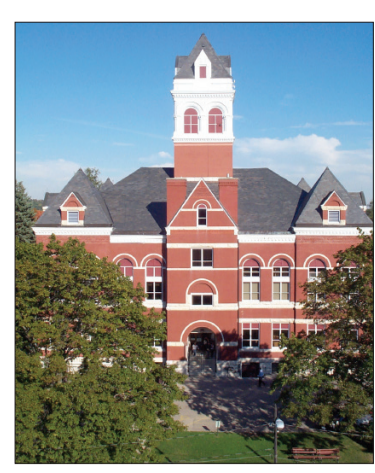


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'The people here are rockstars. I'm so floored at what they've done...'

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE — Residents of Lincoln Manor have spent the past two months making sleeping mats from recycled plastic shopping bags to donate to Miss Carly's, a non-profit dedicated to the homeless in Rockford.

Woven Together is an outreach ministry recently started through the Steward United Methodist Church Women In Faith. Lincoln Manor offers the activity to residents each Thursday at 1 p.m. in its community room. The same work is being done at the Hub City Senior Center as well.

"This all stemmed off a project we did collecting items for Miss Carly's in Rockford," Laura Salazar of the Steward UMC group said. "One of our group members mentioned the plastic bag mats for the unhoused. I looked it up and we started doing it there. I walked to



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the manager at Lincoln Manor about trying it here. The people here are rockstars. I'm so floored

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The process starts with cutting off the tops and

bottoms of plastic bags, and then cutting the bags

in half before tying them together. They're then

woven together using peg looms.

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RCH's XCEL Orthopedics offering sports physicals this month, proceeds will be donated back to organizations

'A yearly physical gets young people into... checking in on their health'

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE — Rochelle Community Hospital's XCEL Orthopedics will provide sports physicals this month on June 11, 18 and 25 from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sports physicals will be performed by Harrison Swalla, MPAS, PA-C; and Carter Gallick, PA-C, ATC of XCEL Orthopedics.

Parent/guardian attendance is required for consent and medical history. The cost is \$35 cash or check only (no insurance accepted). High school, middle school and Rochelle Junior Tackle student athletes are welcome. Use entrance G in the RCH Health & Wellness Center. Call

815-562-2181 extension 0 to schedule an appointment. Those seeking college sports physicals need to schedule an appointment with their primary care provider. All proceeds will be donated back to the schools/organizations represented.

RCH has offered sports physicals to the community for a number of years through its different departments. This will be the first time XCEL Orthopedics will be providing the yearly sports physicals.

"As an organization, we are thrilled to be able to participate in such a great cause for the community and our youth organizations," Gallick said.

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LOCAL NEWS



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Members of the Oregon Woman's Club present books to the Oregon Public Library in honor of long-time past president, Fran Strouse. Pictured left to right are Nancy Bartels, Christa Young, Jan Steward, Sharon Lung, Johanna Hahne, Sandi Chasm, Sandi Brubaker, librarian Deb Harmon, and Jan Larson. Seated, Strouse daughters Cindy and Pam and husband, Clint. The Strouse family, Cindy, Pam, and Clint, examining the books donated to the Oregon Public Library in honor of their mother and wife Fran.

OWC donates books in honor of Fran Strouse to Oregon Public Library

OREGON — The Oregon Woman's Club has presented three books to the Oregon Public Library in honor of the group's past president, Fran Strouse, who passed away earlier this year after a long battle

with cancer. Fran served as OWC president for 10 years and was an active member of the group even after her term in office. She was an avid reader and loved her Boston Terriers. Born

in Georgia, she lived in Oregon for many years and was often seen around town and at the library. The first book is the adult novel, "The Mostly True Story of Tanner and Louise" by Colleen

Oakley. It is the story of a road trip across Georgia by an unlikely couple, a reluctant caregiver and her equally reluctant ward full of humor and mystery. "Zorro, The Boston Terrier: Accidentally

Locked Out" tells of the adventures of Zorro when he finds himself confronted by a difficult problem, a picture book for beginning readers. "Horace and Bunwinkle" is another Boston Terrier adventure

for middle school readers. All three books are now available for checkout at the library. The books were shown to Fran's family at the library, and each one has a label honoring Fran inside.

McCombie calls for input on local deer issue

SAVANNA — House Minority Leader Tony McCombie is seeking input from northwest Illinois residents on Chronic Wasting Disease and the efforts by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources to combat it. CWD has affected areas within

Leader McCombie's 89th Legislative District, which includes all of Carroll and Jo Daviess, portions of Boone, DeKalb, Ogle, Stephenson, and Winnebago counties. After hearing from constituents and their concerns about DNR's policies to address CWD, Leader McCombie is asking for more input from area residents and hunters.

"The CWD program has been considered to affect the deer population of northwest Illinois and as I continue to engage with hunters and the DNR to find a solution, I want to hear from those impacted on their ideas as to how we can move forward," McCombie said.

The Leader has met with the state agency tasked with handling the ongoing CDW disease and is in the process of pursuing legislation to find

state fixes that will better accommodate constituent concerns. "Illinois residents, especially those in my district, are very unhappy with how the DNR has managed CWD and I am determined to engage with stakeholders on both sides of the issue to be a part of a solution."

McCombie is encouraging constituents to share their views by completing a survey, which can be found on her website: Rep-McCombie.com under the "Take Action" tab: Leader McCombie Sportsmen Survey - Illinois House Republicans (ilhousegop.org). The survey will help Leader McCombie determine the next best steps on alternative management to CWD. With questions or concerns, residents can contact Leader McCombie's office by phone at 815-291-8989.

4U Charities thanks **EVERY SINGLE PERSON** who helped with, attended and donated to our annual fundraising event on May 11th. Because of **YOUR GENEROSITY**, 4U Charities has donated more than \$73,000 back to Polo Schools since 2017.

During the 2023-24 school year we have been able to donate scholarships for graduating seniors, purchase recorders for the elementary music program, art supplies for the art program at all levels, learning tools for the elementary school, provide snack milk funds for the elementary school and more.

We have **BIG** plans for the 2024-25 school year that we are very excited about. Check us out on Facebook to find out more. None of this would be possible without the generosity of **OUR AMAZING COMMUNITIES**.

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ISP announces monthly activity for May

STERLING — Illinois State Police (ISP) Troop 1 Captain Joseph Blanchette recently announced enforcement figures and activity for May. ISP Troop 1 officers

issued 1,266 citations, 1,071 written warnings, and made 27 criminal arrests during the month of May. Troopers issued 442 citations for speeding, 57 citations for distracted

driving violations and 110 citations for occupant restraint violations. ISP officers investigated 120 traffic crashes, assisted 319 motorists, and conducted 616 commercial motor vehicle inspections, of which 65 were placed out of service for safety reasons. There were 27 arrests for driving under the influence.

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LOCAL NEWS



(COURTESY PHOTOS)

Above at top left, Officer Coehen Kirchner presents the Heslop family with their Honorary Chapter FFA Degree. Kayla, Addi, Dean, Daemyn, Dillyn and Dausyn Heslop. At top right, Officer Coehen Kirchner presents senior Grant Johnson with the top senior DeKalb Award. At middle left are 2024-25 Officers Hunter Miller, Jenna Alexander, Cylee Kirchner, Justin Myers, Coehen Kirchner, Kyla Lamm, Emma Lenkaitis, Josiah Newill, and Levi Bocker. At middle right are District SAE competitors Coehen Kirchner, Dausyn Heslop, Justin Myers and Advisor Kelley Parks. At bottom left are 2023-24 Seniors Brynn Lamm, Grant Johnson, Aaron Dallman, Sam Appel, and Zach Peirson (front), Tymon Runkle, Chris Symons, Kaeden Motszko, Ethan Bocker and Dylon Timmer (back). At bottom right, Officer Josiah Newill presents Mr. Travis Heinz (FJSHS principal) with his Honorary Chapter FFA Degree.

Forreston FFA celebrates past year with banquet

FORRESTON — On Monday, April 15, the Forreston FFA hosted its end-of-the-year banquet to celebrate the accomplishments of all members and recognize community members. The Star Award was given to the top member of every grade level. The freshman award, the Star Greenhand Award, was given to Levi Bocker. The sophomore, or Star Chapter Award, was given

to Hunter Miller. The Star Chapter Junior Award, was awarded to Dausyn Heslop, Justin Myers, and Coehen Kirchner. Dausyn and Coehen were also recognized for completing their Illinois State FFA Degree, which they will receive this summer. The Senior Award, better known as the Dekalb Award, was awarded to Grant Johnson.

Forreston recognized its record book (SAE)

successes this year. Dausyn Heslop received second place at the district competition in Swine Entrepreneurship, Coehen Kirchner placed second at districts in Beef Placement, and Justin Myers placed first at districts in Diversified Crop Entrepreneurship and moved on to the state competition.

The chapter also recognized two outstanding community members and

inducted them as Honorary FFA members. The first was Mr. Travis Heinz, Forreston Jr./Sr. High principal. The members chose him for his overall support of the program and his great leadership in the district. The second went to the Heslop family, who are always willing to help out the chapter, including providing the shop for the 1949 CASE VAC tractor restoration project. Raffle

tickets for that tractor are on sale now,

The alumni awarded two \$500 scholarships to deserving seniors, Sam Appel and Brynn Lamm. Another \$500 scholarship was awarded by the family of Keith Reemtsma, in his memory. This was presented by his grandson Aaron Dallman and received by Kaeden Motszko.

The 2024-2025 Forreston FFA officers were

installed into their new positions, which included Co-Presidents Justin Myers and Coehen Kirchner, Vice President Kyla Lamm, Treasurer Jenna Alexander, Secretary Cylee Kirchner, Reporter Emma Lenkaitis, Co-Sentinels Hunter Miller and Levi Bocker and CDE Manager Josiah Newill. It also recognized its seniors for their time and effort the last four years.

McCombie offers 8th annual Summer Reading Program

SAVANNA — House Minority Leader Tony McCombie is officially launching her 8th Annual Summer Reading Club for elementary school students who live or go to school in the 89th District. The “Reading BUZZ” program is offered to encourage students to start or continue positive reading habits.

“I am excited to again offer a summer reading program to encourage and challenge students to keep up their reading while away from school,” McCombie said. “Summer break is fun, but it can also be a great time to learn and connect with family and friends over stories you read, and I encourage students to participate this year!”

Reading BUZZ challenges elementary school students to read eight books before July 15.

The summer reading sign-up sheets have been delivered to schools and local libraries, and an electronic copy can also be accessed online through

Leader McCombie’s website: RepMcCombie.com under the “resources” tab. Participation in this program can overlap with

any other summer reading program offered through area libraries, schools, or other organizations.

Participants will receive

a special treat to reward them for their reading and will receive a certificate from the Illinois House of Representatives. To partic-

ipate, a parent or guardian must fill out and sign the form and return it to Rep. McCombie’s office by July 15: 9317B Illinois Route

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LOCAL NEWS

Obituaries

Gordon W. Merrill

FREEPORT — Gordon W. Merrill, 85, of Freeport died Thursday, May 23, 2024 at Avera Queen of Peace Hospital in Mitchell, S.D.

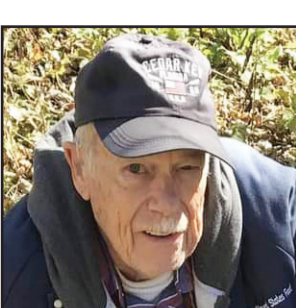
He was the son of Harold and Grace (Dinges) Merrill. He was born Jan. 31, 1939. He and A. Katherine Wagens were married Jan. 21, 1961 in Forrester.

For 11 years prior to his retirement he worked

for Forrestville Valley School District.

Surviving family members include his son Roger (Mary) Merrill, daughter Sue (Jeff) Lantz, son Tom Merrill and daughter Tina (Dean) Graves.

Also, grandson Skylar (Lyric) Shade and granddaughter Tatyanna (Dru) Strand. He also had two great grandchildren, Greysen and Knoxy.



Private family services will be scheduled at a later date, and a celebration of life will also be scheduled at a later date.

Donald E. Hambley

MARQUETTE, Mich. — Donald E. Hambley passed away peacefully Sunday, May 5, 2024 at DJ Jacobetti Home for Veterans in Marquette, Michigan.

Born April 3, 1942 in Dixon, Illinois to Earl and Helen (Maas) Hambley. Don joined the US Marines in 1966. He was a Vietnam Veteran. Don worked most of his life

as a mechanic on heavy equipment. On September 3, 1972, he married Beatrice (Pontnak) Weigle. They lived in Illinois, Texas, Wisconsin, and Upper Michigan. Don is survived by brother Kenneth (Rhonda) Hambley, Byron, sister Patricia Miller, Mt. Morris, half sister Priscilla (Ralph Olinger) Sterling, step-daughters Karen Reap, Kansas,

Lynn Johnson, Georgia, Vicki Woods, Mt. Carroll, one uncle, nieces and nephews. Predeceased by his parents, wife Bea, brother-in-law Earl Miller, step-daughter Sonja Cross.

Graveside service for both Don and Bea will be Tuesday, June 18, 2024 at 10:30am in Chapel Hill Cemetery in Dixon, Illinois.

Donald E. Dirksen

OREGON — Donald E. Dirksen, age 85, died peacefully on Saturday, June 1, 2024 at his home near Oregon, IL. Don was born July 13, 1938 at the family home in Oregon, IL the son of Ernest and Ethel (Holby) Dirksen. He graduated from Oregon High School in 1957. He married Gail J. (Hayenga) Meyers on August 1, 1970 in Oregon.

Don worked over 20 years for Farm Services as a Yard Foreman, retiring in 2001. He also worked as a carpenter and farmer. He worked for Dean Dye doing construction during the remodeling of the Conover Square Mall. He also would help his children with their many projects. In his spare time, Don loved to do woodworking, drive around and keep track of the local farmers' fields, tend to his flower gardens, and lend

a helping hand to his family and friends. Don built his own home and outbuildings over the years. He was an avid Cubs fan and liked to attend all the family sporting events he could. He was known by name at the local Sunrise Family Restaurant. He was predeceased by his parents Ernest and Ethel Dirksen, his wife Gail, his son Dean Dirksen, his sister Mary Barnhart and brother-in-law Ruben Barnhart, III. Don is survived by his children Susan Strickler of Oregon, IL; Julie (Glenn) Logan of Winnebago, IL; Nancy (Ronald) Boyden of Martin, TN; Doug (Diane) Meyers of Lost Nation, IL; Melody (Steve) Kirchner of Lake Geneva, WI; and Denise (Michael) Leonard of Oak Grove, KY; 12 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. A funeral service will be



held at 10:00 AM, Thursday, June 6, 2024 at the Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home, 110 S. 7th Street in Oregon, IL with the Rev. Michael Hoffman pastor of the Oregon Church of God officiating. Visitation will be held Wednesday evening at the funeral home from 5-7 PM. Burial will be at the White Rock Cemetery near Kings, IL. A memorial fund is established in Don's name for Serenity Hospice and Home.

Visit www.farrellhollandgale.com to leave a condolence or memory of Don.

Helen Louise Disch

MT. MORRIS — Helen Louise Disch of Mt. Morris passed into our Lord's hands on May 29, 2024. She was born Dec. 5, 1948 to Lois (Marshall) and Virgil Patterson in Kankakee. She attended various schools in Illinois including Oregon Public School. She married Jacob Disch in February 1967 and together they raised four sons: Melvin (Brooke) Patterson of Grovespring, Missouri; Jake (Theresa) Disch; Loren; and Robert Disch, all of Mt. Morris.

Louise's hobbies included crocheting afghans reading, playing slotmania on her iPad and spending time with family

and friends. She is preceded in death by her parents; one sister Linda Payne; two brothers Bud (Rita) Millenbine and Gene Patterson of Oregon; ex-husband Jake Disch; special friend Duane Mon; one nephew; two nieces and a very special "Baby Bird."

She is survived by her four sons; two brothers, Roger Patterson of Mt. Morris and Raymond Patterson of Ashton; two sisters, Mary (Victor) Struck and Maggie Smith; and sister-in-law Ann Patterson, all of Mt. Morris; five nieces, six nephews, eight grandchildren, seven great grandchildren



and one more great grandson coming in October that she was looking forward to meeting.

Louise's wishes were to be cremated. A celebration of life will be held June 15 at 506 Sunset Lane in Mt. Morris.

Our family would like to commend KSB doctors and nurses for their loving care during Louise's last days.

UW-Whitewater announces spring Dean's List

WHITEWATER, Wis. — The following students were named to the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater Dean's List for the 2024 spring semester.

Stillman Valley: Norah DeRosso and Hailey Smith. Oregon: Evan Vache. Byron: Emma Wrede. Polo: Laura Wright.

These students have demonstrated their academic

abilities by receiving a grade point average of 3.4 or above in a single semester.

"Making the Dean's List is a tremendous honor. It is a recognition of our students' hard work and commitment to success," said John Chenoweth, who serves as UW-Whitewater's provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs. "We are proud of

our students and hope to see their names on the list again. Congratulations to all who were recognized!"

The Registrar's Office reports 3,298 students were selected for the Dean's List for the spring semester. More than 11,500 students were enrolled at the university's Whitewater and Rock County campuses in 2023-24.

Locals honored at UW-Stevens Point

STEVENS POINT, Wis. — The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point honored more than 2,300 undergraduate students for attaining high grade point averages during the spring semester of the 2023-2024 academic year.

Students who received honors include Forres-

ton's Montanna Heinz (highest honors) and Stillman Valley's Jack Orlando (highest honors) and Cullen White (high honors).

Full-time undergraduates who earned grade points of 3.9 to 4.0 (4.0 equals straight A) are given the highest honors designation. High honor

citations go to those with grade point averages from 3.75 to 3.89 and honor recognition is accorded to those with grade point averages from 3.5 to 3.74.

Personalized certificates of scholastic achievement are sent to those who earned highest honors distinction.

Trinity Christian College announces Spring 2024 Dean's List honorees

PALOS HEIGHTS — (May 21, 2024) - In recognition of outstanding academic achievement, Trinity Christian College, Palos Heights, Illinois, released the college's

Dean's List for Spring 2024.

The Dean's List is Trinity Christian College's highest academic honor. It is recognized for traditional undergraduate students

who achieve a semester GPA of 3.5 or better in 12 or more credits with grade points.

Local honorees include Kaitlyn and Madison Harland of Byron.

Southern New Hampshire University announces winter 2024 president's list

MANCHESTER, N.H. — It is with great pleasure that Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) congratulates the following students on being named to the winter 2024 president's list. The winter

terms run from January to May.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.7 and above for the reporting term are named to the president's list. Full-time

status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired eight-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

April Rouse of Forrester and Andrew Shipman of Mount Morris.

Celebrating Ogle County 4-H volunteers

OREGON — Volunteering has many benefits. It allows an individual to be involved in their community, which can be very helpful if you are new to the area.

Volunteering allows for new friendships to be made. It allows an individual to share their talents and abilities. Helping others also makes a person feel good and purposeful. Volunteering helps improve communication, teamwork, problem-solving, planning, and organizing skills. By volunteering, a person can learn new skills from others. It also helps develop confidence.

Ogle County 4-H celebrates 96 volunteers during National Volunteer Week, April 21-27, 2024. Project leaders, club leaders, camp counselors, judges at the fair, and guest speakers are all volunteers who help the 4-H members. Volunteers help plan events, help with projects, help in many areas at the fair, and serve on the Extension Advisory Council.

The Ogle County 4-H program seeks volunteers to lead and begin traditional and Special Interest (SPIN) clubs. Traditional clubs meet monthly, while SPIN clubs target your area of

interest for six days. Volunteers are also needed to share their abilities to teach the club members through one-day workshops. To learn more about volunteering with Ogle County 4-H, contact the Extension office at 815-732-2191.

4-H is an informal youth education program conducted by University of Illinois Extension. U of I Extension provides equal opportunities in programs and employment. If you need reasonable accommodations to participate in 4-H, contact the Ogle County Extension office at 815-732-2191.

University of Dubuque spring semester 2024 academic dean's list released

DUBUQUE, Iowa (May 16, 2024) - The University of Dubuque congratulates the fol-

lowing students on being appointed to the spring semester 2024 academic dean's list.

Byron: Grace Lagerhausen. Polo: Kaylene Hess.

Full-time students in good academic standing (registered for and having earned 12 or more letter grade credits for the term) who earn a term grade point average of 3.5 or above and who do not have any grades of Incomplete for the term are named to the dean's list.

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LOCAL NEWS

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Meridian Junior High School February 2024 Student Leaders of the Month named

Meridian Junior High School recently congratulated the February Student Leaders of the Month. These students were first nominated and voted on by their teachers & classmates for the February trait – COMPASSIONATE and also Leader In Me Habit #6 – Synergize. Students recognized were: **Kyler Bradley** (eighth grade), **Braden Payne** (seventh grade), **Susan O'Connor** (seventh grade), **Alyssa McCammond** (sixth grade), **Sophia Jimenez** (eighth grade), and **Jared Spain** (sixth grade).



Meridian Junior High School March 2024 Student Leaders of the Month named

Meridian Junior High School recently congratulated the March 2024 Student Leaders of the Month. These students were first nominated and voted on by their teachers and classmates for the March trait – THANKFUL and Leader In Me Habit #7 - Sharpen the Saw. Students recognized were (from left to right): **Emily Pollock** (seventh grade), **Brooklyn Buhler** (eighth grade), **Jennie Johnson** (sixth grade), **Liam Stahl** (seventh grade), **Rowan Considine** (eighth grade) and **Easton Ziller** (sixth grade).



(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)

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MANOR: Local residents collect bags to donate to non-profit aiding homeless

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“We’ve already donated two and we’ve made 14 total,” Salazar said of the work at Lincoln Manor. “It takes 500 plastic bags to make a mat. We go to Walmart every day to clean out the recycling bin to get plastic bags. Some people have donated them to us. Walmart, Schnucks,

Dollar General and Benny’s Corner Market have donated bags to us.”

Salazar said as soon as the sleeping mats arrive at Miss Carly’s, they’re all gone the same day. The mats are lightweight and can easily be carried. Lincoln Manor residents Donna Ferrari, Joanne Roberts, Linda Cheatham and Jim Boulton remarked that they’ve enjoyed the work that helps the less fortunate.

The project also acts as a sustainable use for plastic bags.

“Plastic bags aren’t easy to dispose of prop-

erly,” Salazar said. “Using them for this actually helps the planet. This year’s Earth Week theme was planet vs. plastics. We’re keeping all of these bags out of the landfill and giving these mats to the unhoused so they don’t have to sleep on the ground. Seniors are usually on limited incomes. They can’t as easily donate money or food. By giving their time and making these, I don’t think you can ask for more. It allows them to socialize and do something good at the same time. Hopefully we’ll get more people to join.”

BYRON POLICE REPORT

BYRON—On May 9, Deston C. Montgomery, 21, of Byron was issued a citation for squealing tires.

On May 9, Taylor A. Nelson, 20, of Byron was issued a citation for speeding.

On May 10, David A. Bennet, 29, of Rockford was issued a citation for driving while license suspended and operating a vehicle with no proof of valid insurance.

On May 11, Andrew R. Boken, 29, of Oregon was issued citations for driving under the influence-1 and driving under the influence-2. Boken was transported to Ogle County Jail and later released with a notice to appear.

On May 16, Hannah E. Ellison, 30, of Byron was arrested for domestic battery. Ellison was transported to Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

On May 18, Vincent D. Berg, 23, of Byron was issued a citation for operating a vehicle with expired registration.

On May 19, Stephen P. Ramsden, 42, of Byron was issued a citation for speeding.

On May 22, Chad W. Matthews, 51, of Byron

was issued citations for operating a vehicle with no valid proof of valid driver’s license and operating a vehicle with expired registration. Matthews was released with a notice to appear.

On May 22, Jason R. Penticoff, 44, of Pecatonica was issued a citation for speeding.

On May 23, Jacob R. Lenz, 20, of Murfreesboro, Tennessee was issued a citation for speeding.

On May 25, Samuel E. Triplett, 23, of Byron was arrested for possession of a firearm without an Illinois concealed carry license and possession of a firearm while under the influence. Triplett was released with a notice to appear.

On May 26, Peggy J. Ramsey, 61, of Winnebago was issued citations for driving under the influence of alcohol and driving under the influence of alcohol with breath .08 or more. Ramsey was later released with a notice to appear.

On May 27, Lawan R. Hurt, 35, of Rockford was issued citations for speeding - over statutory limit and driving while license revoked. Moss was later

released with a notice to appear.

On May 28, Richard A. Lawson, 59, of Byron was issued a citation for driving while license revoked. Lawson was released with a notice to appear.

On May 27, Katie M. Doxtater, 36, of Rockford was issued a citation for speeding.

On May 28, Julia C. Adolph, 30, of Byron was issued a citation for operation of a vehicle with expired registration.

On June 1, Thomas W. Gibson, 81, of Byron was issued citations for operating a vehicle with expired registration, no proof of valid insurance, and operating a vehicle with suspended registration.

On June 1, Brandy L. Wowk, 41, of Rockford was issued a citation for passing in a no passing zone.

On June 3, Claleb D. King, 21, of Miamisburg, Ohio was issued a citation for operating a vehicle with suspended registration.

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

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Alcohol Abuse Counseling & Recovery

A.A. Hotline **800-452-7990**

Sinnissippi Centers, Inc.

Oregon **732-3157**

Rochelle **562-3801**

Domestic Abuse Agency and 24-Hour Shelter and Helpline

HOPE of Ogle County **562-8890 or 732-7796**

Counseling Services, Court Advocacy, Latina Advocacy, and Shelter programs

Education

University of Illinois Extension-Ogle County

421 W Pines Rd, Oregon 61061 **732-2191**

Low Income Housing

Ogle County Housing Authority

200 W Washington, Oregon **732-1301**

Habitat for Humanity of Ogle County

P.O. Box 628

Oregon, IL 61061 **732-6855**

Mental Health

Family Counseling Services

962-5585

Sinnissippi Centers, Inc.

Oregon **732-3157**

Rochelle **562-3801**

The Serenity Shed Grief Services **732-2499**

Senior Citizens Services

Hub City Senior Center **562-5050**

Mt Morris Senior Center **734-6335**

Polo Senior Center **946-3818**

Rock River Center **732-3252**

Oregon, IL **800-541-5479**

Sexual Assault/Abuse

Rockford Sexual Assault Counseling

24-hour hotline **636-9811**

412 W Washington, Oregon **732-0000**

Therapeutic

Pegasus Special Riders

973-3177

Veterans' Services

Rock River Center

732-3252

Serenity Hospice and Home

732-2499

Medical Transportation

677-6515

Wellness Services

Ogle County Health Dept

562-6976

907 Pines Rd, Oregon

562-6976

510 Lincoln Hwy, Rochelle

732-2499

Serenity Hospice and Home

732-2499

VIEWPOINT

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MOMENTS IN TIME

* On June 24, 2005, actor Tom Cruise rattled and debated with interviewer Matt Lauer, host of NBC's morning talk show "Today," with his criticism of antidepressant medications and psychiatric therapy, calling psychiatry a "pseudoscience."

* On June 25, 1988, teenaged Debbie Gibson's song "Foolish Beat" reached the top of the Billboard Hot 100, making her the youngest person ever to write, produce and perform her own No. 1 pop single.

* On June 26, 1993, President Bill Clinton ordered U.S. warships to fire Tomahawk cruise missiles at Iraqi intelligence headquarters in downtown Baghdad, in retaliation for an Iraqi plot to assassinate former President George H.W. Bush during his April visit to Kuwait.

* On June 27, 1939, one of cinema's most famous scenes was recorded when Rhett Butler and Scarlett O'Hara parted for the last time in "Gone With the Wind." Director Victor Fleming also shot the scene using an alternate

line -- "Frankly, my dear, I just don't care" -- in case film censors objected to the word "damn." They did, fining producer David O. Selznick \$5,000 for including the curse even though they approved the movie.

* On June 28, 1919, Germany signed the Treaty of Versailles with the Allies, officially ending World War I. English economist John Maynard Keynes, who attended the peace conference but left in protest of the treaty, predicted that strict terms imposed on Germany would lead to its financial collapse.

* On June 29, 1776, Edward Rutledge, one of South Carolina's representatives to the Continental Congress in Philadelphia, wrote a letter to New York Rep. John Jay expressing his anxiety over whether moderates like the two of them could "effectually oppose" a resolution for independence. Jay had business elsewhere and was unable to attend the Congress.

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Kern: Disposing of old chemicals

QUITE frequently I get calls from farmers across the area asking how they can dispose of old chemicals. Often these were left over from prior years plantings or many times they are cleaning out barns due to a death in the family.

Unfortunately, there's no easy avenue to pursue to get rid of these chemicals in a responsible manner. However, the Illinois Department of Agriculture has now got you covered.



Ron Kern

Residents of 11 Illinois counties can dispose of unwanted agrichemicals for free this year through the Illinois Department of Agriculture's (IDOA) agricultural pesticide "Clean Sweep" program.

A "Clean Sweep" col-

lection has been scheduled in late summer for Bureau, Carroll, Henry, JoDaviess, LaSalle, Lee, Ogle, Rock Island, Stephenson, Whiteside and Winnebago Counties, IDOA announced recently. The collection, which rotates among Illinois counties, is open to farmers, retired farmers, nursery owners, private pesticide applicators, structural pest control applicators and landowners who inherited unwanted agricultural pesticides with their property.

There are two main reasons to take advantage of this program. The department is able to provide the service free of charge thanks to a grant obtained from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. If individuals were to properly

dispose of agrichemicals on their own, it could be expensive.

Secondly, the state of Illinois, not the program participant, will assume liability for the proper disposal of all materials collected.

Participants must register the products they plan to dispose of by July 26. Registration is required to give the waste disposal contractor time to prepare for the different kinds of materials being collected.

Forms can be obtained either by calling the IDOA Pesticide Hotline at 1-800-641-3934, online at agr.illinois.gov/pesticides/pesticide-clean-sweep-program.html or by visiting or calling the Ogle County Farm Bureau (815-732-2231).

Completed forms should be mailed or faxed to the Illinois De-

partment of Agriculture. The mailing address is: Clean Sweep Program, Illinois Department of Agriculture, State Fairgrounds, P.O. Box 19281, Springfield, IL, 62794-9281. The fax number is (217) 524-4882.

Participants then will be sent a reservation card indicating the date, time and location of their collection.

The "Clean Sweep" program began in 1990 in Illinois. Since its inception, the Department has held 54 collection events through the state and collected 662,517 pounds of material from 2,301 participants.

"You've got to love the irony of a generation raised on prank calls that are now tormented by robocalls."

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

Letter to the Editor: The SAVE Act

DEAR editor, The National Voter Registration Act (NVRA) of 1993 mandated that every state accept the federal government's voter registration form. In the years since, the form has proved to be problematic because there is no requirement to obtain proof that the person being registered is a United States citizen.

This is clearly a threat to our republic. There are millions of illegal aliens in the country, as well as millions of legal immigrants, none of whom are allowed to vote, but could, because the 1993 law does not require proof of citizenship to register or vote.

That is why Congressman Chip Roy introduced the SAVE Act-H.R. 8281, a bill that plugs the loopholes in our voter registration process. Chiefly, that those being registered to vote are required to prove citizenship.

Let's face it, if any American went to another country and tried to vote in their elections we would expect that country to reasonably say no. That is exactly what's being done with the SAVE Act. We are simply ensuring that only United States citizens are voting, and this is a reasonable position to hold.

I encourage everyone to ask their federal officials to support the SAVE Act, local and state officials to support it through resolutions, state constitutions, and laws requiring IDs to indicate noncitizen status.

Call, email, post on social media and tag your Federal

and State Rep's/Senator's it doesn't take but a few minutes of your time to respectfully transmit your request.

This is not a partisan issue. Every legal voter's vote is diluted by illegal votes. This bill should pass unanimously in both chambers and signed immediately afterward by President Biden. After all, don't we all expect our elected officials to agree that only citizens should vote? Personally, I want to hear why illegal non-citizens should have the right to vote on representation and policy in America. After all, are they not here illegally, hasn't a felony already been committed?

Lastly, enacted in 2017, The Illinois TRUST Act, made Illinois a sanctuary state for undocumented immigrants. The TRUST Act prohibits local law enforcement in Illinois from participating in immigration enforcement. Governor Pritzker's recent budget that just passed includes \$182 million to support migrants' care in Chicago adding to the already spent or obligated \$638 million.

The Constitution of the State of Illinois reads... EVERY United States citizen shall have the right to vote, how could our Founders fathom that I word would be misrepresented to mean everyone, and not only United States citizens, this is how our history and laws have been bastardized.

We must protect and preserve our Republic in order to have a future, a free and fair future.

Denise Flohr, Byron

Illinois must recruit and retain teachers to support English learners

ILLINOIS faces a critical shortage of teachers equipped to work with English learners. According to the 2023-2024 educator shortage report, Bilingual/ESL and Bilingual Special Education teachers all had vacancy rates above the state average. Indeed, more than 420 positions were unfilled, with 230 filled by other means such as hiring substitutes or retired teachers and increasing class sizes.

The shortage of bilingual/ESL teachers is a problem, both for students and our state. Bilingual/ESL educators attain additional credentials that enable them to support English learners (ELs), students in PreK-12th grade whose first language is not English and who require additional programming to develop academic English facilitating their full participation in school. Without these educators, research shows that English learners will struggle to develop academic English and have difficulty engaging productively in reading, mathematics, science, and all other school subjects.



Rebecca Vonderlack-Navarro

Illinois must do more to attract and retain these teachers as the number of English learners is on the rise. From SY2010-11 to SY2023-24, the EL population in Illinois grew from 156,888 to more than 271,000. This number will continue to rise due to the growing number of newcomer students and as Illinois increases access to preschool. The bilingual/ESL teacher shortage disproportionately affects Spanish-speaking Latino students, but also impacts students from diverse linguistic backgrounds.

We echo the recommendations made in the report and would like to highlight some here:

Recruit individuals earlier: Educators Rising offers a model and curriculum for recruiting high school students into the teaching profession. High school students on the path toward the Seal of Biliteracy represent potential candidates and would ease the gap for bilingual educators as they have earned recognition for exhibiting college readiness in both English and a foreign

language.

Train paraprofessionals and teacher assistants: School-based classroom staff are an invaluable resource. They often mirror the linguistic diversity among students, with one in five paraprofessionals speaking a language other than English. Illinois should support them to stay in their jobs while earning their license in a high-need subject, including offering tuition support.

Recruit and support career-changers: Community members who are bilingual and possess bachelor's degrees in non-teaching fields can be recruited and supported to earn a provisional license, enabling them to start teaching while working toward full teacher licensure.

We offer additional recommendations:

Increase salaries for educators who teach ELs and special education students, not simply for attaining a credential. Illinois has many bilingual/ESL and special education teachers who are no longer in front of English learners and stu-

dents with disabilities.

Increase scholarships for educators, especially for those entering high-need areas.

Allow individuals to share a job, beginning in fourth or fifth grade when classes can be departmentalized by subject area.

These investments are critical as access to qualified bilingual/ESL educators is the most significant in-school factor for English learner achievement. These educators believe that students' home language is an advantage and use theoretical knowledge and specific strategies to ensure students develop the knowledge and skills needed to engage in their learning.

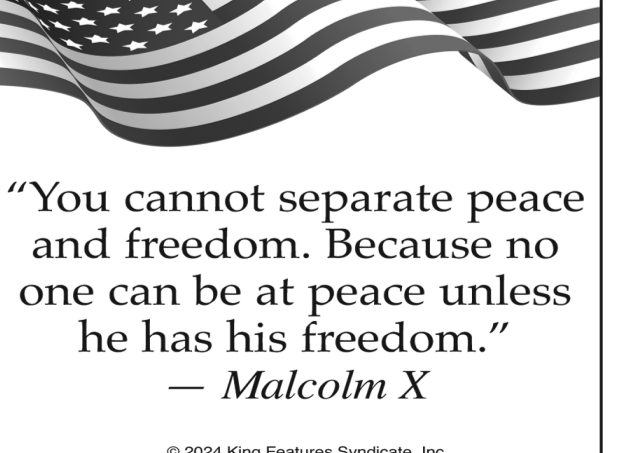
Addressing the bilingual teacher shortage is an investment in our state's future. We must prepare English learners to excel academically and contribute fully to our diverse society.

Rebecca Vonderlack-Navarro is vice president of education policy & research for Latino Policy Forum. Gudelia Lopez is principal at Lopez Strategic Solutions in Oak Park.



Gudelia Lopez

Americanisms



"You cannot separate peace and freedom. Because no one can be at peace unless he has his freedom."
— Malcolm X

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Andrew Chesney: The grocery tax sham

SESSION has ended and legislators are back in their home districts until the Fall Veto Session. On the heels of passing a record-high \$53 billion budget that includes nearly \$1 billion in tax hikes, there is no doubt that Democrats will spend this time patting themselves on the back and bragging about the new entitlement programs and pork they are bringing into their districts and the continuation of Cadillac-style services they are providing to migrants and illegal immigrants.

Illinoisans should also be prepared for the Democrats to boast about providing tax relief to Illinoisans by eliminating the state's 1% sales tax on groceries. This is a sham.

A hoax. It's a complete smoke and mirrors show meant to provide press pops and sound bites for majority party legislators who want to project some semblance of concern for taxpayers. Don't fall for it. What they call a tax cut will actually be a tax increase.

When the Governor announced his plan to eliminate the grocery tax, Senate Republicans were thrilled. We have been pushing for the elimination of this regressive tax for years. Most recently, I was a chief co-sponsor of Senate Bill 3725.

First, it is important to note that 100% of the funds generated from the grocery tax are sent to municipalities to help balance local budgets, so eliminat-

ing it would not affect the state's budget. However, it would burden our cities and villages, which rely on those funds to help pay for police and fire protection, public works projects, and other local government operations. The Senate Republican plan would have eliminated the grocery tax and backfilled the lost funds with existing State dollars. It would have kept our cities and towns whole and required a minuscule amount of fiscal restraint on the part of Governor Pritzker. He didn't want to do that. SB 3725 was blocked from consideration.

The Pritzker plan for "fake grocery tax relief"

(House Bill 3144) reassigns the responsibility for this tax to local governments. The Governor and his allies can proclaim they eliminated the tax when all they did was force mayors, village presidents, and their councils statewide into a position where they either have to cut services or raise taxes locally. Unfortunately, the Pritzker bill was brought before lawmakers, and that is the bill that passed. As of



Andrew Chesney

January 1, 2026, the state's 1% tax on groceries will be eliminated, and municipalities will either have to assume responsibility for the tax or do without the revenue.

Unfortunately, the bill gets much worse.

Through HB 3144, your voice as a taxpayer has been stripped away. Generally, in communities with a population of less than 25,000, there is a requirement that municipal boards go directly to voters if they want to increase or impose a tax and they have to do this by Voter Referendum. This bill also allows municipalities to levy a "General Sales Tax" without voter approval. This bill eliminates a referendum requirement and voters' ability to have a direct say in local taxation in their community. As the State of Illinois continues to put more pressure on local units of government, it all but guarantees higher taxes at the local level,

which will be much easier to accomplish with the elimination of the voter referendum.

In addition to the grocery tax sham, this legislation increases taxes in other ways. It increases 911 fees and provides a new hotel tax hike for certain parts of the state.

Governor Pritzker and his allies in the General Assembly had an opportunity to eliminate a regressive tax and keep municipalities whole. Instead, they played political games, silenced voters' voices on local taxation issues, raised 911 and hotel taxes, and called it a "win." Only in Illinois!

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

Inviting Illinoisans to celebrate statesmanship in the Prairie State

As we all know, the United States is in the midst of a bitterly contentious political campaign in which the presidency and control of Congress are in question. Analysts say that the United States faces graver threats to its national security than it has in decades, perhaps ever. War is raging in Europe and the Middle East; tensions are rising in Asia; tempers are flaring across America.

In the face of all this acrimony and conflict, it is tempting to turn off the TV, stop reading the newspaper, and tune out the political world.

However, we offer another suggestion: Let's take a deep breath and shift our focus closer to home.

Let's look at the constructive things that are happening in Illinois and in our local communities — and let's use this as the foundation for rebuilding our national politics and government. As Ronald Reagan might have put it, let's make Illinois "a shining city upon a hill."

Four years ago, we established the Paul Simon-Jim Edgar States-

manship Award to shine the spotlight on remarkable leadership that is taking place in our state and our communities. We were looking for Illinois political leaders who are thinking about their children and grandchildren — and acting to create a better future for them.



John Shaw

The annual Simon-Edgar Statesmanship Award is presented to an elected state or local government official in Illinois who has demonstrated a pattern of public service characterized by vision,

courage, compassion, effectiveness, civility, and bipartisanship.

We are eager to receive and review nominations about inspiring leaders in Illinois — mayors who are crafting creative plans for their cities and making hard decisions to realize their aspirations; city council members who are committed to long-term strategies for their communities; and state legislators and constitutional officers who are willing to break from party orthodoxy to advance solutions that improve the

lives of fellow Illinoisans. Nominations for this year's Simon-Edgar Award opened on April 1. We are accepting nominations until June 15.

To nominate a candidate or candidates, please write a brief letter describing how the person has displayed the qualities of statesmanship outlined above. Please send an email to Paul-



Jim Edgar

SimonInstitute@siu.edu or send your letter to Paul Simon Public Policy Institute, Southern Illinois University, Mail Code 4429, 1231

Lincoln Drive, Carbondale, IL, 62901-4304. We are confident that recipient of the 2024 Simon-Edgar Award will inspire confidence that better government and more principled politics is not only possible, but is actually occurring in Illinois.

Jim Edgar was the 38th governor of Illinois. He founded the Edgar Fellows Program at the University of Illinois's Institute of Government and Public Affairs. John Shaw is the director of the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale.

Prescription drug discount program a vital lifeline to quality, affordable health care

With the Illinois Legislature ready to end its spring legislative session soon, our health care facilities are dialing 911 to save the 340B program that provides prescription drug and other benefits for patients who have nowhere else to turn.

The Illinois Primary Health Care Association represents 54 community health centers serving communities across Illinois who serve as a vital lifeline for quality, affordable health care access for more than 1.5 million people — many who are low income and are uninsured or underinsured.

Since 1992, our centers have used the federal 340B program for critical discounts on prescription drugs. A prescription that would normally be \$200 costs \$25 under 340B, for example. Health centers use those savings to provide their patients with life-saving medications at a more reasonable price. Additionally, 340B savings also ensure our facilities can meet our patients' needs in other ways: We can pay for adult dental care, transportation to other medical facilities, substance use treatment and other critical needs that simply would not exist without these funds from the drug discounts.

For people with no other options, free colonoscopies and mammograms, mobile clinics and free transportation to appointments are not a luxury that can be found elsewhere. They're a necessity, and they happen at our clinics across the state only through the 340B program.

Today, 340B is holding on by a thread — and time is running short. In Illinois and across the country, restrictions from drug manufacturers on 340B are causing a crisis.

Health centers cover wide areas, across multi-

ple counties. For decades, they worked with pharmacies to directly connect patients with 340B-covered drugs from convenient store locations. Now, drug manufacturers force centers to choose one location for 340B-priced drug distribution — forcing some patients to travel far out of their way if they want those medications. For the uninsured who have many challenges in their lives, that is not an option. Their care suffers greatly.



Ollie Idowu

Our members are calling for help. In a recent letter to the four legislative

leaders, the governor and other leadership in Springfield, IPHCA members outlined their concerns and warned staff layoffs and service cuts are imminent if something isn't done soon.

"On the heels of a global pandemic that put a spotlight on the deep-seated inequities in our healthcare system, it is unconscionable to allow harm of this magnitude to Illinois' under-resourced communities to continue unchecked," they write.

Five other states have approved, and 20 others are considering, a solution modeled in Senate Bill 3727 that would simply stop the harmful restric-

tions on 340B that are threatening care. We are confident it will work here if given the opportunity. In Arkansas, multiple court rulings have now upheld a similar law despite a hard legal fight against it by the drug companies.

With just a few short weeks left in the session for action, we cannot let this opportunity slip away. We call on the legislature to approve Senate Bill 3727 and assure Illinoisans we will continue to support and protect health care options that are under attack.

Ollie Idowu is president and CEO of Illinois Primary Health Care Association in Springfield.

Ogle County Life — Letters to the Editor Policy

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

RCH: Hospital to conduct sports physicals throughout month of June

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“There is always a need for sports physicals. It is extremely important that these health screenings are performed prior to young athletes participating in their chosen sport. Providing sports physicals and donating the money back allows the youth in our community to be active, healthy and ready for gameday.”

A sports physical is a full assessment of the patient’s general health taken by completing a thorough history and physical exam. If any abnormalities or barriers to sports participation should arise, RCH helps facilitate a referral to the patient’s primary care provider or specialist.

“It’s very important for kids to have some sort of health screening prior to sports participation,” Swalla said. “Even something simple, such as needing to get some corrective lenses, can help prevent a more serious injury. An initial health screening can also serve as a baseline should something arise during the season. A yearly physical gets young people into the habit of checking in on their health, which can lead to better health habits as they age.”

Swalla said RCH offers the sports physicals locally so parents and athletes don’t have to travel out of town to get them done amid busy schedules and to ensure they have their screening done before their respective sports begin.

Both Gallick and Swalla participated in



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sports in their youth. “I certainly think sports were an important part of my development as a person and when used correctly, can help develop important character traits,” Swalla said. “Getting a chance to help out with the next

generation’s experience in athletics is one small way I can help in their journey. I also think it’s just a fun way to get to know more members of the community.” Gallick said sports helped him to establish lifelong friendships,

earn valuable skills, and develop a work ethic that has followed him throughout his educational and professional career. “Being an athlete also helped influence my decision to become an athletic trainer and eventually

continue into orthopedics as a physician’s assistant,” Gallick said. “It’s exciting to be able to contribute to my community’s youth athletics and allow kids today to have those same opportunities I had. It is important to me and the staff of XCEL

Orthopedics to give back to the community. This community has trusted us with their orthopedic needs, and it has been great to be a part of. Being able to make an impact by helping kids stay active and healthy is a great feeling.”

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

June 13-15: Oregon Church of God will host a garage sale at 860 W. Oregon Trail Road in Oregon June 13-15 from 8-5 p.m. the first two days and 8 a.m. to noon the last day. The sales will be held rain or shine. There is something for everyone. Proceeds will be used for scholarships to family camp.

June 13: Serenity Hospice & Home’s Lunch Group will meet on Thurs-

day, June 13, at 11:30 a.m. The location will be determined. Please call 815-732-4111 by 4 p.m. on Wednesday, June 12, to register.

June 14: Serenity Hospice & Home’s Morning Group will meet on Friday, June 14 from 9-10 a.m. at The Serenity Home, 1658 S. Illinois Route 2, Oregon. This group is open to anyone in the community who has experienced a loss during the past two years.

To register please call 815-732-4111 by 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 13.

June 15: Come and join us at Byron’s Hairy Cow Farmers Market on Saturday, June 15 from 8 a.m. to noon! Featuring seasonal produce, baked goods, perennials, honey and a large variety of crafts. We have more vendors than ever before this season. We look forward to seeing everyone! For more information or to become a ven-

dor, please contact Taryn Bradley at (815)985-6042, by email at craftlab23@gmail.com or at the Byron’s Hairy Cow Farmers Facebook page.

June 17: For our program on Monday June 17, Country Crossroads Quilt Guild will present Lori Dickman, who is an educator, an author, and a pattern designer. Playing with fabric and color as well as teaching has been her passion for over 45 years.

The art of “Making” has been a wonderful creative journey for her. Her desire is to inspire others to learn to love the art of quilt-making as much as she does! Join her for her lecture on “Speedy Solutions to Cut/Organize Your Stash.” The program will be followed by refreshments, a business meeting, and Show ‘n Tell. Guild meetings are held at the Forrester Grove Church, 7246 Freeport Road, Forrester, on the

third Monday of each month (except December) at 7 p.m., with ample time to meet and greet members before the meeting. Visitors are welcome; for Visitors there is a fee of \$5 at the door. Membership dues are \$20. For more information call Program Committee Chairs Shelly Holverson 815-297-2381 or Karen Bolen 815-233-9836, or Guild President Chyree Rohde-Lincoln 815-275-2759.

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LOCAL NEWS

OREGON POLICE REPORT

May 13

At 2:56 p.m., Oregon Police responded to a two-vehicle traffic crash at the intersection of North 4th and Fair Streets involving a 1996 Chevrolet driven by Aleksander J. Zydek, 20, Dixon, and a 2018 GMC driven by Christopher D. Dopkins, 52, of Belvidere. Zydek was issued citations for improper use of an electronic communication device and failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident.

May 14

At 12:23 a.m., Oregon Police arrested Kristopher M. Mockovak, 23, Rockford, on an outstanding Ogle County warrant for harassment. Mockovak was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was left in the custody of the corrections officers.

At 11:35 a.m., Oregon Police issued Justin L. Lahman, 35, Oregon, a citation for violating the city ordinance of having a dog running at large. This violation occurred in the 400 block of South 10th Street.

At 1:12 p.m., Oregon Police issued Brandon C. Eder, 26, Oregon, a city citation for violating the long grass ordinance on a property in the 300 block of North 5th Street.

At 5:04 p.m., Oregon Police issued April A. Breeden, 36, Oregon, a city citation for violating the city ordinance of allowing a dog to run at large. This violation occurred in the 500 block of South 4th Street.

May 15

At 2 p.m., Oregon Police issued Anthony J. Cisketti, 18, Mt. Morris, a citation for illegal squealing of tires. This violation occurred in the 1,100 block of Jefferson Street.

May 16

At 8:14 a.m., Oregon Police responded to a two-vehicle traffic crash in the 1,400 block of Koontz Place involving a 2015 GMC driven by Daniel R. Dietrich, 45, Mt. Morris, and a 2018 Range Rover driven by Marianna Alfano, 44, Oregon. No citations were issued.

At 8:25 a.m., Oregon Police responded to a two-vehicle traffic crash at the intersection of South 5th and Webster Streets involving a 2015 Nissan

driven by Melissa A. Taylor, 27, Leaf River, and a 2013 Hyundai driven by James G. Pontnack, 59, Byron. No citations were issued.

May 17

At 12:50 a.m., Oregon Police arrested Tina M. Clement, 44, of Evanston, on an outstanding Ogle County warrant for criminal damage to property. Clement was transported to the Ogle County Jail where she was left in the custody of the corrections officers.

At 10:13 a.m., Oregon Police issued a city citation to Sue Gowers, 60, Byron, for violating the long grass ordinance on a property in the 600 block of Madison Street.

May 18

At 4:45 p.m., Oregon Police responded to a one-vehicle traffic crash in the parking lot of the Dairy Queen restaurant, 210 E. Washington St., involving a 2023 Honda motorcycle driven by Jennifer L. Tutell, 41, of Bradford. No citations were issued.

At 9 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Robert D. VanDyke, 43, Oregon, on an outstanding Ogle County warrant. VanDyke was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was left in the custody of the corrections officers.

At 11:52 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Crystal A. Bobik, 27, of Oswego, for driving under the influence of alcohol and driving under the influence of alcohol with blood alcohol content greater than .08%. Bobik was also issued citations for improper lane usage and illegal transportation of alcohol. Bobik was transported to the Ogle County Jail where she was processed and released with a notice to appear.

May 19

At 1:57 p.m., Oregon Police issued Paige N. Mitchem, 29, Sterling, a citation for operating a vehicle with a suspended registration. This violation occurred in the 100 block of South 4th Street.

At 5:58 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Arpad Bartha, 66, of Chicago, on an outstanding Ogle County warrant. Bartha was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was left in the custody

of the corrections officers.

At 9:23 p.m., Oregon Police issued Norma I. West, 37, Freeport, a citation for operating an uninsured motor vehicle. This violation occurred in the 600 block of North 4th Street.

Thirteen verbal warnings were issued during the week of May 13-19.

May 20

At 11:42 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Robert M. Disch, 53, Mt. Morris, on an outstanding Ogle County warrant for contempt of court. Disch was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was left in the custody of the corrections officers.

May 21

At 9:35 a.m., Oregon Police issued one 15-year-old juvenile female, Mt. Morris, a city citation for violating the possession of tobacco products and alternative nicotine products. This violation occurred in Oregon High School, 210 S. 10th St., Oregon.

May 22

At 10:00 a.m., Oregon Police issued a city citation to Jeffrey Beauchem, 61, Stillman Valley, for violating the long grass ordinance on a property in the 300 block of North 4th Street.

At 5:22 p.m., Oregon Police issued Jason L. Lipe, 49, Oregon, a citation for failure to wear a seat belt as a driver. This violation occurred in the 400 block of South 4th Street.

At 6:07 p.m., Oregon Police issued Tayna P. Klentz, 26, Dixon, a citation for use of a cell phone while driving. This violation occurred in the 500 block of Gale Street.

May 23

At 3:39 p.m., Oregon Police issued Jerry E. Drew, 78, Dixon, citations for disobeying a traffic control device and use of cell phone while driving. These violations occurred at the intersection of South Illinois Route 2 and Pines Road.

At 4:49 p.m., Oregon Police responded to a two-vehicle traffic crash in the 300 block of West Washington Street involving a 2013 Ford driven by Daniel L. Hitchcock, 82, Oregon, and a parked 2013 Ford belonging to Andrew J. Barker, 42, of

Freeport. Hitchcock was issued a citation for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident.

May 24

At 7:23 a.m., Oregon Police issued Gloria J. McKenzie, 79, Oregon, a city citation for violating the city ordinance of allowing a dog to run at large. This violation occurred in the 1,000 block of South 2nd Street.

May 25

At 6:50 p.m., Oregon Police responded to a two-vehicle traffic crash involving a 2017 Dodge driven by Margaret A. Stuart, 75, Oregon, and a parked 2018 Ford belonging to the Ogle County Housing Authority. No citations were issued.

May 26

At 9:23 p.m., Oregon Police responded to a disturbance call in the 300 block of South 2nd Street, resulting in the arrest of Brittany A. Highbarger, 33, Oregon, for criminal trespass to real property. Highbarger was transported to the Ogle County Jail where she was processed and released with a notice to appear.

Six verbal warnings and one parking citation were issued during the week of May 20-26.

May 28

At 3:35 a.m., Oregon Police arrested Emily A. Feiden, 28, Mt. Morris, on an Ogle County warrant. Feiden was transported to the Ogle County Jail where she was left in the custody of the corrections officers.

At 8:20 a.m., Oregon Police responded to a disturbance call at the Oregon Casey's, 901 W. Washington St., resulting in the arrest of Jasmine J. Johnson, 22, Oregon, for criminal trespass to real property. Johnson was transported to the Ogle County Jail where she was processed and released with a notice to appear.

At 12:23 p.m., Oregon Police issued a city citation to Brandon Eder, 26, Oregon, for violating the long grass ordinance on a property in the 300 block of North 5th Street.

At 2:17 p.m., Oregon Police responded to a disturbance call in the 300 block of South 2nd Street resulting in the arrest of Brittany A. Highbarger,

33, Oregon, for disorderly conduct and theft. Highbarger was transported to the Ogle County Jail where she was processed and released with a notice to appear.

At 2:55 p.m., Oregon Police issued Devin W. Ullmark, 29, DeKalb, a citation for speeding 55 miles per hour in a 40 miles per hour zone. This violation occurred in the 100 block of East Washington Street.

At 3:33 p.m., Oregon Police responded to a two-vehicle traffic crash at the intersection of South 2nd and Madison Streets involving a 2016 Nissan driven by Michele R. Wolf, 51, Oregon, and a 2015 Chrysler driven by Alyssa L. Mowry, 18, Chana. Wolf was issued a citation for failure to yield at a stop or yield intersection.

At 4:12 p.m., Oregon Police responded to a two-vehicle traffic crash at the intersection of North River Road and East Washington Street involving a 2013 Lincoln driven by Taisa J. Hamm, 23, Rockford, and a 2024 Kia driven by Megan E. Buja, 32, Loves Park. Hamm was issued a citation for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident.

May 29

At 10:04 a.m., Oregon Police arrested Trevall W. Anderson, 27, Dixon, on a Lee County warrant for failure to appear. Anderson was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

May 30

At 8:32 a.m., Oregon Police issued Daniel L. Wrage, 61, Sterling, a citation for speeding, 46 miles per hour in a 30 miles per hour zone. This violation occurred in the 600 block of North 4th Street.

At 2:23 p.m., Oregon Police responded to a two-vehicle traffic crash at the intersection of East Washington Street and South Daysville Road involving a 2018 Nissan driven by Janet L. Jaeger, 38, Rochelle, and a 2013 Honda driven by Zachary A. Christman, 22, of Naperville. Jaeger was transported to Rochelle Hospital by the Mt. Morris Ambulance Service, where she was issued citations for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident, operating an

uninsured motor vehicle, and driving while license revoked. Jaeger was also arrested and issued a notice to appear for possession of a controlled substance.

At 7:47 p.m., Oregon Police responded to a two-vehicle traffic crash in the parking lot of Jays Drive-In restaurant, 107 W. Washington St. involving a 2007 Ford driven by a 16-year-old of Byron and a parked 2011 Ford owned by Molly G. Duncan, 23, Polo. No citations were issued.

May 31

At 10:21 p.m., Oregon Police issued Dominic O. Holman, 19, Rockford, a citation for operating an uninsured motor vehicle. This violation occurred in the 600 block of Gale Street.

June 1

At 10:10 a.m., Oregon Police issued Samantha F. Boehm, 23, Dixon, a citation for disobeying a traffic control signal. This violation occurred in the 1,100 block of Jefferson Street.

At 4:05 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Jakob C. Allen, 37, Rockford, for driving while license revoked. Allen was also issued a citation for operating a vehicle with a suspended registration. Allen was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was processed and released with a notice to appear. These violations occurred in the 100 block of South 4th Street.

June 2

At 6:25 p.m., Oregon Police issued Naomi M. Mansell, 20, of Dubuque, Iowa, a citation for use of a cell phone while driving. This violation occurred in the 1,200 block of West Washington Street.

At 6:30 p.m., Oregon Police issued Angela J. Warner, 40, Oregon, a city citation for violating the Oregon city code violation of allowing a dog to run at large. This violation occurred in the 1,200 block of North Illinois Street.

Sixteen verbal warnings and two parking citations were issued during the week of May 20-26.

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

OGLE COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

OREGON—On May 28 at 12:36 p.m. the Ogle County Sheriff's Office responded to a possible crash on Illinois Route 251, approximately a quarter mile north of Lindenwood Road. Further investigation showed the driver, Bobby Simmons, 63, of Mt. Morris, had suffered a medical emergency. He was taken to Swedish American Hospital by Stillman Valley Fire. Also assisting at the scene were Illinois State Police and Lynn-Scott-Rock Fire Department personnel. No accident occurred; the vehicle pulled off of the roadway.

On May 28 at 6:56 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop at Rolling Meadows Road and Illinois Route 251. After a brief investigation, deputies arrested Michael Roberts, 34, of Davis Junction, for driving while license revoked. Roberts was transported to the Ogle County Jail and released with a notice to appear on a future date. Roberts was also issued a citation for inadequate splash guards.

On May 29 at ap-

proximately 6:43 a.m. deputies were dispatched to a one-vehicle accident in the 10,000 block of North Kennedy Hill Road, where a female was seen walking away from the scene. After an investigation, deputies placed Erin Chapman, 44, of Machesney Park, under arrest for driving under the influence—a combination of drugs and alcohol. Chapman was additionally charged with theft of a motor vehicle (class-three felony) and possession of a stolen vehicle (class-two felony). Chapman was additionally issued citations for improper lane usage, leaving the scene of a property damage accident, and operating an uninsured vehicle. Based on the accident scene, deputies determined Chapman was traveling northbound in a Chevrolet S10 truck on Illinois Route 2 near Kennedy Hill Road when it struck a guardrail off of the east side of the roadway. The truck came to rest in the southbound lane, and the vehicle suffered disabling damage. Chapman was uninjured in the crash. Chapman was later transported to the Ogle County Jail, where she was released on a notice to appear per the Bail Reform Act.

On May 31 at approximately 6:09 p.m. deputies responded to the 11,000 block of East Lincoln Lane in Rochelle in response to a domestic battery. After an initial investigation, deputies placed Michael K. Holland, 55,

of Rochelle, under arrest for domestic battery. Additionally, during this investigation, deputies placed William W. Clark II, 44, of Rochelle, under arrest for an Ogle County warrant (possession of methamphetamine) no bond warrant, and resisting a peace officer. Holland and Clark were both transported to the Ogle County Jail pending an appearance before a Judge. All subjects are presumed innocent.


On June 2 at 6:05 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 4,000 block

of North Illinois Route 251. Upon a brief investigation, deputies arrested Duane A. Jacobson Jr., 53, of Davis Junction, for no valid driver's license. Jacobson was additionally issued citations for suspended registration and a defective windshield. Jacobson was released with a notice to appear on a future date.

On June 2 at approximately 10:15 p.m. deputies initiated a traffic stop near the intersection of Freeport Road and Springdale Road. After further investigation Ja-

son Grenoble, 41, of Polo, was placed under arrest for driving while license revoked. Grenoble was also cited for expired registration and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. A passenger in the vehicle, Leslie Brashaw, 46, of Oregon, was charged with possession of methamphetamine. Grenoble and Brashaw were transported to the Ogle County Jail where they were released on notices to appear.

All individuals are considered innocent until proven guilty.



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LOCAL NEWS



(COURTESY PHOTOS)

On Tuesday, June 4 the Polo Lions club held a meeting at the Barnocopia. It was to induct the new officers for the fiscal year 2024-2025.

Polo Lions Club inducts new officers on June 4

POLO— Tuesday, June 4 the Polo Lions club held a meeting at the Barnocopia. It was to induct the new officers for the fiscal year 2024-2025. In the first picture is President Greg Cross presenting the guest speaker, District Governor Duane Coleman a \$1,500 donation to Leader Dog of the Blind, which is Duane's project.

In the second picture is District Governor Duane Coleman awarding the Melvin Jones Award to Polo Lions Member Jeff Short. The award is presented for outstanding service and contributions to the Lions club.

In the third picture is Duane Coleman, Cross and the new officers: President Nate White, First Vice President Mark Bocker, Third Vice President Margaret Tyne, Secretary and



Web/Media Jeff Short, Treasurer Aaron Miller, Second-Year Director Ryan Shetler, Tail Twisters Mark Ebert and Tom Suits, Lion Tamers Winton Bocker

and Greg Cross, and Bulletin Editor Randy Ocken. Not Pictured is LCIF Ron Chamberlain, Second-Year Director Keith Chesnut, First-Year Directors James

and Cynthia Reynolds and Second-Vice President Jon Mandrell.

In the last picture the Polo Lions Club recognized two outstanding young men

that have earned the title Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts. They are standing with their parents and Lions member Tom Suits. From left to right: Greg Cross,

Tom Suits, Alissa Zeigler, Gage Zeigler, Mark Zeigler, Maria Monaco and Jacob Monaco. Great job and congratulations to these two young men.

Mt. Morris man charged with assaulting a peace officer, drug charges

MT. MORRIS — On Saturday, June 1 at approximately 5:30 a.m. Mt. Morris Police conducted a traffic stop in the 100 block of East Hitt Street after observing a traffic violation. Police made contact with the sole occupant, David

D. Lowtharp, 55, Mt. Morris. During the course of the stop, Lowtharp fled from the officer in a south-east direction. A short time later, Lowtharp was located in the 200 block of East Main Street where the officer attempted to take

Lowtharp into custody, and a physical struggle ensued. With assistance from the Ogle County Sheriff's Office, Lowtharp was arrested and taken into custody.

Lowtharp was subsequently charged with the

following:

Resisting a peace officer causing injury (two counts), aggravated battery to a peace officer, aggravated assault to a peace officer, unlawful possession of a controlled substance with intent to

deliver (methamphetamine 15-100 grams), and unlawful possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver (cocaine 15-100 grams)

Lowtharp was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

Lowtharp was also issued a citation for disobeying a traffic control device.

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

Two in Mt. Morris arrested on drug and gun charges

MT. MORRIS — On Monday, May 27, at approximately 9:20 p.m., the Mt. Morris Police Department, assisted by members of the Oregon Police Department, executed a search warrant in the 10 block of East Front

Street in Mt. Morris. The search warrant was executed based on information that the Mt. Morris Police Department had been investigating for the past several months. Upon completing the search, Darren T. Barker,

53, Mt. Morris, and Darlene E. Thompson, 53, Mt. Morris were subsequently arrested.

Barker was charged with the following: Unlawful possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver

(methamphetamine) – class-X felony, unlawful possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver (cocaine) – class-X felony, and unlawful possession of firearm ammunition by a felon – class-three

felony.

Thompson was charged with the following: Unlawful possession of a controlled substance (crack/cocaine) class-four felony, and unlawful possession of firearm ammunition by a felon –

class-three felony.

Barker and Thompson were transported to the Ogle County Jail.

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

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

(IT IS ADVISED THAT INTERESTED PARTIES CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEYS BEFORE BIDDING AT FORECLOSURE SALE.)

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE entered by the Court in *Community State Bank of Rock Falls v. Joseph D. Smith, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants*, Case No. 2023FC80 Ogle County, Illinois, on March 15, 2024, the property hereinafter described will be sold to the highest bidder.

(A) The name, address, and telephone number of the person to contact for information regarding the real estate are Amy B. Young, Financial Service Officer, Community State Bank of Rock Falls, Illinois 61071 (815) 284-8500.

(B) Both the legal description of the real estate and the common address is as follows:

1. Part of the West Half (1/2) of the Northwest Quarter (1/4) of Section 27, Township 23 North, Range 8 East of the Fourth Principal Meridian, Ogle County, Illinois, described as follows: Beginning at the Northeast corner of said West Half (1/2) of the Northwest Quarter (1/4) of Section 27, and running thence South 1 degree 24 minutes 58 seconds West (assumed bearing) on the East line of said West Half (1/2) of the Northwest Quarter (1/4) of Section 27, a distance of 300 feet; thence South 89 degrees 17 minutes 23 seconds West, parallel with the North line of said Northwest Quarter (1/4) of Section 27, a distance of 150.00 feet; thence North 1 degrees 24 minutes 58 seconds East, parallel with the East line of said West Half (1/2) of the Northwest Quarter (1/4) of Section 27, a distance of 300.00 feet to the North line of said Northwest Quarter (1/4) of Section 27; thence North 89 degrees 17 minutes 23 seconds East on said North line, a distance of 150.00 feet to the Point of Beginning; situated in the Township of Buffalo, County of Ogle and State of Illinois. PIN: 14-27-100-002

2. Common address or location of mortgaged premises: 11 773 West Henry Road, Polo, Illinois 61064.

(C) The improvement on the real estate is a residence.

(D) The real estate may not be inspected prior to the sale.

(E) The time and place of the sale are as follows: The Ogle County Sheriff's Office, 202 S. First Street, Oregon, Illinois 61061, at 10:00 a.m. on July 26, 2024.

(F) The terms of the sale are ten percent (10%) down at the time of the sale, payable in certified funds, and the full balance within seven (7) days.

(G) The case title, case number, and the Court in which the foreclosure was filed are specified above.

(H) No other information is required to be disclosed.

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No. 0608 (June 10, 17 and 24, 2024)

Rep. Fritts hosts local superintendent lunch

DIXON – On April 22, State Rep. Brad Fritts (R-Dixon) hosted a lunch and roundtable discussion at his district office with 13 local school superintendents.

“I welcomed superintendents from local schools to speak openly

with me about how I can best help them succeed in Springfield,” Rep. Fritts said. “Education is critical and I want to ensure that Illinois is offering our students the best possible opportunities that we can while also supporting the educators who work tire-

lessly for their students.”

Superintendents in attendance at this event included Chris Lensing of East Coloma, Jason Harper of Rochelle, Kelly Mandrell of Polo, Alexander Moore of Montmorency, Chad Willis of Indian Creek, Ron

McCord of Rock Falls 301, Dan Arickx of Rock Falls 13, Tad Everett of Sterling, Brian Dukes of Earlville, Richard Faivre of Serena, Mike Lindy of Ashton-Franklin Center, Josh Nichols of Amboy, and Regional Superintendent Chris Tennyson.

Rep. Fritts passes bill to help rural taxpayers

SPRINGFIELD – On April 18, House Bill 5011, introduced by State Rep. Bradley Fritts (R-Dixon) passed the House floor with a unanimous vote of 108-0.

“I am thrilled with the passage of House Bill 5011,” Rep. Fritts said. “This bipartisan bill, crafted with collaboration from

the Comptroller's office and the Township Officials of Illinois, will help save money for taxpayers in townships by changing the requirements on yearly audits.”

Under current law, every township in Illinois with combined revenues over \$850,000 is required to pay for a yearly audit

performed by a Certified Personal Accountant. House Bill 5011 will change the requirement to once every four years for townships that generate a revenue of less than \$1.4 million per year and every two years for those that generate more than \$1.4 million per year.

Rep. Fritts concluded,

“Smaller townships in rural areas often struggle to pay for these yearly audits, if they can even find an auditor, which forces them to raise property tax levies to cover the expense. Rural Illinoisans have been hit with consistent increases in taxes and this bill will finally give rural residents the break they deserve.”

Oregon's Herbst named to Loras College Spring 2024 Dean's List

DUBUQUE, Iowa — Loras College has announced the names of

students who achieved Dean's List status for the 2024 spring semester. A

student must earn a 3.5 GPA and carry a minimum of 12 credit hours to be

recognized.

Andrew Herbst of Oregon was named to the list.

McKanna named to Dean's List at Cedarville University

CEDARVILLE, Ohio — The following student at Cedarville University has

been named to the Dean's List for the Spring 2024 semester. This recognition

requires the student to obtain a 3.5 GPA or higher for the semester and carry

a minimum of 12 credit hours. Jack McKanna of Mt. Morris

LOCAL NEWS



(COURTESY PHOTO)

Benjamin Ryan was recently named the May Student of the Month at Polo Community High School and received a scholarship from the Polo Schools Foundation for his efforts.

Ryan named May 2024 Student of the Month at Polo Community High School

POLO — Benjamin Ryan was recently named the May 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 Micheal Ryan and Jill Wininger Ryan.

Ryan's extracurricular activities include band, Drama Club, and FFA. After high school, he plans to study botany/environmental science/music at Northern Illinois University.

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

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

Do the work that matters, tolerate the work that doesn't.

What class do you find really engaging and why?

Though it can get pretty strenuous at times, I've always enjoyed my biology classes, especially the one I'm taking now. Gina Cole and Zach Horst have always nurtured my ever-growing mind, even when my grades began to slip. I'm especially grateful for the unique algae unit we were able to do this year, where our class was shipped a bunch of algae and we got to examine it

and learn a whole bunch about the stuff. We also have a pond water tank that I've been working with throughout the year, and I've seen some peculiar aquatic fellows under the microscope. I will forever cherish the time I've spent with my teachers and classmates, in this class as well as the rest.

What are your career and post-graduation plans?

My only major and definite plan is to attend Northern Illinois University and essentially study plants and music. After that, I'll see what opportunities are available and go with what seems best.

What are your two favorite extracurricular activities you participate in?

Band has been the greatest extracurricular activity I've ever participated in thus far, though it's technically a class. But it's not the class itself, it's who teaches it that can make it great. Mr. Derek McAnally has been a guiding figure in my life since he first came to this school, and through him and his classes I have learned responsibility, leadership, and musicianship on a level that, quite frankly, no other high school conductor could ever have

achieved. He introduced me to NIU's percussion camp, where I learned how to play steel drums, samba, gamelan, the amadinda, an udu drum, and how to do a thumb roll on the tambourine. He introduced me to my favorite band, Sleepy-time Gorilla Museum. And most importantly, he introduced me to jalapeño pizza, which is by far the best kind of pizza there is.

What is your hope for the future?

I hope to live a fulfilling life, with someone I care for, surrounded by those that care for me. I hope to someday have a decent amount of land, to plant a garden and to plant some trees. I hope to one day keep a pigeon that I can feed nuts and crackers and he'll make funny noises. I hope that the world doesn't end by the time I'm 30.

In all seriousness, I do hope to keep in touch with the friends I lose in the coming year. Everyone in my class is like family to me. A lot of these people I've been with since preschool, so moving on from high school is easily comparable to moving away from home.

Though the future is bright, sometimes the end can be more bitter than sweet. But if life goes on, then so must I.

First installment of property tax bill due Monday, June 10

OREGON — Ogle County Collector Tiffany O'Brien, wants to remind property owners that the first installment of their property tax bill is due Monday, June 10. Payment methods include cash, check (payable to Ogle County Collector) or credit card. In-person payments can be made at the treasurer's office located in the old courthouse at 105 S. 5th St. in Oregon or at any bank in Ogle County. Office hours are

8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday - Friday excluding holidays. Their mailing address is Ogle County Collector, P.O. Box 40, Oregon, IL 61061. Mailed payments must be post-marked by the due date to be considered timely. Late payments will incur a fee of 1.5% per month or part of a month after the due date and must be remitted by mail or at the collector's office.

Collector O'Brien's office is also offering the

option of online payments. You may get to this site by going to www.ogle-countyil.gov and then selecting the Treasurer's department. Choose the *Online Tax Payments* link and click the *Pay Now* button. Fill in the information as prompted.

Be sure to receive a payment confirmation for your records. Please note that this service carries a fee; review the convenience fees prior to making payment.

ISP announces results of recent distracted driving enforcement

PECATONICA — Illinois State Police (ISP) Troop 1 Commander, Captain Joseph Blanchette, recently announced the results of Distracted Driving Enforcement Program patrols held in Ogle, Whiteside, and Winnebago counties during May. This

program provided extra patrol coverage for ISP officers to focus on saving lives and reducing serious crashes by enforcing distracted driving laws.

Hand-held phone/device citations: 28. Texting while driving citations: five. Other types of dis-

traced driving citations: zero. Total distracted driving citations: 33. Total distracted driving written warnings: zero. Total of all citations: 97. Total of all written warnings: 22. This project was funded through the Illinois Department of Transportation.

(COURTESY PHOTO)



4U Charities presents scholarships to three Polo Community High School seniors

4U Charities recently donated \$500 to three Polo Community High School graduating seniors. From left to right: Avery Faivre, Courtney Grobe and Allissa Marschang. Recipients were chosen based on their demonstration of community involvement and volunteer hours.



Thursday June 13th
presented to benefit the
**Allen J. Lynch
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Please join us at Barnstormer Distillery, 6969 S. Main St., Rockford, Illinois 61102 from 4 pm to 8 pm. Food will be provided by Northside BBQ and cigars will be available from Bad Ash Cigars. \$100 per person with 100% of proceeds going to our veterans in need.

Pig Roast, Bourbon Tasting and Cigar Event

Barnstormers will have their whiskey for sale throughout the event, and there will be "Special" bottles of limited edition, signed by Mr. Allen Lynch. Allen will also be available for photographs.



To register visit AJLynchFoundation.org or SCAN the QR Box



FATHER'S DAY

Great grilling gifts to get dad on Father's Day

GRILLING is a convenient way to impart flavor on various foods and enjoy some fresh air and sunshine along the way. Many people work hard to hone their grilling skills, including many of the individuals on Father's Day shopping lists. Grilling is an opportunity for dads to flex their culinary muscles and deliver plenty of flame-licked foods.

Various organizations that specialize in grilling have found that men are twice as likely to grill compared to women. Therefore, gifts that cater to dads' grilling gusto can be ideal this Father's Day.

- **BBQ grill tools:** Every grillmaster needs a quality set of tools to do the job. Ultimate grilling kits often come complete with spatula, fork, tongs, heat-resistant gloves, skewers, and additional grilling gear.
- **Digital food thermometer:** Cooking food to the correct internal temperature is vital for safety and flavor. Various food thermometers are on the market, but ones that can remain in the food and then send temperatures back to an app via Bluetooth can keep grillers apprised of the cooking progress minute-by-minute.
- **Engraved cutting board:** Laser-engraved cutting boards can be customized with special messages or monograms so that Dad will feel extra-special serving up his grilled feast.
- **Premium wood chunks:** Foods can be en-



hanced with extra flavor when grillmasters utilize wood during cooking. Put together a gift package with woods like hickory, apple and maple.

- **Smoker:** Expand Dad's outdoor setup by buying him a smoker.

Smokers enable low-and-slow cooking and are ideal for making briskets, pork roasts and ribs. Some smokers come as combination models that have a grill on one side and a smoker box on the other.

- **Meat grinder:** Whether it's a free-standing appliance or an attachment for a stand mixer, a meat grinder enables a person to make his own custom blends of ground meats to use in burgers or sausages. This allows full

control over the quality of the meat cuts used.

- **Personalized grill mat:** This type of mat will add a personal touch to the grilling area. These mats look good, and many are made with anti-slip backing to ensure they

stay in place. Standing on the mat can be more comfortable than standing on concrete or pavers. Dad deserves the best for Father's Day. For men who enjoy manning the grill, grilling accessories can heat up gift-giving.

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Oregon's Bandera nominated for 'More than I Imagined' series at Augustana

ROCK ISLAND — Augustana College senior Leslie Bandera, biochemistry and chemistry double major from Oregon, was nominated to submit a "More Than I Imagined" profile by Dr. Jason Mahn, professor of religion.

Annually, faculty nominate Augustana's seniors who have achieved remarkable academic or personal growth to appear in the college's "More Than I Imagined" series. Read Bandera's profile at More Than I Imagined on the Augustana site.

Dr. Mahn said Bandera is a model of what a wide liberal arts education can do in the world.

"Beyond excelling in pre-med, Leslie minored in religion, where she thought carefully about issues that matter to diverse populations," he said. "In her final religion class 'Suffering, Death, and Hope,' she is bringing these disciplines together to consider healing and well-being in mind, body and spirit."

He said this project this interdisciplinarity



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informed the next steps in her unfolding vocation. "She will be going to

med school after graduating from Augie, where she will pursue osteo-

pathic medicine, which can treat human persons more holistically than

other forms of medicine," Dr. Mahn said. "It is clear that Leslie has the mental

toughness and caring spirit to become a healer of many!"

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401 Jackson Street, Oregon
\$213,000 Call Jessica

Charming four-bedroom, one-and-a-half-bathroom Tudor Style house brimming with character. This residence offers a blend of original finishes and modern updates, including an upgraded 100-amp, circuit breaker panel, ensuring safety for today's technology needs. The living spaces are adorned with unique architectural details that echo the history and care poured into this home. The tall ceilings, and original hardwood floors travel throughout the entire home along with original light fixtures and coffered ceilings. The family room is large, warm and inviting with built-ins and a beautiful fireplace, providing a comfortable environment for family living and entertaining guests. The kitchen, practical and well-appointed, offers ample counter space and storage. Adjacent to the kitchen, the dining area serves as a cozy spot for family meals or morning coffee where copious amounts of sunlight stream through the windows. Upstairs, four bedrooms are well-sized and bathed in natural light. The master bedroom features a large, adjacent sunroom, perfect for enjoying a peaceful afternoon read or is the textbook spot for a work-from-home office. Outside, the garage offers a heavy-duty, custom-built workbench. The property includes a manageable yard, and is the idyllic place for relaxing summer evenings enjoying the neighborhood views.



202 N. Reynolds Ave., Mt. Morris
\$90,500 Call Stephanie

Charming and spacious 1 bedroom ranch home on a quiet street! You will walk into an amazing bonus room perfect for entertaining with updated lighting/electrical, insulation and some new drywall. This home is light and bright with new KobCo windows in 2022. Kitchen leads to the main floor laundry and expanding living room with space enough for your dining room table and the main floor Master bedroom is complete with a large walk-in closet. Updates also include 3 new exterior doors and new garage door opener, springs, safety cables and updated electric in the oversized 1.5 car garage, which you will find is extra deep. Last but not least, the backyard is fenced in (2 sides belonging to this home) with a brick paver patio waiting for you to enjoy!



307 N. Seminary St., Mt. Morris
\$119,000 Call Jenn Goley

New Listing in Mount Morris! Beautiful lot located close to downtown Mount Morris. This 2 story home has 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, family room and a large living room with an eat in area. All kitchen appliances, washer and dryer stay. Garage and shed both have 200 amp. Big partially fenced back yard. You don't want to miss this property! Being sold "as is."



720 N. Jefferson, Dixon
\$186,500 Call Carla

Double your income!! This investment property offers 2 houses! The main house has 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, large living room and kitchen. There's a bath on each level. Newer furnace and central air plus new vinyl windows throughout! 2 car garage. The 2nd home on the property offers 2 bedrooms and 1 bath. Recently updated with new carpeting. This is an excellent opportunity in Dixon as a 2 family income producing property. Showings are allowed on Tuesday and Thursdays with 24 hr notice. Rents are \$875 and \$425 with deposits. Call for your showing today!



335 E. 3rd Street, Byron
\$249,900 Call Becky

Car fanatics dream with this 5 car garage! This charming 1 1/2 story home sits on a corner in the heart of Byron. You will love entertaining in the spacious kitchen, dinette, and family room with its huge open floor plan. Kitchen has an oversized L shaped island with breakfast bar seating for 6, granite countertop, ample storage and pantries, skylight to let the sun shine in (new '22), garbage disposal, all SS appliances including a duel fuel stove. Large eat-in dinette with window seat. Sunken family room with a stone wall with wood burner and slider to concrete and paver patio. Master bedroom on main level has double closets and attached remodeled MBA includes new shower, door & sink, & makeup vanity. 4th bedroom off family room. Oversized laundry rm/office with storage closets, folding area, washer/dryer and desk stays. Main bath new double sink & faucets. Bedrooms 2 & 3 upstairs both w/huge walk-in closets. 3 car attached garage and 2 car detached with electric heat and attic storage. Private backyard with composite fence and firepit, roof 8 years, gas water heater (21), A/C '20 & compressor '15, water softener, solar panels installed May 2024.



1426 W. Indian Heights, Oregon
\$25,000 Call Becky

Time to build your dream home backing up to the 7th hole of the beautiful Silver Ridge Golf Course. This .379 acre lot has possible exposure and has a tree lined backyard. Septic need, community water, not builder restricted. Minutes from the City of Oregon and close to the scenic Rock River.



138 S. Fox Run Lane, Byron
\$475,000 Call Rebecca

CUSTOM BUILT, ONE OWNER HOME! You will fall in love with this home! With over 4,000 square feet of finished live space, situated on a 1.27 acre lot and an additional garage, this property is sure to please! Main floor features an eat in area off of the kitchen that has sliders to the 3 season room. Just off of the 3 season room is the new, large composite deck in your fully fenced yard. There is also a formal dining room, office, main floor laundry and two half baths on the main floor. Laundry room with vaulted ceilings and gas fireplace that is open to the upstairs. Main floor master bedroom with new shower, double vanity and large walk in closet. Upstairs you will find 2 bedrooms, 2 loft spaces and an oversized jack and jill bathroom. Lower level is partially exposed and finished with large rec room, "guest bed room", cedar closet, kitchenette and plenty of storage. Attached, finished 3 car garage offers plenty of space for vehicles. Detached and spacious 1.5 car garage has plenty of space for toys and hobbies. Updates include: Roof 2015, Driveway 2023 and Deck 2024. Call today for your showing!



523 W. Blackhawk Dr., Byron
NOW \$650,000 Call Becky

Calling Investors!!! Great investment opportunity with two means of income - Successful existing restaurant with a 3 year lease plus a 5 unit apartment building (long term renters) - great cash flow. Restaurant has been remodeled & kitchen updated. Apartments have 2 bedroom & laundry in each. Lots of paved parking for both the restaurant and apartments. Great central location on the state highway and in the busy business area with a traffic count of 10,600 daily. (business not included - only building and apartments) Outdoor covered patio not included in the sale.



912 Main Street, Ashton
NOW \$189,900 Call JD

Turn-key bar downtown Ashton with a ton of potential. This 2600 sq foot property offers an array of features that makes it a desirable opportunity for owners/investors. Featuring a new roof in 2023, fenced in patio area, connected banquet room offering plenty of hospitality for events, and a spacious back room ready to build out for a kitchen space... opportunity is endless. Included with the property is an array of equipment, tables, chairs, signs, coolers, pool table, and more! Step right in and make it yours, today.



801 & 803 Adams St., Oregon
NOW \$284,900 Call Erin

New Roof, New Soffits, New Siding... Oh My!! Calling ALL buyers...cash, conventional, FHA or VA! This is an opportunity you don't want to miss. This oversized Oregon duplex has been redone inside and out! From the gleaming hardwood floors to the contemporary light fixtures, every detail has been carefully curated to reflect a commitment to quality and style. This home embodies the perfect blend of classic charm and modern convenience. Upgrades include, flooring (sub and top), plumbing, most electric, new gas lines, windows, light fixtures, appliances, granite countertops, soft close cabinets, all mechanicals, water softener, decks, you name it, it's new!! Low, low maintenance and all upgrades contribute to a more sustainable and cost-effective lifestyle!! Whether you want to rent out both 1200 sqft, 3 bed, 1 bath units or live in one and rent the other for the income, you will not find anything better on the market!! Experience the benefits of a home that's not just beautiful but also energy-efficient. Separate utilities and tenants pay all! This would be perfect as a personal residence and rental income!! Close to schools, shopping and all that downtown Oregon, IL has to offer.

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LOCAL SPORTS/NEWS

Ogle County athletes earn Big Northern Conference honors

OGLE COUNTY — The Big Northern Conference released the 2024 All-Conference teams for the spring baseball season. Among the First-Team honorees are Byron's Andrew Talbert, Kye Aken and Braylon Kilduff along with Oregon's Jack Washburn and Keaton Salsbury and

as well as Stillman Valley's Aiden Cicogna, Braden Engel and Keaton Rauman. Second-Team honorees included Byron's Andrew Talbert, Kye Aken and Braylon Kilduff along with Oregon's Jack Washburn and Keaton Salsbury and

Stillman Valley's Kaenan McDevitt and Ryan Rueff. Honorable Mentions included Byron's Nolan Brass and Ashton Henkel as well as Oregon's Kade Girton and Logan Weems in addition to Stillman Valley's Jackson Musial

and KJ Chavers. **Softball** The Big Northern Conference released the 2024 All-Conference teams for the spring softball season. Among the First-Team honorees were Stillman

Valley's Kaelyn Williams, Macey Dauphin and Aurora Lagerhausen along with Byron's Miami Poulsen and Oregon's Olivia Paul. Second-Team honorees included Oregon's Ella Dannhom and Gracen Pitts as well as Stillman Valley's

Addison Adler. Among the Honorable Mentions were Stillman Valley's Elizabeth Henderson and Sydney Musial as well as Oregon's Abree Barker and Madi Shaffer in addition to Byron's Alyssa Bauer and Gina Baker.

Bertolet Library News

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

Rock River Center Activities

Rock River Center is a resource center located at 810 S. 10th Street, Oregon. Our activities and trips are open to all ages. Call our office @ 815-732-3252 for assistance with Benefit Access Application for a license plate discount, Medicare, housing, homemaker service, heating assistance or other things. Visit us at www.rockrivercenter.org and like us on Facebook.

Wood Carvers

Tuesdays 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. All skill levels welcome.

Free Blood Pressure Checks

Tuesdays 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Morning Mug Club

Tues., June 11; 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.

Microsoft Word Class

Thursday, June 13; 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. Advance registration requested.

Line Dancers

Tuesdays & Thursdays 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. All skill levels welcome. 2023-2024 NICOR GAS "SHARING" PROGRAM

NICOR GAS sharing program is available to assist those NICOR customers whose income is above 200% of poverty level and less than 300% of the poverty level. For

make lantern. Kits are available at the circulation desk.

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Plastic Recycling

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

NEW RELEASES:

Adult Books

Think Twice by Harlan Coban

The 24th Hour by James Patterson

Chapter Books

Oregon Trail: The Race to Chimney Rock by Jesse Wiley

Flat Stanley's Adventures in Classroom 2E: Class Pet Surprise by Kate Egan

Picture Books

What's New Daniel? by Micha Archer

Pie Rats! by Lisa Rid-dough

a 1-person household the 30-day income limit is \$3,645; 2-person household, \$4,930, 3-person household, \$6,215, etc. You can apply for the NICOR GAS Sharing program at the Rock River Center. For more information or to make an appointment call 800-541-5479 or 815-732-3252.

Senior Information Services Provided By Rock River Center

Do you need help with Benefit Access Application, Medicare, housing, personal care, homemaker, heating assistance or other things? Rock River Center's Information & Assistance Specialists are available at various locations throughout Ogle County. Assistance at these locations is available BY APPOINTMENT ONLY. Please contact Rock River Center at (800) 541-5479 to schedule an appointment. Byron - Jarrett Prairie Center June 10 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Forreston - Library No Visit 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Mt. Morris Senior Center June 13 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Polo Senior Center June 27 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Rochelle - Hub City Senior Ctr. June 12 & 26 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Andy Colbert: Food, dieting and sports

AS someone employed in food service for most of my life, it is with much interest that I attend the National Restaurant Association show in Chicago each May. Though I am retired from the business, it is still fascinating to observe the latest trends and changes in the industry.

Lately, the focus has been on utilizing technology to offset labor shortages, being more environmentally conscious and offering healthier food and beverage options. In terms of sports performance, I began to wonder how trendier food choices fit in.

If healthier food is more readily available, why is there more obesity among young people and a higher incidence of injuries and ailments among these same athletes? Shouldn't everyone's physical condition be improving as better food choices become available?

It's been a mystery and perhaps there are other factors offsetting the nutritional gains. Certainly, the fact that today's youth are less active than previous generation is detrimental to overall well-being.

And, what about these new things that we put into our bodies? The food show displayed many so-called energy drinks, which have become a hot commodity among teenagers.

Loaded with caffeine

Forreston Library News

Summer Reading Program

Adventure Begins at Your Library as our summer reading program kicks off Wednesday, June 12th! Toddlers & Preschoolers will meet at 9:30, Kindergarten and older will meet at 10:30. We're excited to share stories, crafts, and games as our adventures take us around the world, back in

Mt. Morris Senior Center

Toenails at the Center!

Monday June 10th starting at 10:00 am. Schedule half an hour or an hour.

and sugar, how can these be these be promoted as a plus compared to good old-fashioned tap water, which doesn't cost anything? Well, they are marketed to gullible consumers as more flashy than water and something that will give you that extra oomph needed to get through the day.

Even sports drinks, such as Gatorade and Powerade, can be abused if the intake is too high. They do serve a purpose by replacing electrolytes, but should not be the sole source of liquid usage during workouts.

Water should be the primary means for avoiding dehydration. Additionally, it doesn't give your stomach "gut bomb" like electrolyte drinks may and I speak from experience.

In doing 50 to 100 miles races in warm weather, I tried the electrolyte drinks. For many others and myself they created stomach distress.

Eventually, I transitioned back to water alone with varying amounts of salt, depending on how hot/humid it was. That simple formula has served me fine.

On the same token, I have discovered that simpler foods in my running diet do just as well as the upscale energy bars and gels. Give me a PBJ, salted potatoes and a banana

instead.

There have been lots of fallacies regarding the best foods to eat for athletic performance. Generations ago, it was thought a big steak was best before going into competition. Then, it was carb-loading, such as eating a bunch of spaghetti the night before a marathon.

After a while, it can get confusing as what fuel is best for us. I have come to the conclusion that the latest and greatest in diets or food trends isn't always the best for us.

A simple diet of wholesome fare will suffice. Let's add home cooked to that equation. Perhaps all the eating out or buying pre-made fare is a negative to the health of young athletes.

Ironically, that flies in the face of what the National Restaurant Show is all about. It exists to grow the business of eating out, be it fast food or fine dining.

Here's another dilemma:

Nationwide, efforts have made to make school food service more health conscious. The problem is that often, kids don't want healthier options. Keep the chicken nuggets and pizza, they say.

I get it. As an older person, I enjoy foods that I would have not have touched as a youngster.

uncovers clues about a long-hidden mystery in North Carolina. Stop in and pick up your copy today

Community Room

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

Corix Hospice. This is one of our favorite days of the year and we hope you can join us!

Community Game Night!

Mt. Morris Senior & Community Center has been rebranded to include the entire COMMUNITY! Come play games on Thursday, June 27th with other members of the community. Popcorn will be provided but feel free to bring a snack to share.

One more thought on my day spent at the food show and how it relates to school sports.

A vastly unrepresented component of the food delivery business is a concession stand. With a captive audience of consumers, there is more of potential than what schools may realize. For some, concession stands are an afterthought or even a nuisance to maintain.

I get that too, especially with the heavy loads school personnel must bear. However, the amount of increased revenue a concession stand can significantly impact one's athletic budget.

Countless times, I've been at high-school sporting events only to see a concession stand run out of food items, forcing people to leave hungry and profits go down the drain.

Ideally, a school's concessions would be run by a professional manager instead of by committee. Colleges and professional teams make loads of cash on concessions and of course, offer many more options of food and drink.

Could junior high and high schools do the same?

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

for additional information.

Soft Plastic Recycling

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

Games start at 6:00 pm.

Bus trips

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



Andy Colbert

Rock River Riders Motorcycle Club

Father's Day Hillclimb

Sunday, June 16 (rain date July 27)

The Rock River Riders MC presents:
the Father's Day Hillclimb
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LOCAL NEWS

Byron Public Library News



Patrons learned all about cicadas from Master Gardeners Phil and Marcia including their emergence, life cycle, if they are harmful and their edibility.



(COURTESY PHOTOS)

Did you know 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 depend-

ing 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. **C h e c k o u t**

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library card! **Curbside Delivery** The library is open for browsing, but patrons can still use our curbside service! Place your holds online at byronlibrary.org or call us at 815-234-5107. Not sure what you want? Call us for help! We will call or email you with a confirmation when your holds are ready to be picked up. Call us when you arrive at the library,

and we will bring your items out to you, already checked out. A receipt with your due dates will be included with your items. Visit the Byron Library Facebook page, or subscribe to our newsletters at byronlibrary.org, to keep up to date on library news and programs! Be sure to also check out the Byron Library and Byron Library Teen Instagram pages!

Mt. Morris Library News

Library Closings Wednesday, June 19th, 2024 for *Juneteenth* Holiday Thursday, July 4th, 2024 for *Independence Day* **Summer Reading Program!!!** Summer is here and we are ready to get everyone reading more and more! *Read, Renew, Repeat* is our theme this year with lots of relaxing and renewing in the future! Registration for the Summer Reading Program will end on Friday, June 7th. We will be offering kids programs every week, raffle prizes for adults and kids, games, parties, and more all summer! Be sure to mark your calendar and join us this summer for an adventure!

and the children will create a craft this Wednesday. Story time is every Wednesday @11:15, bring your little ones to enjoy stories and a craft at the Mount Morris Library! **Lego Club Thursday, June 20th** Lego night is the third Thursday of each month. This month it is a Family Night! Join in the fun with all the family as they build and create together. Families can start their builds on Thursday, June 20th at 5:30 - 7pm! All children and parents are invited every third Thursday of the month. Children under 8 need to bring a parent with them. **Adult Book Club Meeting Monday, June 24th** Everyone is welcome to join this book club group! Copies of the book are available at the library. Meeting will be held at the library on June 24th at 3:30pm. **Cookbook Club Next Meeting July 2nd** Join us as we explore The Cookbook Club! Wonderful recipes combined with friendship creates something both beautiful and delicious! Come in, choose your recipe, and bring your dish to pass at our next meeting! Join us on July 2nd, 6pm at The Senior Center for another exciting meal! **Display Case Showings** Lights! Camera! Action! We have a new display put on by the local PAG! Come see all their wonderful memories of plays past. Thank You! We are always looking for collectors or artists who are willing to share their treasures in our display cases. If you are interested, please call, 815-734-4927. **Lions Club Glasses and Hearing Aids Collections** Donation boxes for eyeglass recycling are available

at the library. When the boxes are full, they are picked up by local Lions members and dropped off at collection depots. These recycled eyeglasses are given to people in need, with the help of various medical missionaries, in Central and South America and around the world. When the eyeglasses arrive in these countries, doctors and technicians conduct eye exams and provide a free pair of prescription eyeglasses that are as close as possible to that person's sight needs. When donating HEARING AIDS, please be sure to place them in a small box or hard-covered case so they do not get crushed or damaged. **Explore More Illinois** Explore More Illinois users can access and reserve passes from any of our attractions on the Mount Morris Library website, mtmorris-il.org, under the resources page. Visit the website to browse attractions. **Axis360 is now BOUNDLESS** Your library's Axis 360 digital service has been upgraded to Boundless. The library can provide you with information about the transition to Boundless. All your user info and history, including holds position, bookmarks, notes, and other saved data will be seamlessly transitioned to the new Boundless platform. **Adult Programming** We would love to hear from you. Do you have any program ideas? Do evenings or weekends work better? Do you have a program you would like to share/lead? Contact Mary Cheatwood at the library through email at mmlib@mtmorris-il.org or call 815-734-4927.

Memorial Gifts Give a gift that lasts, brings joy to many, and doubles in value. Your memorial gift to the library is matched by the Mt. Morris Library Foundation, doubling your generosity! Many thanks to all who gave memorial gifts in 2023. **Newspaper Available!** We will now be receiving the Dixon Telegraph daily! We receive the Ogle County Life, Sauk Valley, and Mt. Morris Times. If you want to keep up with the local news-stop on by! **Curbside Service is**

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ument and send it to email (\$2 per document). You can use a computer without a library card for \$1.00. Resume software is available on our computers. Come visit us and let us help you! Monthly board meetings are the third Wednesday of the month at 7pm at the library unless otherwise noted. The public is welcome to attend. The Mount Morris Public Library is located at 105 S. McKendrie Ave. Mt. Morris IL 61054-815-734-4927 Fax-815-734-6035 www.mtmorris-il.org

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LOCAL NEWS

Oregon Public Library News

2024 Summer Reading Program

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

Mystery Photos

Began June 3 and will be changed out every Monday. Come to the Library to enter. I Spy Hunt in the Library may be played once a day.

Week of June 10 - June 21- Registration is required for all programs

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) DIY Terrarium Night Light

Thursday, June 13, Manga Club, 2 pm (13 years & up)

Monday, June 17, Story Time 10 am (18 months-6 yrs.)

Tuesday, June 18, Activity Time, 1:30 pm (grades 1st & up) DIY Spiral Wind Catchers

Thursday, June 20, Behind the Scenes at Nachusa Grasslands, 10 am-noon (grades 7th & up)

Thursday, June 20, River's Edge Farmers

Market, 5:00 – 7:30 pm

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 is back! See you on Mondays..

Knit & Crochet is BACK! Mondays at 1:00pm

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

Join U of I Extension for Homegrown Healthy Mondays 5:00pm-6:00pm- began June 3rd.

This is a 10-week program where participants learn

how to grow a garden, get an introduction to hydroponics, and can try new foods made with garden produce. Individuals and families are invited to register for the program. Please commit to the full series of classes. Funding provided by CDC ACTION Grant. If you need reasonable accommodations to participate, please contact jsaglier@illinois.edu or call 815-544-3710. To register, go to go.illinois.edu/homegrownhealthy.

Community Seed Library

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

Book Clubs

The 2WBC meets Wednesday, June 12 at 12:30 to discuss Beloved by Toni Morrison. The Afternoon Book Club meets Wednesday, June 19 at 1 pm to discuss Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus. Cocktails & Crimes will meet Sunday, June 23. Books on Tap Book Club meets Thursday, June 28 at 6 pm at Cork & Tap to discuss Happy Place by Emily Henry. Is This Just Fantasy? Book Club will meet in June to discuss The Night Circus by Erin Morgenstern.

Functional Yin-Yasa Wednesdays, 9:30 am

This class is a hybrid of yang (active yoga) with yin (passive yoga). We will use fundamental yoga postures combined with functional movements

to build strength and warmth followed by passive, long held poses to help with flexibility and mobility of the joints and soft tissues. A yoga mat and blocks will be useful props for this class! All levels welcome.” Oregon Library Patrons only. Registration required, this class fills quickly. Please call (815) 732-2724 or visit www.oregonpubliclibrary.com.

Rock River Headwaters Virtual Tour

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

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.

Ink with A Friend Monthly Card Club

Monday, June 17th at 6:00pm. Sending personal cards to your friends and family is a way to let them know you care and are thinking about them. All designs include beautiful colored cardstock, gorgeous designer series paper, detailed stamped images, die cut pieces, matching ink, ribbon, and embellishments. All cards come with matching envelopes. Whether you’re a new card maker or a seasoned pro, our kits are suited to every skill level. Don’t wait! Sign up today to reserve your spot. Oregon Patrons only. Registration required (815) 732-2724 or www.oregonpubliclibrary.com

Try It Tuesday

Tuesday, June 18th at 1:30pm or 5:30pm (Choose your time slot)- Fourth of July Gnome Jar. Make this festive gnome for your holiday decoration, candy jar, or just for fun. Each participant will leave with a 4th of July themed gnome jar they made in class. This class is for Oregon Patrons Only. Registration required, please call (815) 732-2724 or visit www.oregonpubliclibrary.com.

Find A Character Ticket!

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

Oregon Writers Group

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

Passport Services

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

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

Call 815-732-2724, follow the prompts and presto...a story! Current story-You Are Part of the Wonder by Ruth Doyle.

At the StoryWalk is One Plastic Bag: Isatou Ceesay and the Recycling Women of the Gambi by Miranda Paul

Stillman Valley, Oregon receive Safe Routes to School grants

SPRINGFIELD—On May 30, Gov. JB Pritzker and the Illinois Department of Transportation announced \$9.8 million in grants for local projects that will help boost the health and safety of children by making walking and biking to school safer and more accessible. The Safe Routes to School

program is funding 47 projects selected from 143 applications received from local governments and schools throughout the state.

“From Moline to Normal to Chicago Heights, the Safe Routes to Schools program is creating accessible communities that are safer and healthier

places to live,” said Gov. Pritzker. “Thanks to these grants, 47 communities across the state will build projects that will ensure K-12 students, including those with disabilities, can safely walk or bike to school.”

Administered by IDOT using federal funds, Safe Routes to School supports

projects and activities that improve safety and encourage active transportation options in areas around elementary, middle and high schools. Improvements include new and upgraded sidewalks, efforts to reduce speeding and other traffic offenses, public education and outreach programs.

Oregon received \$223,720 for sidewalks along Jefferson Street and Koontz Place and a pedestrian bridge that will connect to an existing path near Oregon Park District property. The project will help Oregon Elementary School students.

Stillman Valley re-

ceived \$13,140 for a new sidewalk that will run along the street adjacent to Highland Elementary School. Funding also will allow the elementary school to offer a bicycle curriculum that includes bike safety basics, rules of the road, riding skills, safety gear and bike rodeo activities.

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LOCAL NEWS

Rick Lindy and the Wild Ones to play Mt. Morris June 14

MT. MORRIS—The Mt. Morris Jamboree is excited to announce the debut performance of Chicago entertainers, Rick Lindy and the Wild Ones on our band shell on Friday June 14, from 7-9 p.m. The Wild Ones band was formed in 2000 by veteran Vocalist Rick Lindy, after a five year stretch as the lead singer for Big Guitars from Memphis. He brought along their Drummer Mike Hosman and added Malcolm Didier on bass and Ray Kainz on lead guitar. They released their first CD, 'Wild Side of Town' in 2001 and toured Europe that spring, landing a record deal with Flipside/Amigo Records in Oslo, Norway, leading to another European Tour in 2002. They've been performing rock and roll hits of the 1950s, 60s and 70s as well as surf, rock-a-billy and original songs far and wide ever since. Many people in the area are well

acquainted with Rick and the Band from their many years of appearing at the White Pines Lodge, and since he won't be there this year, we're very happy to be bringing him to our historic campus for a two-hour free concert.

Concessions for the evening will be provided by the Mt. Morris Public Library, serving Italian sausages, hot dogs, chips and drinks. Bill's Famous Lemonade stand will be there as well, all starting at 6 p.m. Ewe and Me Acres will have a fresh produce stand with a variety of fruits, vegetables, baked goods, jams, jellies and dog treats on the campus too, from 5-8 p.m.

Please bring a blanket or chair, or enjoy the new benches and join the fun on our beautiful, historic campus in the center of Mt. Morris, two blocks south of Illinois Route 64 on Wesley Avenue and enjoy the free Classic Rock and Roll concert.



(COURTESY PHOTO)

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Weekly Brain Busters

King Crossword

ACROSS

1 Tax pro
4 Gun the engine
7 Profound
11 Pet food brand
13 Enjoy Vail
14 Doctrines
15 Lotion ingredient
16 — Talks (online lecture series)
17 Iso-
18 Media titan Winfrey
20 Brief moments
22 Barbecue seasoning
24 Texas city
28 July 4th destinations
32 Santa —
33 Foot part
34 Sailor
36 Avenue liners
37 Ceremonies
39 New Jersey capital
41 Wee
43 URL ending
44 Bleak
46 Crazy Horse, for one
50 Japanese volcano
53 Peace, to Caesar
55 Handle
56 Unsigned (Abbr.)

DOWN

1 "Arrivederci!"
2 Insect organ
3 Cupid's specialty
4 Letters after Q
5 Squeezes (out)
6 YouTube offering
7 Feature of some trucks
8 Atty.'s title
9 Outback bird
10 Omega preceder
12 Google, for one
19 "Say what?"
21 Public health agcy.
23 Entreat
25 Bagel seasoning
26 Wrestling style
27 Grp.
28 Homer's son
29 New York canal
30 Part of a French play
31 Drunkard
35 Buddy
38 Old map letters
40 Hosp. sections
42 "Holy smokes!"
45 Kate of "The Martian"
47 Brewer's kiln
48 Diamond arbiters
49 TV's "Warrior Princess"
50 "Terrif!"
51 Italian article
52 TV bandleader Batiste
54 Deleted

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Unlisted clue hint: **Wile E. — and the Road Runner**

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| Bearcat | Husky | Pack rat | Rock squirrel |
| Gray fox | Kittens | Raccoon | Springhare |
| Gray squirrel | Marmot | Red fox | Weasel |
| Groundhog | Mongoose | Red panda | |

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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
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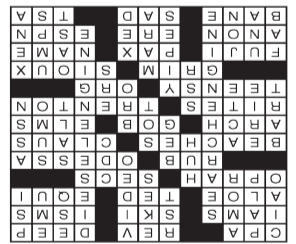
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Find at least six differences in details between panels.



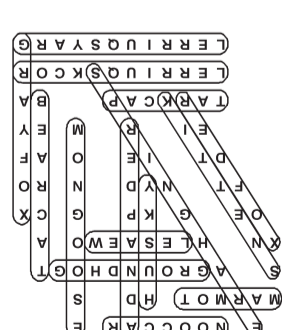
Differences: 1. Thermometer is missing. 2. Apron bow is different. 3. Cap is missing from bottle. 4. Headboard is taller. 5. Fingers are moved. 6. Leaf is missing from flower.



Solution time: 22 mins.

Answers

King Crossword



Answers

1	3	6	5	7	2	8	9	4
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Answers

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



(COURTESY PHOTOS)

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Dinges Fire hires retired Byron Fire deputy chief as fire apparatus specialist

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Orin Snodgrass, who he worked with at BFPD for 24 years, selling fire trucks throughout the Midwest. “While it’s bittersweet to retire from BFPD, I couldn’t be more excited to start a new career at Dinges Fire Company,” Salo said. “I have known Dinges Fire Company

CEO Nick Dinges for 30 years, having worked with his brother for 31 years. Once Nick started Dinges Fire Company, BFPD bought equipment from them, and service and sales has always been top notch. I look forward to staying in the industry helping Dinges Fire provide the

best, safest and most affordable products to our local communities and throughout the Midwest.” “We are so thrilled to have Tim join our dynamic and fast-growing team,” said Dinges Fire Company CEO Nick Dinges. “Tim is extremely knowledgeable, he’s a hard worker and

he’s well known in the fire service industry. He is the perfect fit and I look forward to seeing him excel and grow himself and our company.” Tim grew up on a dairy farm in northcentral Minnesota and has resided in Byron since 1990. He is married to his wife Shelly

for almost 42 years and has two sons, two daughter-in-laws, one daughter, five grand kids and one on the way. For more information on the Dinges Fire Company and its growth, visit www.DingesFire.com or follow us on LinkedIn, Facebook or Instagram.

Ogle County Sheriff’s Office announces ‘Click It or Ticket’ campaign numbers

OREGON — The Ogle County Sheriff’s Office announced May 30 it issued 89 citations during the Memorial Day “Click It or Ticket” enforcement period.

“Through the Memorial Day enforcement campaign, we helped make Illinois roads safer and spread the word that seat belts save lives,” Sheriff Brian VanVickle said.

During the enforcement period, deputies wrote 89 total citations for various offenses which included: three driving under the influence arrests, 12 citations for license

violations (suspended/revoked/no valid driver’s license), 14 citations for uninsured motorists, 19 citations for speeding-related offenses, 15 citations for registration

violations, two citations for distracted driving violations (cell phones), two citations for illegal transportation of alcohol, four citations for seat belt violations, and 16 citations

for other traffic offenses. The “Click It or Ticket” campaign is funded with federal highway safety funds administered by the Illinois Department of Transportation.

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101 LEGAL NOTICES

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: ROBERT RYDER, Deceased
NO. 2024 PR 28

CLAIM NOTICE
NOTICE IS GIVEN OF the death of ROBERT RYDER of Oregon, Illinois. Letters of office were issued on May 14, 2024 to Carol Kelso of Peoria, Arizona, whose attorney is David A. Smith, of Smith, Birkholz & Morrow, P.C. at 129 South Fourth Street, P. O. Box 10, Oregon, Illinois, 61061-0010.

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

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

CAROL KELSO
Independent Administrators
No. 0529
(May 27, June 3 and 10, 2024)

PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on May 13, 2024 a certificate was filed in the Ogle County Clerk's Office setting forth the names and post office address of all of the persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as:
Kelly's Cleaning, LLC
975 W Cliff Rd.
Oregon, IL 61061
Dated May 13, 2024
Laura J. Cook, Ogle County Clerk
No. 0533
(May 27, June 3 and 10, 2024)

PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on May 9, 2024 a certificate was filed in the Ogle County Clerk's Office setting forth the names and post office address of all of the persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as:
RLG Farms
3720 Limerick Rd.
Oregon, IL 61061
Dated May 9, 2024
Laura J. Cook, Ogle County Clerk
No. 0534
(May 27, June 3 and 10, 2024)

NOTICE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
STERLING FEDERAL BANK, F.S.B., Plaintiff, vs.
RICHARD D. KRUG A/K/A RICHARD D. KRUG, JR., KRISTEN KRUG and ULTRA-LIGHT 2 RESIDENTIAL SOLAR, LLC,
2023 FC 67

LEGAL NOTICE FOR FORECLOSURE SALE – PUBLIC AUCTION OF REAL ESTATE (IT IS ADVISED THAT INTERESTED PARTIES CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEYS)

TORNEYS BEFORE BIDDING AT FORECLOSURE SALES.)
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE entered by the Court in the above-entitled cause on May 28, 2024, the property hereinafter described will be sold to the highest qualified bidder.

(A) The name, address, and telephone number of the person to contact for information regarding the real estate is Brad Kolb, Sterling Federal Bank, F.S.B., 815.622.3361.
(B) The common address of the real estate is 109 North Seminary Street, Mt. Morris, IL 61054 and its legal description is: Lots 3 and 4, Block 2 in Hitt's Addition to Mt. Morris, Illinois; according to the Plat thereof recorded November 12, 1902 in Book B of Plats, page 39.
(C) The real estate consists of a Three Story, Six Bedroom, Three Bathroom 4,200 Square foot house with a large covered porch and central air with a four car detached garage.
(D) The time and place of the sale are as follows: 10:00 A.M. on June 28, 2024 at Ogle County Sheriff's Office located at 202 S. 1st Street, Oregon, Illinois 61061.
(E) The terms of the sale are 10 percent of the purchase price at the time of the auction sale as earnest money, and the balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, at least 30 days after the date of Court approval of the sale upon delivery of deed and possession. All payments shall be by CASH, BANK DRAFT, or CERTIFIED FUNDS. Any sale is subject to Court approval. Any specific restrictions on property or title will be announced day of sale. Said real estate is offered for sale without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of sale.

ANNOUNCEMENTS DAY OF SALE TAKE PRECEDENCE OVER ANY PRINTED MATERIAL.
(F) The case title, case number and the court in which the foreclosure was filed are specified above.
(G) The property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate.
(H) No other information is required to be disclosed.

STERLING FEDERAL BANK, F.S.B., Plaintiff, By WARD, MURRAY, PACE & JOHNSON, P.C. Its Attorneys
Maverik A. Good – ARDC 6342150 Ward, Murray, Pace & Johnson, P.C. Attorney for Sterling Federal Bank, F.S.B. 202 E. 5th Street I.P.O. Box 400 Sterling, IL 61081
P: 815.625.8200
good@wmpj.com
No. 0601
(June 3, 10 and 17, 2024)

NOTICE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

COMMUNITY STATE BANK OF ROCK FALLS, Plaintiff
v
JOSEPH D. SMITH, UNKNOWN OWNERS, and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants
Property Address: 11773 W. Henry Road Polo, Illinois 61064
No. 2023FC80

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
(IT IS ADVISED THAT INTERESTED PARTIES CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEYS BEFORE BIDDING AT FORECLOSURE SALE.)
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE entered by the Court in Community State Bank of Rock Falls v. Joseph D. Smith, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, Case No. 2023FC80 Ogle County, Illinois, on March 15, 2024, the property hereinafter described will be sold to the highest bidder.
(A) The name, address, and telephone number of the person to contact for information regarding the real estate are Amy B. Young, Financial Service Officer, Community State Bank of Rock Falls, Illinois 61071 (815) 284-8500.
(B) Both the legal description of the real estate and the common address is as follows:
1. Part of the West Half (1/2) of the Northwest Quarter (1/4) of Section 27, Township 23 North, Range 8 East of the of the Fourth Principal Meridian, Ogle County, Illinois, described as follows: Beginning at the Northeast corner of said West Half (1/2) of the Northwest Quarter (1/4) of Section 27, and running thence South 1 degree 24 minutes 58 seconds West (assumed bearing) on the East line of said West Half (1/2) of the Northwest Quarter (1/4) of Section 27, a distance of 300 feet; thence South 89 degrees 17 minutes 23 seconds West, parallel with the North line of said Northwest Quarter (1/4) of Section 27, a distance of 150.00 feet; thence North 1 degrees 24 minutes 58 seconds East, parallel with the East line of said West Half (1/2) of the Northwest Quarter (1/4) of Section 27, a distance of 300.00 feet to the North line of said Northwest Quarter (1/4) of Section 27; thence North 89 degrees 17 minutes 23 seconds East on said North line, a distance of 150.00 feet to the Point of Beginning; situated in the Township of Buffalo, County of Ogle and State of Illinois. PIN: 14-27-100-002
2. Common address or location of mortgaged premises: 11773 West Henry Road, Polo, Illinois 61064.
(C) The improvement on the real estate is a residence.
(D) The real estate may not be inspected prior to the sale.
(E) The time and place of the sale are as follows:
The Ogle County Sheriff's Office, 202 S. First Street, Oregon, Illinois 61061, at 10:00 a.m. on July 26, 2024.
(F) The terms of the sale are ten percent (10%) down at the time of the sale, payable in certified funds, and the full balance within seven (7) days.
(G) The case title, case number, and the Court in which the foreclosure was filed are specified above.
(H) No other information is required to be disclosed.

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105 BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES
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kennedy@egbcclaw.com
No. 0608
(June 10, 17 and 24, 2024)

NOTICE
NOTICE is hereby given that Cord Construction intends to contract for the construction of a public works building for the City of Byron. Invite to bid and documents and specifications are on file with Building Connected or contact Kurt Larson @ Larson@cordconstruction.com.
Cord Construction invites qualified firms to submit a proposal for all trades for a 14,113 SF Pre-Engineered Metal Building. Proposals will be opened online via Teams. Link to the Teams opening is provided on the cover page of the Invite to Bid document. Cord Construction reserves the unrestricted right to reject any or all proposals received, to waive or not to waive any informality, or to accept the bid considered to be in the best interest of the City of Byron and Cord Construction.
Proposal No. 8993 - Byron Public Works
Proposed Deadline: All proposals must be received via Building Connected or dropped off at Byron City Hall no later than 12:30 PM on Friday June 21, 2024. Any proposal received after this deadline will not be considered or opened.
Bid Opening: Friday, June 21, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. via Teams
BY: Kurt Larson, Sr. Project Manager
No. 0611
(June 10, 2024)

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101 LEGAL NOTICE

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

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

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

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

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

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LOCAL NEWS



(COURTESY PHOTO)

The \$1,500 Frank Floski Jr. Memorial Scholarship for Education was awarded earlier this month at Oregon High School Honors Night to Alexis Ebert.

Frank Floski Jr. Memorial Scholarship awarded to OHS's Ebert

OREGON – The \$1,500 Frank Floski Jr. Memorial Scholarship for Education was awarded earlier this month at Oregon High School Honors Night to Alexis Ebert.

Ebert, of Oregon, will attend Loras College, a liberal arts college in Dubuque, Iowa, in the fall where she plans to major in elementary education.

Floski's son and award presenter Doug Floski, of Byron, said Ebert was a good choice for his father's memorial scholarship.

"Alexis exemplifies my dad's dedication to the craft of teaching," Floski said. "In her essay, she spoke of growing personally from watching young people learn; she sees

teaching as not only a responsibility but an honor. These are sentiments my brother and sister and I can clearly imagine our dad expressing."

Frank Floski, of Mt. Morris, died at the age of 98 in December. He was well known for having served more than two decades as principal of Mt. Morris High School; along with his wife, Mary Lou, Floski served in numerous volunteer capacities.

"Dad strongly believed that everyone who wanted to go to college should be able to," his son said. "He earned his teaching degree under the GI bill after Navy service in the South Pacific during World War II.

"Dad would not have

been able to attend college without the GI bill and he was grateful, but he often said there has to be a better way to send a kid to college then putting them on a ship to Guam first."

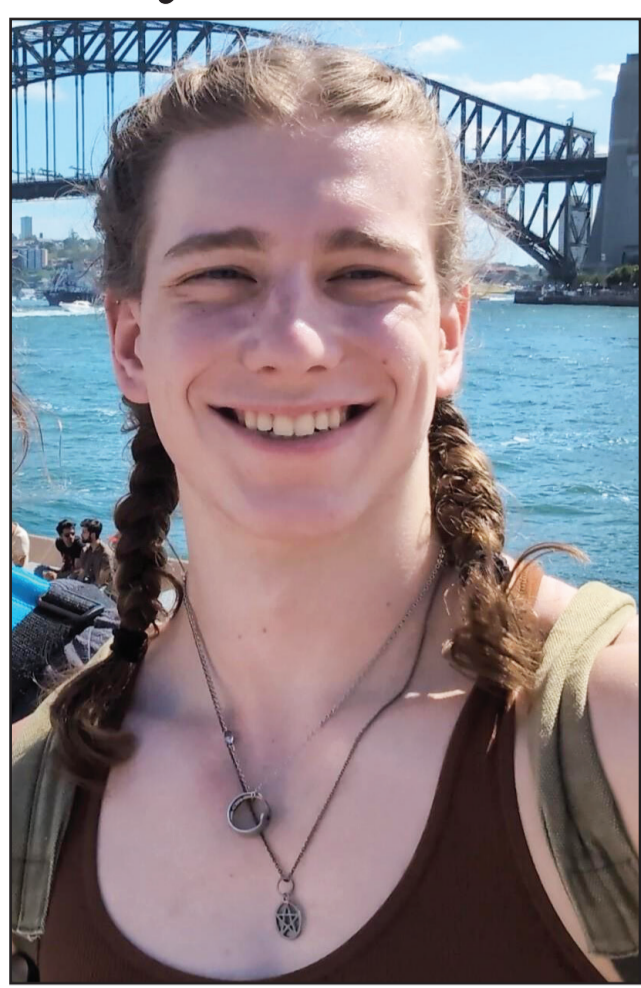
Floski said his father helped countless students who wanted to attend college - with educational support as their principal, with private tutoring as a retiree and, when need be, with financial assistance.

"When our dad passed away, many in the community made memorial donations to us in his name," Floski said. "We know he would want the monies entrusted to us to be used to fund a college scholarship. We're proud to have Alexis as our recipient."

Floski Family Scholarship awarded to Fynn Remhof

BYRON – The \$1,000 Floski Family Foundation Scholarship for Service and Leadership was awarded at Byron High School Honors Night to senior Fynn Remhof. During high school, Remhof distinguished themselves by working locally and nationally to raise awareness of the challenges faced by LGBTQ youth growing up in rural America.

"In their essay, Remhof challenged our committee to take a critical look at rural communities," scholarship presenter Betsy Floski said. "In doing so, we learned that suicide rates among rural LGBTQ youth are more than four times the rate of cisgender students. In fact, 41 percent of rural LGBTQ youth are reported to have considered suicide."



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Remhof has worked to address this issue by serving as a camp counselor to queer and transgender youth; they also gave a formal address to the American Civil Liberties Union National Advocacy Institute in Washington, D.C., where they issued a call to action for communities to seek out and address the unique challenges faced by rural LGBTQ youth.

In addition to their work on behalf of LGBTQ youth, Remhof has worked at Byron High School to help implement a student advisory board, as part of a group to review the student handbook, and has participated in talks for two non-voting student members to join the Board of Education.

Remhof is a member of the National Honor Soci-

ety; they have volunteered for Byron Xtreme Wrestling, Science Olympiad and Byron Civic Theater.

"Key to the Floski Family Foundation Scholarship mission is going beyond service and developing as a young leader," Floski said. "Remhof fulfilled that mission: Not only have they developed into an impressive young leader, they have taken what they have learned at BHS to the wider community, giving meaningful voice to the unique challenges of growing up in rural America."

The \$1,000 Floski Family Foundation Scholarship has been awarded for 16 years to the Byron High School senior who exhibits service beyond self-interest and beyond BHS to the wider state, national or international communities, and who has grown as a young leader as a result. Winners are chosen based on leadership, initiative, and demonstrable levels of service throughout four years of high school.

This year's winner will attend the University of Alabama in the fall where they plan to major in environmental science, with the ultimate goal of attending law school.

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