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Serenity Hospice and Home celebrating 40 years

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helping the care that patients receive continue to be focused on calmness, peacefulness and in an untroubled surrounding no matter where the patient resides.

services in 2015. A truly special place, The Serenity Shed has helped many through bereavement groups and creative art projects. From those grieving a loss, to amazing volunteers who love to help, The Serenity Shed is a caring space to be yourself, receive support and build up others.

The journey unfolded greatly in 2009 when Serenity Home in Oregon opened and served 50 patients and their families. Serenity Home is a beautiful place of comfort featuring eight uniquely designed rooms and drawing professional staff and dedicated volunteers to walk alongside all who receive care.

Serenity was proud to create our Angel Treasures resale shops and most recently excited to announce the new re-location of the Winnebago store to 102 N. Elida St. Since 2001, the Angel Treasures stores have supported the work of Serenity in helping all receive the care they need and allowing Serenity to go above and beyond in utilizing integrative therapies. Serenity thanks the communities of Mt. Morris-Oregon, Dixon, Winnebago and beyond for donating, volunteering and purchasing items.

A great list of accomplishments streamed ahead: accreditation in 2016 by the Joint Commission, in 2017 the building of an administrative building, 2018 saw palliative care and massage therapy programs implemented and in 2023, Serenity opened the third Angel Treasures location in Dixon, IL!

Soon after in 2011, the organization officially changed its name to Serenity Hospice & Home

More recently in 2022, Serenity received the highest rating of 5-stars from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) affirming the utmost dignity, care and support patients receive from the



organization. The last two years have seen increased education in care for pediatric patients showing that Serenity continues to grow in its care for everyone. Whether you are a volunteer, donor, family who has

received care or shopper at Angel Treasures - you continue to make a difference in the lives of many for years to come!

Breakout quote:
"Everyone we had contact with gave us their

utmost attention with compassion and understanding of our needs. (The staff) became part of our family, guiding us through each step. The care and comfort they gave was exceptional."

Local People Providing Local Service



Rochelle MUNICIPAL UTILITIES


RMU started its operations in 1896 with a power plant located near what is now Spring Lake. It was first used to produce energy for the downtown street lights. The demand for electricity began to grow. Houses were soon wired for electricity. RMU now serves over 7000 customers with electric, water, water reclamation and/or communication services. RMU's main goal is still to provide reliable, responsive, not-for-profit utilities. RMU strives to assist customers with keeping their utility costs low.

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- **OVER THE TELEPHONE** Call us and make a payment.
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- **BY MAIL** Mail to: 333 Lincoln Hwy, Rochelle, IL 61068.
- **IN PERSON** Stop by the RMU Customer Service Department at 333 Lincoln Hwy.


For more information visit www.rmu.net or call 815-562-4155.

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RMU offers residential incentive programs to help save energy. If one of the listed appliances is purchased from a local vendor, you may receive an incentive.

Energy Efficient Refrigerator.....	\$100
Energy Efficient Freezer.....	\$150
Energy Efficient Window Air Conditioner.....	\$ 75
Learning Thermostat.....	50% of purchase price up to \$100
Central Air Conditioning Unit ≥135EER.....	\$300
Central Air Conditioning Unit ≥14.55EER.....	\$450



RMU also offers a \$35 incentive if you receive a central air conditioning unit tune up from a local business.

ENERGY-EFFICIENT APPLIANCES
Will Save You Money!

40 Serenity HOSPICE & HOME

Serving our community for 40 years!

93% Willing to RECOMMEND Serenity! Compared to Illinois state average of 83%


Family caregiver survey rating: ★★★★★

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services ranks **SERENITY HOSPICE & HOME** with a 5-STAR rating!
We are the **ONLY** hospice in our wide service area to receive 5-Stars.
Find out more at Medicare.gov.

The survey shares that **SERENITY EXCELS** in these categories:

- Communication with Family
- Getting Timely Help
- Treating Patients with Respect
- Emotional and Spiritual Support
- Help for Pain and Symptoms
- Training Family to Care for Patients

www.serenityhospiceandhome.org
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First State Bank is celebrating over 80 years of community banking in the Mendota area. Founded in 1940, First State Bank has transformed over the last eight decades from a small single-location facility on Washington Street into a 19-branch strong \$1.5 billion financial institution with a presence from Champaign to St. Charles.

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What hasn't changed, though, is our commitment to community banking—offering the high-quality financial products like the big banks, but with the personal community banking touch you've come to depend on.

From high Interest FSB-Premier checking to Treasury Management Services, we offer a full suite of business and personal banking options for every customer. Our digital banking solutions – including internet banking, our mobile app and FSBDirect – allow you to seamlessly conduct business 24/7, wherever you are. Mobile Pay allows

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you to add your FSB debit or credit card information to your mobile phone for contactless payments. Instant issue debit cards can replace your lost or stolen card in minutes. FSBCards allows you to see every purchase made with your FSB debit card, create spending controls, turn your card on

and off and more. Zelle is a person to person payment platform. Zelle is a fast, safe and easy way to send money directly between almost any bank account in the U.S., typically within minutes. With just an email address or U.S. mobile phone number, you can send money to people you trust,

regardless of where they bank. Quilo is our online personal loan officer that allows you to apply for a loan in minutes! It won't impact your credit score to apply and there are no fees, no penalties and payments you can afford, check our website for more details on all our products.

As a federally insured institution, your deposits are covered by the FDIC's general deposit insurance guidelines. For additional coverage, check out our IntraFi deposit products, just ask for details.

First State Bank is committed to remain at the forefront of the technology necessary to be competitive in the financial industry, while maintaining our community banking roots. #comeseeyourfriends.

Maintain Your Smile: Offering dental care to neighbors

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Celebrating 25 years in 2024



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Celebrating 83 years in 2024

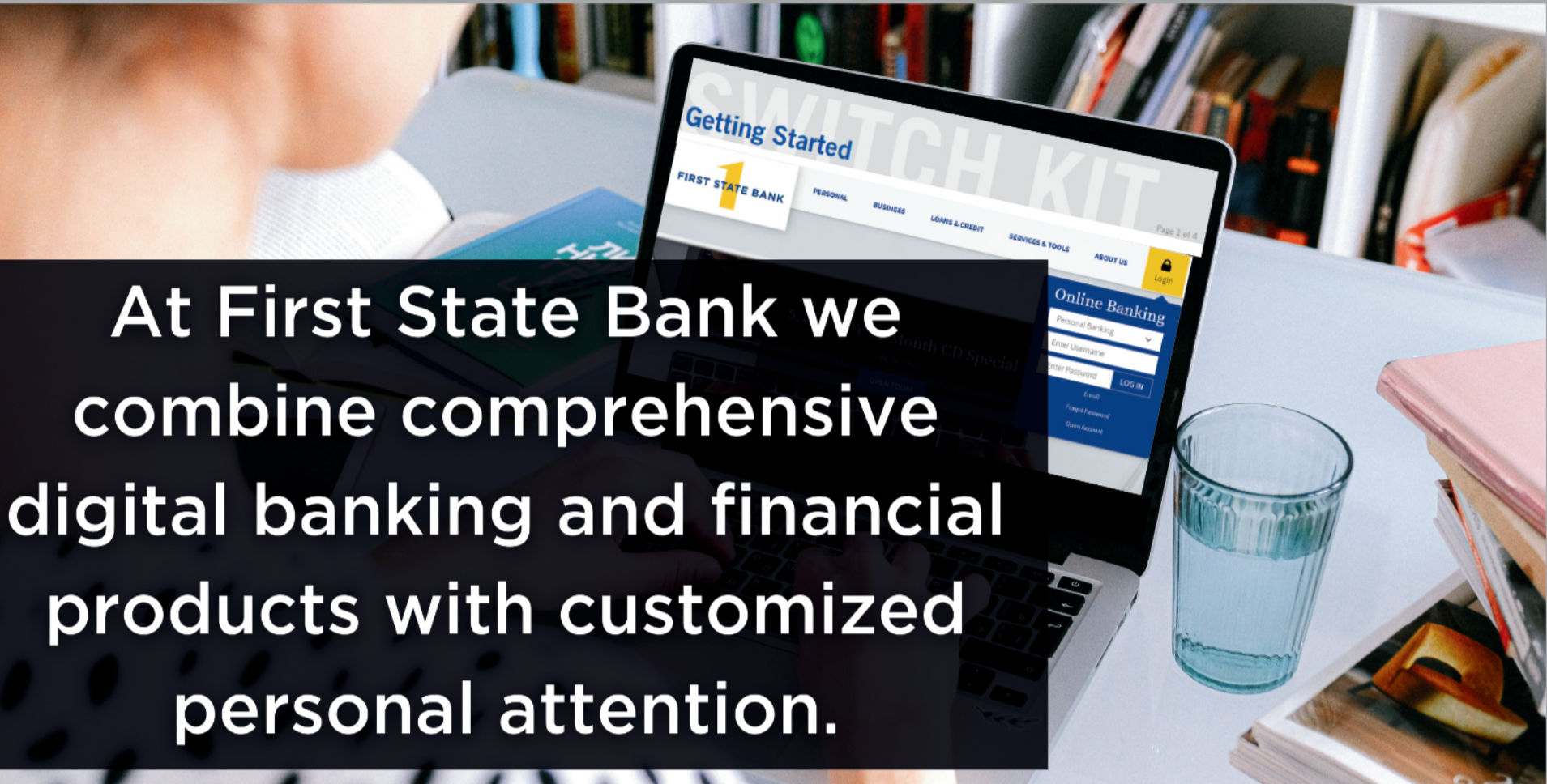


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