) and Matthew Stahl 331 (3 games).

On Nov. 30, the Oregon boys raised their season record to 6-1 with a 3349-2547 victory over Dakota tonight at Town & Country Lanes, Mt Morris.

The Hawks were led by Isaac Kaltenbrun with a 662 series (194,248,220) and Brandon Rowe with a 661 series (242,225,194). They were followed by Jackson Werren and Styler Klapp who both shot 538 series, Bryan Immel 483 series and Gavvin Surmo with a 467 series. The JV raised their record to 7-0 with a 2607-1824 decision.

The JV was led by Brady Davis with a 589 series.

## Oregon girls open bowling season with pair of victories

The Oregon High School Girl's bowling team opened its 2021 season 2-0 with a pair of victories at Town & Country Lanes, Mt Morris, on Nov. 27.

In the opening match Oregon defeated West Central 1962-1340 in this 5-player format event. The Lady Hawks were led by Ava Wight with a 558 series (179,194,185). Wight was followed by Paige Beauchem 382 series, Kendria Ehrler 358 series, Mackenzie Alford 357 series and Trinity Hultquist 307. I

In the second match Oregon defeated Abingdon in a closely fought contest 1930-1823. The keys to match were a first game by Ava Wight of 235 and a 3<sup>rd</sup> game by Freshman Trinity Hultquist of 173 to

lead all bowlers in that game. Overall, the Lady Hawks were led by Junior Ava Wight with a 594 series (235,188,171). Wight was followed by Mackenzie Alford with a 351 series, Paige Beauchem 337 series, Kendra Ehrler 306 series, Trinity Hultquist 261 series (2 games) and Kylie Krug with an 81 series (1 game).

The Oregon Girls bowling team dropped to 2-1 on the season with a 2361-2185 lost to Dakota Nov. 30.

The Lady Hawks were led by Ava Wight with a 573 series (169,202,202). She was followed by Trinity Hultquist 376 series, Mackenzie Alford 347 series, Kendra Ehrler 322 series and Kylie Krug with a 269 series.

## Cahill makes Dean's List at Upper Iowa

FAYETTE, Iowa – Upper Iowa University is pleased to announce the Dean's List for the Summer 2021 session. To be honored, the undergraduate must have earned a minimum 3.50 GPA and be enrolled as a full-time student.

Among those named to the Dean's List was Emily Cahill, a Business Administration major from Mount Morris.

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Due to staffing issues, the library will be closed on the second and fourth Saturdays until further notice. We are hoping that this will be a temporary measure. 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](http://www.mtmorris-il.org)

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**Library Book Clubs**  
The 2WBC Book Club meets Wednesday, December 8 at 12:30 pm to discuss *The Usual Santas: A Collection of Soho Christmas Crime Capers*. The Afternoon Book Club meets Wednesday, December 15 at 1:00 pm to discuss *The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue* by V.E. Schwab. Books on Tap will meet in December (date & time to be determined) to discuss *The Last Mrs. Parrish* by Liv Constantine.

**Design a One of a Kind Gift- Wednesday, December 8, 2:30 p.m., 3rd grade & up**  
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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, Dec. 27th at 3:30 p.m.

**Book Signing with Dr. John Plescia**  
Dr. Plescia will be talking about his book and signing copies here at the library on Dec. 22 starting at 5:30 p.m. Dr. Plescia's book, *The North Woods Adventures of Bob Baker* is his first published novel. Come and hear about his writing and publishing journey!

**Display Case Showings**  
Jerry Stauffer will be providing the display for the month of December. Come and check out the display! 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.

month, Liz has designed two (2) cards for you to make. All cards come with matching envelopes. Whether you're a new card maker or a seasoned pro, our kits are suited to every skill level. Don't wait! Sign up today to reserve your spot. Registration required (815) 732-2724 or [www.oregonpubliclibrary.com](http://www.oregonpubliclibrary.com).

**Adult Binge Boxes – Registration closes December 22nd**  
Adult binge boxes will include several books hand-picked by our librarians of a genre you select. Each box will contain a small surprise and treat. Call (815) 732-2724 or visit our website [www.oregonpubliclibrary.com](http://www.oregonpubliclibrary.com) to complete the registration for your box. Once your box is ready, you will be notified to pick it up at the Library.

**Holiday Movie Binge Boxes-Registration closes December 22nd**  
Holiday Movie Night Binge Box! Inside each box are DVDs hand-picked for you by our librarians plus a festive treat and gift. Call (815) 732-2724 or visit our website [www.oregonpubliclibrary.com](http://www.oregonpubliclibrary.com) to complete the registration for your box. Once your box is ready, you will be notified to pick it up at the Library.

**Jumanji Escape Room, Dec. 27, Dec. 28 and Jan. 3 and Jan. 4**  
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](http://www.oregonpubliclibrary.com).

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

**Yoga on Mondays at 9:30 a.m.**  
Krystal Casey will be teaching a Monday morning yoga class at the library. We are all human; we are all part of something greater; we are all connected. Her personal mission is to inspire a spirit of oneness, acceptance, love, and peace among the community and empower all Americans to live their dream lives, every day. Registration is required, (815) 732-2724. Space is limited due to COVID regulations.

**New Children/Youth Releases**  
Pepper & Boo: Puddle Trouble by Charise Mericle  
City of Dragons: The Awakening Storm by Jaimal Yogis  
Our World: A First Book of Geography by Sue Lowell Gallion  
Diary of a Wimpy Kid: big Shot by Jeff Kinney  
Pax: Journey Home by Sarah Pennypacker  
Eyes That Kiss in the Corners by Joanna Ho  
Dragonboy by Fabio Napoleoni  
Our Table by Peter Reynolds  
Except Antarctica by Todd Sturgell  
Dad Bakes by Katie Yamasaki  
Breasts of Prey by Ayana Gray  
Freedom Swimmer by Wai Chim  
Out of My Heart by Sharon Draper

## Julia Hull Library News

**Book Club for Adults**  
Pick up a book, then join us for a lively discussion of Michael Pollan's latest work, *This Is Your Mind On Plants*. Adults only. Copies of the reading available on loan. Email Joanna at [jkluever@mail.meridian223.org](mailto:jkluever@mail.meridian223.org) to register for a link to the program. Monday, Dec. 6 at 6 p.m. on Zoom.

**Tween Scene: Holiday Movie Trivia**  
Do you love the holidays? Do you love movies? Then, this December's Tween Scene is made for you! Come test your holiday movie knowledge with a fun night of trivia, Tuesday, Dec. 7 at 6 p.m.! The winner will receive a very jolly gift card! Ages 10-12. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

**Holiday Jeopardy for Teens**  
Tis the season for some festive holiday fun. Join Kelly in the library after school on Friday, Dec. 10 at 3 p.m. to be tested on all things "merry" from movies & candy to fashion & history! Ages 13-18. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

**Modern Farmhouse Ornaments**  
These modern-farmhouse style ornaments are tree-mendous! Join Joanna on Zoom, Monday, Dec. 13 at 6 p.m.

for some hot cocoa, conversation, and of course, holiday crafting. Email Joanna at [jkluever@mail.meridian223.org](mailto:jkluever@mail.meridian223.org) to register. Adults only. One kit per person.

**Holiday Storytime: The Night Before Christmas**  
Join us in your jammies on Tuesday, Dec. 14 at 6:30 p.m. for a special evening full of festive good cheer. We'll read the classic *The Night Before Christmas*, play games, and create a craft sure to make your season merry and bright. Ages 4-9. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

**Short & Sweets**  
Join Joanna on Zoom for an engaging discussion of Raymond Carver's short story, "Put Yourself In My Shoes"— Wednesday, Dec. 15 at 10 a.m. BYO dessert! Copies of the reading and program link available by emailing Joanna at [jkluever@mail.meridian223.org](mailto:jkluever@mail.meridian223.org). Adults.

**Tween Reads**  
Join Zoey at the library on Thursday, Dec. 23 at 6 p.m. for a discussion and activity all about Yan Glaser's *The Vanderbeekers of 141st Street*. Ages 10-12. Stop by, or call the library to register and pick up a copy of the book: 815-645-8611.

# DIRECTORY OF AREA HUMAN SERVICES

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## Domestic Abuse Agency and 24-Hour Shelter and Helpline

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

## Education

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

## Low Income Housing

**Ogle County Housing Authority**  
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## Mental Health

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**Mt Morris Senior Center** 734-6335  
**Polo Senior Center** 946-3818  
**Rock River Center** 732-3252  
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## Sexual Assault/Abuse

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**412 W Washington, Oregon** 732-0000

## Therapeutic

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## Veterans' Services

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## Wellness Services

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Forreton Library News

### Hat & Mitten Tree

We are collecting hats and mittens of all sizes to be distributed locally. Please bring in donations by Thursday, Dec. 16. Thank you for helping keep our community members warm this winter!

### Library Hours

The library is open the following hours: Monday 10 a.m.-1 p.m., 2-7 p.m., Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 10 a.m.-1 p.m., 2-6 p.m., and Saturday 9 a.m.-1 noon. We are closed on Friday and Sunday. Masks are currently required for anyone

## Polo Library News

### Polo Library Hours

Open Monday - Thursday 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Friday 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Curbside services are available during open hours. Masks are required for anyone over the age of 2.

### Storytime Saturday

In Person - Dec. 11th at 10:30 a.m. Join Ms. Melanie for a story and a craft. Call 815-946-2713 or email melanie@pololibrary.org to register.

### Last Minute Makes

Craft along with Ms. Melanie on Facebook or YouTube as she shares some Last Minute Makes

over the age of 2. Curbside pickup is still available for anyone who wishes to use it.

### Library Updates

Please like our Facebook page to stay up to date with the most current information on our plans and activities and also check out our website at forretonlibrary.org. If you have any questions or needs, please feel free to contact us by phone at 815-938-2624, email at forretonpubliclibrary@gmail.com, or through Facebook messaging.

just in time for Christmas. Watch anytime starting Saturday, Dec. 18th at 10:30 a.m.

### Coffee with a Cop

Wednesday, Dec. 8th at 10:30 a.m. Join us for a community conversation with a member of the Polo Police Department. Coffee is provided.

### Genealogy Assistance

Wednesday, December 1st 5:00-7:00 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 18th 10 a.m.-noon. Are you interested in genealogy but don't know where to start? Or do you have a start but need some help? Stop by the first Wednesday or third Saturday each month and

let Donna help you with your project. Polo Library is now a FamilySearch Affiliate Library.

### New Books

Out of the Rain, V.C. Andrews  
The Dark Hours, Michael Connelly  
The Sentence, Louise Erdrich  
Never, Ken Follett  
Mercy, David Baldacci  
Clive Cussler's the Devil's Sea, Dirk Cussler

### WiFi Access

WiFi is available 24/7 outside the library building. You can access WiFi by joining Polo Public Library Guest Access network, no password needed.

## Byron Library News

### Special Hours

The Byron Public Library will be closed on December 24 through December 25 in observance of Christmas. We wish all of our patrons a safe and happy holiday!

Did you know...that the Byron Library's electronic sign isn't just for advertising library events? The library will run messages on the sign for local churches, schools, and non-profit organizations at no charge. Messages must be sent to the library at least a week in advance, and can be run for a minimum of one week. Messages for the electronic sign can be submitted in-person at the library or emailed to the library at library@byronlibrary.org.

### 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.

### Holiday Gnomes for Adults

Thursday, Dec. 16, 5:30-7:30 p.m.  
Come enjoy a night out at the library with friends & make Holiday Gnomes. Join Cathy as we create our very own DIY Holiday Gnomes that will spruce up any decor in your home. All supplies will be provided. To register please visit Byron.evanced.info/signup or call 815-234-5107.

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

# AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

## BYRON

### ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

### CORNERSTONE FAMILY CHURCH

205 N. Peru St., Byron 815-234-8737 cornerstonefamilychurch  
Sr. Pastor: Randy Snider, NextGen/ Family Pastor: Collin Nicholls  
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Office Hours: 8:00am-4:30pm Mondays-Thursdays

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### SHEPHERD EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

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Adult Sunday School 9:00am-10:00am, Kids Sunday School (ages 3 thru high school) 10:00am-10:40am, Coffee & fellowship time: 10:00am-10:25am  
Sunday Schedule and Worship Opportunities:  
Service of Meditation and Prayer: 8:15am - 8:45am  
Adult Christian Education Class: 9am  
Main Worship with Chancel Choir: 10:30am  
For complete ministry schedule and activities, please check our website or Facebook page or contact the church office.  
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## CHANA

### CHANA UNITED METHODIST

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

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## LINDENWOOD

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Lindenwood IL  
815-393-4650  
Worship: 10:00 am  
Coffee Fellowship following service

## KINGS

### ELIM REFORMED CHURCH

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

## MOUNT MORRIS

### DISCIPLES UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

All are welcome here!  
"By God's grace in Christ: Live, Love & Serve"  
During the COVID-19 pandemic, weekly worship is online at www.disciplesumc.org  
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We wear masks, keep distance, and limit attendance.  
815-734-4853  
secretary@disciplesumc.org  
102 N. Maple Ave.  
Mt. Morris, IL 61054  
Pastor - Rev. Julie Bunt

## EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH OF MT. MORRIS

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

### MT. MORRIS CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

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

### MT. MORRIS TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

308 E. Brayton Rd. Mt. Morris, IL Phone: 734-6354 Rev. Josh Ehrler  
Worship Services: Saturday 5:30 PM; Worship Sunday 9:30 AM.  
Sunday Church School 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.

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

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1000 Highway 64, West (Hwy 64 W & Morgan Drive on Liberty Hill), Oregon  
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Christian Education Available

### ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH, NALC

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

## POLO

### ST. MARY CHURCH

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

### CHURCH OF THE OPEN BIBLE

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

## CROSSROADS COMMUNITY CHURCH ~ POLO CAMPUS

Meeting Sundays @ 10AM Service  
205 N. Jefferson Avenue, Polo ~ 815.837.5255  
polo@crossroadsccn.com  
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Crove Youth Group (6th-12th grade) ~ Sunday nights 6PM.  
Visit our website: www.crossroadsccn.com

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

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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  
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## 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 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, Childrens  
Sunday morning 9:15am "Gather" for learning and conversation; 10:15am  
Worship, both onsite and online at www.facebook.com/VECCofSV  
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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Going once....  
Going twice....  
**SOLD!**

Thinking of buying or  
selling antiques, cars,  
personal property,  
homes or land?

Contact one of these  
local, qualified  
auctioneers.



**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Public Notice is hereby given that on November 9, 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: Puffin Penguin, 7 E. Center St., Mt. Morris, IL 61054.  
Dated: November 9, 2021  
Laura J. Cook, Ogle County Clerk  
No. 1113 (Nov. 22, 29, Dec. 6)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
STATE OF ILLINOIS  
IN THE CIRCUIT  
COURT OF THE 15TH  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
OGLE COUNTY  
NORTHWEST )  
BANK OF )  
ROCKFORD, )  
Plaintiff, )Case  
VS. )No.  
THE )2021  
UNKNOWN )CH  
HEIRS AT )25  
LAW OR )  
LEGATEES )  
OF MICHAEL )  
P. BYCZYNSKI, )  
THE )  
UNKNOWN )  
HEIRS AT )  
LAW OR )  
PRUDENCE A. )  
BYCZYNSKI, )  
CLAIMANTS )  
AGAINST THE )  
ESTATE OF )  
MICHAEL P. )  
BYCZYNSKI, )  
CLAIMANTS )  
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ESTATE OF )  
PRUDENCE A. )  
BYCZYNSKI, )  
UNKNOWN )  
OTHERS, )  
NON )  
RECORD )  
CLAIMANTS )  
AND )  
UNKNOWN )  
TENANTS, )  
TIMOTHY )  
MILLER )

AS THE )  
SPECIAL )  
REPRE )  
SENTATIVE )  
OF THE )  
ESTATE OF )  
MICHAEL P. )  
BYCZYNSKI )  
AND )  
PRUDENCE A. )  
BYCZYNSKI, )  
Defendants. )  
NOTICE OF  
FORECLOSURE  
THE REQUISITE  
Affidavit for Publication  
having been filed,  
notice is hereby given  
to The Unknown Heirs  
at Law or Legatees of  
Michael P. Byczynski,  
The Unknown Heirs  
at Law or Legatees of  
Prudence A. Byczynski,  
Claimants against the  
Estate of Michael P.  
Byczynski, Claimants  
against the Estate of  
Prudence A. Byczynski,  
Unknown Others, Non  
record Claimants and  
Unknown Tenants,  
Defendants in the  
above-entitled suit,  
that the said suit has  
been commenced in  
the Circuit Court of the  
15th Judicial Circuit,  
Ogle County, Illinois,  
against you praying  
for a foreclosure of a  
mortgage upon the  
following property:  
Lot Three (3)  
of Plat of Subdivision  
of the Replat of Lots  
8 through 12 and Trei  
Court in Howard F.  
Trei's Re-Subdivision  
of part of Blocks 27 and  
29 of Illinois Central  
Railroad Company's  
Second Addition to the  
Town, now Village of  
Forreston, recorded  
in Book B of Plats,  
page 74 as document  
No.1994-6088; situated  
in the Township of  
Forreston, the County  
of Ogle and State of  
Illinois.  
Commonly known  
as: 103 Phil Parkway  
Forreston, Illinois 61030  
P.I.N. Number: 02-

28-326-016  
And for other relief, that  
the action was filed on  
or about July 29, 2021  
that Summons was duly  
issued out of said Court  
against you as provided  
by law, and that the  
said suit is still pending.  
The record titleholder  
of the real estate is  
The Heirs at Law or  
Legatees of Michael P.  
Byczynski, deceased.  
An identification of the  
mortgage sought to be  
foreclosed is as follows:  
Mortgagor -Michael  
P. Byczynski and  
Prudence A. Byczynski  
Mortgagee - Northwest  
Bank of Rockford  
Date of Mortgage -  
January 5, 2012  
Date of Recording -  
January 23 212

County of Recording -  
Ogle  
Recording Document  
-201201200530  
NOW THEREFOR  
unless you The  
Unknown Heirs at  
Law or Legatees of  
Michael P. Byczynski,  
The Unknown Heirs  
at Law or Legatees of  
Prudence A. Byczynski,  
Claimants against the  
Estate of Michael P.  
Byczynski, Claimants  
against the Estate of  
Prudence A. Byczynski,  
Unknown Others, Non  
record Claimants and  
Unknown Tenants,  
Defendants in the  
above-entitled suit,  
the said Defendants,  
file your Answer to the  
Complaint in said suit  
or otherwise make your

### 103 AUCTIONS

**PUBLIC AUCTION**  
WHEN: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2021  
TIME: 10 AM  
WHERE: 302 North Walnut St., Franklin  
Grove, IL

**The Estate of Mark Forrester  
TRUCKS, TRAILERS AND TRACTORS**  
1978 Ford 6000 single axel dump truck, JD  
2010 tractor wide front 3 point hitch, 1980  
Chevy C20 pick up, JD 3320 4 wheel drive  
hydro with bucket and loader 1198 hours, NH  
lwS0 loader tractor, 4 wheel drive with bucket  
and Perkins motor, Hough 2 wheel drive pay  
loader, 1962 Ford F100 4 wheel drive pick up,  
14' two axel mechanics trailer, 19' 2 axel duel  
wheel heavy duty trailer with penal hook, 18',  
3 axel trailer with ramps and spare tire. 250 MI  
all terrain vehicle

**ATTACHMENTS**  
2 category 2 quick hitches, King Kutter 3 point  
6' finish mower, Woods 3 point 6' mower, forks  
for NH lw SO, 3 point platform, 3 point back  
blade, Bobcat box scraper, Lorenz 4' 2 stage  
snow blower, JD weight box, JD forks for 300  
ex, 3 point 8' rear blade, 10' snow pusher, 12  
1/2 HP Kohler electric start air compressor, Air-  
ca welder with Onon engine, diamond plate  
tool box, 3 point hitch hyd log splitter,

**TOOLS**  
Snap on 8" vise, Milwaukee chop saw, 1 leg  
vise with cast iron table, Grizzly drill press,  
hand grinders, 42' top and bottom tool box  
with 2S drawers, Handler 120 wire welder,  
Hobart 20S amp welder, Stihl sh85 blower,  
Craftsman table saw, jack stands, Lincoln  
battery operated grease gun, 6 1/2' quick hitch  
snow plow (not complete), 2 floor jacks, chains  
and chain binders, Miller welder on cart, Ner-  
ling machine, R 72 JD riding lawn mower, gas  
torch set, Hotsy steam cleaner, Champion  
generator 6800 and 5000, cherry picker, steel  
work bench with vise, new Porter Coble 240  
volt air compressor, Delta radial arm saw, en-  
gine stand 750 lb capacity, Craftsman radial  
arm saw, 30' M&D snow blower with electric  
start, large selection of Snap on and Crafts-  
man hand tools too numerous to mention,  
large selection of yard and hand tools, set  
of loading ramps, 25 gal lawn sprayer, parts  
washer, grinder on stand, master 40-6- BTU  
heater, grinders, buffers and drills, Stihl weed  
whip, 2 extension ladders one wood and one  
aluminum, and many more items to numer-  
ous to mention.

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### 203 HELP WANTED

**Part Time  
Building Supervisor/Janitorial**  
The Oregon Park District is ac-  
cepting applications for a part  
time Building Supervisor/Janito-  
rial position. Positions hours are  
3:30 pm to 8:30 pm on Fridays,  
9:00 am to 3:30 pm on Saturdays  
and help with shifts with private  
rentals after hours. Essential re-  
sponsibilities would be janitori-  
al work at the Nash Recreation  
Center as well as monitoring the  
building for compliance issues.  
Apply with the information be-  
low or call for more detailed in-  
formation.  
Applications are available on-  
line at [www.oregonpark.org](http://www.oregonpark.org)  
and accepted at Nash Recre-  
ation Center, 304 S. 5th St., Or-  
egon. Further information may  
be attained by contacting Andy  
Egyed @ (815)732-3101 or  
[andy@oregonpark.org](mailto:andy@oregonpark.org).



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

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appearance therein in the said Circuit Court of the 15th Judicial Circuit, Ogle County, 106 S. 5th Street Suite 300 Oregon, Illinois 61061 on or before December 31, 2021 which is at least 30 days after the date of the first publication of this notice, default may be entered against you at any time after that date and a judgment may be entered in accordance with the prayer of the Complaint.

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)

examine others at the hearing must complete and file an appearance form with the Ogle County Planning & Zoning Department no later than five (5) business days before the date of the hearing. Per COVID-19 Executive Order #87, face masking and social distancing requirements for indoor spaces must be adhered to.

### 101 LEGAL NOTICE

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### 105 BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

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### 113 FINANCIAL

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

### 119 ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### 127 SERVICES AND REPAIRS

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

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

### 203 HELP WANTED

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-Boehlesmngt@aol.com

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### 307 MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE

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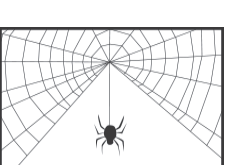
BUNDLED Newspaper -\$3 per Bundle. End Roll- Cost Depends on Weight of Roll. Available Monday-Friday 8AM-NOON ONLY. SEE RECEPTIONIST AT FRONT COUNTER Rochelle News-Leader.

### 309 PETS AND SUPPLIES

Free Kittens to give away to good homes. Very friendly and good mousers. Call Mike at 815-993-2234(12-1-21)

### 605 VEHICLES WANTED

WANTED: Old Cars, Pickups, Unfinished Projects, Parts, Anything Considered. Cash Paid. Call or Text 815-751-0776. (12-08-21)



### An Advertising Proverb

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

### 203 HELP WANTED

**HELP WANTED**  
Probation Officer:

Ogle County Probation and Court Services is seeking an Adult Probation Officer with strong interpersonal, organizational, and writing skills.

Bachelor's degree required.

For complete application, instructions and job description see posting at [www.oglecounty.org](http://www.oglecounty.org)

**SCHOOL BUS**

Byron CUSD #226 has openings for **Bus Drivers**

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For more information

**HELP WANTED** **EMPLOYMENT**

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- HS 2nd Shift Custodian
- HS Asst Girls Track Coach
- Temporary Reading Aide through May 2022

Please apply online at [www.byron226.org](http://www.byron226.org) Under the 'About Us' tab in the Employment Opportunities Section

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on November 16, 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: Equivalent Exchange, 215 Washington St. - Suite A, Oregon, IL 61061. Dated: November 16, 2021

### PUBLIC NOTICE

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Public Notice is hereby given that on November 23, 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: Watson Septic, 6621 O'Hare Dr., Stillman Valley, IL 61084. Dated: November 23, 2021

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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

### PUBLIC NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE The Byron Park District will be holding a public hearing on December 21, 2020 at 6:00 P.M. The hearing will be held at the District Offices located at 500 North Colfax Street, Byron, IL 61010. The purpose of the public hearing is to allow testimony in regards to the District's FY 2022 proposed operating budget and annual appropriation ordinance. No. 1202 (Dec. 6)

### PUBLIC NOTICE

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS STATE OF ) ILLINOIS ) COUNTY ) OF OGLE ) Public Notice is hereby given to all persons in Pine Creek Township that a Public Hearing will be held December 30, 2021 at 6:00 P.M. in the County Board Room, 3rd floor of the Ogle County Courthouse, Oregon, Illinois, to consider the request filed November 18, 2021 of James Postlewaite, 4500 S. Butternut Rd., Oregon, IL (Owner); and Brandon & Carly Meiners, 2785 N. David Ct., Oregon, IL (Purchaser) for a Map Amendment to the Zoning District to rezone from AG-1 Agricultural District to IA Intermediate Agricultural District. The property in question is located at: Part of the Southwest Quarter (SW1/4) of the Northeast Quarter (NE1/4); and part of the Northwest Quarter (NW1/4) of the Southeast Quarter (SE1/4) of Section 26, Pine Creek Township 23 North, Range 9 East of the 4th P.M., Ogle County, IL, 43.31 acres, more or less. Property Identification Number: 15-26-200-006 Common Location: 4500 S. Butternut Rd. All persons in attendance at the hearing shall have an opportunity to be heard. Any person who also wishes to appear as an interested party with the right to cross-

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LEGAL NOTICE The Village of Stillman Valley will hold a Public Hearing before the Planning and Zoning Commission on Thursday, December 21, 2021 at 6:00 pm at the Stillman Valley Village Hall located at 120 N Walnut Street, Stillman Valley, IL. The purpose of the public hearing is to hear the proposed terms and conditions of a rezoning request filed by Karin Knox, for a Zoning Map Amendment for the Property commonly known as "205 S Maple Street". That the said requests are as follows: 1) Owner/applicant is requesting to rezone from R-2, Two Family to classification R-1, Single Family, said property is legally described as: ADDRESS: 205 S Maple Street, Stillman Valley LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS: Lot 1 & N2 Lot 2 Blk 14 Joshua White's 2nd Add in the Village of Stillman Valley, situated in the township of Marion and the County of Ogle, in the Recorder's Office in Ogle County, Illinois PARCEL NUMBER: 10-01-356-001 Dated this 1st day of December, 2021 Submitted by Yvonne Dewey, Village Clerk Village of Stillman Valley No. 1207 (Dec. 6)

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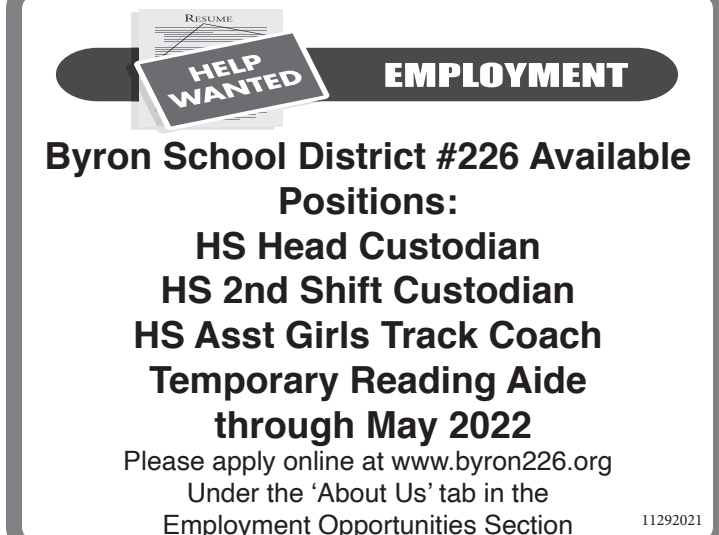
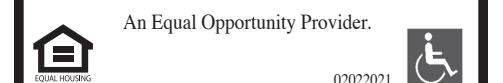
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# LOCAL NEWS

## Bertolet Library News

**Mitten Tree:**  
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**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 now available.

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Autopsy by Patricia Cornwell  
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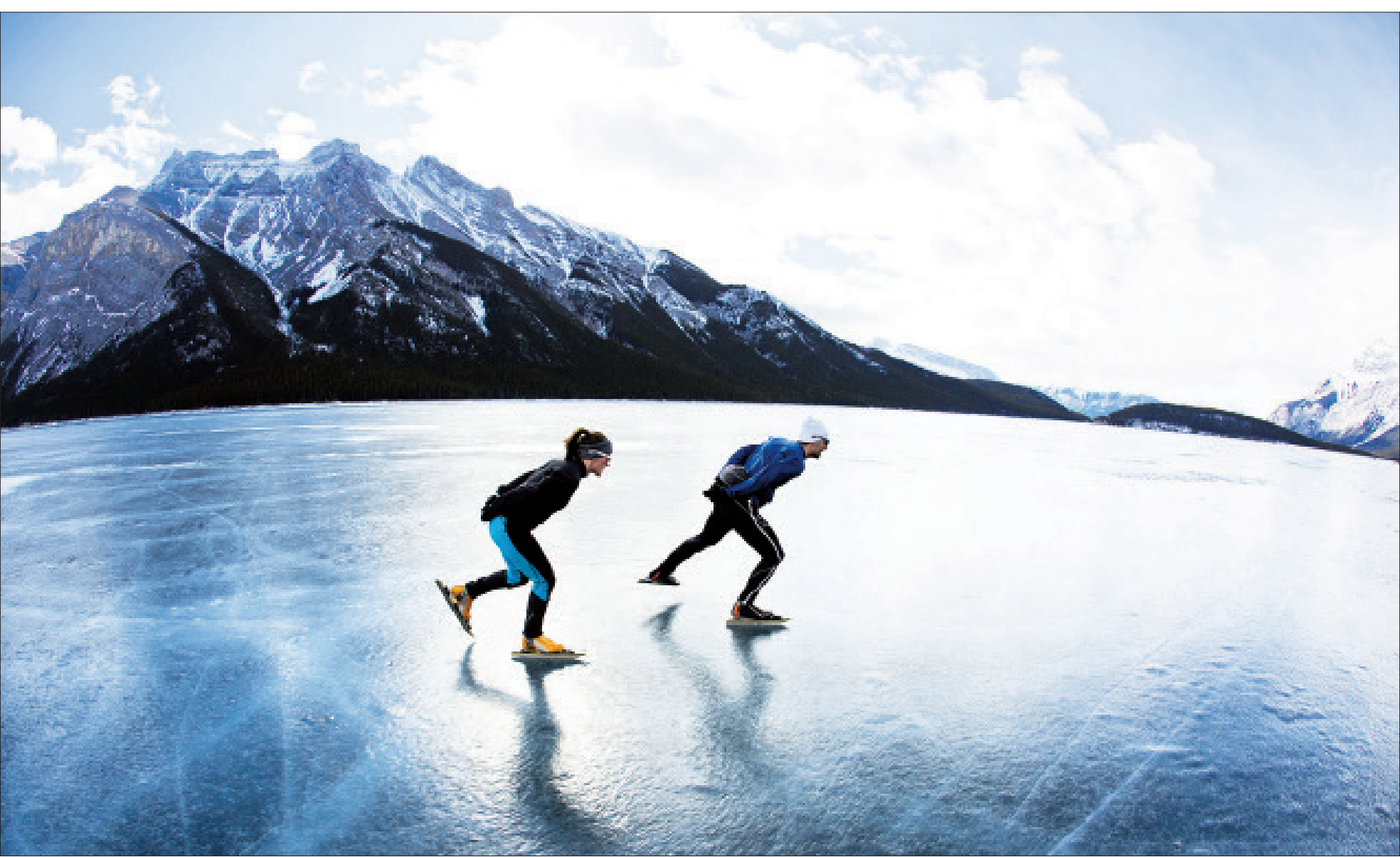


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# LOCAL NEWS

## Winter Survival



### Navigate around these four winter hazards

Fresh snowfall can bring a hush over any landscape and, temporarily at least, create a perfect picture scene. As idyllic as such landscapes can be, snow-covered sledding hills can pose various threats to outdoor lovers' health and safety.

#### Frostbite

Frostbite occurs when the soft tissues of the body start to freeze. It most commonly affects the fingers, toes and nose. The Cleveland Clinic says single-digit Fahrenheit temperatures are cold enough to cause frostbite. Frostbite affects skin cells and tissues and can cause severe damage. Frostbitten skin turns black as cells die from freezing. Numbness and a painful feeling of "pins and needles" occurs in areas that are exposed to the cold or cold water for too long. Dressing appropriately for weather, limiting time spent outdoors in very cold temperatures and maintaining strong blood flow can reduce risk for frostbite.

#### Falls

Winter weather can lead to slippery conditions. Falls on snow, ice or wet floors are common. When walking, wear shoes with sufficient traction, avoid icy patches and invest in walking poles or microspikes. Promptly wipe up melting puddles in the home to avoid slipping inside as well.

#### Thin ice

Winter activities may include skating or fishing on a frozen body of water. But it can be challenging to determine just how frozen a lake or a pond might be. Safety experts advise against going out onto the ice alone, and to heed any thin ice signs posted. If you fall through ice, try to gain a grip to pull yourself up (ice picks are a good investment) and spread out on your belly once you get out of the water. Anyone who ventures onto ice can carry a whistle to signal for help, which is louder than yelling. Hypothermia sets in within 10 to 15 minutes,

so acting fast is key. Ropes, boogie boards, a spare tire and other items also can be used to save someone from ice without going onto the ice itself.

#### Depression

The lack of sun and short days of winter can affect individuals' mental wellness. Those with seasonal affective disorder, or SAD, find winter challenging, according to the Cleveland Clinic. SAD surfaces in late fall or early winter and may not subside until early summer. Make time to get outdoors, even when it's cold, to take advantage of at least 30 minutes of morning light. Doing so can improve mood. Exercise and find ways to engage in social activities to stave off depressive feelings. Do not turn to food or alcohol to address depression.

Winter brings great beauty but also potential hazards that should be kept in mind and addressed.

### Be safe on the road this winter

Winter weather causes many people to retreat indoors until the spring thaw. However, for those who embrace the cooler temperatures or find that life must go on despite snow and ice, taking inventory of their vehicles is a must before the first snowflakes start to fall.

- Drive slowly. Slow down on winter roads. Allow a greater distance for stopping than for dry conditions. Slippery conditions can make it more challenging to stop, and excessive speeds can make the situation worse.

- Shift into low gear. On hills, rely on low gears to maximize traction to travel up and down hills. This can minimize skids or sliding.

- Get the vehicle a tune-up. In addition to tires, be sure the braking system, battery and other major components of the vehicle are in good working order.

- Replace windshield wipers. Reduced visibility can compromise the safety of drivers and their passengers. Replace windshield wiper blades before winter arrives. Consider purchasing winter-rated windshield blades.

- Know how to recover from a skid. When skids occur on black ice or slush, drivers should take their feet off of the pedals and steer gently in the direction they want to go.

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