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New look for Oregon's Park West

Shelter, volleyball courts, bathrooms and more



OREGON – The Oregon Park District recently completed additional renovations to Park West just in time for the spring.

While planning for these improvements were many years in the making, with COVID, the timing of the completion will be an asset to not only the Oregon community but surrounding communities as well.

Connectivity was the focus of the most recent renovations and aligns with the district mission to continue to make their amenities handicapped accessible.

Oregon Park West is the most used park the district maintains. In 2019, planned improvements were stalled with grant paperwork and construction timelines. What was to begin in the spring was moved to fall and was not completed until Summer 2020

"While improvements were delayed, it offered a unique opportunity for our community," said Oregon Park District Executive Director Erin Folk. "COVID shut down the area in March 2020 and forced people to look for recreation opportunities outdoors. Park West, which is always a busy park, was filled with the community. The community was able to watch the transformation unfold.

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Stillman Valley High School earns top ranking for fourth-straight year

STILLMAN VALLEY -Stillman Valley High School has been recognized as a top high school in the United States by US News and World Report for the fourth consecutive year. "We value the US News and World Report distinction because it is based on raw data and is not something you can apply for so this is a true indication of our growth as a district," said Superintendent Dr. PJ Caposey.

U.S. News ranked approximately 17,790 public high schools out of more than 24,000 reviewed. This is the count of public high schools that had a 12th grade enrollment of 15 or greater, or otherwise had sufficient enrollment in other

high school grades during the 2017-2018 school year to be analyzed. The process assigns different weights to scores from six indicators of school quality. The indicators include College Readiness, Math and Reading Performance and Proficiency, College Curriculum Breadth, Graduation Rates, and Underserved Student Performance.

Stillman Valley High School ranked in the 85th percentile of ranked Illinois schools and only three state-line schools received a higher designation.

'I think the stand alone data is impressive, but when it is compared to our financial situation I think the achievement (for four consecutive years) is even more impressive," Caposey said.

Schools typically use two metrics to quantify their financial position: (1) the percentage of adequacy that the State of Illinois uses in determining the amount of funding that the school district receives, and (2) the raw dollar amount that is spent per student within the district. Both of these metrics are publically available on the Illinois School Report Card.

A comparison of publicly available data indicates that (with the exception of Chicago Public Schools) only 9 districts that achieve at the level of Stillman Valley High School spendless per studentthan Meridian CUSD 223 and zero schools in the stateline.

COVID-19 outbreaks hit county

OREGON – The Ogle County Health Department has been investigating several COVID-19 outbreaks with links to manufacturing, bar events/pub crawls and school sports.

The positivity rate was increasing steadily recently. The state of Illinois is so close to entering the Bridge to Phase 5, but Ogle County has been heading in the wrong direction with the amount of COVID activity is was experiencing.

Please do your part to help stop this uptick in cases and outbreaks by staying socially distanced, wearing your mask, and staying home when you are experiencing any symptoms. Please consider getting tested for COVID, especially if you are experiencing any of the COVID-19 symptoms. Symptoms include:

- * Fever or chills
- * Cough
- * Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - * Fatigue
 - * Muscle or body aches
 - * Headache
 - * New loss of taste or smell * Sore throat
 - * Congestion or runny nose
 - * Nausea or vomiting

* Diarrhea

Positivity Rate Data: https://www. dph.illinois.gov/regionmetrics?region-

Potential Exposure Location Data: https://www.dph.illinois.gov/covid19/ location-exposure?regionID=1

New look for The **Ogle County Life**

You have surely noticed something different about today's Ogle County Life.

We have changed from a 30-inch tabloid size newspaper to a 22-inch broadsheet.

We have made the change in order to save money on newsprint and plates used to make the paper. This will also improve workflow and save on hours because we won't have to change our paper rolls for the smaller tabloid size or fold our inserts

"We know this is a change for our valued readers, but we believe it will be a positive one for all of us," said Life General Manager Mike Feltes. "Not only will it savethe company money, but it will make the page layout and readability better."

If you do not receive your paper this week, we are still entering Requester Cards into our system.



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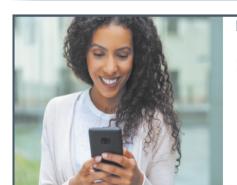
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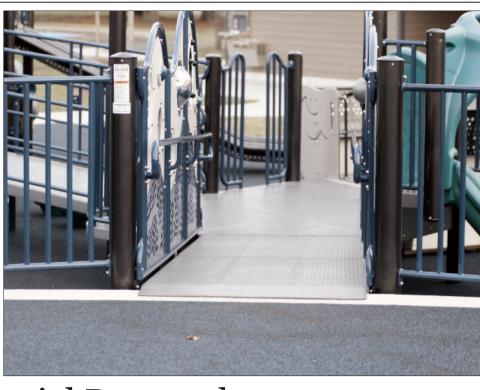
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PARK: Splash pad to open Memorial Day; park concerts return

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"Planning for these projects are years in the making," she said. "When choosing the amenities, we did not know how important both the Toro Court and the Sono Arch would become. The electronic components offered us a touchless recreation opportunity for the community. In addition, the soccer improvements were much needed, but we had no idea when completing them it would kick off both the boys' and girls' soccer seasons. Boys traditionally play in the fall and now both OHS teams will get to enjoy the improvements.'

Phase II of the Park West Improvements in 2019-20 included new shelter, additional bathrooms, Toro Court, Sona Arch, Batting Cages, new Sand volleyball courts, handicapped accessibility to the amphitheater and an inclusive playground with a poured in place surface. The surface as well as the playground are handicapped accessible and

fully inclusive. "Accessibility is always at the forefront of planning," Folk said. "Many times, in our parks you see users of all ages and abilities. Removing play barriers and using a poured in place surface alongside connecting pathways, allows these users to enjoy the amenities without restriction."

Park West was always popular with the Splash Pad. The addition of the new shelter and playground placement was designed to easily connect to the Splash Pad and other amenities. Paths are intertwined between all these amenities making it easy for someone in a wheelchair or using a stroller to utilize.

When planning the new amenities and the connectivity that was offered on the north end, a plan was established to increase accessibility to the soccer complex.

Soccer is the biggest recreational activity the Park District offers. The soccer program has expanded from fall to also include spring. In addition, the high school boys' and girls' teams utilize the fields for both practice and games.

In the Spring of 2017, Oregon High School fielded their first girls' soccer team. A grass roots effort from parents and interested players was successful.

"The Oregon Park District was thrilled with the addition of girls soccer," Folk said. "The interest has always been there. Our program starts at 5 years old and attracts just as many girls as boys. It was always disheartening to see players have no options for high school after playing for the Park District. The Soccer Organization and School District saw the need and the program has seen much success.'

Also, in 2017, the Oregon Park District received a generous donation in memory of Ken Kleveland to add home and away shelters in his memory to the soccer field. This began the process of how the Oregon Park District could improve the complex for both Park District players and the high school.

The issue of connectivity always came to the forefront. Planning began and finally

took shape in 2020, with completion in 2021.

"The soccer fields are always a mess in the spring and wet," Folk said. "This became an issue for players, staff moving equipment to groom fields, accessibility to fill the concession stand and most importantly parents and grandparents attending games. A 10-foot-wide path now connects the parking lot from the handicapped parking, along the north side of the tennis courts directly to the shelter, concessions, a new shade pavilion and access to the bleachers."

"We had no idea we would be playing both boys and girls soccer this early, this spring when the paths were constructed. The new path allowed staff to take equipment to begin grooming the fields in February when snow was still on the ground preserving

Previously a 20x20 tent was temporarily put up as a shade structure to watch games on the fields and was taken down between seasons. This sat in the grass. A permanent pavilion has been put in its place on cement. The bleachers were previously placed on grass and now have a connecting sidewalk with cement pad offering permanent placement.

"We hope not only the Oregon community but the surrounding communities that play soccer will enjoy these new amenities. We are excited to kickoff spring soccer and enjoy a busy summer," Folk

Summer 2021 will hopefully look much different than 2020. The Park District is excited for the community to fully utilize the new amenities. Concerts in the Park will be back for 2021. Shelter reservations are open, and the Splash Pad will open Memorial Day Weekend.

"Things are taking shape for a busy spring and summer at the Oregon Park District," she said. "The staff is excited to introduce and utilize the new amenities and see the park full of activities. I would encourage everyone to take a walk at Park West and see all the new improvements."



2021 Easter & Mother's Day Menu

Seatings at 11, 1 & 3

Family Style \$22 **Seniors (60 & Over) \$20** Children (Under 13) \$12

- Vegetable Du Dour
- Mashed Potatoes
- 24' Dessert Table
- Bacon & Sausage
- Breakfast Potatoes
- French Toast Bake
- AuGratin Potatoes
 - Beef Gravy
 - Baked Ham
- Yankee Pot Roast
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 - Cheesy Scambled Eggs
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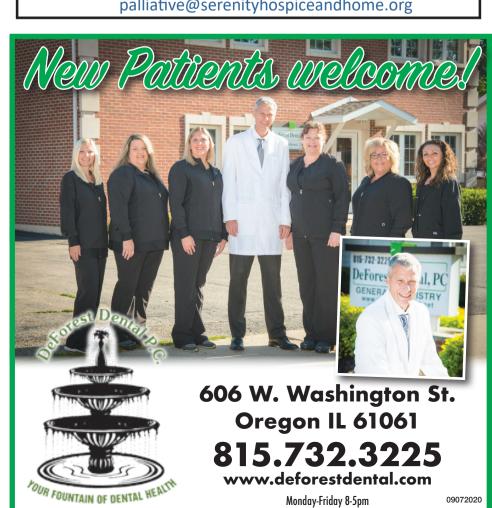
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County holding recycling, shredding event

OREGON - The Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department (OCSWMD) will be hosting a Latex Paint Recycling & Document Shredding Event on Saturday, April 17, at 909 Pines Road

This event is for Ogle County residents only and identification is required (valid driver's license, identification card or recent utility bill accepted for identifi-

Latex paint will be collected for recycling from 8 a.m. until noon. The first 10 containers of latex paint per vehicle will cost \$1 per quart-sized container, \$2 per gallon-sized container, and \$8 per 5-gallon pail. The OCSWMD will subsidize the remaining cost to recycle the latex paint. Any additional containers of latex paint will be charged the full price to recycle, which is \$2.50 per quart, \$5 per gallon, and \$18 per 5-gallon pail. Cash, credit card, or checks payable to "EathPaint. org" will be accepted for payment.

Oil-based paints, stains, and varnishes and spray cans will not be accepted. No business or contractor paints accepted. No bulking of latex paint. Bulked latex paint cannot be recycled.

EarthPaint.org is a nonprofit business

in the Chicago area that works with adults with special needs and disabilities to sort and recycle unwanted latex paint into new paint or other products.

Secure, on-site document shredding will be conducted by Freeport Recycling's Shred-Beast truck from 9 a.m. to noon. There is a limit of three boxes per vehicle. No business or institutional material accepted. There is no cost to residents for paper shredding, because the OCSWMD will cover the cost of the Shred-Beast truck and staff.

In honor of the 51st anniversary of Earth Day, the OCSWMD also plans to have free oak trees from Living Lands & Waters Million Trees Project to give away at the event. Bur Oak, Red Oak, and Swamp White Oak saplings, up to 10 per household, will be available while supplies last.

COVID-19 safety guidelines such as masks and social distancing are required to attend this event.

Please call the OCSWMD at 815-732-4020, email solidwaste@oglecounty.org or visit the Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department on Facebook for more information about this recycling opportunity.

Women's Club helps spread anti-child abuse message

Child Abuse Prevention Month has been observed each April since its first presidential proclamation in 1983; and millions of Americans have participated in this exciting public awareness that all children deserve to grow up in happy and healthy environments.

GFWC Illinois Polo Women's Club partners with Prevent Child Abuse Illinois to spread the message that everyone can help promote great childhoods in their community. Pinwheels (blue and silver) are nationally recognized symbols of child abuse prevention and symbolize hope.

The Polo Women's Club brings public awareness by annually planting pinwheel gardens at the PaulGrahling Park, Centennial Grade School, Applington Middle School and the Polo Community High School each April.

This year's event will take place at noon on Thursday, April 1. We will begin our planting at the Paul Grahling Park (corner of Mason Street/Division Avenue) with Mayor Doug Knapp reading a proclamation from the City of Polo recognizing April as Child Abuse Prevention Month. Please attend to show your support.

With awareness, education, and support, the community working together can have an incredible impact on preventing child abuse. As a reminder, the simple pinwheel should compel us to report suspected abuse (1-800-25-ABUSE) and protect all children.

Resources of Help: Prevent Child Bbuse Illinois

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Domestic Abuse Agency

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Church sets Easter 'Egg-stravaganza'

MOUNT MORRIS – The Evangelical Free Church of Mount Morris invites the children of the community to their Drive-through Easter "Egg-stravaganza" on Saturday, April 3, from 10-10:30 a.m.

Drivers and children are invited to "hop on over" to the Evangelical Free Church, located at 102 S. Seminary Ave., at the intersection of Front Street and Seminary Avenue. Please stop in front of the church, where each child will be given a goodie bag. Goodie bags will include candy and other gift items suitable for children ages 2-12. There will be a perk for each driver, too.

You may contact the church office for more information at 815-734-4942, or

check out their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/efcmm.

Ogle County Permanent Polling Place Change Flagg 5, 9 & 10 Precincts

Precinct Flagg 5 Flagg 9 Flagg 10

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First Presbyterian Church 1100 Calvin Rd. Rochelle, IL

Flagg-Rochelle Park District 802 Jones Rd.

Rochelle, IL

Dated this 25th day of February, 2021. Laura J. Cook, Ogle County Clerk

Day Camp session set at Lorado Taft This summer, Lorado Taft will be

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offering five summer camp sessions.

Three sessions are for children ages 7-12 and occur June 14-18, July 6-9, and Aug. 9-13. The June session is a Sports-themed Camp. Campers will learn the fun basics of a variety of team sports and incorporate other fun games like capture the flag, four square, nature yoga, dance and more.

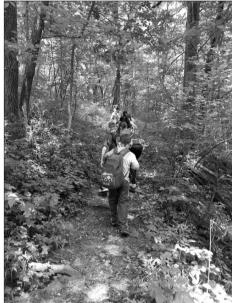
The July session is a four-day Nature Journaling Camp. This camp fee is \$95 because of the shortened schedule. Campers will learn how to observe, record and journal about nature.

The August session is a board game theme. Campers will be able to act out live versions of their favorite board games like Risk, Candyland and more.

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

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

The littles session for children ages 5-6 will be held June 28- July 2. This is the bird camp where campers will learn about birds, migration, and how to help birds in a hands-on way. The camp will start at noon and end at 4:30 p.m. Lunch



and a snack will be provided. The fee for

this camp will be \$75 a child. This year we are adding a session for older campers, aged 13-17, who are interested in being a junior counselor. They will attend a morning session to learn how to teach a game or do a craft and then will help the Lorado Taft staff in the afternoon with the little's camp June 28- July 2. Camp will start at 8:30 a.m. and end at 4:30 p.m. The fee for this camp is \$115 for the first child and \$90 for any subsequent children in the family. Early drop off and late pick up

will be available for an additional fee. The safety of our campers and their families, as well as our staff, is extremely important. IDPH guidelines for camps, as well as NIU Protecting the Pack guidelines, will be followed. For more information or to register, contact Alvssa Parker at 815-732-2111, Ext. 125 or at aparker4@niu.edu. Registration forms are also available on the NIU Lorado Taft Campus website at www.niu.edu/taft.

Ogle County Permanent Polling Place Change due to COVID-19 Oregon-Nashua 1, 2, 3 & 5 Precincts

Precinct

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Oregon-Nashua 5

United Methodist Church Rock River Center 200 S. 4th St. Oregon, IL

810 S. 10th St Oregon, IL

Dated this 25th day of February, 2021. Laura J. Cook, Ogle County Clerk



The following list of winners will recieve a gift certificate good for \$20 towards the purchase of an Easter Ham. Thanks for all our participating businesses that helped make our annual giveaway a big success.

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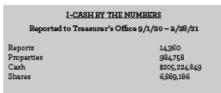


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Obituaries

Eleanor Burke

Eleanor Burke, 96. passed away from natural causes on March 16, 2021.

Ellie was born and raised in the Lakeview neighborhood of Chicago and raised her family on the southwest and northwest sides of the city. After retirement she lived in Oregon, IL for almost 20 years where she and her late husband Bob played golf and enjoyed a rich social life until health issues brought them back to the Chicago area.

Beloved wife of 58 years to the late Robert E. Burke; devoted mother



of eight, including three sets of twins: Rosemary, Robert (Gale), Kevin, Brian, Laurie, Judy, Colleen (Bryan) Hedstrom, and Denis (Faye). Dear grandmother, great-grandmother, and aunt of many. Preceded in death by parents Joseph Schuetz and Paula Schwarz Schuetz and siblings Louise, Mary, Joseph, Frank, and Catherine.

Eleanor loved animals, reading, telling jokes and being the life of the party.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her name to the International Rescue Committee. Please scroll down to "Memorial Donations" and click "Enter Website" to contribute.

Arrangements by Cremation Society of Illinois, 773-821-5058 or www. cremation-society.com.

Viva J. Dingman

POLO-Viva J. Dingman, 73, of Polo, passed away Wednesday, March 17, 2021, at Polo Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center. Viva was born Oct.

30, 1947, in Sterling, the daughter of Wayne and Faye (Spinden) Dingman. She retired from nursing after 40 years. Viva loved helping others, as a nurse this always had a special place in her heart. She enjoyed being outside, walking, sitting in the sun or by a fire sharing stories. Spending time



with family and friends is what brought her the most joy.

Survivors include daughter Sherri (Daryl) Beers of Polo; sons James (Aimee) Fuller of Lyndon and Richard (Karina) Fuller of Tennessee; sisters Eva (Warren) Patten of Rock Falls and Linda (Junior) Eastabrooks of Milledgeville; grandchildren Megan Beers, Dylan Beers, Alexis (Tanner) Grobe, Natalie (Travis) Mills, Evan Fritz; great grandchildren Liam, Moriah, Brantley.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

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

Visit www.polofamilyfuneralhome.com to send condolences.

Julie L. Frye

BYRON - Julie L. Frye, age 55, of Byron passed away on Thursday, March 18, 2021 at OSF St. Anthony Medical Center. She was born in Rockford on March 28, 1965 the daughter of Larry and Donna (German) Boes. She married Bradley

Frye on July 27, 1985. Julie worked for many years at Landstar Inway in Rockford. She was very family oriented and loved being a wife, mother, and grandmother. Julie was also a loving dog mom to Riley and Dallas. She was a great cook and had a creative spirit which she



used to craft and make

She is survived by her husband Bradley of Byron; father, Larry Boes of Byron; children, Courtney (Nick) Williams of Byron and Joshua Frye of Winnebago; brothers, Bradley

Boes of Peoria and Brian (Melissa) Boes of Roscoe; grandsons, Connor, Logan, and Mason; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. She is preceded in

death by her mother, Donna Boes, grandparents, Louis and Vera German, and in-laws Earl and Patricia Whipple.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic private family services will be held. In lieu of flowers memorials are established in her name. To leave an online condolence please visit www.farrellhollandgale.

Barbara Jo Nelson

Barbara Jo "Barbie" Nelson, age 44, of Lanark, passed away suddenly at home due to natural causes. A loving and funny, Daughter, Sister, Aunt and Friend, "She was the kind of person that would drop everything to make sure someone else was ok." Barbie was an amazing hugger, had an infectious smile, enjoyed a good laugh and especially having fun with friends.

Aprivate Funeral Mass was held at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church in Freeport. A Celebration of Life will also be held in the summer for all who wish to attend. Memorials may be made to the family. Family and friends are invited to share in Barbie's life at www.lawjonesfuneralhome.com.

Barbie was born May



19, 1976 in Clinton, Iowa, the daughter of Robert "Bob" and Garla (Smith) Nelson. She is a graduate of the Polo High School with the Class of 1995, then attended Educators of Beauty in Sterling. From a young age, Barbie enjoyed sports. She was a life-long Iowa Hawkeyes, and Dallas Cowboys fan.

Barbie loved to cook and bake. She worked as a Chef and Baker at the Campbell Center for Historic Preservation in Mt. Carroll for several years. If there was a special request, Barbie would be shopping at night to have the right ingredients the next morning.

Her family was most important, and they were close. She joins in Heaven with her mother, Garla who passed in 2013. brother Rob who passed in 2019, and her grandparents.

Barbie will be dearly missed by her father, Bob Nelson of Lanark; two sisters, Michelle "Shelly" Nelson and Keri (Antonio) Asevedo, both of DeKalb, Illinois; her nephew, Aiden Asevedo; her aunt, Carolyn Lee of Goose Lake, Iowa; and several close and special friends.

Ellsworth L. Terviel

STILLMAN VAL-LEY - Ellsworth L. "Butch" Terviel, age 82, died unexpectantly Tuesday, March 16, 2021. He was born April 10, 1938 in Ogle County, the son of Remmer and Rose (Schumacher) Terviel.

He graduated from Stillman Valley High School in 1956. Butch married Beryl Barnes 52 years ago in 1969 at the Red Brick Church in Stillman Valley.

He was a farmer and truck driver and last worked for Chuck Braurer Trucking in Rockford. In his younger years he was active in bowling leagues. Butch also served his country in the



naval reserves. He and his wife Beryl owned and operated Beryl's Country Ceramics where Butch was the master pourer.

He was predeceased by his parents. He is survived by

his loving wife Beryl of Stillman Valley, his children; Scott Terviel of Stillman Valley, Kathleen Terviel of Rockford, and Steve (Kim) Terviel of Osage Beach, Mo., 2 granddaughters Tiffany and April Terviel, 5 great grandchildren; Bianca, Tori, Daniel, Hector and Michael.

Graveside service was held at 2:30 p.m., Saturday, March 20, 2021 at the Stillman Valley Cemetery with the Rev. Chris Brauns pastor of the Red Brick Church officiating. A memorial fund is established in his name. Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home, 136 W. Roosevelt Road in Stillman Valley is assisting the family. Visit www. farrellhollandgale.com to leave a condolence or memory.

Penny Solis Jimenez

Penny Solis Jimenez, 69. Loving Wife, Mother, and Nana. Passed away in her sleep Thursday a.m.

A woman who has travelled the World and has even lived in the Bavarian area of Germany. Although her favorite place in the world was Florida. She was a devoted CNA at Northwoods Healthcare Centre. She loved music, the Ocean (even though she couldn't swim a lick), her bling, and most of all her Grandbabies. The Queen of the roller skating rink. She was not afraid to fight for what she loved, even if it was 3 against one, she would win! She was known at McDonald's as The Mocha Mama.



She was predeceased by her parents Harry Wilson Glasgow, R., and Florence Edna Baxter. Her sisters Bonnie Jean, Dena Mae, Sharon Lee. Her brother Johnny W. Glasgow.

Living relatives include brothers Harry Wilson Glasgow Jr., Ronald Joe Glasgow Sr., David Glasgow Sr., Matthew Ashman, her 2 favorite nieces know who they are!

Children: Scotty L Ward, Sherri A. Ward-Jones, Ana Solis, David Solis and many other step children. Her grandchildren and great grandchildren are too many to mention but they were all so very loved. She found an amazing best friend in Joan Swanson.

Flowers and sympathy cards can be sent to Scotty Ward at 629 South 3rd Apt 1 Rockford, IL 61108 or Sherri Ward-Jones PO Box 63 169 Dayflower Circle, Davis Junction, IL 61020. A celebration of life service will be held at a later date, possibly this April. Her final resting place will be the Ocean in Florida, as she always wished to return.

Report policy

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

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Rock River Center has activities, groups

Rock River Center is a resource center located at 810 S. 10th Street, Oregon. Our activities and trips are open to all ages. Call our office at 815-732-3252 with any questions.

Good Friday Holiday Hours

On Friday, April 2, Rock River Center will be closed as of noon in observance of Good Friday. No activities, programs or transportation will be scheduled after noon. Happy Easter from the Staff of RRC!

2021 Wits Fitness Brain Exercise Class Schedule

University of Illinois Educator Karla Belzer is back each month as she leads participants through interactive activities designed to exercise the brain to maintain and enhance cognitive function and memory. You are never too young or too old to get started training your brain, so join Karla in this fun and informative class.

Monthly classes will be held from 10:30 a.m.-noon at the Rock River Center, in Oregon. 2021 Class dates are: April 5, May 17, June 21, July 19, Aug. 2, Oct. 4 and Nov. 1. There will not

be a class in September or December. Classes are free and open to the public. You are welcome to join at any time. Registration is required. Call Rock River Center at 815-732-3252 to

For more information, call the University of Illinois Extension at 815-632-3611.

Visit us on the web at www.rockrivercenter.org and like us on Facebook.

Support groups

Cancer support group

"Facing the Challenge" is a support group that provides a safe, accepting environment for patients currently going through treatment, survivors, caregivers and loved ones to talk openly about the challenges a cancer diagnosis brings. They meet quarterly on the 4th Wednesday of the month in March, June, September & December from 2-3 p.m. at Rock River Center.

Caregiver support group

Kaylene Parks, RN from Serenity Hospice & Home, leads the Caregiver Support Group. This group is not limited to those caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's. Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month from 10-11:30 a.m. at Rock River Center.



Chamber surprises Oregon school with appreciation event

On Wednesday, Feb. 24 the Oregon Area Chamber of Commerce surprised the entire staff at Oregon CUSD 220 with an appreciation

"Thank you to Superintendent Dr. Mahoney for your help with direction and helping us sneak in to surprise the staff," said Oregon Chanber Executive Director Liz Vos.

She said the food and giveaways throughout the week were donated by chamber member businesses, who wanted to show how much they appreciate the school staff's dedication to the children of our community.

"The entire staff at Oregon CUSD has been through so much this past year,"Voss said. "They have been there for all of us, so we wanted to do something special for them."

The participating businesses who donated food and gifts and the volunteers

Amanda Bordner, Byron Wealth Management, Donna Mann, Father & Son's, Game Day Apparel, Hazel's Café, Heather Hatch, Hector's Cocina, Kristy Eckhardt, Kunes Country, Locus Co Working Space, Merlin's Greenhouse and Flowers and the Other Side Boutique, NorthSide BarbaQ, Pine Creek Escape, Silver Ridge Golf Course, Sledgehammers, 102.3 The Coyote, The Noble Cakery, UOI Boutique, White Pelican and NorthSide BarbaQ,

In Loving Memory of Lorretta "Sue" Wolfe

Your acts of kindness and sympathy were a great comfort to our family after the loss of our Mother, Grandmother, and Great-Grandmother. We extend our sincere thanks for your kindness and support, and all of the memorials to Serenity Hospice and the Oregon Fire Department as well as the many food dishes brought to the family and multiple cards of sympathy.

Sincerely, Ken and Joanne Wolfe, Keith and Bridget Wolfe, Joyce and Jeff Jones, Janet and John Blumeyer and family 03292021



SV students pack meals

The Stillman Valley National Honor Society recently volunteered at the Feed My Starving Children organization where they helped pack 8,640 meals for children around the world. This service project is always one of the favorites of the group.

Council offers scholarship opportunity for area students

At least 12 scholarships will be awarded by Tri-County Opportunities Council to income eligible students residing in the agency's

The scholarships are worth up to \$1,250 and have been made available by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Development(DCEO)through its Community Services Block Grant funds. All low-income students, racial or ethnic minorities and previous scholarship winners are encouraged to apply.

To be eligible for the scholarship competition:

*The applicant must be a member of an income-eligible household. * The applicants must be attend-

ing an Illinois accredited post-sec-

ondary educational institution of higher learning during the fall of * Applicants must be a resident of Bureau, Carroll, LaSalle, Lee,

Marshall, Ogle, Putnam, Stark or

Whiteside county in Illinois. * Students must be considered

full-time (minimum of 12 semester hours) to qualify for the full \$1,250 scholarship. Part-time students will be considered in the competition, however, scholarship awards will be pro-rated if they are selected as

The application deadline has been extended to April 23, 2021.

Further information and application forms may be obtained by contacting the office at 800/323-5434 extension 15 or on the website at www.tcochelps.org.

Byron Area Seniors are back with meetings, potlucks

BYRON-The Byron Area Seniors are having their monthly meetings and potluck luncheons.

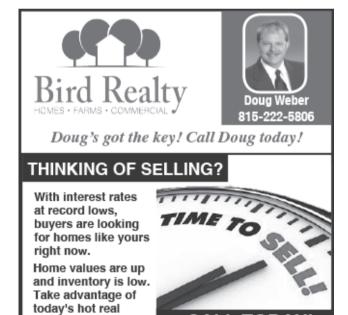
The first meeting this year was March 8, and the next meeting and luncheon will be on April 12 at noon. The group meets the second Monday of the months at the Byron Forest Preserve District's Jarrett Prairie Center.

The group is looking for seniors 55 and older to

join the club. Bring a dish to pass – the club provides all of the meat. Dues are \$10 a year. The group has informative meetings and entertainment a few times

Want to get out of the house and have good conversation with other seniors and have a good lunch too? Join the group at the Jarrett Center.

If interest, you can come over or call 815-645-8475.



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April 1 7:00pm

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Also, Please join us for Easter Brunch at 10:30 AM

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9:15am - "Gather" (a Fellowship and Devotional time together before worship)

10:15am - Worship Service

9:00am - Easter Breakfast

Onsite (masks/distanced seating) or Online at facebook.com/VECCofSV

MAUNDY THURSDAY: April 1st

EASTER SUNDAY:

April 4th

"A WALK THROUGH HOLY WEEK"

This is an interactive experience to learn about and reflect on holy week as a small group or family unit. Time slots are in late afternoon and evening. Reserve a time for your group or family by calling

Pastor Rick Lindholtz at: 281.389.7518

A "by-donation" meal supporting our Kids Club Summer Adventure program.

Limited seating and carry-out's will be available by request 10:15am - Worship Service Onsite (masks/distanced seating) or Online at facebook.com/VECCofSV



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Oregon Police report

March 15

At 12:07 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Regina D. Tamayo, 53, Oregon, on an outstanding Ogle County warrant for failure to appear. Tamayo was transported to the Ogle County jail.

At 6:49 p.m., Oregon Police issued Kelsi N. Morris, 17, Mt. Morris, a citation for disobeying a stop sign. This violation occurred at the intersection of 10th and Adam Streets.

March 17

March 16

At 1:33 p.m., Oregon Police issued Haylie A. Diehl, 20, Oregon, a citation for a stop arm violation. This violation occurred in the 100 block of E. Washington Stree At 6:25 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Neil A. Carreno, 19, Oregon, on an outstanding Ogle County warrant for failure to appear. Carreno was transported to the Ogl

At 10:03 p.m., Oregon Police responded to a disturbance call at the Oregon VFW, located at 1310 W. Washington Street, resulting in the arrest of Tina M. Clemen 41, Oregon, for battery and criminal damage to property. Clement was transported to the Ogle County jail.

At 10:37 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Justin T. Bennett, 28, Mt. Morris, on an outstanding Henry County warrant for failure to appear and for driving while licens suspended. Bennett was transported to the Ogle County jail. These violations occurred in the 100 block of W. Washington Street.

March 21

At 12:43 a.m., Oregon Police issued Alexey S. Zubov, 34, of Ferndale, MI, a citation for speeding, 50 mph in a 30 mph zone. This violation occurred in the 600 bloc of N. 4th Street.

At 6 p.m., Oregon Police issued Taylor Carl VanLoo, Jr., 19, of Toulon, IL, a citation for disobeying a traffic control device. This violation occurred at the 4th an Washington Street intersection.

4 parking tickets and 6 verbal warnings issued during the week of 03/15/2021 through 03/21/2021.

General Calls for Service

Through dispatch during the week of 03/15/2021 through 03/21/2021: Citizen Complaints

Checking a Subject / Vehicle 6 Citizen Assist / Civil Problem4 Assist EMS / Other Dept. Disturbance / Domestic Vehicle / Building Lockout

911 Hang-up / Open Line Alarm Response

Ordinance Violations 15 Traffic Stops

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Mon., March 29

Loaves & Fish Food Pantry alongside Northern Illinois Food Bank is hosting a Mobile Food Pantry from 10-11:30 a.m. The truck will be located at Mt. Morris Moose Family Center, 101 Moose Drive, Mt. Morris.

The Oregon VFW Post 8739 will be holding a Vietnam era veterans appreciation breakfast. If you served from 1955 to 1975 in any branch of the U.S. military, you will be more than welcome for a free breakfast. Serving starts at 9 a.m. and goes until 11:30 a.m.

Weds., March 31

The Mt. Morris Economic Development Corp will host "Meet the Village Candidates" the at the Mt. Morris Campus Band-Shell. Village President candidates will begin at 6 p.m. and end no later than 7 p.m. There will be a 15-minute break to re-set the stage, and the Village Board candidates will begin.

The Stillman Fire Protection District will be hosting an informational Town Hall regarding the upcoming referendums on the April ballot at 7 p.m. The Town Hall will take place in the training rooms at the Firehouse in

Stillman Valley 200 S. Rural Street in Stillman Valley.

Thurs., April 1

DIY Stress Ball via You-Tube with the Byron Library. Create your own stress ball for National Stress Awareness month and learn how to use a stress ball to relieve anxiety. Please visit Byron. evanced.info/signup or call 815-234-5107 to register.

Sat., April 3

Dogwood Indoor Market, Rt. 26/64, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. 17+ Vendors!

The Evangelical Free

Church of Mount Morris invites the children of the community to its Drivethrough Easter "Egg-stravaganza" from 10-10:30 a.m. Drivers and children are invited to "hop on over" to the Evangelical Free Church located at 102 S. Seminary Ave., at the intersection of Front Street and Seminary Avenue.

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

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VIEWPOINT

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MOMENTS IN TIME

- *On April 5, 1614, Pocahontas, daughter of the chief of the Powhatan Indian confederacy, marries English tobacco planter John Rolfe in Jamestown, Virginia. The marriage ensured peace between the settlers and the Powhatan Indians for several
- * On April 9, 1865, Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee surrenders his 28,000 troops to Union Gen. Ulysses S. Grant, effectively ending the American Civil War. The two generals met in the parlor of the Wilmer McLean home at 1 p.m. Grant arrived in his muddy field uniform, while Lee turned out in full dress attire, complete with sash and sword.
- * On April 10, 1906, O. Henry's second short story collection, "The Four Million," is published. It includes one of his most beloved stories, "The Gift of the Magi," about a poor but devoted couple who each sacrifice their most valuable possession to buy a gift for the
- * On April 6, 1968, Stanley Kubrick's "2001: A Space Odyssey" debuts in theaters. The film went on to win an Oscar for Best Visual Effects. Today it is regarded as one of the defining films of the 20th century.
- *On April 7, 1970, legendary actor John Wayne wins his first -- and only -- acting Academy Award, for "True Grit." Wayne played a drunken, foul-tempered but endearing U.S. marshal named Rooster Cogburn.
- * On April 11, 1988, actress and singer Cher collects the Academy Award for Best Actress for her performance in "Moonstruck" (1988). Cherilyn Sarkasian first became famous as the taller, female half of the 1960s singing duo Sonny and
- * On April 8, 1990, "Who killed Laura Palmer?" was the question on everyone's mind when David Lynch's surreal TV drama "Twin Peaks" premiered on ABC. The body of the blonde homecoming queen was found washed up on shore wrapped in plastic in the show's opening
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Editing may be necessary for space, clarity or to avoid obscenity or libel, but ideas will not be altered. Writers are urged to use discretion and refrain from sarcasm or

personal attacks. Criticism of individuals or organizations that is not

broached tactfully will jeopardize the publication of a letter. Letters will be published in the order that they are received, unless there is a time factor involved, space permitting.

A new look, but the same Life paper

Newspapers have changed a lot over the years.

Even when I first got into the business 30 years ago, newspapers were physically much larger than they are today – they were quite wide. Not as wide as they were in the 1940s, but wide.

Over the years the width shrunk to save on paper costs. I think it also made newspapers easier to handle.

Today, you are holding what we call a broadsheet newspaper. This is new for The Ogle County Life. We were always a tabloid size newspaper. Now, I know when you hear tabloid you think of a scandal sheet like the National Enquirer, or another smaller paper that trades in the wild and often made up.

Actually, in this case tabloid is just referring to the size of the newspaper. We have made the decision to change The Life to a more common broadsheet format as it fits with the other newspapers in our chain. And, as

Living the Life

By Brad Jennings



you can imagine, only buying one size of newsprint will mean cost savings.

And let's face it, all businesses are about cost savings.

For me, this is like coming home again. I always worked at and designed newspapers that were broadsheet before I started at The Life. I like the format and am looking forward to designing pages of this size again. Now, it might take me some time to get back into the groove, but

Because the pages are larger, there will, of course, be fewer of them. But rest assured, you will still be getting the news and information that you have come to rely on The Life for. All of the news, events, community member accomplishments, birthdays, library news and even my humble column will continue to come to you every week. We are also going to be

mailing the paper and not doing the home delivery. I will admit, that is a little sad for me, but it is, again, a sign of the times.

My first ever job was delivering the newspaper. Specifically, I was 9 and delivered the Arizona Republic. On Sunday, I could barely ride my bike with the bulging Sunday newspapers stuffed in my bags and strapped to my handlebars. Actually, I do remember wiping out more than once due to the weight of the papers and the fact that I weighed about the same amount as a fly.

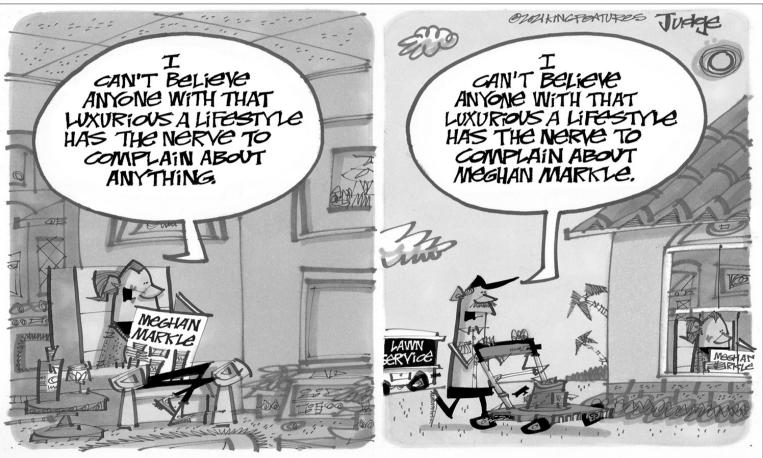
Delivering a newspaper was a great job for a kid, and the tradition held on for years and years – decades, actually. But that started to shift in the last 15 years or so as more adult carriers came on board.

Now, we are going with mail delivery – the paper will still be available at retail sites as well. Many newspapers have done the same, so we aren't exactly breaking new ground here. But it is clearly another sign that the "old way" we have done things in this business are going away. Sure, you can get pretty

much all the news you need at your fingertips. Smart phones are a blessing and a curse, of course. And you, like me, still enjoy holding an actual paper in your hands. It is a more personal relationship, I think.

From here on out the paper will be a bit larger to hold, but you will get used to it and I hope continue to enjoy it for years to come.

Brad Jennings is Editor of The Ogle County Life.



Continue to support Merdian schools with 'yes' vote

Dear Editor,

We moved to the Stillman Valley area 19 years ago. We have been more than impressed with the education our kids received. All three of our children had their own interests, abilities, and talents and were able to flourish due to the excellent academic and extra-curricular

offerings and opportunities in

the Meridian School District. We often speak of how grateful we are that the Board of Education allows students to take Dual Credit Classes through Rock Valley College and Stillman Valley High School. Our kids were able to obtain 23 (give or take) college credits prior to ever stepping foot on their chosen campuses. This translated into thousands of dollars in savings for our family, and has served our children well. These very programs may be in jeopardy if the referendum does not pass. Although our kids no longer attend Meridian schools, we feel very strongly about

preserving the educational experiences for the current and future

students in our community. Please continue to support the students in the Meridian School District with a YES vote this coming April 6th. Your children

deserve it! Kathleen and Michael Mandzen, Byron

Rundle is getting my vote for Byron township road commissioner

Dear Editor, I ask you all to take a moment before you vote for the Byron Township Road Commissioner, to compare the three candidates' experience. I feel there is only one qualified candidate, and that is Mark Rundle. Mark has 35 years of experience with constructing and maintaining roads. Twenty-seven of those 35 years, Mark has been a foreman, ensuring his crews are doing the assigned tasks while meeting his high standards. Mark has been an employee elected executive board member giving him the experience of generating revenue reports, overseeing budgets, and meeting the challenges of meeting financial goals. Mark is also familiar with snow removal; having spent the past 26 years removing snow from both public roads and commer-

cial properties. I have known Mark for over 20 years and know Mark to be honest, hardworking, and trustworthy. Mark will be objective and do what is right for the residents of Byron Township, even though all may not agree.

Mark's goals include:

* Continuing to maintain and improve the Byron Township roads and bridges

- * Improve efficiency in which work is completed,
- * Improve snow removal and ice control by utilizing rock chips
- * Develop a better working relationship with the Township and surrounding municipalities

* PROMPTLY following up personally with homeowner complaints/concerns.

Again, please look at the other candidates to see if any of them have this amount of experience before you cast your vote.



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U.S. democracy is overdue for maintenance and repairs

Seeing ourselves through the eyes of others: It can be enlightening, though not always pleasant. The European Council on Foreign Relations has given us such an opportunity with a recent survey of 15,000 people in 11 countries. It reveals "a massive change" in Europeans' opinions about the United States. Over 6 out of 10

respondents now believe that the American government is "completely or somewhat broken,' and 6 out of 10 agree that "China will become more powerful than the US within the next ten years." Many welcome President Biden's election but "... after witnessing America's response to covid-19 and domestic polarizationmost doubt Washington's capacity to shape the world."

Guest Opinion

By Lowell Harp



Europeans can be biased about these things, just as we can. It would be a mistake for anyone to count America out. But the picture they draw of a declining and poorly governed superpower will concern us when we view it with open minds. Fareed Zakaria ex-

amines America from another angle, that of a naturalized citizen who grew up in India. In his most recent book,

"Ten Lessons for a Post-Pandemic World," he also sees a feeble and ineffective government behind America's "delayed, weak, and erratic response" to the COVID-19 pandemic. To those who hold up

China as a model, Mr. Zakaria, who's a critic of his home country's bloated bureaucracy, insists that it's not a question of big government versus small government, or of socialism vs capitalism. He points to countries with small governments, such as South Korea, as well as to democracies with expansive welfare programs, like Germany, that coped with COVID-19 better than the US did in 2020.

"What is the common element?" he asks. "A competent, well-functioning, trusted state - the *quality* of gov-

ernment." This, says Mr. Zakaria, is what's missing in America. He details the caus-

es as he sees them: a general distrust of government, a Congress that over-regulates but under-funds, a cumbersome "patchwork of authority" among state and federal governments, and "[a] system of checks and balances... [that] ensures that someone, somewhere can always block any positive action." "There are now many

liberal democracies that are just as free as America but with governments that are far more competent," says Mr. Zakaria. "In tackling the pressing challenges of our time... there is ample evidence that American government has been failing for a generation." The solution, he says, isn't to make government

bigger but to reshape it into one with "limited power but clear lines of authority.'

Perhaps these criticisms are exaggerated. Congress did, after all, manage to pass big Covid relief bills under Presidents Trump and Biden. But it's hard to deny that, in our fixation on the issues of the day, we've allowed problems in the structure of our government to fester and grow. Mired in gridlock and drift, we're no longer the model that we were for democracies around the world, as the European survey shows.

This isn't about liberalism vs conservatism. It doesn't reflect some defect in the American people. A democracy, like a car, needs regular maintenance to keep it running properly. The nuts-and-bolts components of American government – redistricting, elections, Congressional procedures, our system of checks and balances, and others—are overdue for updates and repairs.

No issue is more crucial than this one. The concerns that dominate the daily headlines are important, but without a trusted and capable government we can't effectively address any of them. Admitting this fact isn't a cause for despair, but instead an opportunity to preserve and strengthen what was once and can be again the world's most admired democracy.

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

Ogle County has history of rejecting alternate tax sources

Dear Editor,

Three generations of my family have attended school in Stillman. My mother and sister taught there. I have supported their tax referendums in the past and invested in their bonds, but I am neutral on this one. I believe the following. If the referendum

passes my taxes will not increase beyond the usual increases. (My tax bills from 2014 to 2019 show a consistent increase every year.)

If the referendum does not pass my taxes will go down and the schools will have fewer funds to operate with.

The Meridian school have been providing an exceptional education program at a bargain price and reduced revenue will require cuts.

However, the area has a history of reject-

Dear Editor,

Mark Rundle is, by

far, the most experi-

enced and best man for

the job (Byron Town-

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sioner). He has more

than 35 years of expe-

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and building public

and private roads. He

has worked from the

bottom up to becoming

a foreman and execu-

As such he has done

the paperwork, main-

tive board member.

ing alternate tax sources – the nuke plant and wind and solar.

Lee County just to the south took the opposite stance on green energy and now collects millions of wind energy tax dollars each year, most of it going to their schools, plus their landowners get a steady income from land leases with the wind energy companies. Now Lee is working with Solar. There are some that call this Nogle County because it says no to almost everything. Nogle County - closed to green energy but open to landfills.

So, while I support the schools, perhaps if the referendum is rejected they may be more receptive to alternate tax sources in the future.

Curt Freeberg, By-

tained the equipment,

plowed snow, ice re-

moval, and become

very efficient. He is

very responsible and

will be an asset to our

township. If you have

a problem, he will al-

ways be available to

promptly have it tak-

en care of in the most

responsible way. In

my opinion he the best

candidate for the job.

Raymond A. Dyck,

Sincerely,

Byron Township

Just one? We have It feels an extra hour of daylight... like much more...

Rundle brings experience to road commissioner job

Mark Rundle needs to be our next Byron Township Road Commissioner. I have known Mark for over 30 years, beginning with his being a student at Byron High School when I was principal. It is gratifying to see a former student pursue a career, raise a family, remain in our community, and now use his talents to benefit our community.

He brings 35 years of road

construction experience to this position, and that will make a smooth transition once he is elected. During this time, his superiors recognized his abilities and made him a foreman for 27 of those years. He supervised other workers, followed instructions, made decisions, met deadlines, and stayed within budget. All of these will enable him to be successful as Road Commissioner. He also has 26 years of public road and commercial

snow removal experience which is important during our northern

Illinois winters. I was a Byron Township Trustee for 10 years, and I have seen what is required and expected of a Road Commissioner. Mark Rundle's experience, his knowledge, and his integrity make him a clear choice for our next Byron Township Road Commissioner. Join me in voting for him on April 6.

Gary Hassler, Byron

Retain incumbent Wiltfang as township supervisor

Rundle is best candidate

for road commissioner

Dear Editor,

I wish to recommend that voters retain incumbent Keith Wiltfang as Marion Township Supervisor. Open and fair minded, he conducts board meetings with decorum, and respects the views of all citizens.

His opponent is the former Marion Township Road Commissioner. He is remembered for his wanton destruction of trees and his vindictive behavior toward citizens who criticized his behavior.

Do the right thing. Vote to retain Keith Wiltfang

Allen Ockerlander, Stillman Valley

Outgoing road commissioner endorses Floto for position

Dear Editor,

I was appointed to the position of Mt. Morris Township Road Commissioner in November, 1997, and it has been my honor to serve the community in this role. Since I am stepping down from the position at the end of this term, I want to endorse candidate Andrew Floto for the position.

I have known Andrew over 20 years, and have found him to be a

hard-working, trustworthy citizen of our community. He lives on a township road and understands firsthand the importance of taking care of them. For the past two years, Andrew has worked for the township, giving him first-hand experience, not only with our equipment, but with year-round road maintenance.

It is my pleasure to heartily endorse Andrew Floto for the position of Mt. Morris Township Road Commissioner. If he is elected, I believe he will bring stellar service and long-term commitment to our

In closing, I wish the citizens of the township only the best in the years to come.

Joel Lawrence, Mt. Morris **Township Commissioner**

No need to be embarrassed shopping at Second Hand Rose (and without masks).

Dear Editor,

Before the pandemic is over and we no longer need to wear our masks and we again meet face to face with each other, this is the perfect time to shop at Second Hand Rose in Polo.

Some folks feel em-

barrassed shopping at a thrift store wondering if they might be recognized buying something second hand. Don't be misled. There is a plethora of people who have pur-

chased items in our store

looking at the items Rose has for sale. You probably will not walk out without buying something. All workers are non-paid volunteers.

Rose is open on Tues-

Do some shopping and

day, and Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursday and Friday 1-5 p.m. On Saturday we are open from 9 a.m. to noon.

Come in and not be recognized.

Rita Jacks, Polo



Surprise scholarship

Byron resident Katherine Groharing was recently surprised with a \$2,500 Back to School Scholarship to Western Governors University. The scholarship is open to new students enrolling in any of the more than 60 bachelor's and master's degree programs offered at WGU – in business, information technology, education and health professions. Groharing, a third grade teacher for Oregon CUSD 220, is pursuing a Master of Education in Learning and Technology from WGU. She was virtually presented with the scholarship on Jan. 29 by WGU Strategic Partnerships Manager Jim Chandler.

Bread of Life has April distribution

STILLMAN VALLEY – Bread of Life is a food pantry serving residents of Ogle County and Meridian School District. We provide groceries to our neighbors in need.

We meet at Valley Covenant Church, on the corner of Route 72 and S Maple, in Stillman Valley on the second Tuesday of each month.

Please bring photo I.D. and proof of residence.

Upcoming dates are April 13th and May 11.

If you are new to Bread of Life please call 815-645-8814 to register for our next distribution.

Referendum town hall will be March 31

STILLMAN VALLEY - The Stillman Fire Protection District will be hosting an informational Town Hall regarding the upcoming referendums on the April ballot at 7 p.m. on March 31.

This Town Hall will cover the frequently asked questions, facts about the referendum needs and offer the chance to ask questions. The Town Hall will take place in the training rooms at the Firehouse in Stillman Valley 200 S. Rural Street in Stillman Valley.

As always you can contact Chief Hoefle at the station Monday-Friday during business hours, or via our website www.stillmanfire.com.

Buffalo Township sets annual meeting date

The Buffalo Township annual meeting will be Tuesday April 13, at 7 p.m. at Buffalo Township town Hall, 117 N Franklin Ave., Polo.

The annual meeting will follow the Regular April meeting.

The remaining monthly meetings are held on the second Wednesday if the month at 7:30 p.m. at Polo Town Hall. They are:

May 12, June 9, July 14, Aug. 11, Sept. 8, Oct. 13, Nov. 10, Dec. 8, Jan. 12,

Forum in Mt. Morris March 31 **MOUNT MORRIS** by time for audience

 The Mt. Morris Economic Development Corp will host "Meet the Village Candidates" the evening of Wednesday, March 31 at the Mt. Morris Campus Band-Shell.

All candidates in the upcoming April 6th election running for Mt. Morris Village President and Village Board have been invited to participate.

Village President candidates will begin at 6 p.m. and end no later than 7 p.m.

There will be a 15-minute break to reset the stage, and the Village Board candidates will begin.

The event format will feature a moderator asking questions, followed

questions. Please follow all COVID safety precautions if you attend. The evening will also be available as a Facebook Live event (on Facebook at Encore Mt. Morris) with comments consol-

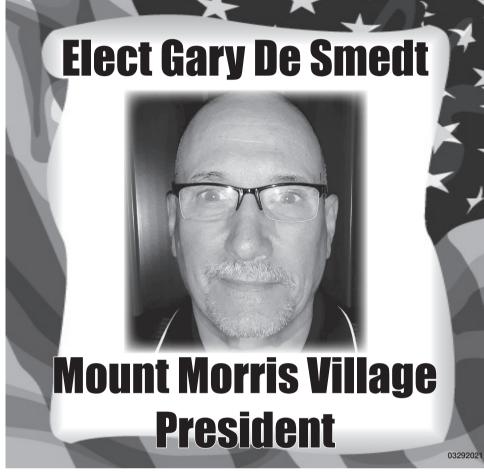
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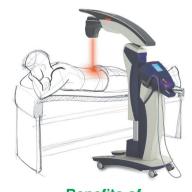
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Afflerbaugh will lead the group along with providing educational information throughout the hike. The first hike of the spring season will feature Lowden Miller State Park. The group will meet at Lowden Miller Forest on Saturday, April 10 at 9 a.m. Registration is required and deadline to reserve a spot is April 8.

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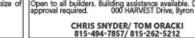
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Oregon's Berns commits to play at **North Central College**

SPORTS EDITOR

OREGON — Oregon High School senior Breccan Berns has committed to playing football for North Central Collegenext season. The two-way standout said he plans to study business, with an emphasis on finance, in hopes that he can start his own small business after school.

"I was drawn to North Central College because the school has both great academic opportunities and athletic opportunities to compete at a high level," Berns said. "The school isn't too far from home and I really fell in love with the atmosphere within the football program. Everyone involved is fully invested in being successful. I'm looking forward to creating bonds with new teammates and hopefully being successful on the football field together."

Berns has played quar-

terback and linebacker for the Hawks over the last four years, earning Big Northern Conference Second Team recognition during his junior season. A two-sport student-athlete who also plays baseball for the Hawks, Berns led Oregon's varsity football team in both rushing and passing yards while also leading the conference in rushing carries as a junior.

"Breccan is the type of athlete you hope you can replace year in and year out, but the reality is that it's extremely hard to find players likeBreccan,"Oregoncoach Nick Schneiderman said. "His ability to play both running back and quarterback last year gave him valuable experience to understand the offense. He developed the skills to excel in both positions and it really showed toward the end of his junior season, when we asked him to play both positions."

Berns will unite with two local football players in William Jandak and James Hart, who attended Rochelle Township High School and currently play for the North Central College team. Berns and the Oregon Hawks kicked off the 2021 football season with a road matchup against Byron at Mendota on Saturday, March 27. Once the football season concludes, Berns will gear up for his senior baseball season, when he'll look to follow upasuccessfuljuniorseason during which he maintained a batting average over .400 and an on-base percentage over .600.

"My time playing football in Oregon has prepared me and made me really grateful to have the opportunity to continue playing football for the next four years," Berns said. "Most of the guys I play with now have been my teammates since we were 9 years old. My experience here has been amazing, which makes me excited to hopefully create more memories at the next



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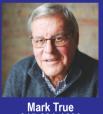
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Honoring seniors

The Oregon High School boys soccer program will honor their senior boys on Thursday, April 1 at 4:15 p.m. The Hawks will take on Harvard. OHS seniors being honored are Riley Benton, Jayden Davis, Alan Acosta, Owen Ketter, Ryan Hussung, Gavin Bradshaw, Adam Thorsen and Grant Cermak. Join the Hawks on Thursday at Oregon Park West. Masks are required for spectators.

Oregon boys soccer team splits games

OREGON – The Oregon High School boys soccer team defeated Stillman Valley 1-0 on Thursday, March 18.

Gavin Bradshaw scored off a deflected shot with 12 seconds remaining in reg-

Owen Ketter led the Hawks with nine saves in the shutout victory.

Oregon battled Indian Creek on Saturday, March 20, falling 2-1 despite a second-half goal from Leo Cardenas.

Owen Ketter recorded 18 saves for the Hawks. The Hawks lost 3-1 against Rockford Chrisitan on Tuesday, March 23, with Alan Acosta scoring on a free kick.

Oregon volleyball teams both win two

OREGON – The Oregon High School volleyball team won 25-16, 25-21 over Stockton on Wednesday, March 17.

The Oregon JV team topped Stockton

25-3, 25-17.

Oregon faced Rockford Christian on Friday, March 19, winning 25-14, 25-17 while the JV team came back to win 14-25, 25-16, 15-4.

Stillman Valley volleyball wins one, loses

STILLMAN VALLEY—The Stillman Valley volleyball team fell against Dixon on Thursday, March 18. The Duchesses topped the Cardinals 25-19, 19-25, 25-21. The Cardinals played North Boon on Tuesday, March 23, winning 25-8, 25-13.

Stillman Valley soccer plays to draw, loses

STILLMAN VALLEY – Stillman Valley's boys soccer team battled Marengo on Saturday, March 20, playing to a 0-0 draw. Stillman Valley fell 8-0 against Mendota on Tuesday, March 23 before

Locals graduate from UW-Whitewater

WHITEWATER, Wis. — The following students earned degrees from the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater at winter commencement on December 19, 2020. Stillman Valley: Amanda Childers graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Business Administration in general business

Leaf River: Autumn Kielsmeier graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in communication

German Valley: Molly Vellender graduated with a Bachelor of Business Administration in general business

More than 846 graduates graduated in a virtual ceremony. The ceremony recognized 86 undergraduates from the College of Arts and Communication, 206 from the College of Business and Economics, 170 from the College of Education and Professional Studies and 222 from the College of Letters and Sciences. Of the 718 undergraduate degrees awarded, 22 were completed online. The School of Graduate Studies awarded 134 degrees, including 125 master's degrees and nine doctorates.

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Oregon Public Library can help with completing the Ogle County Health Department COVID-19 Vaccine Notification Form. Ogle County Health Department released a form for community members to express interest in receiving the COVID-19 vaccine. This will help them determine which phase of the vaccination plan you are in and when you may be eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. The Library has computers available by

appointments and staff is able to assist with completing the form. Call the Library (815-732-2724) during regular business hours and Library staff can also register you over the phone if you do not have access to a computer.

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. Thank you to the Etnyre Foundation and the Oregon Park District for helping the Oregon Public Library offer this unique reading experience at Oregon Park West. Current story being presented...The Story of the Easter Bunny by Katherine Tegen.

Take and make crafts for kids - Ages 3 years

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Take and make: Mini basket craft - Monday, March 29

Pick up your free kit at the Library and make a mini basket. Kits are FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE while supplies last and are available on Monday, March 29. Limit one (1) kit per Oregon Public Library card pa-

"Your City @Home" is a series of virtual field trips meant to give you the chance to explore all that Chicagoland has to offer! This series is sponsored by multiply Illinois public libraries, including the Oregon Public Library.

FIRST TOUR is Saturday, April 3, 3-4 p.m.: Shedd Aquarium: It>s time to meet the penguins - virtually! Experience a live virtual visit with the penguins that call Shedd home. During this 45-minute experience, you will meet a penguin up close and discover what makes these birds so amazing. Our animal care team will take you «behind the scenes» in the penguins> habitat to learn more about how penguins are able to «fly» underwater, stay warm in cooler waters and much more! Registration required at (815) 732-2724.

SECOND TOUR is Saturday, April 10, 1-2 p.m.: DuSable Museum of African American History: "The People Could Fly" is a very relevant and layered statement used by and about people of African descent in America. Join the discussion to learn about the history of Black people flying, literally and figuratively, well above their circumstances along with Chicago's role in this rich legacy.

Seed swap - Monday, April 12 from 2-6 p.m.

Bring seeds to share to the library- fruits, vegetables, flowers and native seeds are the best. Make sure your seeds are labeled with variety, year grown, crop family, days to maturity, location grown, germination rate and skill level. NO GMO SEEDS OR SEEDS OVER 2 YEARS OLD. U of I Extension Office Master Gardeners will be on hand to answer questions. For more information, contact (815) 732-2724

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Library book clubs

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The New Cookbook Book Club meets Thursday, April 8 at 6:30 pm to discuss Clean and Hungry by Lisa Lillien. The 2WBC Book Club meets Wednesday, April 12 at 12:30 pm to discuss Squeeze Me by Carl Hiaasen. The Afternoon Book Club meets Wednesday, April 21 at 1:00 pm to discuss Lady Clementine by Marie Benedict.

Cookbook book club - Thursday, April 8 at 6:30 p.m.

HUNGRYGIRL, Clean & Hungry by Lisa Lillien Easy All-Natural recipes for healthy eating in the real world. Join us for our COOK BOOK book club, trying various recipes from different cookbooks. For April, this group will meet in person and via Zoom. Pick up your copy of the Cookbook at the Library and pick one (or more) recipe to make and discuss during our meeting. Registration requested.

Yoga has moved to Mondays!

Beginning Monday April 13 at 9:30 a.m.

Krystal Casey, Owner of ADM Studios 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. Due to

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Maker Monday -Monday, April 19 at 6

DIY foot scrub and lip

April is Stress Awareness Month! Let's relieve the stress on your feet and soothe those winter dry lips. Join us for this IN-PERSON program on Monday, April 19th. Due to COVID-19, two times will be available, spaces limited for this Maker Monday. Registration deadline is April 12th. Each participant will make and take a foot scrub and lip balm.

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Virtual Storytime

Virtual Storytime will be at 11:15am via Facebook Live every Wednesday.

Have a Collection or Hobby to Share?

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Bertolet Library News

Wednesday WhoDunIt: April 28th at 10:30 a.m.:

Iron Lake by Kent Krueger: Former Chicago cop Cork O'Connor's life has been spiraling out of control following his decision to move his family back to his hometown of Aurora, MN, a small town off Lake Superior. His intent was to improve their quality of life, but the result is the loss of his election to be sheriff of Aurora and the break up of his marriage. However, the murder of the town judge and disappearance of a young boy at the same time a blizzard hits northern Minnesota draws Cork into an investigation that tests his stamina and skills as a lawman. Join Carol for a discussion of Iron Lake by Kent Krueger on Wednesday, April 28th

at 10:30 a.m.

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Byron Library News

Special Hours

The Byron Library will be closed on Sunday, April 4 in observance of the Easter holiday. We wish our patrons a safe and happy Easter!

Curbside Delivery

Curbside service is here to stay! Place your holds online at byronlibrary.org or call us at 815-234-5107. Not sure what you want? Call us for help! We will call or email you with a confirmation when your holds are ready to be picked up. Call us when you arrive at the library, and we will bring your items out to you. A receipt with your due dates will be included with your items.

Print Wirelessly with Princh!

Did you know that there is an app that allows you to print from your smartphone to the Byron Library printers? Just download Princh from the iTunes or Google Play Store. You can also use Princh to wirelessly print at the library from your computer. Just visit http:// byron.lib.il.us/ and select "Wireless Printing" from the Services menu.

DIY Stress Ball

Thursday, April 1, via YouTube Create your own stress ball for National Stress Awareness month and learn how

to use a stress ball to relieve anxiety. Kit will include balloons, flour and a plastic bottle to use as a funnel. Additional supplies needed include scissors. Please visit Byron.evanced.info/signup or call 815-234-5107 to register. Kits will be available for pickup at the library beginning Thursday, March 25.

Carpool Cinema

Thursday, April 8

8:15-10 p.m., at the BPLD parking lot Join us for a fun movie night at the library from the comfort of your car as we screen Men in Black (1997)! BYO snacks and drinks. Space is limited, so please register in order to reserve your parking spot. Rating: PG-13. Please visit Byron.evanced.info/signup or call 815-234-5107 to register.

A Fireside Chat with John Sand-

Wednesday, April 14 7-8 p.m., via Zoom

Join us for a virtual conversation and author Q&A with John Sandford as he discusses his latest Lucas Davenport & Virgil Flowers novel Ocean Prey. A limited number of copies of Ocean

Prey will randomly be given out to patrons that attend the Zoom. Questions for John Sandford can be submitted on the online registration page for this program. Patrons can register by visiting Byron.evanced.info/signup or calling the library at 815-234-5107. Zoom meeting ID will be emailed to registrants.

Share Your Story

Monday, April 19 11 a.m.-noon, via Zoom

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. A journal will be provided to new registrants and will be available

for pick up at the library any time after

Thursday, April 15. Please visit Byron.

evanced.info/signup or call 815-234-5107 to register. Zoom meeting ID will be emailed to registrants.

Friday Trivia

Friday, April 16 10:30 a.m.-noon at the Byron Museum of History

Trivia is back! 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/signup or call 815-2345107 to register.

Wednesday Night Readers

Wednesday, April 21

6:30-7:30 p.m. @ the Byron Library Join Penny for a discussion of the book, The Summer Wives by Beatriz Williams. Space is limited, so register at Byron.evanced.info/signup or calling 815-234-5107. Copies of the book are available for pickup at the Byron Library.

National Pretzel Day

Monday, April 26, via YouTube Join Beth for a little history on how pretzels came to be, followed by a demonstration on how to make some yummy seasoned pretzels. Kit will include pretzels, popcorn oil, lemon pepper and ranch dressing mix. Additional supplies needed include a smaller bowl, larger bowl, and spatula. Please register by visiting Byron.evanced. info/signup or calling 815-234-5107. Kits will be available for pickup at the library beginning Tuesday, April 20.

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!

732-2191

800-541-5479

Julia Hull Library News

Library Services

Visit the library for Grab & Go Services: Monday 9 a.m.-3 p.m.; Tuesday-Thursday 9 a.m.-6 p.m. (Curbside 'til 8 p.m.); Friday-Saturday 9 a.m.-5 p.m. A few reminders before you pop in. Masks (covering both nose and mouth) are required. No exceptions. You'll have 15 minutes to browse and select items, and checkout. Sorry – no meetings, classes, or hanging out. Programming will continue remotely, online. Computer use is limited, and available by reservation only. Computer sessions are limited to 45 minutes/day. For your safety and convenience, curbside pickup, remote services, and personal shopping will continue indefinitely. For all the details, visit our website: www.juliahull. org/covid-19-information. Please give us a call for assistance: 815-645-8611.

PrairieCat Library App

Manage your library account, search our catalog, discover upcoming programs, and more...all from the palm of your hand! Just visit your favorite app store, search for "PrairieCat," then select Julia Hull District Library.

A Song & A Story

Join us for a virtual thematic song, sto-

ry, and craft on Facebook Live-Wednesdays at 10 a.m. It's the perfect light and refreshing delight for your little one. Call the library to schedule a curbside pickup for April craft kits, or use the form on our website: https://juliahull. org/curbside-pickup-request. January kits now available. While supplies last.

Craft Bomb

What will this month's Craft Bomb be? You'll find out when it drops! Look for our video on Facebook and Instragm, then follow the instructions to reserve your kit. While supplies last. Adults only. One per person. Next drop: Thursday, April 1 (no foolin')!

Easter Closures

The library will be closed Friday, April 2 and Saturday, April 3 for Good Friday and Easter.

Book Club for Adults

Pick up a book, then join us for a lively discussion of Homeira Qaderi's new memoir, Dancing In the Mosque on Monday, April 5 at 6:30 p.m. Adults only. Copies of the reading available at the library. Email Joanna at jkluever@ mail.meridian223.org to register for a link to the program.

Raine makes Dean's List

CEDARVILLE, Ohio

 Cedarville University recently released the fall 2020 Dean's Honor List.

Heidie Raine, of Byron, obtained a 3.75 GPA or higher for the semester and carried a minimum of 12 credit hours to receive this recognition.

Located in southwest Ohio, Cedarville University is an accredited, Christ-centered, Baptist institution with an enrollment of 4,550 undergraduate, graduate, and online students in more than 150 areas of study.

Area students on Palmer College Dean's List

DAVENPORT, Iowa

 The following students were named to the 2020 fall quarter Dean's List at Palmer College of Chiropractic's Florida campus in Port Orange, Fla.:

Ellie Lehne of Byron Connor Lewin of Stillman Valley

Palmer College of Chiropractic, the first and largest college in the chiropractic profession, has campuses in Davenport, Iowa; San Jose, Calif.; and Port Orange, Fla.





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and daily specials.

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

Education

Low Income Housing

Ogle County Housing Authority

200 W Washington, Oregon 732-1301

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<u>Veterans' Services</u> **Rock River Center** 732-3252 732-2499 **Serenity Hospice and Home**

Veterans Assistance Commission of Ogle Co. 255-9181 **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 Wednesday and Friday 3-8 pm

Polo Library News

Polo Library Building Open to the Public

The Polo Library building is now open for in-person browsing and computer use.

Curbside services will continue to be available during open hours. Masks will be required for entry.

Open hours will be Mondays – 10 a.m.-7p.m., Tuesdays – 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Wednesdays – 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Thursdays -10 a.m.-4 p.m., Fridays -10 a.m.-4 p.m., and Saturdays – 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Do you need help registering for your COVID-19

Polo Library can help! Call 815-946-2713 to register over the phone with one of our staff members, or stop in during our open hours and use one of our two patron computers to register.

April 14, 7 p.m. Live on Zoom Join Polo Public Library and other area libraries as we

Fireside Chat with John Sandford – Wednesday,

host Author John Sandford for a live conversation and Q&A time. Spots are limited. Register by visiting pololibrary.org or call Polo Library at 815-946-2713 to reserve your spot! Questions for the Q&A portion of the night must be submitted by April 2nd

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.

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. interested patrons to participate in their annual commu-

Virtual Storytime – Saturdays 10:30 a.m., Facebook.com/pololibrary

Every Saturday morning head over to Polo Library's Facebook page to watch Ms. Melanie read a children's story. They air each Saturday at 10:30 a.m., but you can watch them any time! Stop by the Library to pick up a bag with a fun craft to go along with the book that was read. If you have a book you'd like to hear read for Saturday Storytime, email Ms. Melanie at melaniew@ pololibrary.org

Book Clubs

Polo Library currently has two traditional book clubs meeting via Zoom, one on the second Friday of each month and one on the fourth Monday of each month. both at 1:30 p.m. There is also a third book club that is a books to movies group that meets on Zoom on the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. If you have any questions or are interested in joining any of the book clubs, please email carlap@pololibrary.org.

Forreston Library News

Library Hours

The library is open with the following hours: Monday 10 a.m.-1 p.m., 2-7 p.m., Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 10 a.m.-1 p.m., 2-6 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m.-noon. We are closed on Friday and Sunday. Masks are required for everyone over the age of 2 and children under the age of 10 must be accompanied by a responsible party. Curbside pickup is still available for anyone who wishes to use it.

Community Read

Our friends at Freeport Public Library have invited

nity read, One Book, One Freeport. This year's selection is "Underground Railroad" by Colson Whitehead. Several activities, some virtual and some in person, are planned for March. If you are interested in reading this book and/or receiving a schedule of events, please call the library or stop in for more information.

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

Instill a lifelong love of reading in your babies and young children with this easy incentive program. Just sign up at the library to receive information and a book log and then start reading! Prizes are awarded at various levels of completion.

Preschool Activities

Looking for fun, engaging activities for your preschooler? Our Grab n Go packets include a Scholastic story paper with a different theme each month. accompanying worksheets/coloring pages, and a code to access online stories and activities. Call to reserve yours or stop in and pick one up for your favorite little person.

AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

BYRON

ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH 624 Luther Drive, Byron, IL 815-234-5277

Pastor Janet Wold. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, our Sunday worship schedule has changed to one gathering at 9:00 am. A recording of each Sunday's worship service is available on our Facebook page and our website following our in-person service. Communion is served every Sunday. Sunday School will be held at 9:00 am from September through May. Adult Sunday School will be held at 10:00 am. Confirmation studies for 7th and 8th grade students will be held each Sunday morning at 10:00 am via Zoom. Wednesday afternoon Bible study is held at 1;30 pm via Zoom. Book club and quilters meet in-person monthly Please visit our website http://www. AllSaintsByron.org or call the office for details.

CORNERSTONE FAMILY CHURCH 205 N. Peru St., Byron 815-234-8737 cornerstonefam ily.church

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 Min istry 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 Sundat 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: chanaumc@gmail.com Adult & Children's Education 9:00 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion celebrated the first Sunday of each month. At Chana Church you will find Open Hearts-Open Minds-Open Doors.

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 **Sunday Services:** 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

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 815-938-3203Pastor Scott

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

Pastor Billy Hardy

Live Sermon Streaming: Sundays at 10:00 AM at www.facebook.com/ LEAFRIVERBC/ Archived Sermons on our YouTube channel: Leaf River Rantist 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 Rosebrock pastor@immanuel-lindenwood.org

KINGS

ELIM REFORMED CHURCH 140 S. Church Road, Kings, IL 61068 • Rev. Cary Winn

Phone 815-562-6811 E-mail: office@goelimchurch.org Website: www.goelimchurch.org Sunday morning worship 10:00 am • Sunday School 9:00 am

MOUNT MORRIS

DISCIPLES UNITED METHODIST CHURCH All are welcome here!

"By God's grace in Christ: Live, Love & Serve" During the COVID-19 pandemic, weekly worship is online at www. disciplesumc.org 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.

MT. MORRIS TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH 308 E. Brayton Rd. Mt. Morris, IL Phone: 734-6354 Rev. Josh Ehrler

Worship Services: Saturday 5:30 PM; Worship Sunday 9:30 AM Sunday Church School 10:45 AM; (Sept. 10, 2017 Thru May 2018) Sept.-May Chime Choir Wednesday 6:00 PM; Chancel Choir Wednesday 7:00 PM

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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 Lutherar

LIGHTHOUSE UNITED METHODIST

Pastor Matthew J. Smith 4962 S. Daysville Rd., Oregon, IL 61061 Worship at 9:00 a.m. Holy Communion celebrated the first Sunday of each of 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:saint.bride.church@gmail.com • Worship Services: Sunday 10 am Holy Communion with Hymns Christian Education Available

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH 114 S. 5th St. Oregon, IL Phone: (815) 732-2367

Pastor: Rick Tomlinsom

Website: www.stpgul13.com Emgil: stpgul13@frontier.com Sunday: Worship Service 9:00 am; Coffee And... Fellowship 10:00 am; Sunday School 10:15 am Wednesdays: Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Other Activities: Men's and Women's Groups, Confirmation Class, School Youth Group, For more information, call the church office.

POLO

ST. MARY CHURCH Rectory/Office: 211 North Franklin Ave., Polo, IL 61064 PHONE: 815-946-2535 • Rev. Joseph P. Naill

Masses: Sun 10:30am, Tuesday Mass 8 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation: First Sunday of each month after

OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. www.stmarypolo.org

CHURCH OF THE OPEN BIBLE

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

CROSSROADS COMMUNITY CHURCH ~ POLO CAMPUS Meeting Sundays @ 9AM & 10:45AM

205 N. Jefferson Avenue, Polo ~ 815.837.5255 polo@crossroadscn.com . We offer contemporary worship and relevant Bible teaching through engaging messages and powerful video. Join us after services for coffee, snacks & fellowship. Kidzlink Children's Ministry (nursery-5th grade)

Crave Youth Group (6th-12th grade) ~ Sunday nights 6PM,

Visit our website: www.crossroadscn.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 nondenominational 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 Website: www.faithumcpolo.com ~ facebook.com/Faithumcpolo

STILLMAN VALLEY RED BRICK CHURCH OF STILLMAN VALLEY

(CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH) Pastor Rev. Dr. Chris Brauns | Associate Pastor David Bogner 207 W Roosevelt Road (Rte 72), Stillman Valley.

815-645-2526 | www.theredbrickchurch.org Sunday: Worship at 9:00 and 10:30 am. Sunday School at 9:00 am. Wednesday: AWANA (Sept - April) from 6:00 to 7:15 pm. Men. women, youth Bible Studies throughout the year. See website for all activities or contact the church office.

KISHWAUKEE COMMUNITY **EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Pastor Eric Tonjes, www.kishchurch.org Sunday Schedule: Discipleship Hour 9:00 AM, Coffee Fellowship 9:50 AM Gathered Worship 10:00 AM For complete ministry schedule check out our website or call the church

8195 Kishwaukee Road, Stillman Valley, IL 61084 / 815-965-1940

VALLEY EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH

Rt. 72 & Maple St., in Stillman Valley • Phone 815-645-8872 Pastor: Rev. Rick Lindholtz • www.valleycov.org Chuck Potts, Pastor to STudents, Children and Families Sunday Mornings: 9am traditional service, 10:30am contemporary service and Kids' Club 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 Stitchers For more information call the church office

9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Mon.-Fri.

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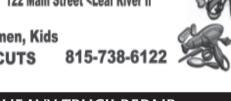
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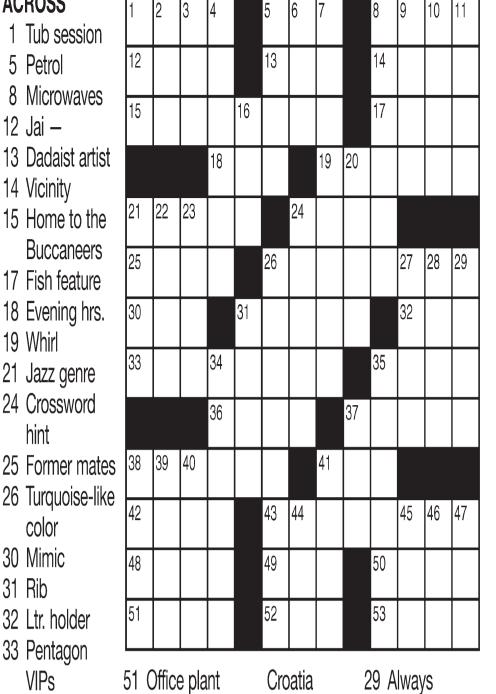
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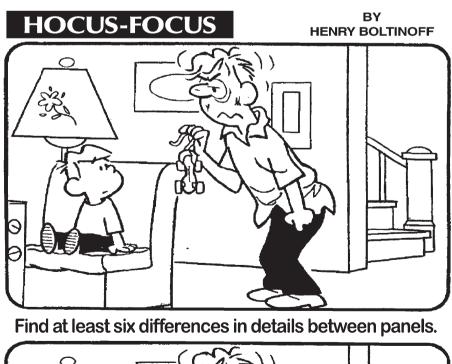
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PUBLIC NOTICE IN THE CIRCUIT **COURT OF THE** FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL **CIRCUIT** OGLE COUNTY.

ILLINOIS)Case **ESTATE**)2009 OF:) P71 CLYDF TINSLEY DECEASED)

PUBLICATION

Leave of Court having been granted:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO YOU Edward Tinsley of 8581 Trudy Road Rockford II 61108 the Independent Administrator, a Motion has been filed in the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit Court Ogle County, Illinois, by the Attorney of the Independent Administrator, Maria N Berger against you for a: MOTION TO WITHDRAW. and for other relief; that

against you as provided by law, and such Motion is still pending. unless you EDWARD TINSLEY, the Petitioner, file your Response to the Motion, in the office of the Clerk of the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit Court. at the Judicial Center, 106 South 5th Street, Oregon, Illinois on or before: * April 21,

summons duly issued

you at any time after that date. Kimberly A. Stahl, Clerk of the Fifthteenth Circuit Court

No. 0312 (Mar. 15, 22,

2021 at 9:00 a.m., the

relief requested therein

may be entered against

PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLICATION NOTICE OF COURT DATE FOR REQUEST OF NAME CHANGE

(ADULT) STATE OF ILLINOIS CIRCUIT COURT **OGLE COUNTY**

Request of: Hannah Elizabeth Welden

COUNTY

There will be a court date on my Request to change my name from: Hannah Elizabeth Welden to the new name of: Martin Jay

The court date will

beheld on April 30, at 10:30 a.m. at 106 S. 5th Street, Oregon, IL, Ogle County in Courtroom /s/ Hannah E. Welden.

No. 0313 Mar. 15, 22,

PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OGLE COUNTY. **ILLINOIS**

MATTER OF THE)No. **ESTATE**)2021 OF: **DAVID** WESTFALL,) deceased.

CLAIM NOTICE NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of DAVID E. WESTFALL of Oregon, Illinois. Letters of office were issued on March 5, 2021, to CHELSEA L. MILLER of Oregon, Illinois, whose attorney is David A. Smith. of Smith, Birkholz & Morrow, P.C. at 129 South Fourth Street, P.0. Box 10, Oregon, Illinois, 61061-0010. CLAIMS against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court at Ogle County Judicial Center, 106 South 5th Street, Oregon, Illinois,

61061, or with the representative, or both, within 6 months from the first publication of this Notice, or within three months from the date of mailing or delivery of Notice to creditors,

if mailing or delivery

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Probate Act, 1975, as amended, whichever date is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred

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Copies of claims filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the estate legal representative and to the attorney within 10 days after the claim has been filed. Ogle County

Newspaper CHELSEA L. MILLER Independent No. 0315 (Mar. 15, 22,

PUBLIC NOTICE IN THE CIRCUIT **COURT OF THE 15th**

JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS **MATTER**)No. OF)2021THE)P 24 **ESTATE** MARY C. KIRSCHER,)

deceased. **CLAIM NOTICE** NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of MARY C. KIRSCHER of Oregon, Letters were issued on March 5, 2021, to Susan M. Dedi Norton of Goodyear, Arizona, whose attorney is David A. Smith, of Smith, Birkholz & Morrow, P.C. at 129 South Fourth Street, P.O. Box 10, Oregon, Illinois, 61061-

CLAIMS against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court at Ogle County Judicial Center, 106 South 5th Street, Oregon, Illinois. 61061, or with the representative, or both, within 6 months from the first publication of this Notice, or within three months from the date of mailing or delivery of Notice

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with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the estate legal representative and to the attorney within 10 days after the claim has been filed. Susan M. Dedi Norton Administrator

> **PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLICATION**

No. 0318 (Mar. 22, 29,

NOTICE OF COURT DATE FOR REQUEST FOR NAME CHANGE (ADULT) STATE OF ILLINOIS CIRCUIT COURT **OGLE COUNTY** Request of:

Gabriel Antonio Garcia Case Number 2021 MR 13 There will be a court date on my Request to change my name from: Gabriel Antonio Garcia

to the new name of: Gabriel Paul O'Brien. The court date will be held on May 14, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. at 106 S. 5th Street, Oregon, Ogle County in Courtroom #304.

Gabriel Garcia No. 0323 (Mar. 22, 29, April 5)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice 1s hereby given that on March 16, 2021, a certificate was filed in the Ogle County Clerk's Office setting forth the names and post office address of all of the persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as: Woodburn Road Woodworks 11395 N Woodburn Rd

Byron, IL 61010

Dated: March 16, 2021

18-3 of the Illinois to creditors, if mailing Laura J. Cook, Ogle County Clerk No. 0328 (Mar. 22, 29, April 5)

> **PUBLIC NOTICE** Sealed bids will be received for following by the Ogle County

Highway Department, Oregon, Illinois, until 2:00 P.M. April 9, 2021 for: 1. 21-XX000-00-GM 2020 Township Sealcoats. 2. 21-00000-02-GM 2020 County Sealcoats. 3. 21-21000-00-GM Rockvale Twp Paving, 4. 21-06000-01-GM Flagg Twp Paving, 5. 21-26000-00-GM Oregon-Nashua Township Paving 6. 21-06000-02-GM Flagg Township Microsurfacing 7. 20-00329-00-RS Flagg Road Resurfacing Proposals are available at the Ogle County Highway Department.

And 3:30 P.M. Monday - Friday. The Road and Bridge Committee reserves the right to accept or reject and or all bids. No. 0330 (Mar. 22, 29)

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hours of 7:00 A.M.

PUBLIC NOTICE Sealed bids will be received for following sections by the Ogle County Highway Department, Oregon, Illinois, until 2:00 P.M. April 9, 2021 for: 1. 21-XX000-00-GM 2020 Township Sealcoats, 2. 21-00000-02-GM 2020 County Sealcoats. 3. 21-21000-00-GM Rockvale Twp Paving, 4. 21-06000-01-GM

Flagg Twp Paving, 5. 21-26000-00-GM Oregon-Nashua **Township Paving** 6. 21-06000-02-GM Flagg Township Microsurfacing 7. 20-00329-00-**RS Flagg Road** Resurfacing 8. 19-16120-00-BR Maple Grove Rd Culvert 9. 20-00335-00-BR Flagg Rd Culvert Upgrade

at the Ogle County Highway Department, 1989 South IL Rte. 2, Oregon, IL between the hours of 7:00 A.M. And 3:30 P.M. Monday - Friday.

Proposals are available

The Road and Bridge Committee reserves the right to accept or reject and or all bids. No. 0333 (Mar. 29, April 5)

PUBLIC NOTICE **ANNUAL** TOWN MEETING NOTICE IS HEREBY

GIVEN To the legal voters, residents of the Town of Rockvale in the County of Ogle and State of Illinois, that the Annual Town Meeting of said Town will take place on TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 2021 being the second Tuesday of said month at the hour of 7:30 p.m. at Rockvale Townhall 6057 TI Bonte 2 N for the transaction of the miscellaneous business of the said town; and after Moderator having been elected, will proceed to hear and consider reports of officers, and decide on such measures as may, in pursuance of law, come before the meeting; and especially

Dated March 15, 2021 Karen Wolber, Town Clerk No. 0334 (Mar. 29)

to consider and decide

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the following:

PUBLIC NOTICE school **PUBLICATION** (Rochelle NOTICE OF COURT DATE FOR REQUEST Elementary, FOR NAME CHANGE Eswood, Kings, Amboy,

CASE NUMBER 2021-MR-14 Request of:

(ADULT)

There will be a court date on my Request to change my name from Kaylee Ann Wilkinson to the new name of Kaylee Ann Howard. The court date will be held on 5-20-2021 at 9:00 a.m. at 106 S. 5th St., Oregon, Ogle County in courtroom #202 Kaylee Ann Wilkinson

Kimberly A. Stahl Clerk of the Circuit Court No. 0335 (Mar. 29, April

5, 12)

The Village of Leaf

River is proposing to borrow funds from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund Loan Program improvements to the Village's wastewater treatment plant and sanitary sewer system. The wastewater plant treatment improvements include a new influent lift station, a new influent filter, conversion of the tertiary lagoons into a two (2) cell aerated lagoon, a new aerated rock filter, a new UV disinfection system and new electrical and SCADA equipment. The sanitary sewer system improvements include the rehabilitation of approximately 1,200 feet of 10" diameter

a cured-in-place lining system. The Village received the Notice of Intent to Issue a Categorical Exclusion from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency for the wastewater treatment plant and sanitary sewer system improvements. the Village is required to notify the public the project in accordance with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund Loan Program rules.

sanitary sewer using

The Project Plan report dated May 2019 and the Notice of Intent to Issue a Categorical Exclusion dated March 11, 2021 will be available for inspection by the public for a period of 10 days from the date of this notice at the Village Hall during normal business hours from 10:00 am to 3:30 pm Monday through Thursday or by special appointment. Village Hall is located at 605 Main Street, Leaf River, Illinois 61047 or call 815-738-2340 to schedule a special

appointment time. **Public** comments encouraged, are and the Village of River and the Leaf Illinois Environmental Protection Agency will accept written comments on the project during a 10 day comment period following the publication of this notice. Written comments can be made to Tena Krueger, Village Clerk, P.O. Box 278, Leaf River, Illinois 61047 or to Mr. Chris Covert, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, Bureau Water, Infrastructure Financial Section, Assistance P.O. Box 19276, Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276 Date: March 29, 2021

PUBLIC NOTICE On Monday, April 19,

No. 0336 (Mar. 29)

Tena Krueger, Village

Clerk

2021 at 9:00 a.m. a joint meeting of the following districts: Township High School, Rochelle Oregon,

Forrestville Valley) will Kaylee Ann Wilkinson. take place at the Ogle County Educational Cooperative office. 417 N. Colfax, Byron, Illinois. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss each district's plans for providing education special services to students with disabilities who attend private, or parochial schools or home-schooled within one of the local public school districts for 2021-2022 school year. If you are a parent of a private, parochial or home-schooled student **PUBLIC NOTICE** who has been or may

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be identified with a

disability and you reside

within the boundaries of

one of the named local

public school districts

you are urged to attend.

2722 No. 0337 (Mar. 28, 29,

> **PUBLIC NOTICE** ANNUAL

TOWN MEETING NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the legal voters, residents of the Town of Mt. Morris Township in the County of Ogle and State of Illinois, that the Annual Township Meeting of said Township will take place on Tuesday, April 13, 2021 being the third Tuesday of said month at the hour of 6:30 p.m. at the Township Office. 105 W. Lincoln, Mt. Morris

for the transaction of the miscellaneous business of the said Township; and after a Moderator having been elected, will proceed to hear

and consider Reports of Officers and decide on such measures as may, in pursuance of law, come before the meeting; and especially to consider and decide the following agenda: Elect a Moderator Approve Minutes of the 2020 Annual Meeting Approve Supervisors Annual Financial Statement Appoint an Audit Firm Dated March 16, 2021 Paula Diehl, Township Clerk No. 0338 (Mar. 29)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Mount Morris Township

Meeting Schedule Regular scheduled monthly meetings are the second Friday of each month at 1:00 p.m. Meetings are held at the Township Office located at 105 West Lincoln Street, Mount Morris, Illinois. Meeting dates for 2021 are: April 9th, May 14th, June 11th, July 9th, August 13th. September 10th. October 8th, November 12th, and December For 2022 the dates are: January February 11th, 14th.

The Annual Meeting will be April 13th, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. at the Township Office.

No. 0339 (Mar. 29)

and March 11th.

PUBLIC NOTICE Public Notice is hereby given that on March 23, 2021, a certificate was filed in the Ogle County Clerk's Office setting forth the names and post office address of all of the persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as: Growing Roots Greenery, 8036 N. Arlene Dr., Stillman Valley, IL 61084. Dated: March 23, 2021 Laura J. Cook, Ogle

County Clerk

No. 0340 (Mar. 29, April

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Annual town meeting notice is hereby given the legal voters. of the Town of Grand Detour, in the County of Ogle, and State of Illinois, that the Annual Town Meeting of said town will take place on Tuesday April 13, 2021 being the second Tuesday of the said month at the hour of 7:30 P.M. at the Grand Detour Town Hall for the transaction of the miscellaneous business the said town. Agenda: Call to order, Pledge of Allegiance, elect a moderator. minutes of last year's meeting, balances old business: read, spray for mosquitoes, new business: none,

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No. 0345 (Mar. 29)



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November **Students of** the Month

Congratulations to the Byron High School Students of the Month for November. Pictured from left to right are: Abigail Baker (9th Grade), Sydney Smith (10th Grade), Jacob Lenz (11th Grade), Olivia Ebens (12th Grade), and Principal Jay Mullens. Each of the students received a monetary gift for their achievement.

Park district has upcoming activities

STEM-Zoo

Extend your 5-13-year-olds school day with some enrichment at Nash Recreation Center. On Thursday, April 8 we will lead a STEM activity that will keep children engaged and motivated and be themed around the zoo category. They will learn through experimenting and creating. The activity will be modified to fit all ages. A light nut-free snack will also be available for those in attendance. Masks are required and each Thursday will be limited to 30 participants. Masks are required and children must be picked up outside of Nash following class end time. Registration is just \$2 for Residents and \$3 for Non-Residents. Deadline to register is Monday, April 5. You can register online at oregonpark.org or by calling 815-732-3101. A future STEM day will also be held on 4/22 and be Earth Day themed.

Tuesday Games

Extend your child's school day with social fun on Tuesdays from 1:30-2:30 p.m.! Each Tuesday we will play a new group game facilitated by a park district staff member. The games will be adapted to fit all ages (5-13 years) in attendance. A light nut-free snack will also be available for those in attendance. Masks are required and each Tuesday will be limited to 30 participants. Masks are required and children must be picked up outside of Nash following class end time. Registration is required at just \$2 for Residents and \$3 for Non-Residents. Deadline to register is the Friday before each class. You can register online at oregonpark.org or by calling 815-732-3101.

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by the Oregon Park District. Grant will lead the group along with providing educational information throughout the hike. The group will meet at Lowden Miller Forest on Saturday, April 10 at 9 a.m. for our first hike of the Spring season. The fee for this hike is just \$2 for Resident and \$3 for Non-Residents. Deadline to register for this hike is April 8. Register online at oregonpark.org or by calling 815-732-3101.

Friday Fun in the Gym!

Join us on Friday afternoons this Spring for fun activities in the gym through April 23rd, we will be offering indoor activities in the gymnasium to burn off some energy from 1:30-2:30 in the afternoon! Reservations for each week are required. Members are free, residents are \$2 per event and non-residents \$3. Masks must be worn while in Nash and please remember to bring a water bottle!

April 2nd- Dodgeball

April 9th- Volleyball and Basketball April 16th- Basketball

April 23rd- Gaga Ball and Basketball Register online at www.oregonpark. org or by calling 815-732-3101. Deadline is the Wednesday prior to the event.

Bingo Fun For Everyone

We will be playing Bingo at Nash from 1:30-2 p.m. on Mondays through April. Bingo is fun for all ages and all proceeds benefit the Oregon Park District Youth Scholarship Fund. Participants must register for a table in advance to help us control participation numbers and social distancing. Please bring your own daubers. Register one person in the household (for a table). Purchase Bingo sheets when you register for \$1 each. This is a no cash/ no contact program. We will play 3-4 games and each person playing will need at least one sheet per game. The person

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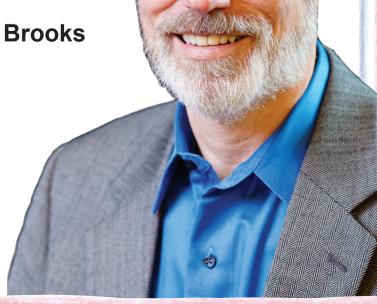
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information is spread has affected virtually every industry and profession. The buying and selling of real estate is no exception.

"It used to be that you would have to wait until the real estate magazines were published or the weekly paper came out to see what houses were for sale. Or you happened to drive buy a house and saw the "For Sale" sign in the vard." savs Brian Brooks. a Real Estate Broker with RE/MAX Professional Advantage in Byron.

Brooks highlights that there are numerous advantages in working with a global real estate company like RE/MAX. "Because RE/MAX is a leader in the real estate industry, I have access to cutting edge technology and applications in the marketing and selling of a home," Brooks stated. "I can readily tap into the vast network of agents and information available through the company and its website. Ongoing training and support are available, along with continually updated marketing and social media resources."

Working with a Realtor provides a personal touch that is not available through online real estate websites. "A Realtor gets to know you and your goals, wishes and desires regarding home ownership. They understand what it is that you want to accomplish," Brooks says. "They are with you throughout the process,

helping you navigate the

The increase in technol-real estate waters, which gy and the speed at which can be pretty choppy some times." Brooks points out that Internet real estate websites rely on algorithms to determine the sale price of a home. "A Realtor will understand and take into account the unique qualities of your home that set it apart from others in the area. They also will be knowledgeable about your neighborhood and the market nuances. These all factor in to setting an appropriate sale price for your home."

With the increase in technology and information access, "for sale by owner" (or FSBO) might seem like an attractive option in order to "save" on the real estate broker fees. However, Brooks says there are multiple reasons why this is probably not be the case. "Selling what is most likely your single largest investment without the help of a professional may be short-sighted. Owners may not understand the complexities and actual work that is involved in marketing and selling a home at the best price possible." Brooks listed the following as just some of the reasons owners would want to work with a Realtor rather than trying to sell their home by themselves:

* Realtors have access to large networks. They are able to market a home in numerous ways, taking advantage of the latest technology.

* Realtors understand the market in which the home is located.



* Realtors help in the review of offers and point out any hurdles to closing that might be present. * A Realtor is available

to show a home at all hours of the day. They don't have to take time off of work to show your home; it IS their work.

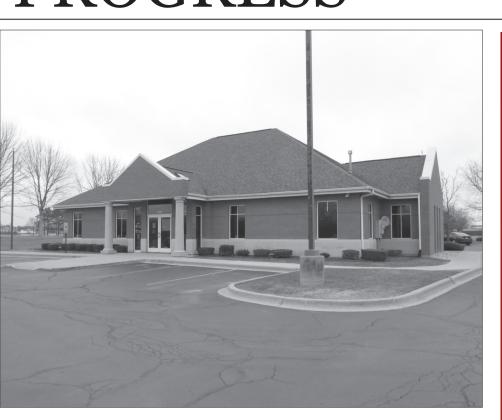
* Realtors are objective about your home. They will look at it in a way similar to how a buyer will look at it and without emotional attachment.

* Finding a buyer is just the first step. Getting the house actually closed can be a complex process with numerous deadlines, disclosures and requirements that all have to be met. Realtors are professionals ready to guide you through the process and head off issues for you.

* Statistics show that the sale price of a home where sellers use a Realtor is, on average, at least 11% higher than those sold without a Realtor. That increase in sale price more than covers the fee paid to a Realtor. In other words, it usually costs a seller money to NOT use a Realtor.

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Rockford Bell Credit Union puts focus on customers

Rockford Bell Credit Union is a name you can trust, having served Northwest Illinois since 1935.

Over the years, Rockford Bell has grown to become a full-service consumer financial institution, serving people who live in work in Ogle, Winnebago, Boone, Lee, Stephenson, Whiteside, Carroll and Jo Daviess counties.

Rockford Bell members can also conduct all of their business online, or by using the credit union's mobile banking app.

"We provide Savings, checking, Kasasa checking, Share Certificates (CD's) VISA Debit, a CO-OP Shared Branch network of 5,600 branches and more than 54,000 surcharge-free ATMs," said John Hansen, president/CEO of Rockford Bell.

He said on the lending side, they offer Consumer Loans (auto, boat, RV and personal), VISA credit, first mortgages, second mortgages and home euity.

"We a large enough to handle all your needs but small enough to give our members the one on one member service they desire," Hansen said.

And Rockford Bell is a credit union, not a bank. What's the difference?

"The bottom line is that banks are for-profit institutions, while credit unions are non-profit," Hansen said. "Credit unions typically offer better customer (member) service, higher deposit rates, lower lending rates and lower fees."

So, one of the benefits of choosing a credit union over a bank is that the

former are not-for-profit financial cooperatives which means there isn't pressure to maximize profits. Customer satisfaction is simply higher with credit unions, with personalized service being a major benefit, including planning for financial well-being today and in the future.

Rockford Bell has two convenient, full-service locations for its customers. They are located at 4 E. Main St. in Mount Morris, and 4225 Perryville Rd., in Rockford.

If you want to see the credit union difference,

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"If you've never banked with a credit union please give us a try," Hansen said. "I'm positive you'll enjoy the difference and the savings you'll get banking with us.

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With a long history of fun, White Pines will be back this summer

In 1955 a young couple with 3 children (the 4th child was born 9 years later) bought a piece of land. The original plan was to farm the land and maybe raise some livestock. It turned out the land wasn>t prime farming land, but it was beautiful with rolling hills, meandering streams, and a sandstone canyon. The family noticed a lot of cars driving by on their way to the White Pines State Park. They got to thinking, what if we farmed a portion of the land and used the other land for horseback riding? We could put up signs and draw people off the road; our customers are already driving by. Dick and Dee Little bought 8 horses and 4 ponies, and White Pines Ranch was born!

Advertised riding hours were 8 a.m. until 8 p.m., official hours were sun-up until the parking lot was empty. Many young people from Rockford, Chicago, and surrounding towns would come to the ranch and ride horses until their money was gone. Some would do chores around the ranch, mow the yard, etc., to earn another ride. People would often ask to stay overnight to be here bright and early to ride again. This gave Dick and Dee the idea to start a resident camp for kids - the first official summer camp was in 1968. The business grew - time to expand. The ranch house was built in 1970. This building houses about 125 guests and includes the rec room, dining room, kitchen, office, and a private apartment.

Things were busy during the summer, but during the school, year business would slow down. Now they had to decide how to utilize the facilities year-round. Dick and Dee started advertising to attract youth groups. They set up a weekend program running from Friday evening until Sunday noon. This was such a success that by 1975 they built the bunkhouse. This building houses another 140 guests upstairs and includes the barn down below. Now it was time to go full time and try to fill the empty time during the week.

Dick and Dee retired in 1993 and sold the ranch to their 3 daughters, Gig, Sue, and Andee. Gig retired in 2016, and Sue retired in 2018. Andee and her son Dusty are the only 2 relatives still working fulltime at the ranch. Sue's son Carson is quite



the horseman and helps out in the barn often. Of course, the rest of the family is ready and willing to help if needed. Over the years, we have found out that you don't have to be a blood relative to be family here. Our managers, Tracie and Jessie, have been here since they were teens and love the ranch like their own. Many members of our staff have been here for years and are appreciated beyond words.

years and are appreciated beyond words. We have missed seeing our ranch family and guests throughout the pandemic, but we finally see the light at the end of the tunnel! We are opening for horseback riding most weekends. Scout troops and other youth groups will be attending day camp starting in April. Special Camps will be back in June. Summer camp will run this year with a limited number of campers each week. We are expecting a slow comeback, but we will be back. If there's one thing I've learned through this pandemic, it's that White Pines Ranch was way too quiet in 2020! I miss the sound of Carol's laugh coming from the kitchen. I miss the sound of the barn crew's boots on the porch when they're coming in for lunch. I miss the sound of the bell when it's time for activities to start. I miss the excitement you feel from the kids when they first get out of the car. I just miss dude ranching, and I know the rest of the staff does too. We're ready to get back to work!



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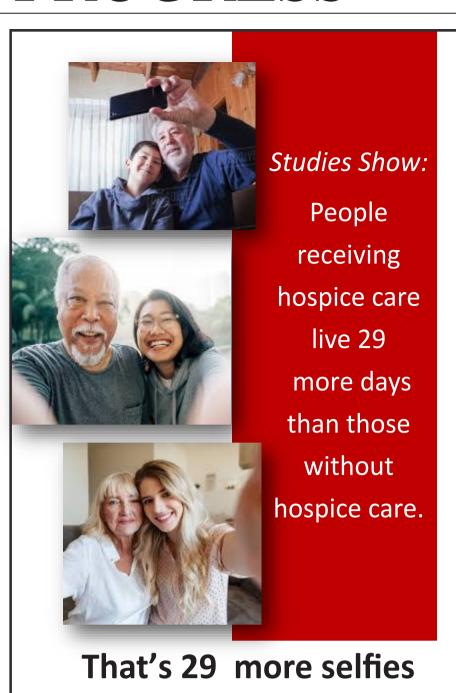








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* Palliative Care can be provided along with curative treatment and may begin at the time of diagnosis or any time after diagnosis.

* Palliative Care visits are provided in your own home by certified physicians, nurses, social workers and chaplains.

* Palliative Care improves quality of life and helps with symptoms of the disease and symptoms due to the treatments.

* Palliative Care can help patients understand their choices



for medical treatment.

"...there is always something to do for comfort," believes Dr. Kalweit. "It can be as simple as controlling a patient's nausea and pain so they can go play Bingo with their neighbors. Communication is the essence of palliative or supportive care. Talking with patients and listening to their stories is fascinating and a privilege."

There are some differences between Palliative Care and hospice such as any individual with a serious diagnosis, regardless of life expectancy or prognosis may receive services. Also Palliative Care is not time limited. How long an individual can receive Palliative Care will depend upon their care needs and the coverage they have through Medicare, Medicaid or private insurance. Most individuals receive Palliative Care on an intermittent basis that increases over time as their disease

progresses. If you think Serenity's Palliative Care program might be able to help you or a loved one, please give us a call anytime at 815-732-2499.



Oregon Soap Shoppe: The product not only smells good, it is good for you

If you have ever walked into the Oregon Soap Shoppe, located at 91 S. Daysville Road in Oregon, you know that it smells incredibly good.

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That is a lot of soap.

And it not only smells good, it is good. Bar soap is not only good for fighting bacteria – it is also good for fighting viruses, Camling said. In our current

environment, that is very important. Last January, Camling said she decided to make a strong anti-viral soap after seeing what was happening with a developming pandemic. She called it

Formula 19. "That's been a big hit right now," she said.

Camling said most of the business at the Soap Shoppe is still from walk in customers. And as they have always done, if you call ahead, they will run the soap out to your car.

With all the varieties to choose from, the Soap Shoppe has a soap card. With the card, when customers buy 12 bars at the regular \$6.50 price, they get another one free.

"That's kind of nice for people," Camling said.

And don't worry about all of the hand washing you need to do, especially these days. Camling said their hand-made soap is not only great at killing bacteria and viruses, it also won't make your hands dry.

And have we mentioned it smells

really good?

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Braden puts focus on patients The staffat Braden Counseling Center Anger Management Programs—looks

The staff at Braden Counseling Center in Rochelle puts the focus on outpatient services – from helping patients maintain their mental health to treating substance abuse issues.

Braden Counseling Center's outpatient programs use a combination of approaches that include:

Cognitive Behavioral Therapy— a type of therapy that challenges negative thought patterns about the self and the world to alter unwanted behavior patterns and/or treat mental disorders like depression.

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Brief Intervention Approach—a technique used to initiate change for an unhealthy or risky behavior like excessive drinking or drug use by challenging the individual's behavior and its effect on others.

Contingency Management Using Motivational Incentive— this gives individuals battling addictions tangible rewards to reinforce positive behaviors like abstinence.

Motivational Interviewing— a technique that is non-judgmental and non-confrontational. Its success depends largely on presenting objective feedback based on information provided by the individual attempting to eliminate their addiction.

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The Rochelle office offers a host of ancillary services that include individual counseling services, group counseling services, couples counseling services, family counseling services, marital counseling services, and driver's license reinstatement from a DUI.

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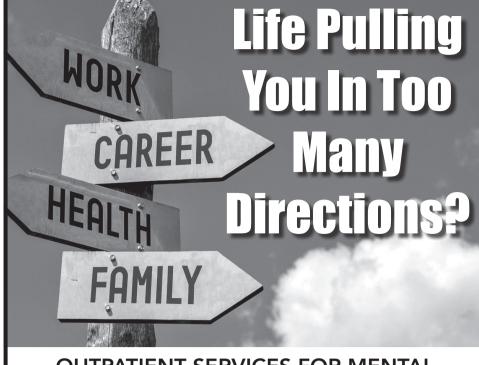
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Howard Colman Hall Creek Preserve

12749 Weldon Rd., Rockford

What will I see? Blankets of wildflowers with song birds throughout along with marine life in Hall Creek.

Jarrett Prairie Preserve

7993 N. River Rd., Byron

What will I see? The main site with museums, an observatory, picnic shelters, a playground, and a bike path with leashed dog walkers.

Nardi Equine Prairie Preserve

6651 N. River Rd., Byron

What will I see? Horseback riders...bring your own horse!

Ripplinger/Gouker/Etnyre Preserve

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What will I see? A picnic shelter and leashed dog walkers.

River Park

River Rd. & German Church Rd., Byron
What will I see? Handicap accessible fishing pier and leashed dog
walkers on the bike path.

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It's been 56 years since the Rochelle Community Hospital Association was formed

Rochelle Community Hospital remains an independent, not-for-profit hospital.

The following is taken from "The History of RCH" member and loyal supporter of the hospital.

sometimes heated discussions, and some against the "hospital district" referendum. angry arguments, the legal paperwork, to establish in Rochelle, was finally set into motion late in 1964.

Community Hospital Association, was issued by the care and nurturing to thrive. late Paul Powell, then the Secretary of the State, of Illinois.

ever to operate the hospital successfully, it was most imperative to develop a board of trustees, united, to work toward one common goal!

compiled by the late Les Springmire, a former board Board of Trustees of the Rochelle Community Hospital manner, for 25 years, until 1990, when he retired. Association selected was therefore comprised of 33 outstanding community leaders. Some had "fought" FTER endless meetings, hours upon hours and argued in favor of the "hospital district" of devoted, loyal, though unpaid work, referendum, and others had "fought" and argued association.

such a private, "not-for-profit," hospital corporation Hospital Association became a legal corporation, a true "union of forces" was formed and now focused The Rochelle Community Hospital Association, their talents, energy and resources upon their common a private not-for-profit corporation, was thus goal—to assure the successful operation and viability formed and became a legal entity on Feb. 26, 1965. of this community area venture. Rochelle Community The certificate of incorporation, for the Rochelle Hospital was soon to be born, and would need much

Their first task was to transfer ownership and management of the Rochelle City Hospital, to the However, if the newly formed association was Rochelle Community Hospital Association. To assist them in this task, an administrator for the hospital and new corporation was hired in March of 1965. Robert G. Knapp received his two paychecks from the City

With tremendous wisdom and foresight, the original Clerk. He served as Administrator, in an exemplary

The Board of Trustees selected May 1, 1965 as the day of ownership transfer when all accounts receivable and payables would be transferred from the city to the

Many of the challenges faced by the first board On Feb. 26, 1965, when the Rochelle Community are similar to those our present board faces today. In 1965, the existing facility which was only 20 years old at time was deemed "inadequate to meet the present needs" and the increased patient volume helped to spur a fund drive for a new building that began in 1966 and continued into 1967. The spirit of a united community came through with a great fundraising team effort.

To this day, the hospital continues as a not-forprofit corporation and remains an independent facility.

Also, to our credit, there remain many hard working, devoted, determined, and persistent staff who work to continue to mold this hospital into the best it can be for the people it serves 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.



April 1967 – Board Members and Friends of RCHA: Front row, seated left to right, Charles Hayes, Robert Knapp, Robert Ortland, Phil May, Leonard Carmichael; Middle row, seated left to right, Gene Peck, Jack Turkington, Tom Peeler, Jeanne May, Phil Nye Sr.; Standing, left to right, John Ledlie, Mrs. Henry Kaminski, Martin Ravnaas, Louis Pierce, Carl Hill, Helen Rudolph and Hortense Helms



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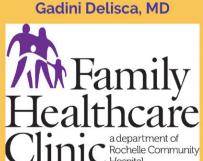
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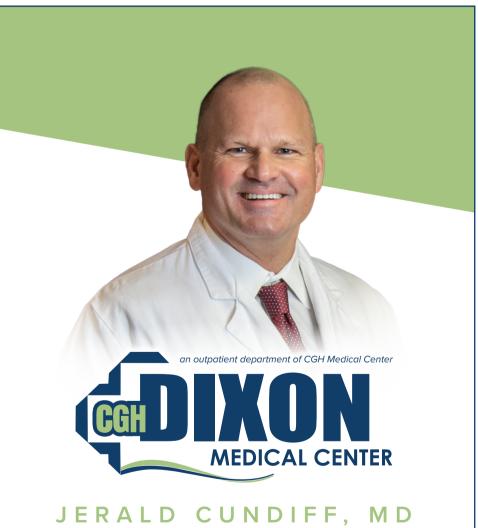
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OPHTHALMOLOGY

Let Dr. Jerald Cundiff help you "See" the Possibilities in Life!

Dr. Cundiff and the CGH Vision Center team have years of experience in treating eye conditions. In addition to the variety of eye surgeries offered, such as cataract surgery, entropion repair, optic nerve disease treatment, and more, Dr. Cundiff performs oculoplastic surgery, a specialized area of ophthalmology focused on the health of the eyelids, orbit, tear ducts and other structures around the eye.







Let the CGH Vision Centers help you 'see' the possibilities in life

When it's time to "get your eyes checked," make sure you are seeing the right eye care professional for your needs. At CGH Medical Center's Vision Centers, located in Sterling in Dixon, you'll work with optometrists and ophthalmologists who listen to your concerns and offer you solutions that work.

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In addition to the variety of eye surgeries offered, such as cataract surgery, entropion repair, optic nerve disease treatment, and more, Dr. Jerald Cundiff, full-time Ophthalmologist at the CGH Dixon Medical Center, performs oculoplastic surgery, a specialized area of ophthalmology focused on the health of the eyelids, orbit, tear ducts and other structures around the eye. For more information, call (815) 622-1208 in Sterling or (815) 284-1600 in Dixon.

PROGRESS

A home is more than just a house







DD Homes is all about family and community

At DD Homes, the word "Home" has

real meaning.

sion of service.

In Oregon, DD Homes has two residences that look like any neighborhood home. But inside, they offer 24-hour care for people with intellectual disabilities. The DD Homes network has been providing community supports for more than 35 years, and the company began serving Ogle County in 1988 with the opening of Stouffer Terrace in Oregon. This home is built to serve the needs of 16 individuals with intellectual disabilities. The service expanded in 1997 when Bernice Hammer Terrace opened in Oregon, serving 8 individuals with intellectual disabilities. A generous family contribution within the

Kathy Starr, an administrator with DD Homes, stressed that these are neighborhood homes that blend right into the

Oregon community allowed this expan-

"We want to be a part of the community," she said.

She added that DD Homes has 140

residences in Illinois. The individuals living in the homes are supported by direct support persons (DSP's) that provide around the clock care needs as well as individualized support in programming to become more independent with personal needs and goals.

The DSP's also provide support to the individuals in leisure activities by playing games, puzzles, arts and crafts, going for walks and while in the community shopping, dining, bowling, movies and of course anything else they choose to participate in.

"The care for the individuals is always No. 1," Starr said. "Whatever they need, they have."

A typical week in the life of Stouffer Terrace and Bernice Hammer Terrace is Monday-Friday. After they complete work, residents return home to engage in individualized programing, scheduled community activities and in-house activities of their choice. They enjoy a family style atmosphere during dining for each meal and freedom to enjoy leisure time while being supported by the trained DSP's.

DD Homes is looking for people who are seeking a rewarding career and job security at Stouffer Terrace and Bernice Hammer Terrace in Oregon. DD Homes has full time and part time positions available with paid training, competitive wages and small client to staff ratios.

"You've got to have that loving, caring personality," Starr said. "It's a very rewarding job. You go home at the end of the night and know you are doing the right thing."

Anyone interested can apply online at www.ddhomes.net.

What you can expect at one of these

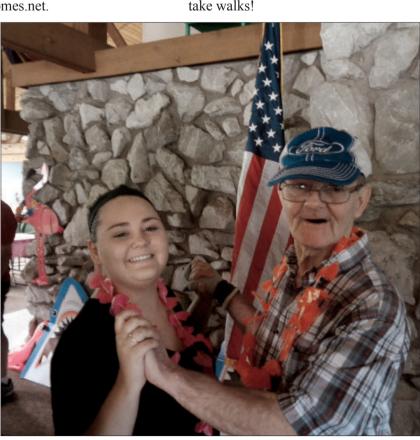
* Specialized medical services are available to meet individual needs. Registered nurses are on call 24 hours per day every day.

* Staff at DD Homes have received extensive training to provide support to individuals with significant behavioral challenges like impulse control, aggression, self-injurious behavior, low self-esteem, etc.

* DD Homes offers dietary consultations to assist with nutritional needs. You can expect family style dining, with meals that are nutritional and homemade.

* Individuals have the opportunity to choose from a variety of recreational activities that range from restaurant dining, park adventures, bowling, going to the movies, & anything else they may desire. We are always ready to go shopping and







"Right at home in Ogle County"



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A typical week in the life of Stouffer Terrace and Bernice Hammer Terrace is attending the local day training services Monday-Friday. After they complete work, they return home to engage in individualized programing, scheduled community activities and in house activities of their choice. They enjoy a family style atmosphere during dining for each meal and freedom to enjoy leisure time while being supported by the trained direct support persons (DSP's).

If you are looking for a rewarding career and job security, Stouffer Terrace and Bernice Hammer Terrace are right here in Oregon. DD Homes has full-time and part-time positions available with paid training, competitive wages and small client-to-staff ratios!

Apply online at www.ddhomes.net

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CGH Wound Healing Center comforts patients during a critical time

For most people, cuts and scratches heal within a few weeks. But for some, a simple sore can become a complex medical problem. Without proper treatment, these wounds can hamper your ability to stay active and enjoy your life. In some cases, these wounds such as those caused by diabetes, as well as those caused by surgical or crush injuries, osteomyelitis, skin grafts, brown recluse spider bites and more - can be debilitating. The CGH Wound Healing Center, with two convenient locations in Sterling and Dixon, provides care to patients with chronic and complicated wounds that won't heal.

"While there are already millions of people living with chronic wounds, the incidence is rising, fueled by an aging population and increasing rates of diseases and conditions such as diabetes and obesity," said Anna Imel, CGH Wound Healing Program Director. "If left untreated, chronic wounds can lead to diminished quality of life and possibly amputation of the affected limb."

The wound specialists at CGH offer the most current and recommended treatments, including hyperbaric oxygen therapy, and tailor them to the patients' specific needs. You might benefit from visiting the wound

center if your wound is deep or large, you have both a wound (even a small one) and diabetes, or if you have signs of infection, including swelling, warmth, redness or throbbing pain.

"It has always been a priority of the CGH Wound Healing Center to offer outstanding patient care specialized to the individual's needs, top notch patient satisfaction, and positive healing outcomes for everyone who walks through our door," said Imel.

Care begins with a thorough review of medical history and examination, including wound photographs to help track healing progress, labs and other diagnostic exams. Their professional staff have advanced training in wound care and follow proven scientific, evidence-based clinical practice guidelines to aid healing. Outpatient and hospital-based, the program keeps you in your own environment - while providing the help and education you need to address your wounds.

The Wound Healing team also partners with

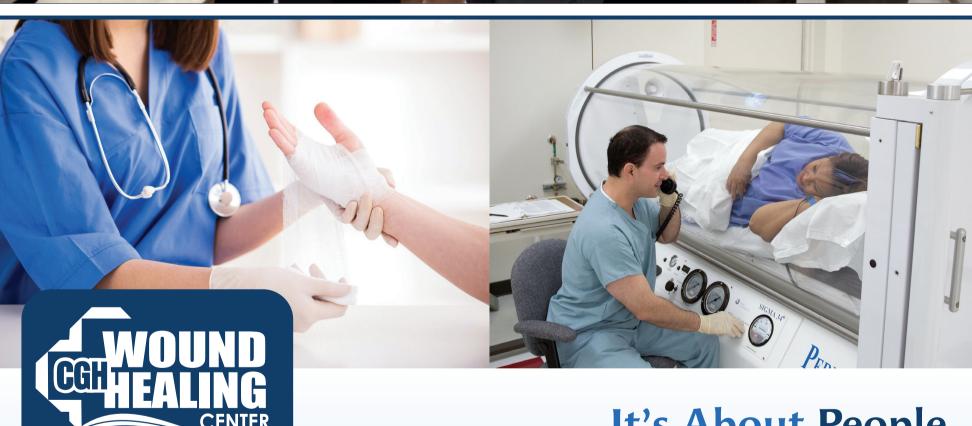
patients and their primary care doctors, providing regular updates and reports on progress. Referrals to additional specialty areas - such as dietary and diabetes management, physical and occupational therapy,



vascular services, surgeons, and home health - help with recovery and often help to uncover why a wound has not healed in an expected time frame.

The CGH Wound Healing Center has extensive expertise in helping people with wounds that simply will not heal. They can explain your condition in detail and help you understand what you should do next in order to feel better. For more information, or to make an appointment, talk to your health care provider or call (815) 564-4002.

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The **CGH Wound Healing Center** provides specialized treatment for chronic or non-healing wounds. As part your personalized treatment plan, our staff may also use specially designed chambers when necessary to increase the amount of oxygen in the blood and accelerate the body's natural healing process.

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For more information, call 815.564.4002 or visit www.cghmc.com/woundhealing.

(No physician referral needed.)

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