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Exelon invests in Byron plant

Legislation spurs Exelon to put millions into capital projects

WARRENVILLE — Now that the Illinois General Assembly has passed sweeping clean energy legislation preserving its nuclear plants, Exelon Generation is moving quickly to fill 650 vacant positions across the state and jumpstart more than \$300 million in capital projects over the next five years at its Illinois nuclear stations to continue its legacy of safety and reliability. “With this landmark legislation in place, we are moving quickly to restaff and refuel all of our nuclear plants for 24/7 operation, producing carbon-free, baseload electricity for more than 10 million homes and business-

es,” said Dave Rhoades, Exelon Generation’s Chief Nuclear Officer. “These plants are not only important for the clean energy they produce, but they are massive economic engines for their local communities, contributing more than \$1.6 billion to Illinois’ GDP each year.” Byron Station began refueling Unit 1 after Gov. J.B. Pritzker signed the clean energy legislation. While the nuclear support provision represents less than 20 percent of the cost of the overall legislation in the coming years, it has an outsized impact on the state’s climate and economic goals. Saving the plants pre-



Workers help with the refueling of the Byron Generating Station. (Photo courtesy Exelon Generation)

serves two-thirds of the state’s clean energy, avoids a 70 percent rise in emissions, protects 28,000 direct and indirect jobs, and prevents a \$480 million increase in annual energy prices for consumers. **See PLANT Page 2A**

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MONDAY	TUESDAY
HIGH LOW	HIGH LOW
69 47	70 45
WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
HIGH LOW	HIGH LOW
70 44	70 49
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HIGH LOW	HIGH LOW
72 45	69 48

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Stillman Valley Fall Festival

It was a beautiful end of September weekend for people to go out and enjoy the annual festival. While there was no carnival this year, there were booths, food and a great car show. (Brad Jennings photos)



County offers booster vaccines

Ogle County Health Department is offering the Pfizer booster shot by appointment only in the Rochelle or Oregon offices to anyone who meets the recommendations below. You must have received Pfizer originally and you must be at or past the 6-month mark from receiving second dose. You can call 815-562-6976 to schedule an appointment. CDC recommends: * People 65 years and older and residents in long-term care settings should receive a booster shot of Pfizer-BioNTech’s COVID-19 vaccine at least 6 months after their Pfizer-BioNTech primary series. * People aged 50-64 years with underlying medical conditions should receive a booster shot of Pfizer-BioNTech’s COVID-19 vaccine at least 6 months after their Pfizer-BioNTech primary series. **See BOOSTER Page 2A**

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LOCAL NEWS



Oregon Rotary

The Oregon Rotary Club recently hosted District Governor David Bills and past Governor Tom Brooks. Bills gave a presentation and met with the club's Board. Oregon Rotary thanks them both for visiting. Pictured from left are: Julie Mann, club president, David Bills, district governor and Tom Brooks, past district governor.

BOOSTER: Conditions do apply

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* People aged 18-49 years with underlying medical conditions may receive a booster shot of Pfizer-BioNTech's COVID-19 vaccine at least 6 months after their Pfizer-BioNTech primary series, based on their individual benefits and risks.

* People aged 18-64 years who are at increased risk for COVID-19 exposure and transmission because of occupational or institutional setting may receive a booster shot of Pfizer-BioNTech's COVID-19 vaccine at least 6 months after their Pfizer-BioNTech primary series, based on their individual benefits and risks.

PLANT: \$140 million being invested in Byron Station

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With the legislation having taken effect, Byron Station plans to invest more than \$140 million into the plant in the next five years on projects overhauling a main generator, replacing large transformers, upgrading a fiber optic control system and replacing various pumps, motors and piping in the plant.

Most of the projects will occur during refueling outages starting next year that will include more than 1,500 electricians, pipe fitters, welders, carpenters and other trades people coming to Byron from across Illinois to perform the work.

"We're incredibly pleased to see all the union contract workers at Byron Station helping the full-time employees refuel Unit 1," said Byron Mayor John Rickard. "It would have been terrible for the environment and devastating for our community had the plant been allowed to shut down. We're relieved the plant gets to continue supporting our

community with jobs, philanthropy and tax funding for our schools and essential services, while producing clean energy at a time when clean energy is needed more than ever."

Dresden's Unit 2 refueling outage will occur in November, and the station has nearly \$170 million in capital projects planned over the next five years, including upgrades to six feedwater heat exchange vessels, significant refurbishment of a main generator, electrical component overhauls, replacement of closed cooling piping and revamping nuclear instrumentation circuit components.

As with Byron, the work on these projects will be performed during refueling outages by union personnel.

"Exelon refueling outages put thousands of people to work in Illinois, providing jobs to skilled local and regional union and tradespeople," said Terry McGoldrick, President and Business Manager of IBEW Local 15.

"Keeping these plants

open was the right decision, and I'm pleased the General Assembly made this investment in the future of our workforce, our communities and our nuclear plants."

Byron and Dresden will also soon begin the first of multiple new training classes for dozens of licensed operators who will become the next generation of employees operating the plants and helping to keep our state's air clean.

People interested in applying for positions at Exelon Generation can visit the careers page on Exeloncorp.com and search for nuclear.

Exelon's Illinois nuclear fleet produces more than 50 percent of the state's electricity and nearly 90 percent of its carbon-free power. The fleet includes Braidwood Generating Station in Will County, Byron Generating Station in Ogle County, Clinton Power Station in DeWitt County, Dresden Generating Station in Grundy County, LaSalle County Generating Station and Quad Cities Generating Station in Rock Island County.

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LOCAL NEWS

Byron Museum hosting market

BYRON—The Byron Museum of History is hosting an indoor market from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the second Saturdays in October, November, and December 2021.

Visit the indoor market for unique gifts and tasty treats on. 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.

David Ewald will be selling his homegrown, organic popcorn and be sure to pre-order your pies from

Clarene Moser. Other vendors include 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 a.m. to 3 p.m., located at 110 North Union St., Byron IL 61010. www.byron-museum.org.



Byron Bank to honor vets, active military in November

BYRON – In honor of the service and sacrifice our Veterans, active military service members and their families have given, Byron Bank will be hosting a Veterans/Active Military Memorial during the month of November.

"We will be handing out canvas' for our community to personalize and create their own memorial and then bring back so we can display them," says Byron Bank President, Brent Baker. "Byron Bank is a proud community partner and is proud to support all our military Veterans, active military service members and their families Let's all take a moment to remember the sacrifice of these brave men and women, now and

every day."

Pick up your canvas at any Byron Bank location from Oct. 4-Oct. 29 during business hours and use your creativity to honor your favorite Veteran or active military service member. We ask that you decorate them in red, white, and blue colors. These beautiful pieces will be combined into a collage to commemorate all those that have served and displayed in the Byron Bank lobby in Byron for the month of November. The community can pick up their art beginning November 29th for you to display or give to your favorite Veteran or active military service member.

"Please join us in hon-

oring and remembering those who served, who fought, those still missing, still fighting, and those who made the ultimate sacrifice by giving their lives for our country," says Steve Scholl, Byron Wealth Management CFP® and United States Marine Corps Veteran.

Byron Bank Employees will also be honoring our Veterans and active military this November by wearing red (Remember Everyone Deployed) every Friday in November. We will also wear jeans for our Monthly Charity Jean Day on Friday, Nov. 12. All jean day donations will be matched by Byron Bank and donated to the Byron Cemetery Veterans Memorial in Byron.

The Meridian CUSD#223 district is embracing The Power of 15

STILLMAN VALLEY – Stillman Valley High School is encouraging all of its students to embrace a rigorous academic experience by enrolling in and completing 15 hours of college coursework while still in high school.

In addition to agreements with Rock Valley College and Highland Community College to allow SVHS students to receive dual credit for coursework completed on the high school campus, there are currently eight different Advanced Placement courses and a pre-approved selection of dual credit at the community college courses available.

Earning college credit is only a part of any AP and Dual Credit courses. These advanced classes allow students to further develop learning and build time management skills. Taking these courses is a great benefit when a student needs to demonstrate the strength of one's education on scholarship and college applications.

As referenced by the Northwest Educational Council for Academic Success, "Research indicates that students who engage in college-level coursework while still in the supportive high school environment have an increased likeli-

hood of being successful in college and graduating from college in four years."

Of the 168 Class of 2021 students, 45 graduates earned 16 or more dual credits through a community college.

"What is remarkable is 86 percent of last year's graduates rose to the challenge of earning college credit while in high school," said Ed Liegl, Meridian CUSD #223 College and Career Coordinator. "Over 124 of our graduates earned 5 or more college credits with over 1/3rd of the class of 2021 meeting and/or exceeding the Power of 15 target."

Over the next few years, the Meridian District will continue work to increase the number of dual credit courses offered, the number of students enrolled in those courses, and the opportunities to alignment with credential completion.

SVHS sophomore, Keira McNeal, won the contest to design a logo for the new goal. Dr Read's Graphic Design class at SVHS was given the task to create a new logo the concept. Other students recognized for their design were Makayla Jacobson and Ava Loeffelholz.



Pictured are Kennedy Markham of Byron (2019 scholarship winner), Kathy Feste and Tom Wadsworth (Scholarship was presented at the Village's 2019 Annual Banquet)

VOP offering two scholarships

The Village of Progress Foundation will offer two scholarships in 2021.

The first scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 is made possible through a joint effort between The Larry Young & Friends Charities and The Village of Progress Foundation. Larry Young & Friends Charities partner with The Village of Progress Foundation every year to help make our annual golf outing a success. Larry Young also serves on the Foundation's Board of Directors.

Our second scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 is made possible through the generosity of the Cacciatore Family. The Cacciatore's have been

long time supporters of the Village. Wanda served on the Village of Progress Board of Directors for 10 years beginning in 1988. She has served on the Foundation's Board for almost 30 years.

The scholarship honors her husband, Pete, who was also an enthusiastic supporter of the Village. Pete passed away in the fall of 2014, leaving behind a legacy of commitment to the Village and its mission.

To be eligible for either scholarship, the student must:

- * Be a resident of Ogle County

- * Be either a high school senior who is disabled or is planning

on attending college and majoring in an area related to the disabled, or a full-time undergraduate college student who is disabled or is majoring in an area related to the disabled

Applications must be received by Dec. 1, 2021, be completed on the Foundation application form, and include at least two written references. The financial status of the applicant is not a consideration. Those wishing an application are encouraged to call the Village of Progress at 815-732-2126 or go to our website at www.villageofprogress.org and download a High School or College application.

Stillman Bank hires Hertzner

OREGON—Stillman Bank is pleased to welcome Brad Hertzner as Compliance & Bank Secrecy Act Officer.

In his position, Hertzner will guide the overall development and successful implementation of all regulatory compliance programs at the bank. He will be located at the bank's Oregon office, located at 1445 IL Route 2 North.

A lifelong DeKalb resident, Brad attended Northern Illinois University and is a graduate of the Graduate School of Banking in Colorado.

He has 12 years of experience in compliance as well as 16 years of BSA experience with a total of 23 years within the financial industry.

"We are fortunate and excited to have Brad join our team," stated Thomas R. Hughes, President and COO. "His experience, background, and knowledge of compliance and BSA will be very valuable to our organization."

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LOCAL NEWS

Obituaries

Angela Rose Marie Ghibellini

Angela Rose Marie (Salerno) Ghibellini passed away on Sept. 22, 2021 at Pinecrest Manor Nursing Home. She was born on Dec. 31st, 1937 in Rochester, N.Y., to Paul and Angela (Amoroso) Salerno. Angela graduated from North High School, Sheboygan, Wis., in 1955. After high school she graduated from Saint Anthony's School of Nursing, Rockford, in May of 1958. Angela started working for Kable News Company on March 14, 1973 and was employed there for 23 years.

Angela married James Ghibellini Jr on June 7 1958 at St James Cathedral. They were happily married for 47 years.

Angela was a devout Christian and catholic and regularly attended St. Mary's Church in Oregon. She stayed busy raising children and working full time. Angela's hobbies included reading books, watching Lifetime movies, attending her nursing luncheons



and coffee visits with her friends.

Angela is survived by her children; Jeanne Rowland, Mt Morris; Shari Arnold, (Aaron) Sparta, Wis.; Cindy Bergmann (Randy) Sparta, Wis.; Steve Ghibellini, Forreton; Christy Ghibellini (Bert), Mt Morris; her grandchildren; Erika Leis, Chad Zellers, Joshua Slater, Brittany Schroeder (Jason), Miranda Espinoza (Sergio), Shelby Arnold (Dan), Jonah Arnold (Keegen), Alyssa Ghibellini (Tim), Johna Rowland, Jordan and Alex Markle, Thad, Dan, Kate and Jeremy

Rahn. Great grandchildren, Dominic, Angelina, Paul, Cameron, Landon, Leighton, Makyla, Caden, Mia, Liam, Luca, Alaina, Gabriel, Amelia, Oliver, Carter and Giselle. Her Brothers; Michael (Linda) Salerno Sheboygan Wis., and Paul (Laurie) Salerno, New Berlin, Wis.; nieces, nephews and grand dog LT.

She was preceded in death by her husband Jim Ghibellini, daughter Kathy Davidson, Granddaughter Monica, her parents Angela and Paul Salerno and infant brother Anthony who died shortly after birth.

A funeral service was held at noon with a visitation from 11 a.m. until service time on Saturday, Oct. 2 in Finch Funeral Home, 405 E Hitt St., Mt. Morris, IL with Father Joseph Naill officiating.

Burial followed the funeral in Plainview Cemetery and a luncheon will be held at Mt. Morris Moose Lodge following the burial, from 1-4 p.m.

Mary Ilene Cullor

Mary Ilene Cullor, 82, of Forreton, passed away, Friday Sept. 10, 2021, at Swedish American Hospital, Rockford. Mary was born June 18, 1939, in Unionville, Mo., the daughter of Francis and Mary (Norton) Medlin. On Dec. 31, 1955, Mary married Luther Cullor in Unionville, Mo. Mary took on many roles in her life, farmer, homemaker, she worked at Micro, but most importantly of all loving mother.

Her yard reflects her love of flowers, flowers, and more flowers. In addition, she enjoyed camping with her husband and family dog Sammy. She loved her guardian



and protector Sammy. She loved her husband, children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

Surviving is her husband Luther Cullor of Forreton; four children, Douglas (Karen) Cullor of Byron, Dwight (Hope) Cullor of Leaf River, Sue (Michael) Barrier of Rochelle, and Duane (Judy) Cullor of Freeport; also, surviving are seven grandchildren,

and eight great-grandchildren.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents, siblings, Robert, Neita, Jasper, Reva, Roy Lee, Neva, James, Francis, Clinton Carl, Iris Coleen, and Lucille Shirlene.

Funeral services were 1 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 15, 2021, at Burke Tubbs Funeral Home, Forreton. Pastor David Rogula officiated. Visitation was held from 11 a.m. until the time of service. Graveside service and burial in North Grove Evangelical Cemetery. A memorial has been established in Mary's memory. Please sign her guestbook and share a remembrance at www.burketubbs.com

Alice W. Maas

BOLINGBROOK – Alice W. Maas, age 93, from Heritage Woods of Bolingbrook died Thursday, Sept. 23, 2021. She was born Jan. 14, 1928 in Danville, the daughter of Arthur and Margaret (Kite) Smith.

She graduated from Oregon High School in 1946. Alice married Louis L. Maas on Jan. 30, 1948 in Oregon. She was a sales clerk at the Ben Franklin general store in Oregon for several years and the Eckerd's Drug Store in Sarasota, Fla. She has lived in Oregon, Dixon, Bolingbrook, Illinois and Sarasota, Fla. She loved to bake and would often bake many items for her grandchildren's fund raisers. Alice was a member of the Ebenezer Reformed Church where she would help with the church Bazaar and was a youth group sponsor.



She was predeceased by her parents, husband Louis, son Dennis, and brothers Melvin, William, and Lester Smith.

She is survived by her children; Linda (Charles) Kurtz of Bolingbrook, Terry (Pam) Maas of Rock Fall, daughter-in-law Jean Maas of Wentzville, Mo., 8 grandchildren; Matthew Maas, Shelley (Craig) Kirchner, Stacie (Duane) Tuffentsamer, Allison (Keri) Maas, Martin (Erica) Maas, Megan Maas, Dana (Michael) Antonelli, and Christopher (Ash-

ley Senesac) Kurtz, 13 great grandchildren; Devin, Quincy, Olivia, Isabelle, DeAndre, Kenzie, Madeline, Xavier, Amelia, Camden, KaMilla, Eleanor, and Ethan, and many nieces and nephews.

A funeral service was held at 11 a.m., Thursday, Sept. 30, 2021 at the Ebenezer Reformed Church near Oregon, with the Rev. Josiah Youngquist and the Rev. Eric Heinekamp Co-officiating. Visitation was prior to the funeral at the church from 10-11 a.m. Please wear a mask to attend the visitation or funeral. Burial will be in the Ebenezer Cemetery. A memorial fund is established in Alice's name and may be directed to the family. Visit www.farrellhollandgale.com to leave a condolence or memory of Alice.

Mary Hermann

Mary Catherine (Boehm) Hermann of Killeen, Texas passed away at her home on Sept. 8, 2021. Mary was born on Oct. 15, 1955 in Rockford Illinois to Robert and Norma Boehm. She was raised in Byron and graduated from Byron High School in May of 1973. She attended Rock Valley College from 1973-1975 where she met her husband and the love of her life, Dan Hermann.

They were married on June 6, 1976. Dan was in the Army so they lived in numerous places over the years, including California, Illinois, Germany, Georgia and Texas. She enjoyed traveling and learning about new places.

Mary loved being a mom to her four sons – Daniel, Timothy, Michael and Andrew and a grandmother to her granddaughter McKenzie. Throughout the years she operated a daycare in her home, ran a cake decorating and cookie baking business and volunteered



at the local high school supporting various activities, particularly the band. After her children finished school, she stayed on at the Shoemaker High School as a volunteer for the high school band. She was known as the 'Band Mom' and the 'Cookie Lady' by many of the students.

Mary is preceded in death by her parents Robert and Norma Boehm.

She is survived by her husband Dan of Killeen, Texas; her sons Daniel Hermann of Temple, Texas; Timothy Hermann of Killeen, Texas; Michael Hermann of Killeen, Texas; USAF Lt. Andrew Hermann of Massachusetts; and a granddaughter

McKenzie of Killeen, Texas. She is also survived by her eight sisters and brother: Carol Boehm, Green Bay, Wis.; Kathy (Erich) Roth, Byron; John Boehm, Tulsa, Okla.; Betty Boehm (Ross McCracken), Pinedale, Wyo.; Patricia (Eric) Fairbanks, Boulder, Wyo.; Linda (Tim) Smith, Green Bay, Wis.; Donna Boehm (John DiPasquale), Bucksport, Maine; Margie (Gail) Watson, Mountain Home, Id.; Jeannette (Steve) Stender, Ashton; and many nieces and nephews.

A Memorial Service to celebrate her life will be held at 10 a.m. on Oct. 15, 2021. The service will be held at The Texas Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Killeen, Texas. Funeral Arrangements are being handled by Crawford-Bowers Funeral Home. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.crawfordbowersfuneralhome.com for the Hermann family

Report policy

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Joyce Elaine Bennett

BYRON – Joyce Elaine Bennett, age 74, died Sunday, Sept. 26, 2021 at the Generations at Neighbor's Rehabilitation Center in Byron. She was born Sept. 9, 1947 the daughter of Delbert L. and Lola B. (Burd) Saam. She graduated from Byron High School in 1965.

Joyce married Larry Bennett on Feb. 24, 1968 in Byron. She worked as a CNA nurse's aide, was a unit clerk for Swedish American Hospital, and also did home health care. Joyce was a member of the Elim Reformed Church near Kings, where she previously served as session clerk and was a member of the Ladies Aide of the church. She was a girl scout leader for her 3 daughters, loved to attend tractor shows with her husband Larry, and enjoyed attending all her grandchildren's events. Her hobbies



included cake decorating, reading, crocheting, and cross stitching. She loved to be with people especially her family.

Joyce was predeceased by her parents Delbert and Lola Saam, her husband Larry, son Richard, brother's Gordon Saam, Ronald Saam, and parents-in-law Paul and Mildred Bennett.

She is survived by her 3 daughters; Susan "Sue" (James) Calveard of Venus, Texas, Patricia "Patty" (Dr. Jason) Crane of Palatine, and Sandra "Sandy" (Ryan) Wild of Westfield, Ind;

4 grandchildren; Olivia and Anton Crane, Grace and Bailey Wild, 3 brothers; William (Pamela) Saam of Rockford, David (Darlene) Saam of Chana, Dennis (Karis) Saam of Alaska, and sister Vicki Grubbs of Mesquite, Texas, and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held 11 a.m., Tuesday, Oct. 5, 2021 at the Elim Reformed Church, 140 S. Church Rd, Kings, with the Rev. Marv Jacobs officiating. Visitation will be prior to the service from 10-11 a.m. at the church. Burial will take place at the Byron Cemetery following the memorial service. A memorial fund is established for the Michael J. Fox foundation for Parkinson's Disease in memory of Joyce. To leave a condolence or memory of Joyce visit www.farrellhollandgale.com.

Serenity hosts camp for bereaved kids

OREGON – Serenity Hospice will be hosting a day camp at The Nash Recreation Center in Oregon on Oct. 16 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. for ages 5-13.

The camp will allow kids to meet peers who have experienced the same type of loss while enjoying games, crafts, swimming and other traditional camp activities.

They will also learn coping strategies to help with their grief. The camp is free to participants and any child is welcome whether or not they were a hospice family. Also, kids and teens who have attended a camp before are welcome to return.

For more information or to register, please phone Cathy Warren at Serenity Hospice 815-732-2499.

LOCAL NEWS

Obituary

Dean Davis Butterbaugh

MOUNT MORRIS – Dean Davis Butterbaugh, 97, of Mount Morris, formerly of Dixon, passed away on Sunday, Sept. 26, 2021, at Pinecrest Village in Mount Morris. He was a farmer in the Lee County area for 20 years. Then he worked for the Production Credit Association for 20 years, eight as Loan Officer and the last twelve years as the President of the Association. Dean was born Aug. 8, 1924, in Pine Creek Township, the son of Glenn and Bertha (Davis) Butterbaugh. He married Darlene Butterbaugh on Aug. 28, 1946, at Dixon Church of the Brethren in Dixon. Dean was a member of the Dixon Church of the Brethren. He had many interests in his lifetime, but he cherished spending time with his family the most. Among his volunteer activities: He served on the Lee County 4-H Board of Directors, and on the Board of Directors for the Lee County Soil and Water Conservation District. He was featured in The Prairie Farmer Magazine in 1991 for having won recognition for outstanding leadership and service on that board.



He served on the KSB Hospital board, and helped organize the KSB Andrew J. Downing Chaplaincy Program. He was also a board member for the Meals-on-Wheels program, and was a board member of the Pinecrest Nursing Home in Mt. Morris. He worked on many disaster relief projects through the Church of the Brethren. He was involved in organizing activities for the Rock River Valley International Fellowship, and with Darlene hosted many international students in their home. He was a weekly volunteer at the Leydig Center for many years. He was a blood donor, and in 1997 donated his 80th pint of blood to the Red Cross Blood Bank.

He helped organize and put into operation the Open Sesame Child Care Center, chairing the Building Committee responsible for building design, site selection, financing, executing construction contracts and coordinating the many phases of development, and also spent many hours building bookshelves, playground equipment and landscaping.

He was a member of the Franklin Grove Chaplin Creek Historical Society, and spent many hours helping restore the Lincoln Highway building in Franklin Grove as well as helping to rebuild the Franklin Creek Grist Mill. He traveled the area doing chair caning demonstrations for the Historical Society, to keep interest alive in a dying art form. He worked from start to finish on over twenty Habitat for Humanity homes, and has a subdivision in Dixon named in his honor. In 2003, Dean was named Citizen of the Year by the

Dixon Area Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

He is survived by his wife of 75 years Darlene Butterbaugh of Mt. Morris, two children, Edward (Julie) Butterbaugh of Sugar Grove, Jean Payne of Wichita Falls, Texas; three grandchildren, Jennifer Weiser, Erin (Tim) Godbold, Joshua (Jessica) Halter; six great grandchildren; one son-in-law, George Weiser, one brother, Duane (Janis) Butterbaugh of Dixon; one sister, Donna Lehman of Elgin, many nieces and nephews.

Dean was preceded in death by his parents; one daughter, Sue Weiser, one brother, Dwight (Marquita) Butterbaugh; and one son-in-law, Michael Payne.

A Memorial Service was at 11 a.m., on Saturday, Oct. 2, 2021, at Church of the Brethren, Dixon, IL, with Rev. Blaine Miner, Rev. Michael Cole, and Rev. Rodney Caldwell, co-officiating. A Private burial of cremated remains was at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens in Dixon.

Memorials may be directed to Habitat for Humanity or Pinecrest Good Samaritan Fund. Arrangements were completed by Preston-Schilling Funeral Home in Dixon. Condolences may be sent to www.prestonschilling.com.

Mt. Morris Senior Center sets events

Bridge

Join us for breakfast with the Mayor on the first Wednesday of each month 8-10 a.m. We will be serving our regular biscuits and gravy (\$2 for a half order and \$3.50 for a full order) and pancakes (\$1 each). All are welcome!

Lunch Bunch

The Mt. Morris Senior Center Lunch Bunch really enjoys going to local eateries together two Fridays each month. On Oct. 8th we will be going to Smoked on Third in Sterling, and on Oct. 22nd we will be going to the Village Bakery in Oregon. We leave the Senior Center (9 East Front Street) at 11 a.m. to carpool over for lunch. You can also meet us at the restaurant, but please let us know you are coming either way, so that we can save a seat for you. Please call 815-734-6335 to RSVP.

Meet the Bride and Groom

Melissa, the Director of the Mt. Morris Senior Center, married a wonderful man named Eric, and we are celebrating their union on Saturday, Oct. 9th. All are welcome to join the celebration from 2-4 p.m. at the Mt. Morris Senior Center. It is an open house, so stop by anytime to see the bride in her dress and wish the couple well.

Witches Tea

You are invited to join us for our annual Witches Tea! The tea will take place on Thursday, Oct. 14 at 6 p.m. The cost is \$15 per person, and it will include tea, a lovely dinner, entertainment, prizes, and fun. Please call 815-734-6335 or stop by the senior center to purchase a ticket. Remember, all are welcome!

Podiatry Presentation

Foot health is very important, so KSB Hospital and the Mt. Morris Senior Center are working together to bring Dr. Swanson to the Senior Center to make a presentation about podiatry. Join us on Monday, Oct. 25th at 10:30 a.m. to learn more about how to take care of your feet. This is a completely free presentation, and we hope everyone can join us. To sign up call 815-734-6335.

Trunk or Treat

The Mt. Morris Senior Center and Trinity Lutheran Church are working together to provide a trunk or treat event for the youth of our community on Saturday, Oct. 30 5-7 p.m. Bring your car and give your trunk a costume or at least some treats to pass out. All are welcome!

Chamber hosting event on retaining young adults

OREGON – The Oregon Area Chamber of Commerce is excited to welcome Pam Schallhorn to Oregon to discuss a very important and timely topic.

Please register in advance for Reversing the Exodus: Strategies for Attracting and Retaining Young Adults in Rural Communities on Oct. 14 at 5:30 p.m. at NorthSide BarbaQ's Event Space, 117 N. 4th St. Oregon.

University of Illinois Extension Specialist Schallhorn will discuss several research-based strategies that communities and employers can implement now to help reverse

the trend, including insights into how remote work may provide more opportunities for people to migrate back to rural communities. Based on the new census data (Hill, 2021), 87 of Illinois' 102 counties experienced population decline between 2010 and 2020. Almost every rural county in Illinois has experienced an outmigration of its youngest and brightest talent and unfortunately, the trend appears to be continuing.

"There are so many things that are impacted by the outmigration of young adults from rural communities, including school enrollment, avail-

ability of quality health care, future leadership, a skilled workforce and business development," Schallhorn said. "Developing a strategic plan to address outmigration and attract young adults back into rural communities could have a major impact on a community's future."

Mayor Ken Williams will also provide us an update on what Oregon's done to help reverse the exodus.

Please RSVP and select your catered dinner and drink options online at oregonil.com or by phone or email 815-732-2100 or chamber.director@oregonil.com

Bread of Life taking holiday orders

The Bread of Life food pantry will be offering both indoor shopping and drive-up shopping on Oct. 12 from 3-5 p.m.

For a pre-packaged box of dry goods, canned food, meat and bread you must call Bonni at 815-298-5035 before 10 a.m. on Oct. 11. Indoor shoppers are welcome to make their own selections as usual. We will be taking orders for Thanksgiving and Christmas at this distribution.

This will only be for the month of October for residents of Stillman Valley, Byron, Davis Junction, Leaf River and residents of Meridian School District #223. Winter months will be indoors only on the second Tuesday of each month.



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LOCAL NEWS

Ogle County Sheriff

Sept. 6
The Ogle County Sheriff's Office arrested Chemere Thomas, 20 of Rockford, for driving with no valid license. Thomas was arrested by deputies on I-39 near Rte. 64 after being stopped for speeding. Thomas was held in lieu of bond at the Jail.

Sept. 2
At approximately 1:16 a.m., Ogle County Deputies were dispatched to the 400 block of E North Park Drive for the report of a disturbance. After a brief investigation, Deputies arrested Erik A. Guglielmi, 37 of Byron, for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol, Reckless Driving, Criminal Damage to Property, and Disorderly Conduct. Guglielmi was taken into custody without incident and transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held with no bond.

At approximately 9:34 p.m. Deputies conducted a traffic stop on I-39 near mile marker 104 southbound. After investigation, Deputies issued Amber Talab, 41 of Rochelle an I-Bond for Driving While License Suspended and she was given a future court date. Talab was additionally issued a citation for speeding.

At approximately 11:36 p.m. Dep-

uties performed a traffic stop on I-39 northbound at mile marker 104. After investigation, Deputies issued Raul Perez-Crisostomo, age 38 of Streamwood an I-Bond for No Valid Driver's License and was given a future court date. Perez-Crisostomo was also issued a citation for speeding.

Sept. 1
At 2:29 a.m., deputies located a silver Saturn sedan stuck in the ditch of the 8700 block of N. IL RTE 2. It was determined the vehicle had driven off the edge of the parking lot and become stuck in the ditch while turning around. Through the course of the investigation, Roger L. Henson (72) of Byron, was arrested for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol, and Operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle. Henson was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

The Ogle County Sheriff's Office arrested Billy Scott, 30 of Rockford, for driving while license revoked. Scott was arrested by deputies on I-39 near Rte. 64 after being stopped for speeding. Scott was held in lieu of bond at the Jail.

At 7:24 a.m., Ogle County Deputies, State Police, Rochelle and Lynn Scott

Rock Fire Departments responded to a multiple vehicle accident at IL Rte. 64 and Lynnville Road. After brief investigation, it was discovered that Brandi Casey, 35 of Esmond, was traveling westbound on Rte. 64 in a Ford SUV when she slowed down to turn south onto Lynnville Road. Seretha Hollingsworth, 48 of Sycamore, was directly behind Casey in a Chevy Malibu and slowed down to allow the turn. Behind Hollingsworth was Ryan Scott, 35 of Sycamore, driving a Ford SUV. Scott failed to reduce speed and struck the back of Hollingsworth's Malibu, which then struck Casey's Ford SUV. After the collision, Hollingsworth's vehicle rolled into the eastbound lane and struck a semi-truck driven by Sergio Sanchez, 45 of Elgin. Sanchez observed and anticipated the collision allowing him to slow down to nearly a complete stop. Mary Criscione, 55 of Byron, was also traveling westbound in a Buick sedan behind Scott's vehicle and traveled into the north ditch to avoid the accident. Two vehicles received disabling damage and were removed by Ron's Towing. Medical personnel examined and released all parties involved on scene for suspected minor injuries. Scott was cited for electronic communications device and failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident.

Aug. 30
At approximately 1:04 a.m., Ogle County Deputies along with Byron EMS responded to the 8900 block of N. IL Rte. 2 for a single vehicle rollover accident with injuries. An Investigation by deputies revealed that Chase Clarke, 28 of Byron, was traveling north on Rte. 2 when he attempted to evade a group of deer in the roadway. Clarke lost control of the vehicle and overturned in the west ditch. Clarke was treated for suspected minor injuries and transported to a local hospital. The vehicle was removed by Maggio's and no citations were issued.

Aug. 29
At approximately 3:11 a.m., Ogle County Deputies were dispatched to the 400 block of N Adams St. in Polo for the report of a domestic disturbance. After a brief investigation, Deputies arrested John W. Simmons, 43 of Polo, for Domestic Battery, Criminal Damage to Property, and Disorderly Conduct. Simmons also had an active Ogle County warrant for Failure to Appear and an active LaSalle County Warrant for Failure to Appear. Simmons was taken into custody without incident and transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held with no bond.

Polo Police report

Sept. 8
TIME: 4:01 p.m.
REPORT: Miguel A. Castro Navarro, 42, Sterling, was cited for speeding 44 mph in a 30 mph speed zone. Navarro was released on an I-Bond.

General Calls for Service for the weeks of August 30, 2021 thru September 12, 2021

Citizen Complaints/Assists	19
Animal Complaints	6
Disturbance/Domestic	6
Fire/Medical Assist	3
Alarm/Open Door	2
Lock Out	2

911 Hang Up 3
Traffic Stops 25

Sept. 16
TIME: 4:52 p.m.
REPORT: Patrick M. Fisch, 27, Walnut, was cited for Unlawful Use of an Electronic Communication Device while driving. Fisch was released on an I-Bond.

TIME: 8:44 p.m.
REPORT: Daniel L. Karla, 37, Polo, was cited for Disobeying a Traffic Control Device. Karla was released on an I-Bond.

Sept. 17
TIME: 2:32 a.m.
REPORT: Frank M. Kowal, 46, Polo,

was arrested for Domestic Violence and Criminal Trespass to a Residence. Kowal was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

TIME: 6:32 p.m.
REPORT: Michael S. Fogle, 41, Polo, was issued a City Citation for a Dangerous Dog.

Sept. 18
TIME: 4:46 p.m.
REPORT: Elizabeth H. Laborn, 28, Freeport, was cited for speeding 45 mph in a 30 mph speed zone. Laborn was issued an I-Bond.

Sept. 26
TIME: 2:28 a.m.

REPORT: Thomas D. Campbell, 30, Janesville, WI, was cited for Operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle. Campbell was released on an I-Bond.

General Calls for Service for the weeks of September 13, 2021 thru September 26, 2021

Citizen Complaints/Assist	18
Juvenile	1
Animal complaints	5
Disturbance/Domestic	1
Fire/Medical Assists	6

Lock Out	3
911 Hang Up	2
Traffic Stops	31

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LOCAL NEWS

Democrats host fundraiser

OREGON – The Ogle County Democrats annual fundraising luncheon was held on Sunday, Sept. 19th at the Loredo Taft Campus of NIU in Oregon.

The successful event raised significant funds to help support Democratic candidates in the 2022 election cycle.

Illinois Secretary of State candidate David Moore kicked off the speeches. He is one of the candidates running to replace Jesse White as Secretary of State. Moore currently serves on the Chicago City Council representing the Seventeenth Ward. He enlightened the crowd with information about all the facets of government that the Secretary of State manages as he spoke of his calling to public service. He was well received and was quite an interesting speaker.

Then it was Illinois Comptroller Susana Mendoza's turn. She is a seasoned speaker and a truly amazing public servant. She described the budget crisis she inherited back in 2016 and the methods and means that she and the legislature took to attack the deficit, despite resistance from then-Governor Rauner. The legislature took bipartisan steps to work around him and at one point overturned one of his vetoes with 100 percent support of the legislature in order to get Illinois back on the right fiscal track.

Mendoza led efforts that raised the state's credit ratings twice and has elim-



inated over 2/3 of the debt while getting our bill paying in order; according to Mendoza, our current bills are all being paid within 10 days.

The fundraising raffles were drawn after the speakers at the conclusion of the event. All who attended truly enjoyed both the speakers and the fine dinner provided by the staff at the Loredo Taft Campus.

To find out more about Ogle County Democrats, join us at our monthly meetings the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM at the Oregon VFW. You can also go online to learn more at <https://oglecountydems.org/>

RRC plans activities

Get Experience in Mindfulness (GEM)

Get Experience in Mindfulness is an Awareness and Acceptance Stress Management Program. This is a free program at the Rock River Center. The series consists of 5 sessions. The remaining sessions are scheduled on Oct. 4, 11, 18, and 25, from 1-2 p.m.

Emphasis is placed on stress management taught through practical and interactive mindfulness-based activities to facilitate experiential learning. The program is a research-based and theory-driven program that meets National Health Education Standards.

There are five lesson topics: Intentions and Goal Setting; Awareness and Attention; Self-care: Stress Reduction and Relaxation; Communication and Relationships; and; Gratitude and Acceptance.

Among other things, participants will learn what mindfulness is and how to integrate it into daily life, alignment and form for over 25 strength and flexibility poses adapted from yoga poses, and relaxation techniques.

For more information, call the University of Illinois Extension at 815-632-3611. If you plan on attending, please call Rock River Center at 815-732-3252.

Free Hearing Aid Screenings by Connect Hearing

Connect Hearing will be at Rock River Center on Tuesday, Oct. 12, from 9:30-11:30 a.m. They will be providing hearing aid screenings which include: cleaning hearing aids, making sure your hearing aids are working properly, and replacing batteries.

Everyone is welcome and no appointment is required. You will be assisted on a first come, first served basis. Please call the Center at 815-732-3252 for more information.

'Timeless' Performs on Oct. 12

Our local duet "Timeless" featuring Denny Jacobs and Mike Bratt will be performing at Rock River Center on Tuesday, Oct. 12, at 10:30 a.m.

Denny, a regular on the "Pride of Oregon" Paddleboat. He enjoys performing at various local facilities as well. Denny will share a wide variety of guitar music and has an easy listening voice. Denny is a solo regular at RRC, and never disappoints.

We always look forward to playing for us and hope you will join us. Please call Rock River Center at 815-732-3252 if you plan attending. Lunch and bingo will follow.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Mon., Oct. 4

Read to a Dog, 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the Byron Public Library. Meet Audi, a trained therapy dog, and a great listener! The patient, nonjudgmental attention of a dog helps readers improve reading skills. For youth in 1st-5th grade. Register for one 15 minute time slot per week. Youth should pick a book that they are able to read independently. Register online at Byron.evanced.info/signup or call 815-234-5107.

Tues., Oct. 5

Young Widows Group will meet from 6-7 p.m. at the Se-

renity Home 1658 S IL RT 2, Oregon. This group is for ages 55 and under. Please call 815-732-4111 by noon to register. A mask is required.

Thurs., Oct. 7

Free business after hours at Dietrich Ranch, 4575 N. Leaf River Road in Mt. Morris, from 5-7 p.m. Free farm tours, grass fed burgers, drinks and more. Please RSVP so they know approximately how many to expect. You can RSVP online at oregonil.com (community calendar) over the phone at 815-732-2100, or by emailing chamber.director@oregonil.com.

Fri., Oct. 8

C.A.F.E. will meet from 9-10 a.m. at the Serenity Home 1658 S IL RT 2, Oregon. This group is open to all bereaved in the community. Please call 815-732-4111 by 4:00 p.m. on October 7 to register. A mask is required.

The New Beginnings Al-Anon Family Group is now meeting 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., Oct. 9

Mammals & More" with the Flying Fox Conservation Fund at the Polo Library Pavilion, 1 p.m. Join Ms. Melanie and the Flying Fox Conservation Fund for a fun and educational program about animals! The Flying Fox Conservation Fund will have some of their furry friends with them as well! Call 815-946-2713 or email melanie@pololibrary.org for more information

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MOMENTS IN TIME

* On Oct. 19, 1796, a writer, mysteriously named "Phocion," slyly attacks presidential candidate Thomas Jefferson an essay published in the Gazette of the United States. Phocion turned out to be former Treasury Secretary Alexander Hamilton, who would write 25 essays lambasting Jefferson.

* On Oct. 18, 1867, the U.S. formally takes possession of Alaska after purchasing the territory from Russia for \$7.2 million, or less than 2 cents an acre. Russia sold its Alaska territory to the U.S. rather than risk losing it in battle with a rival such as Great Britain.

* On Oct. 24, 1931, New York Gov. Franklin Roosevelt dedicates the George Washington Bridge over the Hudson River. The 4,760-foot-long suspension bridge, the longest in the world at the time, connected New Jersey with Manhattan in New York City.

* On Oct. 23, 1942, Michael Crichton is born in Chicago. During his final year of medical school, Crichton published "The Andromeda Strain" (1969) and decided to write full time instead of practicing medicine.

* On Oct. 21, 1959, on New York City's Fifth Avenue, thousands of people line up outside a bizarrely shaped white concrete building that resembled a giant upside-down cupcake. It was opening day at the new Guggenheim Museum, home to one of the world's top collections of contemporary art.

* On Oct. 20, 1962, President John F. Kennedy holds secret meetings with advisers on the eve of ordering a blockade of Cuba. Kennedy had seen photographic proof that the Soviets were building 40 ballistic missile sites on the island -- within striking distance of the United States.

* On Oct. 22, 2012, Lance Armstrong is formally stripped of the seven Tour de France titles he won from 1999 to 2005 and banned for life from competitive cycling after being charged with using illicit performance-enhancing drugs and blood transfusions to help him win races.

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Leave research to real researchers

I am going to say here, on the record, that I have never done any research.

None. Zero. Zilch. Research takes expertise in a certain field and time—a lot of time. As in it can take years to do serious research. OK, I did "research" papers when I was in school, but we all know that is not real research.

This is how the word "Research" is defined: "The systematic investigation into and study of materials and sources in order to establish facts and reach new conclusions."

Systematic, investigation, study, materials, sources. Sorry, but that sounds like a lot of work to me.

Apparently, however, we are surrounded by people doing incredibly in-depth research all the time. Just check your social media. Your aunt has "researched" this, and your friend from high school — who was never the brightest bulb — has "researched" that. They have both reached conclusions that make you wonder about their sanity.

Living the Life

By Brad Jennings



Welcome to 2021.

The Internet is great for searching for things. I have recently been searching touring histories of rock bands I saw decades ago to see who the opening bands were. I simply couldn't remember so the magic of the Internet helped me out. I wouldn't call that research.

I also recently bought a new piece of electronics and wanted to know how it stacked up to others. I read a lot about specific features of a variety of similar items, perused multiple reviews and made a decision on

what to buy.

Research? No.

Making a decision about something — from what car to buy to what jeans will make you feel 40 again — we all use the Internet to gather information before making a decision. But that is not research. That is gathering information about items and products. Things that are not life and death. Things that are just, well, things.

I have many friends who post items on Facebook or Twitter about their "research." I can only shake my head in disbelief. Just because Aliendude2112 believes he saw E.T. on top of a watertower in Pinedale, Wyo., doesn't make it fact. Sorry if I don't trust the word of strangers, or even distant family members who can barely hold down a job.

"I never knew cousin Frank was so smart until he posted that he researched the COVID-19 shot and found out they use government tracking stuff to make us all sheep or something."

Maybe this is a bit exaggerated, but it is sadly not that far off.

Research is not going out and looking for information that only supports what you already think. That is the opposite of research. Science is about challenging current thinking on something and proving or disproving it.

I, for one, and thank you to that serious people who actually do research for a living understand the importance of real research and spend the days, weeks, months and years doing it. They make all of our lives better.

That guy who works at the restaurant you like that says the water has a drug in it to make us more docile? I probably won't be taking him seriously. So, let's not get our "facts" from the Internet, or social media. And let's not do our own "research." We don't know how to do that.

Let's listen to experts in their field. To me, that seems like the smart thing to do.

Brad Jennings is Editor of The Ogle County Life.

Local impact of energy bill is monumental

On Sept. 15th, Gov. JB Pritzker signed a historic energy bill dedicated to protecting the environment and gives Illinois the nation's leading climate action plan. Over 900 pages of legislation were debated by legislators for months and the details can be confusing. The highlights for the State of Illinois are lengthy, but boils down to this: 1) Municipal coal and natural gas plants must be carbon-free by 2045, 2) The State pledges 100% clean energy in three decades, 3) Exelon receives \$694 million in financial aid to keep local nuclear plants operational, 4) \$4000 rebates will be offered to residents in the Chicago area who purchase an electric vehicle and rebates of up to 80% of the cost to install electric charging stations and 5) Illinois residents can expect to see an increase on their electric bills. It is estimated to be a monthly increase of \$4.50.

Guest Opinion

By Erin Folk



The legislative impact on residents throughout the State of Illinois will vary, but the impact on our region is monumental and will be felt immediately. The legislation will allow Byron Nuclear Station to continue to operate and the impact can be described purely by numbers. The first number is 717. This is the number of employees who work year-round for the Byron Station. These employees make a combined \$97.5 million in employee com-

pensation annually. Without legislation, these would have been jobs lost, wages lost and would have immediately impacted the local economy with a significant reduction in funds spent in our communities.

The second number is \$38 million. This is the total amount of property taxes paid by Byron Station annually to your local taxing bodies. Taxing bodies include Ogle County, Byron School District, Byron Fire Protection District, Byron Museum District, Byron Forest Preserve, Byron Library District, Rockvale Township, Oregon School District, Oregon Park District, Rock Valley College, and Kishwaukee College. Eliminating Byron station would have significantly reduced tax collections, diminished services, and additional job loss.

The third number is 2 million. 2 million is the number of homes served

with carbon free energy by Byron Station. One of the biggest benefits of nuclear energy is its ability to remain reliable. Unlike solar and wind, nuclear power plants can produce energy nonstop and does not experience delays in energy production.

The final number is \$338 million. This is the total contribution Byron Station adds to the Ogle County economy through the direct, indirect and induced impacts created by Exelon.

Each of these statistics stand out to me based on their immediate impact on the residents of Ogle County and beyond. Looking forward we can allow ourselves to breathe a sigh of relief and look to express our gratitude towards Exelon, legislators and the many local leaders who understood the importance of nuclear energy within Ogle County.

Erin Folk is executive director of the Oregon Park District.

This medicine is certainly not a dangerous drug

Dear Editor,

In a recent letter to the editor, a contributor characterized Hydroxychloroquine (HCQ) and Ivermectin as dangerous drugs.

Let me set the record straight. HCQ is on the World Health Organization's list of essential medicines. It has been approved for use for over 65 years and prescribed billions of times throughout the world. The CDC states that HCQ can be prescribed to adults and children of all ages and to pregnant and

nursing mothers. Over fifty-three studies have shown it to have positive results in fighting COVID infections.

Ivermectin is also on the WHO's list of essential medicines and won the 2015 Nobel Prize for medicine. It has been prescribed billions of times in its nearly 4 decades of use throughout the world with no known adverse reactions. Forty-nine studies have shown its effectiveness in fighting COVID and a full course of treatment can cost less

than one US dollar.

Ivermectin is primarily an anti-parasitic drug in humans and livestock and therefore is derided. However, many drugs are used for cross purposes. Viagra was originally invented as a drug to combat high blood pressure. Aspirin was developed as a pain killer but is often prescribed as a low dose blood thinner.

On another but related note, I would like to point out that several studies, including one conducted by the prestigious Cleve-

land Clinic and another study performed at the Maccabi Healthcare and Tel Aviv University that involved over 76,000 people, showed that natural immunity is robust and long lasting and superior to the immunity delivered by the vaccine. Dr. Fauci, when questioned on this fact, would not comment.

Ignoring treatments that work and natural immunity is not following the science, and is costing precious lives.

Sincerely,
Barrett Smith, Byron

Reader is grateful and thankful for progress

Dear Editor,

Recently a gentleman from Byron wrote, "I was happier before progress came into my life!" I respectfully disagree: I'm more than grateful for the progress gained over the years.

I'm grateful for advances in medicine so I don't have to endure blood-letting or purges for all ailments. I'm grateful for the safety devices, now standard equipment in our automobiles, and we don't have to turn a crank to get them started. I'm grateful we have learned so much about the earth's environment and outer space. We can predict the weather and

enjoy the stars. I'm grateful we have technology that allows us to communicate efficiently and conveniently with an instrument not plugged into the wall. I'm grateful voting rights aren't limited to white, male property owners, but to women and all racial groups. I'm grateful I am permitted to attend the church of my choice, or no church at all. I don't think progress is the problem, but along with this progress, personal responsibility is essential.

My lifestyle choices can impact my health, regardless of the advances made in medical treatment. If I drive recklessly, safety devices in my car may not help. If I ignore warn-

ings to evacuate or take precautions because of a severe weather event, I must suffer the consequences. If I post information that is not true or insulting, I dishonor myself and harm others. If I forego my responsibility to vote, that right could be made more difficult or taken away. I must not impose my religious beliefs on others, or those of others could be required of me.

Personal responsibility affects not only me, but all of us. Respect and kindness for our fellow Americans would promote peace and contentment. I'd be so grateful for that.

Bonnie Mueller, Oregon

LOCAL NEWS

OHS Students encourage first responders with notes

OREGON – Every student at Oregon High School was born after 9/11, but they still felt moved to thank local first responders in recognition of the 20th anniversary of the attacks.

On Sept. 17, four students and OHS Principal Heidi Deiningering delivered notes to the Mt. Morris Police and Fire Departments, Oregon Police and Fire Departments, and Ogle County Police and Dispatch Departments to thank them for what they do to support and protect their communities. The idea for the notes, suggested by OHS’s School Improvement Team, was a hit for everyone involved.

“The notes were so heartfelt,” Deiningering said. “We did this as a part of a larger activity that taught students about the events of 9/11, and it sparked a lot of great conversation. We were all honored to deliver the notes and personally thank everyone.”

Every OHS student wrote a note during their student advisory period known as “Hawk Huddle.” In total, students wrote and delivered nearly 400 notes.

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LOCAL NEWS

Two recycling events set for October in Ogle County

OREGON—The Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department (OCSWMD) will be hosting two residential electronics recycling events in the coming weeks. Events will be held on Saturday, Oct. 16 from 8 a.m. to noon and on Friday, Oct. 29 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. These events are by advance permit only and will be held at the County Annex Building at 909 Pines Road in Oregon.

Call the OCSWMD at 815-732-4020 or email solidwaste@oglecounty.org to acquire a free electronic recycling permit. You will need to provide your name, address, phone number, and email address. Permits are limited and are for Ogle County residents only. Permits will be available for these events up until two days prior to the event or until the event is at capacity. Permits allow coun-

ty residents to bring up to seven large items in for recycling, and each permit comes with a full list of accepted items. The OCSWMD is once again holding a food drive during the October and November recycling events. They are asking attendees to bring in non-perishable food items to these events. All food donations will be donated to local food pantries as was done back

in 2019. Accepted items include canned fruits, vegetables, soups, tuna, boxed foods such as cereal, pastas, rice, and pancake mix and syrup, peanut butter, and jellies. Items such as bar soap, toilet paper, tooth paste, dish soap, and laundry supplies are also accepted. No open or expired items accepted. These events are for Ogle County residents and not for

business or institutional electronic material. If you have business material to recycle, or have other questions regarding electronic recycling in Ogle County, call the OCSWMD at 815-732-4020, visit www.oglecounty.org, or see the OCSWMD on Facebook. The department thanks residents for recycling, and remembering to bring food items to share with others in the area.

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An optional tour will be given following the luncheon. Don't miss this perfect opportunity to visit and experience Taft. Come enjoy the scenery of the campus or simply head out whenever you prefer.

Lunch will be served at 2 p.m. Children 3 and under are free.

Fee is \$15/Resident and \$18/Non-Resident. Deadline to register is Oct. 13 until space is full. Registration is available online at oregonpark.org or by calling 815-732-3101. You may also register in person at Nash Recreation Center located at 304 S. Fifth St., Oregon.



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2586 Rogene Drive, Oregon \$349,000 Call Andrea

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220 Gold River Ave., Rockford \$135,000 Call Rebecca

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6410 11th St., Rockford \$119,900 Call Taylor

On nearly 1.5 acres, this home is private yet conveniently located. Walking into this home the new trim and newer vinyl floor will catch your eye. This home features first floor laundry, a first floor master bedroom, and a bonus room on the second level. This 1526 sq foot home has many updates including a new furnace, newer A/C, new windows, updated electric to the home and garage, 3 year old water softener, two year old dishwasher, and a 2 year old washing machine. Walking out the back door of the home you can relax on the large deck or patio area that faces the open pasture behind the home. This home is move in ready, call today to set up a showing!

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208 N. McKendrie Street, Mt Morris \$154,900 Call Stephanie

You will fall in love with this modern farmhouse style rehab offering 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, large living room, formal dining and main floor laundry. Home boasts new paint throughout, all new flooring, updated electrical and plumbing, some new doors and windows, all new lighting, remodeled bathrooms with new shower/bath surrounds, cabinetry and subway tile, granite countertops, new furnace and central air. The large backyard is complete with a spacious deck and extra garage space for your outdoor equipment or workshop. Nothing to do but move in!



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SPORTS/LOCAL NEWS

Byron dominates North Boone

The Byron High School football team continued its dominance on Sept. 24, beating North Boone 49-7. Again, Byron did most of the damage on the ground, racking up 443 yards rushing. The Tigers were led by Kye Aken, who had 10 runs for 112 yards. Chandler Binkley added 85 yards on 11

rushes and two touchdowns. Byron fell behind early as North Boone scored on an 8-yard pass in the first quarter. Byron responded with two first quarter TDs, including a 50-yard touchdown pass from Braden Smith to Ethan Pazkill. Pazkill also had a 75-yard run for a score in the second quarter.

Scores

Varsity soccer Sept. 21 Stillman Valley 1, Genoa-Kingston 8	Pecatonica 0	Stillman Valley 2, North Boone 0
Sept. 24 Oregon 2, Hinkley Big Rock 2	Coed Varsity Cross Country Sept. 22 Stillman Valley ties Byron	Sept. 23 Oregon beat Rockford Christian 25-13, 25-14
Joey Gelande and Isaac Nelson each had goals; Nelson and Miley Smith each had an assist	Holland Reynolds 5th place; Jeremiah Bogner 11th place	Jenae Bothe had 7 kills, 2 blocks and an ace; Ava Wight had 9 kills and 3 digs; Megan Thompson had 5 kills and 2 blocks
Sept. 23 Stillman Valley 3, Winnebago 2	Sept. 28 Stillman Valley ties Genoa-Kingston	Sept. 28 Stillman Valley 0, Rock Falls 2
Sept. 28 Stillman Valley 0, Somonauk 7	Holland Reynolds 19th place; Jeremiah Bogner 23rd place	Sept. 29 Stillman Valley 0, Byron 2
Sept. 29 Stillman Valley 11,	Sept. 25 Stillman Valley ties Winnebago	Varsity football Stillman Valley 51, Rockford Christian 16
	Varsity Volleyball Sept. 21	

Dean's List

U. of Central Arkansas

CONWAY, Ark. – Morgan Brown of Byron was named to the University of Central Arkansas spring 2021 Dean's List. To qualify for the Dean's List in a given semester, a student must earn a 3.50 or higher grade point average on a minimum of twelve hours of undergraduate degree credit with no incomplete (X) grades. Brown was among more than 1,350 named to the Dean's List.

Elmhurst University

ELMHURST – More than 900 Elmhurst University students were named to the Spring 2021 Dean's List. The following local students made the list: Emma Nelson of Forreston. Savannah Meinen of Davis Junction. The Dean's List is composed of students who during the term concerned, attained a grade-point average of 3.75 or higher (out of a possible 4.00). Elmhurst University is a leading four-year institution of higher education that seamlessly blends liberal learning and professional preparation to help students reach their full potential. Founded in 1871, Elmhurst now offers more than 70 undergraduate programs of study, more than 20 graduate and certificate programs in flexible formats, and the Elmhurst Learning and Success Academy for young adults with differing abilities. Elmhurst University, formerly Elmhurst College, is among the top-ranked colleges and universities in the Midwest.

U. of Wisconsin-Eau Claire

EAU CLAIRE – The University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire extends congratulations to the 2,816 students named to the spring 2021 Dean's List. Their academic performance has been outstanding, and we recognize these students with pride. The Dean's list eligibility criteria can be found online at <https://www.uwec.edu/news/news/spring-2021-dean-s-list-4764/>. Students from your area who were named to the Dean's List are: Byron – Chase Sarver, College of Business



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LOCAL NEWS

Julia Hull Library News

A huge thank-you to our community and patrons for their plastic donations. Karen Marsh and her grandson Braden organized the collection for recycle through the NextTrex Recycling Program. Collectively, you turned garbage into a garden bench! (Julia Hull Library, Stillman Valley)



Adult Book Club: Fox & I

Pick up a book, then join us for a lively discussion of Catherine Raven's memoir, *Fox & I: An Uncommon Friendship*. Adults only. Copies of the reading available on loan. Email Joanna at jkluever@mail.meridian223.org to register for a link to the program. Monday, Oct. 4 at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom.

Tween Scene: Pumpkin Spice Latte Craft

Fall is finally here! And we all know what that means! Pumpkin Spice EVERYTHING! Whether you love or hate the flavor, this month's project is going to be to die for! Tweens will be making and taking their own Pumpkin Spice Latte inspired craft. Tuesday, Oct. 5 at 6 p.m. at the library. Ages 10-12. Call the library to register: 815-645-8611.

Faux Knitted Pumpkins

Monday, Oct. 11 at 6 p.m., we'll learn to faux-knit a cute and cozy decorative pumpkin that'll look adorable on your mantel, bookshelf, or wherever else you've added hints of Fall to your home. Supply kits available at the library, upon registration. Email Joanna at jkluever@mail.meridian223.org to register for this Zoom program.

Pajama Storytime

The whole family is invited to a special evening storytime series! Join Miss Kelly on Zoom for interactive books, rhymes, and songs. Wear your pjs, and bring a cuddle buddy. Tuesday, Oct. 12 at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom. Email khaas@mail.meridian223.org, or FB message us for a link to the program.

Chicago's Sweet Candy History

Did you know? For most its history, Chicago produced about one-third of the nation's candy. From Brach's caramels, Snickers and Milky Way bars, to Wrigley's gum, Cracker Jack, Baby Ruth and Butterfinger, Tootsie Rolls and Frango Mints. Learn the history of these tasty treats and explore what made Chicago such an ideal location for candymakers. Find out why immigrants played a critical role in confectionery history, discover how Baby Ruth and Milk Duds got their names, and take a fun "candy quiz." Join Leslie Goddard, PhD for this deliciously fun and interactive Zoom program on Monday, October 18 at 6:30 PM. Email Joanna at jkluever@mail.meridian223.org to

register.

Young Critics Book Club

It's almost Halloween! Join us at the library on Tuesday, Oct. 19 at 6 p.m., for a book discussion and hands-on craft/activity all about a most fitting story for the season: *Monster and Boy*, by Hannah Barnaby. Stop by, or call the library to register for this in-person program, and reserve your copy of the reading: 815-645-8611. Ages 7-9.

Teen Crafternoon: Haunted Gingerbread Houses

Just like Jack the Pumpkin King, we're taking a Christmas tradition and twisting it to spooky perfection this Halloween. Join Kelly at the library on Friday, Oct. 22 at 3 p.m. to make some gruesome haunted houses out of gingerbread and candy. All supplies provided. Ages 13-18. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

Halloween Science: Ghastly Goo!

Calling all little mad scientists! Join Miss Kelly in the library for some hair-raising Halloween fun. We're whipping up all kinds of ghastly goo: from spooky slime to frightening foam! Saturday, Oct. 23 at 10 a.m. Ages 5-9. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

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Polo Library News

Polo Library Hours

Polo Library's open hours are Monday - Thursday - 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Friday - 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Saturday - 10 a.m.-3 p.m. - Curbside services will continue to be available during open hours.

Polo Library will be Closed Monday, Oct. 11 for Columbus Day

Saturday, October 9, 1 p.m. - "Mammals & More" with the Flying Fox Conservation Fund - Polo Library Pavilion

Join Ms. Melanie and the Flying Fox Conservation Fund for a fun and educational program about animals! The Flying Fox Conservation Fund will have some of their furry friends with them as well! Call 815-946-2713 or email melaniew@pololibrary.org for more information

Storytime Saturday Virtual - Facebook & YouTube, Oct. 2 and 16 at 10:30 a.m.

Visit [Facebook.com/pololibrary](https://www.facebook.com/pololibrary) or search "Polo Public Library" on YouTube to watch virtual Storytime Saturday. New videos air at 10:30am on these weeks.

In Person - Polo Library Lawn or Pavilion, Oct. 23 and 30 at 10:30 a.m.

Join Ms. Melanie *LIVE* at 10:30am these Saturdays on the Library Lawn, or in the Library Pavilion, for a story and a craft! - Outdoors as long as weather permits. When Storytime is moved indoors, masks are required for anyone over the age of 2.

Register by calling 815-946-2713 or emailing melaniew@pololibrary.org

Tails & Tales Fall Reading Program - Sept. 13-Oct. 30, ages 3-18

Watch [Facebook.com/pololibrary](https://www.facebook.com/pololibrary) or email melaniew@pololibrary.org for more information and to register

Thursday, Oct. 7, 6 p.m. - DIY Craft Night, String Art at the Polo Library Pavilion

Open to anyone ages 12 and up (anyone under the age of 16 must have an adult attending to help them with their project) - Outdoor event (weather permitting) - If moved indoors, masks will be required

Join us and make your own string art to hang on your wall. The Library will provide nails, basic templates and multiple colors of string. Participants will bring a hammer, a board the size they want their project to be (paint or stain the board before you come if you don't want bare wood in your finished project), an easy printed shape to use as a template if you have something specific you want to make. Call 815-946-2713 or email carlap@pololibrary.org for more information and to register

Wednesday, Oct. 13, 10:30 a.m. - Coffee with a Cop, Library Pavilion

Join us for a community conversa-

tion with a member of the Polo Police department. Coffee will be provided. If moved indoors, masks are required for anyone over the age of two

Saturday, Oct. 23, 6:30 p.m. - S'more Night at the Library, Polo Library Parking Lot

Join Ms. Melanie for S'mores and Stories around a campfire! Be sure to bring chairs and blankets to sit on. This is a family event. Call 815-946-2713 or email Ms. Melanie at melaniew@pololibrary.org to register so we make sure we have enough s'more supplies for everyone!

Wednesday, Oct. 27, 6:30 p.m. - Live Virtual Author Event, Chris Bohjalian

Live on Zoom, watch a conversation with author Chris Bohjalian (author of 22 books including *Midwives*, *The Light in the Ruins*, and his newest - *Hour of the Witch*). Call 815-946-2713 or email library@pololibrary.org to register.

Genealogy Help - First Wednesday (5-7 p.m.) and Third Saturday (10 a.m.-noon) of each month

Are you interested in genealogy but don't know where to start? Or do you have a start but need some help? Come by Polo Library on the first Wednesday or third Saturday of each month and let Donna help you with your research.

Are You Interested in Joining a Book Club?

Polo Library has three book clubs that are open to new participants. If you are interested in joining a book club or knowing what we're reading call 815-946-2713 or email library@pololibrary.org.

Book Subscription Box - Grades 6-12

The book subscription box contains one book to read and some goodies to enjoy. You pick the genre, we supply the book! Email library@pololibrary.org and ask for a Book Subscription Box form and fill it out. Box pickup and drop off is the first Saturday of each month.

Online Resources

New books and audiobooks are being added! Download Axis360, OMNI, Overdrive, Libby, and Biblioboard for books and audiobooks. Links to these resources are available at [pololibrary.org](https://www.pololibrary.org)

Wi-Fi Access

Wi-Fi is available 24/7 outside of the library building, even outside of library hours. You can access the Wi-Fi by joining the Polo Public Library Guest Access network, you do not need a password.

Questions?

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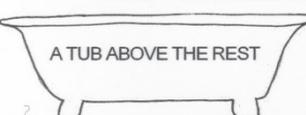
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LOCAL NEWS

Oregon Library News

Oregon Public Library Procedures

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Yoga on Mondays at 9:30 a.m.

Krystal Casey will be teaching a Monday morning yoga class at the library. At ADM Studios, their mission is to inspire Americans to practice balance, wholeness, wellness – as individuals, as communities, as a nation. {Oneness.} 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.

Local Author – The Library’s Very Own Richard Pulfer! - Wednesday, Oct. 6th at 6:30 p.m.

Did you know that our very own Adult Services Librarian, Richard Pulfer, is a published author? Richard is the co-writer and co-creator of the webcomic Blue Yonder, and also the winner of the international comic book pitching contest Zeroes2Heroes. His writings have also appeared in Broken Frontier, the Rockford Register star and Screen Rant. In addition, he has published short stories in Futurescapes, Call of the Wyld and Insurgency: A Fae Rebellion. And he works right here at the Oregon Public Library. Come and hear about Richard’s journey and the in’s and out’s of professional writing. Registration required, (815) 732-2724 or www.oregonpubliclibrary.com.

Blackhawk Wars – Friday, Oct. 8 at 1 p.m.

David G Clarke, the Windy City Road Warrior, will take an overview of the “Indian problem,” from first interaction with the French voyageurs, attempts at assimilation and co-existence, and finally treaties and government promises broken. We look at the Trail of Tears, the final war dance in 1835 Chicago, and the emergence of Native American casinos in the epic clash of cultures. It all happened in a land named for an indigenous nation of people, the Illinois. This program is provided by the Friends of the Library. Registration required, (815) 732-2724 or www.oregonpubliclibrary.com.

Magic or Science? – Monday, Oct. 11 at 1:30 p.m.

Did you know there are really fun concoctions simply by using ingredients and items from around the house? Join us at the Library, Monday, October 11 at 1:30 pm (no school) to discover and experiment! This is suitable for 3rd grade & up. Registration (limited space) and masks are required. Call 815-732-2724 to register before the October 6 deadline. It will be outside, weather permitting and it could get a little messy, so be prepared.

Try It Tuesdays – Tuesday, Oct. 12 (while supplies last)

DIY Bug Soap for Halloween

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Local Author – John Plescia - Wednesday, October 13th at 6:30 p.m.

John Plescia, lives a rural life with his wife and 4 kids. “I’m not a published author but enjoy writing and the outdoors. This is my first fiction novel.” His book, The North Woods Adventures of John Baker, released on August 25, 2021. Is a story about an aging trapper in the North Woods of Maine who needs help on his trapline. Registration required: (815) 732-2724 or www.oregonpubliclibrary.com.

Ink with a Friend Card Club

Monday, Oct. 18 – 6:30 p.m.

Sending personal cards to your friends and family is a way to let them know you care and are thinking about them. Creating these cards makes it even more special. Come join us for Ink with a Friend. You will be provided a pre-cut kit along with personal instruction on how to create the wonderful cards while learning a variety of card making techniques. All designs include beautiful colored cardstock, gorgeous designer series paper, detailed stamped images, die cut pieces, matching ink, ribbon, and embellishments. This month, Liz has designed two (2) Fall/Thanksgiving cards for you to make. All cards come with matching envelopes. We need a minimum of three (3) participants. 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.

A Look Behind Orson Welles’ “War of the Worlds” Broadcast

With Laura Keyes – Tuesday, Oct. 19 at 7 p.m.

Virtual Event

On the eve of Halloween 1938, a young actor/director broadcast a radio drama based on a 40-year-old novel: The War of the Worlds. While the original broadcast had a relatively low audience, the impact it had, and continues to have, on American culture is staggering. But how much of that impact was reality, and how much has been exaggerated over the years? Were there riots in the streets from panicked listeners, or did most of the audience simply enjoy a well-done piece of theatre? Did Orson Welles know he would frighten listeners, or was this an unintended accident? Gather the family and join Laura Keyes live virtual event. Registration required (815) 732-2724.

Preschool Story Time (18 months- 6 years)

Story Time has begun. Join us on Thursdays where we will meet in person at 11 am for stories, crafts, and fun! Registration and masks are required.

Library Book Clubs

The 2WBC Book Club meets Wednesday, Oct. 13 at 12:30 p.m. to discuss World War Z by Max Brooks. The Afternoon Book Club meets Wednesday, Oct. 20 at 1 p.m. to discuss The Silent Patient by Alex Michaelides. Books on Tap meets Thursday, October 26 at 6 pm to discuss The Girl Who Loved Tom Gordon by Stephen King.

Oregon Public Library StoryWalk®

StoryWalk® was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT in 2007, and developed in collaboration with the Vermont Bicycle & Pedestrian Coalition and the Kellogg Hubbard Library. Current story is ...The Pumpkin Book by Gail Gibbons.

OPLD Dial-A-Story

Need a quick story... call 1-630-397-0912 to hear one! Children’s stories are changed out monthly, but you can hear it over and over again by calling! The current story is The Dinky Donkey by Craig Smith.

Passport Services

The Oregon Public Library offers Passport Application Processing. It is recommended that patrons seeking Passport Services call the Library prior to their visit to ensure that an official processor is available at that time and for a checklist of items you will need for the appointment.

Oregon Writers Group -2nd Tuesday

each month at 10:00 am The OWG is a gathering of writers or writer-wannabes who meet to support each other and to further their own writing. The purpose of the group is to help and encourage you in your writing. If you need brainstorming ideas, we can help suggest ideas or aid with the creative process.

1,000 Books Before

Kindergarten

Read a book (any book) to your newborn, infant, and/or toddler. The goal is to have read 1,000 books before your child starts kindergarten. It’s very simple to start. Register by coming in or calling. Come in to the Library to pick-up your folder for recording your books. Then just start recording at home in your folder the titles of the books you read to your pre-kindergarten child. Children can listen to or read stories on e-book readers, tablet computers, or other devices as well as the old-fashioned way. You can even repeat books. Computer games do not count. Call the Library 815-732-2724 for more information.

“There are many little ways to enlarge your child’s world. Love of books is the best of all.”- Jacqueline Kennedy

PCs for People

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

New Releases

We Were Never Here by Andrea Bartz (Fiction)
The Last Chance Li-

brary by Freya Sampson (Fiction)

The Reckoning: Our Nation’s Trauma And Finding A way To Heal by Mary L. Trump (Non-Fiction) 973.933 TRU)

Countdown Bin Laden by Chris Wallace (Non-Fiction 958.104 WAL)

All In by Billie Jean King (Biography BIO KIN)The Long Slide: Thirty Years In American Journalism by Tucker Carlson (Non-Fiction 320.23 CAR)

Hemlock by Susan Wittig Albert (Mystery)

Forgotten In Death by J. D. Robb (Mystery)

The Heron’s Cry by Ann Cleeves (Mystery)

Murder In The Cookbook Nook by Ellery Adams (Paperback Mystery)

Deadly Summer Nights by Vicki Delany (Paperback Mystery)

DIRECTORY OF AREA HUMAN SERVICES

Alcohol Abuse Counseling & Recovery

A.A. Hotline **800-452-7990**
Sinnissippi Centers, Inc.
Oregon **732-3157**
Rochelle **562-3801**

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
200 W Washington, Oregon **732-1301**

Habitat for Humanity of Ogle County

P.) Box 628
Oregon, IL 61061 **732-6855**

Mental Health

Family Counseling Services **962-5585**
Sinnissippi Centers, Inc.
Oregon **732-3157**
Rochelle **562-3801**
The Serenity Shed Grief Services **732-2499**

Senior Citizens Services

Hub City Senior Center **562-5050**
Mt Morris Senior Center **734-6335**
Polo Senior Center **946-3818**
Rock River Center **732-3252**
Oregon, IL **800-541-5479**

Sexual Assault/Abuse

Rockford Sexual Assault Counseling
24-hour hotline **636-9811**
412 W Washington, Oregon **732-0000**

Therapeutic & Recreational Horseback Riding

Pegasus Special Riders **973-3177**

Veterans’ Services

Rock River Center **732-3252**
Serenity Hospice and Home **732-2499**
Medical Transportation **677-6515**

Wellness Services

Ogle County Health Dept
907 Pines Rd, Oregon **562-6976**
510 Lincoln Hwy, Rochelle **562-6976**
Serenity Hospice and Home **732-2499**

LOCAL NEWS

Bertolet Library News

Read To A Dog:

On Wednesday, October 20th at 4:00 PM, we will be having our first Read To A Dog session. Register your independent reader for a 15 minute session to read to a trained therapy dog at Bertolet Memorial Library. Bring a book from home or school, or choose one from our library. Registration required at 815-738-2742. Masks will be required.

Story Hour:

Story Hour with Miss Jana is back in session! We will be meeting each Thursday at 10 a.m. Registration requested but not required. Masks will be required.

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 first kit, available now at the library, includes everything you need to make a wish bracelet. A new kit will be available the first Wednesday of each month.

Create-a-Card:

Create-a-Card is back! Join Jessie on the 3rd Saturday of each month at 9 a.m. Make a special card for that special someone or occasion. Weddings, birthdays, holidays... The only limit is your imagination!

Forreton Library News

Snow Removal Bids

The library is currently seeking bids for snow removal from our sidewalks, ramp, and front steps/porch for this winter. Following an overnight snowfall, snow will need to be removed by 8 a.m. and some daytime removal may also be necessary. Please submit your written proposal to the library in person or by email to forrestonpubliclibrary@gmail.com. In order to be considered, bids must be received by noon on Monday, Oct. 11. For more information, contact Julie at 815-938-2624.

New Titles

New adult fiction includes: "The Burning" by Jonathan Kellerman, "Striking Range" by Margaret Mizushima, and "Apples Never Fall" by Liane Moriarty.

Masks:

Masks are required at Bertolet Memorial Library for all patrons over age 2. We will be happy to provide curbside service as needed.

Plastic Recycling:

Update: Animal/pet food bags, silage/hay bags are no longer accepted in this program. Also, no vinyl shower curtains or tablecloths or pool toys/covers. We ask that you make sure plastic is clean with no debris in the donation. Also please remove any ziploc-type seals and paper/sticker labels. Thank you for your cooperation.

New Releases:

- Adult Books
- The Santa Suit by Mary Kay Andrews
- Never Say Sever In Deadwood by Ann Charles
- Santa Cruise by Fern Michaels
- Juvenile Books
- Buttons the Runaway Puppy by Holly Webb
- Picture Books
- Harley the Hero by Peggy Collins
- Rescue & Jessica by Jessica Kensky
- Looking Out For Sarah by Glenna Lang

Library Hours

The library is open the following hours: Monday 10am-1pm, 2-7pm, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 10am-1pm, 2-6pm, and Saturday 9am-12pm. We are closed on Friday and Sunday. Masks are currently required for anyone over the age of 3. 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 forrestonlibrary.org. If you have any questions or needs, please feel free to contact us by phone at 815-938-2624, email at forrestonpubliclibrary@gmail.com, or through Facebook messaging.

AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

BYRON

ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

CORNERSTONE FAMILY CHURCH

205 N. Peru St., Byron 815-234-8737 cornerstonefamilychurch.org
 Sr. Pastor: Randy Snider, NextGen/ Family Pastor: Collin Nicholls
 Children's Ministry Director: Lori Martin
 Worship Service on Sundays at 10am with Children's Worship Service and Nursery Available
 Sr High Youth Ministry Sundays at 6:00pm, Jr High Youth Ministry Wednesdays at 6:30pm
 Numerous Small Groups Available for All Ages throughout the week.
 Please call our Church Office or visit our website for more details.
 Office Hours: 8:00am-4:30pm Mondays-Thursdays

BYRON ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

226 E. Second St, Byron, IL 61010 - Phone 815-234-7431 - Fr. Richard Rosinski. Weekday Masses: Tuesday - Friday 7:30am, Weekend Masses: May - August Sat. 5:00 pm, Sun. 8:00 am and 10:00 am, September - April Sat. 5:00 pm, Sun. 8:00 am and 10:45 am, Reconciliation: Fri. 8:00 am - 8:30 am; Sat. 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm or by appointment

SHEPHERD EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

NEW LOCATION! Jarrett Prairie Center 7993 N. River Rd., Byron Phone 963-5216 Rev. Michael Axmark, Pastor. Discover Time 9:30 a.m., Fellowship 10:15 a.m., Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Mailing Address: P.O. Box 838, Byron, IL 61010

UNITED CHURCH OF BYRON

A Member Church of the United Church of Christ
 701 W. Second Street PO Box 927, Byron IL 61010-0927, 815-234-8777
 Email: ucb@comcast.net Website: unitedchurchofbyron.org
 Pastor: Tyler Spellious
 Youth Ministry Coordinator: Richard Simpson
 Adult Sunday School 9:00am-10:00am, Kids Sunday School (ages 3 thru high school) 10:00am-10:40am, Coffee & Fellowship time: 10:00am-10:25am
 Sunday Schedule and Worship Opportunities:
 Service of Meditation and Prayer: 8:15am - 8:45am
 Adult Christian Education Class: 9am
 Main Worship with Chancel Choir: 10:30am
 For complete ministry schedule and activities, please check our website or Facebook page or contact the church office.
 Whoever you are or wherever you are on your journey, you are welcome here!

CHANA

CHANA UNITED METHODIST

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

DAVIS JUNCTION

DAVIS JUNCTION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Open Minds, Open Hearts, Open Doors • "God's Heart in Our Community" Located in town on Rt. 72 • Our Pastor is Rev. Keith Kelsey-Powell
Sundays: Worship 10:30am, Childrens time during Worship Service. Fellowship following the Worship Service each Sunday. Communion the first Sunday of the month. Potluck luncheon following Worship every 4th Sunday, except in the summer months of June, July and August. Various small groups meet throughout the month. For more information about the small groups please call 298-2310. AA meets Wednesdays at 5:30pm and Saturdays at 9am. For more information please visit our website WWW.DJUMC.ORG

GRACE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH DAVIS JUNCTION

Pastor Brad Pittman www.graceisforyou.com
 14080 Rt. 72 East, Davis Junction (Next to Fritz's Electrical) • 815-973-1369
Worship Service: Saturday at 5pm

FORRESTON

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

402 2nd Avenue, Forreston, IL 61030, Phone 815-938-3203 Pastor Scott Ralston
 Sunday Worship 9:00 am; Sunday School 10:00 am

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

402 First Ave., Forreston, IL Phone: 815-938-2380
 Pastor Sung-Eun Kim
 OPEN HEARTS, OPEN MINDS, OPEN DOORS
 Worship at 9:00 a.m. (childcare provided) with coffee and fellowship immediately following. Sunday School Age 3-Adult, 10:15 am.
 AA meets Mondays, 8:00 AM. Monthly United Methodist Women's meetings. God is Good, All the Time, All the Time, God is Good!

ST. JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH

West Grove Rd. At Columbine Rd • Karyn Kost • 815-938-3511
 Worship Service 10:30 am. Communion is served the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month. "Singing the Song of Christian Faith in Worship, Service, Learning, Outreach and Welcome" in a beautiful rural setting.
 Everyone is cordially invited to be with us.

LEAF RIVER

ADELINE ZION EVANGELICAL CHURCH

9106 Cedar St. in Adeline, Leaf River, IL 61047 • Ph: 815-541-4863 Sunday Services: Sunday School 9:00 am, Worship Service 10:15 am VISITORS WELCOME

LEAF RIVER BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor Billy Hardy
 Live Sermon Streaming: Sundays at 10:00 AM at www.facebook.com/LEAFRIVERBC/
 Archived Sermons on our YouTube channel: Leaf River Baptist Church (Until further notice)
 9:30 Church Service. Nursery available, 11:00 Sunday school for all ages. Nursery available
 6941 N Mt Morris Rd, Leaf River, IL 61047
 815-738-2205 leafriverbc@gmail.com

LINDENWOOD

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH - LCMS

immanuel-lindenwood.org (for sermons, events, etc.)
 16060 E. Lindenwood Road, Lindenwood, IL 61049
 815-393-4500 • office@immanuel-lindenwood.org
Sunday Mornings: Divine Service @ 9am; Food & Fellowship @ 10am; Sunday School and Adult Bible Study @ 10:30am
Food Bank: 1st and 3rd Saturdays, 9am-12pm
 Pastor: Rev. Dr. Matthew Kassebrock
pastor@immanuel-lindenwood.org

LINDENWOOD UNION CHURCH

101 N Galena st, P.O. box 67
 Lindenwood IL
 815-393-4658
 Worship- 10:00 am
 Coffee Fellowship following service

KINGS

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

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 During the COVID-19 pandemic, weekly worship is online at www.disciplesumc.org
 In-person communion services, are offered at various times. Call or email for upcoming dates/times and to register.
 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 Ehler
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.

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 • Rev. Josiah Youngquist
 www.EBENEZERREFORMED.com • Sunday school 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m.

FREEDOM LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA

(815) 661-6315
 Website: <http://www.freedomlutheran.org>
 We are no longer meeting at First Presbyterian Church. When we meet in person, it is at Oregon United Methodist Church. We are currently meeting only via Zoom during the pandemic. There is no in person worship currently. There is no pastor currently serving Freedom Lutheran

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 lite up your life!

OREGON CHURCH OF GOD

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

OREGON FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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

OREGON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

RIVERSTONE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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

ST. BRIDE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH, NALC

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

POLO

ST. MARY CHURCH

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

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

FAITH DISCOVERY CHURCH

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

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

STILLMAN VALLEY

RED BRICK CHURCH OF STILLMAN VALLEY (CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH)

Pastor Rev. Dr. Chris Brauns | Associate Pastor David Bogner
 207 W Roosevelt Road (Rte 72), Stillman Valley, IL
 815-645-2526 | www.thebrickchurch.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 Tanjes, 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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LOCAL NEWS

Park District has upcoming events, activities

Extended Time

Extended Time is our before and after school program that is paired with the OCUSD calendar. Our staff engages students in both recreational and educational activities that encourage teamwork, self-confidence, and fun. The program is conveniently located at the Blackhawk Center. Children can walk to school in the morning and come straight over after school. The morning program includes the option of having your child walked to the elementary school early for their breakfast program. The daily afternoon schedule includes time for snack, homework, themed projects, as well as physical activity. Students in grades K-6th can attend. Registration for the 2021-22 School Year is now open! Registration can be completed over the phone 815-732-3101 or online. The registration deadline for October is on Saturday, September 25. To offer parent's a flexible schedule, parents will select each day within the month that their child(s) will be attending. Parents may register for Before School, After School, or both. Payment is required at the time of registration.

State Park Hike

Fall is here and so is the Oregon Park District's guided park hikes! Join former park ranger, Grant Afflerbaugh, on hikes throughout local state parks. Each hike features a different state park with a trail that is often less traveled. Afflerbaugh will lead the group along with providing educational information throughout the hike. The second hike of the season will feature Castle Rock State Park. The group will meet at Castle Rock on Saturday, Oct. 9 at 9 a.m. Registration is required and deadline to reserve a spot is Oct. 6. The fee for this hike is just \$2 for Resident and \$3 for Non-Residents. Register online at oregonpark.org or by calling 815-732-3101.

Tumbling

The Kids Spot Inc. tumbling program has proven effective. We utilize interactive tumbling instructors to provide your child the best experience possible. We offer a variety of class offerings from Tiny to Novice classes at 2-time frames of 4:45 p.m. and 6 p.m. for 3-year olds and up. We will have a 4-week session this October on Wednesday evenings beginning 10/6 through 10/27. Fee is \$56 for Residents and \$67 for Non-Residents. Registration closes on Wednesday, Sept. 29 or until filled. Register online at oregonpark.org or by calling (815) 732-3101.

Paint & Sip Fall Pumpkins on Canvas

This Paint & Sip workshop is instructed by Amy Fenwick, local artist, who will walk you through the

paining process. This workshop will be held at Cork & Tap on Thursday, Oct. 7, 2021, from 6-8:30 p.m. All supplies are included in the class fee to paint fall pumpkins on a 12" x 14" canvas. Workshop fee is \$33/Resident or \$40/Non-Resident. Registration deadline is Sept 30.

Taste of Fall Cider & Donut Pairing at Cork & Tap

The Park District, Cork & Tap and The Village Bakery are pairing up to offer a Taste of Fall Cider & Donut Pairing. Register with a group of friends for a fun night out at Cork & Tap on Friday, October 15, 2021, 6:30-8:00 p.m. Register through the Park District online at www.oregonpark.org or by calling Nash at 815-732-3101. Pairing fee is \$24/Resident or \$29/Non-Resident. Registration deadline is Oct. 8. Enjoy this opportunity to sample 4 different delicious donuts paired with 4 different fall ciders on the menu at Cork & Tap.

Tailgating or Party appetizers with a Mexican Flair

Michelle Carreno, Hector's Cocina, will teach you how to make a few tasty appetizers for your next tailgating party or any party you need an appetizer for. Participants will make Guacamole Creamy Cotija and Confetti Salsa Party Dip, Shrimp Tostada Bites and Fiesta Pinwheels. Class will be held at Cork & Tap on Tuesday, Oct. 12, from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Class fee is \$28/Resident or \$34/Non-Resident. Registration deadline is Oct. 5.

Halloween StoryWalk Trail

This Halloween family fun special event is being held on Wednesday, Oct. 13, (early school dismissal) between the hours of 2:30-6:30 p.m. Although the event is FREE, for planning purposes, registration is required for each participating child ages 3-12 during one of the 30-minute time slots. The registration deadline is Oct. 6. Register now before all spots are filled! This fun event will be held at Oregon Park West starting on the StoryWalk Trail. Enjoy the book, *13 Nights of Halloween*, and participating in a few games between some of the pages. Then kids will enjoy the opportunity to pick a pumpkin from the Prairie Pumpkin Patch. Wear your costume and enjoy family fun, games, Halloween treats, photo ops and more.

HOWL'oween Canine Costume Contest

Register today for the Howl'oween Canine Costume Contest to be held at Wiggly Field on Monday, October 18 at 5:30 p.m. Judging will follow the doggie parade with awards to the winning canines but all participating

pooches will receive a Howl'oween Treat! Categories include: Best Purchased Costume, Best Homemade Costume and Best Group Costume (multiple dogs or pet/owner). Non-Wiggly Field members must show proof of rabies vaccination. Fee is \$5/\$6 NR per household.

Pre K- 1st Grade Basketball

Players will be given the opportunity to improve their skills in a positive environment. These co-ed programs are held on Saturdays at Nash, with each team meeting for an hour. Each Saturday will start with practicing fundamental basketball skills, followed by a game. If you are interested in coaching, please email lesley@oregonpark.org. Season runs from 10/23 through 11/13. Registration Fee \$40/\$54 NR. Deadline for participation is Sept. 30th.

Boys and Girls 2nd - 5th Grade Basketball

Players will be given the opportunity to improve their skills in a positive environment. Practices are held during the week at Nash Recreation Center or Oregon Elementary. Games are played on Saturday at Nash Recreation Center or Byron Park District. If you are interested in coaching please contact Lesley at lesley@oregonpark.org. Player assessments will be held to help the coaches draft their teams. Season runs 11/8 through 1/29. Fee \$60/\$72NR, deadline for registration is Oct. 19th.

OHS Basketball Clinic

Get ready for basketball season! This coed basketball clinic are being run by the OHS Varsity Boys Basketball coaches and team and will focus on fundamental skill development that will help your player be prepared for their upcoming season. All proceeds will benefit the OHS Boys Basketball program. 2-5 Grade, Monday 11/1 from 5-6:30 p.m., Fee \$10/ \$13 NR- Deadline 10/26- Nash

Womens Volleyball League

Are you ready for some volleyball this fall? This league is played on Thursday nights and is open to all women who are at least 18 years old and out of High School. This is a great opportunity for all skill levels to exercise and have fun with friends and others from surrounding communities. A tournament will be played at the end of the regular season and championship t-shirts will be awarded to the winners. Mandatory captains meeting will be held on 10/14 at 6pm at Nash Recreation Center. Season runs October 21st- January 13th, Fee per team \$225. Deadline for registration is October 13th.

Byron Library News

Did You Know... that there's more to the Byron Library's "Library of Things" than just WiFi hot spots? Check out one of our Roku streaming devices and try Netflix, Hulu or Disney+, take high quality digital videos with our GoPro video camera, or check out one of the many STEM kits offered in the children's department. A full list of equipment available in the "Library of Things" can be found at <https://www.byronlibrary.org/library-of-things/>.

Curbside Delivery

The library is open for browsing, but patrons can still use our curbside service! Place your holds online at byron.lib.il.us 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.

StoryWalks at the Byron Forest Preserve

A new StoryWalk® is up at the Byron Forest Preserve! Stroll the 1/2-mile Indigo Trail while reading "The Golden Acorn" by Katy Hudson. The StoryWalk® is a joint project of the Byron Public Library and the Byron Forest Preserve. The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. StoryWalk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson.

Read to a Dog

Mondays, Sept. 27-Oct. 25 at BPLD
5:30-6:30 p.m.

Meet Audi! Audi is a Weimaraner, a trained therapy dog, and a great listener! The patient, nonjudgmental attention of a dog helps readers gain confidence and improve reading skills. Come to the library early to select a book to read to Audi (or bring one from home). For youth in 1st-5th grade. Register for one 15 minute time slot per week; each week requires a separate registration. Youth should pick a book that they are able to read independently. Audi's owner will be there to oversee her dog but does not provide reading assistance. Register online at Byron.evanced.info or call 815-234-5107.

Chess Enthusiasts

Monday, Oct. 11 at BPLD
6-7:30 p.m.

Brush up on your chess skills! All ages and skill levels are welcome. Boards and pieces provided by the Byron Public Library District. Space is limited, so register by visiting Byron.evanced.info or calling 815-234-5107.

Ladies Night Out

Thursday, Oct. 14 at the BPLD Meeting Room

5-6 p.m. OR 6:30-7:30 p.m.

A great bottle of wine needs a stylish wine glass, and nothing says style like etched wine glasses! Come join us at the Byron Public Library to make a set of etched wine glasses. Light refreshments will be served. Space is limited, so please visit Byron.evanced.info or call 815-234-5107 to register.

Friday Trivia

Friday, Oct. 15

10:30 a.m. - noon at the Byron Museum of History
From movies to books to useless information, that's what trivia is all about! Here is your chance to show what you know and win prizes too! Please visit Byron.evanced.info or call 815-234-5107 to register.

Share Your Story

Monday, Oct. 18

1-2 p.m. at BPLD Board Room

Seniors are encouraged to join Beth as she provides monthly journal prompts. Reflect on and record your memories for future generations. There will be a designated time for seniors to share their stories with the group, if interested. Please visit Byron.evanced.info or call 815-234-5107 to register. Due to social distancing regulations, space will be limited.

Wednesday Night Readers

Wednesday, Oct. 20 at the BPLD Board Room
6:30-7:30 p.m.

Join Penny as she discusses September's book Hour of the Witch by Chris Bohjalian. Book and audiobook copies of Hour of the Witch are available for pickup at the Library. No registration is required.

Chess Enthusiasts

Monday, Oct. 25 @ BPLD

6-7:30 p.m.

Brush up on your chess skills! All ages and skill levels are welcome. Boards and pieces provided by the Byron Public Library District. Space is limited, so register by visiting Byron.evanced.info or calling 815-234-5107.

Homemade Baked Cider Donuts

Tuesday, Oct. 26 via YouTube

Get in the fall spirit! Join Beth as she makes delicious homemade baked cider donuts from scratch. Equipment you will need: saucepan, large mixing bowl, whisk, spatula, cooking spray, muffin pan and aluminum foil (or donut pan, if you have one), brush and pie pan. Ingredients you will need: 1 large egg and ½ cup of whole or 2% milk. Please visit Byron.evanced.info or call 815-234-5107 to register.

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

Mount Morris Library News

Program Coordinator Needed

Now taking applications for a Program Coordinator. If you enjoy working with people of all ages, planning events and programs, and marketing those programs, you might be the right person for this job. This position is part time, and does include some evening and weekend hours. You can pick up an application at the circulation desk.

Closed 2nd and 4th Saturdays

Due to staffing issues, starting in October, 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

Book sale through Oct. 8

Our annual book sale will start on September 25th. All sales will be by donation. Nothing will be priced. We would like to thank the high school for sending students to help with the heavy lifting in preparation for the sale.

Masks are required

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

Curbside Service is available!

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

Adult Book Club

The October book will be *the 100-Year-Old Man Who Climbed Out the Window and Disappeared* by Jonas Jonasson. Copies are available at the library. This group will meet in-person at the library on Monday, October 25th.

Display Case Showings

We have a new display for the month of October. Leah Ruit will share her collection of all things Jim Henson. Here come the Muppets and Sesame Street! Come and check it out! (Our display case schedule is full for 2021 but we're taking reservations for next year! If you have a collection you would like to display, let us know!)

Rock River Center

The Rock River Center has a representative in our library the second Thursday of every month. Services provided by Rock River Center are designed to enable older and disabled persons to remain independent, thereby avoiding costly long-term care. No appointment necessary.

MARKETPLACE

PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLICATION
 NOTICE OF COURT DATE FOR REQUEST FOR NAME CHANGE (ADULT)
 STATE OF ILLINOIS CIRCUIT COURT
 OGLE COUNTY REQUEST OF:
 CHRISTINA W. HENDRICKSON
 TO CHANGE HER NAME
 Case Number 2021-MR-51
 Christina Winn Hendrickson to Christina Winn Ewald.
 Court date: November 5, 2021 at 10:30 a.m., 106 S. 5th St., Oregon, Ogle County, Courtroom 304.
 Christina W. Hendrickson.
 No. 0913 (Sept. 20, 27, Oct. 4, 2021)

County Clerk No. 1001 (Oct. 4, 11, 18)
PUBLIC NOTICE
 Public Notice is hereby given that on September 24, 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: Sauk Valley Small Engine Repair, 609 Central St., Woosung, IL 61091.
 Dated: September 24, 2021.
 Laura J. Cook, Ogle County Clerk
 No. 1002 (Oct. 4, 11, 18)

on the adoption of said proposed combined annual budget and appropriation ordinance will be held at Lake Court Center, 404 Lake Court, Dixon on November 16, 2021 at 7:00 pm. Lost Lake Utility District of Ogle County, Susan Steffens, Secretary No. 1006 (Oct. 4)
PUBLIC NOTICE
 The Lost Lake Utility District has announced the regular meeting dates for 2022. The meetings will be held at 404 Lake Court Center, Dixon at 7:00 pm.
 January 18, 2022
 February 15, 2022
 March 15, 2022
 April 19, 2022
 May 17, 2022
 June 21, 2022
 July 19, 2022
 August 16, 2022
 September 20, 2022
 October 18, 2022
 November 15, 2022
 December 20, 2022
 No. 1007 (Oct. 4)

that a Public Hearing will be held October 28, 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 September 21, 2021 of Quoc A. Tran, 3178 N. Silver Ridge Dr., Oregon, IL for a Variation to allow a dwelling addition (car port) to be constructed 3 feet from a front property line in lieu of 27 feet as required by the Ogle County Amendatory Ordinance on property described as follows and owned by the petitioner: Lot 45 Silver Ridge Subdivision, part of the West Half (W1/2) of the Southwest Quarter (SW1/4) of Section 21 Township 24 North, Range 10 East of the 4th P.M., Rockvale Township, Ogle County, IL
 Property Identification Number: 09-21-351-004
 Common Location: 3178 N. Silver Ridge Dr.
 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-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. The application for this variation is on file with detailed description and available for examination at the Planning & Zoning Department, 911 Pines Rd., Oregon, Illinois or at the following URL: http://www.oglecounty.org/departments/planning_and_zoning/zoning_board_of_appeals.php.
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
 RANDY OCKEN, Chairman
 Dated at Oregon, Illinois this 21st day of September 2021
 #004-21VAR
 No. 1011 (Oct. 4)

accessory building (car port) to be constructed 6 feet from a front property line in lieu of 40 feet as required by the Ogle County Amendatory Ordinance on property described as follows and owned by the petitioner: Part of the West Half (W1/2) of the Northeast Quarter (NE1/4) of Section 31, Township 23 North (T23N), Range 10 East (R10E) of the 4th P.M., Grand Detour Township, Ogle County, IL, 1.80 acre, more or less
 Property Identification Number: 16-31-127-004 & 16-31-201-006
 Common Location: 5089 S. Hidden Heights 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-examine others at the hearing must complete and file an appearance form with the Ogle County Planning & Zoning Department no later than five (5)

“The Roland “Chub” Knudsen Estate” @
Public Auction
Saturday, October 9, 2021
@ 10:00 A.M.
419 US Rt. 30, Harmon, IL
Auctioneers Note: Roland “Chub” and his wife Dorothy “Dot” were lifelong farmers; this auction will include a complete household FULL of general household, antiques, collectibles, firearms & more. “Chub” has a very nice line up of well cared for Tractors, Machinery & Vehicles, plus hay racks full of tools and related. **Make plans now to join us for this quality auction.**
Tractors: Ford TW-10, like new rear radial tires; Ford 3000 utility with loader; IH 865 w/Year Round Cab; Allis Chalmers D-19, NF (featured in Woods calendar); IH DX 24 E riding mower 3cy diesel with 1027 hrs. **Machinery:** IH model 50 stalk chopper; Woods Brushbull 60 3 pt mower; IH 900 planter; Glenco SS7200 chisel plow; Gravity wagons; Schulte 3pt. snow blower; Glenco & Noble 3pt cultivators; IH 3pt rotary hoe. **Vehicles:** 1997 Ford Lariat F-150 w/40K miles; 1962 Willys Jeep (one owner) w/41K miles, snow plow, rear PTO; 1997 Chevy Blazer w/105K miles; 1989 Oldsmobile Ninety Eight w/70K miles.
Firearms (all State & Federal Laws Apply): Savage 20 ga. Model 30; Remington 22 cal. model 514; Mossberg 410 model 137A; Winchester 22 cal. short model 60A. Household, Antiques, Collectibles, Tools & much more; as this is only a partial listing....
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www.rudyontheweb.com or www.auctionbug.biz

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PUBLIC NOTICE
 Public Notice is hereby given that the proposed combined annual budget and appropriation Ordinance 02-2021 of the Lost Lake Utility District of Ogle County, Illinois for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022 will be available for Public Inspection at 213 Deer Paint Drive, Dixon, IL from and after September 21, 2021. Notice is further given that a Public Hearing

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 Public Notice is hereby given to all persons in Grand Detour Township that a Public Hearing will be held October 28, 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 September 21, 2021 of Sandra Malahy, 5089 S. Hidden Heights Rd., Oregon, IL for a Variation to allow an addition to an

ORDINANCE 21-1
 ANNUAL COMBINED BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR THE BYRON MUSEUM DISTRICT, OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2021 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2022.
 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BYRON MUSEUM DISTRICT, OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS:
 SECTION 1. That the following be and the same is hereby declared to be a budget containing an estimate of receipts and expenditures of the Byron Museum District, Ogle County, Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022:

103 AUCTIONS

HUGE AUCTION
SAT. OCT. 16 10 A.M.
 (RAIN DATE: SUNDAY OCT. 17)
ROBERT & JAN BUFFINGTON ESTATE
 9742 N. BAILEYVILLE RD., FORRESTON, IL
Location: Corner of Pit Rd. & Baileyville Rd. Parking along Pit Rd. & Baileyville Rd.
HOUSEHOLD & COLLECTIBLES: Noritake China; China Hutch; Maple Table w/ 4 Chairs; Maple Curio Cupboard; Couch; 4' tall Glass Show Case; Like New Elec. Lift Recliner Chair; Holiday Items; Kneehole Desk; Cassette Stand w/ Auto Book Cassettes; Lg. Jewelry Cabinet; 2 d. Chest Drawers w/ Mirror & Night Stand; Hand carved Hope Chest; Linens; Oak Platform Rocker; Westinghouse Refrigerator/Freezer; Sm. Flat Screen TV; Cookbooks; Assort. Lamps; Sewing Chest; 2- 5 drawer Tall Chests w/ Vanity & Head Board; Maple Desk; Hohner Accordion-Verdi II w/ Case; Plus more misc. Household Items.
SPECIAL: 100+ BARBIE COLLECTION, all NIB: Holiday, Anniversary, Special Edition, Avon, Hallmark, Nutcracker Ballet, Easter, Movie Barbie, plus more (1 wagon full); 150+ Hat Collection.
MODEL RAILROAD SETS & MEMORABILIA (2 WAGONS FULL); HO & O Gauge Trains; Lots Milwaukee Road Trains; K-Line; Lionel 70+ w/ boxes; Steam & Diesel; Freight, Passenger, Special Cars; Lots Track, Buildings, Scenery Items; Transformers, etc; Train Layout 10'x10' Board; Lots HO Cars w/ boxes; Spirit Train; Holiday Train; 1937 Illinois RR Map; Milwaukee Road Pictures; 100+ Hard cover RR Books; 40+ Milwaukee Road VHS Tapes; Model Train Magazines; Plus other small Advertising RR Items.
LAWN & GARDEN: Cement Lawn Deer; 5'x8' Snow Mobile Trailer; Wheel Horse 8 hp Tractor w/ deck; Lots Tractors for Simplicity; 40+ Simplicity Repair Books for L&G; Simplicity Tractor w/ Koehler Engine, 3 pt, rear wts; 1966 M.M. 110 Gear Drive Tractor, wts, push blade, all orig, sharp!; 1964 Ford 8 hp, wts, overhauled, extra clean!; 6' Windmill; Simplicity 5 hp Snow Blower.
WOOD SHOP: Delta Saw; Saw Horses; Sears 2 1/2 hp Deluxe Table Saw; Sears 3 hp Mitre Saw; Craftsman Band Saw; Delta Planer; Sears Planer; Sander; Delta Power Mitre; Wood Bench; New Stihl Chain Saw; Other Wood Working items!!
SHOP EQUIPMENT: 2 Sanborn Air Compressors; Welding Table; Delta 16" Band Saw; Power Mate 30 gal. Compressor; Shop Roller Stands; 2 Bench Grinders; Vises; Mac Roll-a-Round Tool Chest, 26 drawer full of Mac, Snap-on, Sears Tools, all like new (1/2 wagon full); Cordless Milwaukee: Radio, Saws, Angle Grinders, etc; New 3 T. Floor Jack; Jack Stands; Lots 1 Nuts & Bolt Bins; New 2 T. Cherry Picker; Pressure Washer; 20 gal. Parts Washer; H.D. Miller Welder w/ Onan motor, AEAD-200 LE, sharp!; Ryobi Cut off Saw; Sm. R. Around Craftsman Tool Chest full of Hand Tools; Lots of CAT Repair Books, old & very collectible; 5 H.D. Steel Shelf Units; Plus much more very HIGH QUALITY Tools from the Craftsman Robert!
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LEGAL NOTICE FOR FORECLOSURE SALE PUBLIC AUCTION OF REAL ESTATE
October 22, 2021 – 10:00 A.M.
Ogle County Sheriff's Department
202 S. 1st Street, Oregon, Illinois 61061

(commonly known as 206 N. McKendrie, Mt. Morris, IL 61054)
 On October 22, 2021, at 10:00 a.m., at the Ogle County Sheriff's Administration Building, 202 S. 1st Street, Oregon, Illinois, the Ogle County Sheriff, or his authorized deputy, having been designated by the Circuit Court of the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit, Ogle County, Illinois as Sale Officer in the case entitled Sterling Federal Bank, F.S.B. v The Heirs at Law of Devises of Ronald K. Kaefner (deceased), et al., Case No. 2021 CH 14, will sell the following described property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder.
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Lot 3, in Block 10 in Railroad Addition to the Village of Mt. Morris, Ogle County, Illinois, formerly described as Lot 3, in Block 9 in Railroad Addition to the Village of Mt. Morris, Ogle County, Illinois. **DESCRIPTION:** (from appraisal) 1 1/2 story home, 1484 sq. ft., 3 BR, 2 BA, laundry room, breakfast nook, partial unfinished basement, 1 car detached garage, shared driveway.
INSPECTION: Contact Brad Kolb at Sterling Federal Bank, F.S.B., 815.622.3361, to determine if property is available for inspection.
TERMS OF SALE: 20% down day of sale, balance due the Monday following the sale. All funds shall be **CERTIFIED CHECK** payable to and delivered to the Ogle County Sheriff. Sale is subject to taxes for 2020 and all subsequent years. **TAXES WILL NOT BE PRORATED. SALE IS "AS IS"** If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no rights against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Any sale is subject to court approval. Any specific restrictions on property or title will be announced day of sale. Announcements day of sale take precedence over any printed material.
ATTORNEYS: WARD, MURRAY, PACE & JOHNSON, P.C.
 202 E. 5th Street, P.O. Box 400, Sterling, Illinois 61081

GENERAL FUND

Estimated Receipts	
General Cash on Hand at Beginning of Fiscal Year	\$186,549.16
Deferred Tax Revenue from Prior Fiscal Year	68,755.00
Amount to be Raised by Levy for Fiscal Year	144,000.00
Anticipated Receipts from Rent	6,600.00
Anticipated Receipts from Interest	100.00
Other Income	6,000.00
Total Estimated General Receipts	\$412,004.16
Estimated Operating Expenditures	
Museum Equipment & Operations	\$1,500.00
Museum Supply/Materials	2,000.00
Purchased Services	5,000.00
Insurance	8,500.00
Total Operating Expenditures	\$17,000.00
Estimated Corporation Expenditures	
Administrative Salaries	\$67,000.00
Payroll Taxes	21,400.00
Dues & Fees	1,000.00
Education	8,000.00
Taxes	600.00
Board & Staff Development	1,200.00
Accounting	8,500.00
Legal	3,500.00
Printing/Advertising	3,000.00
Postage	3,665.00
Utilities	14,000.00
Office Equipment	3,000.00
Exhibits	1,500.00
Acquisitions	1,500.00
Total Corporation Expenditures	\$137,865.00
Estimated Capital Expenses	
Capital Expenses – General	\$5,900.00
Read House Project- District Contribution	30,000.00
Total Capital Expenditures	\$35,900.00
Total General Estimated Receipts	\$412,004.16
Total General Estimated Expenditures	190,765.00
Estimated Cash at End of Fiscal Year in General Fund	\$221,239.16
CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS/GRANTS	
Network to Freedom Sign Project Cash on Hand at Beginning of Fiscal Year	\$0.00
Network to Freedom Sign Project Estimated Grant Receipts	10,000.00
Network to Freedom Sign Museum District Contribution	900.00
Total Network to Freedom Sign Project Estimated Receipts	\$10,900.00
Network to Freedom Sign Project Estimated Expenditures	\$10,900.00
Total Network to Freedom Sign Project Estimated Expenditures	\$10,900.00
Estimated Cash at End of Fiscal Year in Theater Project Fund	\$0.00
Read House Project Cash on Hand at Beginning of Fiscal Year	\$0.00
Read House Project Estimated Loan Receipts if Grant Approved	232,000.00
Read House Project Contribution from the Byron Museum District	30,000.00
Total Read House Project Estimated Receipts	\$262,000.00
Read House Project Estimated Expenditures	\$262,000.00
Total Read House Project Estimated Expenditures	\$262,000.00
Estimated Cash at End of Fiscal Year in Read House Project Fund	\$0.00
GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND FUND	
G.O. Bond Cash on Hand at Beginning of Fiscal Year	\$51,701.05
G.O. Bond Estimated Receipts	57,620.69
Total G.O. Bond Estimated Receipts	\$109,321.74
G.O. Bond Estimated Repayment Expenditures	\$109,321.74
Total G.O. Bond Estimated Expenditures	\$109,321.74
Estimated Cash at End of Fiscal Year in G.O. Bond Fund	\$0.00
Total Estimated Receipts from All Funds	\$794,225.90
Total Estimated Expenditures from All Funds	\$72,986.74
Estimated Cash at End of Fiscal Year in All Funds	\$221,239.16

SECTION 2. That the amounts set forth opposite the objects and purposes listed under the estimated expenditures in Section 1 herein, the aggregate thereof, are deemed necessary to defray all necessary expenses and liabilities of said District, and are hereby appropriated for the corporate purposes of said District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022, the purpose for which appropriations are made and the amounts appropriated for the various objects being as set forth and specified under the various estimated expenditures in Section 1 herein, and hereby incorporated by reference thereto as part of Section 2 which shall be and is the Appropriation Ordinance of said District for the aforesaid fiscal year.

SECTION 3. To the extent permitted by law, all unexpended balances of any item or items by this Ordinance appropriated may be expended in making up any deficiencies in any item or items aforesaid.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall be published one time in The Ogle County Life, a newspaper having a general circulation in said District, and shall be posted in a public area of the museum building within three (3) days after its enactment and shall remain posted for fourteen (14) days. Certified copies of this Ordinance shall be made available to the public for inspection. This Ordinance shall take effect ten (10) days after being so published.

REVIEWED, APPROVED, ADOPTED, AND ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of the Byron Museum District, Ogle County, Illinois, on the 28th day of September, 2021.

Ayes: 5
 Nays: 0
 Absent: 0

BYRON MUSEUM DISTRICT
 OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
Randy Stukenberg
 RANDY STUKENBERG, President

ATTEST:
Brenda Crabel
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 Secretary, Board of Commissioners,
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business days before the date of the hearing. The application for this variation is on file with detailed description and available for examination at the Planning & Zoning Department, 911 Pines Rd., Oregon, Illinois or at the following URL: http://www.oglecounty.org/departments/planning_and_zoning/zoning_board_of_appeals.php. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
RANDY OCKEN, Chairman
Dated at Oregon, Illinois
this 21st day of September 2021
#005-21VAR
No. 1012 (Oct. 4)



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2021 4-H Fair Award Winners

Horse Department

Champion Novice Showmanship – Lily Hongsermeier, Leaf River
Reserve Champion Novice Showmanship – Tristin Williams, Byron
Champion Showmanship – Cassidy Vincent, Rochelle
Reserve Champion Showmanship – Taylor Rhoads, DeKalb County
Junior Grand Champion Horsemanship – Cassidy Vincent, Rochelle
Reserve Junior Grand Champion Performance Horse – Pacey Wyant, DeKalb County
Senior Grand Champion Performance Horse – Taylor Rhoads, DeKalb County
Junior Equine Sportsmanship – Cassidy Vincent, Rochelle
Reserve Junior Equine Sportsmanship – Tristin Williams, Byron
Senior Equine Sportsmanship – Hanna Treme, DeKalb County
Reserve Senior Equine Sportsmanship – Taylor Rhoads, DeKalb County
Junior Performance High Point – Cassidy Vincent, Rochelle
Senior Performance High Point – Taylor Rhoads, DeKalb County
Junior Horse Speed Award – Cassidy Vincent, Rochelle
Senior Horse Speed

Award – Taylor Rhoads, DeKalb County

Cat Department

Champion Junior Showmanship – Andrew Hickman, Byron
Champion Intermediate Showmanship – Cassie Pals, Leaf River
Champion Senior Showmanship – Grant Johnson, Forreston
Champion Feline – Andrew Hickman, Byron
Champion Cage or Carrier – Grant Johnson, Forreston

Clothing Department Sewing Classes

Champion STEAM Clothing 1 – Sewn Non-Clothing Exhibit – Kaitlyn Adams, Stillman Valley
Reserve Champion STEAM Clothing 1 – Sewn Non-Clothing Exhibit – Ella Beran, Dixon
Champion STEAM Clothing 1 – Sewn Clothing Exhibit – Sophia Stein, Rochelle
Reserve Champion STEAM Clothing 1 – Sewn Clothing Exhibit – Elizabeth Kennedy, Davis Junction
Champion STEAM Clothing 2 – Sewn Non-Clothing Exhibit – Jenna Heller, Dixon
Champion STEAM Clothing 2 – Sewn Clothing Exhibit – Cheyenne Somers, Lindenwood
Reserve Champion STEAM Clothing 2 – Sewn Clothing Exhibit – Anne Kennedy, Davis Junction
Champion STEAM Clothing 3 – Sewn Clothing Exhibit – Lillian Kennedy, Davis Junction
Reserve Champion

on STEAM Clothing 3 – Sewn Clothing Exhibit – Sarah-Elizabeth Haenitsch, Dixon

Grand Champion Sewn Clothing Exhibit – Lillian Kennedy, Davis Junction
Reserve Grand Champion Sewn Clothing Exhibit – Cheyenne Somers, Lindenwood

Grand Champion Sewn Non-Clothing Exhibit – Kaitlyn Adams, Stillman Valley

Reserve Grand Champion Sewn Non-Clothing Exhibit – Jenna Heller, Dixon

Shopping

Champion Shopping in Style Beginning – Anne Kennedy, Davis Junction
Champion Shopping in Style Intermediate – Anna Marquardt, Oregon
Champion Shopping in Style Advanced – Lillian Kennedy, Davis Junction
Grand Champion Shopping in Style – Lillian Kennedy, Davis Junction
Reserve Grand Champion Shopping in Style – Anne Kennedy, Davis Junction

Dairy Department

Champion Senior Showmanship – Brenna Noon, Oregon
Champion Purebred Female – Brenna Noon, Oregon
Champion Grade Female – Lacie Williams, Leaf River
Reserve Champion Grade Female – Lacie Williams, Leaf River
Supreme Champion Female Overall Breeds – Brenna Noon, Oregon
Reserve Supreme Champion Female Over-

all Breeds – Lacie Williams, Leaf River

Beef Department

Champion Junior Showmanship – Ayden Alderks, Monroe Center
Champion Intermediate Showmanship – Cooper Alderks, Chana
Champion Senior Showmanship – Brooke Allen, Byron
Champion Angus Steer – Bode Martin, Oregon
Reserve Champion Angus Steer – Allissa Martin, Oregon
Champion Hereford Steer – Brandon Whalen, Byron
Reserve Champion Hereford Steer – Brandon Whalen, Byron
Champion Shorthorn Steer – Max Thurow, Davis Junction
Reserve Champion All Other Breeds Steer – Cooper Alderks, Chana
Reserve Champion All Other Breeds Steer – Robbie Thurow, Davis Junction
Champion Market Heifer – Joey Thurow, Davis Junction
Reserve Champion Market Heifer – Lacie Williams, Leaf River
Champion Crossbred Market Steer – Casey Besse, Freeport
Reserve Champion

Crossbred Steer – Megan Hagemann, Mount Morris
Grand Champion Market Beef – Casey Besse, Freeport

Reserve Grand Champion Market Beef – Megan Hagemann, Mount Morris
Champion Angus Female – Casey Besse, Freeport

Reserve Champion Angus Female – Brooke Allen, Byron

Champion Hereford Female – Megan Hagemann, Mount Morris

Reserve Champion Hereford Female – Emily Buttel, Leaf River

Champion Shorthorn Female – Wyatt Swanson, Oregon

Reserve Champion Shorthorn Female – Robbie Thurow, Davis Junction

Champion Purebred Other Breeds Female – Casey Besse, Freeport

Reserve Champion Purebred Other Breeds Female – Bode Martin, Oregon

Champion Crossbred Female – Casey Besse, Freeport

Reserve Champion Crossbred Female – Allissa Martin, Oregon

Grand Champion Female Overall – Casey Besse, Freeport

Reserve Grand Cham-

Champion Female Overall – Bode Martin, Oregon

Champion Pair of Steers – Bode Martin, Oregon

Champion Pair of Heifers – Ayden Alderks, Monroe Center

Reserve Champion Pair of Heifers – Allissa Martin, Oregon

Champion Bred & Owned Heifer – Casey Besse, Freeport

Reserve Champion Bred & Owned Heifer – Brooke Allen, Byron

Champion Production Cow/Calf – Ayden Alderks, Monroe Center

Reserve Champion Production Cow/Calf – Robbie Thurow, Davis Junction

Rate of Gain – Kaitlyn Adams, Stillman Valley

Quality Beef 2000 – (1st) Brandon Albano, Polo

(2nd) Brandon Whalen, Byron

(3rd) Robbie Thurow, Davis Junction

(4th) Joey Thurow, Davis Junction

(5th) Evan Kosick, Mount Morris

(6th) Adam Glendenning, Oregon

(7th) Lacie Williams, Leaf River

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