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The Oregon Woman's Club celebrated National Nurses Day with KSB clinic nurses. **A10**

OCFB's Kern: 'Decent start' to planting season in Ogle County

Drought conditions have 'improved greatly' since last fall

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

OGLE COUNTY — Ogle County farmers have gotten a "decent start" to planting season, Ogle County Farm Bureau Manager Ron Kern said May 13.

Kern said that some farmers have finished their planting of corn or soybeans, but estimated that no farmers in Ogle County have completely wrapped up yet with their spring planting work. With showers that have been hitting the area multiple times per week so far this month, farmers have been working between raindrops, he said.

"I wouldn't say we're behind on planting," Kern said. "Believe it or not even with the sporadic showers, it seems like we've only been out of the fields for a day or two. These rains have been followed by sunny weather with decent winds that have dried the soil out in a pretty fair manner. I think our biggest problem is that we have not been able to get into a rhythm. We farm for 2-3 days then sit for a day or two then we farm for 2-3 days again. We've seen that instead of a nice 7-10-day window to get out there and keep going."

Kern said last year saw a dry spring that allowed for continuous planting work. He said due to the importance of rain, he won't be complaining about this year's conditions. Ogle County has been behind on moisture in fields for the past few years, but Kern said the conditions have "improved greatly" since last fall.

The crops planted so far in Ogle County have taken well to the soil, Kern said.

"From what I've seen, what we have in the ground is emerging," Kern said. "Beans and corn both. They've got an excellent stand. In other words, most all of the crop that went in the ground is coming up. It's a decent start to the year. We still have 2-3 weeks to get everything in the ground to get where we want to be come June. I think farmers would say they're mildly happy."

Workload for farmers during this time of year depends on what sort of production system they employ, whether their fields are no till, conventional till or minimum till, Kern said. Planting typically starts in the mornings and farmers wrap up by dark, unless they get behind.

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WEATHER

MONDAY	TUESDAY
HIGH LOW	HIGH LOW
82 63	78 56
WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
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69 50	73 51
FRIDAY	SATURDAY
HIGH LOW	HIGH LOW
71 52	67 51

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ROCHELLE — Rochelle Community Hospital celebrated National Hospital Week from May 13-17.

Monday saw staff members wear gear of their favorite team and Florence Nightengale's birthday was celebrated with free bundtins from Nothing Bundt Cakes for staff. Tuesday was department match day and staff was treated to free coffee from BattleAxe Coffee. Wednesday was wacky socks day and staff received a free lunch from RCH dietary. Thursday was tie dye day and there was a free popcorn bar for employees. Friday was RCH purple pride day and grand prize winners of \$150 gift certificates from Headons Fine Meats,



Rochelle Community Hospital celebrated National Hospital Week from May 13-17. (Courtesy photo)

Shell and Bee Designs were announced. The week also included local gift card drawings for staff daily, a weeklong scavenger hunt, and an RCH yearbook wall.

RCH Marketing, Foundation & Organizational Development Manager Michelle LaPage said the

week acted as a "spirit week" would at a high school.

"It's getting everyone to have a little bit of fun in their departments," LaPage said. "Showing employees appreciation is something we try to do throughout the year. We have our Employer

of Choice committee that works on that all year. We try to take May and focus on Hospital Week and do it up big for the whole week. I think it's important because it helps fight burnout and maybe makes the day a little less stressful for people and it's something fun to come in and look forward to. It gets people together and talking in their departments."

LaPage said the week also works to make RCH employees comfortable, and said the hospital is still seeing some staffing issues due to the healthcare worker shortage that followed the COVID-19 pandemic.

"A lot of times employees say it feels like family when they come here to work," LaPage said. "Everything we do around Hospital Week is geared towards that. On Wednesday, our cafeteria staff is

providing lunch for the rest of the staff. That makes us feel guilty for our dietary staff. We set aside another day to spoil them with a meal. We want everyone to feel special and get to be a part of this week."

With the stress that can sometimes be present in healthcare, LaPage said a short break for free food or a drink can be valuable in RCH's workplace during Hospital Week. RCH departments act as a team during Hospital Week and the rest of the year.

"Departments take pride in being a team for things like this and they get excited about it," LaPage said. "We get their pictures and post them on social media. All kinds of other hospitals are celebrating it this week. I think us RCH being smaller makes weeks like this more beneficial for staff."

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LOCAL NEWS

Oregon Rotary Club Foundation names scholarship winners

OREGON — The Oregon Rotary Club Foundation board members appreciate the many applicants to the scholarship program. We are fortunate to have so many scholars of distinction in our school district. We would like to thank all the candidates for taking the time to apply and for sharing their talents and leadership in our community.

The Oregon High School seniors whom the board agreed best upheld the ideals of the Oregon Rotary Foundation for 2024 are Teagan Champley, Jackson Glendenning, Alyssa Leary, Peytyn Sadler and Molly Ziegler, with Champley being awarded the further distinction of being named as the 2024 Catherine Ehnert award recipient. Each scholarship recipient will have a check mailed directly to the college they are enrolled with in the fall. Our hope is that these financial awards will help students pursue their college education and enable them to continue to support our fine community. A separate scholarship opportunity will be given to individuals who have completed at least one full year at a college or trade school.

Over the course of the past 40 years, this program has awarded over \$400,000 to more than 200 area students who exhibited the

ideals of Rotary International. Each year the Oregon Rotary Club Foundation Board selects recipients whom the board feels meets the principles of Rotary International. The annual decision process is a very difficult yet a rewarding experience. The Oregon community should be very proud of these individuals who are not only excellent students but participate in activities geared toward helping others as well.

Rotary is a service club whose mission is to provide community service, both locally and internationally. Becoming a Rotarian provides the opportunity to do something for someone else and to sense the highly rewarding self-fulfillment that comes with the process.

Would you like to learn more about Rotary International? Would you like to know more about what the Rotary Club of Oregon is doing for your community? Join them Thursday, May 23 at the Cork & Tap in Oregon from 5-7 p.m. where information and hors d'oeuvres will be freely shared and a cash bar will be available.

Oregon Rotary Club is always looking for new members. For information or to apply for membership visit their website at <https://portal.clubrunner.ca/5761> or them at oregonrotary@gmail.com.

First Ogle County property tax installment due June 10

OREGON — Ogle County Collector, Tiffany O'Brien, reports that property tax bills will be mailed out on May 10. The first installment will be due on Monday, June 10, with the second installment due on Tuesday, Sept. 10. This single document will contain tax information and payment stubs for both installments. Therefore, property owners need to save this bill as no additional notice will be mailed prior to the second installment.

Payment methods include cash, check (payable to Ogle County

Collector) or credit card. In-person payments can be made at the Treasurer's office or at any bank in Ogle County. The Treasurer's office is in the old Courthouse located at 105 S. 5th St. in Oregon. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday - Friday excluding holidays. Their mailing address is Ogle County Collector, P.O. Box 40, Oregon, IL 61061. Mailed payments must be postmarked by the due date to be considered timely. Late payments will incur a fee of 1.5% per month or part of a month after the due date

and must be remitted by mail or at the Collector's office.

Collector O'Brien's office is also offering the option of online payments. You may go to the Ogle County website at www.oglecounty-il.gov and then select the Treasurer's department. Choose the Online Tax Payments link and click the Pay Now button. Fill in the information as prompted. Be sure to receive a payment conformation for your records. Please note that this service carries a fee; review the convenience fees prior to making payment.

Byron Museum District Board has opening

BYRON — Have you wanted to get involved in local government administration but don't want to run for office? Being appointed to the board of a special purpose government is a great way to learn about your tax dollars at work.

The Byron Museum District is one of many local organizations that depends on a volunteer board and is currently seeking a responsible individual with experience in accounting, law, education, or have an interest in policy development.

A five-year term is now open on the Byron Museum District Board of Commissioners. Applicants must be a Byron resident, legal voter in the district and shall receive no compensation for your time. Applications are available on the Ogle County and Byron Museum websites <https://www.byronmuseum.org/staff-and-board>. Send application and résumé to the County Clerk's Office located at 105 S. 5th St - Suite 104, Oregon, IL.

Applicants should be able to attend the museum's monthly board meetings held on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Byron Museum of History located at 110 N. Union St. in Byron. Officers are elected at the museum's annual meeting in July. Four out of five museum commissioners serve as officers including president, vice president, treasurer, and secretary. Preferred candidates will be able to send and receive electronic communications and have a basic

understanding of financial reports.

Nominations are made by the Ogle County Board's nominating committee. The full County Board will vote to appoint the new commissioner after an interview process in Oregon. The newly-appointed museum commissioner will be sworn in at the next meeting of the Byron Museum District Board of Commissioners in Byron. The powers and duties of the museum board generally include: oversight through the formulation and adoption of policies governing the museum and the procedures to be used in its operation; museum board members, as individuals, have no authority over museum affairs. The board has authority only when acting as a body duly called into session.

The Byron Museum District staff and board is governed by the Illinois Museum Act 70 ILCS 1105. District residents and the public at large are always invited to attend Museum District Board meetings or visit the museum's website for current meeting agendas and minutes. Anyone can make a written request to obtain a copy of the museum's audited financial report or policies.

The Byron Museum of History is dedicated to preserving Byron's rich history through exhibits, programs, and artifact preservation. For more information about the Byron Museum, or volunteering, please call the Museum: 815.234.5031 or visit the museum's website at www.byronmuseum.org.



PLANT: Urges public to be cautious on roadways

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"I saw sprayers going out this weekend to spray herbicide to get rid of weeds," Kern said. "And if you're one of those people that's lucky enough to have hay, it's probably needing a cutting right now. That requires about three days without getting rained on. There's a lot to do this time of year. And those with livestock obviously have

livestock every day. It depends on what your system is."

Kern advised the motoring public to be cautious while driving around agricultural equipment on roads during this time of year. He asked drivers to be patient and understand that farmers only can go so fast and are trying to get from field to field and off roadways as fast as they can.

"Not only pay attention to the equipment in front of you, but also pay attention to what's in front of the equipment," Kern said. "If they approach things like guardrails, mailboxes and road signs, they may have to swing out into the other lane to get around those things with their equipment. Passing lanes may close quickly when they approach those things. Try to anticipate what they're seeing out of the cab too."

In the grander scheme of agriculture, Kern said he's expecting a possible vote on a new federal farm bill during the week of May 19-25. He hopes an end result to that will maintain crop insurance, which has become something all farmers use to manage risk. He'd also like to see more emphasis put on trade agreements, which could help with

imports, as well crop prices, which Kern said are currently "somewhat depressed."

At the state level, the Illinois Farm Bureau has been active this year in the general assembly to get changes made to the state estate tax that impacts how farmland passes from generation to generation.

"When some of these farms pass from generation to generation, and the new generation has to sell off some of the farm just to pay the taxes, that's not a good scenario," Kern said. "Because usually when you're passing it on to the next generation, they're farming the land. They need that land for their operation and having to sell it off to pay the taxes doesn't seem right. Hopefully that issue gets settled with the state. It's something the IFB has been working on for decades and I hope the time is right for it."

As summer in Ogle County comes into sight, Kern detailed a small wish list to keep farmers on track for harvest this fall.

"I would love to see temperatures never get above 94 degrees and an inch of rain every week," Kern said.

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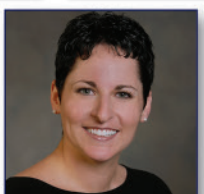
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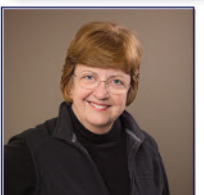
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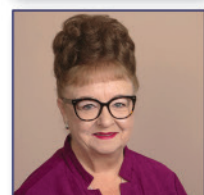
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LOCAL NEWS

Oregon Park Board: Pool project bid approved

Design contract for Park East work approved

OREGON — The Oregon Park District Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, May 14 for its regularly-scheduled monthly meeting. The May meeting serves as the district's annual meeting each year. As such, the board appointed Brian Beckman to serve as president and Josh Messenger as vice president for the 2024-2025 board year.

The Board of Commissioners reviewed bids for an upcoming pool improvement project at Nash Recreation Center. The low bid of \$548,167 submitted by Sjostrom & Sons was approved. Improvements will include installation of a new rooftop air handler, removal and replacement of the pool storage concrete floor, removal and replacement of the epoxy flooring on the pool deck, removal of the diving board, and installation of an aqua climbing wall.

"The diving board continues to be operational, but replacement will be necessary," Executive Director Erin Folk said. "Due to FINA guidelines, diving board manufacturers cannot sell the district a new diving board due to the current pool depth. Staff has been researching replacement options and installation of a climbing wall will increase the play factor for our pool patrons."

The climbing wall will be installed on the east side of the deep end, allowing more opportunity for lap swim during multi-use swim times. Pool improvements are slated for August. Design and engineering work will soon be underway at Oregon Park East. The board approved a \$126,500 contract with Hitchcock Design Group to provide design and engineering services to complete the planned improvements at Park East with \$600,000 in OSLAD funding. Construction is expected begin in 2025.

The May 14 board meeting also served as the final meeting for Commissioner Maia Johnson. Commissioner Johnson was elected in April 2023 and served May 2023-May 2024.

"It has been an eye-opening experience," Johnson said. "You guys should be really proud of the park district and all that you have done and continue to do. It is quite amazing for a town this size to have. Thank you for the opportunity."

Applications for the vacant commissioner seat were advertised April 10-May 15. The Board of Commissioners will plan to appoint a new commissioner in June 2024.

The Oregon Park District's next scheduled monthly meeting is June 11 at 6 p.m.



Byron High School's March 2024 Students of the Month named

Byron High School Students of the Month for March were recently named. Pictured from left to right are: BHS Assistant Principal Ken Franchi, Ryan Keller (12th grade), Matt Shouer (12th grade), Claire Henkel (11th grade), Gwen Roberts (10th grade), and Stillman Bank Retail Office Manager Renae Stevens. Not pictured is Ashlynn Kincaid (ninth grade). Each of the students received a gift card for their achievement.



Byron High School's April 2024 Students of the Month named

Byron High School Students of the Month for April were recently named. Pictured from left to right are: Alayna Brandt (ninth grade), Micah Hilliker (10th grade), Ben Mugrage (11th grade), Abbie Baker (12th grade), and Stillman Bank Retail Office Manager Renae Stevens. Each of the students received a gift card for their achievement.



Byron High School's May Students of the Month named

Byron High School Students of the Month for May 2024 were recently named. Pictured from left to right are: Elinor McHale (ninth grade), Olivia Moser (10th grade), Hannah Bechtel (11th grade), and Stillman Bank Retail Office Manager Renae Stevens. Not pictured is Reese Little (12th grade). Each of the students received a gift card for their achievement.

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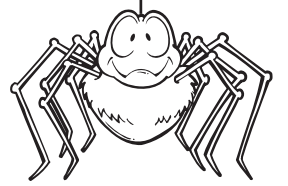
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Obituaries

Larry G. Hackbarth

POLO — Larry G. Hackbarth, 81, of Polo, passed away Wednesday, May 8, 2024, at Allure Pinecrest Terrace surrounded by his family.

Larry was born, July 30, 1942, in Sterling, IL, the son of Carl and Marie (Cassens) Hackbarth. On April 11, 1964, in Polo at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, he was united in marriage to Ms. Elsie Young.

Larry was a 1960 graduate of Polo High School. He served in the Army National Guard from 1960 to 1966. He was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Polo. Farming was his pride and joy. He grew up helping his dad on the family farm. He then ventured out and farmed on his own in the Polo and Milledgeville area for 25 years. He also worked in the maintenance department at H.A. International in Oregon for 27 years before retiring in 2010.

Larry was an IH collector. He enjoyed restoring antique gas engines and tractors and taking them to shows with his dad. There weren't too many things he couldn't fix or repair. However, his greatest passion was for his grandkids. He loved spending time with them.

Survivors include wife Elsie; daugh-

ters Sherry (Tom) Johnson of Lake In The Hills, IL, Pam (Dave) Lotz of Oregon, IL, Sons: Michael (Cindi) Hackbarth of Chadwick, IL; sisters Janice (Jerry) Jacobs of Chadwick, IL, Julia (Jim Meichtry) Hackbarth of Sterling, IL; brothers Roger (Frances) Hackbarth of Rock Falls, IL, Ronnie Hackbarth of Milledgeville, IL, Carl (Jenny) Hackbarth of Milledgeville, IL; grandchildren Ashleigh (Boyd) Bohn, Andrew, Ryan, Zach and Sarah Johnson; Lauren and Justin Hackbarth; Eli Lotz; great-grandchildren Autumn, Lincoln and River.



He was preceded in death by his Parents.

A memorial visitation will be Monday, May 20, 2024 at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Polo from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. Memorial services will follow at 11:30 a.m. at the St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Polo. Burial of the cremains will take place at a later date in South Elkhorn Cemetery in rural Milledgeville, IL.

In lieu of flowers, memorials have been established to either St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Polo or Milledgeville, IL FFA.

To send condolences please visit www.polofamilyfuneralhome.com.

Linda R. Lynch

MT. MORRIS — Linda R. Lynch, 73, passed away on Saturday, May 11, 2024 at Freepoint Memorial Hospital in Freeport, IL. Born to Glen and Elaine

(Schultz) Glover on May 23rd 1950 in St. Joseph's hospital in Aurora. She was a 4th generation Naperville. She was the 3rd generation to attend Naper Elementary school. Her grandpa Schultz went to the original wooden school that burned down. She and her mother attended and rebuilt the newer brick one. She attended Washington Jr. high school where her mother had gone to highschool, and graduated from naperville High school in 1968. Then she attended Elgin school of beauty culture.

She married Barry Alan Lynch at Bethany Lutheran church in Naperville on 6/26/76. She had one child, Megan Allissa Lynch on 7/27/79. She always said her daughter was her best friend.

She was a hairdresser for 20 years, then went into the food industry working at a yogurt shop, Jefferson Hill Tea room, and County market food court. After hurting her back, she became a cashier. Due to back problems she retired in 2003. And in 2004 she moved to Oregon with her family.



She attended St. Paul Lutheran Church. She moved to Mt. Morris in 2014. She always said her home was in Mt. Morris, but her heart was in Oregon. Preceded in death by brothers Rodney and Michael, in laws Maurice and Ruth Lynch, brother in law Harold Rife, Godmother and Aunt Marlene. Husband Barry, Mother Elaine and Father Glenn. Survived by Daughter Megan Fuentes, Granddaughters Brianna, Alexandra, and Gabriella Fuentes, Sisters Pamela (Larry) Brossman, Melissa Christian. Uncle Frankie (Gae) Schultz. and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

A visitation will take place at St. Paul Lutheran Church of Oregon, IL on Friday, May 17, 2024, between the hours of 11:00 am & 12:00 pm. Immediately following the visitation will be a Funeral service to honor her life at the church conducted by Reverend Terese Whitten beginning at 12:00 pm. Linda will be laid to rest in Daysville Cemetery next to her husband. Memorial donations are established in his name and may be directed to the family. To leave an online condolence or plant a tree in her memory please visit www.farrellhollandgale.com.

Dale A. Pool

ROCKFORD — Dale A. Pool, age 70, of Rockford and formerly of Adeline, IL passed away peacefully Wednesday May 8, 2024.

Born in Rockford on August 21, 1953 to Charles & Nona Pool Sr. (Comstock). An avid sports fan, Dale truly loved rooting for the Greenbay Packers and St. Louis Cardinals. Beloved father, grandfather and dear friend, he will remain forever in our hearts.

He is survived by daughters, Brandy Lynn (Casey) Jones and Becky (Keith) Feltz; granddaughters, Ande (Eli) Dickey, Miriya Jones and Trinity & Kamryn Feltz; great grandchildren, Declan, Delanie and Kallahan; siblings, Charles Pool Jr. Joe (Susan) Pool, Wanda (John)



Robertson, Glenda Cooper, Marie (late David) Felts and Patricia Ricov; as well as numerous nieces & nephews; and many dear friends. He is predeceased by his great grandson, Killian Dickey; siblings, Melody Pool, Charles Franklin McDowell and Dana McDowell and his parents.

Celebration of Life held Monday May 13, 2024 from 4 -7 pm at the Christenson Funeral Home, 925, 3rd Ave., Rockford. Cremation rites accorded. Memorials to the family.

A special Thank You to the staff at Generations at Neighbors and Serenity Hospice for their exceptional care and support.

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Beardin makes contribution to RACF fund established in honor of his late wife

ROCHELLE — Last year, Jim Beardin initiated the establishment of the Kay and Jim Beardin Community Endowment, a tribute to his late wife Kay, and a testament to his deep affection for our community. Through the steadfast support of donors, this fund has flourished, and May 14, Jim once again made a remarkably generous contribution to ensure its continued growth.

Reflecting on his involvement in the recent Granting Futures event put on by the Rochelle Area Community Foundation, Jim remarked, "Witnessing firsthand the profound impact each donor dollar has on the nonprofits serving our community has been truly enlightening. Kay would have been immensely proud to witness the positive outcomes facilitated by this fund. Our aspiration is to perpetuate its growth, ensuring an enduring legacy of benefit for our community."

"Jim embodies generosity and compassion," noted Emily Anaya, executive director of RACF. "His re-



Rochelle Area Community Foundation Director Emily Anaya and Jim Beardin. (Courtesy Photo)

current generosity is a testament to his commitment to realizing the legacy envisioned for Kay and this fund. We are fortunate to count such exceptionally generous individuals like Jim among our community members."

For those interested in supporting the Kay and Jim Beardin Community

Endowment fund, or any of the other funds managed by RACF, please visit Rochellefoundation.org and select the donate option. Alternatively, contributions can be mailed to PO Box 74, Rochelle, IL 61068. Together, we are building a lasting legacy and investing in the growth of our community.

Stillman Bank to host free community shred day June 8

STILLMAN VALLEY — Stillman Bank will be hosting a free Community Shred Day on Saturday, June 8. A shred truck will be on-site to safely dispose of your personal documents and information, and help you avoid becoming a victim of identity theft and fraud.

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offered at Stillman Bank in Stillman Valley from 8-10 a.m. and at Stillman Bank in Byron from 10:15 a.m. to noon. Anyone is welcome to take advantage of this free service to dispose of personal papers and unwanted documents in a safe, secure way.

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ing less than 35 pounds each, full of items to be shredded. Suggested items include those that contain personal information such as names and addresses, birthdates, social security and insurance numbers, and banking and credit card information. Documents may contain staples and paperclips, and most non-plastic file folders are also accepted. For a complete list of acceptable shredding items, please contact Stillman Bank at (815) 645-2266.

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LOCAL NEWS

OREGON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Woman arrested for driving while license suspended

April 30
At 8:12 a.m., Oregon Police arrested Veronica Ramirez, 30, of Zion, for driving while license suspended. Ramirez was transported to the Ogle County Jail where she was processed and released with a notice to appear. This violation occurred in the 100 block of North 4th Street.

At 5:38 p.m., Oregon Police issued Jacob W. Diehl, 27, Dixon, a citation for use of a cell phone while driving. This violation occurred in the 200 block of West Washington Street.

May 1
At 9:40 a.m., Oregon Police responded to a concerned citizen call in the 700 block of Jackson Street, resulting in the arrest of David W. Smith, 63, Oregon, for violation of bond conditions. Smith was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was processed and released with a notice to appear.

May 2
At 7:10 a.m., Oregon Police issued Carlos J. Miranda Salinas, 45, of Fairfax, Virginia, citations for speeding 45 miles per hour in a 30 miles per hour zone, and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. These violations occurred in the 600 block of North 4th Street.

May 3
At 11:44 a.m., Oregon Police issued Sonia R. Calhoun-Gilroy, 46, Oregon, a city citation for violating the nuisance animal ordinance, being that the dog was barking continuously.

At 11:31 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Richard L. Gallagher, 40, Oregon, on an outstanding Ogle County warrant. Gallagher was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was left in the custody of the corrections officers.

May 5
At 9:48 a.m., Oregon Police arrested Timothy J. Williams, 25, Oregon, on an outstanding Ogle County warrant for a traffic offense. Williams was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was left in the custody of the corrections officers. Three verbal warnings and two park-

ing citations were issued during the week of April 29-May 5.

May 6
At 7:03 a.m., Oregon Police issued Rojas Daniel Gabriel, 26, of Belvidere, a citation for speeding 49 miles per hour in a 30 miles per hour zone. This violation occurred in the 600 block of North 4th Street.

May 8
At 5:08 p.m., Oregon Police issued Dylan M. Towle, 21, of Winnebago a citation for speeding 47 miles per hour in a 30 miles per hour zone. This violation occurred in the 700 block of North 4th Street.

At 6:02 p.m., Oregon Police issued Andrew D. Newman, 25, Oregon, a citation for operating a vehicle in violation of the tinted front side windows law. This violation occurred in the 100 block of West Washington Street.

At 8:35 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Corey K. Stone, 29, Oregon, on an outstanding Ogle County warrant for failure to appear. Stone was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was left in the custody of the correctional officers.

May 9
At 10:11 p.m., Oregon Police arrested James D. Wright, 41, Oregon, on an outstanding Ogle County warrant for failure to appear. Wright was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was left in the custody of the corrections officers.

May 12
At 2:30 p.m., Oregon Police issued April A. Breeden, 36, Oregon, a city citation for violating the city ordinance of allowing a dog to run at large. This violation occurred in the 500 block of South 4th Street.

Four verbal warnings and three parking citations were issued during the week of May 6-12.

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

POLO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Citation issued for city ordinance violation

POLO — On May 7 at 9 a.m. Wedad A. Farraj, 67, Polo, was issued a city ordinance citation for tall grass & weeds.

On May 7 at 9 a.m. Ahmad R. Farraj,

69, Polo, was issued two city ordinance citations for two different properties for tall grass & weeds.

All individuals are considered innocent until proven guilty.



Roberts Armory WWII Museum to open for Memorial Day

ROCHELLE — The Roberts Armory World War II Museum will be open to the public on Memorial Day, Monday, May 27 from 1-4 p.m. The Higgins Boat will be open for viewing, weather permitting. The next opening will be Aug. 17. To get to the museum, follow the signs on the Army truck at Illinois Route 251 & Intermodal Drive (approximately three miles). Many WWII artifacts are on display including tanks, trucks, cannons and

newspapers from 1945 presenting photographs of Rochelle residents who served during World War II. More information is available on the Rochelle

website at: <http://www.enjoyrochelle.com/online-directory/what-to-do/history-attractions/robert-s-armory.html>. There is no admission charge.



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Oregon man arrested for felony firearm and drug charges following search warrant

OREGON — On May 13, the Ogle County Sheriff's Office Special Operations Unit, with the assistance of the Oregon Police Department, executed a search warrant in the 300 block of North 7th Street in Oregon. The search warrant was the result of a lengthy investigation.

During the search warrant, Christopher L. Cash, 36, of Oregon was arrested on the following charges: two counts of unlawful possession of a controlled substance (both class-four felonies), unlawful possession of a weapon with a revoked FOID card (class-three felony), unlawful use of a weapon - possession of a weapon - possession of a weapon - silencer (class-three



felony, unlawful possession of ammunition with a revoked FOID card (class-A misdemeanor, and unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia (class-A misdemeanor). Under the Pretrial Fairness Act, Cash was transported to the Ogle County Jail and released on a future court date. All arrestees are presumed innocent until convicted in a court of law.



Cash

Two Mt. Morris men arrested on drug charges following search warrant

MT. MORRIS — On Friday, May 3, at approximately 10 p.m. the Mt. Morris Police Department, assisted by members of the Oregon Police Department, executed a search warrant in the 200 block of East Main Street. The search warrant was executed based on information that the Mt. Morris Police Department had been investigating for the past several months. Upon completing the search, David D. Lowtharp, 55, Mt. Morris, and Kenneth A. Kirk, 76, Mt. Morris were subsequently arrested.

Lowtharp was charged with the fol-

lowing: Unlawful possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine), unlawful possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver (methamphetamine), unlawful possession of a controlled substance, and unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia.

Kirk was charged with possession of hypodermic syringes and needles.

Lowtharp and Kirk were transported to the Ogle County Jail.

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

MT. MORRIS POLICE

Man arrested on warrant

MT. MORRIS — On April 22 at approximately 7:30 a.m. Mt. Morris Police made contact with a wanted subject in the 300 block of Sunset Lane. The subject, Jacob Huffman, 26, Mt. Morris, was arrested on an Ogle County warrant for operation of a vehicle with cancelled, suspended or revoked registration. Huffman was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

On April 26 at approximately 7:30 p.m. Mt. Morris Police made contact with a subject in the 10 block of East Center Street to investigate a reported theft. After a brief investigation, Robert D. Vandyke, 43, Mt. Morris, was arrested and charged with theft of utility services. Vandyke was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was released with a notice to appear.

On April 26 at approximately 7:30 p.m. Mt. Morris Police were sent to the 10 block of East Center Street for a citizen assist. During this time, Robert D. Vandyke, 43, Mt. Morris, was arrested and charged with criminal trespass to property. Vandyke was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was released with a notice to appear.

On April 26 at approximately 10:10 p.m. Mt. Morris Police were sent to the area of the 10 block of East Center Street for a trespassing complaint. After a brief investigation, Kristina L. Tinkler, 33, Mt. Morris, was arrested and charged with criminal trespass to property. Tinkler was transported to the Ogle County Jail where she was released with a notice to appear.

On April 27 at approximately 4:30 a.m. Mt. Morris Police conducted a traffic stop in the 200 block of North McKendrie Avenue. The driver, Kristen A. Krug, 34, Mt. Morris, was issued a citation for speeding 51 miles per hour in a 30 miles per hour speed zone. Krug was released on scene.

On May 2 at approximately 9 p.m. Mt. Morris Police made contact with a wanted subject in the 300 block of East Lincoln Street. The subject, Richard W. Majors, 57, Mt. Morris, was arrested on an Ogle County warrant for a probation violation. Majors was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

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VIEWPOINT

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

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MOMENTS IN TIME

* On June 3, 1943, a group of U.S. sailors marched through downtown Los Angeles with clubs and other weapons, attacking anyone wearing the "zoot suit" favored by many young men of color at that time. The Zoot Suit Riots spread throughout the city over the next week, marking the culmination of racial tensions against the backdrop of World War II.

* On June 4, 1876, an astonishing 83 hours after it left New York City, the Transcontinental Express train arrived in San Francisco. Many Americans could hardly imagine that a journey previously requiring months using horses could now be accomplished in under a week.

* On June 5, 1956, a young Elvis Presley performed "Hound Dog" on "The Milton Berle Show" with a gyrating enthusiasm that set off a scandal. Critical reaction was almost universally negative. In fact, one writer described Presley's hip-swinging as "tinged with the kind of animalism that should be confined to dives and bordellos."

* On June 6, 2013, Edward Snowden, a National Security Agency contractor, leaked documents to the press exposing a government-run surveillance program that monitored not just the communications records of criminals and potential terrorists, but law-abiding citizens as well. Facing multiple charges and prison time, Snowden fled to Hong Kong and later Russia to avoid extradition.

* On June 7, 1976, New York magazine published journalist Nik Cohn's article "The Tribal Rites of the New Saturday Night," which would inspire the John Travolta cinema smash "Saturday Night Fever." Nearly 20 years later, however, Cohn confessed that the allegedly real-life characters peopling the story were actually fictional.

* On June 8, 632, the prophet Muhammad died, as a result of being poisoned, in the arms of Aisha, his third and favorite wife, in Medina, located in present-day Saudi Arabia.

* On June 9, 1945, while hosting the Philadelphia Phillies, Brooklyn Dodgers manager Leo Durocher struck mocking Phillies fan John Christian in the dugout with the help of a stadium security guard. The incident led to Durocher's arrest on assault charges the following day, but he was released on bail, and actor Danny Kaye, a friend of his and acquaintance of Christian, brokered a \$7,000 settlement that closed Christian's civil suit.

* On June 9, 1772, colonists, angered by the British Parliament's passing of the Townshend Acts restricting colonial trade, board and set ablaze the HMS Gaspee, an armed British customs schooner that had run aground. British officials found no one willing to identify those involved, and the inquiry closed without result.

* On June 4, 1919, the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, guaranteeing women the right to vote, is passed by Congress and sent to the states for ratification. On Aug. 18, 1920, Tennessee became the 36th state to ratify the amendment, giving it the two-thirds majority necessary to make it the law of the land.

* On June 3, 1937, the duke of Windsor -- formerly King Edward VIII -- marries Wallis Warfield Simpson, the American divorcee for whom he abdicated the British throne in 1936.

* On June 5, 1942, President Franklin D. Roosevelt issues a stern statement warning Japan to stop using poison gas in its war on China. Japan continued its use of these weapons until the end of the war, managing to keep its activities secret.

* On June 8, 1966, the rival National Football League (NFL) and American Football League (AFL) announce that they will merge. The first Super Bowl between the two leagues took place at the end of the 1966 season.

* On June 6, 1971, "The Ed Sullivan Show" airs for the last time, 23 years after its 1948 premiere. Gladys Knight and the Pips were the musical guests.

* On June 7, 2002, Michael Skakel is convicted in the 1975 murder of his former neighbor, 15-year-old Martha Moxley, with a golf club. Skakel, a nephew of Ethel Kennedy, the wife of the late U.S. Senator Robert Kennedy, was sentenced to 20 years to life in prison. In 2018, the Connecticut Supreme Court vacated the conviction and ordered a new trial.

Recognizing OCFB scholarship recipients

IN schools across the area graduates will be parading across stages dressed in their gowns, hats and tassels receiving their diplomas recognizing them for a job well done. It will be the culmination of years of learning and hopefully they will understand that life outside of the structure of school will continue to teach life lessons.

So, congratulations to our graduates!

Breanna Cisketti, Gracie Prose, Cooper Alderks, Molly Blum, Carter Conderman, Aylivia Danekas, Bailey Jackson and Jack Richolson were all recently named as recipients of scholarships awarded by the Ogle County Farm Bureau in 2024.

Cisketti was awarded the Del Flessner Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$1,500. This scholarship was created to honor the legacy of long-time Ogle County Farm Bureau Manager Del Flessner. She is the daughter of Brian and Brandi Cisketti. Breanna is a 2022 graduate of Polo High School and is currently majoring in agribusiness at UW-Platteville.

Blum and Danekas were named winners of the \$1,000 General Farm Bureau Scholarship.

Blum is the daughter of Matthew and Krista Blum, Polo. She is a 2023 graduate of Polo High School and currently attends Iowa State University majoring in Agronomy.

Danekas will graduate this Spring semester from Polo High School. In the Fall she will be attending the University of Tennessee-Martin majoring in Animal Science.



Ron Kern

Richolson was named the recipient of the \$1,000 Don Bybee Memorial Scholarship, sponsored through the generosity of the Bybee Family to honor Mr. Bybee for his many years of service to agriculture in Ogle County. Jack is the son of Brad and Julie Richolson, Lindenwood. Jack is a 2022 graduate from Rochelle Township High School and currently attends Iowa State University majoring in Agricultural Studies.

Carter Conderman is the recipient of the Mark Detig Memorial Scholarship awarded in the amount of \$1,000. This scholarship honors the late Mark Detig for his service to the Ogle County Pork Producers Association and Ogle County agriculture. Carter is the son of Carmon and Craig Conderman, Byron. Carter is a 2022 graduate from Byron High School and is attending UW-Platteville majoring in Soil and Crop Science.

Alderks is the Ag Technology Scholarship winner. Cooper is the son of Dan Alderks, Chana. He will graduate Oregon High School this year and will continue his studies at Highland Community College majoring in Ag Business. The scholarship is awarded in the

amount of \$1,000.

Jackson is the recipient of the Mary LeFevre Memorial Scholarship, sponsored in cooperation between the Farm Bureau and the Jeff and Joyce Tremble Family. The scholarship focuses on students pursuing careers in healthcare. Bailey is the daughter of Rodney Jackson, Rochelle. She is a 2023 graduate of RTHS and is attending the University of Nebraska-Lincoln majoring in nursing. The scholarship is awarded at \$1,000.

Prose was awarded the George LeFevre Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000. It also is funded with the cooperation of the Jeff and Joyce Tremble Family, recognizing Mr. Lefevre for his lifelong service to Ogle County agriculture. Gracie is the daughter of Nick Prose, Oregon. Gracie is a 2023 graduate of Oregon High School and is majoring in Agribusiness/Communications at the UW-Platteville.

This marks the 26th year that the Ogle County Farm Bureau has awarded scholarships to member dependents who seek to pursue course studies in agriculture at an accredited institution of higher education.

Scholarships will again be awarded in 2025 and applications will be available in January. For information on the Ogle County Farm Bureau Scholarship Program contact me at 732-2231.

Ron Kern is the manager of the Ogle County Farm Bureau.

Crime, morals, and the case against common sense

WE Americans are practical. We cast a suspicious eye on theories. We rely on common sense — self-evident ideas that nearly everyone shares.

But common sense used to tell us that the earth stands still and the sun revolves around it. Deep in our primitive cores, we all still believe it, no matter what science tells us. Our brains are, thanks to the whims of evolution, vulnerable to this common-sense illusion, and to many others.

One of them is the belief that people are less moral than they used to be. Researchers Adam Mastrolanni and Daniel T. Gilbert, in an article at Columbia University's Nature website, reviewed studies, covering over 12 million people in 60 nations over a period of 70 years, regarding this idea. Well over 80 percent of the participants, in America as well as in the other countries, reported, year after year, that moral standards were deteriorating.

But the authors provided evidence to the contrary from their own research, based on how participants felt about people in their personal worlds, as opposed to society in the abstract. And they cited studies showing a significant decrease in "extremely immoral behavior" over the years.

These findings are consistent with a review that I conducted and reported on in 2009 while I was a school psychologist, as well as an article I wrote for this column in 2016. Each revealed improved moral behavior in children and in society in general, including sharp declines in teenage crime, sexual activity, and consumption of alcohol and other drugs. They're also compatible with the wealth of data cited in Steven Pinker's book, "The Better Angels of Our Nature." It reveals humankind's brutal past, and its evolution through the ages toward a kinder and less violent society, a story of moral progress that continues today.

The belief in rising crime is another example of the way common sense can deceive us. John Gramlich, at the Pew Research Center, reported on April 4 that "In 23 of 27 Gallup surveys conducted since 1993, at least 60 percent of U.S. adults have said there is more crime nationally than there was the year before..." But he also revealed that violent crime reported to the police fell by 49 percent in those years, according to the FBI. Annual surveys by the Bureau of Justice Statistics, asking people

if they had been a victim of a crime during the previous six months, dropped even more sharply, falling by 71 percent.

There was an uptick during the pandemic, but the data available so far suggest that crime resumed its downward trend last year. Life in most places in modern America is, contrary to the widely held impression, probably safer than ever.



Lowell Harp

Common-sense illusions like declining morals and rising crime arise from mental limitations that we all share, regardless of social class, education, or political ideology. Psychologist Daniel Kahneman conducted extensive research on this topic. His book, "Thinking Fast and Slow," revealed that our brains rely heavily on the information that's the most readily available and that has the greatest emotional impact. They preserve precious energy by avoiding whenever possible the hard work of logically analyzing all the facts. The media play a critical role by emphasizing simple stories and sensational events.

Mr. Mastrolanni and Mr. Gilbert cite research regarding two additional mental glitches that can result in unrealistic images of past and present morality and crime rates. One is the normal tendency to remember or imagine the good things from the past, and to forget or discount the bad. The other is our instinctive focus, encouraged by the media, on bad news about the present.

It would be arrogant and foolish for any of us to claim to be free of these mental errors. It should be no surprise that common sense, handicapped as it is by our all-too-human brains, can present a distorted view of morality, crime, and other important issues. There is a remedy for this predicament, although it's out of favor among many in this age of populism, and its distrust of experts and expertise.

It's science and its methods of discovery and proof. Common sense has a role to play when the consequences for error are small, or when we don't have time to investigate things thoroughly. For the rest, we need science and the fact-centered, logical, self-doubting state of mind that it represents.

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

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LOCAL NEWS

Koolidge re-elected as Ogle GOP chairman

OREGON—The Ogle County Republican Party Precinct Committeemen met in Oregon on Wednesday night to hold their biennial County Convention in the old Ogle County Courthouse building's County Board meeting room. The convention is required by law (10 ILCS 5/7-9) to be held the 29th day after the March General Primary Election and is conducted to elect the officers which will direct the actions of the Ogle County Republican Central Committee for the ensuing two years. The following executive committee was elected:

Chairman: Michael Koolidge, Rochelle. Vice Chairman: Kaleb Kennay, Rochelle. Treasurer: Aaron Colbert, Dixon. Secretary: Aaron Mudge, Oregon.

Re-elected Chairman Koolidge expressed his thanks for the vote of confidence of the assembled precinct committeemen who had voted to retain him in the position as Chairman, which was

unanimous, and made the following plea: "We are looking for a few good men and women to help keep Ogle County red, and over time help turn Illinois red, in the form of winning statewide elections again for the Republican party." There are a number of open precinct committeemen positions to any registered voter in Ogle County who believes in conservatism, liberty, free markets and the U.S. Constitution, according to Koolidge. Precinct committeemen can be appointed at any time by the chairman of the party, and work to help turn out Republican voters in all elections.

Koolidge: "The support the community has shown to the Ogle GOP particularly in the last two years through their contributions, has been extremely encouraging. We even received an anonymous cashier's check for \$5 from a motivated local conservative last week."

Koolidge also talked about the specific plan



From left to right: Treasurer Kevin Colbert, Chairman Mike Koolidge, Vice Chairman Kaleb Kennay, and Secretary Aaron Mudge. Photo credit: George Wilhelmssen

the party has embarked upon since January: "Since we announced we're jumping full force into the 'Battle Program' put together by SURUS Illinois that many other GOP counties are working on throughout the state,

great patriots have been coming out of the woodwork to offer their time and efforts to Ogle GOP. We welcome them, and we need even more for the missions that lie ahead!"

The Ogle County Republican Central Com-

mittee, which also goes by "Ogle County Republicans" or "Ogle GOP" coordinates efforts to turn out Republican voters in Ogle County. The organization's website can be found at <https://www.oglecountygop.org/> or on

Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/OgleCountyRepublicans>.

Chairman Koolidge can be contacted directly at mkoolidge@gmail.com.



The Oregon Woman's Club painters and their final product. Front row, left to right: Nancy Bartels, JoAnn Pryor, and Sharon Lung. Back row: Audrey Taylor, Christa Young, Johanna Hahne, and Maja Shoemaker. The symbols on the stud are all signs of welcome and good wishes.

Oregon Woman's Club donates to Habitat for Humanity of Ogle County

OREGON — The Oregon Woman's Club has painted a stud that will go into one of the latest walls of the latest house in construction by the Ogle County chapter of Habitat for Humanity. The Stud-a-Thon fundraiser is an opportunity for organizations, families, and individuals to contribute to the building of a new home for a family selected by Habitat for Humanity that would not otherwise be able to afford a home of their own.

Studs are available for \$200 a piece, three for \$500, or 12 for \$1,000. Contributors have the opportunity to decorate their stud with greetings and good wishes for the family that acquires the house. The OWC stud was painted

with symbols of welcome drawn by club member Maya Shoemaker, an art teacher. She drew outlines of the symbols, and then other club members filled in the drawings and signed their names to the pictures. Since it takes more than 300 studs to complete the home, there are plenty of opportunities to contribute.

Later this summer contributors will be invited to a preview where they can see all the contributed studs have been placed in the home.

For more information on the Stud-a-Thon, see habitatoglecounty.org. For other information about Habitat for Humanity, contact Sheri Anspaugh at 815-222-8869 or sheri.anspaugh45@outlook.com.

ISP announces local activity during April

STERLING — Illinois State Police Troop 1 Captain Joseph Blanchette has announced enforcement figures and activity for April.

Illinois State Police Troop 1 Troopers issued 1,255 citations, 1,462 written warnings, and made 25 criminal arrests during the month

of April. Troopers issued 381 citations for speeding, 83 citations for distracted driving violations and 114 citations for occupant restraint violations.

Troopers investigated 87 traffic crashes, assisted 274 motorists, and conducted 445 commercial motor vehicle inspections, of

which 73 were placed out of service for safety reasons. There were 22 arrests for driving under the influence.

Troop 1, which encompasses Boone, Carroll, Jo Daviess, Lee Ogle, Stephenson, Whiteside and Winnebago counties, investigated no fatal crashes in April.

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LOCAL NEWS



Oregon Lions host first clean-up day

On Wednesday, April 24, Oregon Lions were out doing their first cleanup of the season on Illinois Route 2 north of Oregon. A considerable amount of debris that had accumulated over the winter season, was collected by the members of the Oregon Lions Club. Those Oregon Lions who participated in the road cleanup were: From left to right: Chairman Grant Afflerbaugh, Mitch Logan, Jim Hoff, Jerry Hinrichs and James Brown.

Peterson participates in Academic Excellence Celebration at McKendree University

LEBANON — Hunter Peterson of Stillman Valley participated in McKendree University's 11th annual Academic Excellence Celebration (AEC) on Thursday, April 25. The 2024 event featured presentations, poster presentations, an art exhibit, a choir concert, a band concert and more. Hunter played trumpet in the band concert that evening.

The AEC presents the culminating work of 200 McKendree students representing

most academic disciplines. It includes research projects, art exhibitions, debates, readings of original writing, a performance by the choir and much more. Browse among the links posted on the AEC page on McKendree's website.

Meridian School District 1st to receive 'Gold Achievement of Excellence' in education

STILLMAN VALLEY – Meridian Community Unit School District 223 is the first school district to receive a Gold Achievement of Excellence award from the internationally-recognized, performance-driven organization, The Partnership for Excellence, dating back to the organization's inception 25 years ago.

Established in 1998, The Partnership for Excellence is a non-profit four-state (Illinois, Ohio, Indiana and West Virginia) cooperative that supports, promotes and evaluates organizations based on the Baldrige Excellence Framework. The framework's goal is to improve organizational outcomes based on performance excellence providing assessment tools and criteria, educating leaders across various sectors, and recognizing industry role models through the only award of its kind.

Dr. PJ Caposey, superintendent of Meridian CUSD 223, stated, "The Baldrige Excellence Framework has been a key element in all improvement efforts at Meridian CUSD 223 for nearly a decade. Over the past few years under the direction of Dr. Joe Mullikin, we were able to improve our knowledge of the framework, our internal practices, and our application of it. To achieve what no other school district has been able to do over the past 25 years is nothing short of amazing and a credit to our team."

To qualify, an independent board of examiners evaluated Meridian CUSD 223 across seven key areas defined by the Baldrige Excellence Framework including: leadership; strategy; customers; measurement, analysis, and knowledge management; workforce; operations; and results. The evaluation process included more than 1,000 hours of review and a site visit by an evaluation team. An independent panel of judges reviewed each organization's evaluation, approved the final feedback reports, and developed award recommendations, which were ratified by the organization's Board of Trustees.

John Smith, president of the Meridian Board of Education, said, "Our administrators emphasized Baldrige is about continuous improvement and doing things the right way. While the improvement journey has been great to watch, it is outstanding to see the district recognized for the success we are currently enjoying."

Dr. Mullikin, assistant superintendent and Highland Elementary School principal, shared, "Meridian's success in educational excellence is a testament to our culture of innovation and collaboration and reaffirms our commitment to empowering students with the tools and resources they need to thrive."

The district recently received additional honors, including the 2024 Those Who Excel Award, presented by the Illinois State Board of Education to four Meridian CUSD 223 employees for their commitment to academic excellence.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

May 27

Polo's Memorial Day Parade will step off at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, May 27. All veterans are encouraged to march. We will meet at 9 a.m. by the Lamplight.

May 28

May distribution dates for People Helping People in Byron are Monday, May 13 and Tuesday, May 28 due to Memorial day being the fourth Monday. Summer is right around the corner and this is a reminder for those living in Byron, Rockvale, Marion, Monroe, Leaf River and Scott Townships, that People Helping People is open the second and fourth Mondays of each month from 10-11 a.m. The food pantry is located in the southwest corner of the Byron City Hall. If you find yourself battling with food insecurity and you live within these townships, please feel free to stop in and stock up on some of the food basics. Our mission is to help those needing food. The only thing you will need to provide is some form of ID showing where you live. Summer is often a time of added mouths to feed, especially without school lunches. Please feel free to call 872-205-0799 if you have any questions. Also, for anyone wishing to help the pantry meet its mission, can do so with donations of

nonperishable food or cash donations, which are used to purchase perishable food items. These donations can be dropped off at a food drive for the pantry on Saturday, June 8, from 10 a.m. to noon in the Byron Library parking lot. Finally, a huge thank you to the community for your continued support of our important mission!

June 1-2

Come join the fun Saturday at the Car Show in downtown Leaf River! Bring the kids to the children's carnival area in the park along with the craft and food vendors. While there be sure to try your hand at the dunk tank manned by the fire department with the chief in the hot seat. Don't miss the antique tractor show and the FFA Alumni tractor pulls at the RVC/Library grounds along with food sales by local organizations. If you have a sweet tooth be sure to stop by the museum for the annual bake and blanket sale. Saturday night will be hopping with a downtown block party with a live band and even a mechanical bull! Sunday starts out with church services at 10 a.m. in the park and a three-on-three basketball tournament. This will be followed by a corn bag toss tourney in front of Fibbers Bar and Grill with the vendor fair in the park again. The museum will be open and finishing

the bake and blanket sale. The grand finale will be the parade at 2 p.m. followed by Bingo in front of Fibbers.

June 8

Have you ever wondered what happened to that hottie who sat in front of you in study hall? Are you curious to see how the handsome jock has done in real life and if he is now out of shape and bald? Wouldn't it be nice to tell your favorite teacher how much he or she influenced you? Come to the Leaf River All-School Reunion, June 8. The doors at the Barn on the Hill will open at 4:30 p.m. with our own alumni Jeff Wagner's band, Grass Attack entertaining with toe tapping blue grass music from 5-7 p.m.. At 7:15 p.m. our guest recognition will take place followed by music from Leaf Rivers own David Stine and his band Root Cellar. (Originally from the 1967 "Orfans") There is no cover charge, however, to keep this celebration going we rely on donations. Donations can be sent to: Bertolet Memorial Library, c/o Linda Schreiber, treasure; PO Box 339, Leaf River, IL. 61047 or received at the door the night of the event. Keep checking the Leaf River High School Facebook page for more details about the event. Hope to see you June 8!

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LOCAL NEWS

OGLE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Officers respond to single vehicle crash

OREGON—On May 6 at approximately 5 p.m. deputies with the assistance of the Polo Fire Department responded to the 1,000 block of North Freeport Road for the report of a single-vehicle crash with injuries. A preliminary investigation by the Sheriff's Office determined a maroon 1993 Buick Regal was traveling northbound when it traveled across the southbound lane and into the west ditch. The Buick continued north for a short distance before coming to rest after striking a creek embankment. The driver, Michael Glick, 67, of Forreston, was pronounced deceased at the scene by the Ogle County Coroner's Office. This incident remains under investigation.

On May 8 at approximately 5:15 p.m. deputies, Illinois State Police, Monroe Center Fire Department, and Stillman Valley Fire Department responded to a two-vehicle accident at Illinois Route 72 and Timberlane Drive, Davis Junction. Upon investigation, it was determined that the driver of a red Toyota, Darla Bradle, 77, of Davis Junction, was stopped, yielding to oncoming traffic to turn onto Timberlane Drive. At that time Andy Khouangsavahn, 44, of Byron, was traveling west on Illinois Route 72 in a black Nissan and struck the rear of the Toyota. Khouangsavahn was issued a citation for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident. Khouangsavahn was transported Swedish American Hospital for injuries.

On May 8 at 8:55 p.m. deputies initiated a traffic stop in the area of the 6,000 block of North Illinois Route 2. After a brief investigation, deputies arrested Hailey Hart, 35, of Mt. Morris, for driving unlicensed. Hart was additionally cited for suspended registration. Hart was released with a notice to appear court date.

On May 8 at 8:09 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop at the intersection of North Illinois Route 26 and West Illinois Route 72. As a result, deputies arrested a passenger in the vehicle, Christian T. Brown-Smith, 26, of Freeport, on a Whiteside County warrant for driving on a suspended license. The driver, Carrie A. Conner, 27, of Benton, Arkansas, was issued a citation

for expired registration.

On May 10 at approximately 8:28 p.m. deputies initiated a traffic stop on a vehicle at the intersection of Illinois Route 251 and Illinois Route 64 for speeding. Upon further investigation, deputies arrested Jason Horner Jr., 19, of Lindenwood, for driving while license suspended. Horner was additionally cited for speeding, and was released on a notice to appear with a future court date.

On May 10 at about 5:16 p.m. deputies responded to the 8,000 block of West Haldane Road for a report of damage to property. Upon completing an investigation in the incident, deputies arrested Shawn A. Garland, 46, of Polo for felony criminal damage to property. Garland was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was booked and released on a notice to appear in court on May 31 at 9 a.m.

On May 11 at approximately 3:02 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop at Illinois Route 72 and Kishwaukee Road. After a brief investigation, deputies arrested Miguel Fuentes-Garcia, 31, of Rock Island, for no valid driver's license. Fuentes-Garcia was also cited for no insurance and disregarding a stop sign. Fuentes-Garcia was transported to the Ogle County Jail and released on notice to appear.

On May 11 at approximately 9:09 p.m. deputies initiated a traffic stop at the intersection of East Illinois Route 64 and Mulford Road for a traffic violation. After further investigation deputies arrest Philip Colonna, 37, of Rockford, for driving while license suspended. Colonna was also cited for no registration light and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. Colonna was then released on a notice to appear with a future court date given.

On May 11 at about 6:29 p.m. deputies responded to Pacific Avenue and Maple Avenue in Davis Junction for a vehicle vs. bicyclist. After completing an investigation into the accident it was determined that Joey Mernack, 64, of Davis Junction was riding an e-bike at that intersection when he attempted to make

a u-turn in the roadway and struck a black Cadillac Escalade. Mernack was transported to OSF Saint Anthony Medical Center by Lynn-Scott-Rock Ambulance for non-life-threatening injuries. The driver of the Cadillac, Henry Lozinski, 75, of Davis Junction was also transported to OSF by Lynn-Scott-Rock for minor injuries.

On May 12 at about 12:29 a.m. deputies responded to an address in the 200 block of Mulberry Lane in Lost Nation for a report of a domestic problem. Upon completing an investigation into the incident, Christopher K. Valdivieso, 32, of Dixon was arrested for domestic battery. He was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held pending an appearance before a judge.

On May 13 at approximately 7:30 a.m. deputies responded to a reported single-vehicle crash with injuries in the area of Illinois Route 38 and Mulford Road. Upon investigation, it was determined that the driver of a black Volkswagen, Victoria Brock, 33, of Rochelle, was traveling westbound on Illinois Route 38 when her front passenger tire had a blowout, causing her to leave the roadway and enter the ditch causing minor damage to the vehicle. Brock was transported to Rochelle Community Hospital by Rochelle Fire/EMS for injuries sustained in the crash. Ogle County deputies were assisted by the Rochelle Police Department and Rochelle Fire Department.

On May 13 at approximately 11:10 a.m. deputies responded to the report of a one-vehicle accident in the 6,000 block of West Lowell Park Road. A gray Hyundai being driven by Matthania J. Lovinski, 36, of Mt. Morris, was westbound on Lowell Park Road when he failed to negotiate the curve at that location. Lovinski was transported to OSF St. Anthony Hospital in Rockford for injuries sustained in the accident. The incident is still under investigation.

All individuals are considered innocent until proven guilty.

Chana Methodist Church Blood Drive is May 29

CHANA — The Chana United Methodist Church is holding its annual blood drive on Wednesday, May 29 from 2-6 p.m. at the church in Chana located at 606 S. Main St.

This is a mobile blood drive with the Rock River Valley Blood Center staff. They will be accepting both whole blood and double red donors of all blood types. Appointments are preferred, which generally

saves the donor time. But walk-ins are also welcome. For more information or to schedule an appointment, contact Carole at 815-595-4559 or email sutonsinthepines@yahoo.com or visit RRVBC.org.

Eligible donors need to be 17 years old (16 with parental consent), weigh at least 110 pounds, and be in good general health. The RRVBC is the sole supplier of

blood and related services for many of the surrounding local hospitals. The center needs to keep an adequate on-shelf supply, so a need for donations is always present to meet patient needs. One in three people will need blood and you never know when you or someone you love might be the one.

Please consider this community service and gracious gift of life to someone

in need. Your giving and generosity will be greatly appreciated. Donor names will be entered in drawings for one of two \$25 gift cards and a chance to win a \$500 gift card offered from the center available to one lucky donor from all who give during the month of May.

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LOCAL NEWS

Byron Women's Club wears blue for Prevent Child Abuse Month

BYRON — The Byron Women's Club members wore blue to their recent meeting to support Prevent Child Abuse Month. Members were also given a blue pinwheel to display at their homes. The speaker for the meeting was Donna Langford from the Beloit Historical Society. She spoke about the history and influence of the Women's Club on society. She also spoke specifically about the Beloit and Byron Clubs. The Byron Women's Club was organized in 1909. Byron Women's Club members meet monthly September through May for lunch and a program. The last luncheon meeting of the 2023-2024 Byron Women's Club year will be held at noon

on May 21. Kelly JOY Epperson will be speaking about Joyful Peaceful Living. If you are interested in attending or would like more information about the Byron Women's Club, please call Louanne Glisan at 815-275-2331. Byron Women's Club donates to 13 local charities and supports a women's empowerment scholarship each year for a young woman pursuing further education. The General Federation of Women's Clubs is an international women's organization dedicated to community improvement by enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service. Collectively, we are Living the Volunteer Spirit.



Bringing trays of treats to the nursing staff of the KSB clinic in Oregon are OWC members (left to right) Audrey Taylor, Johanna Hahne, KSB nurses Jennifer Helfrich and Josie Gallentine, and Jan Steward and Nancy Bartels.



Oregon Woman's Club celebrates National Nurses Day with KSB clinic nurses

OREGON — In honor of National Nurses Day on Monday and National Nurses Week, members of the Oregon Woman's Club treated the nursing staff at the KSB Clinic in Oregon to trays of cookies and greeting cards. "Nurses are such an important part of our health care infrastructure,"

OWC Vice President Nancy Bartels said. "They really are 'front-line troops' in the system, and we think it's important to acknowledge them and the hard and often difficult work that they do. We wanted to say 'thank you' to them."



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McCombie offers 8th annual Summer Reading Program

SAVANNA — House Minority Leader Tony McCombie is officially launching her 8th Annual Summer Reading Club for elementary school students who live or go to school in the 89th District. The "Reading BUZZ"

program is offered to encourage students to start or continue positive reading habits. "I am excited to again offer a summer reading program to encourage and challenge students to keep up their reading while away from

school," McCombie said. "Summer break is fun, but it can also be a great time to learn and connect with family and friends over stories you read, and I encourage students to participate this year!"

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Reading BUZZ challenges elementary school students to read eight books before July 15. The summer reading sign-up sheets have been delivered to schools and local libraries, and an electronic copy can also be accessed online through Leader McCombie's website: RepMcCombie.com under the "resources" tab. Participation in this program can overlap with any other summer reading program offered through area libraries, schools, or other organizations. Participants will receive a special treat to reward them for their reading and will receive a certificate from the Illinois House of Representatives. To participate, a parent or guardian must fill out and sign the form and return it to Rep. McCombie's office by July 15: 9317B Illinois Route 84, Savanna, IL 61074. With questions, contact Representative McCombie's district office at 815-291-8989.

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Marcos take first at sectional

The Polo High School bass fishing team finished first in the IHSA Sectional at the Mississippi River (Pool 13) on Friday, May 3. Logan Nelson reeled in the big bass of the sectional, with his catch weighing in at 5 pounds 4 ounces. Polo's No. 1 boat won the sectional with a final count of 16 pounds. The team includes head coach Ryan Nelson, Logan Nelson, Jeffrey Donaldson, Kale Grobe and Kameron Grobe. (courtesy photos)



Third place finish

The Stillman Valley High School bass fishing team competed in the IHSA Sectional at Shabbona Lake on Friday, May 3. The Cardinals took third out of 12 teams with a final count of 6.9 pounds to qualify for the IHSA State Championships at Carlyle Lake. The team includes head coach Brad Olson, Levi Coppernoll, Andrew Gibbs, Parker Simms and Seath Lawrence Shepard. (courtesy photo)



AREA SPORTS

Polo baseball team falls to Mendota

The Polo High School varsity baseball team fell 8-3 against Mendota on Friday, May 10. Aiden Messer recorded two RBIs for the Marcos, while Lucas Nelson went 2-for-3 in the loss.

Polo softball team drops game against Amboy

The Polo High School varsity softball team lost 9-1 against Amboy. Cheyenna Wilkins recorded a double and Sydnei Rahn and Karlea Frey each finished with singles. Amboy

had 13 hits.

Oregon girls soccer team shuts out Rosary

The Oregon High School varsity girls soccer team scored a 9-0 win over Rosary. Deborah Schmid scored four goals with one assist, while Anna Stender and Sarah Eckardt each tallied two goals. Mya Engelkes added a goal and Alease McLain totaled two assists, while Noelle Girton and Kenna Wubbena each notched assists for the Hawks (17-1-0, 7-1 BNC).

See B2

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SPORTS NEWS



Polo High School held its 2024 Athletic Signing Day Ceremony this past week. Above from left to right are Nolan Hahn, Carter Merdian, Karlea Frey, Brock Soltow, DeAngelo Fernandez and Nathan Yingling.

Signing Day held at Polo High School

POLO — Polo High School held its 2024 Athletic Signing Day Ceremony this past week. Listed below are the student-athletes who will be participating in collegiate athletics next year.

Carter Merdian - Eureka College - Basketball, Karlea Frey - University of Health Sciences and Pharmacy - Softball and Cross Country, Brock Soltow - Iowa Central Community College - Football, DeAngelo Fernandez - Aurora University - Football and Nathan Yingling - U.S. Marine Corp.



Byron girls crowned champions in three events

The Byron High School girls track and field team crowned champions in three events during the Big Northern Conference meet on Thursday, May 2. Neve Schilling finished first in the high jump and Ashley Potter finished first in the 400-meter dash, while the 1600-meter relay team of Neve Schilling, Ashley Potter, Abby Connell and Skylar Palmgren finished first as well. (Courtesy photos)

From B1

Oregon softball team splits doubleheader against Morrison and Polo

The Oregon High School varsity softball team lost 11-0 to Morrison and won 13-1 against Polo on Saturday, May 11. Abree Barker collected three hits in the Poo game and Brooke Halverson, Sarah Stevens and Olivia Paul had two hits a piece. Halverson notched the win, pitching five innings and striking out three. Oregon finished the regular season with 17 wins and will take on Genoa Kingstons in the first round of the IHSA regionals.

Polo softball team concedes doubleheader with Morrison and Oregon

The Polo High School varsity softball team lost 12-0 against Morrison and 13-1 against Oregon on Saturday, May 11. Grace Miatke recorded a single in the loss to Morrison and Cheyenna Wilkins totaled two singles against Oregon. Izabella Witkowski added two singles, while Cam Jones singled and doubled. Grace Miatke doubled with one RBI.

Polo baseball team takes game from West Carroll

The Polo High School varsity baseball team topped West Carroll 11-4 on Monday, May 13. Gage Zeigler went 1-for-2 with two RBIs, while Lucas Nelson pitched four innings with seven strikeouts and Scott Robertson fired three scoreless innings of relief. Aiden Messer went 2-for-4 in the win.

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SPORTS NEWS



First place finishers

The Forreton-Polo boys and girls track and field teams each finished first out of five schools during the 50th Annual Ogle County Invitational on Tuesday, April 30. The boys won with 119.33 points and the girls won with 102 points. (Courtesy photo)



Special send-off

The Aplington Middle School track and field team received a special send-off for the IESA State Championships this week. The student-athletes were escorted throughout the school and received a send-off from the Polo Police Department. (Courtesy photos)



Seniors recognized

The Oregon High School girls soccer team hosted its Senior Night against Rockford Christian on Thursday, April 30, beating the Royal Lions 6-0. The seniors honored include Mya Engelkes, Deborah Schmid, Kenna Wubbena, Sofia Mateos Blanco, Teagan Champley, Paloma Sampaio and Emily Watters. (Courtesy photo)



Softball seniors honored

The Oregon High School softball team hosted its Senior Night against Genoa-Kingston on Thursday, April 30. The seniors include Olivia Paul, Haleigh Burkhardt, Gracen Pitts, Sarah Stevens and Abigail Fletcher. (Courtesy photo)

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Tigers win 1600-meter relay

The Byron High School boys track and field team competed in the Big Northern Conference meet at Dixon on Thursday, May 9. The Tigers won the 1600-meter relay, with the foursome of Liam Connell, Carson Conderman, Aiden Carby and Dylan Springer running a time of 3:32.84. (Courtesy photo)



The Byron High School girls track and field team competed in the IHSA 2A Rochelle Sectional on Wednesday, May 8. The Tigers qualified five athletes for the IHSA State Championships at Eastern Illinois University in Charleston. The qualifiers were Ashley Potter in the 400-meter dash as well as the 1600-meter relay team of Ashley Potter, Neve Schilling, Skylar Palmgren and Abby Connell. (courtesy photos)

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SPORTS NEWS

Forrester-Polo girls track could emerge as area power

THINGS have been hot and heavy this week with all of spring sports engaged in the post season. At press time, the only thing to report on is girls track and field, with a sectional taking place May 10.

The girls team at Forrester-Polo continues to shine, with a 101-97 sectional title over defending state champ Winnebago. Since 2017, 'Bago has dominated the sectional and also added state trophies in 2021 and 2022.

Could F-P be a regular challenger to Winnebago for area supremacy?

With freshman Bree Schneiderman, the daughter of Oregon girls coach Nick Schneiderman, F-P has the potential to become an emerging power. Schneiderman qualified in the 100 and 200 and led the F-P 400 and 800 relays to sectional wins.

Emma Randecker of West Carroll won the 100, 200 and 400 and is the 1A favorite in the 200. With such a dismal year at beleaguered WC for both the boys and girls sports, Randecker has been the lone bright spot.

I rarely get into sports at the lower levels, but the boys program at Forrester-Polo might have a prodigy when Abe Garcia enters high school. Garcia led Polo's Aplington school to a third-place finish in the 1A junior high state track meet.

He broke state records in the 800 meters with a time of 2:08 and the 1,600 at 4:40, which would have won the eighth grade meets in both 1A and 2A. Garcia also had a 56-second split on a 400 leg to help the 1,600 relay to a third place.

It's rare for someone that young to put up distance times like that.

Speaking of getting a boost, Oregon girls soccer got one from foreign-exchange student Deb Schmid, who broke the school record for goals. As assistant coach Tiffany Rufer told me, having Schmid has elevated the play of the entire team.

Byron, Oregon and Stillman Valley all are favored to make it to the Indian Creek sectional, where Rock Island Alleman should be awaiting them. It is also a chance for Hawk coach Seger Larson to return to his alma mater.

In the category of how time flies, I remember a 20-something graduate student beginning her first year at my former place of employment, Lorado Taft Campus. Decades later, I noticed that Stillman Valley's leading scorer is senior Grace Costello, daughter of that same grad student.

As time marches on, it's a joy to be a long-time resident of the county and witness those growing up around you.

Congratulations to Byron's baseball team for interrupting the four-year stranglehold Dixon had on the league crown. With a BNC title in hand, the experienced Tigers are poised for what promises to be a very interesting 2A sectional complex.

Quality teams in Marengo, North Boone, Richmond-Burton, Stillman Valley and Sterling Newman, with the best player of the bunch in Brandon Tunink, all feed in to the Byron sectional. Watch out for battle-tested SV with its depth and pitching.

That's what needed to survive baseball's post-sea-

son, in which every game can be a crapshoot.

As a high-school sports history buff, one place I've wanted to go to is Hebron. It was by accident that I ended up there several days ago.

On my way to Wisconsin from DeKalb, there was a road closure on Highway 23. The detour took me all the way to Woodstock, where I decided to continue on to Hebron.

Though it was 10 p.m. and raining, at least I could drive by the high school, home of the 1952 state basketball champs. With an enrollment of 60 kids in a one-class system, that achievement is considered by many to be tops in the history of the IHSA for all sports. It certainly merited the most coverage and truly captured the state's imagination.

As I circled around the back, I was surprised to see a door open and a hallway light on. Pulling into the parking lot, a custodian greeted me and said he was waiting for the track team to return from a meet.

Since he was killing time, he gave me a guided tour of the old gymnasium where the '52 team played and all the memorabilia attached with that season.

The hoops and backboards are still up, but it is now used as a stage and cafeteria, with the auditorium style seating still in use. It was a trip back in time and though the Aurora Borealis never made an appearance as promised that Friday night, the walk through Hebron High School more than made up for it.

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



Andy Colbert

Weekly Brain Busters

King Crossword

ACROSS

1 Make over
5 Lucy of "Kill Bill"
8 Sch. for tots
12 Flair
13 Leb. neighbor
14 Bart's sister
15 Suffix for million
16 Kipling poem
18 "Even Now" singer
20 "Old MacDonald" refrain
21 French article
22 PC linkup
23 Type of wheat
26 Prayerful chants
30 Commotion
31 Do sums
32 "As I see it," to a texter
33 "How-to" books
36 Dull
38 Boy king
39 Mandible
40 Gold mold
43 Capital of Nicaragua
47 Work force
49 Reddish brown
50 Jai —
51 Flamenco cheer
52 Pedestal part
53 — Hari

DOWN

1 500 sheets
2 Director Kazan
3 Mend a sock
4 "Anna Christie" playwright
5 Long rides?
6 Caesar's "vidi"
7 Coffee vessel
8 Lament
9 Anger
10 Actor Morales

11 Deck in the ring
17 Campus big-wig
19 Permit
22 Young fellow
23 "Cheers" bartender
24 Hi-tech organizer
25 Very long time
26 Rx writers
27 Shred
28 "— dream- ing?"
29 Turf
31 Flight stat
34 Perfect place

35 Car
36 Mover's vehicle
37 Prizes
39 Hollywood's Leto
40 Mosque VIP
41 "The Lion King" lioness
42 Bitty biter
43 Blend
44 Avocado dip, for short
45 Fed. food inspector
46 Physics bit
48 Romance

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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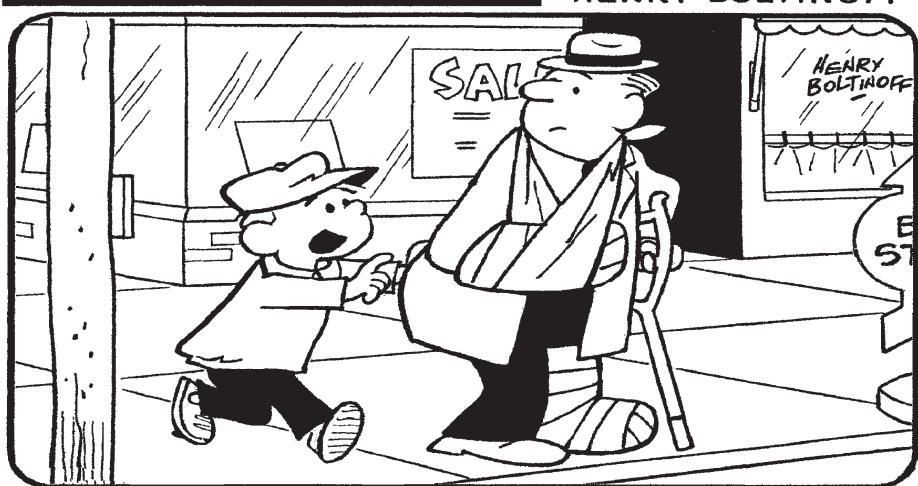
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- ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

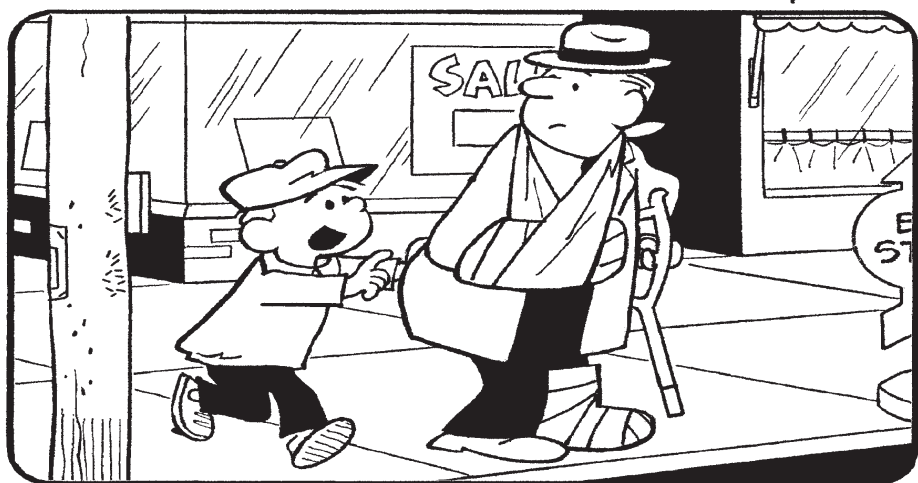
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Answers

King Crossword

— DIET

Weekly SUDOKU

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LOCAL NEWS

BYRON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Special Hours

The Byron Public Library will be closed Monday, May 27 in observance of the Memorial Day holiday. We will reopen for our regular hours on Tuesday, May 28 at 9:00 am. We wish all of our patrons a safe and happy Memorial Day!

The Cicadas Are Coming!

Thursday, May 30. 6 – 7:00 pm. Incoming for the spring of 2024, millions of Periodical Cicadas will be emerging in Illinois. While they deafen us with sound, and intimidate us with their big red eyes, cicadas are good Samaritans. During this program find out where they will emerge, how long they will stay, whether they harm plants, and if they are edible. Please visit <https://byronpld.librarycalendar.com/events/month> or call 815-234-5107 to register.

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Closed: Memorial Day

Bertolet Memorial Library will be closed Monday, May 27th in observance of Memorial Day.

Severe Weather & Staying Safe

Tuesday, May 28th at 11:00 AM We are excited to have WTVO Chief Meteorologist Candice King teach us all about Severe Weather. Summer may be just around the corner, but that doesn't mean the end of severe weather. Candice is dedicated not only to forecasting weather, but also teaching the community about that weather. We will learn what to look

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Closed: Leaf River Daze

Bertolet Memorial Library will be closed Saturday, June 1st during Leaf River Daze. Enjoy the festival and we will see you on Monday!

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Thursday, June 6th at 10:30 AM Singing at the Library with Rich Rubietta will kick off our Summer Reading Program with high energy, interactive music that will have you singing along!

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Pastor: Rev. Tyler Spellosius
Youth Ministry Coordinator: Richard Simpson
Sunday Schedule & Worship opportunities:
Service of Meditation & Prayer: 8:15am-8:45am
Adult Sunday School Hour: 9am
Kids Sunday School: (for ages 3 thru 5th grade) 9:30-10:15am
Coffee & fellowship time: 9:30am-10:30am
Main Worship: 10:30am
Spark Youth Group (for ages 6th grade thru 12th grade) - Sundays, 5pm-7pm
For complete ministry schedule and other activities, please check our website or Facebook page or contact the church office.
Whoever you are or wherever you are on your journey, you are welcome here!

BEACON HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD
"Building Faith for Life"
6467 N. German Church Rd., Byron, IL - Ph. (815) 246-2685 - beaconhillbyron.org
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 448, Byron, IL 61010
Pastor: Gary Cortese
Service Times: Sundays at 10AM; Wednesday night Faith-Lift at 6:30PM
Find us on Facebook/Beacon Hill Assembly of God

CHANA

CHANA UNITED METHODIST
Pastor Josh Brown, 606 Main Street, Chana, IL 61015. Church office 815-732-7683. (E-mail address: chanaucm@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
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 8:30am Sunday School
815-535-6990 9:30am Church Service
90 W. Flagg Road www.lostlakechurch.org
Dixon IL 61021

FORRESTON

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
402 2nd Avenue, Forreston, IL 61030, Phone 815-938-3203 Pastor 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
West Grove Rd. At Columbine Rd.
Worship Service 10:30 am. Communion is served every Sunday.
"Singing the Song of Christian Faith in Worship, Service, Learning, Outreach and Welcome" in a beautiful rural setting.
Everyone is cordially invited to be with us.

LEAF RIVER

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

LEAF RIVER BAPTIST CHURCH
Pastor Billy Hardy
Live Sermon Streaming: Sundays at 10:00 AM at www.facebook.com/LEAFRIVERBC/
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 leafriverbr@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

MOUNT MORRIS

DISCIPLES UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
"By God's grace in Christ, we LIVE, LOVE, and SERVE"
All are welcome here!
9:30 a.m. - Sunday Worship with Communion open to all, followed by fellowship hour
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
Pastor Marcia Peddicord

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 Ehler
Worship Services: Saturday 5:30 PM; Worship Sunday 9:30 AM. Sunday Church School - follows Worship Service (Sept.-May) Chime Choir
Wednesday 6:00 PM

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

OREGON

EAST OREGON CHAPEL CHURCH OF GOD
East Oregon Chapel Church of God
The Sharing is Caring Church
Pastor Jesse Allen ECCOGministries@gmail.com 107 N Daysville Rd. Oregon, IL Phone: 815-732-2960
Sunday School 9:30 a.m. with Sunday Worship following at 10:30 a.m.
Breakfast is served every fifth Sunday beginning at 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday evenings both Adults (all year) & Youth (during the school year) meet weekly beginning at 6:30 p.m.
In the event that Oregon Schools are not in session the Youth group does not meet on Wednesdays.
Thursday morning Women's Bible study meets at 10:30 a.m.
We look forward to meeting you!

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

LIGHTHOUSE UNITED METHODIST
Pastor Dave Rogula 4962 S. Daysville Rd., Oregon, IL 61061 lighthouseUMC@yahoo.com
Worship at 11:00 a.m. Holy Communion celebrated the first Sunday of each of month. Lighthouse will live 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 of Him.
Encounter Youth Ministry for kids in 7th-12th grade meets on Sunday afternoons. Please see our Facebook page for scheduled dates and times.
For complete ministry info and events, visit us online at RiverStonecc.com or on Facebook at facebook.com/RiverStoneChristianChurch

ST. BRIDE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
1000 Highway 64, West (Hwy 64 W & Mongon Drive on Liberty Hill), Oregon 732-7211 - Saint Rev. Eldred George
Website: saintbrides.org • E-mail: saintbride.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

POLO

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@crossroadsccn.com
We offer contemporary worship and relevant Bible teaching through engaging messages and powerful video. Join us after services for coffee, snacks & fellowship. Kidzlink Children's Ministry (nursery-5th grade) ~ during 10AM service
Cave Youth Group (6th-12th grade) ~ Wed. 6:30PM - June 1st.
Visit our website: www.crossroadsccn.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, Pastor
www.kishchurch.org
Sunday Schedule: Discipleship Hour 9:00 AM, Coffee Fellowship 11:15 AM
Gathered Worship 10:00 AM
For complete ministry schedule check out our website or call the church office.

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

GRACE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH DAVIS JUNCTION
Pastor Brad Pittman www.graceistoryou.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



LOCAL NEWS

OREGON PUBLIC LIBRARY

2024 Summer Reading Program

Read, Renew, Repeat! June 3- July 26. It's almost here! Registration has begun and brochures are available! Programs begin the week of June 3. Free to residents, 3 - 17 years old of the Oregon Public Library District. Activities and programs will be available. Registration is required. Come in, call or check our Facebook page to find out how you can register.

Adult Summer Reading Program

June 1st through August 10th. Join others who are "too old" for the Children's Summer Reading Program (yes, that includes 18 and up!) for a low-key stress-free Adult Summer Reading program. Give the library a call or stop by for more information. We have brain game packets available again this year. Brain game packets completed will be entered into the drawing for the Adult Summer Reading prizes at the end of the program. Follow us on Facebook, join our e-newsletter and visit our website for more information about programs. All brain game packets and book logs must be turned in by the end of the business day on August 10, 2024.

Story Time

(18 months-6 yrs.) Mondays, 10 am. Story Time will be taking a break and starting back up again on Monday, June 3. Hope to see you then!

Knit & Crochet is BACK!

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

Community Seed Library

Looking to start your garden planning? Check out our seed library. We have over 100 packets of all types of heirloom seeds, free for anyone. Stop by the library and see for yourself.

Book Clubs

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. Is This Just Fantasy? Book Club will meet on the May 28 at 7 pm to discuss *Deadly Education*

by Naomi Novik. The 2WBC meets Wednesday, June 12 at 12:30 to discuss *Beloved* by Toni Morrison. The Afternoon Book Club meets Wednesday, June 19 at 1 pm to discuss *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus. Cocktails & Crimes will meet Sunday, June 23.

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 Patrons only. Registration required, this class fills quickly. Please call (815) 732-2724 or visit 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 scrapbook paper. 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 visit www.oregonpubliclibrary.com.

Rock River Headwaters Virtual Tour

Monday, June 10 at 6 pm. The Rock River is connected to all of Oregon's local history and to one of the most incredible natural habitat areas in the United States. Join us for a virtual tour of the Rock River headwaters-Horicon Marsh. Horicon Marsh, located in Wisconsin, is sometimes called the "little Everglades of the North" and is the origin of our very own Rock River. Enjoy an interactive presentation from Caleb Jenks, a former Horicon Marsh guide, highlighting the story and wildlife of this wetland of international importance. This will be held at the Oregon Public Library and is a collaboration between Oregon Park District and the Oregon Library. Register online at oregonpubliclibrary.com or call 815-732-2724.

Illinois Library Presents Dr. Temple Grandin

Tuesday, June 4th at 7:00pm. Join us for a special event with Dr. Grandin, one of the world's most accomplished and well-known adults with autism. Dr. Grandin has been at the forefront of research and activism for autism

and neurodiversity for decades. Her memoir, *Emergence: Labeled Autistic*, was published in 1986 and she has continued to write about autism and neurodivergence over the decades. Her most recent book is *Visual Thinking: The Hidden Gifts of People Who Think in Pictures, Patterns, and Abstractions*. Dr. Grandin's research and understanding of animal behavior spearheaded a reform in the quality of life for agricultural animals worldwide. Register at: https://bit.ly/ILP_TempleGrandin

This event is made possible by Illinois Libraries Present (ILP), a statewide collaboration among public libraries offering premier events. ILP is funded in part by a grant awarded by the Illinois State Library, a department of the Office of Secretary of State, using funds provided by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services, under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA).

Find A Character Ticket!

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

Oregon Writers Group

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

Passport Services

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

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

Call 815-732-2724, follow the prompts and presto...a story! Current story-The Prairie that Nature Built by Mary Beth Lorbiecki. At the StoryWalk is *Diary of a Worm* by Doreen Cronin.

MT. MORRIS SENIOR & COMMUNITY CENTER

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

Community Game Night!

Mt. Morris Senior & Community Center has been rebranded to include the entire COMMUNITY! Come play games on Friday, May

24th with other members of the community. Popcorn will be provided but feel free to bring a snack to share. Games start at 6:00 pm.

Bus trips

Interested in our upcoming bus trip? Contact Melissa at 815-734-6335 for more information or to sign up. We will be taking a trip to New Orleans from November 3rd - 9th. 7 days and 6 nights including 4 consecutive nights in the New Orleans area. Guided tours and a riverboat cruise are just a few events waiting for you!

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE
TAX DEED NO. 2024TX16
FILED 5/7/2024
TAKE NOTICE
County of OGLE
Date Premises Sold November 3, 2021
Certificate No. 2020-00032
Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2020
Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and Special Assessment Number N/A
Warrant Number N/A
Installment Number N/A

THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES

Property Located at 312 East Hitt Street, Mt Morris, Illinois
Legal Description or Property Index No.: 08-26-180-009

This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on September 16, 2024.

The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming.

This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a Tax Deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before September 16, 2024.

This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of Ogle County in Oregon, Illinois on **October 3, 2024 at 9:00am with Judge Roe via Zoom.**

You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time.

YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY
Redemption can be made at any time on or before September 16, 2024, by applying to the County Clerk of Ogle County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Oregon, IL.

For further information contact the County clerk
ADDRESS: 105 South 5th Street, Suite 104, Oregon, IL 61061
TELEPHONE: (815) 732-1110

P&N PROPERTIES, INC.
Purchaser or Assignee Dated: 5/9/2024
CASE NUMBER: 2024TX16

Martin Acevedo Ramos; Laura Acevedo, n/k/a Lori A Neebel; Rosaline Acevedo Ramos; Village of Mt Morris; Occupants; Ogle County Clerk; Claimants, Judgment Creditors and Decree Creditors, if any of the above described as "unknown owners" or parties interested in said land or lots"

No. 0516
(May 20, 27 and June 3, 2024)

NOTICE

TAX DEED NO. 2024TX15
FILED 5/7/2024
TAKE NOTICE
County of OGLE
Date Premises Sold November 3, 2021
Certificate No. 2020-00058

Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2020
Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and Special Assessment

PUBLIC NOTICE

Ogle County Housing Authority is opening the waiting list for the Housing Choice Voucher Program. This program is a rental assistance program that assists extremely low income and very low-income families with their rent in the private market.

Applications will be available online beginning Tuesday, June 4, 2024 at 9:00 am CST. Applications can be accessed at <https://www.waitlistcheck.com/IL3114>.

Applications will be placed in this list according to preference, date, and time. Applicants already on waiting lists for other housing programs must apply separately for this program.

Ogle County Housing Authority will accept applications as a reasonable accommodation for persons with disabilities at their office, located at 1001 Pines Road, Suite A, Oregon Illinois 61061 from 9:00am - 3:00 pm CST. Please call 815-732-1301 with any questions.

No. 0505
(May 13, 20, 27, June 3, and 10, 2024)



ment Number N/A
Warrant Number N/A
Installment Number N/A

THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES

Property Located at 6541 East Weld Park Road, Stillman Valley, Illinois

Legal Description or Property Index No.: 10-15-200-004

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P&N PROPERTIES, INC.
Purchaser or Assignee Dated: 5/9/2024
CASE NUMBER: 2024TX16

Barbara Beauchem; Unknown Spouse of Barbara Beauchem; Unknown Heirs and Devises of Janet L Turner, Deceased; Occupants; Ogle County Clerk; Claimants, Judgment Creditors and Decree Creditors, if any of the above described as "unknown owners" or parties interested in said land or lots"

No. 0517
(May 20, 27 and June 3, 2024)

NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: JAN-

ET RILEY, Deceased
NO. 2024 PR 26

CLAIM NOTICE

NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of Janet Riley of Byron, Illinois. Letters of office were issued on May 6, 2024 to Dennis J. Riley of Oregon, Illinois and Eric A. Nelson of Mt. Vernon, Iowa, whose attorney is Douglas P. Floski, of Floski Law Office, LLC, at 220 W. Third Street, P. O. Box 1007, Byron, Illinois, 61010-1007.

CLAIMS against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court at Ogle County Judicial Center, 106 South 5th Street, Oregon, Illinois, 61061, or with the representative, or both, within 6 months from the first publication of this Notice, or within three months from the date of mailing or delivery of Notice to creditors, if mailing or delivery is required by Section 18-3 of the Illinois Probate Act, 1975, as amended, whichever date is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred.

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

DENNIS J. RILEY and ERIC A. NELSON Co-Independent Administrators
No. 0518
(May 20, 27 and June 3, 2024)

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Village of Monroe Center Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider the following:
Ordinance Amending: Consider Zoning Map Amendments

Ordinance amending zoning map change zoning of 307 W. Main St. (PIN 12-21-405-011) From Special Use, Church to R-1 residential (single family)

PUBLIC HEARING
Day: Monday
Date: June 17, 2024
Time: 7:00 PM
Place: Village of Monroe Center Village Hall 300 Pacific Street Monroe Center, IL No. 0519
(May 20, 2024)

NOTICE

STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF OGLE ILLINOIS BANK & TRUST f/k/a RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY BANK, Plaintiff, vs.

Case No.: 2024FC30 LORRIE A. ADAMS, and UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANT Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE
The requisite Affidavit having been duly filed in my office, NOTICE is hereby given you, LORRIE A. ADAMS, as title holder of record, and UNKNOWN OWNERS and NONRECORD CLAIM-

ANTS, Defendants in the above-entitled suit, that the said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of Ogle County, by the said Plaintiff against you and other Defendants, praying for the foreclosure of certain liens concerning the premises described as follows, to-wit:

Lot One (1) as designated upon Plat of Lakeview Subdivision No. 2, of part of the Southwest Quarter (1/4) of Section 28 and Southeast Quarter (1/4) of Section 29, all in Township 25 North, Range 11 East of the Fourth Principal Meridian, according to the Plat thereof recorded in Plat File A, page 14 as Document No. 444116 in Ogle County, Illinois; situated in the Township of Byron, the County of Ogle and the State of Illinois.

Commonly known as: 4928 East Ashelford Drive, Byron, IL 61010. and for other relief; that summons was duly issued out of the said Court against you as provided by law, and that the said suit is now pending.

The lien(s) sought to be foreclosed are identified as follows:
Mortgage from Lorrie A. Adams, an unmarried woman to Riverside Community Bank dated February 8, 2013 and recorded February 22, 2013, in the Recorder's Office of Ogle County, Illinois, as Document No. 201301557 to secure \$10,000.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, unless you, the said above-named Defendants, file your answer to the Complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the office of the Clerk of the 15th Judicial Circuit Court of Ogle County, in the City of Oregon, Illinois, on or before the 28th day of June 2024, default may be entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint.

Shawn C. Fulbright (6237106)
Barrick Switzer Long Balsley & Van Evera, LLP 6833 Stalter Drive Rockford, IL 61108 [t] 815.962.6611 sfulbright@bslbv.com No. 0520
(May 20, 27, and June 3, 2024)

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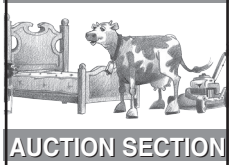
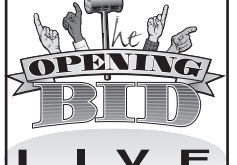
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LOCAL NEWS

JULIA HULL DISTRICT LIBRARY STILLMAN VALLEY

Storytime at the Library

Join us in person at the library for songs, stories and crafts! Ages 2-5. Wednesdays at 10 a.m. Registration required: 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 ideas—through the transportive power of books. Registration opens Monday, May 20 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! Register in person or with the Beanstack app.

Tween Scene: Cruise Ship: Portland

Pack your 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.

Adult Craft: Resin Wave

Where there's a will, there's a wave. Join Joanna at the library, Monday, June 10 at 6 p.m., as we learn to make a modern mosaic beachscape featuring a textured sea glass sea wave and cast in resin. Adults only. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

Storytime in the Park

Join us for a special storytime in Davis Junction Park! We'll enjoy stories, songs and parachute play. Feel free to bring blankets or lawn chairs for your comfort. Friday, June 21, 10 a.m. Ages 2-9. Registration required 815-645-8611.

Greek Travel:

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Last week, during Tween Scene at Julia Hull District Library, tweens (ages 10-12) used yarn and canvas to create abstract works of art.



Teen Time: Will it Dye?

Add a splash of color to your outfit by creating an accessory as unique as you. We'll try a variety of tie-dye techniques while enjoying fresh air. Dress for a mess. Tuesday, June 25, 6 p.m. Ages 3-18. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

Holiday Closure/Summer Saturday Hours

The library will be closed Monday, May 27 for the Memorial Day Holiday, and beginning Saturday, June 1, the library will be open every Saturday from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. through Labor Day.

MT. MORRIS PUBLIC LIBRARY

Lions Club Glasses and Hearing Aids Collections

Donation boxes for eyeglass recycling are available at the library. When the boxes are full, they are picked up by local Lions members and dropped off at collection depots. These recycled eyeglasses are given to people in need, with the help of various medical missionaries, in Central and South America and around the world. When the eyeglasses arrive in these countries, doctors and technicians conduct eye exams and provide a free pair of prescription eyeglasses that are as close as possible to that person's sight needs. When donating HEARING AIDS, please be sure to place them in a small box or hard-covered case so they do not get crushed or damaged.

Adult Book Club Meeting Monday, May 20th

The May book, *The Curious Charms of Arthur Pepper*, by Phaedra Patrick, 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 May 20th at 3:30pm.

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!

Cookbook Club Next Meeting June 4th

Join us as we explore *The Cookbook Club!* Wonderful recipes combined with friendship creates something both beautiful and delicious! We have an interesting book this month, *Our Favorite Recipes Mound-er-Mustang Boosters*. It is a fundraiser book published in 1978 and has a lot of the classic recipes we all know and love. Come in, choose your recipe, and bring your dish to pass at our next meeting! Join us on June 4th, 6pm at The Senior Center for another exciting meal!

Story Time! Wednesdays at 11:15am

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

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