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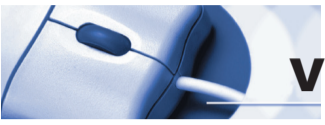
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RCH Auxiliary awards scholarships

Five area students going into healthcare fields were recently awarded RCH scholarships. **A8**

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Infinity Event in memory of Maggie and Amos (Rosko) Meyer set for June 8

Yearly event has raised \$43,000

CHANA—An Infinity Event in Memory of Maggie and Amos (Rosko) Meyer is set for Saturday, June 8 at the Rochelle Wildlife Conservation Club. This yearly event hosted by The Maggie & Amos Foundation features something for all to enjoy including live music, a corn hole bags tournament, live and silent auctions, free kids activities, a scavenger hunt, beer garden, a trail run, and much more.

The Maggie & Amos Foundation was created in 2017 following the tragic loss of Maggie and Amos (Rosko) Meyer in October of 2016. Maggie, a special education teacher at Chana Education Center, used her creativity and imaginative personality to engage students in out-of-the-box learning

in her classroom. Students never knew quite what to expect coming to her classroom every day, but they did know they were loved and cared for in her classroom. Three-year-old Amos had the adventurous heart of his mom and was eager to join in on any spontaneous adventure with curiosity and enthusiasm. After the loss of these two cherished individuals, Maggie's colleagues and students created the nonprofit foundation to carry on the legacy of innovation that Maggie sparked in her classroom. Proceeds from their yearly Infinity Event have contributed towards local library programs, scholarships, and community classroom grants in the amount of \$43,000. This year's event will be held on the beautiful



grounds of the Rochelle Wildlife Conservation Club located at 3501 S. Sweeney Road in Chana. The day's schedule of events are:

- 8 a.m.: Breakfast at the Club featuring biscuits & gravy, pancakes & sausage, or breakfast sandwich.
- 10 a.m.: Corn Hole Bags Tournament registration with 11 a.m. official start time

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From the Heart to host Queen of Hearts game weekly at Luna starting this month

BY JEFF HELFRICH
 MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE—Local charitable organization From the Heart has established a Queen of Hearts drawing that will take place weekly on Thursday evenings at Luna starting June 13.

From the Heart donates equally yearly to nine area nonprofits including the Community Action Network (CAN), the Rochelle Area Community Foundation, Pegasus Special Riders, Hub City Senior Center, HOPE of Ogle County, the Rochelle Christian Food Pantry, Shining Star Children's Advocacy Center, CASA and Foundation for Focus House.

A Queen of Hearts drawing involves 54 cards hidden under a covering to be revealed one card per week until the Queen of Hearts is drawn. There are 52 playing deck cards with the 2 jokers



Dave Eckhardt

Luna at 531 S. 7th St. in Rochelle will start hosting a new Queen of Hearts game weekly this month to benefit From the Heart and its nine area nonprofits. (Photo by Jeff Helfrich)

hidden. Players purchase tickets in increments of six for \$5 and write a number corresponding to a hidden card on the board and their information on them before

placing them in a tumbling drum. One ticket will be drawn each Thursday night at 7 p.m. and the card with the number on the ticket will be revealed. When the

Queen of Hearts is drawn, the winner receives 50 percent of the proceeds from the total, regardless of if they're present or not. The new contest will be

affectionately known as "Queen For The Cause," From the Heart Founder and President Dave Eckhardt said. The game will join From the Heart's yearly gala and cash calendar sales fundraising efforts.

"I think this could be really beneficial for all of the groups that we give money to," Eckhardt said. "It could increase or maybe even double their portion of money that they get from us each year. That's a huge thing for them. If we can do more than that \$10,000-11,000 that we're able to give them now, that could go a long way in their work. And we just added a new member to the group. It's a major step for us and it's very cool that we can expand because of the extra opportunities we have to make money. With the gala doing so well, it made it easy to make that decision."

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LOCAL NEWS

HEARTS: Jackpot to start at \$10,000

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Luna Owner Jim Withers approached From the Heart in recent months about the idea after attending the From the Heart gala in February.

"It opened my eyes to all that they do for our community's nonprofits," Withers said. "I was thinking of ways to help. We have a building and facility at Luna and the ability to do the marketing for something like a Queen of Hearts. The key for me is all of the proceeds go towards helping people in need in the community. I was born and raised here and I want to do anything I can to help people in the area."

Ticket sales will start at Luna's grand opening event on Friday, June 7 starting at 4 p.m. The day will start with a ribbon cutting and will be followed by live music, appetizers and drinks.

Tickets will be sold during Luna business hours for cash only. The money collected each week will be added to the following week's drawing until the Queen of Hearts is found. The tickets in the drum are discarded after every drawing.

After the winner's 50 percent is taken out, 40 percent of

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Dave Eckhardt

the winning pot will go to From the Heart and 10 percent will be added to the new pot starting the following week.

If the second Joker is drawn before the Queen of Hearts is drawn, the game will start over the next week with a brand new full board.

For cards drawn that aren't the Queen of Hearts, winning some amount of money is still in play. Other queens drawn will pay five percent of the posted eligible amount, if the winner is present. Jokers will pay five percent of the eligible amount, if there's a present winner. All other drawn cards will pay \$500, if present. If the winner is not present, the \$500 will be rolled over and added to the following week, creating a new side game until it is won by an in-person winner.

Eckhardt said the Queen of Hearts jackpot will start at \$10,000 on June 13. Each week of the contest, one of

From the Heart's nine recipient nonprofits will be featured to raise awareness for their cause.

With other Queen of Hearts contests in the area drawing large crowds, Eckhardt and Withers said they're prepared and equipped for that and that is exactly the hope to raise money for area nonprofits.

"I think this can create people getting together on a regular basis," Eckhardt said. "I think that's a big thing and a community thing. I think one of the things the From the Heart gala does is bring people together that normally don't get together. This gives someone a chance every Thursday night to come out and be among the community and use all of the new amenities at Luna and maybe win some money. We want people to be here and we want to generate as much funds and traffic as we can. And hopefully we'll have fun in the process."

Byron Bank announces lemonade stand contest set for June 28

BYRON – Byron Bank is excited to announce "The Sweetest Showdown of the Year" is set to take place on Friday, June 28 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Green Space at Byron Bank (corner of 2nd and Washington Streets).

This fun, community event is designed to inspire and support young entrepreneurs in our community by providing them with an opportunity to set up and run their own lemonade stands. Each participant will get a small business kit, money box and small business sign. To secure a spot, participants must complete the registration form by June 21.

Forms and Lemonade Stand kits can be submitted and picked up in person at any Byron Bank branch.

"We believe in the power of small business and young entrepreneurs, as well as the importance of teaching them essential business skills early on," said Samantha Ciaccio, Byron Bank marketing officer. Prizes for Best Decorated, Best Lemonade and Top Seller will be awarded at the end of the event. Parents, friends, and community members are encouraged to come out and support these young entrepreneurs by purchasing a refreshing glass of lemonade and cheering them on! 102.3 The Coyote

will be Live during the event, and we will be giving away ByronFest wristbands, mega passes and meet and greets.

"Byron Bank's Lemonade Stand initiative is more than just a fun event; it is an investment in the future of our community," said Scott N. Mincemoyer, Byron Bank president. "By teaching children the basics of running a business, we hope to inspire the next generation of leaders and innovators."

For more information on this event or, to find out how your child can participate, please visit any Byron Bank location, or contact Samantha Ciaccio at 815-234-2561 or sciaccio@byronbank.com.

Byron Bank is proud to support the dreams of these young entrepreneurs and look forward to a fun-filled day! Come support them on Friday, June 28, and join us in nurturing the next generation of business leaders.



(Courtesy photo)

RUN: Event planned for June 8

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11 a.m.: RWCC serving up grilled favorites, free bounce houses, free face painting by Ms. TwistyPants, silent auction, beer garden opens, dunk tank, and more

12:30-3:30 p.m.: Live music by The Killer B's

1 p.m.: Orb Treasure Scavenger Hunt

4 p.m.: Trail Run, Family Fun Run, and Kids' Hill Climb

5 p.m.: RWCC Steak Fry (Reservations should be made by



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calling 815-622-8940 by Friday at 5 p.m. before the steak fry)

6 p.m.: Live Auction 7-10 p.m.: Live music by Burn N' Bush

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LOCAL NEWS

June events at Davis Junction Museum set

DAVIS JUNCTION — The Davis Junction Museum would like to thank Dawn Somers for an excellent program on Davis Junction. Half of the program was on the history of Davis Junction with many pictures and stories. The other half was on the two Railroads, the Milwaukee and CB & Q. She was able to record the program. The program will be played continuously at our Bake Sale coming up on June 7 and 8 at the Fire Department in Davis Junction. This will take place between 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. both days. We will also have garage like items for sale. We hope to see you there as we will be also selling about 20 older folding chairs. Come by



and get some goodies.

June 19 will be our next monthly meeting at the museum at 6 p.m. On June 16 the museum will be open from 1-4 p.m. Come by and visit with our historians and have a cup of coffee and a cookie. We are also selling more en-

graved bricks if you wish to honor a family member or organization. If you would like to volunteer or become a member of Davis Junction Historical Society we welcome you to let us know. Once again we thank you for your patronage.



(Courtesy photo)

PorchFest in Mt. Morris is June 8

MT. MORRIS — The Seventh Annual Encore! PorchFest Mt. Morris is Saturday, June 8. PorchFest is the ultimate grassroots community music festival. Many favorites from past years, along with some new musicians will perform 45-minute sets on community porches and lawns throughout the festival area between 1-5 p.m. The audience picks their choices from a schedule and moves from location to location. Bring your lawn chairs or sit in the grass, walk or ride your bike.

Performing this year:
 Acoustic Axis - Two acoustic guitars, Classic Rock, Blues and Classic Country.
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 Denny Jacobs - Easy Listening to Oldies. Guitar and Vocal Folk and Blue Singer.
 Goin Postal Unplugged - Classic Rock, Ballads, Country and more.
 Crosswind Landing - Country, Folk, Rock, Pop, and originals.
 Korey Pepper - The Gritty areas of 90s Grunge and Alternative Rock.

Larry and Randy - Guitar and Harmonica, doing vocals, Country, Folk, last 100 years is fair game.

RuthAnn Lillstrom - Singer songwriter, Folk and Pop.

The Magtones - Good time acoustic Pop.

Well Strung - Blues, Rock n Roll, Country, Bluegrass

Greg Crull - Blues, Country, Classic Rock, Beach music.

Who Drank All the Tequila - Acoustic Rock with a Bluegrass Vibe. guitar, bass, mandolin.

John Sabaduaquia - Singer/Songwriter Americana, Alt Country, Midwestern Roots Rock

Louise Price & John Dickson - Acoustic duet playing Irish, Spanish and Traditional Folk

A Children's Dance & Singing Troup - Indian, German and Flamenco dance, Country and Contemporary music.

Schedules with map, porch locations, music, and food information will be available online at EncorePorchFest.info. Find more info about all Encore! and Mt. Morris activities at EncoreMtMorris.com.

County residential electronics recycling event is June 28

OREGON — The Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department (OCSWMD) will be hosting a residential electronics recycling event on Friday, June 28, 2024 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 909 Pines Road in Oregon.

This event is for Ogle County residents only and a free permit is required in advance of the event. To obtain a free permit call 815-732-4020 or email solidwaste@oglecountyil.gov and provide your name, address, phone number and email address by 4 p.m. on Thursday, June 27.

Accepted items include all televisions and computer monitors, computers, computer hardware and cables, laptops, tablets, cell phones, printers, FAX machines, scanners, shredders (no tubs), copiers, video gaming equipment, DVD/VCRs, cable/satellite boxes, stereo equipment, radios, digital clocks, cameras, calcu-

lators, phone systems, holiday light strands, extension cords, rechargeable batteries, printer ink cartridges, CD/DVD's, and CFL bulbs. Microwave ovens accepted for \$5 per unit. Cash or check accepted.

Limit seven large or bulky items per permit and one permit per county household per month. Business or institutional electronic materials not accepted at these events. Business or institutional electronics are accepted by the OCSWMD via a separate program. Call the number above for more information and pricing for business electronic recycling, and to make an appointment for drop off of the materials to be recycled.

For more information about this recycling event call the OCSWMD at the number above, visit www.oglecountyil.gov, or on Facebook at Ogle County Solid Waste Management Dept.

Blood drive at United Church of Byron is June 6

BYRON — Rock River Valley Blood Center (RRVBC) is hosting a blood drive at United Church of Byron, 701 W. 2nd St., Byron, on Thursday, June 6, 12:30-6:30 p.m. Rock River Valley Blood Center

needs blood! They have been saving lives for 70 years. All blood types are needed, and your donation can help save lives in our community area.

To schedule a time to donate, contact RRVBC

at 815-965-8751, Please bring a photo ID and eat and drink before donating. If you have questions about our location, please give us a call at 815-234-8777.

We are handicapped accessible.



Mike Bratt, in the center on guitar, was accompanied by Fred Grant on fiddle and Tim Laurence on banjo at the last month's First Friday. (Courtesy photo)

First Fridays Open Mic is June 7 at Oregon VFW

OREGON — The First Fridays Open Mic presents its monthly show at the Oregon VFW this June 7. The event attracts many talented performers, but musicians and singers of all skill levels find acceptance from its supportive audience.

The show starts at 6:30 p.m. Admission is free, although a jar is available for donations. Performers can sign up

for time slots on a first-come-first-serve basis, so it's best to arrive by 6 p.m. or earlier. Interested parties who have questions can contact Jerry Tice, at 815-449-2660.

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

Ogle County Regional Planning Commission June 20 meeting canceled

OREGON — Due to a lack of business, the regular monthly meeting of the Ogle County Regional Planning Commission scheduled

for Thursday, June 20 has been cancelled.

The next meeting of the Regional Planning Commission is scheduled for Thursday, July

18 at 6 p.m. at the Old Ogle County Court House, First Floor Conference Room #100, 105 S. Fifth St., Oregon.

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LOCAL NEWS

Obituaries

Dorothy Darlene Burke

OREGON — Dorothy Darlene Burke, 91, lifetime Oregon resident, died on Sunday, May 26, 2024, at the Shepherds Premier Living Facility in Oregon, IL. She was born on May 2, 1933, in Oregon, IL, the daughter of Harry & Dorothy (Suter) Boyden.



She lived her entire life in Oregon and attended Oregon schools. She married the love of her life, Roger Burke on September 24, 1949, at the Oregon Church of God. Darlene and Roger spent the next 49 years together until his passing on March 11, 1998. They built a wonderful home, family and life together. She loved to spend her time crocheting, doing needle point, baking cookies and taking care of her garden and flowers. She baked the best apple pie that everyone enjoyed. One of her favorite past times was playing a mean game of Yahtzee with her family. Her family being one of her greatest passions in life.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband Roger, grandson Jacob Burke, and siblings Delores Barnhart, Edwin Boyden, Melvin Boyden, Darold

Boyden, and Gerald Boyden. Darlene is survived and missed dearly by her loving son, Bob (Dawn) Burke; grandchildren Carrie (Rob) Tinsman, Brett Burke, Jason Coffman, Becky (Clayton) Merrill, Zachery Coffman; great-grandchildren, Cole (Sarah) Burke, Dylan Burke, Katelyn Merrill, Garrett Merrill; great-great-grandchild Lane Burke; her siblings Dixie Bruce, Pat Donaldson, Betty Ferris, Barbara (Lorenzo) Maldonado, Kathleen Pursell, Harry (Deb) Boyden, Donald

(Jackie) Boyden, Sue (Lee) Ossman, Sally (Rick) Vancura; and many nieces and nephews. The family would like to give a heartfelt thank you to the staff of Shepherd's Premier Senior Living Center in Oregon and the staff at Serenity Hospice & Home for their kind and compassionate care. Private family services have been scheduled in her honor. Dorothy will be laid to rest next to her husband in Riverview Cemetery of Oregon, IL. In lieu of flowers memorial donations can be made to the Oregon Village of Progress in her name.

A funeral service will be held 11:00 AM, Tuesday, June 4, 2024 at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Lindenwood, IL with the Rev. Matthew Rosebrock pastor of the church officiating. Visitation will be from 9:30 o 10:45 AM prior to the service at the church. Burial will follow the service at Stillman Valley Cemetery. In lieu of flowers a memorial fund is established in Jean's name for the Immanuel Lutheran Church of Lindenwood and the Serenity Hospice and Home near Oregon, IL. To leave a condolence or memory of Jean visit www.farrellhollandgale.com.

Judith Louise Picha

WINTER HAVEN, Fla. — Judith Louise Picha, 81, of Winter Haven, Florida, went to be with her Lord on May 26, 2024. She was born on February 9, 1943, in Rockford, Illinois, to Hubert and Ruth Eshbaugh, of Stillman Valley, Illinois. She attended Stillman Valley schools for 12 years, graduating in 1961. Judy attended Rockford Business College, and then became a legal secretary. She married George J. Picha on September 14, 1968 in Rockford, where they resided for 48 years. Judy enjoyed being a stay-at-home mom and spending time with their two sons, Mike and Tom, enjoyed working as a volunteer at church and for various non-profit organizations. She also enjoyed tennis, golfing, boating, and summers spent with her family at their Sister Bay, Wisconsin (Door County) home. In 2016 George and Judy retired to their home in Door County and enjoyed many boat trips across Lake Michigan and into Canada. In 2020 they moved to Venice, Florida to enjoy peaceful, sunny days, and in 2023 moved to Winter Haven. Judy became a believer in Christ at a young age and was an active member of First Evangelical Free Church in Rockford and Sister Bay Baptist Church. After moving to Winter Haven, she and

George attended Faith Baptist Church. She is survived by her husband George, their sons J. Michael (Kimberly) Picha and Thomas G. Picha; their grandchildren Taylor, David, Brooke, Ty Picha and Emma (Garrett) Smith; her sisters Nancy Gibson and Ann (James) Wittmer; niece Barbara (Donnie) Light; and nephews John (Nanette) Gibson, Paul (Carrie) Gibson, Andrew (Becky Ann) Wittmer, Timothy (Becky Lou) Wittmer, and Mark (Jenni) Wittmer. Judy was predeceased by her parents and by her brother-in-law Lawrence Gibson. Memorial services will be on June 15, 2024, at Monroe Center Community Church, Monroe Center, IL, with Pastor Robert Mellon officiating. Visitation will be from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM, with the service immediately thereafter. Arrangements by Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home in Stillman Valley, IL. Private burial will be at the Monroe Center Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials should be sent to Lake Wales Care Center, 140 Park Ave, Lake Wales, Florida 33853. The family wishes to express their sincere appreciation to Good Shepherd Hospice for their exceptional care. Visit www.farrellhollandgale.com to leave a condolence or memory of Judy.



George attended Faith Baptist Church. She is survived by her husband George, their sons J. Michael (Kimberly) Picha and Thomas G. Picha; their grandchildren Taylor, David, Brooke, Ty Picha and Emma (Garrett) Smith; her sisters Nancy Gibson and Ann (James) Wittmer; niece Barbara (Donnie) Light; and nephews John (Nanette) Gibson, Paul (Carrie) Gibson, Andrew (Becky Ann) Wittmer, Timothy (Becky Lou) Wittmer, and Mark (Jenni) Wittmer. Judy was predeceased by her parents and by her brother-in-law Lawrence Gibson. Memorial services will be on June 15, 2024, at Monroe Center Community Church, Monroe Center, IL, with Pastor Robert Mellon officiating. Visitation will be from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM, with the service immediately thereafter. Arrangements by Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home in Stillman Valley, IL. Private burial will be at the Monroe Center Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials should be sent to Lake Wales Care Center, 140 Park Ave, Lake Wales, Florida 33853. The family wishes to express their sincere appreciation to Good Shepherd Hospice for their exceptional care. Visit www.farrellhollandgale.com to leave a condolence or memory of Judy.

Jean M. Hanke

MONROE CENTER—Jean M. Hanke, age 89, died Tuesday, May 28, 2024 at her home in Monroe Center following a sudden illness. She was born December 25, 1934 in the family home near Lindenwood, IL, the daughter of Leonard and Martha (Brandt) Knoll. She attended Lindenwood grade schools and graduated from Rochelle High School in 1953. Jean married Raymond G. Hanke on June 25, 1955 at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Lindenwood. Together she and her husband Ray owned and operated the Stillman Valley Gulf Station from 1964 – 1971 and then became affiliated with Sunoco, changing the name to Stillman Valley Sunoco Service until their retirement in 1993. She was very proud to be a homemaker raising her 2 daughters Beverly and Julie. Jean was a lifetime member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Lindenwood, IL where she was baptized, confirmed and married to Raymond. She also was a member of the church quilting club and volunteer at the church food pantry. She loved tending to her flower and vegetable gardens. Most of all Jean loved being with and cooking for her



family. She was predeceased by her parents Leonard and Martha Knoll, her brother Roy Knoll, and her sister Ella Lilja. She is survived by her daughters Beverly (Brian) Johnson of Byron, IL and Julie (Terry) Patrick of Winnebago, IL; grandchildren Megan Thibodeau of Byron, IL; Kristen (Mike) Boyer of Byron, IL; Shawn Patrick (Alyssa Heslop) of Winnebago, IL; and Sara Patrick of Winnebago, IL; 5 great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

A funeral service will be held 11:00 AM, Tuesday, June 4, 2024 at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Lindenwood, IL with the Rev. Matthew Rosebrock pastor of the church officiating. Visitation will be from 9:30 o 10:45 AM prior to the service at the church. Burial will follow the service at Stillman Valley Cemetery. In lieu of flowers a memorial fund is established in Jean's name for the Immanuel Lutheran Church of Lindenwood and the Serenity Hospice and Home near Oregon, IL. To leave a condolence or memory of Jean visit www.farrellhollandgale.com.

NRC names new senior resident inspector at Byron Nuclear Generating Station

BYRON — The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has selected Ashley Demeter as the new senior resident inspector at the two-unit Byron nuclear generating station in Byron, which is operated by Constellation Energy. "I am pleased that Ashley will lead the resident inspector office at Byron. During her tenure as resident inspector at the plant, she has demonstrated great competence and insight," NRC Region III Administrator Jack Giessner said. "Ashley made significant contributions to the important work of the resident inspector team at Byron. In her new role, she will continue to uphold the agency's safety mission with competence, commitment and energy."



Demeter joined the NRC in 2021 as a project engineer. Most recently, she was the resident inspector at Byron. She has held rotational assignments as a resident inspector at the Illinois-based Dresden, Braidwood, and Byron nuclear power plants. Prior to joining the

NRC, she served as a shift test engineer at the Norfolk Naval Shipyard. Demeter earned a master's degree in nuclear engineering from North Carolina State University and a bachelor's degree in physics from Baldwin Wallace University. She also performed significant work in areas of nuclear modeling and simulation research at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory during graduate school. Each U.S. commercial nuclear power plant site has at least two NRC resident inspectors. They serve as the agency's eyes and ears at the facility, conducting inspections, monitoring significant work projects, and interacting with plant workers and the public.

Patricia Dell Bronkema

FORRESTON — Patricia Dell Bronkema, 86, of Forreston, died Sunday, May 26, 2024, at Harbor Hospice Home of Houston in Houston, TX. Arrangements: Bosma-Renkes Funeral Home, Fulton, IL

Gale honored for media work at UW-Whitewater

WHITEWATER, Wis. — Brian Gale, a journalism major from Stillman Valley at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, is one of 17 Warhawks to claim a Wisconsin Community Media Best of the Midwest award for their work

on UWW-TV during the 2023-24 academic year. Gale earned the following awards: first place, UWW-TV News - "Career Fair" Award winners will be recognized at the Best of the Midwest Media Fest banquet and show on May 16 at the

Lismore Hotel in Eau Claire. Attendees will have the opportunity to network and celebrate during the exhibitors reception and banquet. The 2024 Best of the Midwest Media Fest celebrates local Public, Education, and

Government (PEG) Access programming and Low-Power Community Radio programming. The event recognizes local programming produced by both professionals and amateurs and provides producers with feedback on their work from a slate of

four judges. The nine-state Alliance for Community Media Midwest Region includes Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wisconsin. UWW-TV is housed in UW-Whitewater's

College of Arts and Communication. The station provides students with hands-on experience in producing high-quality content both behind the scenes and on camera. To learn more about UWW-TV, visit uwwtv.org.

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LOCAL NEWS



Oregon Lions host pork chop sandwich sale

On Saturday, May 4, the Oregon Lions held their first popular pork chop sandwich sale of the season. From left to right: Lion members James Brown, Phyllis Herrmann, Grant Afflerbaugh and Wayne Cole.



Oregon Lions thank the public for support of pork chop sale

The Oregon Lions wish to thank everyone who supported Lions' charities on May 4. The drive-through pork chop sale was a great success. The club also wants to thank the community for their generous donations to the high school music room seat-replacement project that is presently underway. Shown is Oregon Lion Joe Kryszak with a pork chop drive through customer, and Oregon Lions Mike Hoff (left) and Mitch Logan (right) grilling pork chops for the pork chop sandwich sale on May 4. (Courtesy photos)



Polo Lions thank Polo COOP for donations

Thursday May 16, Polo Lions Member Jim Adams thanked Chris Spencer of the Polo COOP for its donation of propane for the Hazel Hurst sales. The Polo COOP filled two 20-pound tanks and filled a 100-pound tank at Hazel Hurst which is used for the Lions Club steam tables and for the heater in the office. Thank you Chris and Polo COOP for the donation it is very much appreciated. (Courtesy photo)



Polo Lions Club offers grocery delivery

On Wednesday, May 15, Polo Lions Club Member Jim Adams is shown loading his car with groceries to make two deliveries. This service is provided by the Lions Club free of charge and is done every Wednesday. To get your groceries delivered call The Polo Fresh Food Market on Tuesday before 7 p.m. If you forget, call Wednesday morning. The order must be at least \$25 to get them delivered. (Courtesy photo)

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

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"Congress shall make no law . . .
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MOMENTS IN TIME

* On June 17, 2015, 21-year-old Dylann Roof joined members of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, S.C., for a Bible study session before drawing a gun, telling the others that African Americans were "taking over the country," and killing nine people. Roof was arrested the following morning and eventually sentenced to death for the crime.

* On June 17, 1994, "O.J." Simpson, a former football player suspected of a double murder, flees along I-405 in Los Angeles in a white Ford Bronco with police in pursuit. News helicopters followed from above, and millions watched on television. Simpson was arrested at home an hour later.

* On June 18, 1979, President Jimmy Carter and Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev signed the Salt II agreement dealing with limitations and guidelines for nuclear weapons. However, due to the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan the following year, it never went into effect and Carter withdrew the U.S. from the agreement.

* On June 19, 1821, Jesuit missionary Pierre-Jean De Smet met with Sioux leader Sitting Bull in present-day Montana in an attempt to convince local Native Americans to make peace with the United States. While the chief refused to personally sign a peace treaty, he sent one of his lesser chiefs to Fort Laramie, WY, to sign a pact in which the Sioux would allow white travel and settlement in specified areas.

* On June 19, 1972, the U.S. Supreme Court rules against Curt Flood in Flood v. Kuhn, denying him free agency as a baseball player. He was trying to break the reserve clause that tied players to one team. Three years later an arbitrator ruled in favor of free agency, but it was too late for Flood, who never played baseball again.

* On June 20, 1937, W2XBS (later WCBS-TV) televised the first TV operetta, "The Pirates of Penzance" by Gilbert and Sullivan. It became the pair's most popular creation.

* On June 21, 2005, 80-year-old Edgar Ray Killen, a former KKK organizer, was declared guilty on three counts of manslaughter in the deaths of three civil rights workers in Philadelphia, MS, 41 years earlier, and sentenced to 60 years in prison.

* On June 21, 1788, New Hampshire becomes the ninth and last necessary state to ratify the Constitution of the United States, thereby making the document the law of the land. Delaware, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Georgia, and Connecticut were the first to sign.

* On June 22, 1783, after hearing arguments in the case of the slave ship Zong, the Chief Justice of the King's Bench in London stated that a massacre of 142 captive Africans "was the same as if horses had been thrown overboard," as the actual question before the court was whether the "cargo" was covered by insurance rather than who was responsible for their deaths. The trial would galvanize the burgeoning movement to abolish slavery.

* On June 23, 1940, Adolf Hitler surveyed notable sites in the then German-occupied French capital during his first and only visit to Paris, marking Napoleon's tomb among the spots to see and calling the trip "the greatest and finest moment of my life."

* On June 23, 1959, after nine years in prison, Klaus Fuchs, the German-born Los Alamos scientist whose espionage helped the USSR build its first atomic and hydrogen bombs, is released from a British prison.

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Memories of years gone by

PLANTERS continue to roll out in the fields as we near the completion of spring planting. Weather forecasts through the summer continue to predict warmer-than-normal temperatures for the Corn Belt with near normal precipitation. Should that occur as predicted it should be a relatively-good growing year. Of course, we never know until Fall harvest kicks-in.

As a kid growing up this time of year usually meant getting the cultivator ready to plow corn for the first time. Trying to get out any pesky weeds that emerged after planting. Beans would usually follow sometime a few weeks later.

It was July that I remember most. When the beans hit about thigh high it was time to grab the weed hook and go "walk beans." It certainly was not the most pleasant job in the world, but it certainly built character, left you with a feeling of accomplishment and taught you that you are supposed to be tired after a long day of work.

I was home in Springfield recently and walking through the barn I spied those old weed hooks hanging in a corner. Memories came back of Pop and I trudging down those rows cutting out weeds. Brought my mind back to a simpler time in life.

And as I get older I start to enjoy those simple things the

most.

Outlook event



Ron Kern

The Lee, Carroll, Ogle and Whiteside County Farm Bureaus along with COUNTRY Financial will host a crop marketing outlook on the evening of June 12; at the Days Inn, Rock Falls. "What's in Your Crop Marketing Plan?" is a two-hour seminar designed specifically for producers to help them manage risk associated with the current commodity markets and identify market conditions to capture profit margins through this year into next.

Dr. Steve Johnson, Retired Iowa State University Extension farm management specialist, will facilitate the program. Steve has served as the Farm & Ag Business management specialist in Central Iowa for Iowa State University Extension and Outreach since 1999.

He specializes in topics related to government farm programs, crop insurance, crop marketing, grain contracts, farmland leasing and other crop risk management strategies. In the past year, he has conducted more than 120 meetings, workshops, seminars and conferences across the Corn Belt with nearly 15,000 in attendance.

Steve uses web sites such as ISU Ag Decision Maker and Polk County Extension Farm Management along with various print and electronic media.

Annually he reaches more than 200,000 producers, landowners and other agribusiness professionals.

During the two-hour program producers will examine the following topics: Global Supply/Demand & Crop Price Outlook, Understanding Summer Weather Forecasts, Review Crop Insurance Coverage, Global Geo-Political Issues & Recession, Implementing a '24-'25 Marketing Plan, and Pre-Harvest Marketing Strategies and Tools.

This presentation will assist producers in designing and implementing a marketing plan that is specific to their own operation. It will present producers with various options they can effectively utilize to capture market profits, manage market risks in this volatile market, minimize cost increases and make informed decisions on input pricing, storage options and position their marketing plan for profit protection. Market, global and recent economic factors will be examined and producers will learn to identify where profit opportunities and pitfalls lie for their farm operations.

Pre-registration is required. To register for the program call 815-732-2231 or email cfb@ogle.comcastbiz.net

Program begins at 7 p.m. on June 12; Days Inn, Rock Falls.

"The only thing that sat its way to success was a hen." -Sarah Brown

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

The Life-Changing Power of Mentorship

THOSE of us who grew up in stable homes with solid role models are very fortunate. While most of us probably did not know or appreciate it at the time, we were taught from an early age the difference between right and wrong, the proper way to treat people, respect toward others, and the importance of telling the truth and obeying the law. We were told that school was important, homework was to be done, and curfews were to be met. We had siblings that looked out for us. When we broke the rules, our actions had consequences that ensured we would think twice before breaking the rules again. Did we make bad choices from time to time?

Of course, we did. However, a support system was in place to provide redirection and instruction.

Sadly, many children do not grow up in a loving and nurturing home. They may be a child where the parent is largely absent from the home or is neglected, or worse, from a home where physical, emotional, and/or substance abuse is prevalent. For these kids with the odds stacked against them, it is incumbent upon those of us who had an easier path into adulthood or succeeded despite tremendous odds to step up and provide examples and guidance that is missing in these kids' lives.

The importance and value of youth mentorship cannot be understated at a time when incidents of domestic violence are regularly reported in police reports and when gangs are actively recruiting young people to get involved with their criminal enterprises. Whatever the reason, when a child is recommended for mentorship, a well-functioning adult can help them through challenging experiences, life transitions, and stressful changes at home, school, or in their community.

After finishing college in Arizona, I lived there for a few years. While there, I contacted a Big Brothers Big Sisters organization and expressed an interest in becoming a mentor, known as a "Big." After a background check and a screening and matching process, I was paired with a 10-year-old child who had a very difficult

home environment. As we slowly got to know each other, it became evident that my role as a "Big" would require some elements of parenting that he was not receiving at home, so our relationship evolved a little differently than many of the other Big Brother Big Sister pairings.



Andrew Chesney

As years passed, our mentor-mentee relationship continued, and as his home life further deteriorated, I took on more of the parental responsibilities for him. In addition, we began enjoying many of the experiences he had missed that a father would typically enjoy with a son. I took him on his first camping trip, enrolled him in hunter safety classes, and taught him how to shoot a gun. I taught him how

to drive a car, and a few years later helped him enroll in his first classes at Highland Community College. I was also there and helped him purchase his first car.

During those difficult teenage and young adult years, it was important that he knew he had a safe place to go and an individual to talk to when he needed it. He moved into our home with my wife and me the day after he turned 18. There were bumps in the road, but with structure and support in place, he has overcome many obstacles.

Fifteen years have now passed since Nicholas and I were paired through Big Brothers Big Sisters. Nicholas has completed community college and has a good job in the healthcare field. His life is filled with possibilities, and he is excited about his future.

Friday, April 26, was a very special day for us. We were at the Stephenson County Courthouse, and Nicholas, now 25 years old, was officially adopted by my wife and me, and he legally took the Chesney family name. We could not be prouder that he is our son.

Clearly, our mentor-mentee experience was different than most, but one thing is certain, it wasn't just Nicholas' life that was improved. Ours was too. And as my wife Kelly celebrated her first Mother's Day recently, that fact was undeniably clear in our home.

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

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

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

Editing may be necessary for space, clarity or to avoid obscenity or libel, but ideas will not be altered. Writers are urged to use discretion and refrain from sarcasm or personal attacks.

Criticism of individuals or organizations that is not broached tactfully will jeopardize the publication of a letter. Letters will be published in the order that they are received, unless there is a time factor involved, space permitting.

LOCAL NEWS



Art Dash created fun and funds for Serenity Hospice & Home

OREGON – It was more than a dash of art for an event that sold out just weeks after tickets were available. Serenity Hospice & Home is thankful to the 237 people who participated in the third annual Art Dash fundraiser at the River's Edge Experience on April 10 in Oregon. The event featured 92 unique pieces of artwork, from a decorative wood table to skillful paintings, photography and more.



It was a unique and energetic evening surrounded by splendid art and live music complete with engaging spectators, artists, and those who dashed around the event space seeking their most coveted artwork to take home. The event, organized by Karen Virnoche and James Brown, drew 92 people and featured art donated by 75 artists for the event. In addition to art, participants

delighted over appetizers crafted by Chefs Susan, Michael and Bryce Maddox, and at intermission, an enormous spread of desserts was donated by area master dessert makers and greatly enjoyed by those with a sweet tooth.

Over \$30,000 was raised to help Serenity go above and beyond to provide bereavement care throughout the community and integrated therapies for patients in need. Over 80 individuals, businesses, and organizations financially sponsored or donated dessert items ensuring a successful opportunity for everyone in attendance. Serenity Hospice & Home is the only five-star rated non-profit organization in the area serving nine counties throughout northern Illinois and celebrating 40 years of hospice and palliative care for those in need.



Flanagan named OHS April Senior of Distinction

Owen Flanagan was recently named the Oregon High School April Senior of Distinction. Pictured from left to right are OJSHS Agriculture Teacher Seth McMillian, Flanagan, and Stillman Bank Retail Banking Representative Jodi Peters. Owen received a gift card for his achievement. (Courtesy photo)



Oregon High School's May Senior of Distinction named

Anthony Bauer was recently named the Oregon High School May Senior of Distinction. Pictured from left to right is Stillman Bank Teller Supervisor and Retail Banker Jodi Peters, Anthony Bauer, and OJSHS Technology Teacher Nate Rogers. Anthony received a gift card for his achievement. (Courtesy photo)

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

June 7-Aug. 30

Summer's nearly here and that means it's time to get your happy feet ready to rock on the campus for the 12th season of the annual Mt. Morris Jamboree free concert series. We've got 13 Fridays, and a few Saturdays scheduled this year with a variety of stellar bands performing for your listening pleasure. All concerts are from 7-9 p.m. on the band shell, except for the Fourth of July. Local charitable organizations will be serving food concessions on every Friday night. Just For Fun Ice Cream will provide sweet treats and the MM Sr. and Community Center will have fresh popcorn on most nights, too. Ewe and Me Acres will be offering baked goods and fresh produce for sale on the campus every Friday from 5-8 p.m. as well. Here's your schedule for 2024. Hope to see you there!

- June 7: Brass From the Past - Classic Rock and Soul
- June 14: Rick Lindy and the Wild Ones - 50s and 60s Rock and Roll
- June 21: The Rockin' Fendershirts - 50s and 60s Rock and Roll
- June 28: New Heartaches - Honky-Tonk Country
- July 4: Rick Lindy and the Wild Ones - 50's & 60's R&R (6-8, at the school)
- July 5: The StingRays - Oldies Rock and Roll
- July 12: Howard and the White Boys -Blues
- July 19: Chicago Tribute Anthology - Music from the Band Chicago and More
- July 26: Swingbilly Rfd. - Vintage Honky-Tonk and Western Swing
- Aug. 2: Jonny Lyons and the Pride - Classic Rock Show Band
- Aug. 9: Heartache Tonight - Eagles Tribute
- Aug. 10: Jeff Elbel+Ping - Roots Rock and Roll
- Aug. 16: SHiNDiG! - 60's Tribute
- Aug. 17: The Jodi Beach Quartet - Timeless Tunes from the 1930's - Today
- Aug. 23: The Jimmys - Blues, Funk, Soul, R&B
- Aug. 24: Dirty Fishnet Stockings - Rockabilly
- Aug. 30: Fortunate Sons - Creedence Clearwater Revival Tribute

June 23

Ogle Jolly 4H will host Dairy Day on June 23 at Royal Blue General Store in Stillman Valley from 2-6 p.m. There will be games, activities and giveaways. June is Dairy Month. Come on out to learn all about dairy, cows, and local farm families while playing games, entering in a drawing for Royal Blue gift certificates, and supporting Royal Blue by enjoying their delicious ice cream.

June 26

Serenity Hospice and Home will be hosting a free six-week class entitled, "Understanding Your Grief." This class, filled with compassion and hope and based on the book "Understanding Your Grief" by Dr. Alan Wolfelt is built around ten touchstones, basic principles that can help engage with grief and create momentum toward healing. Each participant will receive a book. This class starts June 26 and ends on July 31. The group will meet on Wednesdays at The Serenity Home from 5-6:30 p.m. Call Cathy or Dana at 815-732-2499 for more information or to register.

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LOCAL NEWS

RCH Auxiliary presents healthcare scholarships to 5 students

ROCHELLE — Recipients of the 2024 Rochelle Community Hospital Auxiliary \$1,000 healthcare scholarships have been announced. Five students received scholarships which included the Ward A. and Mabel T. Miller Award. Congratulations to all of the recipients! They include:



Riley Jackson



Alyssa Leary



Abby Lundquist



Kennedy Underwood



Alexavier Villatoro

Abby

Lundquist

Recipient of the Ward A. & Mabel T. Miller Award

Abby, an alumnus of R.T.H.S. will graduate from St. Ambrose University with plans to attend SIU School of Medicine this fall to pursue a healthcare profession as a physician's assistant. Ms. Van Hauen, her basketball coach shared, "Abby has the drive and intelligence to become a very successful physician assistant since she is certainly a dedicated leader." Ms. Gonzales, Abby's clinical mentor said, "While having Abby shadow in my clinic, she demonstrated empathy and impressive patient-provider connections during our short time together."

Bailey Jackson

Bailey is currently a freshman at University of Nebraska-Lincoln. She graduated last year from Rochelle Township High School. Bailey's professional goal is to become a nurse practitioner in labor and deliv-

ery. Her English teacher, Ms. Fiala said, "Bailey's passion for helping people makes her well suited for the healthcare field and I was impressed by her drive for success." Bailey's personal experience with her grandfather and his care inspired her to enter the healthcare field.

Alyssa Leary

Alyssa is a senior at Oregon High School and will attend Loyola University-Chicago this fall. Ultimately, she would like to become a board certified, practicing physician in a hospital setting. Alyssa's Spanish teacher, Ms. Radostits stated, "Alyssa is a kind, compassionate and selfless individual. She demonstrates an innate ability to empathize with others and is always ready to offer her assistance." After fulfilling her aspirations, Alyssa hopes to serve as a role model, specifically for young girls wanting to go into STEM so they are empowered to strive to achieve their own goals.

Kennedy Underwood

Kennedy is a current senior at Rochelle Township High School who plans to attend Northern Illinois University. Her goal is to obtain her nursing degree and then pursue becoming a nurse practitioner. Her science teacher, Mr. Baker, shared, "Kennedy has impressed me with her disposition for science and her ability to find success. She is a great student, hard work and perfect candidate for this scholarship." Kennedy shared that her father's career as a paramedic helped build her passion for the healthcare field.

Alexavier Villatoro

Alexavier is a senior at Rochelle Township High School. He plans to attend UIC Honors College this fall pursuing a career in nursing. Mr. Welle, Alexavier's English teacher shared, "Alexavier is one of the most dedicated, organized and motivated students. He uses technology to his advantage, so much so that he has decided to devote his career to maximizing its uses for the benefit of others." Alexavier shared, "By achieving a job as a nurse, I can have effective communication with patients to save more lives."



VandeSand, Caldwell awarded PAG scholarships

Zander VandeSand (above) was awarded the Performing Arts Guild Scholarship at the Oregon High School Awards Ceremony which was held on May 15 at the Rock River Center. PAG President Pam Ballard made the presentation. Zander plans to minor in theatrical arts at Augusta College. Katherine Caldwell (below) was presented the Performing Arts Guild Scholarship by PAG member, Karen Urish. Katherine will be attending Toccoa Falls College majoring in music and Worship Ministry. (Courtesy photos)



From left to right: Nola Ivy-Friberg, Aidan Oates, Zavier Meraz, Micah Reed, Storm Hickey, Delaney Connors, Bailee-Jo Nelson, and Alexis Camp. (Courtesy photo)

SVHS Environment Club wins 2024 Hutchcroft Environmental Youth Award

STILLMAN VALLEY — The Stillman Valley High School Environment Club has won the Hutchcroft Environmental Youth Award from the Keep Northern Illinois Beautiful Foundation.

Keep Northern Illinois Beautiful (KNIB) is an affiliate of Keep America Beautiful, a leading national nonprofit organization which inspires and educates people to take action to improve and beautify their community and environment. The Hutchcroft award is bestowed upon an individual or a group of young people exhibiting a commitment to improving the environment. It is named in recognition of the late former Board President Alan Hutchcroft, who was a

professor of chemistry at Rockford University and supported Keep Northern Illinois Beautiful's mission from the outset as an active volunteer. Elaine Hutchcroft remains a dedicated donor.

Environmental Club Advisor Michelle Rogers said, "The SVHS Environmental Club has worked very hard to promote positive steps to help care for and maintain the environment in our local community."

The club has participated in many initiatives such as a national soft plastic collection competition which has earned three benches made from recycled plastic for Stillman Valley High School. They have

contributed to the collection of over 1,500 pounds of plastic. Other initiatives include cleaning up the streets after the Stillman Valley Fall Fest Parade, community pumpkin recycling and a community Earth Day Challenge.

Club President Storm Hickey said, "The Environmental Club is honored to accept this award graciously given by the Keep Northern Illinois Beautiful Foundation. The students in this club have worked tirelessly to not only keep their community clean, but the planet as well. Thank you to those who have supported and sponsored our club so that we may continue to keep our environment clean."

LOCAL NEWS



OHS's Williams named Whiteside Area Career Center April Student of the Month

Gabriel Williams of Oregon High School was recently named the Whiteside Area Career Center April Student of the Month. Williams is in the computer technology program and is a senior at OHS. He is the son of Joshua Williams & Nubia Bohms. (Courtesy photo)



SVHS March 2024 Students of the Month named

Stillman Valley High School Students of the Month for March 2024 were recently named. Pictured from left to right are: SVHS Vice Principal Jeff Voltz, Jordan Barranco (12th grade), Annie O'Sullivan (11th grade), Alex Daughtery (10th grade), Hudson Pollock (ninth grade), and Stillman Bank Retail Office Manager Kelly Carlos. Each of the students received a gift card for their achievement. (Courtesy photo)



SVHS math team wins BNC math competition

The Stillman Valley High School math team won the Big Northern Conference (BNC) math competition that was held on May 3 at Sauk Valley College. Students competed in individual as well as team events placing in every event. Over 135 students were at the competition. Other teams competing at the event were: Byron, Genoa Kingston, North Boone, Oregon, Rock Falls and Rockford Lutheran. (Courtesy photo)



Stillman Valley High School's April 2024 Students of the Month named

Stillman Valley High School Students of the Month for April 2024 were recently named. Pictured from left to right are: SVHS Vice Principal Jeff Voltz, Lauren Locey (ninth grade), Sophia Barnes (10th grade), Aiden Oates (11th grade), Hailey Jones (12th grade), and Stillman Bank Retail Office Manager Kelly Carlos. Each of the students received a gift card for their achievement. (Courtesy photo)

Belmont Student Leadership Awards honor Thurow of Davis Junction

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — More than 50 students and organizations were recognized for their leadership on campus at the 2024 Belmont Student Leadership Awards (BSLA) through the Division for Student Formation Wednesday, April 10.

The Student Government Association Outstanding Member Award was presented to Emma Rae Thurow of Davis Junction.

McKinley makes Dean's List at Edgewood College

MADISON, Wis. — Isabelle McKinley of Byron has been named to the Dean's List for the Spring 2024 semester at Edgewood College.

Fulltime undergraduate and post-baccalaureate students who earn cumulative GPA of 3.75 or higher are eligible for the Dean's List after completing 24 credit hours of study at Edgewood College.

LOCAL NEWS

OGLE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Chicago woman arrested for driving while license suspended

OREGON — On May 20 at approximately 4:29 p.m. deputies responded to a disabled vehicle at Illinois Route 64 and Chana Road. After a brief investigation, deputies arrested Destini Evans, 25, of Chicago, for driving while license suspended. Evans was released on a notice to appear and shall appear in court at a later date.

On May 21 at approximately 10:52 p.m. deputies responded to the 5,700 block of North Freeport Road in response to a single-vehicle crash. Upon investigation, it was learned that a Silver Ford F150, driven by Curtis F Wade, 67, of Sterling, struck a tree that had fallen in the roadway. The Ford then lost control and entered the west ditch, where it came to rest on its passenger side. Wade was transported to the hospital for non-life-threatening injuries. Deputies were assisted at the scene by Forrester Fire and EMS.

On May 22 at approximately 8:41 p.m. deputies responded to a single-vehicle rollover crash in the 7,000 block of West Henry Road. An initial investigation into the crash revealed a westbound vehicle lost control on the gravel roadway and entered the south ditch, where it overturned. The driver of the vehicle, a 17-year-old female juvenile of rural Dixon, was pronounced deceased at the scene. A juvenile passenger in the vehicle was transported to KSB Hospital for treatment of non-life-threatening

injuries. Deputies were assisted at the scene by Polo Fire/EMS and Mt Morris Fire. The accident remains under investigation.

On May 22 at approximately 6:21 p.m. deputies were dispatched to a single-vehicle rollover crash with injuries in the 10,000 block of North Illinois Route 2. It was determined that a tan 2014 Chevrolet driven by Dawn Campbell, 52, of Machesney Park, was northbound on Illinois Route 2 when the driver struck a guardrail on the eastbound side of the roadway, causing the vehicle to overturn. Campbell was treated on the scene by Byron Fire/EMS for minor injuries. Deputies were assisted by the Byron Police Department and Byron Fire/EMS.

On May 25 at approximately 4:12 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop at Harmony Road and Pines Road. After an investigation, deputies cited Merissa Lynch, 24, of Rockford, for driving while license suspended, no insurance and expired registration. Lynch was given a notice to appear in court. Lynch's vehicle was towed from the scene.

On May 25 at 11:04 p.m. deputies and the Oregon Fire Department were dispatched to the 1,000 Block of North Limekiln Road for a single-vehicle accident. Upon investigation, it was determined that the operator of the vehicle, Terry L. Williams, 25, of Rockford, was traveling north on Limekiln Road when the vehicle left the roadway, before

overcorrecting and traveling into the west ditch and striking a tree. Williams was transported to KSB Hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. Williams was issued citations for improper lane usage, illegal transportation of alcohol, failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident, and operating an uninsured motor vehicle.

On May 25 at approximately 11:30 p.m. deputies responded to 3922 N. River Road in Oregon for the report of a disturbance. After conducting an investigation, Dustin Nelson 40, of Byron, was placed under arrest for aggravated battery with a deadly weapon. The other party involved sustained non-life-threatening injuries and refused medical attention on the scene. Nelson was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he remained housed pending an appearance before a judge.

On May 26 at approximately 1:45 a.m. deputies responded to 1302 S. Harmony Road in Oregon for a report of disturbance. After conducting an investigation, Nikolas Groves, 19, of Princeton was placed under arrest for illegal consumption of a minor. Groves was released on a notice to appear in court.

On May 26 at approximately 2:40 p.m. deputies along with the Byron Fire Department responded to a three-vehicle crash in the 5,000 block of North Illinois Route 2. After conducting an investigation, it was learned that a red Chevrolet Silverado, operated by a juvenile, was

southbound on Illinois Route 2 when they became distracted within the vehicle causing the Chevrolet to travel into the southbound lane striking the driver's side of a silver Honda Civic traveling northbound. A black Chevrolet Silverado was traveling northbound behind the Honda and was also struck by the red Chevrolet on its rear passenger side. The driver of the black Chevrolet was transported to KSB Hospital in Dixon for treatment of suspected minor injuries. The juvenile was issued a citation for improper lane usage and all vehicles were towed due to disabling damage.

On May 27 at approximately 12:18 a.m. deputies responded to Fat Cat Slots in Hillcrest for reports of a disturbance. After a brief investigation, Vincent Kuczynski, 25, of Rochelle, was arrested for battery. Kuczynski was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was booked and released on a notice to appear with a future court date.

On May 27 at 2:39 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 4,000 block of North Illinois Route 2. After a brief investigation deputies arrested James Jefferson, 37, of Rockford, for driving while license suspended. Jefferson was released with a notice to appear on a future date. Jefferson was additionally issued citations for suspended registration and operating an uninsured motor vehicle.

All individuals are considered innocent until proven guilty.

POLO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Man arrested for operating uninsured vehicle, driving while license suspended, no registration

POLO — On May 23 at 3:01 p.m. Travis C. McCann, 41, Polo, was arrested for operation of an uninsured motor vehicle, driving with a suspended driver's license and no regis-

tration. McCann was transported to the Ogle County Jail and released with a notice to appear.

General Calls for Service for the weeks for May 13-26: Citizen complaints/assists: Nine.

Juvenile: One. Disturbance/domestics: Two. Fire/medical assists: Two. Alarm/open door: One. Traffic stops: Four. All individuals are considered innocent until proven guilty.

Rochelle man found guilty of sexual exploitation of a child

ROCHELLE — A Rochelle man was found guilty of sexual exploitation of a child after a bench trial by Judge John B. Roe, a May 28 press release by Ogle County State's Attorney Mike Rock said.

Dennis A. Sage, 68, of Rochelle was found guilty on May 24. In June of 2022, the Rochelle Police Department investigated a sexual exploitation complaint made by a minor female

against the defendant. The case was reviewed by the Ogle County State's Attorney's Office and charges were authorized.

Sexual exploitation of a child is a class-four felony punishable by up to 1-3 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections or is probationable. The conviction does require sex offender registration. A post-trial status date is set for June 18. at 10 a.m.

Brass From the Past to play Mt. Morris Bandshell June 7

MT. MORRIS — Brass From The Past "Rock & Soul Revue" "A Tribute to the Legends of Rock & Soul" make their long awaited return to perform from 7-9 p.m. on the Mt. Morris Bandshell on June 7, opening our twelfth annual season of free concerts on the campus. Brass From The Past will take our audience on a musical journey from late 60s into the early 80s... touching on a few 90s and 2000s to end the show. Featuring an unstoppable six-piece horn section, tight

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LOCAL NEWS

Yingling named April 2024 Student of the Month at Polo Community High School

Polo senior participates in football, basketball, FFA

POLO — Nathaniel Yingling was recently named the April Student of the Month at Polo Community High School and received a scholarship from the Polo Schools Foundation for his efforts. He is the son of Ken and Jenni Yingling.

Yingling's extracurricular activities include football, basketball, baseball, trap shooting, FFA and the bass fishing club. After high school, he plans to enlist in the Marine Corps.

Upon winning the award, Yingling filled out a list of questions about his school experience.

What does it take to be a successful high school student?

Try your best and do your homework.

What class do you find really engaging and



What are your two favorite extracurricular, volunteer or community activities you participate in?

Football because I loved working with my friends to win games and make ourselves better people with better work ethics. Bass fishing because I like fishing and I can learn new techniques to use while I'm fishing.

Please share a moment, group event or activity at school that was meaningful or memorable.

When we beat Milledgeville in the playoffs this year.

What is your hope for the future?

To be successful in whatever career I choose after the Marines and be able to provide for a family.

why?

Production Woodworking with Ted Alston. In this class we have been making chairs to sell to people who ordered them. I do this with my friends Brock Soltow and Jacob Monaco.

What are your career and post-graduation plans?

I am currently enlisted in the Marines and plan to be Security Forces and then try to join the FAST Team.



SV Lions Club presents scholarships to Bradle, Rogers

Stillman Valley Lions Club presented scholarships to two students at Stillman Valley High school on May 1. Lions member Al Unger presented \$750 awards to Anna Bradle and Braden Rogers. (Courtesy photo)



William and Beverly Burkardt Family Foundation awards 10 scholarships

The William and Beverly Burkardt Family Foundation recently awarded 10 scholarships on May 8 to the following (left to right after presenters Paula and Mike Faivre): De'Angelo Fernandez, Karlea Frey, Avery Faivre, Allissa Marschang, Sydney Rahn, Ellia Escobar, Courtney Grobe, Carter Merdian, Madison Glawe, and Alex Albano. (Courtesy photo)

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Byron's Starwalt takes 21st at state

Byron High School athletes Sam Gentz and Tim Starwalt represented the boys track and field team in the IHSA State Championships at Eastern Illinois University. Starwalt took 21st in the 1600-meter run with a time of 4:33.17 and Gentz finished 29th in the shot put with a heave of 13.98 meters. (Courtesy photo)



Lady Hawks compete at State track meet

The Oregon High School girls track and field team sent several student-athletes to the IHSA State Championships, which were held at Eastern Illinois University earlier this month. Lorelei Dannhorn finished 28th in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:44.04 and Rylie Robertson finished 23rd in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 17.45 seconds for the Hawks, who competed in Class 1A. Oregon's 400-meter relay team (Rylie Robertson, Lexi Ebert, Grace Tremble and Miranda Ciesiel) took 12th with a time of 51.44 seconds and Oregon's 800-meter relay team (Lexi Ebert, Miranda Ciesiel, Daleanah Koertner and Grace Tremble) took 16th with a time of 1:50.82. Grace Tremble tied for 16th in the high jump with a height of 1.50 meters. (Courtesy photo)

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SPORTS NEWS

Welcome home

The Forreston-Polo girls track and field team was welcomed home via a special escort from the local police and fire departments. Forreston-Polo competed in the IHSA State Championships at Eastern Illinois University in Charleston, medaling in four events. (Courtesy photos)



1A Sectional winners advance to state meet

The Forreston-Polo girls track and field team won the IHSA 1A Oregon Sectional on Friday, May 10 with 101.5 total points. Among the state qualifiers were Bree Schneiderman in the 100-meter dash and the 200-meter dash, Letrese Buisker in the 300-meter hurdles and Sydni Badertscher in the shot put and discus. Forreston-Polo also advanced to the state meet in the 400-meter relay (Elsa Monaco, Bree Schneiderman, Letrese Buisker and Autum Pritchard) and the 800-meter relay (Elsa Monaco, Bree Schneiderman, Letrese Buisker and Autum Pritchard). (Courtesy photos)

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SPORTS & LOCAL NEWS

High school sports year comes to a close

WITH Forreston's sectional final loss to East Dubuque in baseball and the IHSA track & field meet completed, the high-school sports year for Ogle County comes to a close.

The absolute highlight was Byron's dominance in 3A football. Other than the semifinal game against Lombard-Montini, the Tigers destroyed everyone they played, including a 69-7 thrashing of Mt. Carmel.

Lots of talent lost, but lots of it returning for Byron. If Montini stays in 3A, they will likely be Byron's main competition again.

The Broncos were very young.

However, suburban private schools have a reputation for transfers on a year-to-year basis. After the loss to Byron, the Montini coach lamented that very fact and how it adversely affected the program.

Prior to that, it was Elmhurst Immaculate Conception giving Byron all they could handle. We need a public school like Byron to stand up to the Montinis and ICs of the grid world.

It is also beneficial for Byron, in that no one else is able to hang with them. Life is boring when you're putting up running clocks on everyone.

A side bar story developed over the winter when the Tiger boys basketball team advanced to the state finals, as well. It is a rare feat for a school to pull this off, though Forreston did it 2014-2015.

Off the playing fields, a major story was the possible closure of Freepport Aquin High School. Before this announcement was made, there was also

a controversial decision made by NUIC member schools to not allow a co-op in girls basketball between Aquin and Orangeville.

The NUIC gets a major boost with Morrison coming on board this year. It will also further enhance the NUIC's reputation as the best small-school football in the state. It should also put the league back to 10 teams for football, making scheduling a snap.

A question in the Big Northern was whether Rockford Christian would be fielding a football team this fall. As of now, they are committed and the league will have a tidy amount of 10 teams.

The cicadas are out. Maybe not yet in northern Illinois, but in Charleston, site of the IHSA state track meet, they were everywhere over Memorial Day weekend.

While officiating the pole vault, we had one instance of allowing a competitor an additional try as a cicada flew into his mouth as he made an attempt. They were everywhere and loud. The entire weekend, they were a distraction to the athletes.

For the first time in a proud history as a track power, the Winnebago boys finally took the state title with a 57-54 win over Tuscola. When you have a sprinter like Supreme Muhammad, who won both the 100 and 200, that is surest formula for taking state.

Oregon did in 2009 behind Jordan Thomas winning both sprints. Ironically, that was the year Winnebago had hopes of taking first, but finished second to the Hawks.

Another key for 'Bago was distance

runner Nicolai Martino cancelling out Tuscola's distance runners. In both the 1,600 and 3,200 runs, Martino beat both of Tuscola's highly-regarded runners.

That was crucial because Winnebago lost five points in the 3,200-relay after being disqualified. The anchor runner for 'Bago was passed at the finish line and threw the baton down.

That is considered unsportsmanlike and could have cost his team the meet. As it was, it did cost his fellow runners a state medal.

I was proud to see the way northern Illinois schools dominated all the relays. In the 3,200 relay, winner Sterling Newman (7:53.72) came within .03 of breaking the 1A record, with Rockford Christian right behind them.

In the 400 relay, it was Morrison, Winnebago and Le-Win going 1-2-3. Forreston-Polo took third in the 800 relay behind Morrison and Winnebago.

F-P wrapped up the meet with a medal in the 1,600 relay, but the real story was Morrison winning its third relay. Sophomore anchor Brady Anderson came from 10 meters behind to give the Mustangs a winning time of 3:21.89.

Besides F-P's relays, the only other state medals came in the 2A and 1A pole vault, with Rochelle's Andrew Nuyen and Oregon's Leo Cardenas.

State-record attempts of 17-feet-6 were made in both 1A and 3A pole vault. Both vaulters missed, but 1A winner Isaiah Whitaker has two more years to get it done.

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



Andy Colbert

AREA SPORTS

Forreston, Polo players named to All-Conference team

OGLE COUNTY — The Northwest Upstate Illini Conference released its 2024 All-Conference Softball Team. Among the First-Team All-NUIC South honorees were Forreston's Jenna Greenfield and Ayla Kiper as well as Polo's Cheyenna Wilkins and Karlea Frey.

Second-Team All-NUIC South winners included Forreston's Ella Ingram and McKenna Rummel as well as Polo's Sydnei Rahn and Camrynn Jones. Honorable Mentions included Forreston's Bailey Sterling. Forreston also won the NUIC South Sportsmanship Award.

Oregon, Stillman, Byron players named to soccer All-Conference teams

OGLE COUNTY — The Big Northern Conference released its 2024 All-Conference Girls Soccer Team. Among the First-Team All-Conference winners were Oregon's Deborah Schmid, Anna Stender, Teagan Champley and Mya Engelkes as well as Byron's Delaney Henert and Hailey West. Stillman Valley's Cynthia Rodriguez also earned First-Team All-BNC honors.

Second-Team All-BNC honorees included Oregon's Kenna Wubbena and Sarah Eckhardt, Byron's Brynn Green and Ava Salo as well as Stillman Valley's Grace Costello and Amelia Dunseth. Honorable Mentions included Oregon's Addison Rufer and Aniyah Sarver, Byron's Brooklyn Kilduff and Claire Henkel as well as Stillman Valley's Zoe Larson and Valynnzia Correa.

Ogle County 4-H partners with Byron Forest Preserve to plant an oak tree savanna

BYRON — Byron Forest Preserve in Ogle County is now home to an oak tree savanna thanks to local Ogle County 4-H members and community members. The group of 25 oak trees, called a savanna, will bring new life to oak-hickory forests currently under threat in Illinois.

The 4-H Green Communities Tree Program focuses on tackling global issues at a local level.

"Oak savannas are being overtaken by invasive species, as well as more shade-tolerant trees, such as maples," Curt Sinclair, University of Illinois Extension 4-H specialist, said. "Illinois 4-H is primed to take action to increase the number of oak trees in the state. The natural world is talking to us, and Illinois 4-H is primed to listen, learn, and act."

Over 30 Ogle County 4-H members and adults took part in the planting on April 13 working with staff from the Byron Forest Preserve. Quick work was made to get the trees in the ground.

Throughout the spring of 2024, youth in 43 counties throughout Illinois are planting groupings of 25 oak trees on public properties in their county for a total of 1,075 newly-planted trees across the state, with new plantings totaling 2800 between the last three years of the program.

The 4-H Green Communities Tree Program follows the "learn-by-doing" philosophy of 4-H and is guided by the priorities of the Illinois Forest Action Plan. To help support this project, please visit: <https://go.illinois.edu/4hgreencommunity>.

Prairie Materials provided support for this program.



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2024 Summer Reading Program - Read, Renew, Repeat!

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 Week of June 3 - June 13- registration is required for all programs

Monday, June 3, Story Time 10 am (18 months-6 yrs.)
 Tuesday, June 4, Activity Time, 1:30 pm (grades 1st & up)-Puzzle Play
 Thursday, June 6, Wet & Wiggly, 1 pm (ages 7 & up)
 Monday, June 10, Story Time, 10 am (18 months-6 yrs.)
 Monday, June 10, Rock River Headwaters Virtual Tour, 6 pm (adult)
 Tuesday, June 11, Teen Crafternoon, 1:30 pm (ages 13 & up)- Painted Canvas Shoes
 Wednesday, June 12, Activity Time, 1:30 pm (grades 1st & up)
 Thursday, June 13, Manga Club, 2 pm (13 years & up)

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 starting again on Monday, June 3. Hope to see you then!

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Manga Club

Thursday, June 13th at 2pm. Manga, the Japanese equivalent of comics, is more popular than ever! Want to see what all the hype is about? Join us for manga club to discuss a different manga every month. Participants will be given a free volume of that month’s manga. There will even be snacks! In June, we’ll be reading Volume 1 of Demon Slayer: Kimetsu no Yaiba by Koyoharu Gotouge. Registration required (815) 732-2724 or www.oregonpubliclibrary.com.

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FORRESTON LIBRARY NEWS

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Thursday, June 6. 6 -7:30 pm. If summer had a sound it would be the Beach Boys...surf, sun and California dreaming. This presentation will focus on The Beach Boys "sunniest" years from 1962-1967. Please call 815-234-5107 or visit byronpld.librarycalender.com/events to register.

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That you can scan documents and pictures at the Byron Public Library? At the Byron Library's scan station, you can scan your documents or pictures and save them to a flash drive, send them as an email attachment, to a fax number, or to our printer. There is no charge to email or save. The library charges \$.10 per page for black and white print outs and \$.25 per page for color. Faxing costs \$1 for the first page and \$.25 for each additional page.

Creative Studio

Our Creative Studio is open on Sunday afternoons and two evenings a week, so stop by for monthly crafts and to use our maker space equipment! Crafts out on the tables are free of charge, while some other projects will incur a cost depending on materials. Middle school and high school youth can use some of the materials while with an adult, or during Teen

Time. Creative Studio hours: Sunday 1 - 5:00 pm, Monday 9:00 am-1:00 pm & 5 - 8:00 pm, Tuesday 9 am - 1:00 pm & 5 - 8:00 pm, Wednesday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm, Thursday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm, Friday & Saturday closed.

Check out Our Mobile App

Did you know that there is an easy way to use the library from your phone? Just download the PrairieCat app to your phone or mobile device and log in with your library card number and PIN! You'll be able to view your checkouts and holds, renew renewable materials, and search the library catalog. There's even a digital copy of your library card!

Curbside Delivery

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BERTOLET MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Closed June 1

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

LEGO Club

Monday, June 3rd at 5:00 PM We have had some creative builds with our LEGOs. We would love to see what you come up with!

Summer Reading Kickoff

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!

Summer Reading Program

Thursdays, June 13th - July 18th at 10:30 AM Each week of our Summer Reading Program will have you on a new adventure. Will you be in outer space or underwater? Come find out!

A to Z Reading Challenge

We're almost halfway through the year! Are you halfway through your A to Z Reading Challenge?

June Book of the Month

Vicki is sorting through the news of a newly discovered illness. Brenda has lost her job due to improper relations with a student. Melanie discovers she is finally pregnant and her husband is having an affair. The three escape to

Nantucket for the summer to relax and find peace. Stop by the circulation desk to pick up your copy of Barefoot by Elin Hilderbrand.

June Craft

Welcome in spring and our summer reading program with this simple to make lantern. Kits are available at the circulation desk.

Card Making

Card Making supplies are always available for you to create with. Call ahead for room availability.

Plastic Recycling

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

NEW RELEASES:

Adult Books

The Beautiful People by Michelle Gable

Only the Brave by Danielle Steel

Chapter Book

Magic Treehouse: Windy Night With Wild Horses by Mary Pope Osborne

Picture Books

The Mambo Rescue! by Patricia Lakin

Mama In the Moon by Doreen Cronin

Weekly Brain Busters

King Crossword

ACROSS

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MAGIC MAZE

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Unlisted clue hint: THE WOOL OF A SHEEP

Babies	Down	Marshmallows	Snow
Cashmere	Dryer lint	Pillow	Souffle
Comforter	Feathers	Powder puff	Teddy bear
Cotton candy	Kittens	Puppies	

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SOFT THINGS

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
 ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Arm is not showing. 2. Dog's tongue is moved. 3. Leg is moved. 4. Ear is moved. 5. Tree limb is higher. 6. Sweater is shorter.

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Solution time: 21 mins.

Answers

King Crossword

SOFT THINGS

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Answer

Weekly SUDOKU



9 Biggest Benefits Of Shopping Ogle County First

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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LOCAL NEWS

German Valley's Brown graduates from Cumberlands

WILLIAMSBURG, K.Y. — All members of the University of the Cumberlands family wish to congratulate Victoria Brown of German Valley on their graduation from the university.

Just under 6,000 students make up this year's graduating class. Approximately 170 graduates completed an associate degree, 1,250 finished a bachelor's degree, 3,770 received a master's degree, 270 completed an educational specialist degree, and 530 earned a doctoral degree. Graduates represented many different ages, ethnicities, backgrounds, and cultures, but they all now have one thing in common: they made it!

"Graduates, today marks a significant milestone in your lives," Dr. Larry L. Cockrum, university president, said during commencement ceremonies. "You have persevered through years of hard work and now stand here, ready to take on the world. I am honored to congratulate each and every one of you on your outstanding achievements."



Puzzle Palooza has a winner!

PEO Chapter IU would like to announce the Spring Puzzle Palooza winners. Puzzle Palooza is a jigsaw puzzle competition to see who can complete the same 500-piece puzzle the fastest within a two-hour time frame. In first place with a time of 1:03:30 is Kayla Gluck, Erika Hancock, Deanna Peterson, and Katie Harback. Second place, and last fall's winners, were Joanne Carr, Paula Heitter, Desa Richards, and Donna Carlson with a time of 1:11:45. Puzzle Palooza is a fundraiser Sponsored by P.E.O., a philanthropic organization where women celebrate the advancement of women; educate women through scholarships, grants, awards, loans, and stewardship of Cottey College and motivate women to achieve their highest aspirations. (Courtesy photo)



2 PCHS students awarded the Military Commitment Certificate of Commendation

Patrick Fegan American Legion Post #83 (Polo) Post Commander Cynthia Reynolds recently awarded The Military Commitment Certificate of Commendation to two Polo Community High School students. Both have chosen to selflessly serve in the military. Nathaniel Yingling will be serving with the U.S. Marines, and Sydney Rahn has been accepted into the Navy ROTC program at Jacksonville University. "I have no doubt that both will excel in their respective branches of service," Reynolds said. "Congratulations Nathaniel and Sydney!" (Courtesy photos)



Ogle County 4-H Hippology team participates at State 4-H Hippology Contest

OREGON — In 4-H, learning about horses means much more than learning to ride. Young people passionate about horses participated in recent statewide educational contests related to the equine industry. 4-H's educational programs enhance members' knowledge of horse health, breed characteristics, management, and feeding. That knowledge and skills were tested during the State 4-H Hippology Contest held on April 13 on the University of Illinois campus.

In hippology, youths are asked a wide range of questions, ranging from breed identification, anatomy, tack identification, and feed samples to disease management, parasite identification, and quality assessment. They also are given a timed problem-solving challenge they must solve on the spot in front of a panel of judges. Horse ownership is not a prerequisite in either educational programs or contests.

Ogle County Hippology team members did a great job! Intermediate Hippology results, fourth place was Addison Yordy, and 11th place was Adalyn Bocker. Junior Hippology results: fifth place was Addison Diehl, sixth place was Lily Hongsermeier, and 18th place was Kenzie Hongsermeier.

Ogle County 4-H Hippology team members participated at the State 4-H Hippology Contest on April 13. Left to right: Kenzie Hongsermeier, Adalyn Bocker, Addison Diehl, Addison Yordy and Lily Hongsermeier. (Courtesy photo)



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PIA#56

Garage Sale - Oregon

717 Franklin St.
Thurs. June 6th - Sat. June 8th from 9AM to 3PM
Antiques, collectibles, furniture, household items, crafts and supplies, and much Misc.
PIA#52

Annual multi-family garage sale

Thursday, June 6 8-5
Friday, June 7 8-4
721 N. Stillman Rd., Oregon (Paynes Point)
Home decor, baskets, clothing for women, young men's, teenage girls, 7/8-10/12 girls boys NB-18mo, girls NB-6mo
Breast pump, misc. baby items and toys
Still cleaning out and finding more goodies!
PIA#58

Garage Sale - Davis Junction

185 Autumnwood Lane
Thur., Fri., Sat. - June 6, 7 & 8
Hydraulic Jack, Ladders, Wheelbarrow, Fertilizer Spreader, 75' hose on reel, barbeque grill with 2 propane tanks, other lawn and garden plus home decor, linens, kitchen stuff, games, records and so much more
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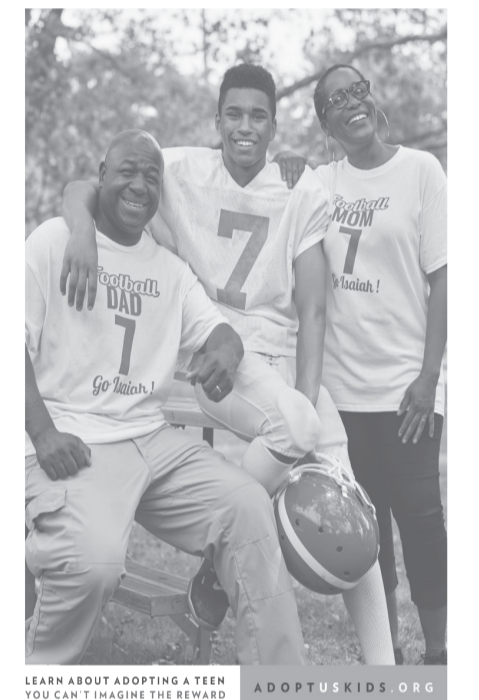
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LOCAL NEWS

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. Register in person or with the Beanstack app 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! May 27- August 3, 2024.

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: Sunny. Stony. Spectacular!

Add unassuming Greece to your bucket list. Greece doesn't need to boast: it naturally rewards its travelers with breathtaking views, ancient ruins, mouth-watering Mediterranean cuisine and an easy pace. Join frequent fliers Joanna and Wayne as they gush over Greece: its regions, travel itineraries and must-know tips and tricks. Monday, June 24, 6 p.m. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

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.

Tween Scene: Cruise Ship: Boston

Pack your bags, we're hitting the high seas! Our next shore excursion on our tween cruise is Boston. Don't worry, there's no humidity for miles! We'll enjoy games, crafts and snacks inspired by this historic city. Tuesday, July 2, 6 p.m. Ages 10-12. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

Summer Saturday Hours

Beginning June 1, the library will be open on Saturdays from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. through Labor Day.



Ogle County 4-H Horse Bowl Team, front row left to right: Kenzie Hongsermeier, Addison Yordy, Adalyn Bocker, Addison Diehl, and Lily Hongsermeier. Back row, left to right: Coach Elizabeth Stauffer, Coach Erica Bocker, and Coach Jeanie Yordy.

Youth test knowledge of horse health, equine knowledge in state contest

OREGON — In 4-H, learning about horses means much more than learning to ride. Young people with a passion for horses participated in recent statewide educational contests related to the equine industry. University of Illinois Extension's 4-H educational programs enhance members' knowledge of horse health, breed characteristics, management, and feeding. That knowledge and skills were tested during the State Horse Bowl Contest on April 13 on the

University of Illinois campus. Horse Bowl functions much like a scholastic bowl in a school setting, emphasizing equine knowledge with youth competing individually and on teams. Horse ownership is not a prerequisite in either educational programs or contests. Ogle County Horse Bowl Team members include Adalyn Bocker, Addison Diehl, Kenzie Hongsermeier, Lily Hongsermeier, and Addison Yordy. The coaches

for the team include Elizabeth Stauffer, Erica Bocker, and Jeanie Yordy. In Junior Division Horse Bowl Teams, the Mercer County team took first, the Ogle County team took second, and the Rock Island/Henry County team took third. Top individual finishers in the Junior Division include Moira Curry, Champaign County, first place; Hanna Koch, Tazewell County, second place; Addison Yordy, Ogle County, third place.

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