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Election day results show Cox won coroner race, schools sales tax referendum failed

Ogle County sees 28.5-percent voter turnout, 9,207 ballots cast

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

OGLE COUNTY — Results from Tuesday's general primary election in Ogle County showed that Christie Cox of Polo (3,812 votes, 50.68 percent) defeated Chad Horner of Rochelle (3,709 votes, 49.32 percent) in the race for the Ogle County coroner's office. As of Thursday afternoon, 100 percent of Ogle County precincts had reported, but results will be unofficial for two weeks following the race, which is election protocol.

Both ran as republicans and there was no democrat candidate for coroner. Lou Finch has served as Ogle County coroner for 20 years and did not seek re-election. Cox brings experience as a deputy coroner and funeral director. She owns Polo Family Funeral Home and has run it for 20 years. She

started working in the coroner's office in the early 2000s and returned to it over a year ago.

Cox said she feels confident in the eventual official outcome of the close race after seeing the numbers. She called the experience of working on her campaign through the election "surreal."

"I worked very hard and I've never run a campaign before, so it was all new to me," Cox said. "It was not without a lot of late nights, early mornings, hard work and dedication. I'm very excited to have it over and start this next chapter and journey. The only thing I'd like to say at this point is I can't wait to get my team together and get their thoughts and concerns and address them if there are any. It's just rallying the team and hearing from them."

The Polo Family Funeral Home owner



called the experience of a campaign "time-consuming, but very rewarding" and thanked her loved ones, the community and voters.

"I'm just a young lady from Polo, and to have people who don't even know me support me in ways I could've never

imagined was so humbling and overwhelming at times," Cox said. "I just want to say thank you to the voters. It doesn't matter who you voted for. It's just the fact that you got out and voted. Thank you for all of your support."

Horner fell short on

election night in the closely-contested race. He brought credentials of serving as an Ogle County deputy coroner for five years, and he is co-owner of Unger Horner Funeral Home in Rochelle.

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OGLE COUNTY BOARD

Non-sanctuary county for immigration resolution passed

Board members again hear complaints of alleged animal abuse at rodeos

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

OREGON — At its monthly meeting Wednesday, the Ogle County Board unanimously approved a resolution declaring Ogle County a non-sanctuary county for immigration.

The resolution passed Wednesday said the county is concerned with a lack of a federal or state comprehensive plan for asylum seekers. Cities including Schaumburg, Elk Grove Village and Rosemont have passed ordinances prohibiting,



Board Member Joseph Simms (R, District 3, Rochelle), left, led the proceedings on the resolution at the meeting and said the counties of Lee, LaSalle, DeKalb and Grundy have either enacted similar resolutions or are working on them. (Photo by Jeff Helfrich)

restricting and taxing the use of hotels, motels, warehouses etc. for extended use by illegal

immigrants. "Ogle County, by declaring itself a non-sanctuary county, pledges

and re-dedicates its limited resources to its residents in need: Seniors, families living below the poverty level, veterans, homeless, and all those in need of social services already here in Ogle County, legally," the resolution said. "We declare ourselves a non-sanctuary county for immigration, dedicating our limited resources to all those already in need here in Ogle County."

Board Member Joseph Simms (R, District 3, Rochelle) led the proceedings on the res-

olution at the meeting and said the counties of Lee, LaSalle, DeKalb and Grundy have either enacted similar resolutions or are working on them.

Rodeos

For the second time since July, the board heard concerns from members of the organization Showing Animals Respect and Kindness regarding alleged animal abuse taking place at Mexican-style rodeos in the county.

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LOCAL NEWS

Byron Bank announces leadership transition with Kohlstedt as board chairman

BYRON—After 34 years of dedicated service, Byron Bank proudly announces a strategic leadership transition. Mike Kohlstedt, a “vital” part of its organization, will retire on April 3, 2024, and step into the role of board chairman, a press release March 20 said.

“Mike has been an instrumental part of Byron Bank’s growth and success, consistently embodying our commitment to our ‘YouAsk. WeHelp.’ philosophy. His wealth of experience, leadership and dedication have been invaluable to both the bank and the community.

To ensure a seamless transition, Brent Baker moved to the role of senior vice president, Commercial Banking. Brent has been working closely with Mike over the last few

“We are grateful for Mike’s outstanding contributions over the years, and we are confident that his leadership as board chairman will continue to guide us for many years to come.”

Jen Baker

months to ensure a smooth transfer of responsibilities.

This transition highlights Byron Bank’s commitment to effective succession planning and maintaining the highest standards of service to our valued customers. We believe that through this change, we will continue to strengthen our position as a community-focused bank.”

“We are grateful for Mike’s outstanding contributions over the years, and we are confident that his leadership as board chairman will continue to guide us for many years to come,” Jen Baker, chief operations officer at Byron Bank, said.

“Byron Bank is a local, family-owned community bank, and our focus remains on our customers and the communities we serve.”

ELECTION: Janes defeats Kerns for board seat

From page 1

A county schools facilities sales tax referendum item failed in the election by a margin of 69.53 percent (6,228 votes). A total of 2,729 (30.46 percent) votes were cast in favor of the sales tax.

The measure would have raised sales tax in the county by one percent to benefit schools for expenses including facilities, security, mental health services and school resource officers. The measure also failed on the ballot in Ogle County back in 2013. There are 57 counties in Illinois that have the county schools facilities sales tax.

The additional sales tax would have applied to items that are already taxed, with the exception of vehicles and unprepared food. For example, based on the most recent numbers, a county schools facility sales tax would have netted the Ro-

chelle Elementary School district \$813,202 per year and \$443,491 per year for the Rochelle Township High School district.

Along with facilities, security, mental health services and school resource officers, the money could have been used to abate property taxes and make rates lower for property owners within the district. The county schools facilities sales tax measure had no sunset clause or end date for counties after being passed in by referendum. School districts in the county did not take a position for or against the sales tax.

County board

In Ogle County’s one contested primary race for an Ogle County Board seat, incumbent Dan Janes (576 votes, 51.34 percent) defeated Ron Kern (546 votes, 48.66 percent) in

a close race in the fifth district. There is no democrat candidate for the fifth district.

State senate

In the republican primary for state senator in the 37th legislative district, Li Arellano of Dixon won the district-wide race with 9,001 votes over Tim Yager (5,933) and Chris Bishop (2,864). There was no democrat candidate in the race. Sen. Win Stoller (R, Germantown Hills) currently holds the office and is not seeking re-election.

In Ogle County, Arellano received 1,328 votes (52.22 percent), while Yager received 776 votes (30.52 percent) and Bishop received 439 votes (17.26 percent).

Turnout

Voter turnout was low in the primary election Tuesday. A total of 28.5 percent of the county came out to vote in the election. 9,207 ballots were cast out of 32,328 potential voters in the county. There were 7,407 ballots cast at polling places (80.4 percent), 869 early ballots cast (9.4 percent) and 931 vote-by-mail ballots cast (10.1 percent).

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LOCAL NEWS

COUNTY: Board passes resolution supporting agriculture in Ogle County

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Steve Hindi, president of Showing Animals Respect and Kindness, pleaded with the board to take action to end the alleged animal abuse, and said it involves an event called “steer tailing” where a steer is forced to run along a wall and a contestant runs up alongside them and grabs the steer’s tail and pulls them around.

“We’ve gone to the sheriff’s office with an overwhelming amount of video footage and we’ve spoken to the state’s attorney’s office, but unfortunately nothing has happened,” Hindi said. “These animals are receiving no veterinary care. That is illegal according to Illinois state law. This is Illinois. We have some of the best humane laws in the country. But those humane laws are worthless without enforcement.”

After comments made by the same group at the county board’s July meeting, Ogle County Sheriff Brian VanVickle responded by saying his office was aware of the rodeos, and said they take place south of Rochelle, just outside the city limits.

Mike Kobliska, another member of Showing Animals Respect and Kindness, spoke as well at Wednesday’s meeting and said the rodeo in question was granted a special-use permit by the Ogle



The board unanimously approved American Rescue Plan Act funding requests for the Ogle County Sheriff’s Office for the purchase and outfitting of squad vehicles. (Photo by Jeff Helfrich)

County Board in 2012. “Our understanding is they can continue in perpetuity, as long as they hold one rodeo every year,” Kobliska said. “I call it a rodeo, but it’s not a rodeo. It’s one event: Steer tailing. Will County, Boone County and McHenry County have all filed charges or are working on laws for things like this.”

County officials did not make a public response to the concerns raised by the Showing Animals Respect and Kindness organization members Wednesday.

Vehicles

The board unanimously approved American Rescue Plan Act funding requests for the Ogle County Sheriff’s Office for the purchase and outfitting of squad vehicles. The amount of \$198,528 was approved for four half-ton Chevrolet trucks. Outfitting costs were also approved in the amount of \$68,187.

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Board Chairman

John Finfrock was presented with a plaque by Ogle County Farm Bureau President Keith Poole and OCFB Director Ryan Reeverts following the board’s passing of a resolution supporting agriculture in Ogle County last month. Reeverts is also a county board member (R, District 6, Byron) and led the way on the agriculture support resolution.

The county is home to 1,011 farms, which support 5,079 jobs (22 percent of total jobs). Agriculture and related industries generate a total sales or output in Ogle County estimated at \$665.8 million. Approximately 354,587 acres in Ogle County are farmland, representing 73 percent of total county acres.

“I just want to say thanks again,” Reeverts said. “As a fifth-generation farmer right here in Ogle County, I want to thank you for your vote of confidence in agriculture all across Ogle County and what we do to feed, fuel and cloth the nation.”



Ogle County Farm Bureau President Keith Poole presents the pro-agriculture designation to John Finfrock, County Board chairman, following the passage of the pro-agriculture resolution. Also pictured are: Lyle Hopkins, County Board ag committee chair; and Ryan Reeverts, County Board and County Farm Bureau director.

Ogle County passes pro-agriculture resolution

OREGON — Ogle County Farm Bureau leaders are excited to call the Ogle County Board an “Ally in Agriculture” after the board’s adoption of a pro-agriculture resolution, demonstrating local elected officials’ support for farmers.

“Our farming community would like to thank members of the Ogle County Board for showing their support by adopting this resolution,” Keith Poole, Ogle County Farm Bureau president, said. “Agriculture is a major economic driver in our county, and this resolution shows our elected officials have our backs when making important decisions affecting our farms and livelihoods.”

There are over 1,000 farms in Ogle County providing over 5,000 jobs, representing 22 percent of the county labor force. Just under three-quarters of the county’s land mass

is dedicated to agriculture production.

Ogle County Board members adopted the resolution at the Feb. 20 meeting upon recommendation from the Ogle County Board Ag Committee, chaired by Lyle Hopkins.

“It is important in a predominantly rural county like ours to have the support of our local elected leaders to promote a vibrant and viable agricultural environment. Over 96 percent of Illinois Farms are family owned, and Ogle County is no exception. This resolution signifies the County’s commitment to support those farm families.”, Ryan Reeverts, County Board and County Farm Bureau member, said.

Local elected officials across the state are showing their support of their agricultural communities through the adoption of pro-agriculture res-

olutions. County board members/commissioners work with their local farm bureau to better understand the role agriculture plays in their local economy, such as providing jobs and generating property tax revenue, which is used to fund services for all citizens. The result is a strong working relationship between county officials and the agriculture community.

“Agriculture is the state’s largest industry, and passage of these pro-agriculture resolutions show that our elected officials understand that agriculture goes far beyond providing food and fuel,” Illinois Farm Bureau President Brian Duncan of Polo said. “When County Boards pass these resolutions, they are showing their commitment to work with farm leaders so they can confidently be champions of agriculture.”

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LOCAL NEWS

Obituaries

Eldon Leroy LeFevre

OREGON—Eldon Leroy LeFevre, age 94, died Friday, March 15, 2024 surrounded by his loving family. He was born Dec. 28, 1929 in Dixon, IL and the son to Leroy and Naomi (Alter) LeFevre. He graduated from Polo High School in 1949.

Eldon served in the U.S. Army from 1951-53 in occupied Germany during the Korean War. He wooed Shirley Ann Miller with his baby blue convertible and they were married on June 19, 1959 in Polo IL. They were able to celebrate 63 years of marriage.

Eldon held various jobs before retiring after over 33 years at Ogle County Highway Department. He enjoyed 30 years of retirement, and to this day could still tell you every culvert he put in, ditch he dug out and how many times he had to back up before he got through a snow drift.

Always the farmer he was raised as, he enjoyed his yard and always had the best vegetable garden year after year. His John Deere was his lawn tractor that he loved to ride on, mow some grass and get those few leaves that fell from a tree.

He enjoyed going to the restaurant a couple of times a week to have coffee and always found someone to talk to. In the winter, he passed time by doing

paint by number pictures, of which he completed over 100 different ones.

He was predeceased by his parents, wife Shirley, sisters Elaine Dittmar and Lois Langley, and a brother Leonard LeFevre.

Eldon is survived by his children Michael LeFevre and Lisa (Jerry) Baker both of Mt. Morris, IL; granddaughters Shannon LeFevre (Jaryn Rudy) of Mt Morris IL and Abigail Baker of Oregon, IL; three great grandsons, Cameron, Chase and Kaden Rudy; brother Lyle (Karen) LeFevre of Dixon; sister-in-law Pat LeFevre of Polo, and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral service will be held 10:30 AM, Thursday, March 21, 2024 at the Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home, 110 S. 7th Street in Oregon, IL with the Rev. Rodney Caldwell officiating. Visitation will be held Wednesday evening from 5-7 PM at the funeral home in Oregon. Burial will be at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens in Freeport, IL.

A memorial fund is established in Eldon's name and may be directed to his family. Visit www.farrellhollandgale.com to leave a condolence or memory of Eldon.



Russell L. Martin

OREGON — Russell L. Martin, age 77, passed away Tuesday March 12, 2024 with his family by his side. Russ was born February 19, 1947 the son of Robert and Pauline (Voss) Martin. He attended Oregon Community High School graduating in 1965. After high school Russ joined the Army and served from 1966-1968.

When he returned home he married Judy Mumford, on September 14, 1968. Russ worked on the family farm and then became a semi truck driver taking him all over the country. Russ loved to talk to the people who he met on his travels. He never met a stranger, always wanting to know everyone's life story. Even after his trucking years were over he would go and sit at Petro to talk to the truckers as they went in and out.

He loved nothing more than spending time with his family, he was a devoted grandfather who was loved very much.

Russ is survived by his wife of 55 years, Judy, daughter Amy (Rick) Eldred of Kings, IL and granddaughters Sofie Sodergren and Hannah Eldred. Brothers Bill Martin, Glenn (Toni Hughes) Martin, Wes (Tammy) Martin, and Jerry (Donna) Martin, and one sister Judy Hollenbeck all of Oregon, IL and many nieces and nephews.

Russ was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers Richard Martin and Emmitt Martin and two sisters Ruby Schier and Barbara Kirchner.

Russ did not wish to have any services in his remembrance.

In lieu of flowers, memorials to The American Alzheimer's Association.



Stillman Valley's Bogner selected to University of Minnesota Twin Cities dean's list

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL, Minn. (March 6, 2024) – Jeremiah Bogner (freshman, college of science and engineering) been

named to the 2023 fall semester dean's list at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities, the university announced March 6.

To qualify for the dean's list, a student must complete 12 or more letter-graded credits while attaining a 3.66 grade point average.

Illinois Wesleyan announces fall 2023 dean's list

BLOOMINGTON — The Illinois Wesleyan University's dean's list for the fall semester of the 2023-24 academic year consisted of 752 students from 33 states and 30 countries.

To qualify for the dean's list, students must earn a GPA of 3.50 or better during the semester, based on 4.0 for straight As.

Local students honored included, Jadyne Bothe of Oregon; Cody Buskohl, Cole Faivre and Cayden Webster of Polo, and AJ Loeffelholz of Davis Junction.

Lewis Blanford 'Blan' Pierce, Jr.

CRESTON — Lewis Blanford "Blan" Pierce, Jr., 85, passed away unexpectedly Tuesday, March 19, 2024 at Northwestern Medicine Kishwaukee Hospital in DeKalb, Illinois. Blan was born on June 8, 1938 to Lewis B. and Lucy (Norris) Pierce in DeKalb, IL.

Blan was the fourth generation of Woodlawn Farms L.B. Pierce and Sons. Friends in the Angus cattle business across multiple states and generations stayed in touch for "cow talk" and/or advice. He never met a stranger and he loved visiting with people. Blan continued the Angus cattle business at Woodlawn until its dispersal in May of 2005. He then established the Woodlawn Scholarship Endowment Fund at the American Angus Foundation, the first one so gifted from an Angus breeder, and it has grown through the years granting annual scholarships to youth in the industry.

The historic "Woodlawn Trophy", a large three handled silver trophy, had been won by Blan's great grandfather, B.R. Pierce, and grandfather, S.R. Pierce, in 1900 at the First International Livestock Show held in Chicago, IL. The family proudly displayed the trophy at all of their cattle sales. When Blan was inducted into the Angus Heritage Hall of Fame at the annual Angus meeting in Louisville, KY, following in his earlier three ancestors footsteps, he surprised all in attendance by gifting the trophy to the Angus Association, where it is on display at their headquarters.

A second breed caught Blan's eye about 18 years ago when he and Joan began to acquire Shorthorn cattle from his partner, Steve French's herd in Michigan. It was coming full circle as Blan's great grandfather had Shorthorns for ten years before he began a 136 year love of Angus.

Blan was very civic minded and was involved in many organizations throughout his life time. He was on the Rochelle Community Hospital

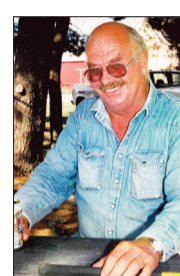
Board, Creston School Board, Ogle County Extension Board and was a 4-H leader. He was a multi Township Tax Assessor, a member of the American Angus "Vision of Value" Foundation Committee and an active contributor to the foundation as were his three ancestors. Blan was a member of the American Angus Association and in 2007 was nominated and installed in the American Angus Heritage Foundation. In addition, he was a Northern Illinois Angus Association board member.

A second marriage for Blan and his wife, Joan, almost reached the 47 year anniversary this June; add to that the four years they dated.

Blan was the proud father to sons: Carl (Kris) of Reedsburg, WI and Jake (Edie) of Byron, IL; grandfather to Carl's daughter, Carly (Nate) Vogeler and great grandfather to Henry, Theo and Ben Vogeler and grandfather to Jake and Edie's son, Wyatt. He was additionally a proud step father to Joan's children: Tim (Suzi) Pleune of Batavia, IL, Beth (Jeff) Martin of Bonita Springs, FL and Laura (Mike Loptien) Sykes of Sycamore, IL; step grandfather to Jamie Pleune, Alyssa Pleune (Zach) Clark, Andy (Julie) Martin, Joe (Sarina) Martin; great granddaughter, Lilah Martin and soon to be great grandson Martin in April; Samantha Sykes and Jarrett Sykes.

In addition to his parents, L.B. and Lucy Pierce, Blan was preceded in death by his brother, Norris Pierce; sister, Susan Lesh; nephew, David Pierce and sister-in-law, Ann Pierce.

There will be a private family memorial graveside service at Woodlawn Cemetery, Creston, IL. At a later date, the family will have a celebration of Blan's life. Memorials may be made in his memory to the American Angus Foundation for the Woodlawn Farms Scholarship Endowment Fund. Visit www.ungerhorner.com to sign the online guest book.



John Vincent Young

CHICAGO — We sorrowfully share that John Vincent Young, age 73, passed away from heart complications at Loyola Hospital in Chicago on March 5, 2024. He was born the third child in Chicago on January 19, 1951 to John Young and Frances (Siedlecki) Young. Ever the academic, he earned his undergraduate and Master's degrees in journalism and English at Illinois State University and lived the life of the mind.

As a high school English teacher at several Illinois schools, most knew John as Mr. Young. After teaching at Sheldon, Heritage, Monmouth, and Mount Zion schools, Mr. Young served the Oregon School District for over 20 years before retiring in 2018.

He was renowned for his unwaveringly high academic standards. No unsupported claim, disorganized analysis, or misplaced comma went unchallenged under his eye. He demanded quality work and attention to detail from his students, and because he held his classes to these standards, his students often claimed they learned how to think critically and write clearly

because of Mr. Young.

Outside the classroom, John also supported students performing high school plays and organizing poetry slams. He unabashedly shared his love of 60's counterculture, and as an avid guitar enthusiast, he sometimes played with students at school functions.

As a reader of literature, philosophy, and religious texts, John was not one to back down

from lively discussions. He spoke truth to power and held strong opinions, though he often shared them with humor and humility. As a teacher, mentor, friend, father, and brother, he was generous with his time helping those in need, and his humanitarian actions and beliefs were an example for all who knew him.

John is survived by his son, Ed (Dallas) Young of Peoria, his sister, Carol Young of Oak Park, and his cat, Bella. He is preceded in death by his sister, Naomi Young.

A private celebration of life will be held at a later date. Condolences may be sent to 5338 N Sheridan Rd, Peoria, IL 61614.



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LOCAL NEWS

Merry Martha Club Quilt Raffle underway

OREGON — The 2024 Merry Martha Club Quilt Raffle is currently underway. The quilt pattern used this year is Simply Serene, designed by Diana Beaubien for Pleasant Valley Creations. The quilt is a generous 65 inches by 75 inches. The featured fabric is called Homespun, a lightweight fabric of fine cotton yarns, produced by using traditional colonial fabric techniques of hand dyeing, warping, weaving and washing. It was constructed by club

member Donna Immel of Leaf River and quilted



by April Lantz of Simply Sewn 4 Ewe of Byron. Club members donated time and fabric for this annual fundraiser and look forward to having

this lovely quilt go to a lucky member of the community.

Raffle tickets are currently being sold for the 2024 Merry Martha Club Quilt Raffle. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Tickets can be purchased at the upcoming Oregon Woman's Club 72nd Annual Antique Show & Vintage Market (March 23 & 24, Blackhawk Center, Oregon) or by contacting the Bertolet Memorial Library at 815.738.2742.

The raffle drawing will be on Sunday June 2, at approximately 4 p.m.

at the Bertolet Building following the Leaf River Daze Parade. Winner does not need to be present.

All monies raised from the raffle go to local community organizations such as the Leaf River Fire Department, Soaring Eagles 4H Club, Leaf River Fireworks, Bertolet Memorial Library Kids Reading Program and the Leaf River Mentoring Program.

The Merry Martha Club is a local community service organization that was begun in February of 1917 by homemakers of the rural Leaf River community. It continues to this day with the same spirit of giving as in 1917.

BYRON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Man cited for speeding

BYRON — On Feb. 29, David M. Thick, 20, of Oregon was issued a citation for speeding.

On Feb. 29, Gale L. Kerkhoff, 64, of German Valley was issued a citation for speeding.

On March 1, Mohamed Arif, 47, of Rock Island was issued a citation for speeding.

On March 2, Lamar Simmons, 41, of Rockford was issued a citation for driving while license suspended. Simmons was released on a notice to appear.

On March 2, Cole A. Jordan, 29, of Byron was issued a citation for driving while license suspended. Jordan was released on a notice to appear.

On March 3, Makena A. Allion, 22, of Dekalb was issued a citation for operating a vehicle with a suspended registration.

On March 4, Alexander H. Prose, 39, of Pecatonica was issued a citation for disobeying traffic control device.

On March 4, Eric K. Long, 44, of Oregon was issued a citation for speeding.

On March 5, Jacob Huffman, 26, of Mt. Morris was issued citations for operating a vehicle with a suspended registration and operating an uninsured vehicle.

On March 5, a 17-year-old minor from Byron was issued a citation for speeding.

On March 9, Joshua A. Shank, 38, of Oregon was issued a citation for driving while license suspended. Shank was released on a notice to

appear.

On March 10, Zill E.S. Bhatti, 39, of Streamwood was issued a citation for driving with no valid driver's license. Bhatti was released on a notice to appear.

On March 10, Justin D. Klewin, 22, of Delevan, Wisconsin, was issued citations for driving under the influence of alcohol A1 and driving under the influence of alcohol A2. Klewin was transported to Ogle County Jail and later released on a notice to appear.

On March 13, Jacob K.W. Anderson, 27, of Monroe, Wisconsin was issued a citation for disobeying a traffic control device.

On March 14, Conner C. Harn, 23, of Byron was issued citations for driving under the influence of alcohol and failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident. Harn was transported to Ogle County Jail and later released on a notice to appear.

On March 14, Mercedes J.A. Dubois, 36, of Freeport was issued a citation for driving while license suspended. Dubois was released with a notice to appear.

On March 15, Michael A. Merzil, 47, of Loves Park was arrested for a warrant out of Lee County. Merzil was transported to Ogle County Jail where he was later released.

Any arrests listed below are merely accusations and the defendant is presumed innocent unless proven guilty in a court of law.

Polo Women's Club promotes awareness during Child Abuse Prevention Month

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

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

of child abuse prevention and symbolize hope.

The Polo Women's Club brings public awareness by annually planting blue and silver pinwheel gardens at the Paul Grahling Park (Division & Mason), Centennial Grade School, Applington Middle School and the Polo Community High School each April.

This year, pinwheels will be planted on Monday, April 1 at noon, with Mayor Doug Knapp reading a proclamation from the City of Polo recognizing April as Child Abuse

Prevention Month.

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

Resources for Help: Prevent Child Abuse Illinois (1-800-252-2873). HOPE of Ogle County Domestic Abuse Agency (815-562-8890). Shining Star Children's Advocacy Center 815-284-1891

OREGON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Man arrested for driving on suspended license

March 8

At 1:30 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Cody L. Malkmus, 27, Oregon, for driving while license suspended. Malkmus was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was processed and released. This violation occurred in the 100 block of West Washington Street.

March 9

At 8:50 a.m., Oregon Police issued Jerry B. Wallace, 36, of St. Louis, Missouri, a citation for improper operation of a commercial motor vehicle — no CDL. This violation occurred in the 900 block of South 10th Street.

At 2:40 p.m., Oregon Police issued Cheryl L. Witlock, 54, Oregon, a citation for disobeying a stop sign. This violation occurred at the intersection of South 10th and Webster Streets.

March 10

At 12:15 a.m., Oregon Police arrested Randi M. Suter, 35, Oregon, for two outstanding Ogle County warrants for possession of methamphetamine and failure to appear. Suter was transported to the Ogle County Jail where she was left in the corrections officers' custody.

At 6:52 a.m., Oregon Police issued Anthony D. Larocca, 32, Sterling, a citation for speeding, 48 miles per hour in a 30 miles per hour zone. This violation occurred in the 700 block of North 4th Street.

Eight verbal warnings

and one parking citation were issued during the week of March 4-10.

At 12:35 p.m., Oregon Police issued Bryant L. McNeal, 20, of Carpentersville, a citation for operating a vehicle with a tinted windshield. This violation occurred in the 200 block of East Washington Street.

March 11

At 1:06 p.m., Oregon Police arrested David C. Choice, 29, Rockford, for driving while license suspended. Choice was also issued a citation for disobeying a stop sign. Choice was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was processed and released with a notice to appear. These violations occurred in the 500 block of Jefferson Street.

March 12

At 7:51 a.m., Oregon Police investigated a two-vehicle traffic crash in the 200 block of South 9th Street involving a 2010 Jeep driven by Charles A. Westcott, Jr., 62, Mt. Morris, and a 2010 Ford driven by Cooper D. Alderks, 18, Chana. No citations were issued.

March 13

At 7:00 a.m., Oregon

Police issued Roberta R. Martino, 58, Oregon, a citation for speeding, 52 miles per hour in a 30 miles per hour zone. This violation occurred in the 700 block of North 4th Street.

At 9:27 a.m., Oregon Police issued David J. Schulz, 48, of Yorkville, a citation for speeding, 58 miles per hour in a 40 miles per hour zone. This violation occurred in the 100 block of West Washington Street.

At 10:08 a.m., Oregon Police arrested Jeremiah J. Martin, 35, Oregon, on an outstanding Ogle County warrant for failure to appear. Martin was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was left in the custody of the corrections officers.

At 12:30 p.m., Oregon Police issued a civil citation for possession of cannabis not more than 10 grams to one 14-year-old male, Mt. Morris. This violation occurred within the Oregon Junior High School, 210 S. 10th St.

At 7:38 p.m., Oregon Police issued Kaila R. Whitbeck, 24, of Davenport, Iowa, a citation for speeding, 62 miles per hour in a 40

miles per hour zone. This violation occurred in the 200 block of East Washington Street.

March 14

At 10:40 a.m., Oregon Police arrested Jennifer K. Perrine, 47, Chana, for driving while license suspended. Perrine was transported to the Ogle County Jail where she was processed and released. This violation occurred in the 800 block of West Washington Street.

March 16

At 6:50 a.m., Oregon Police issued Gregory G. Lambros, 48, of Skokie, a citation for speeding, 44 miles per hour in a 30 miles per hour zone. This violation occurred in the 600 block of North 4th Street.

At 7:31 a.m., Oregon Police issued Dennis M. Henning, 61, of Beloit, Wisconsin, a citation for speeding, 44 miles per hour in a 30 miles per hour zone. This violation occurred in the 600 block of North 4th Street.

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"Congress shall make no law . . .
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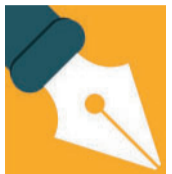
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The choice is yours

Dear editor,

We've all read stories or seen videos of the immigration influx at our southern border. To date over 7.6 million have crossed our border in the past three years. The thing is they are not immigrants in the traditional sense, as in the past most came



Dan Janes, as quoted in the meeting minutes said, "That there could be discussions about using empty space in the (county) jail for things such as rental space for immigrants. The federal government is looking for places to house these individuals and we have to be open minded to sources of income."

Seems some board members are looking for a payday courtesy of the federal government. Let me ask you residents of Ogle County – Are you ready to start housing illegal immigrants in your county?

Since these people are not charged with a crime how could you detain them, even in a jail, without violating their rights?

Ogle County citizens need to decide – do you follow your morals or follow the money?

The choice is yours.

Ron Kern
Leaf River

A giant in chains

THE most powerful nation in the world fails again and again, like a giant in chains, at the most basic tasks of government.

The spectacle that recently played out in Congress is a good example. You know something's wrong when the simple act of passing a budget is a crisis. Likewise when proposed laws supported by a majority of the House or Senate can't reach the floor for a vote.

Immigration, Ukraine, and Gaza are emergencies that cry for immediate action. Congress, meanwhile, is paralyzed. It seems too much to hope that by the time this article appears, it will have somehow managed to respond to these crises.

Congressional inactivity has cost us dearly over the years. It's drawn presidents and the courts into trying to take on responsibilities that rightly belong to a legislature. Presidential and judicial decrees are makeshift, undemocratic, and ineffective substitutes for the law-making duties that Congress has failed to fulfill.

Fareed Zakaria, who grew up in India, presents his perspective on the weaknesses of our political institutions in his book, "Ten Lessons for a Post-Pandemic World." He offers as an example our erratic, inconsistent, and second-rate response to the COVID-19 pandemic that began in 2020. The difference, he says, between us and nations that managed the cri-

sis effectively isn't about the size of government, or about liberalism versus conservatism.

The thing that those countries have in common is "a competent, well-functioning, trusted state." His chapter title puts it this way: "What Matters Is Not the Quantity of Government, but the Quality." This is where America falls short.

Mr. Zakaria places the blame on liberals for adding "layers upon layers of bureaucracy and regulation," conservatives for starving the government of needed funding, and both for micromanaging government agencies instead of allowing them the independence they need to do their jobs effectively. He sees the checks and balances running through every level of government as another facet of this resistance to letting it get on with the task of governing. Requirements for approval from multiple parties for every decision "ensures that someone, somewhere can always block any positive action."

Mr. Zakaria didn't mention the Senate filibuster, which can enable a Senator to block a vote on a popular measure, but it's surely an example of the veto power that individuals or small groups can wield. The House of Representatives, for its part, has a tradition, called the Hastert Rule, that denies a vote to a bill unless it's supported by more than half of the majority party, even if it has the backing of most of the

House as a whole. In both cases, a small group — or even a single politician — can effectively veto measures that are both popular and urgently needed.

Being the most powerful nation in the world has allowed us to more or less get by so far, but the damage from our "battered and creaky institutions" — in Mr. Zakaria's wording — is taking its toll. "There are many liberal democracies that are just as free as America," says Mr. Zakaria, "but with governments that are far more competent. In tackling the pressing challenges of our time . . . America has been failing for a generation."

Mr. Zakaria insists that the solution isn't necessarily a bigger government, but instead one that has "limited power but clear lines of authority." I would add to that a Congress that's capable of making decisions.

Reforms to our political system are part of the answer. Something still deeper is even more critical. Beneath it all is a distrust of any and all governments — and of each other — that drives us to erect roadblocks to needed action.

Only when we resolve that issue will America cease to be a giant in chains.

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 April 8, 1930, baseball legend Babe Ruth signed a two-year contract for a then enormous sum of \$160,000 with the New York Yankees, prompting the team's general manager, Ed Barrow, to predict (with, of course, now laughable inaccuracy) that "No one will ever be paid more than Ruth."

* On April 9, 1860, French inventor Édouard-Léon Scott de Martinville used his phonograph, the earliest known sound recording device, to capture himself singing the French folk song "Au Clair de la Lune."

* On April 10, 2001, mercy killings became legal in the Netherlands following the Dutch senate's controversial approval of a bill legalizing euthanasia for patients with unbearable terminal illness.

* On April 11, 1951, President Harry Truman fired Gen. Douglas MacArthur as commander of the United Nations and U.S. forces in the Far East after he made public statements calling for an attack on mainland China if Communist forces failed to lay down their arms in Korea.

* On April 12, 1877, with a well-justified fear of ricocheting foul balls (not to mention being hit by a bat), Harvard's Alexander Tyng wore a converted fencer's mask for a baseball game in Lynn, MA, becoming the first-known player to don a catcher's mask. While the new gear initially drew taunts from fans, designer Fred Thayer's patent for the device was approved the following January.

* On April 13, 1964, Sidney Poitier became the first Black actor to win the coveted Best Actor Oscar for his role as laborer Homer Smith, who assists a group of poor East German nuns with building a church, in "Lilies of the Field." Three years later, he was Hollywood's top box office draw.

* On April 14, 2010, Neil Armstrong criticized the Barack Obama administration's stripped-down space plans in an open letter co-signed by Apollo commanders James Lovell and Eugene Cernan, describing the president's proposals as "devastating." Supporters, however, insisted that the accelerated rocket program would set new goals for American efforts in outer space.

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6 months without money bond in Illinois

ON Monday, March 18, we celebrated the six-month anniversary of the implementation of the Pretrial Fairness Act. There are few places where racial injustice was more apparent in Illinois' criminal legal system than in the use of monetary bail. The Pretrial Fairness Act was aimed at correcting some of those inequities and eliminated our two-tiered system of justice that routinely and systematically disadvantaged people of color, particularly Black people.

Under the old money bond system, judges simply required people to pay money to be released from jail — a system that research shows did not make us safer. Bond amounts were often arbitrary, and not related to the safety of our communities or whether a person would appear in court if released. If the accused could pay that price, they went home, but if they couldn't, they remained in jail. Unsurprisingly, most of the people forced to remain in jail because of unaffordable bonds were people of color.

Wealth-based detention served only to destabilize vulnerable individuals and communities and caused catastrophic results for Black Illinoisians. In 2019, in Illinois, Black people made up 51% of the jail population, almost quadruple the share of the

state's population. Much of this disparity occurred because of racism that infected the execution of our monetary bail system. According to research, judges regularly require Black people to pay monetary bonds at levels that are significantly higher than white defendants charged with similar offenses, which means more Black people are held in jail. That result should be no surprise to anyone who has examined an American jail population.

The disparities in how judges set monetary bonds not only led to more Black people held in jail pretrial, but also had other ripple effects. People held pretrial on an unaffordable bond face an impossible choice: enter a guilty plea to get out of jail, even if they are innocent, or remain in custody awaiting a trial date that might happen months or years away. Or worse, sometimes pretrial detention has life-ending consequences. Between 2019 and 2022, 564 people in Illinois died while in custody. Almost half of those people were Black, and many of those people were held on unaffordable bail. All those people were loved ones — friends, family members, and neighbors — who will never return

home. Those who are trapped in jail awaiting trial also face the loss of jobs, housing, and even custody of a child, all losses burdened disproportionately by the Black community.

In 2021, we started to put a stop to this harmful system, inspired by the

millions of Americans protesting the murders of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and many others. Instead of hiding from the call to action echoed in these marches, members of the Illinois Legislative Black Caucus, including Sen. Elgie Sims, Sen. Robert Peters, and Rep. Justin Slaughter, along with advocates from the Illinois Pretrial Justice Network, embraced it and fought to end a system of detention that prioritized wealth over public safety. The act abolished money bonds, created a standard tied to safety for judges to determine whether to incarcerate or release a person pretrial, and ensured transparency and oversight in our pretrial system by requiring data collection. Low-income Illinoisians no longer must purchase their own freedom while still presumed innocent, or worse, plead guilty, simply to avoid long periods of unnecessary incarceration.

After just six months,

we are starting to see evidence of the act's success and its ability to advance racial justice and create more equitable practices in our courts.

The Pretrial Fairness Act, however, is not a stand-alone solution. We must follow it with legislation like the Pretrial Success Act, which builds on the progress made by ending money bond, by increasing access to health and human services for people awaiting trial in the community. Protecting the Pretrial Fairness Act is just the beginning of our state's journey toward racial justice, but it is an essential first step. We can continue to honor our commitment to safe, equitable communities by protecting the Pretrial Fairness Act and expanding the supportive solutions that have already made it successful.

Patrice James has spent her career in service of and with a deep love and respect for Black people and its communities. She serves as the founding director of the Illinois Black Advocacy Initiative. Prior to joining IBAI, she was director of community justice at the Shriver Center on Poverty Law, a founding attorney of Still She Rises, Tulsa, and a public defender at the Bronx Defenders Office. Patrice is also the co-founder and board member of the Black Public Defender Association.



Lowell Harp



Patrice James

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LOCAL NEWS



From left to right: Chip Braker, Shawnda Ludwig, Dr. Craig Pauls, Dr. April Moore, Tracey Anderson, Andrew Anderson Birkholz, Eileen Anderson, Don Cook, Bob Gronewold, Sheri Smith, and Shaun Gallagher.

Forreestville Valley School District accepts property donation

FORRESTON — During the March Forreestville Valley Board of Education meeting, a resolution was approved to accept a donation of property from Eileen Anderson located at 503-505 Main Street in Forreston. The Anderson family donated the property in memory of Keith “Andy” Anderson. Andy was a proud businessman who always contributed positively to the Forreston Community. Eileen shared with the district, “Andy grew up in Forreston and lived and played on this corner. He would want the school district to have the property.” Mrs. Anderson first

approached Board Member Dr. April Moore in mid-January with her proposal to donate the adjacent property. Eileen shared with the district, “Andy always said the school needed a bus garage, and perhaps this is a way for the district to be able to add one.” The property currently houses apartment complexes adjacent to the Forreston Junior/Senior High School west parking lot. Superintendent Smith shared, “I am overwhelmed by the generosity of the Anderson Family and their support for our school district. This is a gift that will continue to give to not only our district

but the community for years to come.” Board President Braker continues, “Forreestville Valley is extremely grateful for the generosity of the Anderson family. The donation of this property will enable us to continue to upgrade our facilities for the benefit of our students and community.” During the meeting the Board of Education and administration expressed their gratitude to the Anderson family represented by Eileen Anderson, her daughter Tracey Anderson, and her grandson Andrew Anderson Birkholz for such a generous gift. Currently the district does not have immediate plans

for building. However, the availability of this adjacent property will open the doors for a variety of avenues in the near future.

Mobile food pantry is March 28

MT. MORRIS — Loaves & Fish Food Pantry alongside Northern Illinois Food Bank is hosting a Mobile Food Pantry on Thursday, March 28 from 10:00–11:30 a.m. The truck will be located at Mt. Morris Moose Family Center, 101 Moose Drive, Mt. Morris. Food is distributed on a first-come, first-served basis, while supplies last. Food is free to neighbors in need; no ID, proof of address or income is required. In case of bad weather, please check Loaves & Fish Facebook page or call the pantry phone at 815-613-8776. Mobile pantries will be held on the fourth

Thursday of every month through October, and will be held at Church of the Brethren, 409 W. Brayton Road, Mt. Morris for the remainder of the year. Loaves & Fish Food Pantry is located on the lower level of the Mt. Morris Church of the Brethren, 409 W. Brayton Road, and is open on the first and third Thursdays from 3:30-6 p.m. and second and fourth Mondays from 2-4:30 p.m. Anyone experiencing food insecurity is eligible to receive food. You do not need to have a referral, and no proof of income is required. If you have any questions, call 815-613-8776 and leave a message.

POLO POLICE DEPARTMENT General calls for service released

POLO — The Polo Police Department recently released its general calls for service for the weeks of March 4-17. Citizen Complaints/Assists: 11. Animal Complaints: 1. Fire/Medical Assists: 7. Alarm/Open Door: 1. Traffic Stops: 4. County Assists: 1.

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Meridian JH wrestlers compete at IESA Rockridge Sectional

The Meridian Junior High School wrestling team sent seven individuals to the IESA Rockridge Sectional tournament on March 2. Among the athletes who competed were 80-pounder Bentlee Gray, 85-pounder Niko Hetland, 105-pounder Wade Reiniche, 145-pounder Clayton Maahs, 167-pounder Braden Payne and 185-pounders Abraham Urbano and Caleb Baney. (Courtesy photo)

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SPORTS NEWS

AREA SPORTS

Oregon softball shuts out River Ridge

The Oregon High School softball team shut out River Ridge for a 13-0 win, scoring seven runs in the first inning. Ella Dannhorn totaled three hits, while five players including Abree Barker, Kaelin Shaffer, Madi Shaffer, Emma Schlichtmann and Brooke Halverson each had hits. Schlichtmann and Halverson combined to throw a one-hit shutout in the victory.

Polo baseball falls against Lena-Winslow

The Polo High School baseball team fell 6-3 against Lena-Winslow on Saturday, March 16. Gus Mumford went 3-for-3 with one RBI to lead the Marcos on offense, while Nolan Hahn threw three and one-third innings on the mound, allowing only one run with two strikeouts.

Oregon girls soccer wins Harvard tournament

The Oregon High School girls soccer team defeated North Boone 2-0 and Harvard 3-0 to win its road tournament in Harvard and start the season with a 2-0 record. Teagan Champey scored two goals and added two assists, while Mya Engelkes scored two goals and Deborah Schmid chipped in one goal and one assist. Anna Stender and Noelle Girton each had assists.

Polo softball loses against Lena-Winslow

The Polo High School softball team lost 6-1 against Lena-Winslow on Saturday, March 16. Karlea Frey reached base four times with three hits, while Sydney Rahn added two hits in four at-bats. Allissa Mar-

schang finished with two hits and both Cheyenna Wilkins and Cam Jones notched hits. Jones threw four innings in relief, striking out eight batters with one walk.

Oregon girls soccer cruises over South Beloit

The Oregon High School girls soccer team cruised over South Beloit 11-0 behind four goals and three assists from Deborah Schmid. Kenna Wubben added two assists and one goal, while Mya Engelkes, Arianna Hammer, Addison Rufer, Aniyah Sarver, Emily Watters, Anna Stender, Sarah Eckardt and Alease McLain all had one goal. The Hawks improved to 3-0.

Polo baseball suffers shutout loss to Galena

The Polo High School baseball team lost 11-0 against Galena on Tuesday, March 19. Gus Mumford totaled the lone hit for the Marcos in the loss.

Oregon softball dominates Indian Creek

The Oregon High School softball team took down Indian Creek 10-0, with Madi Shaffer totaling three hits and Sarah Stevens adding two hits. Gracen Pitts belted a two-run homer in the first inning and Emma Schlichtmann struck out eight batters in four innings pitched. Alexi Czochara added three strikeouts in one inning.

Polo softball team falls against Galena

The Polo High School softball team fell 9-7 against Galena. Sydney Rahn recorded two singles, while Allissa Marschang singled and Cam Jones singled. Cheyenna Wilkins added a double and Jones struck out 11 batters in the pitcher's circle.



Tucker honored All-State First Team

Byron High School senior guard Ryan Tucker was honored as an IBCA All-State First Team honoree during the IHSA State Championship tournament in Champaign over the weekend. Tucker was also named an AP All-State and IHSA All-State First Team honoree this season. (Courtesy photo)

Inaugural Oregon CUSD Athletic Hall of Fame nomination process open

OREGON – Oregon High School is proud to announce the launch of the Oregon CUSD Athletic Hall of Fame. The Athletic Hall of Fame will honor the outstanding contributions of athletes, coaches, administrators, faculty/staff members, teams, and contributing friends to the Oregon CUSD athletics as well as Mt. Morris School District athletics program. The school will host a nomination and induction ceremony annually.

Beginning March 18, nomination forms will be available on the district's website, <https://www.ocusd.net/>, under the ABOUT tab, inviting individuals to propose candidates for induction into the Oregon CUSD Athletic Hall of Fame.

The Oregon CUSD Athletic Hall of Fame committee will evaluate nominees based on various criteria, including regional, state, national recognition, exceptional accomplishments in their respective sports, and significant contributions to the community. Nominations will be accepted in the following categories:

Student or Coach: Up to five (5) inductees annually

Administrator/Faculty/Staff member: Up to one (1) inductee annually

Team: Up to three (3) teams inducted annually until 2029; thereafter, one (1) team annually

Contributing Friend: Up to one (1) inductee annually

"We are excited to launch the Oregon CUSD Athletic Hall of Fame nomination process and provide an opportunity to celebrate the remarkable achievements of our athletes, coaches, and supporters," said Dr. Tom Mahoney, Superintendent of Oregon CUSD #220. "This initiative not only honors excellence in sports but also fosters a sense of pride within our community."

Nomination submissions can be made via online nomination form or printed nomination forms mailed to the Activities Office at 1101 Jefferson St. Oregon, IL 61061, with supporting data, by the stated deadline each year. The 2024 nominations are due by May 1.



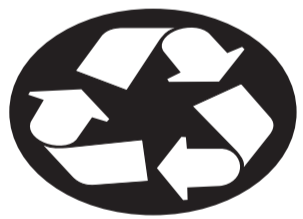
Tiger and Lady Tiger track and field teams shine at Byron Indoor Classic

The Byron Indoor Classic was held on Saturday, March 16, with several Tiger and Lady Tiger athletes setting new PRs and leading both teams to strong finishes. The boys finished second out of six schools with 140 points and the girls took third out of five schools with 99 points. (Courtesy photos)



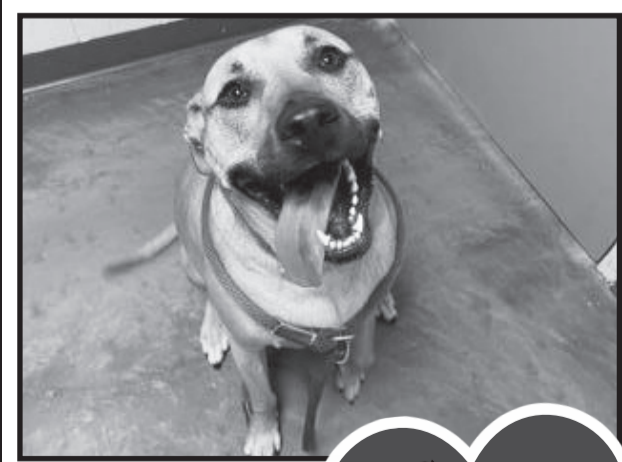
Byron's Starwalt races at Batavia Distance Madness meet

Byron High School track and field athlete Tim Starwalt set a new PR time of 4:35.35 to finish 51st out of nearly 100 runners in the 1600-meter run during the Batavia Distance Madness meet on Friday, March 8. (Courtesy photo)



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SPORTS NEWS

Politics and sports

ON the eve of Tuesday's primary elections, let's step away from high school sports and get into politics and its relationship to sports as a whole. An ugly specter is brewing in Chicago with fat cat owners insisting that the taxpayers pay for new football and baseball stadiums for the Bears and White Sox. This has been played out before, with both teams holding inept politicians hostage until concessions were made to their benefit.

Remember in 1988 when White Sox owner Jerry Reinsdorf threatened to move to Florida if he didn't public fund a new stadium? Speaker of the House Mike Madigan and Governor Jim Thompson got in bed with Reinsdorf and proceeded to strong-arm the General Assembly into agreeing to this in an infamous midnight deadline vote.

That was a total betrayal to the taxpayers of Illinois and was best spelled out by a state rep who said, "we can't take care of the children, we can't take care of the poor, we can't take care of the sick, we can't take care of the mentally ill. Let's shut this place down and go home and forget the White Sox." That should have been the correct response to Reinsdorf's outlandish demand, but in the perverse world of Illinois politics, the bad guys got their way instead. Since then, more public funds have been shoveled into the facility for renovations, because it was soon deemed out of style and not as fan-friendly as other baseball venues.

Now, the same game is being played out in 2024 with Reinsdorf wanting to scrap the 33-year-old ballpark and start anew with a \$2-billion facility on the south side of Chicago. In a similar bargaining tactic, he's threatening to move to Nashville public funding is not approved.

My house on 14th Street in Oregon was built in 1991, the same year the new White Sox park opened. Though there are a few things I would have done differently, would I raze it and start over? Of course not. That would be insane.

But, in the world of professional sports, owners live in fantasyland. To have the audacity to scrap a new stadium built with public money and start over with more public money is a testament to sports owners' lack of regard for the taxpayer. The Chicago Bears are playing the same political football with more variables. As a beloved institution, they would never move out of state, but have made it clear they would move from Soldier Field to a suburban site.

One option is building a state-of-the-art domed stadium in Arlington Heights on land they purchased at the old racetrack there. Another location being considered for new construction is in the area just south of Soldier Field.

In this scenario,

Bears can play one side against the other in its request for public funding. The Illinois Sport Facilities Authority, which issues bonds for projects like this, owes \$589 million on the 2002 renovation of Soldier Field.

Similar to Reinsdorf, the McCaskey family is not content with all the public money they've received for the Bears. They want more in what promises to be an interesting fight.

In the battle for public money, there is a lie that politicians often fall prey to and that is that professional sports team bring valuable revenue to a city and they deserve public funding. Studies are propped up that show the increased economic impact of having a sports team, be it of the minor-league variety like Rockford has or the big time like Chicago.

These contain faulty reasoning and experts in business refute it, citing many other ways in which economic growth and productivity occurs. It truly is a complicated matter, one of which politicians need to research rather than accepting the propaganda being spoon-fed by sports teams.

There are cases all over the country where communities regretted providing public funding for sports, essentially allowing them to be an albatross to taxpayers. But, in a sports-crazed nation, it is easy to have one's views be distorted rather than making political decisions with a sound mind.

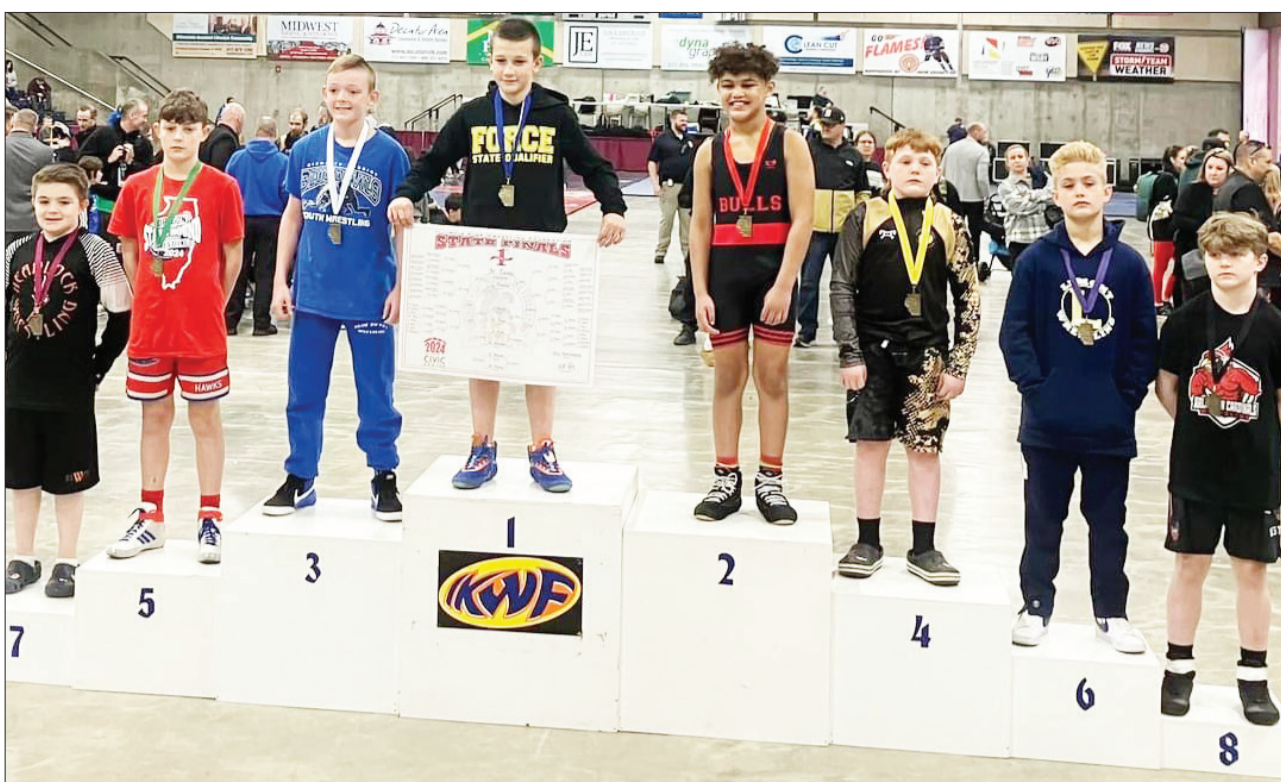
On a separate and more positive political issue, it was refreshing to have such a highly-contested race for county coroner. As voters in Ogle County, we couldn't have gone wrong with either candidate.

It's a shame the same can't be said of the upcoming presidential election.

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



Andy Colbert



Oregon wrestlers medal at IKWF Intermediate/Bantam State Championships

Two Hawk Wrestling Club athletes were in Decatur for the 2024 Intermediate/Bantam State Championships over the weekend. Draven Bock medaled in fifth place, while Kolten Lowe medaled in eighth place during the tournament. (Courtesy photos)



Vock medals at IKWF Senior/Novice State Championships

Polo's Zandra Vock medaled in sixth place in the Girls Senior 115 Division at the 2024 IKWF Senior/Novice State Championships at the BMO Center in Rockford earlier this month. Vock competed as a member of the Hawk Wrestling Club. Vock went 3-3 over six bouts at the state tournament, winning all three matches by fall. Vock finished first at both the IKWF Byron Regional as well as the IKWF Rochelle Sectional tournaments. (Courtesy photo)



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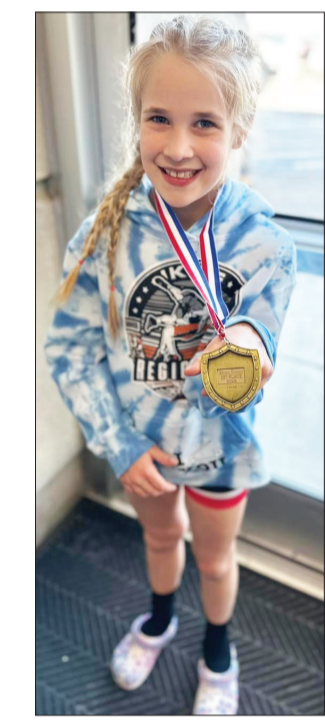
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SPORTS NEWS



Stillman Valley WC kids medal at IKWF Intermediate/Bantam State Championships

The Stillman Valley Wrestling Club brought home several medals from the IKWF Intermediate/Bantam State Championships at the Decatur Civic Center in mid-March. Among the medalists were third-place finisher Evan Ross, who won five matches, including two by fall, in the Boys Bantam 52 Division. Brycen Legue medaled in fourth place in the Boys Bantam 55 Division, winning four matches including one by fall and one by technical fall. Liam Ross medaled in sixth in the Boys Bantam 43 Division, winning four matches including one by fall and one by major decision. Brinley Wrage medaled in seventh in the Girls Bantam 74 Division, winning four matches including one by fall and one by technical fall. Additional state qualifiers were Awbree Corson (Girls Bantam 55), Benson Grugel (Boys Bantam 62), Landon Haak (Boys Bantam 120), Keith Stepina (Boys Intermediate 122) and Hunter Champlain (Boys Intermediate 122). (Courtesy photos)



Stillman Valley WC athletes shine at IKWF Sectional

The Stillman Valley Wrestling Club was well represented at the IKWF Rochelle Sectional in early March. Among the medalists for Stillman Valley were first-place finishers Brinley Wrage (Girls Bantam 74), Liam Ross (Boys Bantam 43), Brycen Legue (Boys Bantam 55), Hunter Champlain (Boys Intermediate 122) and Tyler Bell (Boys Novice 134). The club also had several second-place finishers including Evan Ross (Boys Bantam 52), Landon Haak (Boys Bantam 120), Keith Stepina (Boys Intermediate 122) and Bradley Bankes (Boys Novice 134). Third-place medalists included Awbree Corson (Girls Bantam 55), Benson Grugel (Boys Bantam 62), Connor Waugh (Boys Novice 116) and Xander Bell (Boys Senior 110). Fourth-place finishers were Jordi Collins (Girls Bantam 55), Gavin Provancher (Boys Bantam 76) and Carter Paulson (Boys Novice 86). (Courtesy photos)

Bell leads Stillman Valley WC at IKWF Senior/Novice State Championships

The Stillman Valley Wrestling Club sent four athletes to the IKWF Senior/Novice State Championships at the BMO Center in Rockford in early March. Tyler Bell medaled in third place to lead the wrestlers, finishing third in the Boys Novice 134 Division with five total victories, all of which, all by fall. Bradley Bankes won two matches in the Boys Novice 134 Division, while Connor Waugh won two matches in the Boys Novice 116 Division and Xander Bell competed in the Boys Senior 110 Division. (Courtesy photos)



LOCAL NEWS

OREGON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Solar Eclipse Viewers

On Monday, April 8, there will be a partial solar eclipse. In preparation for this partial eclipse, the Adler Planetarium in Chicago has provided public libraries in Illinois with a limited supply of safe solar viewers. While our limited supply lasts, free viewers will be available for Oregon Public Library cardholders beginning Monday, March 25. Maximum of 4 per family.

Story Time

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

Knit & Crochet is BACK!

Mondays at 1:00pm. This group meets every Monday at 1pm and is open to anyone. From beginner to expert, all skill level are welcome to join. Bring any hand craft and work on it while socializing. Need help getting started with your knitting project, stop in on a Monday. Registration is requested, visit www.oregonpubliclibrary.com or call (815) 732-2724.

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Book Clubs

Is This Just Fantasy? Book Club will meet Tuesday, March 26 at 6 pm at the Library to discuss The Blood Trials by N.E. Davenport. Books on Tap Book Club meets Thursday, March 28 at 6 pm at Cork & Tap to discuss Did You Hear About Kitty Kar by Crystal Smith Paul. The 2WBC meets Wednesday,

April 10 at 12:30 to discuss The Curious Incident of the Dog in The Night-Time by Mark Haddon. Cocktails & Crimes will meet Sunday, April 21 at 2:00pm at Courthouse Tavern. The Afternoon Book Club meets Wednesday, April 17 at 1 pm to discuss Master Butchers Singing Club by Louise Erdrich.

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

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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 at 2:30 for friends and fun!

Spring Break Activities All Week March 25-29!

Spring break for the kids means more time doing fun activities at the library! We have a variety of activities planned to keep kids busy and having fun during their time off. Monday will be a drop-in craft-create your own mini-greenhouse pot, Tuesday will have a Take-n-Make available to decoupage a picture frame. Wednesday we will host our weekly story time at 11:15. Thursday is a Game Night! Stop in with family and friends to play some board and card games, enjoy popcorn and lemonade! Friday will be a spring Lego challenge! The bricks will be out and anyone can make a 'Spring Scene' to be put on display for voting! Winner gets a Lego set of their own! All programming is available to everyone! Crafts are while supplies last.

Adult Book Club Meeting

Monday, March 25th

The March book, The Book of Charlie, by David Von Drehle, is available! 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 March 25th at 3:30pm.

Cookbook Club Next Meeting April 2nd

Join us as we explore The Cookbook Club! Wonderful recipes combined with friendship creates something both beauti-

ful and delicious! Stop by to choose your recipe from this month's book, Start Here: Instructions for Becoming a Better Cook by Sohla El-Waylly and bring your dish to pass at our next meeting! Join us on April 2nd, 6pm at The Senior Center for another exciting meal!

Ink with a Friend: Card Making at the Library Thursday, April 4th

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, April 4th 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 March 28th!

Story Time! Wednesdays at 11:15am

We will be reading books and the children will create a craft this Wednesday, 3/13. Story time is every Wednesday @11:15, bring your little ones to enjoy stories and a craft at the Mount Morris Library!

Lego Club Thursday, April 18th

Lego night is the third Thursday of each month. Stop by on April 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.

Display Case Showings

"I'm a Barbie girl in a Barbie world!" Skip yourself over to the library to check out this perfect display of the pink, the perfect, the plastic that is known around the world as Barbie! This collection is on display courtesy of Kit Reynolds, 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.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

March 25

The Ogle County Historical Society in Oregon invites you to come join us, Monday, March 25 for our monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in the carriage house annex building on Franklin Street which is behind the Nash House Museum at 111 N. Sixth St. We're seeking new membership support and have many opportunities to volunteer in 2024. We'd love it if you would join us.

March 30

Come join Mt. Morris Moose Lodge for Breakfast with Easter Bunny on March 30 from 8-10 a.m. Kids eat free. Easter Egg Hunt to follow at 10:30 a.m. for ages 12 and under.

April 3

Serenity Hospice and Home will be hosting a free six-week class entitled, "Understanding Your Grief." This class, filled with compassion and hope

and based on the book "Understanding Your Grief" by Dr. Alan Wolfelt is built around 10 touchstones, basic principles that can help engage with grief and create momentum toward healing. Each participant will receive a book. This class starts on April 3 and ends on May 8. The group will meet on Wednesdays at The Serenity Home from 3-4:30 p.m. Call Cathy or Dana at 815-732-2499 for more information or to register.

May 4

The Polo Woman's Garden Club will be having their annual perennial plant sale on Saturday, May 4, 8 a.m. until sold out, at the Polo Community High School AG Department (located behind the school - 100 S. Union Ave.). This sale will be the same day as the opening of the "New" Polo FFA Greenhouse! All plants are dug from local gardens, so they are "proven winners". We will be having two raffles the day of the sale. This year our club is

raffling off two Ace Steel Red Wheelbarrows each filled with a half-bushel basket overflowing with beautiful garden related items. The wheelbarrows will be displayed the

month of April until the sale date at the Polo Public Library and Polo Pharmacy. Tickets will be sold at each location, through a PWGC member, or at the sale (\$1 each or 6/\$5). You do not need to be present to win, and your ticket may win either one of the wheelbarrows offered. Proceeds from the sale will be used for the advancement of gardening, city beautification, programs to stimulate an interest in co-operative gardening among amateurs, and to aid in the protection of forest, wildflowers, birds, and all pollinators.

If you have perennials, house plants or a garden related item that you would like to donate for the sale, please contact Beth Green at 815.299.1416 or Diane Kuhns at 432.413.9291. We look forward to seeing you at this event!

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LOCAL NEWS

MT. MORRIS SENIOR & COMMUNITY CENTER

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

Film

March 26th at 5:00 pm – Join us for a special night and screening of a new documentary film “Live at Mister Kelly’s”. This star-studded documentary features luminaries including Barbra Streisand, Bob Newhart, Richard Pryor, Ella Fitzgerald, Bette Midler, the Smothers Brothers, Steve Martin, Lily Tomlin and many others. Live at Mister Kelly’s is a testament to the lasting impact of renowned culture icons and the unexpected origins of legendary musicians, comedians and the rich cultural history of the 50’s and 60’s. Call Melissa at 815-734-6335 to RSVP!

Bus trips

Interested in one of our upcoming bus trips? Contact Melissa at 815-734-6335 for more information or to sign up. On May 26th - June 1st we will spend 7 days and 6 nights on a trip to Mt. Rushmore and the Black Hills. The cost will include motorcoach transportation, lodging, 10 meals, all admissions and tours, and more! We will also be taking a trip to New Orleans from November 3rd – 9th.

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.

AARP Safe Driving Class – NEW DATES

Mon. Mar. 25 & Wed. Mar. 27; 9am – 1pm. Must attend both sessions. Advance registration requested.

Bingocize

Bingocize® combines the game of bingo with low-impact fall prevention exercises. April 1 & 5; 2:00 – 2:30 p.m. Advance registration requested.

RRC Holiday Hours

Rock River Center will close at Noon on Friday, March 29 in recognition of Good Friday. No

BERTOLET MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Trustee Opening

We currently have an opening for a Trustee with a term that expires in 2025. Our Board of Trustees meets at the library on the 2nd Monday of each month at 6:00 PM. If interested, please contact Director Linda Schreiber at 815-738-2742 during business hours or by email at bertolet705@gmail.com.

Closed

Saturday, March 30th Bertolet Memorial Library will be closed on Saturday, March 30th for Easter weekend. Normal business hours will resume on Monday, April 1st.

Spring Break Movie

Monday, March 25th at 2:00 PM Young Asha makes a wish so powerful that it’s answered by a cosmic force called Star. With Star’s

transportation or activities will take place when the Center is closed. Please plan accordingly. Rock River Center wishes you a safe and happy holiday.

RRC TRANSPORTATION REMINDER

Just a reminder from Rock River Transportation when making your ride requests. For a Rockford ride, please call (3) business days in advance. We ask that you make your appointments between the hours of 9AM and 1PM. For all other rides, please call (2) business days in advance. For all ride reservations, please have your name, address, phone number, your destination name, address, phone number, date, time, length of appointment and any other pertinent information available when you call. Please remember to be kind and considerate of other passengers. In addition, for everyone’s safety our drivers are not allowed to carry on conversations with the passengers while the vehicle is in motion.

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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.

help, Asha must save her kingdom and prove that when the will of one courageous human connects with the magic of the stars, wondrous things can happen.

Stories with Stacey

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

A to Z Reading Challenge

Did you know... You don’t have to read through the alphabet in order, but if you are, you should be on a book title that starts with the letter “F.” You’ve got 52 weeks to read through 26 letters of the alphabet. You’ve got this! Haven’t started? There’s still time to catch up; stop at the circulation desk today.

Create-a-Card

Saturday, April 20th at 9:00 AM We are looking forward to seeing you and Jessie again as our Create-a-Card sessions resume. All materials are provided.

March Book of the Month

Join us in reading Finding Dorothy by Elizabeth Letts. An historical fiction novel of the story behind The Wizard of Oz. Pick up a copy today at the circulation desk.

March Take & Make Craft

Stop by the circulation desk to grab a kit to make a sea glass suncatcher.

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.

NEW RELEASES

- Adult Books**
The Great Divide by Cristina Henriquez
Never Too Late by Danielle Steel
- Graphic Novel**
Baby-Sitters Little Sister: Karen’s Haircut
- Picture Books**
On the Edge Of the World by Anna Desnitskaya
Quarter Horses by Alissa Thielges

AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

BYRON

ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

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205 N. Peru St., Byron 815-234-8737 cornerstonemfilychurch
Sr. Pastor: Erik Ness, NextGen/ Family Pastor: Collin Nicholls
Children’s Ministry Director: Katie Dadd
Worship Service on Sundays at 10am with Children’s Worship Service and Nursery Available
Sr High Youth Ministry Sundays at 6:00pm, Jr High Youth Ministry Wednesdays at 6:30pm
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Please call our Church Office or visit our website for more details.
Office Hours: 8:00am - 4:30pm Mondays-Thursdays

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www.saintmaryinbyron.org secretary@saintmaryinbyron.org

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Sunday Schedule & Worship opportunities:
Service of Meditation & Prayer: 8:15am- 8:45am
Adult Sunday School Hour: 9am
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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.
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6467 N. German Church Rd., Byron, IL - Ph. (815) 246-2685 - beaconhillbyron.org
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 448, Byron, IL 61010
Pastor: Garry Cortese
Service Times: Sundays at 10AM; Wednesday night Faith-Lift at 6:30PM
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CHANA

CHANA UNITED METHODIST

Pastor Josh Brown, 606 Main Street, Chana, IL 61015. Church office 815-732-7683.
(E-mail address: chanaucm@gmail.com Adult & Children’s Education 9:00 a.m.
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815-738-2205 leafriverbc@gmail.com

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Food Bank: 1st and 3rd Saturdays, 9am-12pm
Pastor: Rev. Dr. Matthew Rosebrock
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102 S. Seminary Ave., Mt. Morris, IL 61054 815-734-4942 www.efcmm.org
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409 W. Brayton Road, Mt. Morris, IL 61045 Phone 815-734-4573
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Email: mtmorrisob@gmail.com

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308 E. Brayton Rd. Mt. Morris, IL Phone: 734-6354 Rev. Josh Ehrlar
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OREGON

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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.
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For complete ministry info and events, visit us online at Riverstonecc.com or on Facebook at facebook.com/RiverStoneChristianChurch

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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
Gathered Worship 10:00 AM
For complete ministry schedule check out our website or call the church office.

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103 S Maple St, Stillman Valley, IL
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LOCAL NEWS

BYRON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Spring Blood Drive with RRVBC

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Did you know

That you can now order 3D print projects from the Byron Library? The library's Creative Studio is home to two 3D printers that are available for making 3D prints for learning and entertainment purposes. 3D prints cost \$.10 per gram PLA, and will be available for pickup within 7 – 10 business days. Please visit <https://www.byronlibrary.org/3d-printing/> for more information on how to submit your 3D print idea.

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 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!

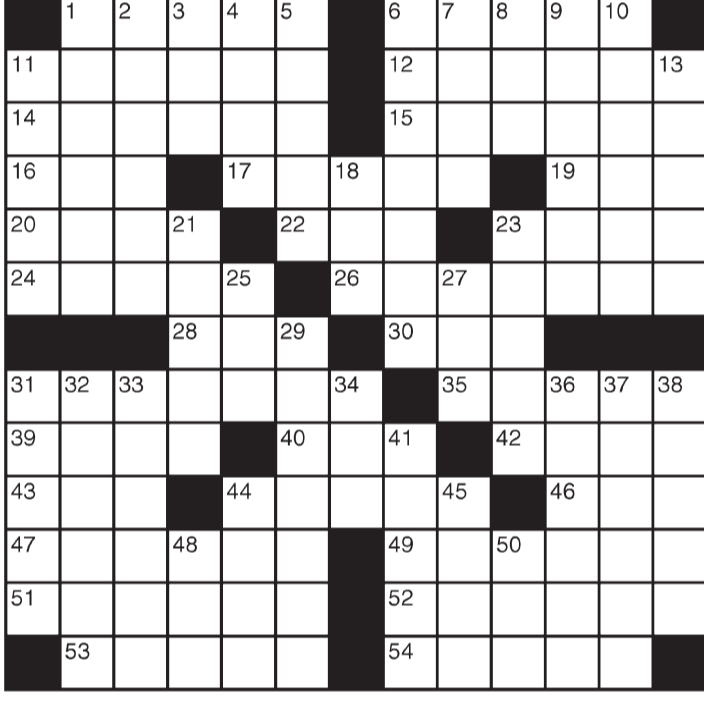


Weekly Brain Busters

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Weighing device
- 6 Sitar tunes
- 11 Fearful
- 12 Using the Internet
- 14 Eagles' homes
- 15 Julianne and Demi
- 16 Away from SSW
- 17 Auto style
- 19 Wager
- 20 Food regimen
- 22 Cariou of Broadway
- 23 Visibility hindrance
- 24 Cancel
- 26 Journeys
- 28 Head of st.
- 30 Animal doc
- 31 "Lolita" author
- 35 Summary
- 39 Plow pullers
- 40 Felon's flight
- 42 Sitarist Shankar
- 43 Soccer's Hamm
- 44 Prom duds
- 46 Heavy weight
- 47 E-business
- 49 Boring type
- 51 New citizen, perhaps



- 52 Is anxious about
- 53 Messy places
- 54 Leaks slowly
- 9 Car safety feature
- 10 Allergy season sound
- 11 Hourglass fillers
- 13 "Melrose Place" actor
- 18 "Lion" star
- 21 Yank at
- 23 Misanthrope
- 25 — choy
- 27 " — outta here!"
- 29 Library array
- 31 — plume
- 32 Wise sayings
- 33 "Scram!"
- 34 Preventive shot, in slang
- 36 40 winks
- 37 Sidesteps
- 38 Lipstick shades
- 41 Repairs
- 44 Rent
- 45 Foolproof
- 48 Hollywood trickery (Abbr.)
- 50 Ruby or Sandra

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MAGIC MAZE

HIMALAYAN PEAKS

L J G E B L E Y W O U R P B N
 K I G D H B Z S X Y T V S A Q
 C H O O Y U O M T K A G I N G
 E C T S E R E V E P A N N D K
 Y S K A N C H E N J U N G A W
 E U G A N G O T R I S N E R K
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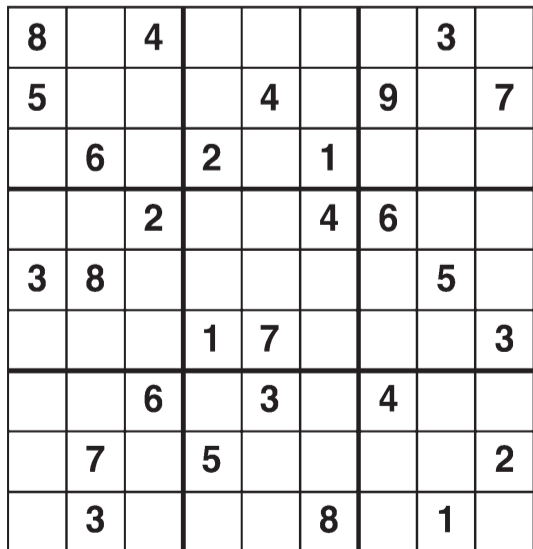
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Unlisted clue hint: EARTH'S HIGHEST MOUNTAIN

- Badrinath
- Bandarpunch
- Cho Oyu
- Gangotri
- Kamet
- Kanchenjunga
- Kangto
- Kedarnath
- Lhotse
- Makalu
- Mana Peak
- Manaslu
- Nun
- Nuptse
- Yangra

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

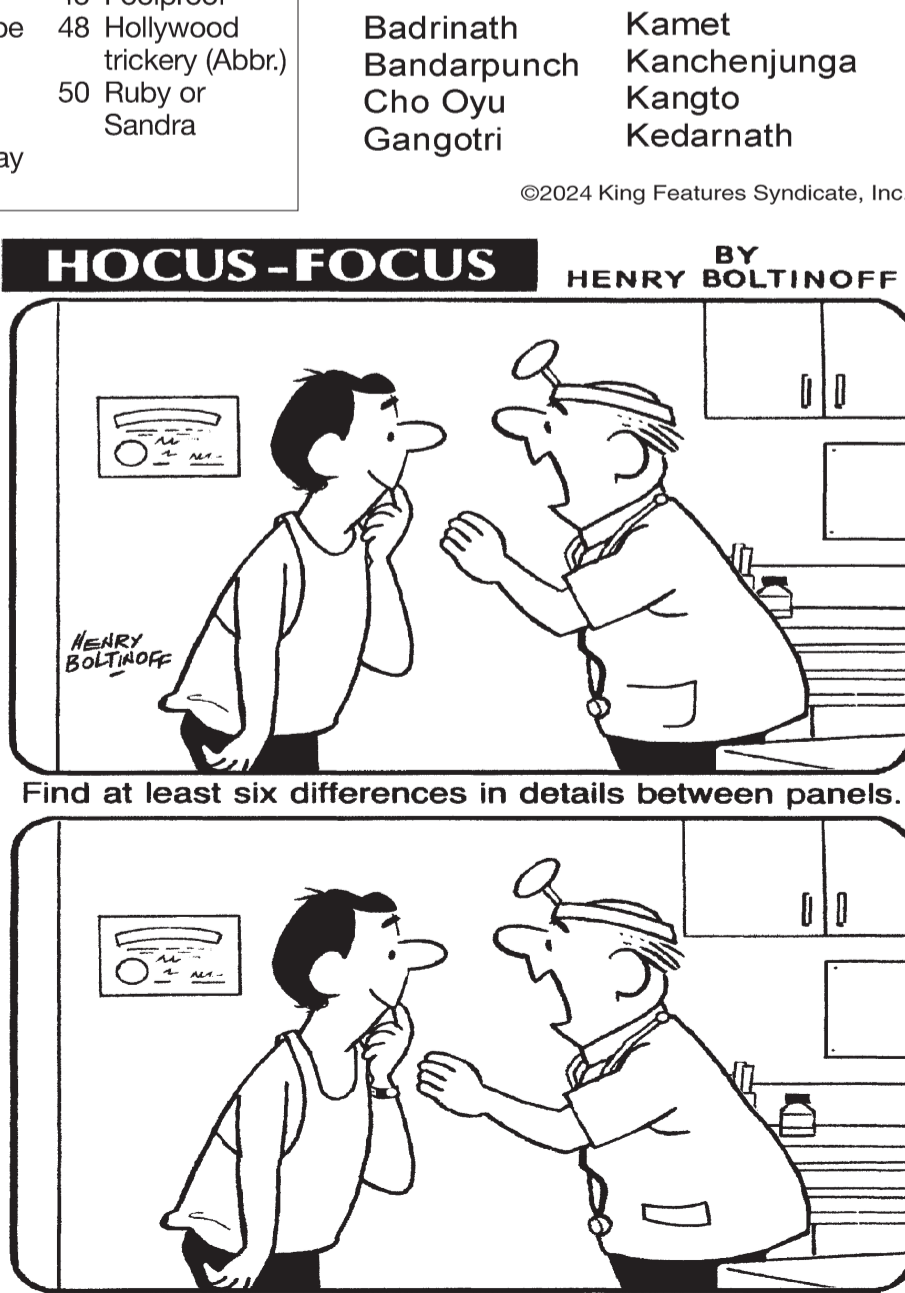
- ♦ Moderate
- ♦♦ Challenging
- ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

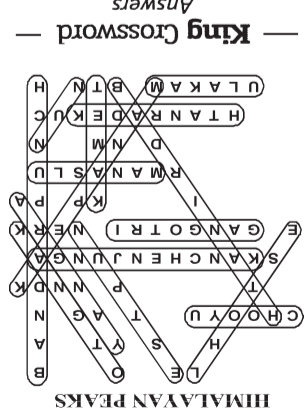
Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Arm is moved. 2. Neck opening of undershirt is lower. 3. Pocket is different. 4. Cabinet door is wider. 5. Bottle on counter is moved. 6. Watch is added.



Solution time: 21 mins.



8	9	4	6	5	7	2	3	1
5	2	1	8	4	3	9	6	7
7	6	3	2	9	1	5	4	8
1	5	2	3	8	4	6	7	9
3	8	7	9	6	2	1	5	4
6	4	9	1	7	5	8	2	3
2	1	6	7	3	9	4	8	5
4	7	8	5	1	6	3	9	2
9	3	5	4	2	8	7	1	6

Answer

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9 Biggest Benefits Of Shopping Ogle County First

1 Youth programs, schools and non-profit groups look to our businesses first when fundraising. These community-minded businesses donate faithfully to local youth sports programs, community clubs, nonprofit groups and churches – just to name a few. Shouldn't we look to those same businesses first when we need goods and services? Of course we should!

2 High rate of return. For every \$100 spent in independently owned stores, \$68 returns to the community through payroll, taxes and other expenditures. Online orders return absolutely nothing to Ogle County, IL.

3 Seeking health care in your hometown brings the comforts of receiving qualified care from people you know and trust. Whether it be a trip to the dentist, regular health care screenings, a visit to a specialist or an emergency, you need not travel. It's all right here.

4 Banking with people who know you is a luxury found only in hometowns. You don't have to show your ID every time you go in. You can get a loan from people who know you and understand your needs, whether it be money for your first car or to help your business grow. Local banks believe in the value of community members helping one another.

5 No one wants to have to make an insurance claim, but it's painless when your agent is your neighbor. You don't have to convince them that there was a hail storm, or that the wind nearly took your roof off. They know because they live

here. Which do you want when you've had a bad day: A face-to-face meeting with your local agent, or a machine answering the phone at that big national insurer that advertises on TV?

6 Time is money. It's simple math (especially when you figure in gas mileage.) Shopping locally can actually save you both time and money!

7 Customer service after the sale is invaluable. Local retailers not only take responsibility for the product they sold, they will often fix it or replace it – no questions asked. Appliances, furniture, computers and electronics sometimes have glitches. Would you rather box yours up, send it to who knows where, and wait six to eight weeks, or just go back to the nice guy that helped you when you bought it?

8 Keeping it local encourages community growth. By choosing to do business locally, you help maintain Rochelle's diversity, charm and appeal; which attracts new community members.

9 One word: Jobs. When you do business of any kind in Ogle County, it creates and maintains jobs for others in our area. A healthy employment rate is the cornerstone of all economies. How can you help the economy recover? Start at home.



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101 LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, CIRCUIT COURT, OGLE COUNTY

Request of Misael Isaac Guerrero
Case Number 2024MR6 Filed 7 February 2024
There will be a court date on my Request to change my name from Misael Isaac Guerrero to the new name of Misael Isaac Argomaniz.
The court date will be held on 3 April 2024 at 9:00a.m. at 106 5th St., Oregon, Ogle County, in Courtroom #304.
No. 0212
(Feb. 12, 19, and 26, 2024)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Sealed bids will be received by the Ogle County Highway Department, Oregon, Illinois, until 2:00 P.M. April 5, 2024 for the following Sections:
1. 24-XX000-00-GM 2024 Township Sealcoats,
2. 24-00000-02-GM 2024 County Sealcoats,
3. 24-26000-00-GM Oregon-Nashua Township Paving,
4. 24-06000-01-GM Flag Township Paving
5. 24-21000-00-GM Rockvale Township Cold in Place Recycling
6. 24-21134-00-SS Rockvale Township Storm Sewer Repairs
7. 24-22000-01-GM Scott Township Paving
Proposals are available at the Ogle County Highway Department, 1989 South IL Rte. 2, Oregon, IL between the hours of 7:00 A.M. And 3:30 P.M. Monday - Friday.
The Road and Bridge Committee reserves the right to accept or reject and or all bids.
No. 0312
(Mar. 18 & 25, 2024)

NOTICE

STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the Matter of the Estate of JANET L. FRYE, Deceased.
2024PR0012
PUBLICATION NOTICE TO CREDITORS and CLAIMANTS
Notice is given of the death of JANET L. FRYE, who died on October 9, 2023, a resident of Ogle County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on February 29, 2024, and the Representative for the estate is DEBORAH L. EISELLER, 9577 N. Blaine Drive, Byron, IL 61010. The attorney for the estate is Amanda J. Martinez, 5732 E. Riverside Blvd., #201, Loves Park, IL 61111.
Claims against the estate may be filed on or before September 18, 2024, that date being at least six (6) months from the date of the first publication. Claims against the estate may be filed with the Clerk of the Circuit Court, 106 S. 5th Street, Oregon, IL 61061, or with the Representative, or both. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.
Attorney Amanda J. Martinez ARDC#: 5732 E. Riverside Blvd., #201, Loves Park, IL 61111
815-491-8065
amartinez@adamsmartinezlaw.com
No. 0314
(Mar. 18 & 25 and Apr. 1, 2024)

NOTICE

COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the Matter of the Estate of ARLENE J. RIEDLINGER, Deceased.
IN PROBATE
No. 2024PR14
CLAIM NOTICE
NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of ARLENE J. REIDLINGER, of Mt. Morris, Illinois. Letters of office were issued on March 11, 2024, to STILLMAN BANC CORP, N.A. of Rockford, Illinois, Administrator of the Estate, whose attorney is Jennifer L. Birkholz of SMITH, BIRKHOLZ & MORROW, P.C. at 129 S. Fourth Street, P.O. Box 10, Oregon, Illinois, 61061.
Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the clerk, or with the representative, or both, on or before September 25, 2024, or within 3 months from date of mailing or delivery of notice to creditors, if required by Section 18-3 of the Illinois Probate Act of 1975, as amended, whichever date is later. Any claim not filed on or before that date 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.
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Jennifer L. Birkholz SMITH, BIRKHOLZ & MORROW, P.C. 129 S. Fourth Street, P.O. Box 10 Oregon, IL 61061 (815) 732-6124
No. 0322
(March 25, April 1 & 8, 2024)

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
To the legal voters, residents of the Town of Leaf River in the County of Ogle and State of Illinois, that the Annual Town Meeting of said Town will take place on Tuesday, April 9, 2024 being the second Tuesday of the month at the hour of 6:45 p.m.

PUBLIC NOTICE

State of Illinois Compiled Statutes, the Pine Creek Township highway commissioner will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 3, 2024 at 2:00 PM to examine Tee Road between Butternut Rd and Ridge Rd to hear reasons for or against vacating Tee Road and its associated right of way. The hearing will be held at the intersection of Tee Road and Butternut Road which is just south of 4984 S Butternut Road, Oregon, IL 61061. The legal description of the right of way to be vacated is: All of Tee Road located along the north line of Sections 35 and 36 in Pine Creek Township, beginning at Butternut Road and ending at Ridge Road (0.75 miles).
Jody Yount
Pine Creek Twp Rd Commissioner
Ogle County, Illinois
No. 0315
(March 18 & 25, 2024)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on February 27, 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:
S&K Performance
130 Pines Rd
Oregon, IL 61061
Dated February 27, 2024
Laura J. Cook, Ogle County Clerk
No. 0319
(Mar. 18, 25 and Apr. 1, 2024)

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No. 0322
(March 25, April 1 & 8, 2024)

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF GRAND DETOUR ANNUAL MEETING
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
Annual town meeting notice is hereby given to the legal voters, of the Town of Grand Detour, in the County of Ogle, and the State of Illinois, that the Annual Town Meeting of said town will take place on Tuesday, April 9, 2024 being the second Tuesday of the said month at the hour of 7:30 p.m. at the Grand Detour Town Hall for the transaction of the miscellaneous business of the said town.
Agenda:
Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance
Elect a Moderator
Minutes of Last Year's Meeting
Balances Read
Old Business: Spray for Mosquitoes
New Business: None
Adjourn
The regular monthly meeting will follow.
Connie Ross
Grand Detour Town Clerk
No. 0327
(March 25, 2024)

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
Sealed proposals for the project described below will be received at the office of the City

PUBLIC NOTICE

for the transaction of the miscellaneous business of the said town; and after a Moderator having been elected, will proceed to hear and consider reports of officers, and decide on such measures as may, in pursuance of law, come before the meeting; and especially to consider and decide the following
Dated March 19, 2024
AGENDA for April 9th, 2024 Annual Meeting
Leaf River Township Hall
6:45 p.m.
(Registered voters sign-in)
Call Meeting to Order by Clerk
Pledge of Allegiance
Motion to Elect Moderator
Administer Oath of office to Moderator
Moderator
Reading of Minutes of the April 2023 Annual Meeting
Motion to accept minutes
Motion to set salary for the Moderator of 2025 Annual Meeting
Set Time, Place and Date of 2025 Annual Town Meeting
2nd Tues in April 2025 -Time 6:45 p.m.
Annual Township Financial Statement
Town: Questions/discussion
Motion to accept reports
Road: Questions/ discussion
Motion to accept reports
Other Business
Motion to Adjourn
No. 0325
(March 25, 2024)

PUBLIC NOTICE

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
to the legal voters, residents of the Town of Rockvale in the County of Ogle and the State of Illinois, that the Annual Town Meeting of said Town will take place on Tuesday, April 9, 2024 being the second Tuesday of said month at the hour of 7:30 pm for the transaction of the miscellaneous business of the said town; and after a Moderator having been elected, will proceed to hear and consider reports of officers, and decide on such measures as may, in pursuance of law, come before the meeting; and especially to consider and decide the following:
Supervisors Report
Dated March 18, 2024
Karen Wolber
Town Clerk
No. 0326
(March 25, 2024)

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF GRAND DETOUR ANNUAL MEETING
Annual town meeting notice is hereby given to the legal voters, of the Town of Grand Detour, in the County of Ogle, and the State of Illinois, that the Annual Town Meeting of said town will take place on Tuesday, April 9, 2024 being the second Tuesday of the said month at the hour of 7:30 p.m. at the Grand Detour Town Hall for the transaction of the miscellaneous business of the said town.
Agenda:
Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance
Elect a Moderator
Minutes of Last Year's Meeting
Balances Read
Old Business: Spray for Mosquitoes
New Business: None
Adjourn
The regular monthly meeting will follow.
Connie Ross
Grand Detour Town Clerk
No. 0327
(March 25, 2024)

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ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
To the legal voters, residents of the Town of Pine Rock in the County of Ogle and State of Illinois that the Annual Town Meeting of said Town will take place on Tuesday, April 9, 2024 Being the second Tuesday of said month
At the hour of 7 o'clock P.M. at the Pine Rock Township Hall
210 West Street
Chana, Illinois
For the transaction of the miscellaneous business of the said town; and after a Moderator having been elected, will proceed to hear and consider reports of officers, and decide on such measures as may, in pursuance of law come before the meeting; and especially to consider the following:
1) Approval of 2023 meeting minutes
2) Approval of Funds balances
3) Setting Moderator's salary for 2025
4) Setting date, place and time for 2025 Annual Meeting
5) Vote on county services provided to Township residents
6) Other business as brought before the meeting
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Supervisors Report
Dated March 18, 2024
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9. Permission will be given to a bidder to withdraw a proposal if the bidder makes the request in writing or in person before the time for opening proposals.
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hometown newspaper and the Federal Trade Commission.

119 ANNOUNCEMENTS

"This publication does not knowingly accept fraudulent or deceptive advertising. Readers are cautioned to thoroughly investigate all ads, especially those asking for money in advance."

127 SERVICES AND REPAIRS

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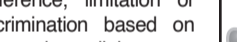
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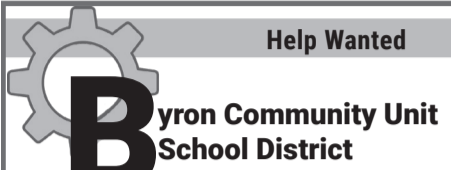
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AM I OKAY TO DRIVE?

BUZZED DRIVING IS DRUNK DRIVING

LOCAL NEWS

JULIA HULL DISTRICT LIBRARY STILLMAN VALLEY

Storytime at the Library

Join us in person at the library for songs, stories and crafts! Ages 2-5. Wednesdays at 10 a.m. Registration required.

Tween Scene: Glow in the Dark Science

Tweens get to conduct a series of experiments with one thing in common: they all glow in the dark! Tuesday, April 2, 6 p.m. All supplies provided. Ages 10-12. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

Toddler Time: Spring Sensory Bins

Indulge you little one's curiosity with a hands-on event just for them! Join us for some tactile play using a variety of sensory bins with a festive spring twist. Friday, April 5, 10 a.m. Ages 1-4. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

Teens: Candy Kabobs!

Hang out with friends, play games, and create colorful candy kabobs to give away or keep for yourself! Thursday, April 18, 6 p.m. Ages 13-18. All supplies provided. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

Kaleidoscope Art

Kids will explore their artistic side by making colorful geometric masterpieces inspired by kaleidoscopes. Saturday, April 20, 1 p.m. All supplies provided. Ages 5-9. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

European Travel for Beginners

Have you dreamed of jet-setting to Europe? No sure how to get started? Join frequent fliers, Joanna and Wayne, as they help prepare you for your first European holiday. They'll cover everything you need to know before you go: selecting a destination, booking your flight and hotels, learning the ins and outs of transportation once you get there, living like a temporary local and more. Monday, April 22, 6 p.m. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

Genealogy: The Next Steps

So you've been researching your family history, and you have a ton of information! Now what? In this workshop we'll talk about how to organize your research, ways to verify your findings according to genealogy standards and options for sharing or even publishing family histories. Tuesday, April 23, 6 p.m. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

Who Was Lilly Pulitzer?

It is 1969, and Lily Pulitzer is transforming fashion with her boldly patterned shift dresses. In this new costumed portrayal, Leslie Goddard brings to life the celebrated entrepreneur, fashion designer and socialite. Learn what inspired this free-spirited socialite to launch a line of tropical dresses that became synonymous with resort living. Monday, April 29, 6:30 p.m. Registration required: 815-645-8611.



Crafters met with Joanna to create a set of miniature paper plants, last week at Julia Hull District Library in Stillman Valley. (Courtesy photos)



FORRESTON LIBRARY NEWS

Solar Eclipse Viewers

On Monday, April 8th there will be a partial solar eclipse in our area. In preparation for this, the Adler Planetarium in Chicago has provided public libraries in Illinois with a limited supply of safe solar viewers. If you are interested in receiving a free viewer, please call or stop in beginning Monday, March 25th for more information.

Toddler/Preschool Storytime

Wednesdays at 10:00 am. Due to spring break, Storytime will not be held on Wednesday, March 27th. See you next week!

New Adult Fiction

New adult fiction titles include: Three-Inch Teeth by C.J. Box and The Women by Kristin Hannah.

Community Room

Looking for a place to hold your event? Our community room (with a small kitchenette) is available for meetings, parties, showers, family reunions, and more. Please call the library at (815)938-2624 for additional information.

Soft Plastic Recycling

We are collecting film-type plastic for recycling. This includes plastic bags, zipper type baggies (with the zip portion removed), cereal/snack bags, bubble wrap, and other soft plastic. Please make sure bags are free from debris and remove all paper/sticker labels. Thank you!

BRUNCH

8am to 1pm • Sunday, May 12th
at the Rochelle Wildlife Conservation Club

Indoor and covered outdoor seating surrounded by nature.

Pancakes, sausage, bacon, scrambled eggs, hash-browns and biscuits and gravy

\$15 per person | kids 5 and under Free
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Sullivan's Signature SEASONED PORK AND HAM LOAF **3.99 lb**

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US Govt Insp PORK BUTT TWIN PACKS **1.39 lb**

80% LEAN GROUND BEEF 10 lbs **2.99 lb**

Italy PARMESAN SHAKER **1.99**

Village Hearth BREAD Regular or Lite 1.25 lb **2.49**

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