

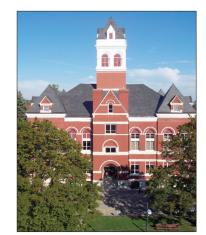
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Byron students in new entrepreneurship

program start employee appreciation business



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to help them feel better about their company? And then they'd feel more appreciated and work harder. Our first product was called the essentials box and has 46

WeAreWorkers: 'I never thought I'd do something like this in high school...' **BY JEFF HELFRICH** little essential things to MANAGING EDITOR give to employees to thank them for their work. It has BYRON — A new a little message on it with entrepreneurship program

at Byron High School has

yielded a small business

startup named WeAre-

Workers, created by stu-

dents Westin Harrolle and

to improve workplace

morale for local businesses

by offering customized

appreciation boxes aimed

at showing employees that

their efforts are valued.

Each box is tailored to the

business and contains a

selection of gifts and treats

to express appreciation and

recognition for employees'

hard work. Harrolle, a ju-

nior at BHS, said the idea

came about after he heard

his father, a union foreman,

speaking about trying to

times they would feel

unappreciated," Harrolle

said. "That gave me the idea

of what if we gave them

some form of appreciation

things like chapstick, hand

sanitizer and tissues. Just

Foundation for Focus

House recently released

the names of three area

students that will each be

receiving \$1,000 schol-

arships from its 2024

given out two 1,000

scholarships each year

to Ogle County residents

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ing post-secondary or

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that have made a positive

change in themselves or

their community. A third

scholarship was awarded

this year.

The organization has

application cycle.

"He'd notice that some-

reach employees.

WeAreWorkers looks

Ole Wulf.

the company's branding." Among the companies WeAreWorkers is working with is Dos Amigos, and Harrolle and Wulf dropped off its boxes on April 29. Gift cards and snacks can also be included in the boxes. WeAreWorkers talks with companies about what they'd like in the boxes and the startup purchases and packs the items.

In the BHS entrepreneurship program, students are tasked with identifying real-world problems and developing innovative solutions through entrepreneurship. The course is guided by the icubatoredu program, which also allows students to earn college credit.

Wulf, a sophomore at BHS, is an exchange student from Germany. He said the class has helped him to learn more about business culture in the United States.

"I've learned a lot," Wulf said. "We've learned about the global business world. The process has been the most fun part. We started at nothing and now we have a product to sell. It's the journey that's made it the most fun."



A new entrepreneurship program at Byron High School has yielded a small business startup named WeAreWorkers, created by Westin Harrolle and Ole Wulf.

Harrolle and Wulfhave a desire to continue with the business after their time in the class ends. It may even be run worldwide after Wulf returns to Germany,

they said.

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OBITUARIES

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"We received a record number of Foundation for Focus House scholarship applications this year," Foundation for Focus House Executive Director Jeni Hardin said. "It was very difficult to narrow it down to just two so this year we added a third scholarship. There were many applicants who not only excel in their education but more importantly, they have given time to volunteering and helping their community. We want to express our gratitude to each and every applicant and encourage them to







Foundation for Focus House recently released the names of three students that will each be receiving \$1,000 scholarships from its 2024 application cycle. The students are Mya Engelkes, Allissa Marschang and Braden Rogers (left to right).

apply again next year!"

Allissa Marschang is a senior at Polo Community High School and was awarded the F. Lawrence Lenz Scholarship. Allissa plans to attend Iowa State University in the fall,

studying engineering.

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SCHOLARS: Foundation for Focus House awards local students

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"We chose Allissa because of her determination and her will to find strength in whatever card she is dealt," Hardin said. "She has been a youth group leader, volunteered at Kidz Café since 2019, and more. She said that being a kind and caring person 'is about carrying someone else's bag when nobody is watching because it makes you feel good to know you are helping someone."

As an Ogle County Circuit Judge, Judge Lenz elected to be the juvenile court judge. In this capacity he was one of the instrumental supporters of the opening of Focus House in 1975. From the bench he believed in the value of having community-based programs and was an advocate of Focus House until his death.

Braden Rogers is a senior at Stillman Valley High School and was awarded the LaVerne & Margaret Franklin Adams Scholarship. Braden plans to attend the University of Wisconsin-Platteville to obtain a degree in civil engineering with an emphasis on environment and agriculture.

"We are happy to present this scholarship to Braden who has given back numerous hours to his school and community," Hardin said. "He was a

peer tutor, reading buddy, volunteered at the FFA petting zoo, and more... totally over 150 hours of making our community a better place." A longtime resident of

Ogle County, Mr. Adams sat on the Ogle County Board from 1972 until 2002. At the time Focus House was established in 1975, Mr. Adams was appointed and served as the chairperson of the county committee that

oversaw the operation of the program. Mrs. Margaret Franklin Adams was also very dedicated to the community and the youth at Focus House.

Mya Engelkes is a senior at Oregon High School and was awarded the Foundation for Focus House Scholarship. Mya plans to attend the University of Iowa to pursue her degree in business with a major in business analytics and minor in finance.

"Mya impressed us with her list of extracurricular activities," Hardin said. "But it was how many of them were dedicated to helping others that made us realize how much she gives back to our community. She actively seeks out opportunities for growth and says she has a dedicated and unwavering loyalty to her community and hopes to leave a lasting impact on everyone she meets."

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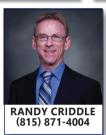


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BYRON: Entrepreneurship program leads to creation of WeAreWorkers

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On May 1, the entrepreneurship program held a shark tank event where students pitched ideas in front of investors. For the best pitch the process yielded a check towards their new business.

"This class has been great," Harrolle said. "Even if you don't want to do entrepreneurship later on in life, you still learn a ton of good lessons from this class. You practice making pitches in front of investors and it really helps you grow your skills as a person. It's made me more likely to want to get into entrepreneurship later on in life. I've learned a ton from this class. It's helped us to get out of our comfort zones. We've talked to seven businesses. And it's just an idea we've created in this class. We've put a lot into it. I never thought I'd do something like this in high school before this class. The class made my thoughts blossom."

Rich Wessel is the instructor of the BHS en-

trepreneurship course and praised Harrolle, Wulfand the rest of the students in the class for their work. The class is in its first year. He's enjoyed seeing kids get out of their comfort zones and watching their ideas grow.

Other student businesses from the class include KidTrip, an Uber-like service to get kids to different activities safely, and KJK Woodburning, which makes signs out of reusable materials.

"It's going great," Wessel said. "These kids are learning soft skills that many students lack. I was in the business world before teaching and I saw the massive lack of people having the ability to get up in front of people and share and communicate. That's why we've started this program. They learn intangible skills. They'll be ahead with workplace readiness skills. They'll be at an advantage. We're all learning together with how new this class is. This first year has definitely exceeded my expectations as far as student work and





Community leaders and businesses have gotten involved in the program. Members of the community have come in to serve as mentors to the students and give them strategic advice and some have even helped with funding. Wessel said that has helped the program to reach new heights.

the effort they've put into it and what they're getting out of it."

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strategic advice and some have even helped with funding. Wessel said that has helped the program to reach new heights.

BHS wants to instill entrepreneurial skills in students with the new program.

"In the past, education

in general has pushed students towards college," Wessel said. "And I think that's not necessarily the full message anymore. The ability to be valuable in the marketplace in any way you decide to do it is important. This program will help with college if

that's their choice, but it also teaches grit and hustle. That can help people who don't have college in mind. That's OK and they can become valuable in the marketplace without college. If you put the time and effort in, you can be successful.'

RACF awards nearly \$140,000 in grants to local nonprofits, holds Granting Futures event

ROCHELLE -The Rochelle Area Community Foundation (RACF) recently announced that it has granted nearly \$140,000 back into the community, supporting 34 nonprofit partners. The grants were awarded at RACF's Granting Futures event, hosted April 24 at Luna.

"The impact that this makes on our community will be felt for many years," Emily Anaya, RACF executive director. said. "These deserving nonprofits work tirelessly to provide services, programs, and projects that positively impact those in greatest need."

This year's grant cycle was highly competitive, with a total of 37 applications received.

"This year was extremely competitive," Terry Dickow, grants committee chairman, said. "We were thrilled to see such a high level of interest and quality from local organizations, and we're honored to support their work.'

Ashley Jackson, RACF board president, praised the efforts of the local nonprofits.

"The dedication and commitment of these organizations are remarkable," Jackson said. "We are delighted to provide funding to help them continue their vital work in our community.'

RACF remains dedicated to its mission of fostering a thriving and prosperous community through philanthropy. By

supporting local nonprofits, the foundation helps to ensure that Rochelle and the surrounding areas continue to grow and flourish.

For more information about the RACF and its work in the community, please visit rochellefoundation.org.

Here is a list of all the grants awarded for the 2024 community needs grants.

Designated funds

The Ron "Stony" Stonebraker Police and Fire Memorial Fund is designated to the Rochelle Police Department and Rochelle Fire Department to use at their discretion. This year the fund totaled \$767 that is split between both departments. Every year this fund continues to grow and will forever support these two de-

partments. The Livingston Bible Church Scholarship Fund granted out \$4,900 in support of furthering education for our youth. Thank you to the Livingston Family and all they do.

The Dual Language Educators Scholarship Fund granted \$1,000 to further education in support of the district's Dual Language Education program through the Elementary School

District.

Donor-advised Funds 4C-Community Coordinated Child Care -Books for the Community in the amount of \$500. String Program in the

amount of \$741 funded by the Tyler "Smitty" Smith Memorial Fund.

Christian Food Pantry's Protein Promotion program which was fully funded in the amount of \$15,000. The Jacobs Family Fund provided \$3,215 in combination with an anonymous donor-advised fund in the amount of \$11,785.

Flagg-Rochelle Public Library for their Homeschooling Extravaganza in the amount of \$3,190. \$580 was funded by the Empowering the Community Fund and the remaining \$2,610 by the RACF Endowment Fund. Chana Education

Center's Collaborating Through Hands-On Learning in the amount of \$3,636.46. The Steve Pfeiffer Memorial Fund gave \$1,000 in support of this program with \$2,636

coming from RACF Endowment Fund.

Chana Education Center's Grief Kits in the amount of \$520 which was honored to have fully funded by the Ed and Ann Rice Giving Fund.

RTHS Alumni Association for RTHS Alumni Association scholarships in the amount of \$5,000. The Tobler Family Fund supported with \$563 in combination with an

anonymous donor-advised fund in the amount of \$4,437.

Vince Carney Community Theatre - Presents Us VCCT in the amount of \$3,500 funded by the HP "Jim" Walker Memorial Endowment Fund in the amount of \$2,000 in combination with the RACF Endowment Fund in the amount of \$1,500.

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Forreston High School honors night, graduation information released

FORRESTON — Forreston High School will be holding its baccalaureate service for graduating seniors on Sunday, May 5 in the FHS gymnasium. The service

will begin at 7 p.m. FHS will be holding its annual honors night for graduating seniors on Wednesday, May 8 in the FHS gymnasium. The program will begin at 7 p.m. with a welcome from Principal Heinz. This will be followed by presenting the class of 2024 with scholarships and awards.

The Forrestville Valley School District and Board of Education will be presenting diplomas to the 2024 graduating class of FHS on Sunday, May 12 in the FHS gymnasium

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beginning at 2 p.m. Students, families, and community members are invited to attend.

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Obituaries

James Myron Vagle

ROCHELLE—James Myron Vagle, 81, passed away Wednesday, April 24, 2024 at OSF St. Anthony Medical Center in Rockford, Illinois. Jim was born on August 4, 1942 to Mervil C. and Mabel J. (Vogle) Vagle in DeKalb, IL. He graduated from Rochelle Township High School in 1960. Jim was a grain, cattle and hog farmer in the Rochelle/Kings area his entire life. He also was involved in trucking locally.

Jim was a member of the Ogle County Farm Bureau and a member of Elim Reformed Church in Kings, IL. He was involved with 4-H for many years. Jim was an avid antique tractor collector. At one point, he had around 34 tractors, the oldest being from the year 1950. Most of the 34 were either John Deere or Inter-

national Harvester tractors. He enjoyed going to farm shows, county fairs and especially Mecum Antique Tractor Sales. Jim was all about routine. One could find him at 6:00 A.M. having breakfast at Grubsteakers with all of his farmer friends pretty much every morning. He was always willing to help his farming friends and neighbors. Jim will be greatly missed by all those who knew him. Jim is survived by his

nephew, Larry Sterna of New Berlin, WI; niece, Jennifer Sacho of Palm Harbor, FL; brother-in-law, David Sterna of Beloit, WI; good friend, Terry (Lisa) Hardy, life long friend, Jay Knight, numerous cousins and friends. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Betty Sterna, on August 12, 2023.

The visitation will be



from 10:00 - 11:00 A.M., Saturday, May 4, 2024 at the Unger-Horner Funeral Home, 400 N. 6th St., Rochelle. The funeral service will follow at 11:00 A.M., Saturday with Pastor Dave Rogula officiating. Burial is at Monroe Center Cemetery in Monroe Center, IL. Memorials may be made in Jim's memory to the Lynn-Scott-Rock Fire Department or the Elim Reformed Church. Visit www.ungerhorner. com to sign the online guest book.

Thomas "Tom" Edward Izer

OREGON — Thomas 'Tom' Edward Izer passed away suddenly at the age of 92 on Wednesday, April 24, 2024. He was born on December 16, 1931, in Iron Springs, Pennsylvania. Tom was the youngest of four children, born to J. Theodore "Duke" and Louella A. "Nan" (Bennett) Izer. Tom graduated from Washington Township High School in May of 1949. After high school, Tom came to this area on a hunting trip. He took a job pumping gas at the Victory Café for the Andreas family, met Donna Andreas, the love of his life, and never left. They married on November 3, 1954, in Rock Falls, IL, and were Blessed with over 69 wonderful years together. Tom served in the United States Army from 1952 to 1954. He was a certified tank driver, mainly serving as the Officers' cook. After being discharged from the Army, he went on to work as a milk carrier for Lawton Dairy in Dixon before his career began as "The Gas Man" for Northern Illinois Gas. Through his

peoples' lives, sometimes risking his own in the process. Throughout his life in Oregon, he enjoyed many things, most of which involved his family. He loved to fish, hunt, play and coach fast pitch softball, and coach his children's sports teams. He was very active in his community, serving as a City Commissioner for several terms. Tom was an active member of the Oregon United Methodist Church for over 60 years. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. His greatest passion was taking care of others, dedicating his time and talents to not only his family, but anyone who called.

He is preceded in death by his parents and sister Theda Kuykendall. He is survived and missed dearly by his loving wife, Donna, of Oregon, IL; five children: Jill Izer of Winnebago, IL; Tom(Teresa) Izer of Dixon, IL; Penny (Phil) Fox of Woodridge, IL; Julie Shelby of Peoria, IL; Tim (Lori) Izer of Peru, IL; brother William "Bill" Izer of Fairfield, PA; sister Mary M. Rock of Chambersburg, PA; 11

grandchildren: Hope (Matt) Hitchcock, Jeremy (Kate) Izer, Paul (Stephanie) Fox, David (Alison) Fox, Nicholas (Lauren) Fox, Jessica (Brett) Barr, Gregory Fox, Sean Shelby, Hannah Shelby, Erica (Eli) McGraw, and Christopher Koehler; 23 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

A visitation will take place at Farrell Holland Gale Funeral Home of Oregon, IL, on Tuesday, April 30, 2024, from 5:00pm to 7:00pm. Funeral Services will be held at the Oregon United Methodist Church with Pastor Michael Hoffmanpresiding, beginning at 11:00am. Tom will be laid to rest in Oak Knoll Cemetery in Sterling, IL.

Memorial donations are established in his name and may be directed to the family.

Joseph "Joe" E. Casinger

OREGON — Joseph "Joe" E. Casinger, 63, died suddenly at his home in Oregon on Sunday, April 28, 2024. He was born February 28, 1961, in Rockford, IL the son of Oscar & Lois (Nelson) Casinger. He was raised in Byron, IL with his loving parents and siblings. He was married to Muriel "Bubbles" Bolhous for 35 years. He worked for many years on the assembly line at E.D. Entyre Company. He loved the simple things in life like playing golf and watching

line of work, he helped

improve the safety of many

the Bears and Cubs games. He would be happiest at home in the company of the loves of his life: Bubbles and their 5 dogs Jack-Jack, Rizza, Sadie, Dusty, and Lucy. Joe is preceded in death by his parents, brother Gerald Casinger, and parents-inlaw. He is survived and missed dearly by his loving wife Muriel "Bubbles" Casinger of Oregon, IL; daughter Nicole; brother Jim (Rae) Casinger of Machesney Park, IL; sister Kathy Veer of SC; and many nieces, nephews,

brothers & sisters-in-law,

and special friends. A visitation will be held on Saturday, May 4, 2024, between the hours of 10:00am and 11:00am at Farrell Holland Gale Funeral Home of Oregon. Funeral services will be conducted by Pastor Tim Spickler beginning at 11:00am on Saturday, May 4, 2024, at Farrell Holland Gale Funeral Home of Oregon. The family asks that you make a donation to your local food pantry or animal shelter in his honor.

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Frances Pauline Strouse

OREGON — Frances Pauline Strouse passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her family on April 24th. She was born on September 9th, 1938, to J. Frank and Exie (Garner) Rozar in Rome, Georgia. They moved to Perry, Georgia where she attended school and graduated in 1956. After high school she attended South Georgia College where she met R. Terrell Puckett. They married and had two daughters, Pamela and Cynthia. After they divorced, she married Walt Shrader and moved to Oregon, IL in 1968. They divorced a few years later. Fran then met and married the love of her life, Clinton Strouse, in 1978 and became stepmother to Michelle and Christopher Strouse. Fran worked at Kable News and then at the Ogle County Courthouse as the switchboard operator and receptionist for 20 years, retiring in 1998. Many remember her beautiful smile and southern accent. Fran was very active in local community

service and volunteered with many organizations. In 1996 she joined and helped revive the Oregon Women's Club serving as president for ten years then becoming district co-president. She received her 25-year pin at a surprise luncheon last year. Fran and Clint were honored at the 2006 Autumn On Prade Festival as the Guests of Honor and rode in a horse drawn carriage in the parade. She loved reading in her spare time and treasured the Oregon Library. Fran loved her family, friends, and community. She had many spoiled Boston terriers throughout the years, too. She is survived by her husband Clinton; daughters Pam Puckett (Sue Wepfer) of Madison, WI; Cindy (Brad) Stewart of Oregon, IL; and stepdaughter Michelle Armstrong (Bud Porter) of Byron, IL. Fran's grandsons were her sunshine. They are Dylan Puckett of Mt Morris, IL; Christopher Armstrong of Rockford, IL; and Reese Armstrong



of Champaign, IL. Fran is predeceased by her father, J. Frank Rozar and mother, Exie (Garner) Rozar and stepson, Christopher Strouse. Funeral service will be held 11:00 AM, Tuesday, April 30, 2024 at the Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home, 110 S. 7th Street in Oregon, IL with the Rev. Michael Hoffman officiating. Visitation will be held prior to the service at the funeral home from 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM. Burial will follow the service at Daysville Cemetery. A memorial fund is established in Fran's name for the Serenity Hospice and Home. Visit www. farrellhollandgale.com to leave a condolence or memory of Fran.

Michael J. Stahl

BYRON — Michael J. Stahl, passed away in the early morning of Wednesday, April 17, 2024 at the Serenity House in Oregon II., with family at his side.

Michael, known as "Papa", "Pop Pops" or "Papa Eeyore" was born April 12th 1948 in Freeport, Illinois. He went to St. Joseph's Grade School and graduated from Aquin Catholic High School both in Freeport Illinois. He then attended and graduated from Loras Catholic College in Dubuque Iowa with a Bachelor's Degree in Sociology and a minor in Business Administration.

Michael eventually settled in Byron Illinois. He worked at and retired from the United States Postal Service, (Rockford Illinois location) after 24 years of service. After retirement he enjoyed long walks, crossword puzzles, sports, and most of all, his beloved grandchildren.

He loved College Basketball and especially all of his grandchildren's sporting and extra curricular events. Michael is and always will be a devout Catholic Christian. Michael loved the outdoors, hiking, a good joke or two, as well as reading, discussions about philosophy, religion and current events.

He was predeceased by his grandparents Galen and Ethel Slifer, his mother Dorothy (Slifer- Stahl) D'Agostin, his father John C. Stahl, and step father Arthur D'Agostin. He is survived by sister Karen (Stahl) Lytwyn,



his children Gregory Michael Stahl (Teri Johnson), Rachael Stahl (Steve Kivikko), and Joseph Stahl, as well as his cherished grandchildren, T.J. Pitcock, Alyssa (Stahl) Maloney, Abbey Stahl, Anabelle Stahl, as well as great grandchildren Janie Jo, Harper, Nora and Makenna. May he rest in peace with all those who went before him. Private family memorial services will be held at a later date.

Elizabeth (Betty) Corcoran

OREGON — Elizabeth (Betty) Corcoran, 96, of Oregon, died on April 25, 2024, with her family by her side. She was born on February 25, 1928, in Sterling, Illinois. Elizabeth was the third of five children born to James A. and Hazel (Bailey) Kereven. Elizabeth graduated from Oregon High School in 1946. After school, she worked at the Circuit Clerk's Office at the Ogle County Court House. Elizabeth loved children and enjoyed operating Neighborhood Nursery School for over 20 years. In later years, she organized literacy seminars and tutored children in reading. She married Thomas Corcoran on August 2, 1948, and

he died in 1994. Together, they raised four children in Oregon, Illinois. Elizabeth's priority was raising her family and being involved in their activities and sports throughout the years. She enjoyed being with her family and grand-children.

She was a member of the Oregon Church of

God. Elizabeth is preceded by her husband; parents; son Jim Corcoran; two sisters: Ruth Selmer and Carol Rauch; two brothers: James and Bill Kereven. Elizabeth is survived by her children: Tom (Peggy) Corcoran of Oregon II; Jean (John) Deuth of Polo II: Jan (Richard) Alcumbrack of Byron Center, Mi; daughter-in-law Jill Corcoran of Oregon, II.; grandchildren: Ryan (Ja-

mie) Corcoran of Waukesha, Wi; Kevin (Jennifer) Corcoran of Oregon, II; Daniel (Ashley) Deuth of Polo, IL; Michael (Mallory) Deuth of Polo, II; Renee (Matt) Scholl of Polo, II; Matthew (Jaclyn) Alcumbrack of Walker, Mi; Michelle (Clayton) Bretschneider of Byron Center, Mi; Melissa(Ryan) DeWitt of Byron Center, Mi; Brittany (Adam) Groenhagen of Oregon, II; Sarah (Mychal) Messenger of Oregon, II; Anna (Matt Ajvazi) Corcoran of Oregon, II; great grandchildren: Henry Corcoran; Jasmine and Andrew Herbst; Brayden, Brock, Ellis and Emery Deuth; Logan Scholl; Olivia, Colton

and Celine Alcumbrack; Noah, Broden,
Asher, Judah, Bianca, Elizabeth and Zoe Bretschneider; Janiyah, Rhowen and Ennyx DeWitt; Callum,
Lane, and Blair Groenhagen; Macy and Amos Messenger. A memorial service will be held at 11:00
AM on Saturday, May 11,
2024, at the Oregon Church of God, with Pastor Michael Hoffman officiating. A visi-

tation will be held prior to the service from 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM. A private burial will be held after the luncheon. The family would like to thank Pinecrest Manor and Serenity Hospice for the wonderful care given to Elizabeth. A memorial fund for Serenity Hospice and Home has been established in Elizabeth's name. Please visit www.farrellhollangale.com to leave a condolence or memory of Elizabeth.

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The Rochelle Area Community Foundation (RACF) recently announced that it has granted nearly \$140,000 back into the community, supporting 34 nonprofit partners. The grants were awarded at RACF's Granting Futures event, hosted April 24 at Luna. This year's grant cycle was highly competitive, with a total of 37 applications received.

RACF: Foundation presents grant funds to local nonprofits From page 3

Shining Star Children's Advocacy Center for Healthy Minds and Healthy Bodies in the amount of \$3,330, of which \$380 was funded by the Tom Hall Giving Fund, \$1,358 from the Youth in Philanthropy Fund, and \$1,592 from the RACF Endowment Fund.

Rochelle Rescue Mission - Keeping persons in Rochelle and surrounding areas safe, warm, and comforted in the amount of \$8,350 is funded by an anonymous donor-advised fund.

Foundation for Focus House and Community Programming- "All Program Book Read' in the amount of \$4,000 of which \$1,590 was funded by the Berg-Burkholder

Family Fund, \$1,290 from the Inspire Learning fund, \$1,120 from the RACF Endowment Fund.

Field of interest funds

Sinnissippi Centers, Inc. for the Rochelle Office Improvement Project in the amount of \$13,028. \$456 came from the Kay and Jim Beardin Community Fund, \$383 from the Disaster Preparedness Fund, and \$12,189 from the RACF Endowment

Rochelle Elementary School District #231 for Supportive Student Social Emotional Learning Through Adult Professional Development in the amount of \$4,623 of which \$643.22 is funded by the Hintzsche-Hinkston Classroom Support Fund and \$3,979.78 is from the RACF Endowment Fund.

Northern Illinois Food Bank for their Mobile Markets Program in the amount of \$7,500 funded by the Rochelle Hunger

Habitat For Humanity of Ogle County for Habitat 2024 Housing Repairs & Mobility Projects in the amount of \$4,500 funded by the RACF Endowment

Girl Scouts of Northern IL for the Hispanic Engagement in Girl Scout Leadership Excellence in the amount of \$2,745 of which \$880 is funded by the Jeffrey W. Cole Family Memorial and \$1,865 by the RACF Endowment

Rochelle Community Action Network - CAN Backpack in the amount of \$4,398 funded by the

Community Advancement Fund in the amount of \$1,156 and the RACF Endowment Fund in the amount of \$3,242.

Creston-Dement Public Library - Library-Book and Media Return in the amount of \$2,000 funded by the RACF Endowment Fund

Blackhawk Area Council's Boy Scouts of America-Leading the Way to Bright Futures - Scouting in Rochelle in the amount of \$2,000 funded by the RACF Endowment Fund.

Flagg Township Museum - Getting Down to Business in Rochelle, Chapters 2 & 3 in the amount of \$3,200 funded by the Arts Enrichment Fund at \$1,133 and the **RACF Endowment Fund** with the remaining total

Village of Progress, Inc.- Community Day Services Program - whiteboard in the amount of \$3,400 funded by the RACF Endowment Fund.

Lincoln Highway Heritage Festival - Kid's zone, the strolling entertainment, and the free main stage entertainment in the amount of \$1,500 funded by the RACF Endowment Fund.

Liberty Village of Rochelle-Activities Department in the amount of \$2,500 funded by the RACF Endowment Fund.

Lutheran Social Services of Illinois - Lincoln Manor Affordable Housing in the amount of \$2,500 funded by the **RACF** Endowment Fund

HOPE of Ogle County - Painting to Create a

Calm and Sustainability Project in the amount of \$1,677 funded by the

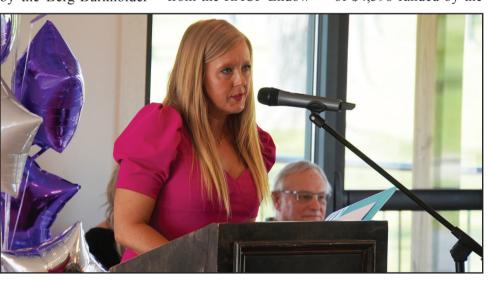
RACF Endowment Fund. Hub City Senior Center - Fitness at the Hub in the amount of \$1,000 funded by the RACF Endowment Fund.

Steward United Meth-

odist Church - After Class Enrichment in the amount of \$1,750 funded by the RACF Endowment Fund. Sauk Valley Voices

of Recovery - Rochelle Recovery Center in the amount of \$2,000 funded by the Human Services Fund in the amount of \$1,820 and the RACF Endowment Fund in the amount of \$180.

Creston Booster Club-Quiet Our House project in the amount of \$1,500 funded by the RACF Endowment Fund.





(PHOTOS BY JEFF HELFRICH)

Byron Kiwanis Sack Lunch Saturday scheduled for May 11

BYRON — The first Byron Kiwanis pork chop sandwich sale for 2024 is scheduled from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 11 in the St. Mary Catholic Church parking lot, located

at 220 E. Blackhawk Drive A sack lunch is available for \$8 and includes a grilled Eichman's butterfly pork chop sandwich, chips, cookie, and a bottle of water. A single sandwich can

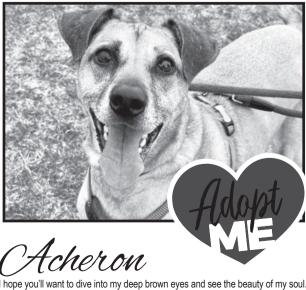
be purchased for \$6. These delicious sandwiches sell out quickly so be sure to stop by early.

All proceeds benefit programs in our community. Some of the programs Byron Kiwanis supports include Mary Morgan Family Reading Night, youth education and sports, scholarships for high school seniors, Byron Elementary's PBIS

program, Crossroads Blues Society, People Helping People Food Pantry, Village of Progress, and Kiwanis Neuroscience Research Foundation. The club holds an annual break-

fast with Santa and Mrs. Claus to benefit Operation Santa. It also sponsors the Builder's Club at Byron Middle School and the Key Club at the Byron High School.





I'm Acheron, a great guy with long legs and a happy disposition. I'm also a big fella, weighing close to 80 pounds. I love people and show that with my affectionate, outgoing nature. I want nothing more than to please you. I know all sorts of things....like to ring a bell to tell you I need to go outside, and more commands than I can list here. Of course as much as I love treats, you could teach me just about anything. I'm not a fan of other dogs, though, so would prefer being your one and only. At my age, shelter life is not where I want to be. Won't you come visit me and see if I'm the special pal you've been hoping to find? I'm staying in a quieter area,

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VIEWPOINT

"Congress shall make no law. . . abridging the freedom of speech or of the press"

Published every Monday Jeff Helfrich, Managing Editor

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Worried about the teacher shortage? Invest in your leaders for Arab, Indian, and Teachers often leave tive district leaders play Diverse leadership has leadership pipeline.

HE "State of Our Educator Pipeline 2023" report by Advance Illinois underscores the challenges in Illinois' education system and the urgent need to address the teacher shortage comprehensively. While recruiting more teachers is important, addressing teacher attrition, responsible for 90% of the demand, requires a deeper examination of root causes and strategies to retain high-quality educators.

due to poor working conditions and inadequate support from

school leaders. Competent school leaders can create a positive work environment, vital for addressing the teacher shortage. Investing in capable school leaders is vital to

addressing the teacher shortage and establishing the necessary conditions for retaining high-quality educators, while effec-



Hunt

a key role in empowering principals. Extensive re-

search pinpoints four critical skills of effective school leaders: interpersonal skills fostering a positive school climate, instructional skills prioritizing teacher support,

collaboration skills promoting teamwork and professional growth, and organizational skills for efficient management. benefits, including increased teacher diversity and better out-

comes for students of color. We urge the Illinois State Board of Educa-

tion to prioritize:

Funding the

Aspire Fellowship program to support leadership candidates and recruit educators of color.

Supporting another

cohort of the New Principal Recruitment grant

Asian educators of color and under-resourced districts lacking

> staff with Principal Endorsements. Restoring state

> funding for New Principal Mentoring. Maintaining

state funding for Hood New Superintendent Mentoring.

Allocating district capacity-building grants to assist districts in implementing programs centered on the school

Illinois must make a significant commitment to establishing a statewide system for preparing and developing effective leaders, crucial for retaining high-quality teachers who can meet students' learning needs and drive organizational and instructional improvements.

Erika Hunt is director, lead hub; and Lisa Hood is research and evaluation director, lead hub, at Regional Office of Education #17 in Bloomington.

Andrew Chesney: agriculture tocus on in this region and was March 26 at the Stephenfamilies, animal-borne Northwest Illinois is are lifelong or generatremely valuable. When

home to some of the most fertile soil in the state, nation, and world, and the farmers who work this land are vital to this state's top economic driver - agriculture. Knowing this, when I was elected to the Illinois General Assembly in 2018, one of the first things I did was form an Agriculture Advisory Committee.

I was raised in this region, so I recognized at an early age the impact farming and agribusiness have had on people's livelihoods. Having grown up around the industry, I have a decent understanding of farming. However, this knowledge base pales in comparison to those who tional farmers. Their expertise is valuable when I set annual legislative agendas that represent the people of the seven counties comprising the 45th Senate District. When forming the

initial committee, I chose Lanark farmer Lou Lamoreux as chairman. He and his wife Sue, their son Nathan, nephew Dan, and Lou's brother John feed 2,250 head of fat cattle, run a 250-head cow herd, and farm 1,900 acres of corn, soybeans, pasture, wheat, and rye. Lou has served on the Illinois Corn and Illinois Beef Association boards and is a former member of the Carroll County Board. He is a respected leader the perfect pick to lead the Agriculture Advisory Committee.

At the end of March, I joined Lou in Bloomington as he was recognized as a Master Farmer

by Prairie Farmer Magazine. Of the thousands of farmers in this state, only four are chosen annually for this prestigious award. It was an honor to be with Lou as he was honored for exceptional agricultural

production skills, commitment to family, and service to the community. Lou's leadership on

the Agriculture Advisory Committee has been exI launched the committee as a member of the House of Representatives, he helped recruit agriculture leaders from the five counties in my former House District. When I was elected to the

Illinois Senate in 2022, he assisted with expanding the committee to enlist membership from the additional counties I now represent.

This year, the committee was formalized so I could

enlist assistance from Senate staff and utilize state resources to take this committee to the next level. We held our first meeting of 2024 on

son County Farm Bureau building. Farm Bureau President Steve Fricke hosted the group, and Illinois Director of Agriculture Jerry Costello joined us as the keynote speaker. The Director provided a brief update on the agriculture industry in Illinois and the role of his department, but more importantly, he engaged in an hour-long question-and-answersession with the more than 60 farming and agriculture leaders in the room.

Regional leaders could direct their questions, comments, and concerns to Illinois's top state agriculture leader. They spoke about the estate tax and its harm to farming

disease prevention and response, biosecurity, ethanol usage, and many other topics. Undoubtedly, Director

Costello left the committee meeting with a greater understanding of the issues important to Northwest Illinois farmers. My Agriculture Advisory Committee will meet 3-4 times annually, and I look forward to our ongoing conversations about how we can ensure agriculture remains Illinois' top economic engine and how the state can enact policies that support our farming families.

Andrew Chesney (R-Freeport) is the Illinois state senator for the 45th district.

Darin LaHood: Now, it's the Senate's turn

Andrew

Chesney

N Illinois, working families and job Lcreators make up the backbone of our communities — people who work hard and play by the rules. In 2017, we passed what I consider to be generational tax reform that lifted the middle class up and put more of the money earned by workers back into their pockets. Through that process, we learned that a progrowth, pro-family tax code works. That's why it's critical that the Senate pass our bipartisan Tax Relief for American Families and Workers Act. The Tax Relief for American Families and Workers Act, which passed out of the House by a vote of 357-70, builds on the tax reform we passed in 2017, bolstering the financial security of Illinois families and small businesses at a time when they need it most. As I've traveled throughout Illinois, I hear regularly from small businesses and workers about the negative impact of inflation, the rise in energy and grocery costs and lack of incentives to build a business in Illinois. As a member of the House Ways and Means Committee with jurisdiction over all tax policy considered in Congress, I was proud to work with my colleagues in a bipartisan way to write and pass this tax package. I am the proud lead

sponsor of the Affordable Housing Credit Improvement Act, bipartisan legislation to strengthen the low-income housing tax credit. Throughout its 37-year history of bipartisan support, the

housing credit, established under Ronald Reagan, has financed the production of over 3.7 million homes nationwide. The need for affordable housing in Illinois is stronger than ever, and I

fought to include provisions from my bill in this larger tax package to benefit affordable housing in

Additionally, the bill

includes sensible improvements to the child tax credit that give a boost to our rural communities and low-income families. The legislation increases the refundable portion of the child tax

credit to allow families to claim more of the credit amount, as well as eliminate an unintended penalty currently in place that impacts families with multiple children. The bill

also maintains important work incentives that will not only help families get out of poverty quicker, but also encourage individuals to get back into the workforce.

On top of important housing and pro-work, pro-family provisions, the Tax Relief for American Families and Workers Act builds on growth-minded tax policy that will enable job creators in Illinois to stay competitive in the global economy. To support small businesses, we boost interest expense deductions and allow for the 100% expensing of investments in facilities and machinery. We also restore the immediate expensing of research and development investments made in America, incentivizing companies to stay in the U.S. and increasing our competitiveness against China. The Tax Relief for American Families and Workers Act will provide relief for Illinoisans at a time when our communities need it most. With the cost of goods and services still high and inflation driving down wages, our bipartisan tax bill will help working families and encourage made-in-Illinois investments that will create jobs and lead to higher wages. It's time for the Senate to pass our historic, bipartisan tax relief bill and send it to President Joe Biden's desk so we can deliver for our communities throughout Illinois.

U.S. Representative Darin LaHood serves the 16th District of Illinois.

Lindner: 10 tips to raise a human

Darin

LaHood

S an educator, ly reminded of I'm constantthings that we as a society used to do decades ago that we don't need to do anymore. We don't go to the library to search the microfiche machine for information about a topic. We don't need spare change to make photocopies. We don't even have to go nextdoor to see our neighbor or leave the house to head to work. We can FaceTime or schedule a Zoom meeting. What is most disappointing is that we don't need to write personal notes or thank you cards because we have the ability to text or send an email. But just because we don't have to, doesn't mean that we shouldn't. While many of these changes streamline our life and they have made things easier, there are things from the past that we don't do anymore (or require our children

to do) that really need to

become part of the fabric of our lives again.

When I was five years old, my mother would give me a pre-printed card that said "Thank you for coming to my party. I love the gift! Love, Danielle." I sat there until the bump on my finger was red and sore making sure that every single person who attended my party would receive a

thank you note. I remember telling my own children that when we go to our friend's house to visit, the rules that might be acceptable in our house may not be in their house. When we visit, we must respect the rules of the host. While my kids are allowed to take the couch cushions off my couch and build a fort, it does not mean that behavior is welcome or permitted at the house of the host. I would remind my kids to say please and thank you, to look someone in the

eye when they are talking

to you and to always be respectful of those around

you. Over the past few years, I've noticed that much of the customs and rituals revolving around respect and courtesy have fallen by the wayside. For the most part, kids sending a handwritten thank you is a thing of the past. I see parents at restaurants allowing their children to run around the table, throw food on the floor and disturb other patrons. I hear stories from upset friends and colleagues who have guests with young children over that the children did not respect their home. They jumped on their couches. They didn't clean up after themselves and they didn't listen to their parents when it was time to go.

Once, when having lunch in a nice New York City restaurant, I saw a family sitting across from us with a little boy who was as adorable as could be.

However, the minute his mom told him he couldn't use an iPhone at the table and he had to eat his food, the adorable little boy disappeared. He picked up two glasses from the table and threw them across the restaurant. I thought to myself, "Wow, this little boy is going to be in a heap of trouble!" But I was wrong. The parents laughed and smiled and said "Come on now, eat your food and if you do, you can have the phone back." I thought for sure that John Quinones from the show "What Would You Do?" had to be hiding somewhere, ready to pop out and chastise all of the patrons for not saying something to these parents. But, no. It was just an example of parents who didn't understand that by accepting that type of behavior, it was only going to make their parenting harder down the line. I'm sure these things

have happened many times

and mail it! 4. Ask before you touch things that aren't yours and always put things back

before you leave.

in the past. However, as the world gets busier and faster, we need to take the time to slow down and teach our children about being good conscientious, caring, and courteous little humans so they grow up to be good, conscientious, caring, and courteous adults. Here are a few things to remember that will not only make your life as a parent easier, but will also give your child the tools and foundation they need to become a good

Ten tips to raise a good human:

human.

- 1. Say "please" and "thank you."
- 2. Listen when others talk and make eye contact to show that you are interested. 3. Always share grati-
- tude with others. Take time to write a thank you card

5. Solve problems by talking — not biting, hitting, or raising your voice.

6. Share your toys and take turns playing. 7. Use kind words with

friends and family. 8. Follow the rules at

school, home, or when visiting others.

9. Always say sorry if you hurt someone and try to make things right.

10. Be patient and wait your turn.

These things are simple. They're easy to remind our kids to do and they are easy for us to model. Kids will

follow our lead and if we show that these things are important to us, they will be important to them. Danielle Lindner is an educator and author. As an educator, Danielle is

noted for having founded London Day School and recently published Parent's Pocket Guide to Surviving the Preschool Years. To learn more, visit www. daniellelindner.com.

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Workers Memorial Day a reminder that more needs to be done to protect workers

Larson's co-workers stepped In for his mail route in Rockford earlier this month when Jay's final deliveries ended in unspeakable tragedy.

On March 27, Jay was senselessly murdered, the victim of a horrendous attack while on his mail route in which he was stabbed and run over by a vehicle – one of four victims of a 22-yearold man now behind bars and facing charges. But his colleagues refuse to let that day define his career and life.

Members of the National Association of Letter Carriers #245 came together in early April to honor Jay Larson, driving his postal route in his honor and watching as blue balloons rose from mailboxes and candles burned at a memorial for his legacy. They noted he served Rockford residents and businesses for 25 years, never took a sick day, and always pitched in to help others - on his route, and with others' routes.

"Delivering mail was not just a job for Jay, it was a means by which he

used to take care of his fellow citizens through caring smiles, thoughtful conversation, kind gestures, and the occasional giving furry friends a treat. Jay was truly a gentle giant, loved by his family, friends, and so many in the Rockford community," read his obituary.

Lawrence Steward, president of the letter carriers union and a fellow carrier, remembered Larson made "everyone feel like you were the most important person in the world at the time that you had him in your life."

On this Workers Memorial Day, stories like Larson's are a sad reminder of the challenges facing working people on the job.

Mail carriers point to the attack on Larson as motiva-

tion for legislation in Congress to better protect carriers with more federal prosecutors to send a clear message: Harm a postal worker, and youwillpayaheavy price. The National Association of Letter Carriers, in its

push for stronger federal legislation, highlighted the morethan 2,000 crimes have been committed against letter carriers just since 2020. Robberies of letter carriers topped 643 nationally last year – an increase of nearly 30 percent—with injuries re-

Tim

sulting from those robberies doubling.

More than 50 years after the federal Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA) made a promise to every worker that they had the right to a safe job, Workers Memorial Day is a time to honor dev-

astating losses of dedicated workers like Jay Larson and recognize their loss as evidence that we have more work to do to achieve those safety goals.

Mother Jones once said, "We mourn for the dead and fight like hell for the living." Workers Memorial Day is a time to redouble our efforts to fight for those left behind. Attacks like those on Larson are thankfully rare. Hundreds of others die from work related injuries and the lack of robust mental health support that help to prevent aimless killings like the ones committed in Rockford. Thousands of others are injured each year from workplace dangers that could and should be prevented, often upending a career or resulting

in long-term health impacts. Workplace haz-

ards too often go unregulated or under-regulated. When violations are found, the penalties are too **Devaney** soft. Some employers avoid responsibility by contracting out

unsafe work. Workers step up to protest and are met with discipline - punishments that are unfair and sometimes include firing.

Together, workers in unions can negotiate good, safe jobs and working conditions through collective bargaining. While large business interests look for ways to roll back the safety and health protections we fight for and to block new efforts to make work safer, Workers' Memorial Day is a reminder that we cannot accept workplace fatalities or injuries as the status quo. Workers go to work to earn a living, not to have their lives upended.

On this Workers Memorial Day, we stand united behind the memory of Jay Larson and all other Illinoisans who have died in our workplaces and recommit to ensuring others' lives will not be placed in the same jeopardy. Each workday should end where everyone makes it home safely.

Tim Drea is president and Pat Devaney is secretary-treasurer of Illinois AFL-CIO in Springfield.

The VA and Congress have the power to save women veterans' lives — right now

dreamed of joining the military, I knew it wouldn't be an easy dream to realize. I knew I'd have to push myself past my limits and that I could be required to risk my life. Over my 14 years in the South Dakota Army National Guard, including service in Iraq, all of that and more came to fruition.

But I failed to predict what would be the most difficult parts of service. They came after I took off the uniform, after war wreaked havoc on my body. They were the experiences of being dismissed and feeling misunderstood by the very system that promised to take care of me: the Department of Veterans Affairs.

While every veteran will inevitably face challenges navigating an imperfect system, women veterans have historically been overlooked and underserved by the VA. Much progress has been made in recent decades, but with lives at stake, it's not enough. According to the VA, between 2020 and 2021, the suicide rate among women veterans jumped 24.1%—nearly four times higher than the 6.3% increase among male veterans.

The reasons for the staggering rate of suicide among women veterans are being uncovered by DAV (DisabledAmerican Veterans) in its new report, Women Veterans: The Journey to Mental Wellness. DAV takes a deep dive into the unique factors that put women veterans at risk of suicide and the VA's failures to appropriately address those factors. Armed with this information, DAV makes an urgent call to action: Congress and the VA must address glaring gaps in mental health care and drastically improve suicide prevention efforts among women veterans. For example, a com-

mon factor contributing to suicide risk among women veterans is military sexual trauma (MST), which includes as-

sault and harassment. Among veterans enrolled in VA care, an astounding 1 in 3 women report having experienced MST. The VA recognizes that MST is an independent risk factor for sui-

cide and is associated with other mental health diagnoses, such as post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), that are linked to additional increased risks for suicidal thoughts and behavior.

Yet the VA's go-to model for predicting suicidality and intervening with high-risk veterans does not even take MST into account. How can this model effectively serve a population in which an estimated one-third has experienced sexual trauma? Simply put, it can't.

Suchoversightswill inevitably fail to prevent suicide among women veterans.

Additional factors that put women veterans at risk include high rates of intimate partner violence: substance use disorder; preg-

nancy in which the mother has preexisting mental health conditions, as many women veterans do; and menopause. The VA must fully incorporate the expe-

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Hubers

riences of women veterans into its suicide prevention efforts and the mental health care it provides, as well as address barriers in accessing gender-specific care. DAV's report makes over

50 potentially lifesaving recommendations that offer a road map to that end. They

Make MST a central pillar of suicide prevention efforts within the VA.

Require VA-contracted providers-including maternity care providers—be trained in suicide prevention and issues affecting women veterans.

Create a three-digit number, with a veteran option, for the National Domestic Violence Hotline.

Assess the need for more women veteran-specific residential rehabilitation programs for substance use

We all sign up to serve knowing sacrifices will be demanded. We understand we may have to put our bodies and our lives on the line. And we trust that when we return, we will get the care we deserve and earned.

I implore Congress and the VA to consider DAV's recommendations and to act quickly.

Kim Hubers is a service-disabled South Dakota Army National Guard veteran of the Iraq War. She is a life member of DAV; commander of DAV Chapter 1 in Sioux Falls, South Dakota; and a member of the DAV Interim Women Veterans Advisory Committee. In 2023, she was named DAV's Disabled American Veteran of the Year for her dedicated service to veterans.

Honoring Worker's Memorial Day Edward Marshall:

OSHUA Bland Jr. was repairing a roof on a commercial building in Danville on Dec. 4, 2023, when the 25-year-old fell about 33 feet to the ground, suffering fatal injuries. His employer failed to enforce the use of fall protection – exposing Joshua to the construction's industry's most dangerous hazard – falls from heights.

A beloved son, brother and friend, Joshua known for his love of music and making people laugh

— had the same right as every U.S. worker: to go home safely at the end of their workday. Tragically, 34 Illinois workers lost their lives in fiscal year 2023.

Worker fatalities like Joshua's are sadly all too frequent in America and a tragic reminder of why better safety and health protections, and heightened awareness and education about workplace hazards are critical. The Bureau of Labor Statistics reports ap-

died as a result of workplace injuries in 2022.

On Workers Memorial Day, April 28, the U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration remembers and honors all the workers who have lost their lives due to an injury, illness or disease on the job. As we remember the fallen, we reflect on the lasting impact these fatalities have had on families, friends, co-workers and communities at-large, and mourn

with all of them. These tragedies are compounded by the knowledge that most workplace fatalities are preventable when employers follow required safety standards, have proper controls in place and make safety and health programs a priority. Good jobs change lives. And good jobs are safe jobs.

A safe workplace isn't a privilege; it's every worker's right. On Workers Memorial Day and throughout the year, we need to work

together to make sure employers embrace safety and health as a core value in their operations so that every worker goes home safely, every day. We also must remember each one of us has a role to play. If you are aware of, or witness workplace dangers — or feel unsafe on the job — don't ignore the hazards. Speak up and share your concerns with your employer and alert your co-workers when you see them exposed to haz-

ards. If nothing changes, contact your local OSHA office. Reports can be made

confidentially. As we honor those workers unable to come home on Workers Memorial Day, let us all reaffirm our commitment to helping make sure that no one sacrifices their

life for a paycheck. Edward Marshall is the Area Director for the U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration in

proximately 5,486 people LIFE letters' policy

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factor involved, space permitting.

The best way to observe Community College Month? Improve educational attainment

Nearly 10 years ago, Illinois adopted the "60 by 25" goal: that 60% of adults would have a postsecondary degree or credential by the year 2025 to meet projected workforce needs. Today, the percentage of jobs requiring postsecondary education is even higher. Postsecondary attainment varies widely across the state, from a low of 21% of adults to a high of 57% of adults having at least an associate degree. Illinois' attainment is at 55% when certificates and short-term

credentials are included. However, the disparities in attainment outcomes are stark when we disaggregate

by race/ethnicity. While 47% of white adults have a post-secondary degree, only 29% of African Americans and 20% of Latinx adults do. There are several pos-

sible ways to help Illinois meet this goal, including adoption of legislation that would enable community colleges to offer baccalaureate degrees. But a close second is addressing the glaring and disproportionate decline in Black community college student enrollment.

Research conducted by Dr. Deb Bragg and Tim Harmon shows that of the 29 Illinois degree-granting institutions where racially minoritized students constituted over 40% of total graduates in 2022, 14 were community colleges. And if we look at the subset of these 29 institutions with over 1,000 graduates (14 institutions), community colleges accounted for eight. In other words, our community colleges are taking the lead in educating our communities of color.

Level Up is a national coalition with a goal to unapologetically endorse a call to action to galvanize stakeholders toward a shared agenda that ultimately improves postsecondary outcomes leading

to economic mobility for

black learners. ICCTA has partnered with Level Up and is reaching out to education stakeholders and more than a dozen community colleges, their presidents and trustees, to participate in an educational summit on economic mobility on April 30that Malcolm X College. What better way to observe Community College Month than to jump start Illinois' efforts to achieve our 60% post-secondary attainment

Jim Reed, Jr., J.D., is the executive director of the Illinois Community College Trustees Association.

OGLE COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

OREGON — On April 23 at approximately 4:21 a.m. a deputy attempted to stop a vehicle in the 500 block of West Flagg Road for a traffic violation. While the deputy's lights and sirens were activated, the vehicle, a blue Genesis passenger car, sped away and refused to stop. The deputy observed the vehicle traveling 35 miles per hour over the posted speed limit of 55 miles per hour. The deputy initially lost sight of the vehicle before locating it, which had crashed near the intersection of Rock Nation and Lost Nation Roads. The driver was identified as Andrew Gonzales, 22, of Dixon. Gonzales was uninjured in the crash and was placed under arrest for aggravated fleeing to elude (class-four felony) and driving under the influence of alcohol and drugs. Gonza-

les was additionally issued

citations for disregarding

a traffic control device,

failure to reduce speed to

avoid an accident, improper

lane usage, operating an

uninsured vehicle, reckless

driving, speeding 35 miles

per hour over the posted

speed limit, and the use of an

electronic communications device. Gonzales was transported to the Ogle County Jail, where he was released on a notice to appear and given a future court date. On April 23 at 5:26 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop at the intersection of East Illinois Route 64 and White Rock Road on a vehicle reported to have

been involved in a break-

in and reckless driving

complaint prior in the day.

After a brief investigation, deputies arrested Breanna C. Hansen, 35, of Rochelle for driving under the influence of drugs. Hansen was additionally charged with unlawful possession of ammunition by a felon and possession of drug paraphernalia, and issued citations for speeding 26-34 miles per hour over the limit and improper lane usage. Hansen was transported to the Ogle County Jail where she was held pending an appearance in front of a judge. On April 24 at 5:29

p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the area of East Washington Street and North Etnyre Avenue in Oregon. After a brief investigation, deputies arrested Ashley Paddie, 33, of Oregon, for driving while license suspended. Paddie was also issued a citation for expired registration, and was released with a notice to appear court date.

On April 24 at 6:01

p.m. deputies with the assistance of Byron Police Department and Byron Fire Department, responded to the 10,000 block of North Tower Road for a single-vehicle rollover. After a brief investigation, it was determined the vehicle was southbound on Tower Road when it left the roadway on the left side, reentered the roadway, over corrected and rolled several times, coming to rest in a field. The driver, Kim Berg, 54, of Byron, was transported from the scene to Swedish American Hospital for injuries sustained in the rollover.

OnApril 24 at 10:01 p.m. deputies with the assistance

of the Byron Police Department, conducted a traffic stop at North Tower Road and Water Road, Byron. After a brief investigation, Dustin Grove, 41, of Byron, was arrested for driving while license suspended. Grove was transported to the Ogle County Jail, where he was released with a notice to appear and given a future court date.

On April 24 at 8:37 p.m. deputies were dispatched to the 100 block of East Pine Street in Forreston for a damage to property complaint. After a brief investigation, deputies arrested Timothy D. Slater, 53, of Forreston, for criminal damage to property. Slater was transported to the Ogle County Jail, and released on a notice to appear with a future court date.

On April 25 at approximately 12:05 a.m. deputies initiated at traffic stop near the intersection of Freeport Road and Sterling Road. After further investigation Seraiah Menendez, 23, of Freeport, was placed under arrest for no valid driver's license. Menendez was also cited for suspended registration. Menendez was released on a notice to appear.

On April 25 at 11:31 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop at the intersection of South Rural Road and West Pershing Street in Stillman Valley. As a result, Nakia F. Fields Jr., 27, of Stillman Valley was arrested for driving on a suspended license. Fields was additionally issued a citation for one headlight. Fields was released on a notice to appear with a future court date.

On April 26 at approximately 7:55 a.m. deputies arrested Tony Parker, 38, of Rock Island when he turned himself into the Ogle County Jail. He was arrested an outstanding warrant for driving on a suspended license, there was no bond set on the warrant. Parker appeared in court, was released, and will return to court on May 13 at 9 a.m. On April 26 at approx-

imately 6:19 p.m. Jesus Padilla, 39, of Aurora turned himself in on an outstanding Ogle County warrant. Padilla posted bond and was released with no further court date. On April 27 at approxi-

mately 9:08 a.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop at Goose Hollow and Freeport Road. After an investigation, Deputies cited Stalena Yates, 43, of Freeport, was cited for driving while license suspended and expired registration. Yates was released on a notice to appear and given a future court date.

On April 27 at 6:39 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop on a grey Buick LeSabre in the 16,000 block of West Illinois Route 72. After a brief investigation Dana Capasso-Sutherland, 31, of Lanark, was placed under arrest on a Stephenson County warrant. Capasso-Sutherland was issued citations for possession of cannabis/improper container, no muffler, and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. Capasso-Sutherland was transported to the Stephenson County Jail where

she was held in lieu of bond. On April 27 at 6:01 p.m.

deputies responded to an address in the 15,000 block of West Illinois Route 72 for reports of a disturbance. After further investigation, deputies arrested Cari K. Joens, 33, of Forreston for battery. Joens was transported to the Ogle County Jail where she was released on a notice to appear with a return court date. On April 27 at approx-

imately 11:29 p.m. dep-

uties were dispatched to the 6,000 block of North Summit Drive in Byron in reference to a domestic disturbance. After an investigation, deputies placed Joslyn Saleda, 32, under arrest for aggravated domestic battery. Saleda was transported to the Ogle County Jail where she was held without bond until appearance before a judge. On April 27 at approximately noon, deputies

conducted a traffic stop near the intersection of Freeport Road and Illinois Route 64. After investigation, deputies placed Ron Siebert, 42, of Beloit, Wisconsin under arrest for driving while license revoked. Siebert was additionally issued a citation for improper display of registration. Siebert was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was released on a notice to appear and given a future court date.

On April 28 at approximately 10:19 p.m. deputies initiated a traffic stop at the intersection of 15th Street and 1st Avenue in Rochelle. Upon further investigation deputies arrested Paul Mer-

ritt, 41, of Rochelle, for driving while license revoked. Paul was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was released on a notice to appear with a future court date given.

On April 28 at approximately 12:10 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop at 505 W. Illinois Route 38 in Rochelle. After investigation, deputies placed Benjamin Spana, 39, of Rochelle, under arrest for possession of a controlled substance (class-four felony), and driving while licenserevoked. Spana was additionally issued citations for unlawful possession of cannabis as a driver, no splash guards when required, and illegal window tint. Pana was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was released on a notice to appear and given a future court date.

On April 29 at 10:17 a.m., the Ogle County Sheriff's Office responded to a two-car accident in the 10,000 block of East Illinois Route 72. The accident had reported injuries. Upon arrival of deputies, it was determined that Michelle Wills, 62, of Stillman Valley, sustained neck and back injuries. She was transported to Swedish American Hospital by Stillman Fire. Jeremiah Whitmire, 43, of Stillman Valley was transported to Swedish American as well by Stillman Fire. The investigation into the accident is

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pending.

OREGON POLICE REPORT

April 15

At 5:28 p.m., Oregon Police issued Jeremy J. Benesh, 42, Byron, a citation for failure to wear a seat belt as a driver. This violation occurred in the 200 block of West Washington Street.

At 11:29 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Jeremiah J. Martin, 35, Oregon, for driving while license revoked. Martin was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was processed and released with a notice to appear. This violation occurred in the 100 block of South 4th Street.

April 16

At 1:25 a.m., Oregon Police arrested Muhindo S. Masalisali, 20, Rockford, for driving while license suspended. Masalisali also issued citations for operating a vehicle with a suspended registration, operating an uninsured motor vehicle, and illegal transportation of alcohol as a driver. Masalisali was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was processed and released with a notice to appear.

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These violations occurred in the 400 block of West Washington Street.

April 17

At 6:34 p.m., Oregon Police investigated a two-vehicle traffic crash at the intersection of Monroe and North 4th Streets involving a 2014 Volkswagen, driven by Rebecca E. Tart, 45, Oregon, and a 2002 Ford driven by Cynthia M. Nevarez, 47, Dixon. Tart was issued a citation for failure to yield at an intersection.

April 19

At 2:15 p.m., Oregon Police investigated a two-vehicle traffic crash in the McDonald's restaurant parking lot, 211 S. 4th St., involving a 2019 Chrysler, driven by Robert W. Glaser, 81, Oregon, and a parked 2013 Chevrolet belonging to Jennifer N. Denler, 38, Leaf River. No citations were issued.

April 20 At 1:44 p.m., Oregon Police investigated a two-vehicle traffic crash in the 1,300 block of W. Washington Street involving a 2006 Ford driven by Salvatore Tranchina,

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One verbal warning and two parking citations were issued during the week of April 15-21.

April 23

At 8:43 a.m., Oregon Police responded to a disturbance in the 700 block of Jackson Street resulting in the arrest of David W. Smith, 63, Oregon, for domestic battery. Smith was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was left in the custody of the corrections officers.

At 2 p.m., Oregon's school resource officer investigated a crash report that occurred earlier in the day at 10 a.m., in the Blackhawk Center student parking lot involving a 2003 Buick driven by a 16-year-old of Oregon, and a parked 1993 Jeep owned by Steven E. Currier, 37, Mt. Morris. No citations were issued.

April 25 At 4:29 a.m., Oregon

A. Lewis, 39, Mt. Morris. Tranchina was issued a citation for unsafe equip-

April 24

Police arrested Keegan A. Rodden, 30, Loves Park, for driving while license suspended and also issued a citation for operating an uninsured motor vehicle. Rodden was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was processed and released with a notice to appear. These violations occurred in the 200 block of West Washington Street.

At 4:44 p.m., Oregon Police issued Destiny J. Kahly, 29, Oregon, a citation for use of a cell phone while driving. This violation occurred in the 200 block of West Washington Street.

April 27 At 2:57 p.m., Oregon Police investigated a two-vehicle traffic crash in the Jay's Drive-In parking lot, 107 W. Washington St., involving a 2014 Honda driven by Darrel L. Fischer, 82, Rochelle, and a parked 2011 Honda owned by Christian J. Jacobs, 29, Mt. Carroll. No citations were issued.

At 4:02 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Capria L. Allen, 24, of North Chi-

cago, for driving while license suspended. Allen was also issued citations for speeding 51 miles per hour in a 30 miles per hour zone, and two failure to secure a child under age eight in appropriate child restraint system citations for two children within the vehicle. Allen was transported to the Ogle County Jail where she was processed and released with a notice to appear at a future date. These violations occurred in the 600

> block of North 4th Street. At 11:05 p.m., Oregon Police responded to a disturbance call in the 300 block of South 2nd Street resulting in the arrest of Divante C. T. Zinke, 21, Oregon, for battery. Zinke was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was processed and released with a notice to

At 11:26 p.m., Oregon Police received a driving complaint on a vehicle that was stopped in the 900 block of West Washington Street. Upon investigation, Mateus Pytlak, 26, of Zion, Illinois, was arrested

appear.

for driving under the influence of alcohol, driving while license suspended, obstructing identification, and resisting or obstructing a peace officer. Pytlak was also issued a citation for operation of a vehicle when registration is suspended for non-insurance. Pytlak was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was left in the

April 28

officers.

At 12:13 a.m., Oregon Police responded to a disturbance call in the 300 block of North 4th Street resulting in the arrest of James D. Wright, 41, Oregon, for criminal trespass to a residence. Wright was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was processed and released

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with a notice to appear. Four verbal warnings and one parking citation were issued during the

week of April 22-28. Please note: Any arrests listed below are merely accusations and the defendant is presumed innocent unless proven guilty in a

POLO POLICE REPORT

POLO — On April 24 at 2 p.m. Ricky J. Rippy, 25, Polo, was cited with a city ordinance citation for damage to city property.

On April 26 at 9:01 p.m. Adam H. Sheikh, 31, Polo, was cited for no valid registration. Sheikh was issued a notice to appear.

On April 27 at 12:34 p.m. Teray W. Boyer,

53, Sterling, was cited for operation of a motor vehicle with an expired registration. Boyer was issued a notice to appear.

On April 27 at 12:56 p.m. Khalid Laratio Newton, 20, Freeport, was cited for operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended registration. Newton was issued a notice to appear.

court of law. On April 27 at 6:35 p.m. Mercedes Lee Bereckis, 28, Polo, was cited for operating an uninsured motor vehicle and issued a written warning for illegal use of a cell phone. Bereckis was issued a notice to appear.

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OGLE COUNTY — The Community Foundation of Northern Illinois (CFNIL) is pleased to announce its 2024 scholarship awards: 260+ scholarships worth over \$540,000 to local students. The scholarships will support the post-secondary educational aspirations of 200+ local students.

CFNIL's scholarships were created by individuals and organizations that recognize the importance of education. Donors establish the criteria for

each scholarship based on their interests and the community's need. Many of CFNIL's scholarships are memorials, which celebrate the life and passions of individuals. Thanks to the generosity of scholarship fund creators, since 2000 CFNIL has awarded over \$5,000,000 to local students.

Most of this year's recipients are graduating high school seniors in Boone, Ogle, Stephenson, and Winnebago Counties. Scholarships are awarded to many kinds of students: academic achievers; non-traditional; those with financial need; athletes; all races and ethnicities; pursuing careers in education, STEM, business, fire science, and healthcare; and many more. Some of the scholarships are renewable for up to four years. Learn more about the CFNIL scholarship class of 2024 at https:// cfnil.org/2024-scholarship-recipients

Local recipients in-

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cluded Marissa Arrequin of Stillman Valley High School (Class of 2024, Jan Stringer Scholarship), Anna Bradle (SVHS, Class of 2024, Jan Stringer Scholarship), Hailey Groharing (Byron High School, Class of 2021, Amber Huber Memorial Scholarship), Madi Groharing (BHS, Class of 2021, Amber Huber Memorial Scholarship and Rockford Products Corporation Foundation Scholarship), Alaina Haas (BHS, Class of 2023, David L. Johnson Memorial Scholarship), Fynn Remhof (BHS, Class of 2024, Gene Bradford Memorial Scholarship), Braden Rogers (SVHS, Class of 2024, Rockford Products Corporation Foundation Scholarship), and Kane Young (BHS, Class of 2024, Daniel Edwards Memorial Scholarship).

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Polo Lions Club Vice President Nate White, and Polo Fire Chief Jim Ports. Polo Lions Club member Jeff Short recently presented a \$500 donation to the Polo Police Department. Receiving the donation was Polo Police Chief Matt Coppotelli. **ROCHELLE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION CLUB**

Polo Lions donate to Polo Fire and Polo Police

On Sunday, April 28 during the Polo Fireman's Breakfast, the Polo Lions donated \$500 to the Polo Fire Department. Shown is Assistant Fire Chief Brent Shipman,



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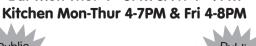
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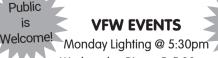


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MOTHER'S DAY

Great gifts for moms from all walks of life

OTHER'S Day is an opportunity to show moms how much they're loved and appreciated. Though many moms may insist they don't want anything beyond spending the day with their children, gifts are a big part of Mother's Day.

No two moms are the same, and though standards like flowers and greeting cards will always have a place on Mother's Day, the following are some gift ideas that can put smiles on the faces of moms from all walks of life.

There's no end to the gift options for mothers who love to curl up with a good book. Of course, some new books may delight Mom, but gifts that can improve the reading experience also merit consideration. For example, an ergonomic backrest reading pillow can make bedtime reading sessions more comfortable and ensure Mom's neck and back get ample support as she reads the latest page-turner. A nightstand book holder also can be ideal for moms who can't seem to keep track of their bookmarks.

Some moms simply love to get in a good workout. Shoppers whose mothers or wives love to break a sweat might want to look into home gym equipment, as many fitness enthusiasts transformed part of their homes into exercise areas during the pandemic. If that sounds like the mom on your shopping list, then a suspension training system won't take up much room but can



provide an intense, full-body workout. A new yoga mat, some wireless Bluetooth headphones or a compression stretching mat are some additional gifts that might make exercise-loving moms smile this Mother's Day.

Moms whose children still live under the same roof may not have much opportunity to travel, but

empty nesters and grandmothers might. For such moms, a foldable, hanging travel bag can make it easy and convenient for mom to carry all of her toiletries and access them without taking up what's often minimal hotel room counter space. For moms who want to document their excursions, a leather travel journal encourages them

to note their experiences and gives them something they can revisit for years to come. Of course, some new luggage can make the perfect gift for newly retired moms who can't wait to start visiting places on their travel bucket lists.

Millions of moms manage to juggle the obligations of family life with a challenging career. Mother's Day can be a great time to recognize that balancing act. A self-heating coffee mug can ensure Mom's morning cup o' joe doesn't go cold as she traverses her way through a hectic morning routine.

Another great gift is a charging mouse pad that can charge all of Mom's devices even while she's working. If you want to

help Mom remain calm as she navigates her way through a day filled with personal and professional obligations, an essential oils diffuser can create a sense of relaxation on the most hectic of days.

No two moms are the same. Fortunately, great gifts can be found for moms from all walks of life this Mother's Day.

Great Gifts for Mom!

- Patio Pots
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MOTHER'S DAY

Five inspirational gifts for Mother's Day

Day is celebrated on Sunday, May 12, 2024. Mother's Day is devoted to expressing love and showering praise on mothers, step-mothers and any other figure in one's life who has taken on a motherly role.

It is customary to lavish extra praise on moms come Mother's Day, and that often involves gift-giving. The following are five gifts that can ensure Momknows her efforts and unconditional love have not gone unnoticed.

1. Prompt mindful thinking: The cards from Sunny Present Empowering Questions Cards pose questions to prompt meditation, journaling or simply to practice mindfulness during the day. They are a great way to encourage positive self-talk.

Each of the 52 cards feature a door in the Estonian city of Tallinn. Available through Amazon and www.sunnypresent.com.

2. Motivational can-do candles: A little aromatherapy can treat any mother to an uplifting or relaxing fragrance in her special place in the home. But these inspirational candles from Bianchi Candle Co. feature names like "bravery," "joy" and "gratitude" and a motivational message. Purchase at bianchicandleco.com.

3. Inspirational coffee table book: Author and educator Natalie Friscia Pancetti wrote, "This Too... Life-Isms to Savor the Sweetness of Life and Calm You Through the Storms" to pay homage to her parents, particularly her father, who was fond of the phrase, "this too shall pass."

Pancetti says people often relate the phrase to rough patches in life, but it also can refer to cherishing all the moments that are fleeting. The book offers many inspirational passages and lessons that can be applied to all aspects of life. It can be a touching gift for a mom, grandmother or another special woman. Available through Amazon, Barnes & Noble and at www. nataliefrisciapancetti.com.

4. Relaxing home spa experience: Many people have turned their bathrooms into home spas, particularly empty nesters who now have more time to relax and pamper themselves. Spending time in a relaxing shower is a way for Mom to clear her mind and unwind, and Shower Steamers from Body Restore can set the ideal



environment. Purchase on Amazon and include alongside additional home spa necessities like loofahs or a bathrobe.

5. Ancestry exploration: Foster greater bonds in the

family by giving Mom an opportunity to further trace her heritage. Popular genealogy companies include Ancestry.com, MyHeritage.com and 23andme. com, enabling anyone to enjoy a lineage to who they companied ancestors nect peoprelatives.

enjoy a look back at the lineage that helped shape who they are today. These companies can help trace ancestors and even connect people with distant relatives



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NURSES WEEK

The role of certified nursing assistants

HE nursing profession is vast and attracts an array of talented people. A career as a nursing assistant can be a rewarding path for those who want to get into the profession.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, health care jobs are expected to grow by 13 percent between 2021 and 2031, making a nursing career an attractive option.

According to Premier

Nursing Academy, a certified nursing assistant is an entry-level step into the medical field. A CNA is not a nurse, but these individuals will work very closely under the supervision of licensed nursing staff, physicians and other

health care providers.

Many people are drawn to becoming a CNA because the job presents a start in a career in health care. While some are content to remain CNAs for the duration of their careers, other CNAs use the position as a way to get on-the-job experience that can help them decide if they want to go further in the field of nursing. CNA certification does not require extensive education. On average, it takes between four to 10 weeks to complete the necessary coursework to become a certified nursing assistant.

According to Indeed, a CNA can expect to perform these tasks on any given day.

- Administer medications to patients.
- Assist patients with activities of daily living.
- Bathe and dress patients
- Check vital signs.
- Serve meals and help patients eat.
- Watch for changes in patients' behaviors or worsening conditions.
- Reposition bedridden patients.

CNAs work in many different settings, including at hospitals or in residential nursing homes. The BLS estimates that demand for certified nursing assistants will increase by 5 percent by 2031. Interested parties can expect to earn a median annual wage of \$30,290. Should one want to go on



to becoming a registered nurse, he or she can expect a salary of \$77,600. Certified nursing assistants play important roles in the medical field. CNAs hone their skills

in facilities and can choose to stay put or go on to more advanced nursing careers.

How communities can recognize nurses

HE vital role nurses play in health care settings across the globe was perhaps never more apparent than in recent months. When COVID-19 was declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization in March 2020, nurses were on the front lines in the battle against the virus, and have remained there ever since.

In recognition of the sacrifices nurses and other health care workers have made to help the sick, individuals across the globe have placed signs in their yards thanking

essential workers. In addition, many more have taken to social media to highlight the lengths individual nurses have gone to while helping them or their loved ones who caught the virus or fought other illnesses. Communities can follow such individuals' lead by making collective efforts to thank the nurses who call their towns and cities home.

• Sponsor fundraising efforts. Town officials can help to organize a community-wide fundraising effort or a 50-50 raffle with the ultimate goal of donating to a charita-

ble organization chosen by local nurses. Health care facilities have been stretched incredibly thin during the pandemic, so a donation to a charitable organization that benefits health care workers can be a great way for communities to honor local nurses.

• Encourage residents to lend a helping hand. The work frontline medical workers have done during the pandemic has been endless and exhausting. In recognition of that, community organizers can promote volunteer programs designed to lift some of the burden off local health care workers' shoulders. Local hospitals, blood banks and health centers may need volunteers, and this is a great way for local residents to show health



care workers their efforts are appreciated.

• Celebrate holidays that honor nurses as a community. The American Nurses Association notes that National Nurses Week begins each year on May 6 and ends on May 12. Though National Nurses Week is not a fed-

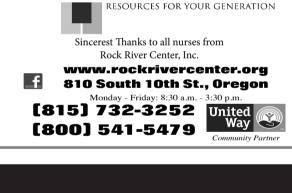
eral holiday, communities can still come together during the week to highlight the work their local nurses do. Township or other local officials can encourage businesses in the community to offer special discounts to nurses during the week, while schools can take part in collective efforts to thank nurses. For example, students from all grades can work on a banner thanking nurses and then showcase the banner by the entryway to campus so passing motorists can see it.

• Highlight a local nurse each week on social media. Community leaders can ask residents to nominate a local nurse each week and then choose one nominee to highlight on social media. Students or local officials can interview the nominee, asking them about their careers, including what compelled them to become a nurse and their most interesting experiences on the job. Interviews can be posted on community social media pages so all residents can get to know the unsung heroes in their

Communities can work together on a variety of collective efforts aimed at recognizing the extraordinary efforts made by local nurses every day.

communities.



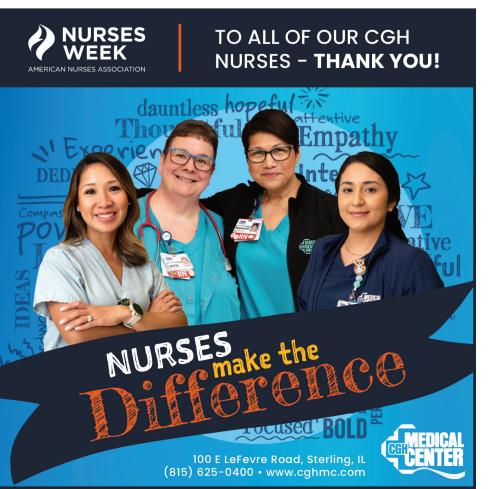


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Oregon Junior High bowlers compete at IESA State Championships

OREGON — The Oregon JH boys and girls bowling teams competed at the 2024 IESA State Finals held at Joliet Town & Country Lanes on April 19-20. Several all-time OJH IESA State records were set or approached including the all-time high girls team score, boys high individual game, second highest individual 10-game girls score, fourth highest girls place finisher, fourth highest boys individual 10-game series score, fifth highest individual place finisher and sixth highest individual 10-game girls score.

The girls team, coming off a record-setting second-place finish behind Sycamore at the sectional the previous weekend, placed seventh in the state by recording the highest 10-game series total in school history, a 5,875 series, 43 pins ahead of Sycamore who finished in eighth. This is the second time OJH has placed seventh and the second

highest place ever. Leading Oregon was 17th place finisher, eighth-grader Carli Bailey with a 1,686 series, the second highest series



(COURTESY PHOTO)

The Oregon JH boys and girls bowling teams competed at the 2024 IESA State Finals held at Joliet Town & Country Lanes on April 19-20.

ever and the 4th highest individual place winner. She was followed closely by seventh-grader Abi Kalnins with a 1,594 series in 27th place, the sixth highest series in history and the seventh highest place winner.

Also bowling all 10 games was eighth-grader Savannah Nagy who finished with 1,448 series and a 48th place finish. In addition, fifth-grader Briannah West bowled eight games - 938 series and eighth-grader Whitley Key bowled two games -209 series.

The boys team overall had a disappointing pre-

mature end to their season, not making the second day of the event with a 15th place finish. However, individually one person did advance to the second day, as eighth-grader Diego Hernandez set a school record with a 278 individual game enroute to recording the fourth

highest 10-game series ever, an 1,817 series. His 28th place finish is the fifth highest in history.

Also narrowly missing advancing to day two of the event was seventh-grader Ethan Rowe with a 667 four-game series - 12 pins from advancing. He was followed closely by

seventh-grader Layne Newberry with a 598 series and eighth-grader Asher Kramer with a 588 series. The IESA state bowling finals was created in 2011 and is a single class statewide event. In 2024, 162 girls and 166 boys competed at the state

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LOCAL SPORTS

Rochelle hosts 50th Annual Ogle County Track Meet





Runners from Stillman Valley High School race to the finish line during the 3200-meter relay at the 50th Annual Ogle County Track Meet at Rochelle Township High School on Tuesday evening.



2024 Graduation Special

June 30, 2024



BY RUSSELL HODGES **SPORTS EDITOR**

ROCHELLE — Rochelle Township High School held the 50th Annual Ogle County Invitational on Tuesday, with athletes from Oregon, Byron, Stillman Valley, Polo and Forreston all in attendance. Below are all of the notable results from the Ogle County schools in Tuesday's meet.

Forreston-Polo Boys

The Forreston-Poloboys finished first with 119.33 points overall. Noah Dewey took first in the 100-meter dash with a time of 12.03 seconds and second in the 200-meter dash with a time of 23.74 seconds. Micah Nelson finished second in the 400-meter dash with a time of 52.32 seconds and Hayden Vinnedge finished third in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:17.75.

Esteban Salinas took third in the 1600-meter run with a time of 5:27.23 and Noah Genandt took third in the 3200-meter run with a time of 12:30.91. Lucas Nelson finished first in the 110-meter hurdles with a time of 16.65 seconds and Eli Ferris finished second in the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 44.38 seconds. Nelson finished third with

a time of 45.08 seconds.

Forreston-Polo won three relays including the 400-meter relay with a time of 44.38 seconds, the 800-meter relay with a time of 1:33.33 and the 1600-meter relay with a time of 3:33.40. Hunter DeWall took second in the discus with a throw of 36.54 meters and Eli Ferris took second in the high jump with a height of 1.70 meters. Billy Lowry finished first in the long jump with a mark of 5.74 meters and Peyton Crase finished second in the triple jump with a mark of 12.48 meters.

Forreston-Polo Girls

The Forreston-Polo girls finished first with 102 points overall. Bree Schneiderman won both the 100-meter dash with a time of 13.44 seconds and the 200-meter dash with a time of 27.18 seconds. Kyla Lamm took third in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:51.51 and Courtney Grobe took fourth in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 19.10 seconds. Letrese Buisker won the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 52.64 seconds and Laynie Mandrell was second in 52.85.

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Runners from Byron High School and Oregon High School race to the finish line during the 3200-meter relay at the 50th Annual Ogle County Track Meet at Rochelle Township High School on Tuesday evening.

TRACK: 50th Annual Ogle County Invitational held Tuesday evening 46.33 points overall.

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Forreston-Polofinished first in the 400-meter relay with a time of 52.20 seconds before taking third in the 800-meter relay with a time of 1:56.03. Forreston-Polo took fourth in the 1600-meter relay with a time of 4:49.31 after taking third in the 3200-meter relay with a time of 11:39.66.

Svdni Badertscher won both the shot put with a mark of 10.19 meters and the discus with a mark of 33.25 meters. Letrese Buisker took third in the high jump with a height of 1.50 meters and Bree Schneiderman took second in the long jump with a mark of 4.37 meters.

Byron Boys

The Byron boys finished third with 47.33 points overall. Dylan Springer won the 400-meter dash with a time of 52.23 seconds and Micah Hilliker finished fourth in the 1600-meter run with a time of 5:31.48. Liam Connell took fourth in the 110-meter hurdles with a time of 17.32 seconds.

Byron finished second in the 3200-meter relay with a time of 9:12.65 and fourth in both the 1600-meter relay with a time of 3:46.75 and the 800-meter relay with a time of 1:38.56. Carson Buser won the high jump with a height of 1.75 meters and Carson Conderman took third in the pole vault with a height of 3.27 meters. Maison Brandt was fourth in the triple jump with a mark of 12.21 meters and Maverick Galster finished fifth in the discus with a mark of 33.68 meters.

Byron Girls

The Byron girls finished fourth with 58 points overall. Ashley Potter took first in the 400-meter dash with a time of 1:02.01 and Emma Franchi took third in the 1600-meter run with a time of 6:17.51. Gabriella Northup finished second in the 3200-meter run with a time of 15:09.14 and Malia Morton finished first in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 16.88 seconds.

Byron won both the 800-meter relay with a time of 1:51.72 and the 1600-meter relay with a time of 4:15.89. Byron finished second in the 3200-meter relay with a time of 11:30.22 and Neve Schilling took third in the high jump with a height of 1.50 meters.

Stillman Boys

The Stillman Valley boys finished fourth with

OGLE COUNTY SPORTS ROUNDUP

Oregon girls soccer shuts out Mendota

The Oregon High School varsity girls soccer team shut out Mendota 7-0 on Saturday, April 20. Anna Stender and Kenna Wubenna each scored twice, while Deb Schmid, Teagan Champley and Aniyah Sarver each added one goal. Stender, Schmid and Champley each recorded assists for the Hawks (9-1-0, 4-1 BNC) in the win.

Polo baseball splits doubleheader with AFC

The Polo High School varsity baseball team split a doubleheader against Ashton-Franklin Center on Saturday, April 20. The Marcos fell 6-1 in the first game, with Scott Robertson recording two hits while Jeffrey Donaldson went 1-for-2 with one RBI.

Nolan Hahn pitched six innings and struck out seven batters, while Carter Merdian added two strikeouts in

an inning. The Marcos won the second game 7-3 behind a strong performance from Gus Mumford, who went 3-for-3 with two runs and two RBIs. Jeffrey Donaldson went 2-for-4 with three RBIs, while Scott Robertson and Lucas Nelson combined to strike out eight batters over seven frames.

Oregon softball sweeps doubleheader against

The Oregon High School varsity softball team swept its doubleheader against Ashton-Franklin Center on Saturday, April 20. The Hawks won the first game 15-4, with Brooke Halverson pitching a complete Memphis Rowe took fourth in the 100-meter dash with a time of 12.12 seconds and Evan Jones took third in the 400-meter dash with a time of 53.38 seconds. Braden Rogers won the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 42.70 and Jacob Rhodes finished second in the 110-meter hurdles with a time of 16.69.

Stillman Valley took second in both the 800-meter relay with a time of 1:33.96 and the 1600-meter relay with a time of 3:36.20. Stillman Valley finished third in the 400-meter dash with a time of 45.45 seconds and fourth in the 3200-meter relay with a time of 9:43.45. Jacob Rhodes took second in the high jump with a clearance of 1.70 meters and Memphis Rowe took fifth in the long jump with a distance

of 5.22 meters.

Stillman Girls The Stillman Valley girls finished fifth with 51 points overall. Makinzie Lamb took third in the 100-meter dash with a time of 14.36 seconds and Nola Ivy-Friberg took fourth in the 1600-meter run with a time of 6:26.28. Dionyesia Cantu-Ramos finished second in the 100-meter hurdles with a

game. Oregon took the second game 21-3 behind another complete game pitching performance, this time from Alexi Czochara. Abree Barker and Haleigh Burkhart each recorded three hits on the day, while Olivia Paul and Sarah Stevens both had multiple

Polo softball takes dou-

bleheader against AFC The Polo High School varsity softball team won two games over Ashton-Franklin Center on Wednesday, April 17. The Lady Marcos took the opening game 12-2 in five innings, with Karlea Frey going 3-for-3 while Cheyenna Wilkins went 3-for-4 with a single, double, triple and two RBIs.

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time of 17.07 seconds and Alyvia Bagg was fourth in shot put with a mark of 8.63 meters.

Stillman Valley finished second in both the 1600-meter relay with a time of 4:26.55 and the 800-meter relay with a time of 1:53.79. Stillman Valley took fourth in both the 3200-meter relay with a time of 12:17.64 and the 400-meter relay with a time of 54.95 seconds.

Saundra Brodersen won the long jump with a distance of 4.59 meters and Jessie Hagemann finished second in the triple jump with a distance of 9.19 meters. Hagemann took sixth in the high jump at 1.35 meters and Ella Pollock took fourth in the discus with a mark of 27.24 meters.

Oregon Boys

The Oregon boys finished fifth with 42 points overall. Aidan Guida took first in the

200-meter dash with a time of 23.69 seconds, third in the 100-meter dash with a time of 12.08 seconds and fourth in the 400-meter dash with a time of 55.28 seconds. Daniel Gonzalez won the 800-meter run with a time of 2:05.18 and Chase Buchanan finished fourth in the 3200-meter run with a time of 12:30.97. Oregon's 3200-meter relay team took third with

a time of 9:34.44. Evyn Carreno finished second in the shot put with a mark of 13.71 meters and fourth in the discus with a mark of 34.83 meters. Leo Cardenas took second in the pole vault with a clearance of 4.03 meters and Xander Garcia was eighth in the high jump at 1.55 meters.

Oregon Girls

The Oregon girls finished third with 62 points overall. Rylie Robertson took third in both the

100-meter hurdles with a time of 17.68 seconds and the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 56.62 seconds. Lorelai Dannhorn finished second in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:48.37 and Skylar Bishop finished second in the 200-meter dash with a time of 28.95 seconds.

Lexi Ebert took fifth in the 100-meter dash with a time of 14.51 seconds. Oregon finished fourth in the 800-meter relay with a time of 1:56.11 and fifth in the 1600-meter relay with a time of 5:09.25. Alease McLain finished fifth in the discus with a distance of 26.45 meters.

Grace Tremble won the high jump with a height of 1.55 meters and Sonya Plescia won the pole vault with a clearance of 2.97 meters. Daleanah Koertner took fourth in the long jump with a distance of 4.29 meters.

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SPORTS: Local results from Ogle County athletic programs

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Allissa Marschang, Aylivia Danekas and Grace Miatke each added RBIs in the win. Camrynn Jones pitched all five innings, striking out eight batters on four hits allowed.

Polo won the second game 13-8 behind four hits, including three doubles and three RBIs, from Karlea Frey. Cheyenna Wilkins totaled three hits and two RBIs, while Allissa Marschang had two singles and three RBIs. Sydnei Rahn added two hits and an RBI for the Lady Marcos.

Oregon girls soccer wins over Sterling

The Oregon High School varsity girls soccer team scored an 8-0 win over Sterling on Monday, April 22. Deb Schmid recorded three goals, while Anna Stender added two goals and one assist. Teagan Champley, Kenna Wubenna and Noelle Girton each chipped in goals for the Hawks (10-1-0, 4-1 BNC), while Stender and Champley as well as Mya Engelkes, Aniyah Sarver, Sarah Eckardt and Alease Mc-Lain each dished out

Polo baseball loses against Fulton

The Polo High School varsity baseball team fell 12-2 against Fulton on Monday, April 22. Nolan Hahn had one hit and two RBIs, while Scott Robertson and Jeff Donaldson each added hits in the loss. Polo softball falls

against Fulton

The Polo High School varsity softball team lost 21-4 against Fulton on Monday, April 22. Camrynn Jones had a single with one RBI, while Karlea Frey had a double and Cheyenna Wilkins had one home run and one RBI. Sydnei Rahn had a home run with one RBI, Grace Miatke had a single and Leah Tobin had one RBI.

Oregon softball edges Byron

The Oregon High School varsity softball team held on for a 6-5 win over Byron on Monday, April 22. Oregon got three hits from Haleigh Burkhart including a game winning RBI in the fifth inning. Alexi Czochara slammed the door on the pitcher's plate for Oregon with four strikeouts to get the win. Sarah Stevens and Madi Shaffer each added two hits for the Hawks who gained their 10th win of the season.

Oregon girls soccer

nets win over Mendota The Oregon High

School varsity girls soccer team defeated Mendota 3-1 on Tuesday, April 23. Deb Schmid scored two goals, while Anna Stender added one goal and one assist. Kenna Wubbena chipped in two assists for the Hawks (11-1-0, 5-1 BNC).

Polo baseball handed shutout from Eastland

The Polo High School varsity baseball team suffered an 11-0 shutout loss against Eastland on Tuesday, April 23. Gus Mumford went 2-for-3 to lead the Marcos in the loss.

Oregon softball downs Dixon

The Oregon High School varsity softball team downed Dixon 12-3 on Tuesday, April 23. Olivia Paul's three-run homer in the fifth broke the game open. Paul had four hits on the day with 5 RBIs. Gracen Pitts added a two-run home run in the sixth along with three hits.

Madi Shaffer and Sarah Stevens chipped in with two hits a piece and Haleigh Burkhart had a clutch two-RBI single in the fourth. Brooke Halverson got the win and Alexi Czochara struck out five in the final four innings to shut the door for the Hawks.

Polo baseball defeats Eastland

The Polo High School varsity baseball team defeated Eastland 8-5 on Thursday, April 25. Nolan Hahn went 4-for-5 with two runs and one RBI, while Gus Mumford went 3-for-3 with two runs and one RBI. Scott Robertson recorded three RBIs for the Marcos in the win.

Polo softball blows out Eastland

The Polo High School varsity softball team totaled 18 hits in a 15-4 win over Eastland. Cheyenna Wilkins pitched the full seven innings, giving up only three hits and three earned runs with one walk and 11 strikeouts. Camrynn Jones had two singles, two doubles and three RBIs, while Karlea Frey had two singles, one double and four RBIs. Allissa Marschang had two singles, one double and one RBI, Sydnei Rahn had two singles and one double, Cheyenna Wilkins had one single and one double with one RBI and Izabella Witkowski had two singles with two RBIs. Grace Miatke had a single.

Oregon girls soccer wins over Dixon

The Oregon High School varsity girls soc-

cer team won 3-1 over Dixon on Thursday, April 25. Anna Stender scored two goals and Kenna Wubbena added one goal, while Deb Schmid and Teagan Champley each had assists for the Hawks (12-1-0, 6-1 BNC).

Oregon softball takes doubleheader over Rockford Lutheran

The Oregon High School varsity softball team scored a 16-5 win and a 18-4 win in a doubleheader against Rockford Lutheran on Thursday, April 25. The Hawks combined for 30 hits over the two games, with Gracen Pitts hitting three home runs and totaling eight RBIs. Hayleigh Heuerman added a home run in the second game.

Polo baseball loses against Oregon

The Polo High School varsity baseball team lost 7-1 against Oregon on Saturday, April 27. Carter Merdian went 2-for-3 with one run scored for the Marcos.

Polo baseball falls against Forreston

The Polo High School varsity baseball team fell 6-2 against Forreston on Tuesday, April 30. Scott Robertson went 1-for-2 with two RBIs and Nolan Hahn pitched six and one-third innings, striking out five batters

while allowing only two earned runs.

Oregon girls soccer cruises over Rockford Christian

The Oregon High School varsity girls soccer team continued its winning ways with a 6-0 victory over Rockford Christian on Tuesday, April 30. Anna Stender led the Hawks (13-1-0, 7-1 BNC) with three goals, while Deb Schmid added two goals and an assist. Noelle Girton scored one goal and both Arianna Hammer and Kenna Wubbena added assists in the win.

Polo softball scores 10 runs in loss to Forreston

The Polo High School varsity softball team totaled 14 hits in a 12-10 loss against Forreston on Tuesday, April 30. Camrynn Jones had one single and two doubles with one RBI. Cheyenna Wilkins had three singles. Karlea Frey had one single and one home run with two RBIs.

Izabella Witkowski had one single and one double with two RBIs. Sydnei Rahn had one single and one home run with one RBI. Avalyn Henry had a single and an RBI. Allissa Marschang had a single and one RBI. Forreston had 11 hits.

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who has worked in the visual arts field for over 40 years, while Wolf Koch is a practicing engineer, former part-time educator and seasoned photographer.

The first workshop, titled "Digital Photography Fundamentals," is on Saturday, May 11, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. It will guide participants to a clearer understanding of several variables that affect photos, such as light, aperture, shutter speed, and sensor sensitivity. Also, participants will learn more about how to select

p.m. The program will cover both cell phone and tablet cameras. The discussion will be include information about using photo apps and affordable tools such as phone grips, small tripods, lenses and small LED lighting.

Both workshops are free, but you must register at the museum's website: Events - COLISE-UM MUSEUM OF ART, ANTIQUES & AMER-ICANA (cmaaa.org). If you have questions, call the museum at 815-595-5810.

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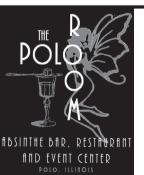
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LOCAL SPORTS/NEWS

Andy Colbert: Weather cancels Oregon's track meet

Andy Colbert

T is Friday evening on April 26 and in-Lstead of sitting in front of my computer writing this, I wish I was at Lander-Loomis Field. That is where the most significant boys track meet of the regular season for northern Illinois small schools would have been taking place.

Actually, with over 20 schools, it is more competitive than a sectional. Unfortunately, inclement weather forced its cancellation, leaving a lot of what-ifs.

Such as how state powers Winnebago, Lena-Winslow and Morrison would fare against defending 1A champ Forreston-Polo in the 400 relay. Or, sophomore sensation Brady Anderson of Morrison against 200-meter state champ Supreme Muhammad of Winnebago.

The meet would have also featured the top two returning state-placing triple jumpers, several quality distance runners from Newman and Rockford Christian and a ballyhooed pole vault competition between Leo Cardenas of Oregon and Andrew Nuyen of Rochelle. The list goes on and on of the talent that would have been on display.

Oregon also took a huge financial hit with the lost gate and concessions. With other weather cancellations, it only leaves the Hawks with just two boys home meets this season, the fewest in many decades.

Any hope of rescheduling for Saturday went by the wayside with several schools, including Oregon, having prom. There was also a logistics issue of pulling everything together on a different day.

But, all sports are seeing the effects of northern Illinois spring weather. To avoid that, baseball experimented with a summer schedule in the 1970s.

Though the weather was

much more preferable, it only lasted for a few years. With school being out for the year, it was discovered that kids lost interest in anything school-related and turned their focus elsewhere.

Another experiment that began in the 1970s was the use of metric measurement at track meets. There was

even talk of changing state highway signs to metric.

But, that idea soon went by the wayside, as the average American citizen refused to learn the metric system. Fifty years later, we still like our feet,

It's a shame that the governing body for high school track in Illinois still insists on measuring heights and distances in metric. I've been around the pole vault forever and still don't know what a 4.27-meter clearance is.

yards and miles better.

But, that same mark listed at 14-feet, makes complete sense to me.

Most other states measure the good old-fashioned American way. Oh well, there are bigger problems on the local sports scene, such as Freeport Aquin recently informing parents that the school may soon close.

The reasons cited were shortfalls in enrollment and funding. This has been an ongoing story and the Catholic Diocese of Rockford will address the issue this week.

Aquin, which opened 100 years ago, has a proud sports tradition in the NUIC, with three state football titles, two in girls basketball and one in volleyball. When the conference was formed in 1974, it was a charter member.

Pending the results of Byron vs. Dixon in soccer this past Tuesday, Byron (6-1) and Oregon (6-1) were tied for first place in the Big Northern. Close behind is Stillman (5-2), who handed Byron a loss.

The win over Byron gave SV a No. 1 seed in the sub-sectional over the No. 2 Tigers.

Oregon handily beat Dixon, but lost 2-1 to Byron in a very close conference race. That is the Hawks only loss on the season and they will be a No. 2 seed to Rock Island Alleman at the other sub-sectional feeding into the Indian Creek soccer sectional.

Alleman is the defending state runner up. In 1A soccer, the majority of top programs are private schools.

It's coming down to Dixon and Byron for BNC baseball supremacy, with two games against one another this past week. Coming in Dixon was 15-2 and its only losses were in extra innings. The Dukes

have been league champs the last four years, but Byron is poised to take that crown away.

It was a wild and wooly baseball game April 25 between Oregon and Winnebago. While at the pole vault pit for practice, I caught glimpses of 'Bago batters pounding hit after hit in the top of first inning. Then, Oregon began doing the same thing in the bottom of the first.

After three innings, it was Oregon up 16-9. Seemed like a safe lead, but in a game like this, not really. The Indians scored five runs in the top of the seventh to pull out an 18-17 win.

To their credit, they did outhit Oregon 21-12 and the 35 runs was a higher amount than the total hits.

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

Bertolet Library News

MOVIE

Saturday, May 4th at 10:00 AM This new release tells the wondrous story of how a young dreamer named Willy becomes the world's greatest inventor, magician, and chocolate maker. {from the back of DVD cover}

LEGO Club

Monday, May 6th at

5:00 PM We've got tubs of bricks for you to choose from for our LEGO Club. Show us what you can

May Book of the

GoAsaRiver by Shelley Read: Set on a peach farm in Colorado, a young girl in a family of men learns how one minor decision can

change the course of one's life. Stop by the circulation desk and pick up a copy.

May Craft

Stop by the circulation desk to pick up a kit to make a pretty dragonfly to welcome in the spring weather. Kits will be available May 1st. **Stories with Stacey**

Thursdays at 10:00

AM Join Miss Stacey for fun stories for your toddlers and preschoolers!

A to Z Reading Chal-

I hope to see you at the library choosing a book title that starts with "I"! I will have several on display for you to choose from. Pick one out to fill in your A to Z Reading Challenge list!

Plastic Recycling

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

NEW RELEASES Adult Books

Close To Death by An-

thony Horowitz We've Got Issues by

Phillip McGraw A Chateau Under Siege

by Martin Walker (LP) Picture Book

Thomas & Friends: Chasing Rainbows

That's Not My Turtle... by Fiona Watt

DVD

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AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

BYRON

ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH 624 Luther Drive, Byron IL 61010 815-234-5277

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

CORNERSTONE FAMILY CHURCH

205 N. Peru St., Byron 815-234-8737 cornerstonefam ily.church Children's Ministry Director: Katie Dodd Worship Service on Sundays at 10am with Children 's Worship Service and Nursery Available

Sr High Youth Min istry Sundays at 6:00pm, Jr High Youth Ministry Wednesdays

Numerous Small Groups Available for All Ages throughout the week Please call our Church Office or visit our website for more details. Office Hours: 8:00am -4:30pm Mondays-Thursdays

BYRON ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

UNITED CHURCH OF BYRON

A Member of the United Church of Christ 701 W. Second Street; PO Box 927, Byron IL 61010, 815-234-8777 Email: ucb@comcast.net Website: unitedchurchofbyron.org Pastor: Rev. Tyler Spellious Youth Ministry Coordinator: Richard Simpson Sunday Schedule & Worship opportunities Service of Meditation & Prayer: 8:15am-8:45am

Adult Sunday School Hour: 9am Kids Sunday School: (for ages 3 thru 5th grade) 9:30 -10:15am Coffee & fellowship time: 9:30am - 10:30am Main Worship: 10:30am

Spark Youth Group (for ages 6th grade thru 12th grade) - Sundays, 5pm-7pm For complete ministry schedule and other activities, please check our website or Facebook page or contact the church office. Whoever you are or wherever you are on your journey, you are welcome here!

BEACON HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD

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

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

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

CHANA

CHANA UNITED METHODIST

Pastor Josh Brown, 606 Main Street, Chana, IL 61015. Church office 815-732-7683.

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

DAVIS JUNCTION

DAVIS JUNCTION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

DIXON

LOST LAKE COMMUNITY CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Pastor Bob Clardie 815-535-6990 90 W. Flagg Road Dixon IL 61021

8:30am Sunday School 9:30am Church Service www.lostlakechurch.org

FORRESTON

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

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

402 First Ave., Forreston, IL Phone: 815-938-2380 Worship at 9:00 a.m. (childcare provided) with coffee and fellowship immediately following. Sunday School Age 3-Adult, 10:15 am. God is Good, All the Time, All the Time, God is Good!

ST. JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pastor Karen Tews Worship Service 10:30 am. Communion is served every Sunday.
"Singing the Song of Christian Faith in Worship, Service, Learning, Outreach
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LEAF RIVER

ADELINE ZION EVANGELICAL CHURCH

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

LEAF RIVER BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor Billy Hardy Live Sermon Streaming: Sundays at 10:00 AM at www.facebook.com/ Archived Sermons on our YouTube channel: Leaf River Baptist Church (Until

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

Nursery available

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

LINDENWOOD

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH – LCMS

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

LINDENWOOD UNION CHURCH

101 N Galena st, P.O box 67, Lindenwood IL Regular worship service Sundays at 10:00am with fellowship following Tuesdays 10:00 am Sr Exercise! Lunch afterwards. Thursdays 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Library time. Snacks and coffee. Everyone is welcome!

KINGS

ELIM REFORMED CHURCH 140 S. Church Road, Kings, IL 61068 • Pastor Mary Jacobs

Phone 815-562-6811 E-mail: goelimchurch@gmail.com Website: www.goelimchurch.org Sunday morning worship 10:00 am

DISCIPLES UNITED METHODIST CHURCH "By God's grace in Christ, we LIVE, LOVE, and SERVE"

MOUNT MORRIS

All are welcome here! 9:30 a.m. - Sunday Worship with Communion open to all, followed by fellowship

10:45 a.m. Sunday School (Sep. – May) 102 N. Maple Ave., Mt. Morris, IL 61054 815-734-4853 secretary@disciplesumc.org www.disciplesumc.org

EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH OF MT. MORRIS 102 S. Seminary Ave., Mt. Morris, IL 61054 815-734-4942 www.efcmm.org Senior Pastor: Bruce McKanna. Sunday Schedule: 8:30 a.m. Sunday School

for all ages. 9:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship. 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship with Childcare and Children's Church. MT. MORRIS CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN 409 W. Brayton Road, Mt. Morris, IL 61045 Phone 815-734-4573 Pastor-Rodney Caldwell. Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m. followed by fellowship time

and Sunday School. Worship service available online, call for details.

Email: mtmorriscob@gmail.com

MOUNT MORRIS

MT. MORRIS TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH 308 E. Brayton Rd. Mt. Morris, IL Phone: 734-6354 Rev. Josh Ehrler Worship Services: Saturday 5:30 PM; Worship Sunday 9:30 AM. Sunday Church School - follows Worship Service (Sept.-May) Chime Choin

Wednesday 6:00 PM LITTLE PRAIRIE MENNONITE CHURCH

409 W Brayton Rd. Mt Morris. IL 61054 (Church of the Brethren Basemer Entrance) Worship Services: 10:00 AM Sunday Morning, 7:00 PM 1st & 3rd Sunday Evening, 7:30 PM 2nd & 4th Wednesday Evenings of the Month. Pastor: Norman Reinford 779-861-3700

OREGON

EAST OREGON CHAPEL CHURCH OF GOD

East Oregon Chapel Church of God The Sharing is Caring Church Pastor Jesse Allen EOCCOGministries@gmail.com 107 N Daysville Rd. Oreaon. IL

Sunday School 9:30 a.m. with Sunday Worship following at 10:30 a.m. Breakfast is served every fifth Sunday beginning at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday evenings both Adults (all year) & Youth (during the school year) meet weekly beginning at 6:30 p.m. In the event that Oregon Schools are not in session the Youth group does not meet

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

We look forward to meeting you!

EBENEZER REFORMED CHURCH

2997 N. German Church Rd., 815-732-6313 3 miles east of Oregon on Rt. #64 then 2 miles north on German Church Rd. Rev. Josiah Youngquist
www.EBENEZERREFORMED.com • Sunday school 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m.

LIGHTHOUSE UNITED METHODIST

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

Worship at 11:00 a.m. Holy Communion celebrated the first Sunday of each of month. Lighthouse will lite up your life!

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

OREGON FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH 505 Hill St. Oregon, IL 61061 Phone: 732-2642

Pastor: David Snow "A Christ-centered, Bible-believing, family-oriented ministry." Sunday School 9:45 a.m.; Sunday Morning Service 10:45 a.m.; Sunday Afternoon Service 1:15 p.m.; Wednesday Night Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

OREGON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

200 S. 4th Street, Oregon, IL 61061 | 815-732-2994 | www.oregonumc.org Pastor Rev Megan Smick 9.00 am Adult & Youth Bible Study 10 am Worship & Children's Sunday School In-person or live on Facebook https://www.facebook.com/OregonUMC 5:30 pm Wednesday Night Meal All are welcome!

RIVERSTONE CHRISTIAN CHURCH 609 S. 10th Street , Oregon, IL 61061

Pastor Craig Arnold ~ 812-236-1213 Sunday Service @ 10:45 AM ~ contemporary style worship with coffee and doughnuts in our cafe! Online worship is also available via Facebook. We believe in sharing Communion every Sunday as an act of worship. RiverKids Service @ 10:45 AM for nursery-6th grade ~ provides a safe and fun environment where kids can learn about who God is and who they are because Encounter Youth Ministry for kids in 7th-12th grade meets on Sunday afternoons.

Please see our Facebook page for scheduled dates and times. For complete ministry info and events, visit us online at Riverstonecc.com or on Facebook at facebook.com/RiverStoneChristianChurch

ST. BRIDE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH 1000 Highway 64, West (Hwy 64 W & Mongan Drive on Liberty Hill), Oregon

732-7211 - Office Rev. Eldred George Webpage: saintbrides.org • E-mail:saint.bride.church@gmail.com Worship Services: Sunday 10 am Holy Communion with Hymns Christian Education Available

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH, NALC

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

CHURCH OF THE OPEN BIBLE

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

CROSSROADS COMMUNITY CHURCH ~

POLO CAMPUS Meeting Sundays @ 10AM Service 205 N. Jefferson Avenue, Polo ~ 815.837.5255 polo@crossroadscn.com

We offer contemporary worship and relevant Bible teaching through engaging messages and powerful video. Join us after services for coffee, snacks & fellowship. Kidzlink Children's Ministry (nursery-5th grade) ~ during 10AM

Crave Youth Group (6th-12th grade) ~ Wed. 6:30PN Visit our website: www.crossroadscn.com

FAITH DISCOVERY CHURCH

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

STILLMAN VALLEY

RED BRICK CHURCH OF STILLMAN VALLEY

Pastor Rev. Dr. Chris Brauns | Associate Pastor David Bogner 207 W Roosevelt Road (Rte 72), Stillman Valley. 815-645-2526 | www.theredbrickchurch.org Sunday: Worship at 9:00 and 10:30 am. Sunday School at 9:00 am. Wednesday: AWANA (Sept – April) from 6:00 to 7:30 pm. Men, women, youth Bible Studies throughout the year. See website for all activities or contact the church office

KISHWAUKEE COMMUNITY

EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 8195 Kishwaukee Road, Stillman Valley, IL 61084 / 815-965-1940 Rev. Nick Garner, Pasto www.kishchurch.org

Sunday Schedule: Discipleship Hour 9:00 AM, Coffee Fellowship 11:15 AM

Gathered Worshin 10:00 AM

For complete ministry schedule check out our website or call the church office. **VALLEY EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH** Lead Pastor Barry Norris

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

GRACE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH DAVIS JUNCTION

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

WINNEBAGO

MIDDLE CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 12473 Montague Road, Winnebago, IL 61088 Located West of Tower Road on Montague Rd. Sunday: Worship Service at 10:30 am.



Pastor Phil Thompson Phone: 815-335-2609. Email: middlecreekchurch@gmail.com



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LOCAL NEWS

Byron Public Library

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 - 10business days. Please visit https://www.byronlibrary.

Rock River Center is

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at 810 S. 10th Street,

Oregon. Our activities

and trips are open to all

ages. Call our office @

815-732-3252 for assis-

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plate discount, Medicare,

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vice, heating assistance or

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 Rock River Center Activities

other things. Visit us at

www.rockrivercenter.org

and like us on Facebook.

DRIVE – MAY 6

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Walk-ins welcome.

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am - 1:00 pm, Thursday

9:00 am – 1:00 pm, Friday

Elaines" Alzheimer's **Caregiver Program**

Thursday, May 9, 2024 @ 10:30 a.m. Candid discussion on Alzheimer's caregiving. Advance Registration requested. Call 815-732-3252, or stop by RRC to sign up.

OUTING OF THE MONTH – MAY 10 Franklin Creek Grist

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over 50 dips, sauces, and

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GROUP

Storytime

9:00 - 3:00 p.m. **CRAFT GROUP on**

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for everyone to enjoy.

Please call the library at

(815)938-2624 or visit our

website, forrestonlibrary.

org, for more information.

Toddler/Preschool

Wednesdays at 10:00

Wednesday in February, May, August & November. Time: 2:00-3:00 p.m.

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CAREGIVER SUP-PORT GROUP Meets:

3 R D Tuesday of month. Time: 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

DIABETIC **PORT GROUP** Meets: 1 s t

Wednesday of the month.

tle person to share in a time

of stories, crafts, and ac-

tivities every Wednesday

that school is in session.

This fun, relaxed program

introduces children to the

joy of reading and making

Community Room

Teen Instagram pages! 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.

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

Forreston Library

Book Sale

We will be holding our semi-annual book sale during regular library hours beginning Thursday, May 2nd through Saturday, May 18th. We have a huge assortment of books, dvds, games,

Polo Senior Center

Silver Sneaker Ex-

Tuesday and Thursdays mornings, 9:00 and 10:15

Pound Cardio drum-

Wednesdays at 1:00pm Chair Yoga/ Tai Chi

Wednesdays and Friday mornings at 9:00

Game day

Thursdays 11:00 am -Mexican Train - Euchre

Souper Thursdays Every Thursday 11:00,

soup or salad lunch served

11:00 until gone, donation

Tea Party

May 10th 12:00 Downton Abbey Mother's Day Tea party, live musical entertainment, dress up for fun. Everyone welcome,

please sign up in advance 946-3818

am. Bring your favorite lit-

Presented by Polo Women's Garden Club (Public welcome) May 17th at 1:00 pm

Brain Wits May 20 at 11:15

Wheel of Fortune **Bird Songs and Sight-**May 22 at 11:00

Monthly Luncheon May 24 at 11:00 Hamburgers, Tator Tots, Fruit, dessert, Suggested dona-

new friends.

for additional information.

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Mt. Morris Public Library

Library Closure May

Mount Morris Library will be closed on Friday, May 10, and Saturday, May 11, due to building maintenance. We apologize for any inconvenience. Books may be returned via our return slot or renewed online using the Prairie Catalog website. Regular hours will resume Monday, May 13, at 11am.

Adult Book Club Meeting Monday, April 29th

The April book, *The* Magnificent Lives of Marjo*rie Post*, by Allison Pataki, 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 April 29th at 3:30pm.

Cookbook Club Next Meeting May 7th

Join us as we explore The Cookbook Club! Wonderful recipes combined with friendship creates something both beautiful and delicious! Stop by to choose your recipe from this month's book, The Complete America's Test

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Volume-based

Kitchen TV Show Cookbook: 2001-2017, and bring your dish to pass at our next meeting! Join us on May 7th, 6pm at The Senior Center for another exciting meal! Gardening with Ju-

lie Program Wednesday, May 8th

Come talk with Julie as she shows us how easy and rewarding it is to have a garden! Julie will go over some of the best ideas for what to plant, how to nurture the plant, and the many great ways you can use the harvest! Plan for an evening of tips, tricks, and delicious

Inkwith a Friend: Card Making at the Library Thursday, May 9th

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, May 9th 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 May 2nd!

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,bringyourlittle ones to enjoy stories and a craft at the Mount Morris Library!

Lego Club Thursday, May 16th

Lego night is the third Thursday of each month. Stop by on May 16th, 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.

Summer Reading Program!!!

Summer is coming and we are ready to get everyone reading more and more! Read, Renew, Repeat is our theme this year with lots of relaxing and renewing in the future! Registration for the Summer Reading Program will start on Tuesday, May

28th. We will be offering kids programs every week, raffle prizes for adults and kids, games, parties, and more all summer! Be sure to mark your calendar and join us this summer for an adventure!

Display Case Showings

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.

Explore More Illinois

Explore More Illinois users can access and reserve passes from any of our attractions on the Mount Morris Library website, mtmorris-il.org, under the resources page. Visit the website to browse attrac-

Axis360 is now **BOUNDLESS**

Your library's Axis 360 digital service has been upgraded to Boundless. The library can provide you with information about the transition to Boundless. All your user info and history. including holds position,

bookmarks, notes, and other saved data will be seamlessly transitioned to the new Boundless platform.

Adult Programming

We would love to hear from you. Do you have any program ideas? Do evenings or weekends work better? Do you have a program you would like to share/lead? Contact Mary Cheatwood at the library through email at mmlib@ mtmorris-il.org or call 815-734-4927.

Memorial Gifts

Give a gift that lasts, brings joy to many, and doubles in value. Your memorial gift to the library is matched by the Mt. Morris Library Foundation, doubling your generosity! Many thanks to all who gave memorial gifts in 2023. Newspaper Available!

We will now be receiving the Dixon Telegraph daily! We receive the Ogle County Life, Sauk Valley, and Mt. Morris Times. If you want to keep up with the local news-stop on by!

Curbside Service is

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

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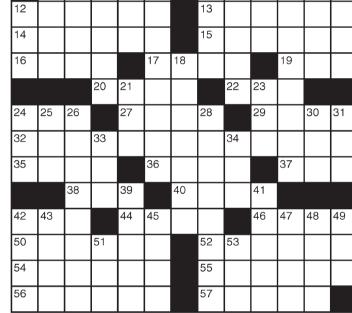
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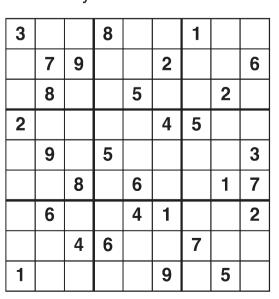
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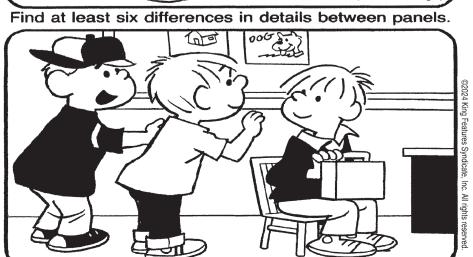
Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

♦ Moderate ♦ ♦ Challenging

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

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higher. 6. Sneakers are different. 3. Stripe is added to sleeve. 4. Cap is different. 5. Chair rung is Differences: 1. Desk is moved. 2. Chalkboard isn't as wide.





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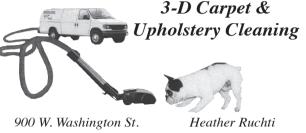
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Thursday, May 30, 2024

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County Board Room

#317, 105 S. Fifth St.,

Oregon, IL, to consider

the request filed April

2024 of Sean Con-

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Rd., Byron, IL for an

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(May 6, 2024)

No. 0503

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

In the Matter of the Estate of:

G. MARTIN LENOX, JR., Deceased. PROBATE DIVISION

No. 2024 PR 18 **CLAIM NOTICE** NOTICE is given of the death of G. MARTIN LENOX, JR. Letters of Office were issued on March 21, 2024, to Marjorie Lynn Lenox of 12853 N. Kennedy Hill Road, Byron, Illinois 61010, who is the Independent Executor of the Estate. The attorney for the Estate is Derek B.N. Seyller of HARDYMAN I DIVERDE, 124 N. Water Street, Suite 100, Rockford, Illinois 61107. Any claims against the Estate may be filed on or before October 22. 2024, that date being at least six (6) months from the date of first publication, or within three (3) months from the date of mailing or delivery of Notice to creditors, if mailing or delivery is required by Section 18-3 of the Illinois Probate Act, 1975

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dseyller@hardymandiverde.com Attorneys for the Estate of G. MARTIN LENOX,

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(April 22, 29, and May 6, 2024)

NOTICE IN THE CIRCUIT

COURT FOR THE **FIFTEENTH** JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS **OGLE COUNTY**

IN RE THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOHN V. YOUNG, Deceased.

Case No. 2024-PR-20 NOTICE OF CLAIM DAY Notice is given of the

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Street, Suite 1400, Peo-

ria, Illinois 61602. Claims may be filed on

or before six (6) months

from the date of first publication, or three (3) months from the date of mailing or delivery, whichever is later, and any claim not filed on

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April, 2024 Michael R. Seghetti (ARDC Np. 6193014) Elias, Meginnes Seghetti, P.C. 416 Main Street, Suite

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2024 #01-24AM No. 0504

(May 6, 2024)

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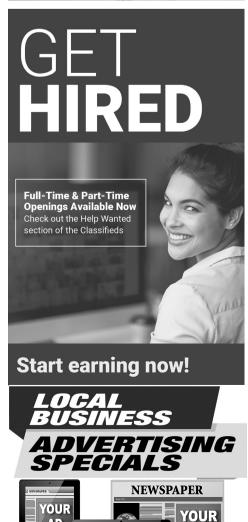
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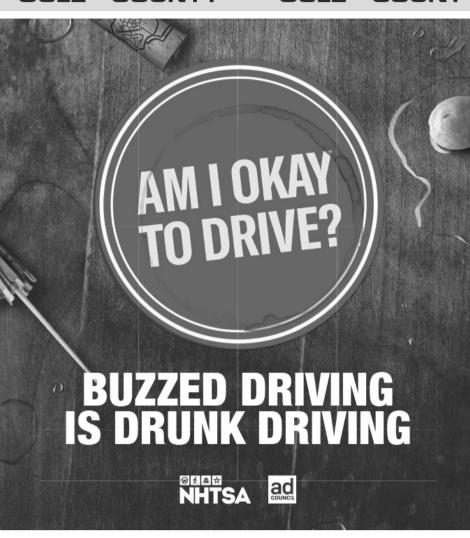
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Book Clubs

The 2WBC meets Wednesday, May 8 at 12:30 to discuss The Sun Also Rises by Ernest Hemingway. The Afternoon Book Club meets Wednesday, May 15 at 1 pm to discuss

Vampires of El Norte by Isabel Canas. Cocktails & Crimes will meet Sunday, May 19 at 6 pm at Chrissy's Corner (formerly Messie's). Is This Just Fantasy? Book Club will meet at 7 pm on May 28th to discuss Deadly Education by Naomi Novik. Books on Tap Book Club meets Thursday, May 23 at 6 pm at Cork & Tap to discuss The Shadow of the Wind by Carlos Ruiz Zafon.

Fundamental 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 Patronsonly. Registration required, this classfills quickly. Please call (815) 732-2724 or visit www.oregonpubliclibrary.com

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The Many Lives of

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Monday, May 13th at 6:00pm. Sending personal cards to your friends and family is a way to let them know you care and are thinking about them. All designs include beautiful colored cardstock, gorgeous designer series paper, detailed stamped images, die cut pieces, matching ink, ribbon, and embellishments. All cards come with matching envelopes. Whether you're a new card maker or a seasoned pro, our kits are suited to every skill level. Don't wait! Sign up today to reserve your spot. Oregon Patrons only. Registration required (815) 732-2724 or www. oregonpubliclibrary.com

Save the Date!

Read, Renew, Repeat!-Summer Reading Program Kick-off Party Thursday, May 16th 4:00-6:00pm. Kick off your summer reading with the Oregon Public Library. This summer's theme is Read, Renew, Repeat. This years Kick Off party will be FOAM fun! Jason Kollum, the bubble guy, will be bringing foam to the library lawn. Registration requested, www.oregonpubliclibrary.com.

Try It Tuesday

Tuesday, May 21st at 1:30pm or 5:30pm (Choose your time slot)-Scrapbook Paper Wreath. A great way to use new and/or old scrapbookpaper. Each participant will leave with a wreath they made in class. This class is for Oregon Patrons Only. Registration required, please call (815) 732-2724 or visitwww.oregonpubliclibrary.

Find A Character Tick-

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

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

Passport Services

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

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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: 815-645-8611.

Genealogy: Community Workshop

The life of a researcher can be lonely—why not head to the library and share your findings? During this program, we'll have time to do research surrounded by fellow genealogy-enthusiasts, discuss other resources and share some of our favorite discoveries! Registration required: Saturday, May 11, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

Teens: Name That Tune!

Come show off your music knowledge in this fast-paced game. See if you can guess the artist and song from different genres and decades, and compete against your friends for bragging rights. DJ Kelly will be spinning the tunes. Thursday, May 16, 6 p.m. Ages 13-18. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

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Penn is an actor, writer,

producer, and former Asso-

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for his starring roles in Des-

ignated Survivor, House,

Mira Nair's The Namesake,

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comedy The Santa Clauses

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Minute to Win It Games!

Think you can win it, with only a minute? Kids will need all their speed, flexibility and strategy to find out! Come compete in a variety of silly tasks to see just how skilled you are. Saturday, May 18, 10 a.m. Ages 5-9. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

Summer Reading Program: Seas the Day!

It's only fair winds and following seas as we embark on our summer reading journey. We'll travel

to far-off destinations, meet new people and open our eyes to new ideasthrough the transportive power of books. Register now for our 2024 Summer Reading Program: Seas the Day! You'll collect badges by logging your reading, completing fun activities and attending library programs... for a chance to win real prizes. It's fun. It's easy. It's free! Registration opens Monday, May 20. Register in person or with

Young Critics Book

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and hands-on craft/activity all about the graphic novel "Baloney and Friends" by Greg Pizzoli. Tuesday, May 21, 6 p.m. Ages 7-9. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

Join us for a discussion

Holiday Closure

The library will be closed Monday, May 27 for the Memorial Day Holiday.

Tween Scene: Cruise **Ship: Portland**

Pack you bags, we're hitting the high seas! Our first shore excursion on our tween cruise is Portland, Maine (you know, the OTHER Portland). Don't worry, there are no clouds in sight! We'll enjoy games, crafts and snacks inspired by this cozy, artsy city. Ages 10-12. Tuesday, June 4, 6 p.m. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

Toddler Time: Water Bins

Indulge your little one's curiosity with a hands-on event just for them. Join us on the library lawn for water play featuring a variety of sensory bins. Dress to get wet. Friday, June 7, 10 a.m. Ages 1-4. Registration required: 815-645-8611.





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