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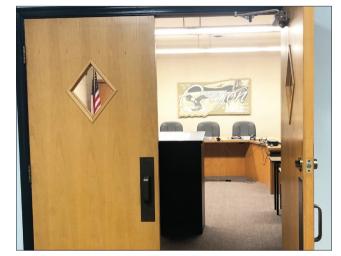
WEATHER



By George Howe CORRESPONDENT

OREGON — At the most recent Oregon City Council meeting held on Tuesday, Jan. 23, it was more about discussion items than the city's business at hand. A facade grant was approved for the property at 410 W. Washington St. to replace siding and windows. Andy Shaw from the Lee/ Ogle Enterprise Zone Committee talked about the expansion of the zone boundaries that will now include the City of Oregon. Approximately 2,140 acres will be added to the territory, with 1,700 allowed for incentives for renovations to existing buildings, or 12 percent allowable by the state.

"The state started a program called the Invest in Illinois Act that has



helped larger cities like Rochelle and Dixon to do much needed repairs and renovations to city properties," Shaw said. "Oregon will now benefit with this expansion which will now include commercial-scale residential apartments that are outside of the TIF zones."

Mayor Ken Williams

started the discussion about a New Home Incentive Program that he is spearheading. The home buyer incentives, if approved by both the Oregon School and City Council boards, would waive school district and city property taxes for three years, along with waiving of city impact and 75

percent of utility connect fees. One of the stipulations is that the new build would have to be owner occupied. As an example, a \$220,000, three-bedroom home would see an incentive of \$17,948 dollars. Williams stated that home buyers don't always think of Oregon as a place to live and they hope to change that.

"The idea behind this program is to have more housing here in Oregon," Williams said. "More people living here means kids going to our schools, as well as increasing our tax base, by providing these incentives we hope that home buyers will come here as the place they choose to live. We have some great amenities including our parks and the river.'

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Voluntary pay envelopes in paper this week

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"Our readers' generosity has played a big part in helping us achieve our goals in producing the best local newspaper that we can," Life Publisher Tonja Greenfield said. "We want to say thank you to you, our loyal readers, who let us know how important the Ogle County Life is to them. It's because of your continued generosity and love for the paper, that we are able to do what we do.³ In addition to helping out the paper, anyone making a voluntary payment will also be helping our local senior citizens, as we in turn make a donation to area senior centers on your behalf. Anyone wishing to make a voluntary contribution can find the yellow envelope inserted in today's Life. The envelopes can be mailed in to P.O. Box 175, Rochelle, IL 61068, or put in our drop box at Conover Square.

Finding a passion after injur "As soon as I tried **By Jeff Helfrich** MANAGING EDITOR **ROCHELLE** — After a friend spent three months trying to it, I instantly fell in talk him into trying it, Nolan Turner of Rochelle finally agreed love with it." to try wheelchair rugby about a year ago. "I finally gave in and gave it a shot," Turner said. "As soon Ø **Nolan Turner** as I tried it, I instantly fell in love with it."

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cord injury in a car accident. The injury left him essentially paralyzed from the neck down. He is confined to a wheelchair and has limited feeling in and use of his upper body.

Turner has spent the past year practicing and competing in rugby after he was convinced by that friend, who he met in a rehab hospital. He practices two times a week in Chicago and has competed in tournaments throughout the midwest, most recently in Louisville, Kentucky.

Turner played sports when he was younger, but had no previous experience with rugby until he started playing a year ago. Along with growing to enjoy the sport, participating also meant spending time with people who have had similar life experiences. Games and tournaments are often accompanied by trips out to dinner with the team.

Along with playing sports in his younger years, Turner has always enjoyed being physical and working with his hands.

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LOCAL NEWS **TURNER**: Playing sport helped in recovery

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"For me, it was eye opening," Turner said. "When I got hurt, obviously I lost all that ability. It was kind of tough on me for a while because I didn't have that physical ability I used to have and love doing. When I started to play rugby, it brought back the memories of being able to be physical and going out there and actually being able to work with my body and be competitive."

Turner said playing rugby has helped with his recovery "in a big way." Just before he started playing, he had just transferred from a power wheelchair to a manual wheelchair. Turner believes his strength has increased around 100 percent since that time, which has helped with day-to-day living.

"Being outside with my family and friends before that, they'd have to push me through parking lots," Turner said. "I'd be in Menards with my brother and could only go about five minutes before I was tired. And now I'm independently driving. I can go to stores on my

own. I don't get fatigued. My strength has just increased big time." Turner found how

physically-demanding the game of rugby can be after he started playing it.

"It's trying to push at a high rate of speed throughout the whole game and on top of that, it's physical," Turner said. "Having guys just run into you in their chairs. Sometimes you flip over and end up on the ground. You try to brace yourself for a fall, but there's no way to do that with just your two hands.'

Off the court, Turner's rugby schedule can be demanding as well. On top of driving an hour into Chicago two times per week for practice, he's traveled to tournaments in Grand Rapids, Michigan, in Pittsburgh, in Columbus, Ohio and in Kentucky. The travel can be taxing and expensive, but in the end, it's worth it, Turner said.

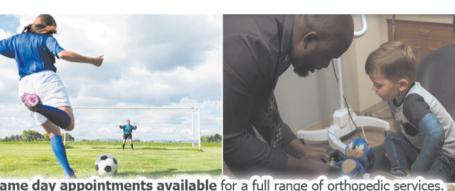
To aid in continuing his rugby passion, Turner recently received a grant from the Kelly Brush Foundation for a rugby chair of his own. The Kelly Brush Foundation provides funding, resources, and experienc-



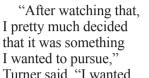
es to people with spinal cord injuries, helping them find ways to engage or reengage with sport. Rugby chairs come at a \$10,000 cost.

"It will help me tremendously," Turner said. "Because right now I'm using a club chair. The only time I can get in it now is when I'm at the practices. Now that I'm going to be able to get my own chair through the grant, I'll be able to get in it at home and work out in it and push myself more. And obviously I'll be able to attend some camps and stuff that I wouldn't be able to in my club chair."

Turner's rugby aspirations include trying to make the USA Wheelchair Rugby team in the future. Last year, he



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attended the nationals

held in Rockford.

Turner said. "I wanted to play at a higher level. I was recently invited to be on the USA developmental squad. That means I'm invited to go to their camps and then from there, they have a selection team every year where they take 16 athletes onto their USA squad, and between those 16 athletes, you're fighting for a spot on the team and they take 12."

Turner had a tougher time dealing with his injury before he found rugby. The people he plays with give him motivation in recovery, along with tips on how to live everyday life such as opening doors and putting on clothes.

"It kind of showed me that there's more to life than just being in a chair," Turner said. "I can still get out and do things. A lot of these guys I play with have families. Being hurt, that was one thing I was

kind of wondering about, whether I'd be able to have a family. Going out and being around all of those guys that are in the same situation I was in and seeing them live normal, happy, successful lives, that gives you motivation. You can still live life despite the 'disability.' You're around guys that have been doing it for 15-20 years and they're all super down to Earth and willing to help anybody and everybody. I'm extremely glad I got involved.'



Rochelle's Nolan Turner said playing rugby has helped with his strength and motivation. (Courtesy photo)

PROGRAM: Alcohol ordiance discussed

program is 10. It's a work

in progress as to how the

incentives will be applied.

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agreed to move forward

with implementing this

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discussion was a request

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for the council to decide

is if they want to regulate

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event that would take place

in an available space in

an existing business or a

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City Manager Darin DeHaan shared with the council that his office is constantly being asked for more residential housing.

"We know that we have a housing shortage and are looking to incentivize building new homes," De-Haan said. "We currently have three subdivisions that aren't completed that have lots available. We hope that will give people a 'jump start' to want to build."

For the first 12 months of this program if approved, the target number of homes to be in the



small 'mom and pop'-type restaurant. "

"We are trying to find a balance which is in the public's best interest," DeHaan said.

The council members weighed the pros and cons of such an ordinance and agreed to have further discussions before voting on such an ordinance.

The last item discussed was parking on streets after a snowstorm. Currently, the ordinance reads one inch of snow, which can be arbitrary. DeHaan's suggestion was to make it two inches to make things clear.

"The ordinance as it sits requires drivers to move back and forth each day based on the odd and even



LOCAL NEWS **Kennay Farms Distilling partners with Grown Climate** Smart program to show commitment to sustainability

Rochelle distillery uses local grains, sustainable farming practices

By Jeff Helfrich

MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE — Kennay Farms Distilling in Rochelle has collaborated with The DeLong Company and its Grown Climate Smart program to showcase the use of sustainable grain in its spirits.

The distillery that now resides in the renovated former space of the Hub Theater has been using certified sustainable grains since its inception, and the Kennay family farm has been certified sustainable for the past eight years. The collaboration with the Grown Climate Smart program will see a logo placed on Kennay Farms Distilling bottles to differentiate them on the market and give consumers a chance to champion sustainable products.

The DeLong Co. is a sixth-generation, family-owned agribusiness with headquarters in Clinton, Wisconsin and many grain facilities in Illinois. Grown Climate Smart is a \$40 million program funded by the USDA's \$3.1 billion Climate-Smart Commodities grant that was awarded to The De-Long Co.

The Grown Climate

Smart program works with farmers on promoting and incentivizing sustainable farming practices such as cover crops, reduced or notill, nutrient management plans and windbreaks. Throughout 2023 it enrolled over 160 growers throughout 11 states and sent out over \$6.5 million worth of incentives directly to farmers doing sustainable practices.

The second part of The DeLong Co.'s grant work will involve building and developing a market that commands a premium for products made with sustainably-grown and produced grain, such as the spirits sold by Kennay Farms Distilling, The DeLong Co. Brand and Marketing Manager Dylan Vaca said.

"Part of that is the consumers need to know what they're buying and purchasing,"Vaca said. "That's how this partnership and collaboration came to be. We realized that we had to work with a distillery like this that has consumer-facing products that utilize sustainable grains and ingredients. We're really excited about working with companies that have products out there for consumers to purchase, to get them to think about their moral



The Kennay family farm has been certified sustainable for the past eight years, even before the family started producing spirits in downtown Rochelle.

compass of what they want to buy. Sustainably-marked products are a huge market right now."

Vaca said The DeLong Co. has done similar partnerships with other distilleries in the past that have seen "great success and feedback." He said that 17.3 percent of products on the market are currently marked as sustainable or something similar to it, but those products make up one third of all product growth.

"We think that's really interesting," Vaca said. "It's becoming more and more common. We realize that we can't be the only one. There need to be a lot of players that come together and find a sustainable market. It's getting there."

Kennay Farms Distilling

Owner Rick Kennay said that he wanted his farm to go through the sustainabil-



ity certification process eight years ago to keep soil in place and improve it through reduced tillage.

"From a farmer's standpoint, you have to keep the soil in place," Kennay said. "If you lose your soil, you lose your productivity. That was my number-one goal, keeping the soil in place. The number-two goal is to improve the soil that's there. God put it there. It's my job to be a steward for a short period of time of 50 years or so. I want to improve what's there. I think we can do that and still be a productive farmer. It's kind of a dual role. You want to be a productive farmer and keep that soil in place. I think we can do both. That's what we're attempting to do. Improve what we do and keep what's already there."

Due to the fact that it was already using sustainable grain, the collaboration and recognition won't require any changes in the ways Kennay Farms Distilling produces its products.

"That's the nice part about it," Vaca said. "A lot of times we might talk to another company or business and there's difficulties about changing their supply chains and ingredients and sourcing sustainable grains. The nice thing about this partnership is there's ultimately nothing they need to change. They've already gone through that journey of becoming sustainable. We're really excited about it and creating a differentiator in the market that shows a difference and why this product is better."

Kennay Farms Distilling is located in downtown Rochelle in the former site of the historic Hub Theater.

February Finds market is Saturday, Feb. 3

MT. MORRIS—The annual February Finds Antiques and collectible market will be held Saturday, Feb. 3 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Mount Morris Moose Lodge 1551 Family Center at 485 E. Hitt St., Mount Morris.

Admission for this event is \$3 per person with children under 12 free.

Twenty plus dealers will be featuring vintage items, retro decor, primitives, glassware, pottery, artwork, old toys, local

advertising, furniture, baseball cards, fishing lures, linens, jewelry, military items, vintage political, local maple syrup, and so much more.

Bobbi's Country Catering will have baked goods available for sale. The Moose Lodge will have Food and Drinks available for purchase through the day.

Plan on an enjoyable day browsing the booths full of unique things and finding a special treasure.



Coliseum's January Artist Reception rescheduled to Feb. 2

OREGON – Due to the recent extreme weather conditions the Coliseum Museum has rescheduled theirArtist Reception to Friday, Feb. 2, from 6-8 p.m.

New exhibits opened in January including Scott Ide, of Rochelle, with his display of digital photography; Dick Cholke, of Pecatonica, presenting his watercolor art; and Bob Cholke of Rockford, who is showing his digital photography work. The Feb. 2 reception, featuring music by guitarist Lee Murdock of Kaneville, will also highlight two new displays with oil paintings by Karen Tucker of Grand Detour and a display of work by award winning artist Kitto of Dixon. The reception is sponsored by Kathe Wilson of Oregon. Attachedimagesinclude Scott Ide, Dick Cholke, Bob Cholke, Karen Tucker, Kitto and musician Lee Murdock. The CMAAA mission





is to present Art, Antiques, Americana and history through permanent and rotating exhibits, workshops, music, theater and more. Ad-

ditional information can be found on the website, www. cmaaa.org and Facebook page, www.facebook.com/ Coliseum/Museum/

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Obituaries

Nancy Ann Fulton

OREGON — Nancy Ann Fulton, 88, died on January 22, 2024 at Oregon Living and Rehab Center. She was born

on June 29, 1935, in Oregon, IL the daughter of Charles & Hilda (Aurand) Boyden. She married the love of her life Darrel "Gig" Fulton on March 15, 1953 in Oregon, IL. Nancy worked for over 30 years at the Ogle County Court House in the Circuit Clerk's Office. Her life was full of joy and love, especially when she became a grandma,

great-grandma and great-great-grandma! She was so proud of and bragged about her children and grandchildren when she met her friends for coffee every morning! Throughout her life she loved to go to antique and garage sales. She loved talking to people and if she didn't know you, she would introduce herself and you became her friend!

She is preceded in death by her parents and husband Darrell "Gig" Fulton. Nancy is survived and missed by

her son, Gary (Gina) of Oregon, IL;



daughter, Jody (Rick/Zuki) Meyer of Byron, IL; grandchildren, Matthew (Nicole) Fulton, Erik (Dawn) Meyer,

and Mark (Maria Herrera) Meyer; great-grandchildren, Kole (Shelby Sprinkle) Fulton and Shyanne (Talon) Jensen, Cody Fulton, Addison Meyer, and Hunter Meyer; great-great-grandchildren; Sarain, Soren, and Ryver.

A memorial services will be held in her honor on February 2, 2024 at Farrell Holland Gale Funeral Home

of Oregon, IL at 2:00pm with Pastor Michael Hoffman of the Oregon Church of God presiding. A visitation will take place one hour prior starting at 1:00pm and going until the start of the service. Nancy will be laid to rest with her husband in Oakwood Cemetery of Mt. Morris, IL. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to Serenity Hospice and Home of Oregon, IL.

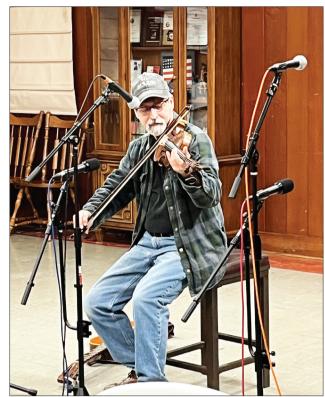
To leave an online condolence or plant a tree in her honor please visit www.farrellhollandgale.com

First Fridays Open Mic is Feb. 2

OREGON—TheFirst Fridays Open Mic presents its monthly show at the Oregon VFW this Feb. 2. The event attracts many talented performers, but musicians and singers of all skill levels find acceptance from its supportive audience.

The show starts at 6:30 p.m. Admission is free, although a jar is available for donations. Performers can sign up for time slots on a first-come-first-serve basis, so it's best to arrive by 6 p.m. or earlier. Interested parties who have questions can contact Jerry Tice, at 815-449-2660.

The VFW is located at 1310 W. Washington St. in Oregon. It provides ample parking, along with the availability of a restaurant and bar within the building. A fish fry runs from 4-8 p.m.



Jim Kanas is a professional musician known throughout Chicago and northern Illinois. He sang and played fiddle and guitar at last month's First Friday Open Mic.

RCH Auxiliary offers 2024 scholarships

ROCHELLE — Scholarships are available through the Rochelle Community Hospital Auxiliary to area students who are planning to pursue careers in the healthcare field. Five scholarships are available in 2024 which include the WardA. and Mabel T. Miller Scholarship.

The \$1,500 scholarships are available to those students who are currently attending or graduates of Rochelle, Ashton-Franklin Center or the Oregon High School district, a current Rochelle-area resident (living within 15 miles of Rochelle), an RCH employee or child of an RCH employee. If you have previously received an RCH scholarship, you may reapply after two years. Applicants should be currently enrolled or have been accepted into an accredited program.

An application form can be found on the hospital's Facebook page or website at www.rochellehospital.com/pressreleases/. Applications must be returned to Michelle LaPage, RCH Auxiliary Scholarship Chairman, at the hospital by Friday, March 8.

Iowa State University announces fall semester 2023 dean's List

AMES, Iowa – More than 10,800 Iowa State University students have to the list included: Lindenwood: Jack been recognized for outstanding academic achievement by being named to the fall semester 2023 dean's list. Students named to the dean's list must earn a grade point average of at least 3.5 on a 4.0 scale while carrying a minimum of 12 credit hours

of graded course work.

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Charles (Chuck) E. Hays

FREEPORT — Charles (Chuck) E. Hays, 70, of Freeport, passed away unexpectedly, at SSM Health Center in Monroe, Wisconsin, Saturday January

6, 2024, after a cardiac arrest. He was born to Herbert and Avis (Trump) Hays on September 10, 1953, in Dixon, Illinois. He attended Polo Schools until 1966 when the family moved to Shannon. The family then moved to Freeport in 1969 where Chuck graduated from Freeport High in 1972. He was employed by

Kelly Springfield Tire, drove semi trucks for Shannon Truck Lines, Art Pape in Iowa, a draftsman at Buffalo Woodworking in Polo, and 40 years at Bocker Chevrolet in Freeport.

He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Alicia (Feary) Hays; sons, Joshua (Trisha) Hays and their sons Charles and Timothy, Wyatt (Tracy) Hays and their daughter Avelene and new grandson due in March; and daughter, Sarah (Jeremy) Welt. Also survived



by brother, William (Marcy) Hays of Naperville; sister, Nancy (Randy) Ocken of Polo; brother-in-law, Lon several nieces and several Feary; great-nieces and nephews.

Chuck was preceded in death by his oldest son Bryant Hays, his parents, and in-laws, Ron and Lila Feary.

Funeral services were 1:30 pm Sunday January 14, 2024 at Burke Tubbs Funeral Home. Pastor Don Jamerson will officiate. Visitation

noon until the time of service. Cremation rites will be accorded following the service. Charles also requested to be a tissue and bone donor. He will continue to do good work for others.

Memorial donations can be made in Chuck's name to the Pheasants Forever Chapter #108. They can be mailed to Mike Adkins at 2918 Larkspur Lane, Freeport, IL. 61032. Chuck belonged to this chapter and was dedicated to the work they accomplished for the area.

University of Iowa 2023 fall semester dean's list honorees announced

IOWA CITY, Iowa - More than 7,900 undergraduate students at the University of Iowa were named to the dean's list for the 2023 fall semester. Dean's list status was earned by 1,810 first year undergraduates during the 2023 fall semester at Iowa, 1,773 second year students, 1,940 third year students, and 2,458 fourth year students.

Local honorees include:

Lauren Black of Byron, College: College of Education; Program of study: Education Studies

and Human Relations; Classification: undergraduate - second year.

Elle Baker of Byron, College: College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; Program of study: Human Physiology; Classification: undergraduate - third year.

Report policy

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

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

Richolson, 2, Agricultural Studies. Monroe Center: Adam Michael Goelitz, 4, Aerospace Engineering. Adrianne Raelyn Hall, 4, Agricultural and Life Sciences Education. Oregon: Matthew J. Kuehn, 4, Mechanical Engineering. Valerie AnnNyderek, 1, Environmental Science (AGLS). Polo: Joseph Lee Bardell, 4. Mechanical Engineering. Nicole Lee Boelens, 3, English. Harper Leigh Clark, 4, Microbiology. Abigail Grace Gorzny, 4, Event Management. Stillman Valley: Megan Irene Gale, 3, Pre-Athletic Training. Italia Rose Tarara, 4, Elementary Education.

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Announcement

Chana's Gerber makes dean's list at Monmouth College

MONMOUTH — David Gerber, a physical education major from Chana, has made the dean's list at Monmouth College for the fall 2023 semester.

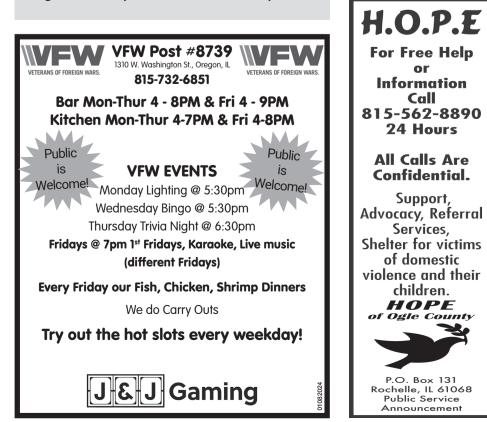
Founded in 1853 and affiliated with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Monmouth College provides a transformative educational experience within a caring community of learners. A residential liberal arts college that is the birthplace of the women's fraternity movement, Monmouth College empowers students to realize their full potential, live meaningful lives, pursue successful careers, and shape their communities and the world through service and leadership.

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OGLE COUNTY SHERIFF

Rochelle man arrested on outstanding warrant for suspended registration

OREGON — On Jan. 16 at approximately 2:10 p.m. Kristopher Lowery, 29, of Rochelle, was arrested for an outstanding no bond Ogle County warrant for suspended registration. Lowery was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he will be held pending an appearance before a judge.

On Jan. 16 at approximately 2:14 p.m. Trei Sanders, 29, of Mt. Morris was arrested for an outstanding no bond Ogle County warrant for aggravated driving under the influence. Sanders will appear in court on Jan. 17 at 1 p.m.

On Jan. 17 at approximately 8:45 a.m. deputies arrested Christopher Palmer, 60, of Rockford at the Ogle County Courthouse. Palmer was arrested on an outstanding failure to appear warrant for aggravated driving under the influence. Palmer was unable to post bond and appeared in Court on Jan. 17 at 1 p.m.

On Jan. 20 at approximately 5:08 a.m. deputies responded to a car in the ditch at the intersection of Eagle Point Road and Wilson Mill Road. After investigation, deputies placed Michael Geary, 30, of Polo under arrest for aggravated driving under the influence of alcohol and driving under the influence of alcohol. Geary was additionally issued citations for no valid license, failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident, disobeying a stop sign, and improper lane usage. Geary was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was later released on a notice to appear with a future court date.

On Jan. 20 at approximately 10:51 a.m. deputies responded to the 5,400 block of Beltline Road in Rockford to meet with two subjects who were involved in a domestic battery that had occurred earlier in the day at a residence in the 10,000 block of East Illinois Route 72. After investigation, deputies placed Blake Cohoon, 39, of Stillman Valley, under arrest for domestic battery. Cohoon was additionally charged with possession of a controlled substance (schedule two pill) class four felony. Cohoon was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held pending a court appearance in front of a judge.

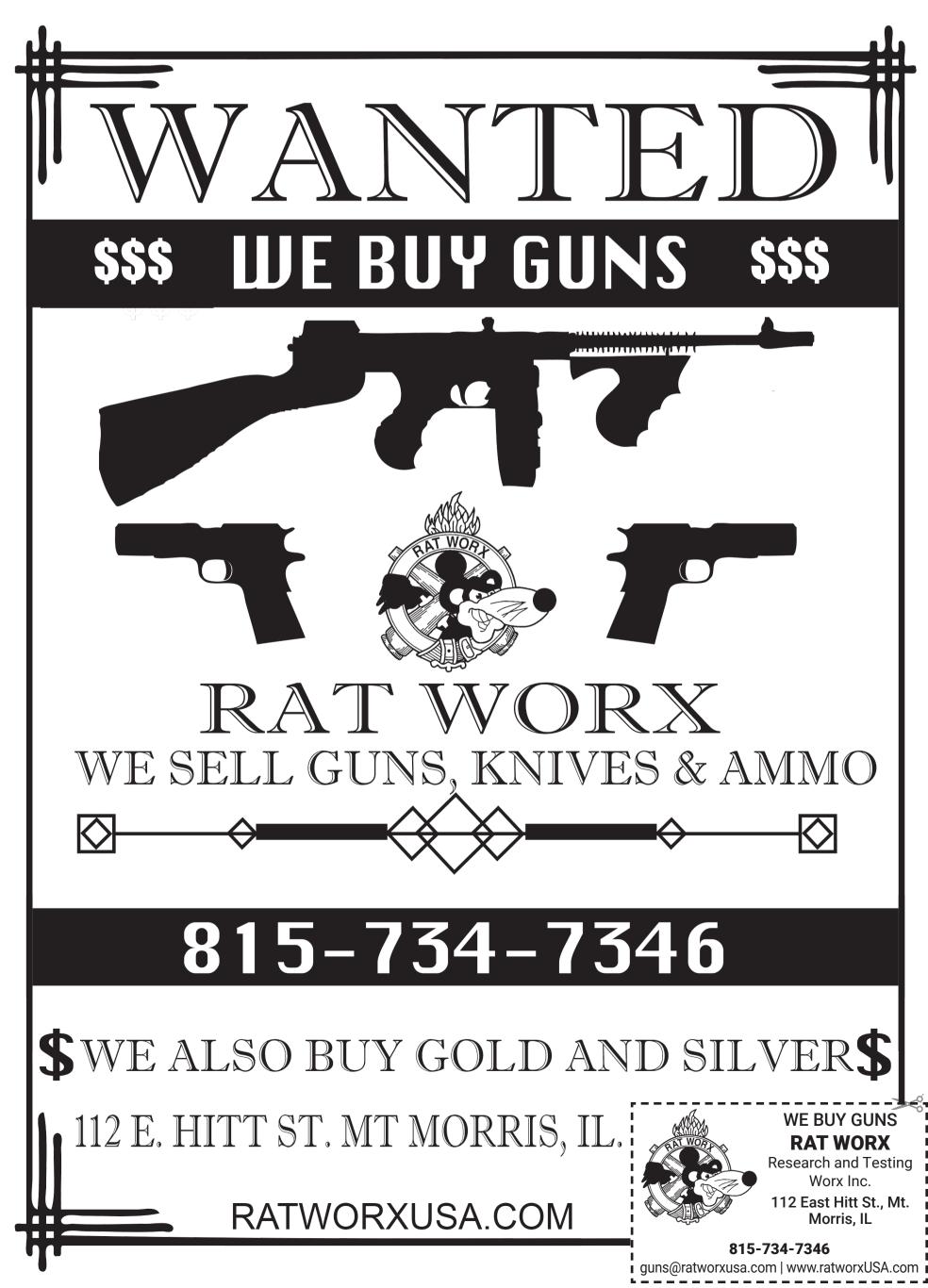
On Jan. 21 at approximately 10:37 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 300 block of West Third Street in Leaf River. After an investigation, Madisyn E. Bradford, 22, of Cordova Tennessee, was placed under arrest for driving on a suspended license. Bradford was additionally cited for improper lane usage, operating an uninsured motor vehicle and operating a vehicle with suspended registration. Bradford was released from the scene with a notice to appear. All subjects are presumed innocent.

On Jan. 21 at approximately 3 a.m. the Ogle County Sheriff's Office received a report of a driving complaint in the area of Lowell Park Road and Pines Road. After searching the area, deputies located Anna Bender, 29, of Polo, in the driver's seat of a 2017 silver Chevrolet Traverse in the 7,000 block of West Pines Road. After conducting an investigation, Bender was placed under arrest for driving under the influence. Bender was transported to KSB Hospital where she was treated for injuries and issued a notice to appear.

On Jan. 22 at approximately 9:28 a.m. Munoz Perez Omar, 34, of Rockford turned himself in on an outstanding failure to appear county warrant. Munoz Perez appeared in court, posted bond and was Released. Munoz Perez will return to court on Jan. 29.

On Jan. 22 at around 3:13 p.m. deputies were dispatched to the 4,000 block of North White Rock Road for the report of a suspicious person requesting a ride. While checking the area deputies located a subject matching the description attempting to get a white Chevy truck out of the ditch. Deputies made contact with the driver, Juan Olguin, 41, of Rochelle, who after a brief investigation was arrested for driving while license suspended. Olguin was additionally cited for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident. Olguin was released with a notice to appear court date.

All individuals are considered innocent until proven guilty.



VIEWPOINT

"Congress shall make no law. . . abridging the freedom of speech or of the press" Published every Monday Tonja Greenfield, General Manager Jeff Helfrich, Managing Editor

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PAID LETTER

Endorsement for Janes

Dear editor,

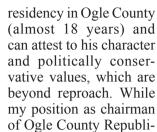
I fully endorse Dan Janes for the Ogle County Board seat in District 5 for the upcoming March 19 Republican Primary election.

Dan has been active in the Ogle County

Republican party consistently and reliably for over two decades, both as precinct committeeman and for a significant period as our vice

chairman. He is always the first to volunteer his resources and time to assist in our mission and goes above and beyond in all tasks. He's a proven leader on the Ogle County Board and on our 16th U.S. Congressional district's Agriculture Committee. His expertise in farming and county government is unmatched, and his presence on every committee he's a member of is invaluable.

I've known Dan personally for my entire



cans would normally avert me from endorsing a Republican over another Republican in a primary, I make this rare exception based

particularly on Dan's extensive time and dedication to our local party's various activities over many, many years. Dan exemplifies selfless citizen service, both as a publicly-elected official and in private affairs.

Speaking on behalf of myself only, I highly encourage you to vote to re-elect Republican Dan Janes to the Ogle County Board, District 5, on March 19!

Mike Koolidge, chairman Ogle County Republicans

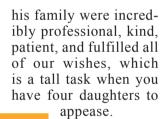
Support for Horner

Dear editor,

PAID LETTER

I am writing to lend my support to Chad Horner for Ogle County Coroner. first met Chad through his wife,

Dionne. Dionne became employed by me as a freelance court reporter, and we worked together for nearly 12 years. During that time, I got to know them on both a professional and personal level.



Some time later, o u r daughter would babysit for Chad and Dionne's children. We witnessed him as a husband and father and how he cares for his family. Chad is also a man of faith, a component of a man's life that I think is extremely important in how your conduct your life. I have no doubt Chad Horner has the background and experience to be the coroner of our county that we can be proud of. I highly endorse Chad Horner for the office of Coroner for Ogle County.

We are not enemies, but friends

HERE'S a hunger in America for civility. I hear it again and again from people who follow this column. They mourn its decline because they understand a crucial fact: Democracy dies when civility disappears.

We can be both free and safe only if each of us exercises the self-restraint and tolerance that characterize civility. Without it, we end up with a government that replaces personal responsibility with rules imposed from above. The loss of civility is the first step on the path to dictatorship.

It's crucial, then, to know exactly what that word, "civility," means. Dictionary definitions that speak of courtesy and politeness, as if it were just a matter of following the rules of etiquette, fail to reach into its core. Real civility flows from the inside out.

It arises from "a fundamental respect for human dignity especially for those we don't really like...and with whom we strongly disagree," in the words of Alexandra Hudson in the Feb. 12, 2020 Washington Examiner. It's "the necessary social glue that binds us together in times of adversity," times when events conspire to pull us apart.

Abraham Lincoln's "fierce civility" was essential to his greatness as a leader in war and peace, according to Jeremy J. Lloyd in the February 2020 National Review. It enabled him to earn the respect and admiration of a "team-of-rivals" cabinet, and to hold the nation together in its darkest hour. It was behind his respectful treatment of his opponents in the North, as well as his generosity toward the people of the South.

Perhaps it's too much to ask

for us to follow Lincoln's example. It is, after all, the opposite of the pride and combativeness that popular culture celebrates. Civility requires us to be humble, to listen to our opponents and try to understand them; to admit that we may be wrong in some respects;

to resist the temptation to engage in personal attacks; to avoid loaded words that push peoples' emotional buttons.

It's hard to imagine a modern leader like Lincoln, and easy to find those who are his opposite. Donald

Trump and his imitators on the right are too obvious to need any explanation. Many of us, though, don't see the incivility that comes from the other side.

Lowell Harp

Disrespect and mockery are the stock-in-trade of late-night talk shows and Saturday Night Live comedy skits. Politicians speak disdainfully about "deplorables" or "MAGA Republicans." Cancel culture provides the ugly spectacle of conservatives, or even moderates, being shouted down, silenced, or shamed on college campuses.

I was surprised to find, when searching the internet for this article, that writers opposed to civility were uniformly liberal. Their reasons boil down to the proposition that uncivil behavior is needed in order to overcome oppression from the rich and powerful.

This argument confuses civility with meek pleading. Abraham Lincoln was clear and forceful about exactly where he stood. But he was an effective force for change because he never forgot that his opponents, no matter how dislikable, were entitled to respect as human beings.

Uncivil speech and actions fail to persuade anyone other than those who already agree, because people sense its lack of good will, and therefore resist it. Donald Trump's boorish and insensitive behavior has cost him dearly. It's why he's never succeeded in earning the support of a majority of Americans, in spite of the popular appeal of many of his policies.

Liberals, on the other hand, only harden Mr. Trump's standing among his supporters when they respond to him in kind. People in the middle, who might otherwise be persuaded, merely look on in disgust at the ugliness on both sides.

Incivility thrives nevertheless, perhaps because it's like an addiction. It feels so very good to mock, ridicule, or otherwise disrespect those we oppose and fear. Each time we do it, it becomes more likely that we'll do it again.

There's unfortunately no 12step program, as in Alcoholics Anonymous, for incivility. We can, however, find a way forward in Mr. Lloyd's description of Abraham Lincoln—"humble, kind, self-deprecating, not easily intimidated, principled, non-reactionary, magnanimous, and peacemaking."

We can hope to live up to that ideal if, as Lincoln urged, we listen to "the better angels of our nature." We can, with their guidance, forcefully but respectfully stand up for our beliefs while declaring to all of our fellow Americans, as Lincoln did on the eve of war:

"We are not enemies, but friends."

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.

MOMENTS IN TIME

* On Feb. 12, 1912, Hsian-T'ung, the last emperor of China, was forced to abdicate following Sun Yat-sen's republican revolution, ending 267 years of Manchu rule in China and 2,000 years of imperial rule.

Alan Johnson's order for "difficult" classic authors including Jane Austen and Charles Dickens to be taught to 11- and 12-year-olds was not met with favor by teachers. They believed these classic works might prove daunting enough to turn students off of such material for life. Johnson argued that they were in fact essential to a well-rounded British education. * On Feb. 17, 2014, the Saudi Gazette made Somayya Jabarti the newspaper's editor-in-chief, marking the first time a woman held that position in the country. Her successor, writing about the decision that represented a major step forward for Saudi women's rights, made sure to state that the position was granted solely on Jabarti's merit. * On Feb. 18, 1943, a small group of German students from the University of Munich known as the White Rose movement were arrested after a janitor observed and reported them for distributing leaflets with anti-Nazi propaganda. Within days, all the members, including philosophy professor Kurt Huber, were sentenced to death for treason by the People's Court and beheaded.



When you first meet Chad, you are struck by his big smile and laughter, traits that are both welcoming and warm. You quickly learn that behind that smile is a man with humility and integrity.

In 2012 Chad arrived at our family home to escort my mother to his family funeral home where she would be prepared for her final resting place. He and

Doris Kennay

Ashton, Ogle County

* On Feb. 13, 1958, a four-passenger Thunderbird called the "Square Bird," made by the Ford Company, made its public debut. Considered to be a model that turned the Thunderbird from a sports car into a luxury car, it's still often referred to as simply the T-Bird and has appeared in movies such as "Grease," popular songs and music videos.

* On Feb. 14, 1984, Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean became the highest-scoring figure skaters in history at the Olympic ice skating championship in Sarajevo with their sensual, free-dance performance of Ravel's "Bolero."

* On Feb. 15, 1965, the maple leaf officially became Canada's official national flag symbol. It had already served in that capacity for more than a century, but the matter was only settled in the House of Commons the previous December, and approved by England's Queen Elizabeth II shortly afterward.

* On Feb. 16, 2007, British Education Secretary

LIFE letters' policy

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Concise letters are most likely to be chosen for publication, but the use of any material is at the discretion of management. All letters must be signed or they will not be considered for publication.

During election times, no letters written by the candidates endorsing themselves will be considered for publication.

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.

New Political Letter Policy

The Ogle County Life is implementing a new political letter policy.

We will now be accepting election letters endorsing or advocating for or against a ballot measure, party or candidate as paid advertising announcement. The fee is \$25 minimum for a 200 word letter and 10 cents a word for additional words over 250. Like other letters to the editor, the writer's name, address and phone number are required. Phone numbers and exact addresses are not published. We have the right to reject letters which don't meet publishing standards and will determine if the letter qualifies as a paid endorsement. Paid letters will be identified with a label and may or may not appear on the opinion/letters page.

Most newspapers that have adopted this approach cite one main reason: Political campaigns for years have used newspaper opinion pages for what amounts to free advertising. As these letter-writing campaigns become more widespread and sophisticated - some campaigns even pay people to write letters to the editor - newspapers are flooded with requests to publish them, especially in the run-up to elections.

Will we still publish letters complaining about the county board or school board? Yes. But if you want others to vote for or against a candidate, or for or against an issue on the ballot, you will need to pay a fee. Not a large fee - \$25 for up to 200 words.

Some key dates to keep in mind for political endorsement letters:

The primary election is Tuesday, March 19, 2024. The last batch of letters that endorse candidates for this election will be printed in the Monday, March 11, 2024 issue of the Ogle County Life must be received by noon on Wednesday, March 6.

To submit a letter, email Managing Editor Jeff Helfrich at jhelfrich@oglecountylife.com.



Hillcrest man found not guilty of aggravated criminal sexual abuse after jury trial

By Jeff Helfrich

MANAGING EDITOR

OREGON—Following a jury trial on Jan. 18 at the Ogle County Courthouse, a Hillcrest man was found not guilty of aggravated criminal sexual abuse and predatory criminal sexual assault of a child, Eric Arnquist of law firm Tess, Crull & Arnquist, said.

On March 3, 2021, Ogle County Sheriff's deputies arrested Jody T. Willis, 44, of Hillcrest, and charged him with four counts of aggravated criminal sexual abuse and two counts of predatory criminal sexual assault of a child following an investigation the Ogle County Sheriff's Office began in August of 2020 in which Willis was alleged

to have sexual contact with a female minor. The allegations were from 2008 and 2013.

Willis is a resident of Hillcrest and was employed as a Rochelle Fire Department firefighter for more than a decade. The prosecution proceeded to trial on one count of predatory criminal sexual assault of a child and two counts of aggravated criminal sexual abuse. The trial commenced before Judge John B. Roe in courtroom 302 of the Ogle County Courthouse on Jan. 16 and finished on Jan. 18.

"Mr. Willis testified on Jan. 18 and vehemently denied the allegations against him," Arnquist said. "The jury returned verdicts of not guilty on all counts in less than one

hour.'

Willis was represented by Russ Crull and Arnquist from Tess, Crull & Arnquist.

"We at Tess, Crull & Arnquist pride ourselves in representing people like Jody Willis in cases just like this." a statement from the law firm said. "These cases are exceptionally difficult due to the media and social media they receive. We thank the jury for considering all the evidence and delivering a just verdict. Mr. Willis has always unequivocally denied the allegations that were made against him. Mr. Willis waited patiently for his day in court and when that day came, Mr. Willis was completely exonerated of every single charge against him by a jury of his peers."

MT. MORRIS POLICE DEPARTMENT Female arrested on warrant for multiple traffic offenses

MT. MORRIS - On Jan. 2 at approximately 3:05 a.m. Mt Morris Police conducted a traffic stop in the 300 block of East Hitt Street. The driver, Amy A. Demilio, 47, Mt. Morris, was arrested on an Ogle County warrant for traffic offenses. Demilio was also cited for operating a vehicle with suspended registration. Demilio was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

On Jan. 5 at approximately 6:56 p.m. Mt Morris Police located a subject in the 10 block of North Wesley. The subject, Kristopher M. Mockovak, 22, Mt. Morris, was arrested on a Rockford Police Department warrant for retail theft. Mockovak was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

On Jan. 6 at approximately 12:05 a.m. Mt Morris Police conducted a traffic stop in the 10 block of North McKendrie Avenue for a traffic violation. After an investigation, the driver, Joshua D. Eckhardt, was arrested for violation of an order of protection. The petitioner on the order of protection was a passenger in the vehicle. Eckhardt was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

On Jan. 6 at approximately 11:50 p.m., Mt. Morris Police were sent to the 500 block of West Lincoln Street for the report of a domestic disturbance. After an investigation, Jay R. Bonnette, 33, Mt. Morris, was arrested on a Lee County warrant for contempt of court. Bonnette

was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

On Jan. 7 at approximately 7:15 p.m. Mt Morris Police conducted a traffic stop in the 100 block of North McKendrie Avenue. After an investigation, the driver, Juan Martin Cervantes, 24, Oregon, was arrested for no valid driver's license. Cervantes was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was given a notice to appear.

On Jan. 10 at approximately 4:40 p.m. Mt Morris Police were sent to the area of the 100 block of East Illinois Route 64 for the report of a subject that was trespassing. Officers located Carl D. Pitt, 82, Mt. Morris, and arrested him for criminal trespass to property. Pitt was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was

given a notice to appear. On Jan. 10 at approximately 7:15 p.m. Mt. Morris Police received a driving complaint near the 4,000 block of West Illinois Route 64. Officers located the vehicle and observed the vehicle committing driving infractions. A traffic stop was conducted, and after an investigation, the driver, Jordyn S. Arneson, 31, Mt. Morris, was arrested for driving under the influence, endangering the life or health of a child, and cited for improper lane usage. Arneson was transported to the Ogle

County Jail where she was given a notice to appear.

On Jan. 17 at approximately 7:20 a.m. Mt. Morris Police responded to the 400 block of North Wesley Avenue for a single-vehicle accident. Skylar L. Williams, 28, Polo, crashed into a gate located on private property. There were no reported injuries and no citations issued.

On Jan. 18 at approximately 2:50 p.m. Mt. Morris Police responded to a crash in the 10 block of East Front Street. The driver of a Chevrolet S-10, Darren T. Barker, 53, Mt. Morris, was traveling east bound on Front Street and slid on the snow/ice, crashing into a parked and unoccupied vehicle. There were no reported injuries and no citations issued.

On Jan. 21 at approximately 7:35 p.m. Mt Morris Police located a subject in the 10 block of West Center Street. The subject, James Turner, 53, Mt. Morris, was arrested on a Lee County failure to appear warrant. Turner was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

There were 15 snow ordinance violation citations issued.

These charges are merely an accusation, and the defendants are presumed innocent unless proven guilty.



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COLD OUTSIDE

POLO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Polo PD releases general calls for service

POLO — The Polo Police Department recently released its general calls for service for the weeks of Jan. 8-21. Citizen Complaints/Assists: 10. Animal Complaints: 1. Disturbance/

Byron PD accepting

Domestic: 1. Fire/Medical Assists: 3. Alarm/Open Door: 1. Lock Outs: 1. Traffic Stops: 8. County Assists: 3.

All individuals are considered innocent until proven guilty.

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BYRON — The Byron Police Department is now accepting applications for the position of police officer.

Applications may be picked up and returned to The Byron Police Department,

232 W. 2nd St. Applications will be accepted through Feb.

16, 2024.

Minimum requirements: U.S. Citizen, 21 years of age, high school diploma, and a valid driver's license. College education is preferred.

Applicants must be able to pass the State of Illinois P.O.W.E.R. Test.

TRYNIITS-SINGING

The First United Methodist Church in Dixon, IL, is holding tryouts for their upcoming musical tribute to Whitney and Gospel Music which will be preformed April 21, 2024.



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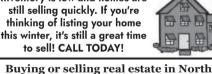
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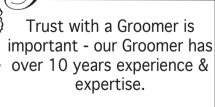
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Hi. I'm Lucielle and I'm ready to work! I just love watching my friends at Tails type away on the keyboard. Perhaps you are working from home and looking for a feline friend to keep you company as you answer emails? Pick me! I also love playing, love tots, catnip and FOOD! Honestly, I'm not picky and will even try to sneak a taste of whatever you're eating. I can be a little bit spicy at times when I'd rather not socialize, but hey, I'm a cat, right? We all have different levels of spice! If you're looking for a fun little kitty to spice up your life, maybe we should meet. I'm not in the main cat rooms because I have my own office, so stop at the desk and ask to see me.





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LOCAL NEWS Serenity's Appenheimer

retires after 40 years of service as a local physician

Doctor served at KSB, rehab facilities in the area during career

OREGON—During his 40 years of service to our community, Dr. A. Timothy Appenheimer spent his career as a

dedicated physician whose attentive care endeared him to patients and families alike; however, his true calling was being a mentor to all, a friend to many and a lifelong learner and educator.

Spending the first part of his career working for the KSB Medical Group from 1981–1984, he "learned the ropes" from Dr. Mesrobian

while working at Warmolt's Clinic in Oregon. In 1984, Dr. Appenheimer followed his dream to work under a physician he greatly admired, Dr. Rakel, at the University of Iowa. The pull of providing healthcare to a rural community tugged at his heart and in 1986 he moved his family back to Dixon and resumed his career at KSB Hospital, where he remained for over 30 years.

While at KSB, Dr. Appenheimer served as the chief medical officer and developed many programs, including a hospice program, a residency program and a hospitalist program. He was the first physician to serve on KSB's Board of Directors. Dr. Appenheimer also served as medical director for Dixon Rehabilitation and Health Care Center, Franklin Grove Living and Rehabilitation Center, Pinecrest Nursing Home and KSB Post Acute Services.

At the later part of his career, Dr. Appenheimer shifted his varied focus to hospice care and became the medical director for Serenity Hospice and Home, serving in that capacity for the last 13 years of his career. While at

> Serenity Hospice and Home, he brought with him his many talents, including those of a skilled photographer, a woodworking craftsman and a folk guitarist, singer/songwriter. Like the meticulous composition of his photographs, some of which adorn the hallways of Serenity Home, his caregiving was also characterized by his keen attention to detail

- an affirmation of his ability to magnify beauty, even in the face of challenging circumstance.

"In hospice," Appenheimer said, "Serenity's staff meets patients and their families, knowing it is one of the rawest, most emotional times in their lives. While many begin hospice services with trepidation, this usually changes in a matter of days as they encounter the care given by Serenity's team. A lot of the fear and defensiveness just starts to go away. That is predictable because of the quality of the people who are going in to see the patients and families."

While the entire staff of Serenity Hospice and Home is sad to see him go, his legacy will remain in the stunning photos that liven the walls of Serenity Home, and the equally profound imprint he has left on the minds and hearts of the Serenity family. Thank you Dr. Appenheimer for serving your community in so many lasting ways, and enjoy your well-deserved retirement!

Woman's Club, the Club adopted a constitution and bylaws at their second meeting in December 1938, and became an active member of the County, District and State Federation. It wasn't until later that the Club joined the National Federation based in Washington, D.C. The General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) is a unifying force, bringing together local women's clubs, with members dedicated to strengthening their communities and enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service.

POLO — Originally

called The Polo Evening

The General Federation of Women's Clubs-Illinois, organized in 1894 under the umbrella of the National Federation, has numerous chapters statewide and Polo is a member of District 13 that also includes Byron, Chadwick, Thomson, Franklin Grove and Oregon. The mission of the Club is to improve and support communities at home and across the globe. Its members are focused on leadership and progress through volunteerism. Over the years, the clubs have crusaded for civil rights and for a woman's right to vote, and established about 75% of the libraries in the United States.

Polo Women's Club (PWC) has been an active and respected member of the Polo community over the past 85 years helping out in various activities to support the town and its citizens' needs. Several projects have been undertaken over the years including:

1939-Christmas Party for the underprivileged children of Polothat was held annually for many years.

Polo Women's Club turns 85 years young

1940 - Donations of funds to purchase trees to beautify Pines Road from Polo to the State Park.

1950 - Began the reorganization of the Girl Scouts in Polo.

1954- Conducted fundraising activities to improve the clubroom and kitchen of the then-rebuilt Polo Town Hall.

1958-Provided a sand box for the Community Park.

During World War II, the Club provided layettes for needy servicemen's wives and the British War Relief, baked items for troop trains and local USO centers and donated books to the Merchant Marine Library. Over the years, the Club has worked with Red Cross, the Cancer Foundation, Future Nurses Association at the High School and the Civic Industrial Planning Committee and more recently the Polo Food Pantry and local schools supporting their various arts programs.

Since 2008 Polo Women's Club has worked in conjunction with GFWC Illinois and the Prevent Child Abuse Illinois organization to promote awareness of child abuse through a project called "Our Promise – A Safe Place for Every Child." Members of the Club plant blue and silver pinwheel gardens in April to raise awareness of the project at the three Polo schools and at Paul Grahling Park at the corner of Division and Mason.

Since 2020, the Club has sponsored a coat drive that has grown in both size and need in the last several years. The club collects an average of 300 new and slightly used coats each year, along with hats, mittens and scarves to distribute in November free of charge at Crossroads Community Church in Polo. Several local businesses offer their facilities as drop-off locations in town.

A new project in 2023 was the National Day of Service promoted by the GFWC in Washington DC for all Clubs throughout the United States and internationally. Held on Sept. 30, the Polo Women's Clubraisedawarenessoffood insecurities in our community by collecting donations of canned goods and non-perishable items at the Polo Fresh FoodMarket. The community responded with over 250 items and cash donations that were given to the Polo Food Pantry. The Club is looking toparticipate again in 2024 for this wonderful cause.

TheClubhaschangedover the years, but it's original goals of helping the community are still the main priority of its members. If you are interested in attending a meeting to see just what the Club is about, monthly meetings are generally held at 1 p.m. on the second Monday of the month at KSB in Polo. To make a reservation, please contact Sheila Dean (815-677-6877) or Louise Hall (815-238-7937). New members are always welcome.



Feb. 3

The Hub Cluster will host its annual Soup and Dessert Supper fundraiser on Saturday, Feb. 3 at the Ashton United Methodist Church, 906 Richardson Ave., in Ashton. Serving will be from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Adults are \$8, children are \$4 and those under free eat free.

The menu will include chili and chicken noodle soup and homemade desserts.

Also during the evening there will be a Specialty Dessert silent auction. These desserts can be homemade pies, cakes or cookies; chocolate dipped strawberries, special treats for the upcoming Valentine's Day or homemade breads or rolls, and

p.m. The alumni band will also be performing so bring your instrument if you are interested in playing. \$5 donation for game and supper (\$2 for basketball and band players). If you are a graduate of the class of 1974, and will be attending or, if you are willing to help with the event, please contact Linda Borneman at 815-440-7068 or lborneman76@gmail.com.

March 19 and 21

Families living within the Meridian CUSD #223 school district who have children who will be five by Sept. 1, 2024 are invited to register for Kindergarten Kickoff for



more.

The Hub Cluster is a group of parishioners and pastors from 10 local United Methodist Churches, including Ashton, Chana, Creston, Esmond, Franklin Grove, Lighthouse, Malta, Reynolds, Rochelle and Steward. The proceeds from the fund-raiser will be used to continue the Hub Cluster ministry efforts.

March 2

The 49th Annual Leaf River Alumni Event will be held on March 2 at the River Valley Complex (former Leaf River school). Doors open at 5 p.m. A sandwich supper will be held from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. The program to recognize the class of 1974 will begin at 6 p.m. A fun pick-up basketball game will begin at 6:30

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the 2024-2025 school year at Highland Elementary School. This night is designed to help provide a smooth transition into school for our future students and their parents. Students will participate in a series of group and individual activities, and parents will have the opportunity to attend informational sessions regarding the school and preparing their children for success.

The event will be held on two nights in March at Highland Elementary School, 410 S. Hickory St. Stillman Valley. Families with last names beginning with letters A through L will attend Tuesday, March 19 from 5:30-7 p.m. and families with last names beginning with letters M through Z will attend Thursday, March 21 from 5:30-7 p.m. Please contact the Highland school office at 815-645-2230 to RSVP by March 8th.





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McCombie to honor local female leaders, calls for nominations

SAVANNA — Do you know a woman who deserves recognition in the community? House Minority Leader Tony McCombie (Savanna) wants to hear about it. Leader McCombie is asking for nominations from around the 89th legislative district on women who have gone above and beyond in the community to solve a problem, help those in need, or volunteer their services to a community organization.

From the nominations, two women will be chosen and invited to Springfield for a special women's recognition event on March 6 where they will be among other remarkable women leaders from across Illinois to celebrate their accomplishments.

This event is spearheaded by McCombie and the House Republican caucus to honor rising female leaders during national Women's History Month. This is the third annual event, and McCombie is looking forward to bringing leaders from her district to Springfield for a day of celebration, engagement, and collaboration.

"It is a privilege to bring together female leaders who are making an impact in communities across our state," McCombie said. "I am excited to once again ask for nominations from my district so I can celebrate all the wonderful leadership we have here at the local level."

Nomination submissions can be sent via email to Leader McCombie's District Office: McCombie@ilhousegop. org. The email should include the following: your name, relation to the person you're nominating, the nominee's name and contact info (phone and email), and a brief description of why you're nominating them. Please use the subject line: Women's Recognition Event. Nominations are due by Feb. 16!

With questions, contact Leader McCombie's district office at 815-291-8989.

New Rochelle Green Thumbs 4-H Club grows vegetables with local youth

OREGON — Are you looking for a fun, friend-filled, free club to learn about vegetables and gardening? Ogle County 4-H is excited to partner with Flagg-Rochelle Public Library and the Ogle County Master Gardeners to teach youth about growing vegetables. This new horticulture club, Rochelle Green Thumbs 4-H Club, is open to any youth in Ogle County, ages 8-18, by Sept. 1, 2024. Learn what 4-H and this horticulture project are about, plant vegetables by seed to grow, learn, and harvest. Youth will assist with caring for the garden and learning more about growing their vegetables. After youth harvest, they can exhibit their vegetables at the Ogle County 4-H Fair on Tuesday, July



30, to win a ribbon and potentially an award!

The first meeting will take place on Feb. 5 at 6 p.m. This club will meet at the library on the first Monday of the month, with the last meeting on July 1. There will be a special meeting on July 29 to finalize fair projects. Please register

by calling the Flagg-Rochelle Public Library at 815-562-3431.

If you want to learn more about 4-H or get involved, visit the Ogle County 4-H website at http://web.extension. illinois.edu/bdo/ or call the Ogle County Extension office at 815-732-2191. If you need

reasonable accommodations to participate in programming, call our office.

4-H is the youth development program of University of Illinois Extension. University of Illinois Extension provides equal opportunities in programs and employment.

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Friday, March 1 Mother/Son Date Night

River's Edge Experience 6:30-8:30 pm | Ages 3-15 Fee – Child \$16R/19NR | Adults \$10 DEADLINE TO REGISTER February 16 The mother/son date night is back in action at River's Edge Experience. Enjoy dancing, games, refreshments and prizes all set to a fun tropical beach party theme. Come out for an evening of memory making with your favorite little surfers. Substitute moms are welcome (grandma, aunts, big sisters).

Saturday, March 2 Daddy/Daughter Dance **River's Edge Experience** 6:30-8:30 pm | Ages 3-15 Fee - Child \$16R/19NR | Adults \$10 **DEADLINE TO REGISTER** February 16

Set to a tropical beach party theme, enjoy a night of quality girl time with dances, games and prizes. Substitute dads (grandpas, uncles, big brothers) are welcome!

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DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS February 28th

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RRVBC celebrates National **Blood Donor Month and** highlights ongoing blood need

'We would not be able to save lives without your donations'

ROCKFORD - The Rock River Valley Blood Center (RRVBC) iscelebrating National Blood Donor Month this January by raising awareness about the national and local need for blood. Since 1970, blood centers nationwide have strived to increase blood and platelet donations during the winter-one of the most challenging times of the year to collect enough blood products to meet patient needs.

It's a particularly critical issue in the month of January, as blood donations traditionally drop off on the heels of the holiday season.

"Thank you to our current donors for their lifesaving support as we recognize National Blood Donor Month," said Lisa Entrikin, chief executive officer at the Rock River Valley Blood Center. "We would not be able to save lives without your donations. If you have never given before, we are encouraging all eligible individuals to make it their New Year's resolution to donate and make blood donation a habit in the new year."

The need for blood is constant because it's the blood on the shelves that saves lives. Only three percent of eligible Americans currently donate blood, despite 65 percent of the population being eligible to do so, according to the Association of Blood Donor Professionals (ADRP). Additionally, less than 20 percent of blood donations come from individuals in communities of color, and donations from individuals aged 19-24 have declined by nearly 32 percent from 2019 to 2021.

Locally, RRVBC needs to see 800 donors per week to supply blood to 14 hospitals in the region. Because blood has a short shelf-life, fresh donations must constantly be collected.

Individuals feeling healthy and well are encouraged to schedule a donation appointment at rrvbc.org, on the myR-RVBC app, or by calling 815-965-8751. Organizations also are encouraged to call about hosting blood drives to help support the community need.

The Rock River Valley Blood Center is your community blood center and is the only provider of blood products and services to Mercyhealth Javon Bea Hospital-Rockton, Mercyhealth Javon Bea Hospital-Riverside, Mercyhealth Hospital and Medical Center-Harvard, Mercyhealth Hospital and Trauma Center-Janesville, Mercyhealth Hospital and Medical Center-Walworth, Mercyhealth Hospital and Physician Clinic-Crystal Lake, OSF Saint Anthony Medical Center, UW Health SwedishAmerican Hospital, UW Belvidere Medical Center, UW Carbone Cancer Center Rockford, Beloit Health System, Edgerton Hospital and Health Services, FHN Memorial Hospital and Rochelle Community Hospital. The center has four convenient donor centers in Rockford, Belvidere, and Freeportand the ability to support up to three mobile drives a day. The Rock River Valley Blood Center ensures that the right blood type is available at the right time for local patients whose lives may depend on it. Patients and their families rely on individuals to provide life-giving red blood cells, plasma, and platelets through blood donation

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Kiwanis of Oregon/Mt. Morris donates to Oregon Library

Kiwanis of Oregon/Mt. Morris Members Tim Huber and Mark Probasco recently presented Debbie Herman of the Oregon Public Library District with a \$500 sponsorship for the 2024 children's summer reading program. For more information about Kiwanis in Oregon and Mt. Morris, email Club President Caleb Jenks at caleb@ oregonpark.org.

Sinnissippi Centers offers scholarships

Sinnissippi's Human Services College Scholarship Program available for area high school seniors

DIXON—Sinnissippi Centers is offering up to three \$1,000 college scholarships for individuals seeking a career in the human service field. Information has been shared now with high school counseling staff in Sinnissippi Centers' service area: Carroll, Lee, Ogle, Stephenson and Whiteside Counties.

"Our College Scholarship Program is available exclusively to those who seek education in human services (social work, psychology, sociology or other human service specialties)," DeAnne White, Sinnissippi Centers' VP and chief administrative officer, said. "It recognizes and rewards high school seniors on the path to higher education with a \$1,000 scholarship to use towards a full-time or parttime course of study," adds White.

Sinnissippi Centers will award up to three \$1,000 scholarships in 2024.

Scholarship applicants need to meet the following requirements: Be a 2024 graduating northwest Illinois area high school senior and plan to enroll, beginning the fall of 2024, in a full-time or part-time course of study at an accredited two or fouryear university in Illinois with the declared major being one that falls within the human services field.

Candidates will need to submit: Their completed application; a high school transcript - with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 required; a written essay regarding "What A Career in Human Services Means to Me;"and a letter of recommendation from one school counselor, teacher, or other school official.

Completed applications received

on or before deadline will be considered by a panel comprised of Sinnissippi Centers employees and management. Applications will be assessed on academic achievement. letter of recommendation, and essay, Essav and letter of recommendation will be assessed on spirit, content. and quality. Course selection and GPA will be the basis for academic achievement consideration.

A downloadable application is available on Sinnissippi's website at www.sinnissippi.org/scholarships.

Funding for this scholarship program is provided, in part, by donations to Sinnissippi Centers.

For more information contact call Sinnissippi Centers at 815-284-6611 and ask for the Administration Department and mention the Human Services Scholarship Program.

Tri-County Opportunities Council offers scholarships

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

To be eligible for the scholarship competition: The applicant must be a member of an income-eligible household.

The applicants must attend an Illinois-accredited post-secondary educational institution of higher learning during the fall of 2024.

Applicants must be a resident of Bureau, Carroll, LaSalle, Lee, Marshall, Ogle, Putnam, Stark, or Whiteside County in Illinois.

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

The application deadline is March 15, 2024. Further information and application forms may be obtained by contacting the office at 800/323-5434. extension 710, or on the website at www.tcochelps. org.





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Oregon Avalanche Softball registration is open, seeking sponsorships

OREGON — Oregon Avalanche's 2024 spring and summer fast-pitch softball registration is happening now! Open to all Oregon Community Unit School District girls ages 8-14, all skill levels welcome as well as athletes who are involved in other sports and activities.

Players will also participate in team-building activities, and community service projects, and are encouraged to volunteer within the community. The player fee is \$300. Email oregonavalanchesball@gmail.com to register or get more information.

Before committing, the team invites you to come to a practice session in January or February on Sundays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Blackhawk Center in Oregon. You will meet the athletes and coaching staff and take part in team drills and

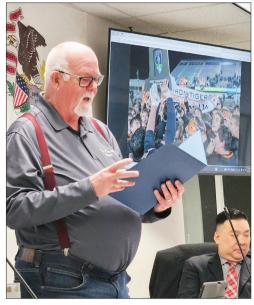


strength conditioning.

Currently, the organization is seeking sponsorships to help keep costs and travel requirements as efficient as possible. Every dollar will go towards supporting the girls on the teams. Interested individuals, businesses, or organizations can contact Avalanche at oregonavalanchesball@ gmail.com or call Nate

Rogers at 815-979-2094. Oregon Avalanche is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing young women with a positive player centered environment. Players learn life lessons in sportsmanship, teamwork, commitment, self-discipline, accomplishment, competition, responsibility, and fair play.





State champs recognized

The Byron High School football team received recognition recently during the City Council Meeting for their IHSA State Championship victory during the 2023 season. The Tigers completed a perfect (14-0) record with a 69-7 in the Class 3A Championship Game against Mt. Carmel. Byron set several state records which included points and touchdowns in one season. This was Byron's third state championship in the program's history. Street signs will be placed along Tower Road and Colfax Street. (Courtesy photos)



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\$525,000 Call Rebecca WHY BUILD, WHEN YOU CAN BUY THIS CUSTOM HOMEI Original owner, meticulously maintained, 4 bedroom, 3.5 bathroom, was built by S & D Construction is perfectly situated on a 2.85 landscaped lot with just over 4,000 square feet of living space. Bursting with curb appeal the moment you approach the circle driveway and admire the Trex dining living the fract of the home cargonic addreaning including mature lining the front of the home, gorgeous landscaping including mature trees, retaining walls and brick patio pavers. Main floor is spacious with an eat in kitchen, living room, family room, formal dining room and breakfast nook. There is also a dedicated laundry room and plenty of storage. Upstairs you will find a grand master suite with updated en suite bathroom and custom walk-in closet. There are also 3 additional bedrooms and a full bath. Walk out, lower level boasts a large family room, second kitchen, updated full bathroom with tile walk in shower and exercise room. Attached and heated 2 car garage with basement entrance. There is also a detached, heated 2 car garage with bonus room for extra storage. Backyard and walk out lower level both have expansive brick paver patios with a pergola and built in gas grill for entertaining. This is the home that you have envisioned building for a much higher cost, waiting for you to purchase TODAY

6 W. Lincoln Street, Mt Morris \$79,900 Call Mark

Looking for Affordable living? This 2 story, 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath home is now available in Mt. Morris! Great location 1 block from downtown and across from the park and police station. Brand new carpeting throughout! New paint and new kitchen flooring installed. 1st floor laundry will save you a ton of steps! Very nice big fenced yard for the kids and pets! 1 car extra deep attached garage. Gas furnace and water heater. Roof is under 10 years old. Being sold "As Is".

409 W. Brayton Road, Mt. Morris \$250,000 Call Lori

Masonry church building, very well maintained, with 22,780 square feet more or less available for purchase. 3 level building with the main level at street grade at the front, the lower level at street grade to the rear. Full kitchen in the lower level plus a large room 40 by 74 with additional stage area Bathrooms on each level. Functional building with large spaces including an 84 x 40 sanctuary and typical classroom and office size spaces. Metal roof and modernized, zoned hot water heating system. Multiple stairways between levels. The building's layout will accommodate multiple uses and users.

000 S Andrew Drive, Oregon \$45,000 Call Jenny

Look no further! This beautiful 1.5 acre lot is the perfect building site for your new home. It has a country feel, yet is conveniently located just outside of Oregon off of Daysville and Lowden roads. The Sinnissippi Point Subdivision has large lots providing ample distance from neighbors. The covenants allow for swimming pools, fences, and out buildings. Get your house plans ready and build vour new home this year!



210 N. Third Street, Oregon \$189,000 Call Rebecca

3 FAMILY, 3 TIMES THE INCOME! If you are looking to expand your investments and income in 2024, look no further! Fully occupied with great tenants, this 3 family apartment offers : 2 units with 2 beds/1.5 baths and laundry in unit along with a studio apartment. Both 2 bedroom units have updates including flooring, bathrooms, hot water heater and a furnace. Tenant pays electric and gas Landlord pays water bill. Call for more information!



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3542 Main Street, Polo \$265,000 Call Merri or Erin

Welcome Home to this charming 4 (potentially 5) bedroom ranch in a little country subdivision just north of Polo. This property gives you the opportunity to enjoy country living while still having a sense of community. It sits on approximately 3/4 of an acre lot and features a peaceful front and back patio areas. As you enter the home, you are welcomed into the open layout of the dining room, living room and kitchen which boasts a generously sized granite island and all updated appliances. Enjoy relaxing in the living room with the gas fireplace or while the sun beams in through the skylights. The office on the main floor is perfect to work from home or as a 3rd bedroom on the main level. The lower level features a great space for entertaining with the rec room and wet bar all set up and ready for use. There are two additional bedrooms with an other oversized bathroom. Don't forget about the attached 3-car garages with oversized bay and the additional detached 1-car garage perfect for additional storage. This home has it all! Solar Panels- 2019, 11,000 watt Generac Generator 2019. Furnace and Water heater replaced in 2018.

















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SPORTS NEWS Hiveley looking lively for Tigers

BY RUSSELL HODGES

OREGON — Senior forward Jack Hiveley has carved out a significant role with the Byron High School varsity boys basketball team this season. The former Freeport Aquin player ignited his team during the third quarter of its Big Northern Conference clash against the Oregon Hawks on Friday evening, when the Tigers looked to remain undefeated with their 15th consecutive win.

Oregon hung tough early in the game, as Byron's cold shooting from the field prevented the Tigers from building a significant lead over the first two quarters. With senior Jameson Caposey leading the charge, Oregon remained within single digits at halftime, trailing the Tigers 26-17.

But the Hawks had no answers for Byron's stifling three-quarter court press, which forced a flurry of turnovers that allowed the Tigers to earn extra possessions on offense. The 6-foot-3 senior Hiveley took full advantage, beating Oregon defenders off the dribble and cutting to the basket for multiple third-quarter layups. Hiveley scored 11 of his 17 points in the third quarter, where Byron outscored the Hawks 22-5 en route to a decisive 67-42 victory Friday evening.

"Our defense is what makes us who we are,"



Jack Hiveley scored 11 of his 17 points in the third quarter, where Byron outscored the Hawks 22-5 en route to a decisive 67-42 victory Friday evening. (Photo by Russell Hodges)

Hiveley said. "We aren't allowing many points and we have a lot of tall and lengthy guys who can get a lot of deflections and rebounds. A lot of teams can't stop us because we're so well rounded... We came out in the first half and our shots weren't falling. We were settling for too many 3s and we needed to drive the ball. We got organized in the second half and my teammates gave me the confidence to do what I do."

Byron (15-0, 4-0 BNC) had six different

players score points in the opening quarter, where the Tigers took a 15-9 lead in what was a slower-paced first half. Oregon (10-11, 0-5 BNC) knocked down a pair of 3-point shots to remain within striking distance during the opening half, with Noah Johnson and Kade Girton each drilling triples for the Hawks. Girton led the Oregon offense with 12 points in the game, while Caposey had 11 and Johnson totaled 11 including eight in the

fourth quarter.

The Tigers broke the game wide open in the third quarter, however, as Byron flustered Oregon with its three-quarter court press and its dribble-drive penetration, which created foul troubles for the Hawks and allowed the Tigers to enter the bonus for free throws. Three-point baskets from Kye Aken and sophomore guard Cason Newton, who finished with a gamehigh 22 points on Friday evening, ballooned the Byron lead into double figures and over the 20-point threshold.

"Our defense is where this group has taken the next step," head coach Matt Huels said. "Teams have only reached the 50-point mark one time against us. On nights where we aren't making shots or teams are doing different things to us offensively, our multiple defenders have helped us keep and extend leads. We talked at halftime about getting points on the fast break



and playing inside-out on offense. Those let us get into our press and more transition opportunities."

Caposey was the only player on the Oregon side to score in the third quarter, where Byron built a 48-22 lead entering the fourth quarter. Newton sealed the win for the Tigers with a dynamic offensive effort in the fourth quarter, where he scored 12 of his 22 points and converted five field goals including a pair of triples and a contested mid-range shot from the baseline. Senior guard Carson Buser also nailed a 3-point shot from the top of the arc to help ice the Byron victory.

"I wouldn't have been able to do that without my teammates because they kicked out the passes and they set the screens," Newton said. "Once I made my first shot, my confidence kicked in. It was a rough start and a lot of my shots went in and out, but I knew my shots would go down. We were more aggressive after halftime and we had our hands up more. We have a problem with our hands being down and we had our hands all over them at times, but we stayed calm."

The win continues an unbeaten season for the Tigers, who entered Friday's game rated No. 4 in Class 2A in the AP Top 10 Rankings. Byron also remains undefeated in the Big Northern with several important contests remaining including games against Dixon. Rockford Lutheran and Rockford Christian, all of which are still unbeaten in conference play. If Friday's results are any indication, though, the Tigers will remain a serious threat to claim the conference title and more.

"We're a senior-heavy team," Huels said. "Our kids have executed all year and they're still undefeated. We've done a pretty good job of sharing the basketball. We get out in transition and I think we get the ball moving when teams play zone. Defensively, we're working as more of a singular unit as opposed to previous years. Whether we're in the 1-3-1, the ball press or the man-to-man... We're dictating what kind of offense the other team wants to run."

Byron's Ryan Tucker goes against an Oregon Hawk. (Photo by Russell Hodges)



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SPORTS NEWS



Tucker reaches 1,000 career points

Byron High School honored senior varsity basketball player Ryan Tucker on Jan. 5, when the Tigers defeated Rock Falls at home to remain undefeated on the season. Tucker was honored for eclipsing 1,000 career points in his time with the Byron varsity basketball program. (Courtesy photo)

AREA SPORTS

Polo boys basketball team falls to Scales Mound

The Polo High School varsity boys basketball team played a close game against Scales Mound on Saturday. Jan. 20. The Marcos fell by a final score of 64-61 to move to 10-8 overall. Gus Mumford led the Polo team with 25 points, while Nolan Hahn added 11 points and Carter Merdian chipped in seven points. Noah Dewey followed with six points for the Polo team.

Oregon boys basketball team tops Forreston

The Forreston High School varsity boys basketball team hosted Oregon on Saturday, Jan. 20. The Hawks defeated the Cardinals 60-44 behind 16 points from Kade Girton and 15 points from Jameson Caposey. Noah Johnson added 10 points for the Hawks, while Brendan Greenfield recorded an 18-point, 12-rebound double-double to lead the Cardinals. Mickey Probst chipped in 14 points for the Forreston side.

Polo boys basketball team cruises over Amboy

The Polo High School varsity boys basketball team cruised for a 57-33 win over Amboy on Wednesday, Jan. 24. Brock Soltow dominated the scoring column with 26 points, while Nolan Hahn added 14 points and Noah Dewey totaled eight points. Polo improved to 11-8 overall.

Forreston boys basketball team takes down Ashton-Franklin Center



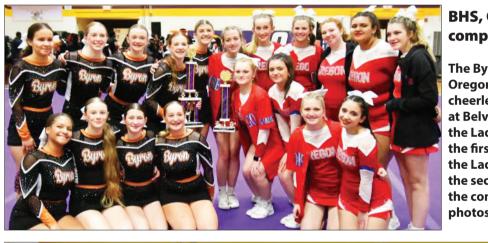
Players recognized

The Polo High School varsity girls basketball team recognized a trio of its student-athletes with Player of the Game awards during the month of November. Cam Jones was given the Player of the Game Award for her efforts during Polo's 65-54 loss to Morrison on Nov. 14 after scoring 20 points and adding four assists, three steals, two rebounds and two blocks. Courtney Grobe was named the Player of the Game Award winner after recording 15 points as well as five rebounds, three steals and two assists during Polo's 61-59 win over Hinckley-Big Rock on Nov. 16. Jones was honored for the second time after compiling 10 points, six rebounds, three assists and two steals during Polo's 52-31 loss against Lena-Winslow on Nov. 21. Lastly, Sydnei Rahn was given the Player of the Game Award after totaling 11 points, seven rebounds, two steals and one block during Polo's 43-32 win over Durand on Nov. 29. (Courtesy photos)



All-Tournament players

Four Ogle County varsity basketball players were named to the All-Tournament Team during the Forreston Holiday Tournament in December. Oregon's Jameson Caposey as well as Byron's Carson Buser, Jack Hiveley and Ryan Tucker all received tournament honors. (Courtesy photo)



BHS, OHS Cheer compete at Belvidere

The Byron High School and Oregon High School varsity cheerleading teams competed at Belvidere High School, with the Lady Tigers taking home the first-place trophy while the Lady Hawks brought home the second-place trophy from the competition. (Courtesy photos)

The Forreston High School varsity boys basketball team scored a 48-34 win over Ashton-Franklin Center on Wednesday, Jan. 24. The Cardinals improved to 7-13 overall with the win over the Raiders. Brenden Greenfield notched a double-double with 11 points and 10 rebounds, while Kendall Erdmann led the scoring attack with 14 points. Mickey Probst added 12 points for the Cardinals in the win.

Forreston girls basketball team loses to Ashton-Franklin Center

The Forreston High School varsity girls basketball team conceded a 48-33 loss to Ashton-Franklin Center on Jan. 19. The Cardinals fell to 5-16 overall with the loss. Ericka Alexander led Forreston with 11 points, while Keeli Larson added eight points and Sydni Badertscher tallied six points in the game.





SPORTS/LOCAL NEWS

A good week for Dixon

Γ was a good week to be a Dixon Duke, Polo basketball coach Matt Messer and bowler Trevor Anifer of Lemont.

Not only did the Dixon boys basketball

team beat Rockford Lutheran 56-51 to end the Crusaders' 43game conference winning streak, but also the boys bowling team advanced downstate for the first time in school history.

The Dixon bowlers were way down in the standings and came alive in the final game to sneak in as the fifth-place qualifier.

Though they did not advance out of the regional, the Oregon bowling team had an excellent season. Their regional was as a tough as it gets, as evidenced by the results from the sectional.

Six teams move on to the state tournament and all four (Harlem, Dakota, Dixon, Hononegah) from that regional made it.

With Rockford Christian and Byron also fast at the heels of Lutheran, it was very likely the four-year BNC basketball winning streak would be coming to end this season.

For the Byron boys, this past week and into next week will be the real tale of the regular season with games against Freeport, Pecatonica, Lutheran, Dixon and Rockford Christian. Would like to give you an update, but press deadlines prevent that.

Compared to instant social media, that's one hang up for old-school newspaper printing. Oh well, the world is too fast-paced anyway.

I did a chance to see Byron play Oregon at the Blackhawk Center and it was evident they were a bit rusty after missing three previous games for weather. Once the Tigers got it going in the third quarter, it was all over for the Hawks.

In talking with Oregon coach Jarrett Reynolds afterwards, his philosophy is progression over perfection. With a youthful roster, that's all you can do, or as he says, "paving the way" into the future.

Congratulations to Polo coach Matt Messer for his 300th career win. The milestone came against rival Forreston and a couple days later the Marcos nearly upset state-ranked Scales Mound. Of any coach around, Messer gets the most of out the talent he has.

Another thing that stands out over the years is the large turnout he gets, as it must be desirable to be on the Marco team. With declining numbers in so many boys and girls programs, that isn't always the case.



Andy Colbert

In terms of actual measurable data, did you know that he has coached more consecutive 20-win seasons that any other coach around? From 2012-2019, Polo had 20 or more wins, a feat that no school from the NUIC, NIC-10

> or BNC has accomplished. And who is Trevor Anifor?

I don't know him personally, but in reviewing IHSA sectional bowling results, Anifor capped off the weekend's best six-game series of 1,527 with a 300 on his final game.

It was sweet redemption after finishing 10th in the state two

years ago and then entering last year's sectional with the top regional score (1,458) in the state, only to bomb out at the sectional and miss a trip to state where he would have contended for a title.

Bowling is probably a bit like golf in that if you get out of the groove, it can be hard to regain one's mental and physical wherewithal.

While at the Byron-Oregon basketball game, I was in my 1970s groove listening to some of the songs pumped out by the Hawk pep band. Credit to song selector Andy Eckardt for taking me back to my high-school days.

The only thing missing from the play list was the "Budweiser" theme song, but that's probably politically incorrect nowadays. I doubt if anyone from my age group became smokers from listening to pep bands play it back then.

A little-known fact: Back then, some schools even had smoking lounges for their students. Eventually, they were all phased out in favor of a healthier environment.

Conjuring up memories of the 1970s, it just dawned on - Dixon boys had been downstate before in team bowling. However, it was probably the most controversial appearance in the history of IHSA championships.

Boys bowling was not a sanctioned IHSA sport then, but girls had bowling. Four boys from Dixon wanted to bowl competitively at the high school level and joined the girls team, with the team winning the state title in 1975.

As a result of that, the IHSA soon instituted a rule that boys were to compete only with each other, and likewise for the girls.

Andy Colbert is a longtime Ogle County resident with years of experience covering sports and more for multiple area publications.

MT. MORRIS SENIOR & COMMUNITY CENTER

The following events are happening at the Mt. Morris Senior & Community Center!

Diamond Painting

February 2-Join us at 11:00 am for Diamond Painting. This is a new and relaxing craft. Whether you have tried it before or you are brand new, you are welcome to join us. We will have choices of diamond paintings for sale (they range in prices from \$5 - \$15) and we will simply enjoy each other's company while we create some beautiful art. No skill involved.

Book Club

On the first Monday of each month we meet for conversation about our book of the month at 11:00 am. On Feb 5th we will be discussing "Beartown" by Fredrik Backman. Stop by the Mt Morris Library to check out your copy today!

Potluck and program

Tuesday February 6th-Join us at noon

ROCK RIVER CENTER ACTIVITIES

Rock River Center is a resource center located at 810 S. 10th Street, Oregon. Our activities and trips are open to all ages. Call our office @ 815-732-3252 for assistance with Benefit Access Application for a license plate discount, Medicare, housing, homemaker service, heating assistance or other things. Visit us at www.rockrivercenter.org and like us on Facebook.

Crocheting & Knitting Club Thurs., Feb. 1. 9:00 – 11:00.

February Yoga Classes @ RRC

Yoga: 10:00 -11:00 am. Chair Yoga: 11:15 - 12:00 noon. When: Friday, Feb. 2, 9, 16 and 23. Cost: \$5 per session

for a potluck and a program by Better Place Forests. (This was rescheduled from January)

Cookbook Club

Tuesday February 6th at 6:00 pm will be our Cookbook Club. Get your recipe from the Mt. Morris Public Library. On club day make your dish and bring along with a serving spoon and a plate, bowl, cup and silverware for yourself. Enjoy trying every dish and hearing about the challenges.

Tea for You!

We hope you can join us on February 12th at 6:00 pm for tea and fun. We will make our own soy candles, talk about the language of flowers, and enjoy a delicious three course dinner. The cost is only \$15 but we will be limiting this tea to 40 people. Call Melissa at 815-734-6335 to purchase your tickets today.

SUPPORT GROUPS @ ROCK RIVER CENTER

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP Meets 4th Wednesday in February, May, August & November. Time: 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP Meets: 3RD Tuesday of month. Time: 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

DIABETIC SUPPORT GROUP Meets: 1st Wednesday of the month. Time: 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

LOW VISION GROUP Meets: 2nd and 4th Tuesday of month. Time: 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

For more information on any of our Support Groups, call Rock River Center at 815-732-3252 or 1-800-541-5479.

DIRECTORY OF AREA HUMAN SERVICES

Alcohol Abuse Counseling & Recovery

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

Domestic Abuse Agency and

24-Hour Shelter and Helpline

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

BYRON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Did you know

That the Byron Library can help you research your family history? Stop in to access Ancestry.com Library Edition or Family Search from the library computers, or view our physical local history collection located in the conference room. You can also visit https:// www.byronlibrary.org/ services/local-history/ at any time to peruse our digital collection, including an online archive of Byron newspapers and Byron High School yearbooks!

Creative Studio

Our Creative Studio is open on Sunday afternoons and two evenings a week, so stop by for monthly crafts and to use our maker space equipment! Crafts out on the tables are free of charge, while some other projects will incur a cost depending on materials. Middle school and high school youth can use some of the materials while with an adult, or during Teen Time. Creative Studio hours: Sunday 1 - 5:00 pm, Monday 9:00 am-1:00 pm & 5 – 8:00 pm, Tuesday 9 am - 1:00 pm & 5 - 8:00 pm, Wednesday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm, Thursday 9:00 am – 1:00 pm, Friday & Saturday closed.

Check out Our Mobile App

Did you know that there is an easy way to use the library from your phone? Just download



Flannel pillowcases were created by teens at the Byron Public Library! All of them have taken the beginner's sewing class, so they were up to the challenge of creating these ador-



Patrons created suncatchers using glass beads and glue. After a few days of drying, the suncatchers will come out of the molds and be ready to hang.

the PrairieCat app to your phone or mobile device and log in with your library card number and PIN! You'll be able to view your checkouts and holds, renew renewable materials, and search the library catalog. There's

even a digital copy of your library card!

Curbside Delivery

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

Visit the Byron Library Facebook page, or subscribe to our newsletters at byronlibrary.org, to keep up to date on library news and programs! Be sure to also check out the Byron Library and Byron Library Teen Instagram pages!

Education University of Illinois Extension-Ogle County 421 W Pines Rd, Oregon 61061	732-2191
Low Income Housing Ogle County Housing Authority	
200 W Washington, Oregon	732-1301
Habitat for Humanity of Ogle County P.) Box 628	<u>Y</u>
Oregon, IL 61061	732-6855
Mental Health	
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Family Counseling Services	962-5585
Sinnissippi Centers, Inc.	732-3157
Oregon Rochelle	752-5157 562-3801
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Senior Citizens Services	
Hub City Senior Center	562-5050
Mt Morris Senior Center	734-6335
Polo Senior Center	946-3818
Rock River Center	732-3252
Oregon, IL	800-541-5479
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Sexual Assault/Abuse	
Rockford Sexual Assault Counseling	
24-hour hotline	636-9811
412 W Washington, Oregon	732-0000
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Therapeutic Bassage Special Bidars	072 2177
Pegasus Special Riders	973-3177
Veterans' Services	
Rock River Center	732-3252
Serenity Hospice and Home	732-2499
Medical Transportation	677-6515
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Wellness Services	
Ogle County Health Dept	
907 Pines Rd, Oregon	562-6976
510 Lincoln Hwy, Rochelle	562-6976
Serenity Hospice and Home	732-2499
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F: 815-946-4372

OREGON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Story Time

(18 months-6 yrs.)Mondays, 10 am-New Session just began! Story Time is on Mondays at 10 am with stories, activities, and fun! Go online or call to register.

Winter Blues Bundle

Nowthrough February 15th. Register fora winter blues bundle began January 10th. Not sure what to read, do, or need something to keep you busy during these cold winter months? Winter Blues Bundle! Each bundle will have a hand-picked book, magazine, DVD and some fun activities. Complete the registration form online at www.oregonpubliclibrary.comor stop in the library to complete one. Oregon Library patrons only.

Find A Character Ticket!

What is a Character Ticket? A character Ticket represents an image of a character from that specific book. Character Tickets will be hidden in various books in the children/youth book collection. After you check out a book and find a character ticket in the book, you may adopt that character doll and take it home. Open to Oregon Public Library cardholders only. May adopt only once.

Illinois Library Presents

Tuesday, February 6th at 7:00pm-NEW YORKTIMESBESTSELLINGAUTHOR AND ILLUSTRATOR, JERRY CRAFT. Craft is the author-illustrator of #1 New York Times bestselling graphic novels New Kid, and its companion book, Class Act. New Kid was the first book in history to win the Newbery Medal (2020), The Coretta Scott King Author Award (2020), and the Kirkus Prize for Young Readers' Literature (2019). He uses his personal life as fuel for his stories and creates compelling stories and characters to represent his community. His works tackle complex themes with humor, heart, and a deep understanding of the human experience. Craft will be joined in conversation by Ronnell Whitaker.

Whitaker has over 15 years of education experience and is a champion for comics in the classroom. He has presented across the country at conferences and conventions on the virtues of comics in the classroom. He currently serves as the English Curriculum Director for Community High School District 218 in Oak Lawn, Illinois and sits on the Board of Directors for Reading With Pictures. Registration required, visit https://bit. ly/ILP JerryCraft. Illinois Libraries Present (ILP) is funded in part by a grant awarded by the Illinois State Library, a department of the Office of Secretary of State, using funds provided by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services, under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA). Illinois Libraries Present is committed to inclusion and accessibility.

Ink with A Friend Monthly Card Club

Monday, February 19th at 6:00pm. Sending personal cards to your friends and family is a way to let them know you care and are thinking about them. All designs include beautiful colored cardstock, gorgeous designer series paper, detailed stamped images, die cut pieces, matching ink, ribbon, and embellishments. All cards come with matching envelopes. Whether you're a new card maker or a seasoned pro, our kits are suited to every skill level. Don't wait! Sign up today to reserve your spot. Oregon Patrons only. Registration required (815) 732-2724 or www.oregonpubliclibrary.com

Book Clubs

Is This Just Fantasy? Book Club will meet Tuesday, January 30 at 6 pm at the Library to discuss The Stardust Thief by Chelsea Abdullah. The 2WBC meets Wednesday, February 14 at to discuss Lovely Bones by Alice Sebold. Cocktails & Crimes will meet Sunday, February 18 at 2:00pm. Pick up your book to find out where and what! The Afternoon Book Club meets Wednesday, February 21 at 1 pm to discuss The Flight Girls by Noelle Salazar. Books on Tap Book Club meets Thursday, February 22 at 6 pm at Cork & Tap to discuss Wrong Place, Wrong Time by Gillian McAllister.

Yoga

Wednesdays, 9:30 am Functional Yin-Yasa - This class is a hybrid of yang (active yoga) with yin (passive yoga). We will use fundamental yoga postures combined with functional movements to build strength and warmth followed by passive, long held poses to help with flexibility and mobility of the joints and soft tissues. A yoga mat and blocks will be useful props for this class! All levels welcome." Oregon Library Patrons only. Registration required, this class fills quickly. Please call (815) 732-2724 or visit www.oregonpubliclibrary.com.

Oregon Writers Group

Meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 10:00am. The OWG is a gathering of writers or writer-wannabes who meet to support each other and further their own writing. The purpose of the group is to help and encourage you in your writing. If you need brainstorming ideas, we can help suggest ideas or aid with the creative process.

Passport Services

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

OPLD Dial-A-Story & Oregon Public Library StoryWalk @ Oregon Park West

Call 815-732-2724, follow the prompts and presto...a story! Current story-Over and Under the Snow by Kate Messner.

New at the StoryWalk is The Mitten by Jan Brett.

BERTOLET MEMORIAL LIBRARY

YOUTH PROGRAMS LEGO Club

Monday, February 5th at 5:00 PM The bricks will be waiting for you to create your next LEGO masterpiece! Ages 5 & up are invited to build. Bring a friend!

Tweens & Teens A to Z Reading Challenge

Join us in the new year with a new reading challenge. The goal is to read 26 books, each book starting with a different letter of the alphabet by December 31, 2024. The challenge is open to all independent chapter book readers. Be sure to keep your reading log up to date as there will be chances to earn prizes along the way. Stop at the circulation desk to register.

Stories with Stacey

Thursdays at 10:00 AM Join Miss Stacey for fun stories for your toddlers and preschoolers!

ADULT PROGRAMS A to Z Reading Challenge

Join us in the new year with a new reading challenge. The goal is to read 26 books, each book starting with a different letter of the alphabet by December 31, 2024. Be sure to keep your reading log up to date as there will be chances to earn prizes along the way. Stop at the circulation desk to register.

Create-a-Card

We will formally resume in the spring, but supplies will be available year round for independent access.

Plastic Recycling

We ask that you make sure plastic is clean with no debris in the donation. *No animal feed bags are allowed* Also please remove any ziploc-type seals and paper/sticker labels. Thank you for your cooperation.

AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

BYRON

ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH 624 Luther Drive, Byron IL 61010 815-234-5277 Postor: Jonet Wold

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

CORNERSTONE FAMILY CHURCH

205 N. Peru St., Byron 815-234-8737 cornerstonefam ily.church Sr. Pastor: Erik Ness, NextGen/ Family Pastor: Collin Nicholls Children's Ministry Director: Katie Dodd

DIXON

 LOST LAKE COMMUNITY CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

 Pastor Bob Clardie
 8:30am Sunday School

 815-535-6990
 9:30am Church Service

 90 W. Flagg Road
 www.lostlakechurch.org

 Dixon IL 61021
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FORRESTON

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

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

402 First Ave., Forreston, IL Phone: 815-938-2380 Worship at 9:00 a.m. (childcare provided) with coffee and fellowship immediately following. Sunday School Age 3-Adult, 10:15 am. God is Good, All the Time, All the Time, God is Good! EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH OF MT. MORRIS 102 S. Seminary Ave., Mt. Morris, IL 61054 815-7344942 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. Moris, IL 61045 Phone 815-734-4573 Pastor-Rodney Caldwell. Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m. followed by fellowship time and Sunday School. Worship service available online, call for details.

Email: mtmorriscob@gmail.com MT. MORRIS TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

LITTLE PRAIRIE MENNONITE CHURCH

409 W Brayton Rd. Mt Morris, IL 61054 (Church of the Brethren Basement Entrance) Worship Services: 10:00 AM Sunday Morning, 7:00 PM 1st & 3rd Sunday Evening, 7:30 PM 2nd & 4th Wednesday Evenings of the Month. Pastor: Norman Reinford 779-861-3700 ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH, NALC 114 S. 5th St. Oregon, IL Phone: (815) 732-2367 Website: stpaulnalcoregonil.weebly.com 10:15 a.m. Fellowship/Education hours 11:30 a.m. Worship

POLO

ST. MARY CHURCH Rectory/Office: 211 North Franklin Ave., Polo, IL 61064 PHONE: 815.946-2535 • Rev. Joseph P. Naill Masses: Sun 10:30am, Tuesday Mass 8 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation: First Sunday of each month after 10:30

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

CHURCH OF THE OPEN BIBLE

302 S. Franklin Ave., Polo, Illinois • 815-946-2848 • Luke N. Schier, Pastor Sunday Worship: 9:30am We include our children in our Sunday Worship

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. 2nd St, Byron, IL 61010 - Phone 815-234-7431 – Fr. Richard Rosinski. Weekday Masses: Tuesday – Friday 7:30am, Weekend Masses: Sat. 5:00 pm, Sun. 8:00 am and 9:30 am, Reconciliation: Fri. 8:00 am – 8:30 am; Sat. 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm or by app. Eucharist Adoration Fri. 8-9am www.saintmaryinbyron.org secretary@saintmaryinbyron.org

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 of the United Church of Christ 701 W. Second Street; PO Box 927, Byron IL 61010, 815-234-8777 Email: ucb@comcast.net Website: unitedchurchofbyron.org Pastor: Rev. Tyler Spellious Youth Ministry Coordinator: Richard Simpson Sunday Schedule & Worship opportunities: Service of Meditation & Prayer: 8:15am- 8:45am Adult Sunday School Hour: 9am Kids Sunday School: (for ages 3 thru 5th grade) 9:30 -10:15am Coffee & fellowship time: 9:30am - 10:30am Main Worship: 10:30am Spark Youth Group (for ages 6th grade thru 12th grade) - Sundays, 5pm-7pm For complete ministry schedule and other 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!

BEACON HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD

"Building Faith for Life" 6467 N. German Church Rd., Byron, IL - Ph. (815) 246-2685 - beaconhillbyron. org

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 448, Byron, IL 61010 Pastor: Gary Cortese

Service Times: Sundays at 10AM; Wednesday night Faith-Lift at 6:30PM Find us on Facebook/Beacon Hill Assembly of God

CHANA

CHANA UNITED METHODIST

Pastor Josh Brown, 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

ST. JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pastor Karen Tews West Grove Rd. At Columbine Rd. Worship Service 10:30 am. Communion is served every Sunday. "Singing the Song of Christian Faith in Worship, Service, Learning, Outreach and Welcome" in a beautiful rural setting. Everyone is cordially invited to be with us.

LEAF RIVER

ADELINE ZION EVANGELICAL CHURCH

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

LEAF RIVER BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor Billy Hardy Live Sermon Streaming: Sundays at 10:00 AM at www.facebook.com/ IFAFRIVERRC /

Archived Sermons on our YouTube channel: Leaf River Baptist Church (Until further notice)

9:30 Church Service. Nursery available, 11:00 Sunday school for all ages. Nursery available

6941 N Mt Morris Rd, Leaf River, IL 61047 815-738-2205 leafriverbc@gmail.com

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LINDENWOOD

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH – LCMS

immanuel-lindenwood.org (for sermons, events, etc.) 16060 E. Lindenwood Raad, Lindenwood, IL 61049 815-393-4500 • office@immanuel-lindenwood.org **Sunday Mornings**: Divins Evrice @ 9am; Food & Fellowship @ 10am; Sunday School and Adult Bible Study @ 10:30am **Food Bank:** 1st and 3rd Saturdays, 9am-12pm Postor: Rev. Dr. Mathlew Rosebrock pastor@immanuel-lindenwood.org

LINDENWOOD UNION CHURCH

101 N Galena st, P.O box 67, Lindenwood IL 815-985-7054

Regular worship service Sundays at 10:00am with fellowship following. Tuesdays 10:00 am Sr Exercise! Lunch afterwards. Thursdays 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Library time. Snacks and coffee. For more information call 815-985-7054. Everyone is welcome!

KINGS

ELIM REFORMED CHURCH 140 S. Church Road, Kings, IL 61068 • Pastor Marv Jacobs Phone 815-562-6811 E-mail: goelimchurch@gmail.com

Website: www.goelimchurch.org Sunday morning worship 10:00 am

MOUNT MORRIS

DISCIPLES UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

"By God's grace in Christ, we LIVE, LOVE, and SERVE' All are welcome here!

9:30 a.m. – Sunday Worship with Communion open to all, followed by fellowship hour

10245 a.m. Sunday School (Sep. – May) 102 N. Maple Ave., Mt. Morris, IL 61054 815-734-4853 secretary@disciplesumc.org www.disciplesumc.org Pastor Marcia Peddicord

OREGON

EAST OREGON CHAPEL CHURCH OF GOD

East Oregon Chapel Church of God The Sharing is Caring Church

Pastor Jesse Allen EOCCOGninistries@gmail.com 107 N Daysville Rd. Oregon, IL Phone: 815-732-2960

Sunday School 9:30 a.m. with Sunday Worship following at 10:30 a.m. Breakfast is served every fifth Sunday beginning at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday evenings both Adults (all year) & Youth (during the school year) meet

weekly beginning at 6:30 p.m. In the event that Oregon Schools are not in session the Youth group does not meet

on Wednesdays.

Thursday morning Women's Bible study meets at 10:30 a.m.

We look forward to meeting you!

EBENEZER REFORMED CHURCH

2997 N. German Church Rd., 815-732-6313 3 miles east of Oregon on Rt. #64 then 2 miles north on German Church Rd. • Rev. Josiah Youngquist

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

LIGHTHOUSE UNITED METHODIST

Pastor Dave Rogula 4962 S. Daysville Rd., Oregon, IL 61061 lighthouseUMC@ yahoo.com

Worship at 11:00 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 Street, Oregon, IL. 61061 | 815-732-2994 | www.oregonumc.org Pastor Rev Megan Smick 9:00 am Adult & Youth Bible Study 10 am Warship & Children's Sunday School In-person or live on Facebook https://www.facebook.com/OregonUMC 5:30 pm Wednesday Night Meal All are welcome!

RIVERSTONE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

609 S. 10th Street, Oregon, IL 61061 Pastor Craig Arnold ~ 812-236-1213 Sunday Service @ 10:45 AM ~ contemporary style worship with coffee and doughnuts in our cafe! Online worship is also available via Facebook. We believe in sharing Communion every Sunday as an act of worship. RiverKids Service @ 10:45 AM for nursery-6th grade ~ provides a safe and fun environment where kids can learn about who God is and who they are because of Him.

Encounter Youth Ministry for kids in 7th-12th grade meets on Sunday afternoons. Please see our Facebook page for scheduled dates and times. For complete ministry info and events, visit us online at Riverstonecc.com or on Facebook at facebook.com/RiverStoneChristianChurch

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-mails:saint.bride.church@gmail.com • **Worship Services:** Sunday 10 am Holy Communion with Hymns Christian Education Available Experience. ""THE GRAND Kids Class" Ages 3-10 are then dismissed right after Praise & Worship. Blended Services. "Passion for God" "Compassion for People" Visit our website: PoloOpenBible.org

CROSSROADS COMMUNITY CHURCH ~ POLO CAMPUS

Meeting Sundays @ 10AM Service 205 N. Jefferson Avenue, Polo ~ 815.837.5255 polo@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) ~ during 10AM service Crave Youth Group (6th-12th grade) ~ Wed. 6:30PM - June 1st . 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., Mursery Available, Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m. We Are an independent non-denominational Christian church. Visitors are always welcome.

STILLMAN VALLEY

RED BRICK CHURCH OF STILLMAN VALLEY

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 7:30 pm. Men, women, youth Bible Studies throughout the year. See website for all activities or contact the church office.

KISHWAUKEE COMMUNITY EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

8195 Kishwaukee Road, Stillman Valley, IL 61084 / 815-965-1940 Rev. Nick Garner, Pastor www.kishchurch.org Sunday Schedule: Discipleship Hour 9:00 AM, Coffee Fellowship 11:15 AM Gothered Worship 10:00 AM For complete ministry schedule check out our website or call the church office

VALLEY EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH

Lead Pastor Barry Norris 103 S Maple St, Stillman Valley, IL 815-645-8872 | www.valleycov.org Sunday Morning 9am 'Gather' for learning & conversation, 10:15am Worship both onsite and online at facebook.com/VECCfSV Home of Valley Covenant Preschool 815-645-8882 Director Jill Huber Bible Studies, Youth Group, Bread of Life Food Pantry Please visit website for more information or contact the church office M-F 9am-2pm

GRACE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH DAVIS JUNCTION

Pastor Brad Pittman www.graceisforyou.com 10479 E. High Rd., Stillman Valley, IL 61084 • 815-973-1369 Worship Service: Saturday at 5pm

WINNEBAGO

MIDDLE CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

12473 Montague Road, Winnebago, IL 61088 Located West of Tower Road on Montague Rd. **Sunday:** Worship Service at 9:30 am. Office Hours: Mon., Tues, Thurs. & Friday 9am-2pm. Phone: 815-335-2609. Email: middlecreekchurch@gmail.com

MT. MORRIS PUBLIC LIBRARY

Library Closings

Mount Morris Library will be closed on Monday, 2/19/24, for the President's Day holiday.

Fly Tying Classes

Come to Mount Morris Library and learn how to tie both feather and hair dressed hooks! We are now taking signups for this multi-day class! Classes will be Saturdays at 10:30am. There will be a total of 8 classes with each one focused on a different type of hook. Classes begin January 6 and run through February 24th. Just in time for the season! Sign up soon-call the library at 815-734-4927 to register.

Crafty Connections

Mount Morris Library is giving crafters an opportunity to come to an open session for working on their craft! Winter is a great time to start a new project or work on an old! Bring your project, meet other crafters, connect with old friends, and make new friends! Any portable craft is welcome: hand sewing, needlepoint, crochet, knitting, felting, beading, painting, or any craft you enjoy. Join us each Tuesday starting February 6th at 2:30 for friends and fun!

Cookbook Club Next Meeting!

Join us as we explore The Cookbook Club! Wonderful recipes combined

with friendship creates something both beautiful and delicious! Stop by to choose your recipe from this month's book, Deceptively Delicious by Jessica Seinfeld, and bring your dish to pass at our next meeting! Join us on February 6th this month, 6pm at The Senior Center for another exciting meal!

Ink with a Friend: Card Making at the Library

What a great time it is to make some lovely home-made cards to send to family and friends! We will be offering a card-making class from local crafter, Liz Gullett. She will be here on Thursday, February 8th from 5-7! You will get all the materials to make two beautiful cards to take home. Stop by to see the samples, fees are by donation. Registration is limited so call the library or stop by to save your spot before February 1st!

Story Time!

We will be reading books and the children will create a craft this Wednesday, 1/24. Story time is every Wednesday @11:15, bring your little ones to enjoy stories and a craft at the Mount Morris Library!

Display Case Showings

"Neither rain, nor snow, nor sleet, nor hail shall keep the postmen from their appointed (library) rounds." Deliver yourself to the library to check out this

perfect display of all things postal! This collection is on display courtesy of Lenny Wells, Thank You! We are always looking for collectors or artists who are willing to share their treasures in our display cases. If you are interested, please call, 815-734-4927.

Lego Club

Lego night is the third Thursday of each month. Stop by on January 18th, from 6 – 7pm! Bring a friend and build some fun with Lego bricks! All children and parents are invited every third Thursday of the month. Children under 8 need to bring a parent with them.

Adult Book Club

The January book, Silent Spring by Rachel Carson, is available! Amazon. com states, "First published by Houghton Mifflin in 1962, Silent Spring alerted a large audience to the environmental and human dangers of indiscriminate use of pesticides, spurring revolutionary changes in the laws affecting our air, land, and water." Everyone is welcome to join this book club group! Copies of the book are available at the library. Meeting will be held at the library on January 29th at 3:30pm.

Explore More Illinois Welcomes Volo Museum

Volo Museum is a world famous, family-owned, all-day tourist destination in Volo, IL. They are known across the world for their all-indoor showroom rotating hundreds of classic and modern collector cars. Experience over 50 exhibits and over 10,000 mechanical marvels! Receive buy one, get one free general admission to Volo Museum using Explore More Illinois.

Explore More Illinois is easy to use with your library card. Visit the library's website to browse attractions. You can find the information on our website, www. mtmorris-il.org under the resources page.

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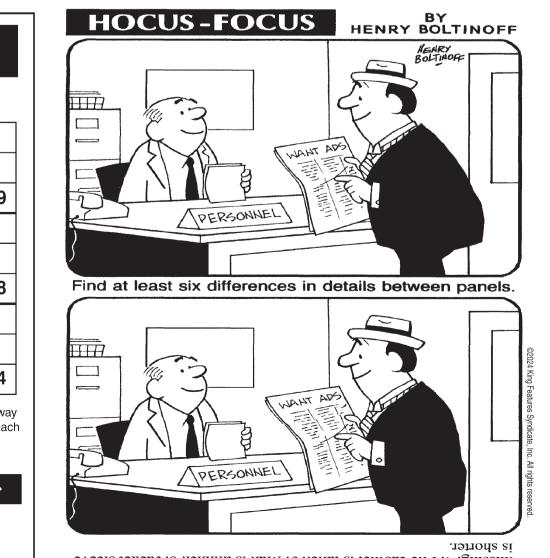
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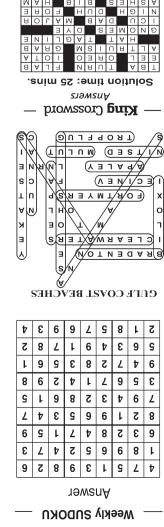
Adult Programming

We are trying to get back into the swing of offering monthly programs for adults. We would love to hear from you. Do evenings or weekends work better? Do you have any program ideas? Do you have a program you would like to share? Contact Mary Cheatwood at the library through email at mmlib@mtmorris-il.org or call 815-734-4927.

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101 LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE

Ogle County Housing Authority has developed paperwork related to its Annual Agency Plan process and Five-year Capital Fund Program budgets for Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2024 in compliance with current HUD regulations. They are available for review at the Authority's Office located at 1001 Pines Road, Suite A, Oregon, IL. The office is open Monday through Friday between 8:00AM and 4:30PM. A public hearing will be held on March 13, 2024 at 12:00 PM. No. 0119

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NOTICE

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: NO. 2024-PR-1 SUSAN L. MACKAY,

deceased. CLAIM NOTICE NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of SUSAN L. MACKAY of Oregon, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on January 8, 2024, to Shawn E. Mackay of Nokomis, Florida, whose attorney is David A. Smith, of Smith, Birkholz & Morrow, P. C. at 129 South Fourth Street, P. o. Box 10, Oregon, Illinois, 61061-0010.

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

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Church Road from Bethel to Holcomb Road. Proposals are available at the Ogle County Highway Department, 1989 South IL Rt 2, Oregon, IL between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 3:30 P.M. Monday Friday. The Road and Bridge Committee reserves the right to accept or reject and or all bids No.0127

(Jan. 22 & 29, 2024) NOTICE TO BIDDERS

- TILLABLE **FARMLAND FOR** LEASE

The Byron Fire Protection District is accepting Sealed Cash Bids for the lease of approximately 37 tillable acres located on the East side of the intersection at Tower and Water Road, commonly known as the Emery Property, parcel id #05-19-326-

> 004. Lease will run from March 1, 2024 thru February 28, 2025. Sealed cash bid on dollars per acre are due by Thurs-February 22nd, day, 2024 no later than 3:00 pm. Sealed bids will be opened at the Byron Fire Protection District Board Meeting on the 27th of February at approximately 6:15 pm. Sealed bids will be accepted at Byron Fire District Headquarters located at 123 N. Franklin Street. Persons interested in view-

> > Advocacy, Referral at 815-234-4911. No. 0129 (Jan. 29 and Feb. 5,

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No. 0132

Seasonal Summer Parks Laborer

The Oregon Park District is accepting applications for a summer season Parks Laborer. Position requires approximately 40 hours weekly during the summer season, approximately June 1st through August 31st. The position will be responsible for light maintenance, mowing and general cleaning. Experience operating small equipment and a valid Illinois State Driver's License is required. Must be 16 or older and able to perform light maintenance.

Seasonal Weekend Parks Laborer

The Oregon Park District is accepting applications for a summer season Parks Laborer. Position requires approximately 15-20 hours weekly during the summer season, approximately June 1st through August 31st. The position will be responsible for weekend cleaning of parks. Experience operating small equipment and a valid Illinois State Driver's License is required. Must be 16 or older and able to perform light maintenance.

Seasonal Summer Parks Waterer

The Oregon Park District is accepting applications for a summer season Parks Waterer. Position requires approximately 20-30 hours weekly during the summer season, approximately June 1st through August 31st. Position will be responsible for watering of District flowers and trees during the growing season. Experience operating small equipment and a valid Illinois State Driver's License is required. Must be 16 or older and able to perform light maintenance.

Applications are available online at www.oregonpark.org and accepted at Nash Recreation Center, 304 S. 5th St., Oregon. Further information and application submittal may be completed by contacting Brent Suter @ (815)732-3101 or brent@oregonpark.org.

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Administrative Assistant Part-Time - approximately 20 hours per week

The candidate must be a motivated self-starter who can be comfortable working independently with a varied range of tasks, including typing bulletins and newsletters, input of bills into database, answering the phone, relaying messages, and greeting visitors. Microsoft Office experience is essential and familiarity with database programs and website input is desired. A background check will be required.

Candidate should send their resume with a cover letter to: 102 Maple Avenue, Mt. Morris, IL 61054 by February 13, 2024. Contact the DUMC Office at: 815-734-4853 with questions or, for a copy of the complete job description, send an email request to secretary@disciplesumc.org

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in three months from the date of mailing or delivery of Notice to creditors, if mailing or delivery is required by Section 18-3 of the Illinois Probate Act, 1975, as amended, whichever date is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred.

Copies of claims filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the estate legal representative and to the attorney within 10 days after the claim has been filed. SHAWN E. MACKAY Independent Administrator

No. 0121 (Jan. 22, 29 and Feb. 5, 2024)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Sealed bids will be received by the Ogle County Highway Department, Oregon, IIlinois until 2:00 P.M., February 9, 2024, for the purchase of the following new equipment: 1) 1 Ton Dump Truck 2)Self-Propelled Sweeper Specifications for the equipment are new available at the Ogle County Highway Department, 1989 South IL Rt. 2, Oregon, IL between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 3:30 P.M. Monday - Friday. The Road and Bridge Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

No. 0124 (Jan. 22 and 29, 2024)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Sealed bids will be received by the Ogle County Highway Department, Oregon, IIlinois until 2:00 P.M., February 9, 2024, for the purchase of the following new equipment: 1. 24-XX000-00-GM Furnish and Spread 2024 Township MFT

PUBLIC NOTICE STATE OF ILLINOIS, CIRCUIT COURT,

OGLE COUNTY Request of Allison Renee Stahler Hickerson Case No. 2024MR1 Filed January 19, 2024 There will be a court date on my Request to change my name from Allison Renee Stahler Hickerson to the new

Stahler The court date will be held on March 30, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. at 106 5th St., Oregon, Ogle County, in Courtroom #304. No. 0130 (Jan. 29, Feb. 5 and 12,

name of Allison Renee

2024)

PUBLIC NOTICE Public Notice is hereby given that on January 22. 2024. 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: Medic House Roasters 405 E. Center Street Mt. Morris, IL 61054 Dated January 22, 2024 Laura J. Cook, Ogle County Clerk No. 0131 (Jan. 29, Feb. 5 and Feb. 12, 2024)

NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: LARRY A. WRIGHT, deceased. NO. 2024-PR-2

CLAIM NOTICE NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of LARRY A. WRIGHT of Oregon, Illinois. Letters of office were issued on Janu-





Additional information and application process Found at www.byron226.org "About Us" Tab Employment Opportunities -**Technology Category**



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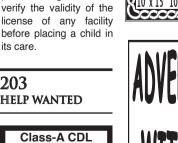




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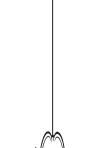
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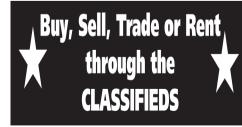
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Join our staff by Feb. 29, 2024 and you can help out our local senior citizens too!

This year if you elect to become a 2024 Honorary Life Staff Member by making a small voluntary payment by Feb. 29, a contribution of 10% will by forwarded in your name to area senior centers throughout Ogle County for provision of services to senior citizens.

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In an effort to prevent any undue confusion and concerns, it should be clear that no one is obligated to make a voluntary payment. Regardless of whether you elect to become an

Honorary Staff member or not, your decision has no effect on receiving your Ogle County Life paper each week, nor will it affect in any way the services provided by the area senior centers in Ogle County.

