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BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

OREGON — At its monthly meeting Tuesday, the Ogle County Board heard a presentation from Ogle County Economic Development Corporation Executive Director Charlene Coulombe.

The OCEDC is a non-profit representing all of Ogle County, its communities, employers and citizens. The entity officially formed in August 2023 to bring a cohesive county-wide economic development effort. Since 2019, more than a dozen communities, utility companies, state and regional economic agencies have come together to make the OCEDC a reality.

The OCEDC is made up of various officials from municipalities and the county. Its officers include Randy Schoon - president (Polo), Darin DeHaan - vice president (Oregon), Paula Diehl - secretary (Mt. Morris) and John Rickard - treasurer (Byron). Each officer represents a community that has pledged startup funds for the new organization.



(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)

At its monthly meeting Tuesday, the Ogle County Board heard a presentation from Ogle County Economic Development Corporation Executive Director Charlene Coulombe. Coulombe presented a certificate of appreciation to Ogle County Board Chairman John Finrock and Vice Chairman Patricia Nordman for the county's participation in and support of the OCEDC on Tuesday and her presentation included background and goals of the OCEDC.

Ogle County, Creston and the City of Rochelle have also pledged.

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Coulombe has been working with the OCEDC for five months and brings

prior economic development experience in the suburbs, the Rockford area, and in Wisconsin.

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Seebach's Sweet Corn open for 2024 season

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BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

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The Seebach family has grown and sold sweet corn at the location for over 40 years. The tradition of selling sweet corn was started by the late Jerry Seebach, and it has since been carried on by his sons, Jeff and Scott, their stepmother, Christy and other family members and seasonal help.

Seebach's Sweet Corn is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The stand can be reached by phone with questions about daily availability, which is recommended, especially from

out of town, at 815-213-5229. Available corn is left over at the stand after hours and can be purchased via a money drop box at the stand. If customers would like to buy more than four dozen ears, they're asked to call ahead. The stand takes cash or checks for payment.

"Things have gone pretty well so far this year," Jeff Seebach said. "We've gotten the rain and moisture we've needed. At times it was dry, but for the most part the soil has been staying pretty wet. The crop likes that and it grabs that moisture. It's been growing fast. I think a lot of other plants and vegetables have been growing fast too. Within the last week or two with the humidity, sun and rain, it just turned



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Jeff Seebach said the first sweet corn crop of the season arrived about a week

early this year. He doesn't recall the last time the crop was ready as early as July 10, but said his dad kept

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LOCAL NEWS

Simons promoted to Stillman Bank retail office manager

STILLMAN VALLEY – Stillman Bank has recently promoted a key member of its successful team in northern Illinois. Jennifer Simons has been promoted to the position of retail office manager, according to Thomas Hughes, president and CEO.

With 11 years of banking experience, Jennifer has served in a variety of roles throughout her career including teller, lead teller, personal banker, assistant branch manager, branch manager, lending/loan officer, mortgage processor, and loan accounting assistant. She joined Stillman Bank in 2023 and in her new position, she will assume daily management responsibilities of the bank's Stillman

Valley office located at 101 E. Main St.

"We would like to congratulate Jennifer on this well-deserved promotion," Kathy Yocum, Stillman Bank vice president, said. "Her expertise in numerous areas of banking and her commitment to customer service will play a key role in her ability to serve new and existing customers while leading our Stillman Valley office."

Born and raised in Belvidere, Jennifer now resides in Stillman Valley with her husband and two sons. For more information on Simons or to find out more about Stillman Bank's products and services, please contact (815) 645-2266.

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Jennifer Simons

independently owned community bank founded in 1882.

The bank has approximately \$579 million in assets and operates full-service banking offices in Byron, Oregon, Rochelle, Rockford, Roscoe/Rockton and Stillman Valley.



(COURTESY PHOTO)

Grace Pfeiffer, Davis Junction, with Wanda Cacciatore, board member, Village of Progress Foundation, receiving a check for \$1,000 from the Village of Progress Foundation in honor of the Pete and Wanda Cacciatore Family.

VOP Foundation presents Cacciatore scholarship to Pfeiffer

DAVIS JUNCTION — For over 25 years the Village of Progress Foundation has presented educational scholarships to folks in Ogle County. Applicants must be a resident of Ogle County and a high school senior or full-time college student who either has a disability or is majoring in an area that serves those with disabilities.

One of the scholarships, in the amount of \$1,000, is made through the generosity of the Pete & Wanda Cacciatore Family. The Cacciatore family have been long time supporters

of the Village of Progress. Wanda was a member of the Village of Progress Board of Directors for 10 years and has served on the Foundation's board for over 26 years. Her husband, Pete was also an enthusiastic supporter of the Village. Pete passed away in the fall of 2014, leaving behind a legacy of commitment to the Village and its mission.

This year a scholarship through the Cacciatore Family was given to Grace Pfeiffer.

Grace attends University of Wisconsin-Platteville. She is participating

in Palmer Chiropractic 3+1 program. She plans to then pursue further training in functional medicine. Functional medicine focuses on the root cause of the patient's illness to facilitate healing. Grace has been fighting the chronic neurological effects of Lyme disease since the age of 13. She reports having wonderful doctors that have walked alongside her during her health challenges.

To learn more about scholarship opportunities visit the news and events section at www.villageof-progress.org.



Ogle Jolly 4-H hosts Dairy Day

The Ogle Jolly 4-H Club recently hosted its Dairy Day promotion at Royal Blue General Store in Stillman Valley. (Courtesy photo)

Augustana College releases spring semester Dean's List

ROCK ISLAND — Augustana College announced more than 1,100 students were named to the Dean's List for the 2023-2024 spring semester. Students who have earned this academic honor have maintained a grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a four-point scale for courses taken during the term.

Locals named to the list included Leslie Bandera, a

Biochemistry, Chemistry major, of Oregon; Hannah Batty, a Pre-Medicine, Biochemistry major, of Davis Junction; Cera Denton, a Sociology and Anthropology major, of Davis Junction; Adam Glendenning, a Business Administration-Management, Business Administration-Finance major, of Oregon; Jenna Hale, an Elementary Education major, of Davis Junction; Jonathan Hansen,

a Music Education major, of Lindenwood; Olivia James, a Sociology and Anthropology, Graphic Design major, of Oregon; Emily Medford, a Biology, Psychology major, of Monroe Center; Kobe Southerland, a Kinesiology major, of Forrester; and Adam Thorsen, a Business Administration-Finance, Accounting, Business Administration-Management major, of Mt. Morris.

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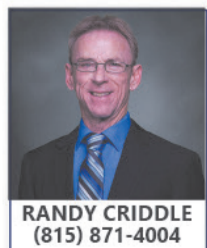
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LOCAL NEWS



Stillman Valley Lions and Leos enjoy family picnic

The Lions Club of Stillman Valley and the Leos Club of Stillman Valley recently enjoyed a family picnic. (Courtesy photo)



(COURTESY PHOTOS)

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4-H Fairs are held nationally to allow youth the opportunity to exhibit projects that have resulted from in-depth yearlong studies of areas that interest them.

As part of the exhibition, non-animal exhibitors meet one-on-one with project judges to receive feedback about their displays and gather ideas for future project expansion.

Animal judging tests 4-H'ers abilities to produce, maintain, and select healthy animals with excellent breeding and market potential. Animal showmanship classes provide 4-H'ers with the opportunities to develop and refine their animal presentation skills.

At the 4-H Fair, competition exists at two levels. 4-H'ers first compete against themselves for exhibit ratings. Every exhibit—animal or non-

animal—is assigned a blue, red, or white rating. Blue ratings are awarded to youth with entries that meet class guidelines and represent high-quality work. White ratings are assigned when entries do not meet class guidelines or exhibits are low quality. Red ribbons are assigned for exhibits falling somewhere in between.

Once ratings have been assigned, all Blue Award winners compete against one another to become class champions or overall division winners. Some blue-awarded non-animal exhibits are also selected each year to represent Ogle County 4-H at the Illinois State Fair.

Beyond the competition and learning, the Ogle County 4-H Fair is a celebration! It marks the end of a year of youth development, club and county activities and community service, new friendships, and family building.

Many thanks go to the hundreds of 4-H leaders, helpers, fair committee members, judges, auctioneers, and supporters who make this annual



educational extravaganza possible!

4-H is the youth development program of University of Illinois Extension. For information, call the Ogle County Extension Office at (815)732-2191 or visit online at <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/bdo>. The

4-H year will begin again on Sept. 1. The fair is an excellent place to explore 4-H and decide if it might be right for your family.

Youth, ages 5-18, by Sept. 1, 2024, can join for the coming year. You can visit various clubs to find the right fit or create your own!

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Byron's Morrison makes Clarke University Spring 2024 Dean's List

DUBUQUE, Iowa — Clarke University is proud to announce that 222 students earned a spot on the Dean's List for the Spring 2024 semester.

The list recognizes full-time Clarke students who have earned a 3.65 grade-point average or above, on a 4.0 scale, with a minimum of 12 graded undergraduate

hours. Among the Dean's

List honorees was Byron's Sophia M. Morrison.



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Obituaries

Joyce L. Jones

OREGON — Joyce L. Jones, 63, longtime Oregon resident passed away suddenly at KSB Hospital of Dixon, IL, on Thursday, July 11, 2024. She was born in Oregon, IL on January 23, 1961, the daughter of Lawrence "Larry" W. & Lorretta "Sue" S. (Jones) Wolfe.

grandson, Linkin. He was her pride and joy.

She always had something planned for them to do for the day whether it be taking him on a field trip, doing crafts, cooking, or just playing outside. She had many titles, but Grama was by far her favorite.

She is preceded in death by her parents Larry & Sue, sister Karen, and mother-in-law Patricia Jones.

She is survived and missed dearly by her loving husband Jeff of Oregon, IL; daughter Amanda (Doug) Wehrman of Oregon, IL; son Michael (Nick Graham) Jones of Mt. Morris, IL; grandson Linkin; dog "Rom Bomb"; siblings Kenneth (Joanne) Wolfe Sr. of Oregon, IL, Keith (Bridget) Wolfe, Oregon, IL, Janet (John) Blumeyer of Oregon, IL; father-in-law Ted Jones of Rockford, IL; brother-in-law Ron Sommer of Mt. Morris, IL; sister-in-law Becky (Ken) Langston; and many nieces and nephews.

A funeral service has been scheduled for Wednesday, July 17, 2024, beginning at 11:00 am with



Reverend Timothy Mitchell at Farrell Holland Gale Funeral Home of Oregon, IL.

Visitation hours will be held just prior to the start of the service on Wednesday, July 17, 2024, at Farrell Holland Gale Funeral Home of Oregon, IL between the hours of 9:00 am and 11:00 am. Immediately following the services Joyce will be laid to rest near her parents at Chapel Hill Memorial Park of Dixon, IL.

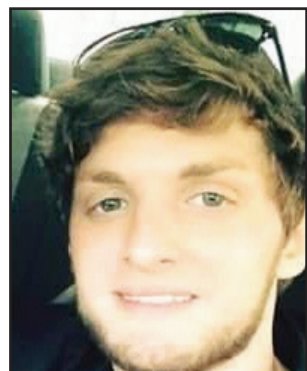
Memorial donations are established in Joyce's name and may be directed to the family. To leave an online condolence or plant a tree in her memory please visit www.farrellhollandgale.com.

Alex R. Davis

BYRON — Alex R. Davis, 33, died suddenly on Wednesday, July 10, 2024, at OSF St. Anthony's Medical Center of Rockford, IL. He was born on May 8, 1991, in Rockford, IL, the son of Darren & Sara (Hill) Davis. He worked as a plumber in the area for many years after going to school. Alex loved to fish, hike, and be outdoors, especially when at Weld Park with his son, Troy. He was a loving and caring father to his 7-year-old son Troy. He

is preceded in death by his grandfather Dennis Davis. He is survived and missed dearly by his loving parents Darren & Sara Davis of Byron, IL; brother Tyler (Nicole) Davis of Lochbouie, CO; sister Katelyn (Joel Chavez-Chavira) Davis of Westminster, CO; and Grandmother Caroline Davis of Stillman Valley, IL.

A Celebration of Life has been scheduled in his honor for Thursday, July 18, 2024, from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Byron



Forest Preserve Pavilion. To leave an online condolence or plant a tree in his memory please visit www.farrellhollandgale.com.

Robert 'Bob' F. Carsella

MT. MORRIS — Robert "Bob" F. Carsella, age 71, passed away at home on July 16, 2024. He was born on January 15, 1953 in Chicago, Illinois, the son of Fred and Anne (Girardi) Carsella. Bob worked for Dominick's in the Chicagoland area 30 years before retirement.

TV. He appreciated order in life and was a very neat and tidy man. But, overall, the most important thing to Bob in life was his family. His love language was quality time and he never missed an opportunity to spend time cherishing his loved ones.

Whether it was out doing something fun or just staying at his beloved home with Tina, he truly relished time with his loved ones. He was a man of true integrity; he believed in pouring into others and making sure everyone knew how important they were. He is preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived and dearly missed by his wife, Tina of Mt. Morris, IL; daughter, Jeanette (Ryan) Tindall of St. Charles, MO; brother, Michael (Mary) Carsella of Glen Ellyn, IL; nieces, Kate



(Davis) Carsella and Iris Carsella of Union, IL; and dog, Fonzi. Visitation will be held from 12:30 - 2:30 PM on Saturday, July 27, 2024 at Farrell Holland Gale Funeral Home in Oregon, IL concluding with a memorial service at 2:30 PM with Father Sayer officiating.

Memorials are established for Tunnel to Towers Foundation. To leave an online condolence please visit www.farrellhollandgale.com

Jason (Jake) Dietrich

STILLMAN VALLEY — In sweet remembrance we celebrate the life of Jason (Jake) Dietrich age 94, who passed peacefully Thursday, July 11, 2024 at Generations at Neighbors in Byron, IL.

traveling. He retired after many years from Chrysler Corporation and remained a loyal follower of Chrysler and the Cubs throughout his life.

Jason is preceded in death by his parents Russell and Cora Dietrich, and his siblings Lloyd Dietrich (Dean), Elizabeth "Sis" Guyer (Glenn), Irene Borneman (Glenn), Pauline Swanson (Martin), John Dietrich (Phyllis), Dorothy Garner (Harold), Harold Dietrich, Robert Dietrich, and Russell Dietrich Jr. (-Jane).

To continue his legacy of loving traditions are his wife Betty Dietrich of Stillman Valley, his 8 children Roger Dietrich, Deborah DeVaney, Dawn Griffin (Gary), Dennis Dietrich (Cary), Doreen Hawkins (Craig), Robin Hahn (Bill), Betty Johannsen (Craig), and Jennifer Jones (Mark). Sister-in-laws Lois Dietrich and Donna Dietrich. Additionally, many grandchildren



and great grandchildren.

The Funeral service will be held 11:00 AM, Thursday, July 18, 2024 at the Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home, 136 W. Roosevelt Rd. in Stillman Valley, IL with Pastor Barry Norris officiating. Visitation will be prior to the service at the funeral home from 9:00 - 11:00 AM.

A memorial fund is established in Jason's name and may be directed to his family. Visit www.farrellhollandgale.com to share a condolence or memory of Jason to help us remember the blessed life he lived.

Stillman Valley's Gerig graduates from University of Wisconsin Oshkosh

OSHKOSH, Wis. — The University of Wisconsin Oshkosh celebrated the achievements of more than 1,300 students in two ceremonies May 18 inside

Kolf Sports Center. The 150th spring commencement included the recognition of candidates for doctoral, master's degree, bachelor's degree and

associate degree students. Among the graduates was Chad Gerig of Stillman Valley (bachelor of business administration, finance).

Pittman makes NIU Spring 2024 Academic Excellence List

DEKALB — Northern Illinois University announces its spring 2024 Academic Excellence List students. Equivalent to the Dean's List, the Academic Excellence List is for

students who have not declared a major. To earn this distinction, students must meet a minimum semester grade point average of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale. The Academic Excellence List, released

by NIU's Academic Advising Center, includes the following students from the local area. Students are listed by hometown. Davis Junction: Ashley Pittman.

Local students named to the spring 2024 Dean's List at Aurora University

AURORA — Aurora University has named the following students to the Dean's List for the spring 2024 semester. The Dean's List recognizes full-time

undergraduate students who have earned a 3.6 grade-point average or higher.

Byron: Catherine Brown (Social Work) and Mattie

Christian (Psychology). Davis Junction: Rylee Reynolds (Social Work). Mt. Morris: Mia Ortega (Psychology). Oregon: Breanna Dehaan (Criminal Justice).

Oregon Police Department steps up speed enforcement efforts

OREGON — The Oregon Police Department announced July 10 it is partnering with the Illinois Department of Transportation, the Illinois State Police, and more than 200 local law enforcement agencies, to step up enforcement efforts across the state in an ef-

fort to reduce speeding. Throughout the month of July motorists can expect increased patrols looking for speeding, as well as other traffic violations.

"Speeding causes unnecessary danger on our roads," Interim Chief Matthew Kalnins said. "Speed greatly reduces a driver's

ability to steer safely around another vehicle, a hazardous object, or an unexpected curve. Speeding drivers put themselves, their passengers, and other motorists at tremendous risk."

During the speeding enforcement blitz, officers will intensify enforcement of posted speed limits.

Offenders will be stopped and ticketed — especially on the main roads of Washington Street, and 4th Street. Officers will also enforce traffic violations in all of the surrounding neighborhoods.

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LOCAL NEWS

SEEBACH'S: Sweet corn business in Flagg Center open for 2024 season

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Seebach's Sweet Corn plans to have sweet corn on hand to sell at least until around Labor Day.

"I think it's going to be a very fast year," Jeff Seebach said July 12. "This is only our second day selling. Sales have been steady. We expect it to pick up this weekend. We don't advertise outside of our signs and a couple posts on Facebook. I think word will start getting around."

Last year, the Seebachs battled a dry growing season and saw lower-than-usual yields. The same can't be said for this year.

"This year we have a

pretty good yield," Jeff Seebach said. "All the plants had really good ears of corn on them. Last year about every third plant had a decent ear on it. It's really good this year. It was a struggle last year with demand and trying to meet it. I don't think we'll have that problem this year. I was happy to see the rain this year. The snow we got in the winter helped too. Having this wet of a summer has been good after the last few years have been dry."

Jeff Seebach thanked his family and seasonal helpers Andy Buskohl and Gage White for their work so far this season. After growing up helping with the sweet corn operation

and doing it for so many years, it's started to seem less like work for him. He's learned tricks of the trade over the years and work includes picking by hand, spraying for Japanese beetles and installing an electric fence to keep animals out.

"We do a lot more manual work than other growers like us do," Jeff Seebach said. "It's rewarding to do this for another year. We like seeing the people come out and we like to provide a good product for them. It's the same with pumpkins in the fall. We enjoy seeing the people come out, and as long as they keep supporting us, we'll keep doing it."



(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)

The Seebach family has grown and sold sweet corn at the location for over 40 years. The tradition of selling sweet corn was started by the late Jerry Seebach, and it has since been carried on by his sons, Jeff and Scott, their stepmother, Christy and other family members and seasonal help.

BYRON POLICE REPORT

June 20

At 3:08 p.m. Byron Police responded to a two-vehicle traffic crash in the 100 block of West 2nd Street involving a 2013 Jeep driven by Julianna M. Beltran, 22, of Leaf River and a 2018 Kia driven by Conner L. Hurd, 25, of Byron. No citations were issued.

June 24

At 9:56 p.m. Byron Police issued Jacob D. Wilmarth, 38, of Byron, citations for driving under the influence of alcohol and driving under the influence of alcohol with blood or breath alcohol greater than 0.08%. Wilmarth was transported to Ogle County Jail where he was processed and released with a notice to appear. These violations occurred in the 900 block

of West Blackhawk.

June 25

At 10:34 p.m. Byron Police issued Richard Haan, 81, of Mt. Morris, a citation for operating an uninsured motor vehicle. This violation occurred in the 100 block of West Blackhawk.

June 26

At 6:52 a.m. Byron Police issued Jesse J. Shaw, 34, of Roscoe, a citation for operating a vehicle with expired registration. This violation occurred at the 200 block of West 2nd Street.

June 27

At 4:42 p.m. Byron Police issued Christine M. Saladino, 58, of Rochelle, citations for driving under the influence of alcohol. Saladino was transported to Ogle County Jail where she was processed and

released with a notice to appear. These violations occurred in the 800 block of West 2nd Street.

At 11:07 a.m. Byron Police issued Erin E. Morrow, 27, of Byron, a citation for improper use of electronic communication device. This violation occurred in the 200 block of West Blackhawk.

At 3:16 p.m. Byron Police issued Mariana Miller, 49, of Dubuque, Iowa a citation for speeding. This violation occurred in the 900 block of West Blackhawk.

June 29

At 1:10 a.m. Byron Police issued Mary F. Coglianese, 21, of Rochelle, citations for driving under the influence of alcohol and driving under the influence of alcohol with blood or breath alcohol

greater than 0.08%. Coglianese was transported to Ogle County Jail where she was processed and released with a notice to appear. These violations occurred at South Union and Illinois Route 72.

June 30

At 1920 Byron Police issued Jonathan R. Lang, 34, of Stillman Valley, citations for operating a vehicle with suspended registration and operating an uninsured vehicle. These violations occurred at the 500 block of East Blackhawk.

July 3

At 1:55 a.m. Byron Police arrested Damon Ellis Jr., 32, of Dixon, on an outstanding Lee County warrant. Ellis was transported to Ogle County Jail.

At 12:58 p.m. Byron

Police responded to a two-vehicle traffic crash at the intersection of North Walnut Street and West Blackhawk involving a 2016 Chevrolet driven by Jean R. Goza, 45, of Polo, and a 2016 Lincoln driven by Joshua J. Huseman, 35, of Mt. Morris. Goza was issued a citation for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident.

July 5

At 2:26 p.m. Byron Police issued James C. Thomson, 43, of Arlington, Virginia, a citation for speeding. This violation occurred in the 8,500 block of North Barker Road.

At 8:29 p.m. Byron Police issued Hayden C. Leamon, 28, of Roscoe, a citation for operation an uninsured motor vehicle.

This violation occurred at the 100 block of West Blackhawk.

July 6

At 2:02 a.m. Byron Police issued TaMuChit, 19, of Jacksonville, Florida, a citation for speeding. This violation occurred in the 800 block of West Blackhawk.

July 7

At 7:58 p.m. Byron Police responded to a two-vehicle crash at Fieldcrest Drive involving a 2012 Chrysler driven by a 16-year-old female of Byron and a 2016 Honda driven by Adam Gomez of Byron. No citations were issued.

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

OREGON POLICE REPORT

July 8

At 8:26 a.m., Oregon Police responded to a disturbance in the 400 block of N. 6th Street resulting in the arrest of Alex R. Davis, age 33, Oregon, for criminal trespass to real property and disorderly conduct. Davis was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was processed and released with a notice to appear.

At 4:33 p.m., Oregon Police responded to a disturbance in the 400 block of N. 6th Street resulting in the arrest of Alex R. Davis, age 33, Oregon, for disorderly conduct. Davis was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was processed and released with a notice to appear.

July 9

At 7:20 a.m., Oregon Police issued Lisa R. Harrell, age 35, of Kansas City, MO, a citation for speeding, 44mph in a 30mph zone. This violation occurred in the 600 block of N. 4th Street.

At 8:37 a.m., Oregon Police issued Robert P. Trenholm, age 65, Oregon, a citation for use of a cell phone while driving. This violation occurred in the 200 block of S. 4th Street.

At 9:16 a.m., Oregon Police issued Aspen N. Goza, age 33, Rockford, a citation for speeding, 42mph in a 30mph zone. This violation occurred in the 600 block of N. 4th Street.

At 9:25 a.m., Oregon Police issued Nicholas C. Bausman, age 39, Oregon, a citation for operating a vehicle with suspended registration. This violation occurred in the 300 block of S. 4th Street.

At 9:51 a.m., Oregon Police issued Amber N. Holder, age 30, Oregon,

a citation for passing a school bus while loading and unloading. This violation occurred in the 100 block of S. 4th Street.

At 10:12 a.m., Oregon Police issued Clayton R. Parker, age 77, Rockford, a citation for speeding, 42mph in a 30mph zone. This violation occurred in the 600 block of N. 4th Street.

At 10:56 a.m., Oregon Police issued David R. Duncan, age 60, Oregon, a citation for failure to wear a seat belt as a driver. This violation occurred in the 800 block of N. 7th Street.

At 11:49 a.m., Oregon Police issued Kory J. Harner, age 30, of Elburn, IL, a citation for speeding, 44mph in a 30mph zone. This violation occurred in the 600 block of N. 4th Street.

At 12:05 p.m., Oregon Police issued Joshua R. Pickering, age 35, Oregon, a citation for failure to wear a seat belt as a driver. This violation occurred in the 100 block of N. 3rd Street.

At 12:30 p.m., Oregon Police issued Velma M. Roby, age 64, Rockford, a citation for operating a vehicle with an expired registration. This violation occurred in the 400 block of N. 4th Street.

At 1:09 p.m., Oregon Police issued Ronnie A. Gallagher, age 44, Oregon, a citation for failure to wear a seat belt as a driver. This violation occurred in the 200 block of W. Washington Street.

At 2:32 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Megan L. Gassaway, age 33, Byron, for driving while license revoked. Gassaway was also issued a citation for operating a vehicle with an expired registration. Gassaway was transported to the Ogle County Jail where she was processed

and released. These violations occurred in the 600 block of N. 4th Street.

At 2:49 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Martinique R. Parker, age 21, Freeport, for driving while license suspended. Parker was transported to the Ogle County Jail where she was processed and released with a notice to appear. These violations occurred in the 200 block of W. Washington Street.

At 3:57 a.m., Oregon Police issued Brian L. Beggs, age 50, Dixon, a citation for speeding, 41mph in a 30mph zone. This violation occurred in the 600 block of N. 4th Street.

At 4:12 p.m., Oregon Police issued Wyatt D. L. Ackerson, age 29, Byron, a citation for speeding, 42mph in a 30mph zone. This violation occurred in the 600 block of N. 4th Street.

At 5:23 p.m., Oregon Police issued Steven A. Lawrence, age 58, Oregon, a citation for speeding, 42mph in a 30mph zone. This violation occurred in the 600 block of N. 4th Street.

July 11

At 2:08 p.m., Oregon Police issued Yanko Y. Lyubomirov, age 55, of Chicago, a citation for speeding, 60mph in a 40mph zone. This violation occurred in the 400 block of E. Washington Street.

July 12

At 8:10 a.m., Oregon Police issued Christopher P. Jamieson, age 44, Oregon, a citation for operating a vehicle with a suspended registration. This violation occurred in the 100 block of N. River Road.

At 3:05 p.m., Oregon Police issued Jennifer L. Conklin, age 48, Chicago,

a citation for speeding, 51mph in a 35mph zone. This violation occurred in the 900 block of Pines Road.

At 3:36 p.m., Oregon Police issued Waqas Ahmad, age 37, Rockford, a citation for disobeying a traffic control device. This violation occurred at the intersection of Webster and 10th Streets.

At 3:56 p.m., Oregon Police issued Abigayle R. Miller, age 19, Oregon, a citation for disobeying a traffic control device. This violation occurred at the intersection of Jefferson and 10th Streets.

At 4:56 p.m., Oregon Police issued Kelly S. Strohmman, age 55, Chana, a citation for speeding, 51mph in a 40mph zone. This violation occurred in the 300 block of E. Washington Street.

At 5:11 p.m., Oregon Police issued Robert S. Dalphonse, age 53, Oregon, a citation for speeding, 58mph in a 40mph zone. This violation occurred in the 300 block of E. Washington Street.

At 5:35 p.m., Oregon Police issued Michael D. Gosnell, Jr., age 47, Chana, a citation for speeding, 51mph in a 40mph zone. This violation occurred in the 300 block of E. Washington Street.

At 6:04 p.m., Oregon Police issued Ricky L. Williams, age 63, Polo, a citation for failure to wear a seat belt as a driver. This violation occurred in the 500 block of Gale Street.

At 9:02 p.m., Oregon Police issued Nicole M. Mason, age 41, Oregon, a citation for improper lane use. This violation occurred in the 800 block of Pines Road.

July 13

At 3:23 p.m., Oregon Police issued Mary A. Easterbrooks, age 20,

Rochelle, a citation for speeding, 61mph in a 40mph zone. This violation occurred in the 300 block of E. Washington Street.

At 4:10 p.m., Oregon Police issued Gregory J. Hunt, age 51, of Hinkley, IL, a citation for speeding, 51mph in a 40mph zone. This violation occurred in the 300 block of E. Washington Street.

At 4:46 p.m., Oregon Police issued Drake S. Hammonds, age 18, Ashton, a citation for speeding, 43mph in a 30mph zone. This violation occurred in the 500 block of S. 4th Street.

At 5:05 p.m., Oregon Police issued Danny F. Nolasco, age 30, Rockford, citations for operating a vehicle with an expired registration and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. These violations occurred in the 600 block of N. 4th Street.

At 5:08 p.m., Oregon Police issued Kaitlyn R. Heider, age 33, of Savanna, IL, a citation for speeding, 51mph in a 40mph zone. This violation occurred in the 300 block of E. Washington Street.

At 8:10 p.m., Oregon Police responded to a disturbance in the 500 block of Mix Lane resulting in the arrest of Natalya K. Creegan, age 34, Mt. Morris, for endangering the life or health of a child and two counts of domestic battery. Creegan was transported to the Ogle County Jail where she was left in the custody of the correctional officers.

July 14

At 1:31 p.m., Oregon Police issued Jay D. Charleston, age 70, Rock Falls, citations for speeding, 41mph in a 30mph zone and operating an uninsured motor vehicle.

These violations occurred in the 500 block of Gale Street.

At 1:35 p.m., Oregon Police issued Michael P. Lopez, Jr., age 35, Rock Falls, a citation for operating a vehicle with a suspended registration. This violation occurred in the 100 block of S. 4th Street.

At 1:49 p.m., Oregon Police issued Tyler S. Bettner, age 39, Mt. Morris, a citation for speeding, 53mph in a 40mph zone. This violation occurred in the 500 block of E. Washington Street.

At 3:34 p.m., Oregon Police issued Mbococi G. Manyuki, age 33, of Rock Island, IL, a citation for speeding, 53mph in a 40mph zone. This violation occurred in the 600 block of N. 4th Street.

At 3:54 p.m., Oregon Police issued Maureen A. Huyett, age 44, of Macomb, MI, a citation for speeding, 51mph in a 30mph zone. This violation occurred in the 600 block of N. 4th Street.

At 4:42 p.m., Oregon Police issued Brandon J. Lee, age 46, of Lombard, IL, a citation for speeding, 40mph in a 30mph zone. This violation occurred in the 600 block of N. 4th Street.

At 7:07 p.m., Oregon Police issued Kimberly M. Swartz, age 52, Mt. Morris, a citation for speeding, 64mph in a 45mph zone. This violation occurred in the 1200 block of W. Washington Street.

Nine verbal warnings and two parking citations were issued during the week of July 8-14.

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MOMENTS IN TIME

* On Aug. 5, 1981, President Ronald Reagan began firing 11,359 air-traffic controllers who'd gone on strike two days before, after negotiations with the federal government to raise their salaries and shorten their workweek failed. His action, which many regarded as extreme, significantly slowed air travel for months.

* On Aug. 6, 1930, New York Supreme Court Judge Joseph Force Crater vanished on the streets of Manhattan, setting off a massive investigation that captured the nation's attention and earned him the notable title of "the missingest man in New York." Crater was declared legally dead nine years later. But although evidence surfaced in 2005 that he may have been murdered, the case was never officially solved.

* On Aug. 7, 1782, Gen. George Washington created the "Badge for Military Merit," today better known as the Purple Heart, a decoration consisting of a purple, heart-shaped piece of silk edged with a narrow binding of silver and the word "Merit" stitched in silver across the face, designed to be presented to soldiers for

"any singularly meritorious action."

* On Aug. 8, 1975, the term "global warming" appeared in print for the first time in Wallace Smith Broecker's paper "Climatic Change: Are We on the Brink of a Pronounced Global Warming?"

* On Aug. 9, 2010, Steven Slater, a JetBlue flight attendant, bade his job goodbye in astonishing style by sliding down his plane's emergency escape chute while the aircraft was stopped near the terminal gate at John F. Kennedy International Airport. Slater claimed his exit was prompted by a rude passenger's behavior, and became a media sensation.

* On Aug. 10, 1957, Dr. W.E. Peterson was confident that the invention of "protective milk" could cure illnesses including cancer, rheumatoid arthritis, rheumatic fever and even the common cold. Peterson had been experimenting with injecting bacteria into cow's udders to produce immunity in those who drank the milk, but it had not been tried out on large groups of people.

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21 mental health facts that can help someone you know

Dealt with fear and anxiety for over 20 years and there are 21 facts that I discovered during my mental health struggles that can help anyone who struggles with fear and anxiety.

Knowing these important mental health facts can save someone you know a lot of time and money in the long run.

Getting help for your mental health is the best thing you can do.

Ignoring your mental health issues will only prolong the problem.

Running away from your mental health issues does not work.

There is no such thing as a quick fix when it comes to your mental health.

There is nothing wrong in asking for assistance for your anxieties and stresses.

Your situation is not hopeless regardless of what you may think.

Focus on your recovery rather than trying to please others.

Go to the nearest hospital if you are experiencing a mental health crisis.

Your mental health is just as important as your physical health.

You have to make an effort in finding the answers to your mental health issues.

Focus on the facts of your situation rather than your fearful thoughts.

Joining a support group is a great way of finding people who can relate to you.

Follow the advice from the professionals, rather than your friends.

Do not try to manage your mental health problems all by yourself.

Determine the source of your anxieties and then find ways to overcome them.

Do not make assump-

tions regarding your current mental health situation.

Do not underestimate the power of God when it comes to your mental health.

Learning from your past mental health experiences will help you in the present.

Drugs and alcohol are not the answers. They just make things worse.

It takes practice in managing your mental health. Be patient but persistent.

Do not be afraid to ask questions when dealing with your mental health.

If you happen to struggle with fear, anxiety, or any other mental health related issues, it is important to admit that you have a problem and get some help.

Your doctor or other medical professionals in your area will know of some qualified mental health professionals who can give you some assistance.

The key to overcoming your mental health issues is to "learn" effective techniques to manage your anxieties and stresses and "applying" these skills to your life. The best way to learn these techniques is by talking to a mental health professional.

Everyone deals with stress and anxiety sometime in their life. You are not alone and there is nothing wrong with asking someone for advice on how to deal with these mental health related issues.

Stanley Popovich is the author of "A Layman's Guide to Managing Fear" which covers a variety of techniques that can drastically improve your mental health. For more information, please visit Stan's website at <http://www.managingfear.com>



Stan Popovich

Letter: Addressing letter and column

DEAR editor,
Wow, Christmas in July. A guest column and a letter to the editor both in need of serious clarification. I am referring to the Mr. Harp and Ms. Pottinger's writings in the July 15 edition of the OCL. Both addressed the same issue - Donald Trump as a threat to our country's democracy.

The content of their column and letter address only Donald Trump. Clearly, they are biased and misguided in their views. Donald Trump isn't even in the race for the person or group of people doing the most to upend our democracy. Joe Biden (likely as Obama's puppet, who might be someone else's puppet), Kamala Harris, and Biden's cabinet, coupled with the Democratic Party leaders in congress, have put forth an abundance of anti-democracy policies.

Illegal immigration has skyrocketed under Biden. The next big step, if the Democrats get their way, will be to make these people citizens of our country, in one fell swoop. The goal: more voters for Democrats. This is just one way in which votes are bought in today's world. And on a related subject, the Democrats have tried repeatedly to make it legal for non-citizens to vote and will continue to do so. That way, even if the illegal immigrants do not become citizens, they would still get to vote for Democrats. None of this is the doing of Donald Trump.

The practice of not requiring proof of ID in order to vote has already taken hold. A person must show proof of ID in countless situations in order to enter a building, complete a transaction, etc. The Democrats' battle-cry: Let's not require someone to prove they are who they claim they are when they go to vote! When someone votes illegally, it is the absolute epitome

of anti-democracy. It's called voter fraud. And the Democrats endorse it, not Donald Trump.

And one last example. There are constant news stories about elected school boards implementing policies that intend to remove parents from being aware of or involved in their children's potentially massive life-changing decisions. This is not just anti-democracy; it is rotten to the core. Again, Democrats are the culprits. Not Donald Trump.

I am astonished at the idea that people actually believe that Donald Trump desires to be a dictator, as inferred by Ms. Pottinger in her letter ("... someone who wants one thing - to become a dictator"). As I stated in a previous letter to the editor, Joe Biden is a puppet despot and a true threat to our democracy. He, his handlers, the Democratic Party, and the complicit media want to turn this country into a communist regime (which requires a dictator). They want 15-minute cities (for those that don't know what this means, research it... chances are you won't like it). They blame whites, especially males, for all that is wrong in the world, thus creating a common enemy within our country. This is a classic move toward dictatorship. (For the record, I am a white male.) They want riots in which people can vandalize, pilage, and steal without fear of retribution, so long as the rioters are Democrats (or Communists or somewhere in between). They tell you to "follow the science" when it supports their cause (forcing people to wear masks during the COVID-19 pandemic was their mantra, now debunked by science as essentially ineffective) but not when science doesn't support them (it's the woman's body and therefore her choice, even

if there is another being of human DNA growing inside of it which is NOT the woman's body - that's a scientific fact). All propaganda practiced by the Democrats.

Today's Democratic party is largely Authoritarian in nature. They (because it's not Biden acting alone) are attempting to ascend to dictatorship by weaponizing the federal government (the Justice Dept., the FBI, and numerous federal Bureaus), that is, by Authoritarianism. What exactly has Trump done to lead anyone to believe he wants to be a dictator? He endorses capitalism and an open and free marketplace. He believes that the citizens of the United States should have higher priority in the eyes of the president and the federal government than should non-citizens.

He believes in helping our country's allies, but not with unlimited cost. He wants to protect the rights of unborn humans. He does not blindly endorse policies that ravage our economy. He believes in the second amendment civil right of law-abiding individuals to arm and defend themselves, exactly the opposite of what future dictators do. He does not cower to environmental and climate extremists who, by the way, are also liars and deniers. (Let's see an honest, thorough accounting of the climate impact of electric vehicles. If you haven't researched this, take a look at the process for mining lithium. Also, where are all the spent lithium batteries being dumped? I'm guessing the same folks that are against nuclear power and the subsequent nuclear waste don't see the irony in endorsing electric vehicles.) Biden personifies Authoritarianism. In addition to the topics addressed in previous paragraphs, he wants to eliminate gas-powered



vehicles. Controlling production is a classic first step to instituting socialism, a precursor to communism. He would love to remove the civil right to self-defense using a firearm by eliminating private ownership and criminalizing self-defense (that alone is a major part of the manifesto to taking over a country). That darned, pesky Supreme Court thankfully continues to thwart his and the Democratic party's efforts to do so. Biden is the wannabe (puppet) dictator, not Trump.

Regarding Mr. Harp's statements of Trump's lying and denial of science, I won't argue that a bit. But he and Joe Biden are neck and neck in the race for most terrific liars on the planet and therefore the biggest deniers of truth and facts. Trump generalizes about most things, thereby telling lies since rarely is it true that "everybody" or "nobody" supports or disagrees with something in particular. Biden simply lies and denies in a different way. He misstates or misrepresents facts or statistics virtually every time he speaks. He has also told more grandiose lies about himself than could be counted. He, his camp, and the Democrat-supporting/collaborative media are all denying there is a problem with his mental acuity (at least up until the debate - now the curtain has been pulled back and there is panic). If there were ever a case for invoking the 25th amendment, this is it. But no - Democrats lie and deny, incessantly.

In a nutshell, Biden and Trump are both liars and deniers, not just Trump. And Biden, not Trump, is the one marching toward dictatorship. I simply wanted to address some of the incomplete and one-sided claims made by Mr. Harp and Ms. Pottinger.

Jim Durand
Davis Junction

Letter: Thanks to Farrell Holland Gale Funeral Home

DEAR editor,
Both of my parents' funerals, visitations and memorials were heart-breaking. The planning was uniquely different because the COVID-19 outbreak was finally acknowledged as a pandemic by the World Health Organization in March 2020.

Cases worldwide had been detected before this in 2019. The news media or health organizations did not need to inform Tom and Lisa Gale and colleagues of Farrell Holland Gale (FHG) Funeral Home. They were living it night and day. Supporting, caring, helping us that had watched people we loved die of something that was controversial

and confusing.

As we grieved, they were held our hands and hearts until we knew our mom, dad, aunt, grandpa, were being treated with great respect and care. The professionalism quietly displayed at FHG was obvious, but it was the less obvious many of us needed them the most. Picking items for our loved one to wear, a casket, a memorial marker, donations to a charity, payment for this "scary, you pretended it would never happen", death certificates, legal documents, who would carry the person to their resting place: decisions no one wants to make and the seamless, caring, empathetic process made

it bearable.

Being trusted, having a personal touch, holding us up when perhaps they were just as if not more exhausted. I have not observed the outpouring of well-deserved love and gratefulness that was given to medical professionals, caretakers, and others who worked when no one else could.

I know I owe them many thanks, you, many hugs, and an acknowledgement that their career and organization is always challenging, heartbreaking and exhausting; multiply this by hundreds of thousands of deaths caused by COVID-19 and related complications forced

them to sleep less, work more, support families and loved ones through a COVID-19 protocol that made visitations and funerals near impossible.

A special thank you Mark and Lisa. You are gifts from God. This ugly process was softened from your incredible understanding, care and patience. I understand we are one family lost our patriarch and matriarch in one year's time.

When I was lost and helpless with grief and trust issues were bright lights. Please, as we still deal with COVID-19 outbreaks, remember courageous amazing rockstars like the people at Farrell Holland Gale Funeral Home.

Dawn L. Valdés
Sharon, Wisconsin

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Ron Kern: When all else fails, turn to humor

MOVING past Independence Day our next holiday won't occur until September on Labor Day. We will just have to sweat out the next two months of summer before we can take another break. Maybe that's why they call them the dog days of summer.

Working on the column this week and struggling to wake up the hamster in my brain to get him to turn the wheel. So, when all else fails, turn to humor.

Of course, those of you who know me understand that at times I have a penchant for the dark side of humor. I'm not one to be politically correct, nor does it bother me if I am not. With that said I'll share some gems I find amusing, you may not, humor is in the eye of the beholder.

Last week a guy knocked on my door looking for a donation to the local orphanage. So, I

gave him my kid. My son asked if we could play escape room. So, I locked him in his room with a TV with no remote, analog watch, no iPad and instructions on how to get out written in cursive. I haven't seen him all day.

I saw a sign that said, "watch for children." I thought, that sounds like a pretty fair trade.

I was at the bank to withdraw money out of my account when the clerk said I had an outstanding balance. I told her, "Thank you, I did gymnastics as a kid."

I'm heading to the bank to make a withdrawal. I'm so excited I can hardly pull my ski mask on.

My wife left a note on the fridge that said, "this isn't working." Not sure what she was talking about. I opened the fridge and it's working fine.

I told my wife to embrace your mistakes and learn from them. So, she

gave me a hug and left. To err is human. To blame it on someone else shows management potential.

I always tell my new hires, don't think of me as your boss, think of me as a friend who can fire you.

I asked the corporate wellness officer, "Can you teach me yoga?" He said, "How flexible are you?" I said, "I can make Tuesdays."

My parents raised me as an only child, which really infuriated my brothers and sister.

My mom always told me, "You may not be the dumbest person in the world, but you better pray he doesn't die."

The reason I look so young for my age is that my parents knocked me into the middle of next week so often I lost a decade off my life.

I was asked what I look for in a relationship.

Apparently "a way out" was not the appropriate answer.

At a safety meeting at work last week the instructor asked me, "What steps would you take in case of a fire?" I guess, "Really big and fast ones" wasn't what he was looking for.

I want to be 16 again so I can ruin my life differently.

I need to get in shape. If I were murdered right now my chalk line would be a circle.

Someone asked me what type of exercises I enjoyed. I said running my mouth and jumping to conclusions.

My friends tell me I have two faults. Not listening and something else.

People who claim talk is cheap have clearly never counseled with an attorney.

Eight billion people in

the world and somehow I'm the best driver.

At a wedding this weekend someone shouted to go stand next to the person who has made your life the most fulfilling. The bartender was so emotional he cried on my shoulder.

The problem with doing nothing is you never know when you are finished.

I won three million in the lottery last week. I decided to donate a quarter to charity. I now have \$2,999,999.75 left.

You have \$400 in your pocket. Your kid texts you he needs \$200. What do you have left? \$400 and an unread text.

I learned the average American drops 80-90 curse words a day. I also learned I'm above average at something.

Once you understand that pizza is round, comes in a square box and is eaten as a triangle then you will understand women.

Studies show that women who carry a little extra weight live longer than men who mention it.

We used to have Johnny Cash, Bob Hope and Steve Jobs. Now we have no cash, no hope and no jobs. Please don't let Kevin Bacon die.

That's it, I'm going to quit my job and travel the world until I run out of money. By my calculation I'll be home about 11 p.m. tonight.

I just received my new bank balance and realize I could retire now and live comfortably for the rest of my life; as long as I die on Monday.

I wonder how many people read my columns and think, "I hope he's getting professional help."

Finally... We squint at the sun because it's bright. We squint at people because they are not.

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



Ron Kern

Andrew Chesney: Good bills of 2024

MY advocacy for the constituents of the 45th District is three-fold. It includes bills I file, bills I co-sponsor, support, and help get passed, and those I fight against. The column two weeks ago highlighted some of the more egregious bills I fought against this year.

This week I would like to focus on some of the positive pieces of legislation that I sponsored or co-sponsored this year that will soon become laws.

Senate Bill 2767 is a big win for hunters because it allows wild turkey hunters to use smaller gauge shotguns for their sport.

Whereas the current limit is a 20-gauge shotgun, sportsmen and women will now be able to use a smaller .410 bore. This should increase interest in the sport and open new avenues for participation

by youth and young adults, smaller-framed people, the disabled, seniors, or others that are sensitive to the recoil experienced by a 20-gauge or larger shotgun.

Senate Bill 275 saves motorists time at the DMV by providing an option of a 4-year or 8-year driver's license. The cost of an 8-year license is double the cost, but the time savings and convenience will be attractive to many motorists. Similarly, through House Bill 4592, in addition to the traditional plastic driver's license card, digital versions that can be pulled up on a smartphone will become available in the near future.

Senate Bill 3479 safeguards veterans from predatory practices by so-called "claim sharks" who exploit veterans seeking their earned benefits. It imposes strict

disclosure requirements for companies or entities that offer paid services to assist veterans in applying for benefits. These services are widely available through many non-profits at no cost. Another pro-veteran bill, Senate Bill 2751, waives building permit fees for residential improvements that accommodate the disability of a veteran.

Senate Bill 3567 is a government transparency and pro-taxpayer initiative. It requires all taxing districts to post their Truth in Taxation notices in a conspicuous place on the taxing district's website homepage or through a link easily found on the homepage for at least 30 consecutive days.

Senate Bill 2697 is important for those with a

personal or family history of cancer. This law requires that insurance policies issued after January 1, 2026, include coverage for clinical genetic testing if there is a history of cancer in the family.

Senate Bill 2791 evens the playing field for small businesses seeking grants in Illinois, by requiring that at least 50% of the dollar value of all economic incentives that are awarded are channeled toward businesses with 50

or fewer full-time employees. Over 99% of all businesses in Illinois are classified as a small business. They are led by friends and neighbors who provide vital jobs in our communities.

Senate Bill 2824 seeks to lessen the disruption caused to children who are removed from their

homes by the Department of Children & Family Services and placed in the custody of a different parent/relative. It allows kids, when possible, to remain in their school rather than being uprooted and moved to a different school.

Senate Bill 2862 provides valuable information to those seeking job skills. It requires the State Board of Higher Education to annually compile a list of the most in-demand jobs in Illinois, their starting and median salaries, and the typical education level for each.

Senate Bill 2740 addresses mobility challenges for those with disabilities by requiring condominiums to have designated and easily accessible parking spaces for condo renters/owners with disabilities.

Senate Bill 3207 will be extremely helpful to working families by al-

lowing daycare centers to operate on a 24-hour basis to accommodate shift workers.

It's important to note that a lot of these bills began with a phone call or email from a resident, who reached out to their Senator or Representative to express a frustration, a challenge, or an idea. This is where some of the best legislation originates—when a resident expresses a need, and their lawmaker turns an idea into public policy.

I am currently in the middle of a summer-long Community Connections tour and invite everyone to come to a meeting and share their ideas and concerns. Information about these meetings is posted on the Events page at SenatorChesney.com.

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



Andrew Chesney

Local drug education makes a huge difference

IT seems as if every community, big or small, has been impacted by the problems associated with substance use and drug overdose. Within these communities, these problems extend into the family unit, with people becoming addicted and dying because of drugs.

However, community drug education and prevention programs can be a first line of defense. There is hope for the younger generations as they have more access to prevention and education resources to help them make informed decisions. In addition, more information is available for parents to equip them with the tools to help their kids understand the dangers and risks associat-

ed with drugs and alcohol.

Substance use prevention, education, and support resources are offered across Illinois. For example, there is the Illinois Helpline for anyone struggling with substance use or their loved ones. Call (833) 234 6343 or Text HELP to 833234.

The Illinois Department of Human Services operates a drug overdose prevention program that provides naloxone and other support.

Prevention First is a non-profit that promotes healthy behaviors and prevents drug and alcohol misuse. It offers many resources for youth and adults, including training and assistance programs. Project OZ also offers many support programs,

but one aspect is substance use and suicide prevention.

Prevention and education information is valuable in helping individuals and communities understand the risks of excessive alcohol use and illicit drug use. This can be especially valuable during Fourth of July celebrations. Binge drinking around Independence Day is typical, and it is known as one of the heaviest drinking holidays of the year. In social settings, it becomes easy to consume too much alcohol.

According to drug abuse statistics, Illinois may have a significant un-

derage drinking problem. Roughly 20.5% of Illinois adults over 18 binge drink at least once per month. Annually, there is an average of 5,151 deaths in the state attributed to excessive alcohol use.

Parents also play an essential role when providing drug education. They can take the initiative to create an inclusive and supportive environment with their children. This can equip them with the tools they need to make knowledgeable decisions surrounding alcohol and drug use.

Teens and adults all use drugs and alcohol for different reasons. Much of their use is linked to

peer pressure, whether from peers, in a social setting, or in the case of someone they look up to who they see drinking or using drugs.

Stress is also a common factor, and alcohol or drugs seem like an easy escape from the problems of life.

Additionally, environment and family history are contributing factors. Children, for example, who grow up in households with heavy drinking and recreational drug use are more likely to experiment with drugs.

Any parents wondering what to do should consider starting the conversation about alcohol and drug use early. It is also essential to be calm, loving, and supportive. Seek out spe-

cialized resources, such as those offered by county or non-profit organizations providing prevention and education.

Additionally, parents want to focus on making it safe for their children to tell them anything and never end the conversation, keeping it going regardless of age.

Local drug education resources are here to help with the goal of helping people of all ages make knowledgeable decisions about drugs and alcohol.

Jody Boulay is a mother of two with a passion for helping others. She currently works as a Community Outreach Coordinator for DRS to help spread awareness of the dangers of drugs and alcohol.



Jody Boulay

New OCL political letter policy

THE Ogle County Life is implementing a new political letter policy.

We will now be accepting election letters endorsing or advocating for or against a ballot measure, party or candidate as paid advertising announcement. The fee is \$25 minimum for

a 200 word letter and 10 cents a word for additional words over 250. Like other letters to the editor, the writer's name, address and phone number are required. Phone numbers and exact addresses are not published. We have the right to reject letters which don't meet publishing standards and

will determine if the letter qualifies as a paid endorsement. Paid letters will be identified with a label and may or may not appear on the opinion/letters page.

Most newspapers that have adopted this approach cite one main

reason: Political campaigns for years have used newspaper opinion pages for what amounts to free advertising. As these letter-writing campaigns become more widespread and sophisticated - some campaigns even pay people to write

letters to the editor - newspapers are flooded with requests to publish them, especially in the run-up to elections.

Will we still publish letters complaining about the county board or school board? Yes. But if you want others to vote for or against a candidate, or for or against

an issue on the ballot, you will need to pay a fee. Not a large fee - \$25 for up to 200 words.

Some key dates to keep in mind for political endorsement letters:

To submit a letter, email Managing Editor Jeff Helfrich at jhelfrich@ogle-countylife.com.



LOCAL NEWS



City of Byron hosts ribbon cutting for new mural

The City of Byron held a ribbon cutting on Tuesday, July 16, to celebrate the completion of the city's third mural, "Remain in Light" by Brett Whitacre, and to recognize the businesses that generously sponsored the project. The mural is located on the north side of Byron City Hall at 232 W. 2nd St. Pictured from left to right: Amy King (City of Byron); Samatha Ciaccio (Byron Bank); Charles Schaeffer (Edward Jones); Ashlyn Berogan (Sterling Federal Bank); Caryn Huber (city clerk, Byron); Brett Whitacre (mural artist); Jessica Nehring (alderman, City of Byron); Dave Gatz (Byron Bank); John Rickard (mayor, City of Byron); Delene King, Kelly Rink, Jessica Lewis, Angie Renfro, Christina Taylor, Katie Klingele, Lexi Brooks-Larsen (Byron Bank); Shane Harvey (Constellation); Becca Ketter (Byron Bank); Sean Smith (executive director, Byron Chamber of Commerce); Sheila McCammond (Byron Chamber of Commerce). Information about the mural can be found at www.cityofbyron.com. (Courtesy photos)



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COUNTY: Ogle board approves overtime agreement for coroner's office

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“The goal we have for the county is to get all of the communities to work together and join forces to be stronger,” Coulombe said. “Regionalism has been a big thing. There’s power and strength in numbers. If a manufacturer comes into the region and can’t find a spot in one community, we want them to find another place and stay in the region and county.”

In the past five months, Coulombe has spent time in each of the communities that played a major role in the OCEDC’s formation and went over their needs, demands and challenges. Her services include working with businesses on startup and relocation, posting properties online for development, and helping with grant applications and awareness.

“If somebody needs assistance with their business, if there’s a solution out there, we’ll do everything we can to find it,” Coulombe said. “I also have an inventory of all the property within the county including land sites as well as buildings and empty sites that might need to be repurposed.”

Properties within Ogle County are currently “in the running for” several development projects, Coulombe said, which

she hopes to see come to fruition.

Coulombe also expressed a desire to help improve the county’s housing availability by working with developers amid a housing shortage.

“Our goals are to work together to help each other save money, make the best of our money, and find grants to help the communities with their downtowns and infrastructure,” Coulombe said. “Hopefully we can help some of these communities build their downtown and give everyone an opportunity to stay and shop in their own community.”

Nuclear plant

Board Member Dan Janes (R-Stillman Valley, District 5) said Tuesday that upcoming meetings will take place regarding ongoing petition work by Constellation, the owner of the Byron Nuclear Plant, to change the zoning classification of some of its property.

Janes said at last month’s meeting that Constellation wants to change all of its agricultural-zoned land to industrial zoning due to some “very positive things that could happen up and around the nuclear plant.” The County Board is working through the process for rezoning.

“This would give [Constellation] the opportunity



(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)

The OCEDC is a nonprofit representing all of Ogle County, its communities, employers and citizens. The entity officially formed in August 2023 to bring a cohesive county-wide economic development effort. Since 2019, more than a dozen communities, utility companies, state and regional economic agencies have come together to make the OCEDC a reality.

to look into some very demanding customers to help their industry,” Janes said last month. “I cannot share all of the information. This would probably have a very positive impact on our county’s equalized assessed value (EAV). It could have the opportunity to be as big as big can get in Ogle County. We need to do this so we’re first on the list.”

The ground that would see zoning changes is mostly on top of the quar-

ry that the nuclear plant is built on. The several hundred acres are owned by Constellation.

Marion Township will address the proposed zoning changes at its July 22 monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. The county’s zoning board of appeals will address them at its July 25 meeting at 6 p.m.

Coroner's office

The board unanimously approved an overtime agreement for employees

of the Ogle County Coroner’s Office in response to issues with underpayment dating back to May 2022 for full-time and part-time deputy coroners. The agreement approved Tuesday corrected underpayment to five employees in the amount of \$31,241.

Insurance

The board unanimously approved a new health insurance plan for county employees that will run

from Aug. 1 until Dec. 31, 2025. The county’s new health insurance provider will be Blue Cross Blue Shield.

The county has had a self-insured model for over 20 years and recently saw high cost increases in recent years, with its most recent renewal rate being a 20 percent increase. The county accepted bids and received two, of which Blue Cross Blue Shield was the lowest.

Byron Bank launches annual Stuff-A-Bus campaign

BYRON—Byron Bank is excited to announce the launch of its annual “Stuff-A-Bus” campaign; Fill the Bus to Fuel Their Future. Aimed at ensuring local students start the school year with the supplies they need for success, the campaign will run from July 22 to Aug.

10, and seeks donations of essential school supplies to benefit students in the Byron School District, Meridian School District, District 100 in Belvidere, and the Focus House Foundation.

“Knowing that there are people willing to help

students start the school year feeling comfortable and confident can make a significant difference in their educational journey,” Mary Morgan Elementary School Principal Sarah Hogan said. “It’s a testament to the power of community and generosity in fostering positive

learning environments. We are so thankful for the Byron community and their support.”

Items that are most needed are backpacks, crayons, dry erase markers, scissors, spiral notebooks, one-inch binders, index cards, ear buds or headphones, hygiene

kits, and #2 pencils. All supplies donated will be delivered directly to the schools and distributed by school staff.

“Schools are the heart of our communities, and as a local, family-owned community bank, we are committed to supporting them in any way we can,”

Byron Bank Marketing Officer Samantha Ciaccio said.

We encourage everyone to join us in giving students the tools they need to start the year prepared and confident. Find a complete list of school supplies needed at byronbank.com.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

July 24: Kable Band Concert’s theme for July 24 will be “Night at the Movies.” The Band is pleased to announce talented vocal soloist, Anne Arza, who will perform two solos. Anne (Miller) Arza is a Mt. Morris High School graduate of ‘88. Her vocal career has in-

cluded numerous leading roles in musical theatrical productions in and around the Chicago area. Under Andy Eckardt’s direction, the Kable Concert band brings its 128th season in the Reckmeyer Bandshell on the beautiful Mt. Morris campus. Concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. Visit

the ice cream social prior to the concert. Bench seating is provided, or bring your folding chair.

July 25: The Polo Farmer’s Market is held on South Division Avenue just North of Knie’s Appliance and TV on Thursdays 3-6 p.m. Vendors include Death Meats,

Earl-E Green Gardens, Ewe and Me Acres, Ferguson Farm, Ivan’s Farm (Marian), Vera’s Crafts, and more!

July 27: Come and join us at Byron’s Hairy Cow Farmers Market on Saturday, July 27 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 vendor, please contact Taryn Bradley at (815)985-6042, by email at craftlab23@gmail.

com or at the Byron’s Hairy Cow Farmers Facebook page.

Aug. 4: The 21st Music in Ropp Park will take place on Sunday, Aug. 4, at 6 p.m. Free, fun, and family friendly. Ropp Park is located at 205 E. Pershing St., Stillman Valley. Please bring a chair.

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OGLE COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

OREGON — On July 9 at 11:11 a.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop on Straddle Creek Road just west of North Brookville Road (Carroll County), for an equipment violation that occurred in the 15,000 block of West White Eagle Road (Ogle County). As a result, deputies arrested Juan P. Anguiano, 44, of Clinton, Iowa for driving with no valid driver's license. Anguiano was additionally issued a citation for no muffler. Anguiano was released on scene with a notice to appear with a future court date.

On July 9 at 5:03 p.m. deputies responded to the 7,000 block of East Flagg Road and made contact with a male. The male was identified as Jessie Thornton, 33, of Dakota, who was placed under arrest for an outstanding Ogle County warrant (failure to appear possession of controlled substance), Stephenson County warrant (failure to appear domestic battery), and Rockford Police warrant (failure to appear

driving under the influence of alcohol). Thornton was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

On July 9 at approximately 10:20 p.m. deputies responded to the 100 Block of Merchant Street and made contact with a female. The female was identified as Pamela Guzman, 40, of Byron, who was placed under arrest for an Ogle County warrant for failure to appear. Guzman was transported to the Ogle County Jail, where she was held in lieu of bond.

On July 9 at approximately 11:43 p.m. deputies located a vehicle traveling in the oncoming lane of travel, just south of the intersection of Freeport Road and Milledgeville Road. Deputies attempted to stop the vehicle, which fled northbound at a high rate of speed. The vehicle finally came to a stop near the intersection of Illinois Route 26 and Prairie Dell Road. The driver of the vehicle, Courtney Nielsen, 24, of Sterling, was

placed under arrest for aggravated fleeing to elude a peace officer and driving under the influence of alcohol. Nielsen was also cited for speeding, improper lane usage, and disobeying a stop sign. Nielsen was transported to the Ogle County Jail where she was released on a notice to appear.

On July 10 at approximately 11:21 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 11,000 block of North Kennedy Hill Road. After investigation, deputies placed Tamara Matthews, 56, of Overland Park, Kansas, under arrest for driving while license revoked and possession of a controlled substance (schedule IV pills) class-four felony. Matthews was additionally issued a citation for operating an uninsured vehicle. Matthews was transported to the Ogle County Jail where she was released on a notice to appear and given a future court date.

On July 10 at approximately 10:55 p.m. deputies

responded to the 200 block of West Roosevelt Street in Stillman Valley in response to a citizen complaint. After an investigation, Tiffany R Fabish, 39, of Stillman Valley, was placed under arrest for two Ogle County warrants. It was found that Fabish had a warrant for failure to appear for a traffic offense and a warrant for a probation violation. Fabish was transported to the Ogle County Jail, where she was held in lieu of bond.

On July 10 at approximately 8:50 a.m. deputies arrested Estevan Munoz, 23, of Rochelle. Munoz was arrested on an outstanding Ogle County warrant for reckless driving. There was no bond set on the warrant and he appeared in court at 1 p.m. Munoz was released on a recognizance bond and will return to court on Sept. 9 at 9 a.m.

On July 12 at approximately 12:50 a.m. deputies responded to one-vehicle accident in the 1,900 block of West Lightsville Road. After investigation, deputies determined that a red Ford Focus driven by Bailey Miller, 24, of Leaf River, was traveling westbound in the 1,000

block of West Lightsville Road. Miller then struck a deer in the roadway before overturning at least once in the north ditch. Miller was checked out on scene by Leaf River EMS and was released on a refusal. Miller was placed under arrest for driving under the influence of alcohol. Miller was transported to the Ogle County Jail, where she was released on a notice to appear and given a future court date.

On July 13 at 10:04 p.m. deputies were dispatched to the area of 100 E. Cedarholm St., Creston for the report of a pedestrian being struck by a passing vehicle. After a brief investigation, deputies arrested Christian Stanbery, 22, of Creston, for driving under the influence of alcohol and driving while license suspended. Stanbery was transported to the Ogle County Jail to be processed where he was additionally charged with aggravated DUI. Stanbery was released on a notice to appear court date Aug. 7 at 9 a.m. The pedestrian refused EMS and had minor injuries. Stanbery was additionally cited for expired registration and

operating uninsured motor vehicle.

On July 13 at approximately 12:10 a.m. deputies arrived at a residence in the 12,000 block of West Haldane Road in response to a domestic battery in progress (multiple persons involved). After an initial investigation, deputies placed Michael J. Allen, 29, of Polo, under arrest for aggravated domestic battery and two counts of battery. Allen was transported to the Ogle County Jail, where he is being held pending an appearance before a judge. Deputies were assisted on scene by the Polo Police Department.

On July 15 at approximately 8:30 a.m. deputies arrested Jessica Peterson, 39, of Mt. Morris, when she turned herself in to the Ogle County Jail. Peterson was arrested on an outstanding warrant for driving under the influence. There was no bond set on the warrant, and she appeared in court at 1 p.m. Peterson was issued a recognizance bond, was released, and will appear in court again on Aug. 12.

All individuals are considered innocent until proven guilty in the court of law.

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

Low Income Housing

Ogle County Housing Authority
200 W Washington, Oregon **732-1301**

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Kara Hodson of Mt. Morris gains experience with Powerhouse Team

CEDARVILLE, Ohio — Football is the name of the game. It may look different for the Columbus Crew, a Major League Soccer club, and Penn State's Big Ten Nittany Lions, but these powerhouse teams have something in common - both are hosting Cedarville University Master of Athletic Training (MAT) students for immersive clinical rotations.

The MAT program at Cedarville is entering its third year while building on decades of education in sports medicine. The program's reputation for excellence has opened doors for students seeking placement for immersive clinical training.

"Cedarville has a reputation of producing outstanding students in every discipline on campus, and that makes it easy to reach out to other schools. They know they will be hosting a great young professional," said Dr. Ken Blood, associate professor of athletic training. "So as the students dream and identify places that really meet their passions, we help them make that happen."

This explains how Cedarville students landed clinical placement this summer with Division I teams like Penn State, Baylor, Syracuse and Towson.

Lauren Barnes, a second-year MAT student from Maine, New York, was drawn to the competitive atmosphere and physical demands of high-intensity sports. She was intrigued by Penn State football's record as

a Big Ten school and their renowned athletic training staff. This led her to reach out to their head athletic trainer, Andy Mutman, who extended an invitation for her to see what life is like with a Division I football team.

While with the Nittany Lions, Barnes will experience serving a team with a roster of 124 players and a staff of over 20 professionals, including coaches, team physicians and nutritionists. She will also expand her knowledge base and use the latest in rehabilitation and training equipment.

"Working with athletes in a highly competitive environment like Penn State will elevate the confidence I have in my abilities as an athletic trainer. This placement is instrumental in allowing me to gain knowledge and expertise within the field," said Barnes.

Other students from Cedarville's second MAT cohort spending the summer with collegiate football teams include: Tyler Conn (Jeffersonville, Ohio) and Michael Butcher (Knoxville, Tennessee) at Baylor University, Kara Hodson (Mt. Morris) at Syracuse University and Sarah Lagan (West Simsbury, Connecticut) at Towson University.

It is not only schools that seek out Cedarville students. The Columbus Crew initiated the placement of second-year MAT student Jacob Bonville, from Presque Isle, Maine, with their major league club, where Bonville is

gaining experience in the world of professional sports.

"When I'm not observing treatment, treating players myself or out at training, I am researching, running through mock treatments, or talking with the various members of the sports medicine team. It has been very conducive for learning at the highest level," said Bonville.

As Bonville spends time on the sidelines with the Crew this summer, he will grow in his ability to critically assess, evaluate and treat sports injuries while providing physical, mental and spiritual care for top athletes.

In addition to the valuable clinical experience, Bonville is enjoying the camaraderie that exists in professional sports. "The club has been very welcoming. It's expected that everyone who is with the Crew knows everyone else's name," shared Bonville. "Getting to know the people behind the scenes and the players who excel on the pitch has been great."

While the traditional location for athletic trainers has been in the realm of professional, collegiate and high school athletics, the skills these students are perfecting will also prepare them to find employment in emerging fields where the need for on-site injury care and prevention is being recognized. Upon graduation, they will be in demand not only on the sidelines but in industrial, fine arts, military and clinical settings.

Sen. Andrew Chesney offers summer 2024 legislative survey

FREEPORT — State Senator Andrew Chesney (R-Freeport) is offering residents of the 45th Senate District an opportunity to weigh in on issues of importance through a new Summer 2024 Survey. The survey, which features multiple choice and open-ended questions, was recently mailed to households throughout the district, and a digital version is now also available.

"It is important to seek input and feedback from my constituents on a regular basis, and this new survey will gauge opinions on current issues affecting our state," Chesney said. "It also includes an open-ended section where people can add their own opinions on other issues or offer suggestions for how we can improve Illinois."

The digital survey can be accessed at: <https://senatorchesney.com/>

chesney-summer-survey-2024.

"These are challenging times in the State of Illinois, and lawmakers will be called upon to make difficult decisions," Chesney said. "By soliciting input by the people who send me to Springfield to act on their behalf, I can ensure my votes align with the constituents I represent."

Chesney said he and his staff will review every survey that is returned.

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LOCAL NEWS

Autumn On Parade in need of volunteers for next event

OREGON — For 53 years, Autumn On Parade has come to life because of the community spirit and pride among Oregonites. Volunteer efforts of family and friends, neighbors and newbies, paired with the financial and “in kind” support so generously given by local businesses, our city and county officials and governing bodies, and our phenomenal park district are the backbone of AOP. Attendees show their festival support by purchasing tickets for our 60/40 raffle.

The Autumn On Parade Board & Committee are a crew of 10 people who work from January to November every year to bring activities you & your family will enjoy. We love hosting & the sponsorship dollars help make it happen, but, even more than the dollars,

the volunteers that come together the weekend of the festival are an absolute necessity to make Autumn On Parade a viable event. These are the extra folks putting in time - and often heavy lifting - to support AOP.

We have a small, but diligent and organized crew building on foundational work from AOP Committees of years past, however each year has proven increasingly more difficult to source folks willing to donate their time during the festival weekend. You’ve even noticed events coming to an end. Despite having solid financials, the future of our festival is questionable solely based on lack of help. Simply put: We are short on volunteers and Autumn On Parade needs your help.

Tens of thousands of people flock to Oregon

for Autumn On Parade annually, spending their money in Ogle County supporting local businesses and Not For Profits. Help us continue the trend by volunteering your time during our event. Learn new things, meet new people, expand your network, and keep this well-loved festival alive.

Please reach out to the Autumn On Parade Board via phone, email, or social media for more details.

We can be contacted at (815) 732-3465; autumnonparadeinfo@gmail.com; & @autumnonparade on Facebook and Instagram. To each of you who have volunteered in the past, and to those individuals who come forward every year, we extend a sincere “Thank You.” To the younger generations, we need you.



(COURTESY PHOTO) For 53 years, Autumn On Parade has come to life because of the community spirit and pride among Oregonites.



Storm damages house trailer in Flagg Center
On July 13 at 3:36 p.m. the Ogle County Sheriff’s Office responded to the 11,400 block of East Flagg Road in regards to a house trailer that had been overturned as a result of a fast-moving storm. The Sheriff’s Office was assisted by Rochelle Fire Department and Flagg Center Fire Department personnel. The occupant of the trailer was treated for minor injuries at the scene by Rochelle Fire Department personnel. (Courtesy photo)

Ogle-Lee RTA accepting scholarship applications

OGLE COUNTY — The Ogle-Lee Retired Teachers Association will award three \$500 scholarships this year. Two will be from the Ogle-Lee RTA, and one will be the Pamela J. Farris Scholarship.

The requirement for the Ogle-Lee Scholarship is that you are enrolled as a junior or senior majoring

in education at an accredited school and that your home is in Ogle or Lee County.

The Pamela J. Farris Scholarship requires that you be enrolled as a junior or senior majoring in elementary or middle school education at Northern Illinois University. No county restrictions.

Applications are available online at ogleleerta-online.weebly.com.

Applications are due by Aug. 16 to Phil Bratta, 5631 Fair Oaks Drive, Davis Junction, IL 61020. The scholarship winners will be announced on Sept. 10. If you have questions, contact Bratta at 815/520-5312.

July 31 fundraiser will benefit first-graders

MT. MORRIS — The Mt. Morris Community Library Foundation is hosting a pie and ice cream social on Wednesday, July 31, from 7-9 p.m., during the Kable Band concert on the Mt. Morris campus. All donations will go toward the 9x9x9 Program, the foundation’s most successful program.

For \$18 per child (formerly \$9), a first grader will receive one book per month for nine months, i.e., nine books during the school year. Fall 2024 will begin the fifth year that

the Mt. Morris Community Library Foundation has sponsored the 9x9x9 program. They are raising funds to ensure that every first grader in the Oregon school district receives nine books this year.

The Mt. Morris Community Library Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that supports the Mt. Morris Community Library through funding, by matching every memorial gift given to the library, and by supporting the library’s services and programs.

The Foundation also gives away books to kids who visit Santa during the Mt. Morris Christmas on the Square event. Donations are welcome, and anyone can become an annual member of the foundation for \$2 a year or purchase a lifetime membership for \$100. Those funds are invested and used to support the library. More information is available at the Mt. Morris Community Library, the MMCLF page at www.mtmorris-il.org, or by messaging the library on social media.

Mobile Food Pantry in Mt. Morris is July 25

MT. MORRIS — Loaves & Fish Food Pantry alongside Northern Illinois Food Bank is hosting a Mobile Food Pantry on Thursday, July 25 from 10–11:30 a.m. The truck will be located at Mt. Morris Church of the Brethren, 409 W. Brayton Road, Mt. Morris. Food is distributed on a first-come, first-served basis, while supplies last. Food is free to neighbors in need; no ID, proof of address or income

is required. Anyone experiencing food insecurity is eligible to receive food. You do not need to have a referral, and no proof of income is required. Loaves & Fish Food Pantry is located on the lower level of the Mt. Morris Church of the Brethren, 409 W. Brayton Road, and is open on the first and third Thursdays from 3:30–6 p.m. and second and fourth Mondays from 2–4:30 p.m.

Mobile pantries will be held on the fourth Thursday of every month through October, and will be held at Church of the Brethren, 409 W. Brayton Road, Mt. Morris for the remainder of the year. These are an “extra” food distribution – food that comes on the truck is distributed that day.

If you have any questions, call or text 815-613-8776 and leave a message and we will return your call/message.

Fehr Graham named Zweig Group Hot Firm for third consecutive year

FREEPORT — Fehr Graham, a leading Midwest engineering and environmental firm, secured the No. 83 spot on Zweig Group’s Hot Firm List, making its third consecutive year on the roster. Ranking No. 54 in 2023 and No. 74 in 2022, Fehr Graham continues to establish itself as one of the top-growing firms. This year marks the ninth time Fehr Graham has earned a place on the list, showing the firm’s ongoing commitment to growth and excellence.

“We are thrilled to once again be recognized by Zweig Group,” said Fehr Graham President Mick Gronewold. “This honor is a testament to the hard work of our dedicated team and the trust our clients place in us. Together, they drive our growth and allow us to innovate and

excel.”

Zweig is a business management group that annually honors the 100 fastest-growing firms in the architecture, engineering and construction (AEC) industry. Rankings are determined by revenue growth by percentage and dollars over three years. Eligibility for the 2024 Hot Firm List requires at least 50% of the firm’s revenue in 2020 and 2023 to be derived from the AEC industry, firms to generate at least \$500,000 in gross revenue and to have achieved at least \$1 million in gross service revenue by 2023. Firms must have been established on or before Dec. 31, 2018.

“The 2024 Hot Firms have outperformed the economy and their competitors and are leading the AEC industry,” Zweig

Group Chief Executive Officer Chad Clinehens said in a news release. “Their commitment to a strong culture, innovative marketing and adaptability to change help set them apart as successful, growth-focused firms.”

Winners will be recognized at the 2024 Elevate AEC Conference and Awards Gala Sept. 18-19 in Tampa Bay, Florida, and are featured in the Zweig weekly newsletter, The Zweig Letter. View the winners here.

Fehr Graham designs projects ranging from water and wastewater treatment plants to roads, bridges and highways. The team also designs stormwater solutions, sanitary sewer systems, water distribution and treatment facilities, wells, pumps and lift stations, parking lots, parks and more. To learn more about Fehr Graham’s culture and job opportunities, visit our careers page.

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Starwalt leads BHS runners race in 2024 ByronFest 5K

Byron High School's cross country team had athletes race in the 2024 ByronFest 5K. Tim Starwalt (pictured at right) took home the trophy as the overall winner in the men's division. (Courtesy photos)



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2599 S. Snyder Rd., Oregon
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507 N. 6th Street, Oregon
\$230,000 Call Rebecca
 HISTORIC BEAUTY! Located on the North end of Oregon, this listing is sure to please with updates and vintage charm. With new roof, siding, gutters and gutter guards in 2023, this home also has 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms and over 2,800 square feet of living space. The main floor features a tastefully updated kitchen with stunning cabinets, countertops and backsplash. There are inviting and spacious living, family and dining rooms with gorgeous hardwood floors and large windows. You will also find the laundry room and a beautifully updated main floor full bathroom. Up the open staircase to the second floor where you will find 4 bedrooms. Lower level has been finished providing extra living space with a rec room, wet bar and full bathroom. You can enjoy the summer days on your front porch watching the world go by or on the screened porch off of the kitchen area. There is a concrete driveway that was installed in 2021 leads to your garage. Many updates have been done to this home in recent years: hot water heater, electrical updates, central air, water softener and rebuilt chimney. Call for your showing today!



2734 N. Deer Path Circle
\$220,000 Call Rebecca
 A HOME THE WHOLE FAMILY CAN ENJOY! 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom home located on a quiet cul de sac minutes from Oregon. With a new roof and gutters in 2023, this ranch home also has updated vinyl plank flooring throughout the main floor. Kitchen has an eat up bar and is open to the dining area that has sliders out to the large deck. Back yard is fully fenced and is HUGE! Master has his and hers closets along with an en suite bathroom. 2 additional bedrooms and another full bathroom can be found on the main floor. Basement is partially finished and is great bonus space. Water heater, central air and refrigerator are all newer. This one won't last long, call for your showing today!



367 Margaret Fuller Dr., Oregon
\$220,000 Call Rebecca
 RANCH ON 1.1 ACRE CORNER LOT! This 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom home located just outside of downtown Oregon with views of Blackhawk Statue is the one that you been waiting for. There is a front formal living room along with a family room and dining room that are both open to the kitchen. Kitchen appliances stay. Master bedroom has two closets along with an en suite bathroom. Basement is ready to be finished for additional living space. Located a short walk to the path to Fairgrounds Park. Attached 2 car garage. Fabulous yard with plenty of room for outdoor entertaining and recreation. Call for your showing today!



420 W. Meadows Dr., Freeport
NOW \$115,000 Call Rebecca
 OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS! Over 5,000 finished square feet in this Morton building plus an attached 2,000 square feet greenhouse that has an above ground pool! Formerly, Brooke's Barks & Recreation, the possibilities are endless with this location which includes front reception area, several offices, kitchenette, 2 bathrooms, and a laundry area. There is also a large room with TSR floor coating that is open and could easily be divided into additional workspace or storage space. Another bonus is that the property is ADA compliant. 1.07 acre lot that includes large fenced in area off the front of the business and a parking lot with parking for 20+ cars. A quick closing is possible. Call for your showing today!



1221 Currency Ct., Rochelle
\$225,000 Call Taylor or JD
 Seize the opportunity to lease-to-own this all-brick office building, boasting excellent visibility to traffic. Spanning 1,500 sq ft, this property features four generously sized office rooms, a conference room, and a welcoming reception area. Additionally, enjoy 500 sq ft of usable common space, including a shared kitchen area/break room and two bathrooms. This versatile building is ideal for a variety of professional uses, including office space, medical practices, physical therapy, chiropractic services, hair styling, and more. The owner is committed to ensuring the space is suitable for the tenant and is willing to tailor the property to meet your specific needs. Move your business in and start thriving in this highly visible location. Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity!



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\$650,000 Call Becky
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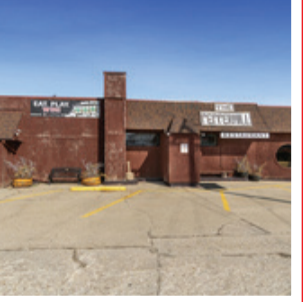
1905 Melugins Grove Rd., Rochelle
\$279,000 Call Jessica
 This charming 4-bedroom, 2-bathroom farmhouse offers a unique blend of rustic elegance and modern comfort on 1.65 sprawling acres. Step inside to discover a welcoming living room centered around a cozy fireplace, inviting you to relax and unwind. The massive sun porch, complete with laundry hookups, provides an idyllic spot to add an office, play room or extra lounging area. An expansive screened-in porch seamlessly connects the dining and kitchen areas, offering a serene sanctuary for dining, relaxing and entertaining. On the main floor, a full bathroom ensures convenience. The generously sized mudroom boasts abundant closet storage for keeping your essentials organized. Ascend the stairs to find four spacious bedrooms and a full bathroom featuring a charming cast iron clawfoot tub. Throughout the home, original hardwood floors, doors, and trim add warmth and character. Enjoy the comforts of central air and forced heat upstairs, while the main floor benefits from boiler heat and a wall air unit for year-round temperature control. The home is also powered by Solar panels, making electric expenses almost non-existent. Don't miss this exceptional opportunity to own a piece of history and tranquility in this beautiful farmhouse.



409 W. Brayton Rd., Mt Morris
\$250,000 Call Lori
 Masonry church building, very well maintained, with 22,780 square feet more or less available for purchase. 3 level building with the main level at street grade at the front, the lower level at street grade to the rear. Full kitchen in the lower level plus a large room 40 by 74 with additional stage area. Bathrooms on each level. Functional building with large spaces including an 84 x 40 sanctuary and typical classroom and office size spaces. Metal roof and modernized, zoned hot water heating system. Multiple stairways between levels. The building's layout will accommodate multiple uses and users.



1406 Mineral Springs Rd., Sterling
\$299,000 Call Jenny
 This 3 bedroom 2.5 bath ranch home is a Sterling stunner! You will be in awe of the many features this spacious home with over 2375 sq ft provides. Pride of ownership shows throughout, beginning with brand new flat roofs and luxury vinyl flooring. Spacious living room features a gorgeous gas fireplace and views of the park-like yard. Inviting family room, kitchen, and main floor laundry are functional and perfect for a busy household. The massive master suite has ample closets, a slider to the backyard, and a bid shower. There is an additional full bath, half bath, and 2 large bedrooms with an abundance of closet and storage space. Screened porch is a perfect spot to be this summer as is the coated concrete patio at the back of the house. New storage shed and a fenced area complement the tranquil 1.47 acre lot full of mature trees, beautiful flowers and landscaping. Heated two car garage with built-ins and partial basement provide ample storage as well. Desirable location near shopping and parks. Don't miss the opportunity to make this well-maintained home your own! Additional information is available on the property - call today!



10 E. Hitt Street, Mt. Morris
\$399,000 Call Jennifer Rybicki
 Are you ready to jump into the restaurant business? Look no further, this turnkey operation could be yours!!! The Peppermill restaurant is selling both business and building after 30 successful years of operation. The current owners have built a strong customer base, friendly atmosphere at a great location. The Peppermill offers a bar on the left side of the business with over 20 bar stools, seating for over 100 guests in the building and adequate amount of parking. Current owners are willing to train and guide you to maximize your investment and produce a cash flowing business of your own. This sale includes all equipment and inventory for a smooth transition. Set up your showing today, don't miss out this great opportunity!



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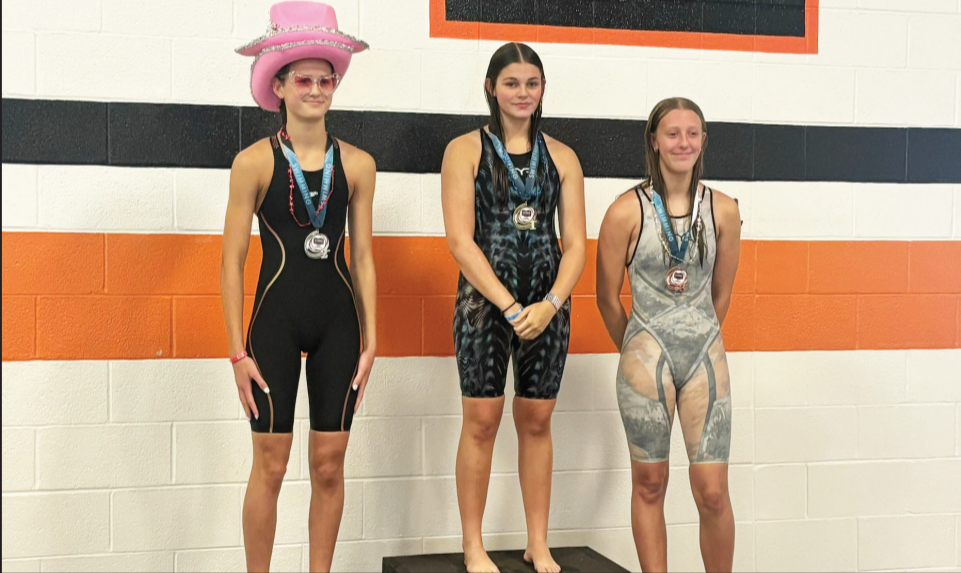
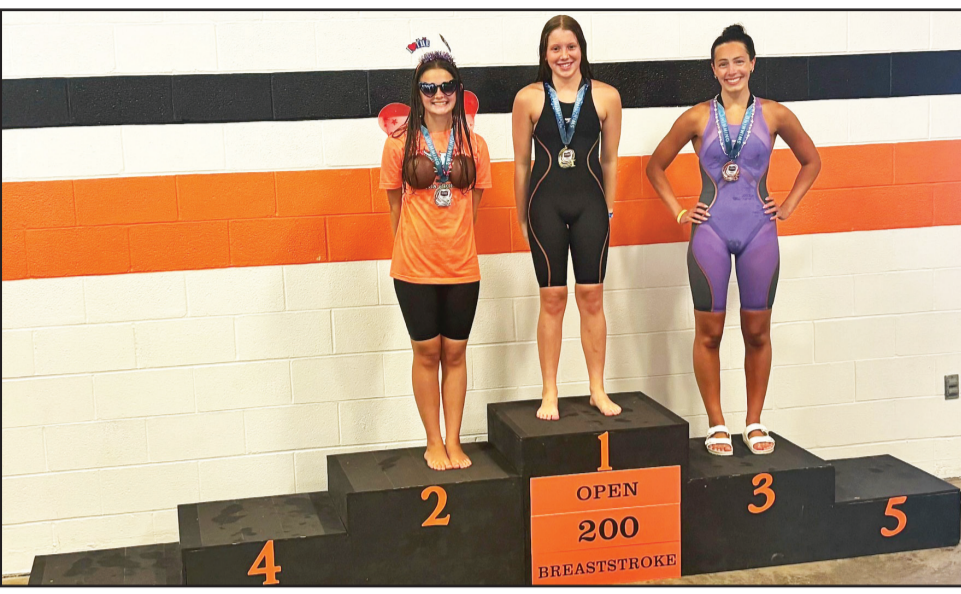
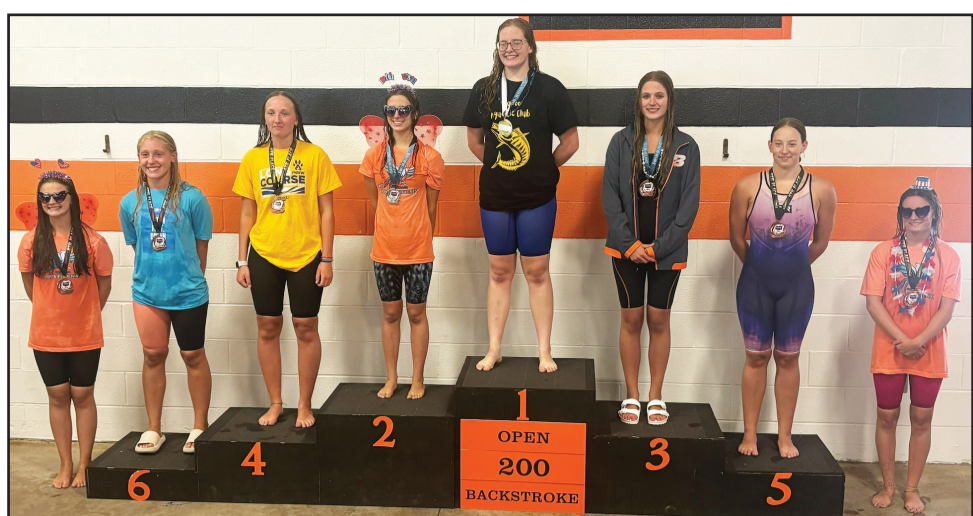
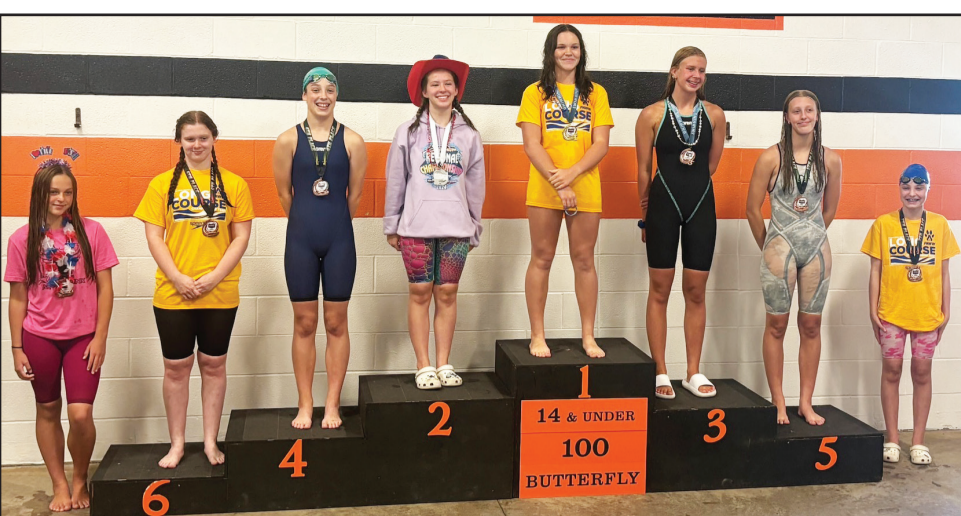
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LOCAL NEWS



Byron Tiger Sharks compete at 2024 Illinois Swimming Summer Regional in East Moline

The Byron Tiger Sharks swam in the 2024 East Moline Regional earlier this month. Byron's 200-yard medley relay teams tied for second place: Audrey Kilmer, Natalie Kilmer, Madelyn Capellan, Lucy Gura and Abby Krueger, Ainsley Hale, Ady Basler-Heather, Ryan Smith. Lucy Gura finished fifth in the 100-yard butterfly. Madelyn Capellan took second and Lucy Gura took sixth in the 100-yard breaststroke. Abby Krueger placed third in the 100-yard breaststroke. Byron's 200-yard freestyle relay team took second: Abby Krueger, Ady Basler-Heather, Natalie Kilmer and Lucy Gura. Ryan Smith placed third in the 200-yard butterfly and Ainsley Hale placed third in the 200-yard breaststroke. Madelyn Capellan finished first and Lucy Gura finished third in the 200-yard breaststroke. (Courtesy photos)

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LOCAL NEWS

BERTOLET LIBRARY NEWS

Movie Adventure Begins At Your Library

Thursday, July 25th at 10:30 AM Join us on one last adventure as we watch this movie filled with colorful balloons. As a boy, Carl Fredricksen wanted to explore South America and find the forbidden Paradise Falls. About 64 years later, he gets to begin his journey along with Boy Scout Russell by lifting his house with thousands of balloons. (IMDB)

Get SSET 4 School
Now through August 3rd *SSET 4 School (Sup-*

plying Students Educational Tools 4 School) is a local group that collects and distributes school supplies for our free/reduced lunch students in the FVV school district. Bring new school supplies to Bertolet Memorial Library now through August 1st. Markers, glue, calculators, lunch bags, backpacks, and more are all needed to help these students start the school year off on the right foot! Distribution will be held in Forreton on August 7th.

Back To School Bash

Thursday, August 8th at 11:00 AM **CALLING ALL KIDS!** Join us outdoors for fun games, a free hot dog lunch, and snow cones. Registration required at 815-738-2742.

A to Z Reading Challenge

It's Christmas in July! Search for a Christmas themed book to fill one of your titles.

July Book of the Month

Belle da Costa Greene was hired as a curator for the Pierpont Morgan Library by J.P. Morgan.

She becomes a prominent figure in the highest levels of society. However, she has one massive secret that could ruin her career. Her name has been changed and her skin color is not because of Portuguese heritage, but African American. Learn how she was a top person in her field and what she had to do to protect her family. Stop by the circulation desk and pick up your copy of *The Personal Librarian* by Marie Benedict today.

July Craft

Stop by the circulation desk to pick up a summer or patriotic craft to make at home.

Card Making

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

Plastic Recycling

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

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NEW RELEASES

Adult Books

The Boys In The Boat by Daniel James Brown
Total Olympics by Jeremy Fuchs
Proof by Fern Michaels
Resurrection by Danielle Steel

Chapter Books

The Oregon Trail: The Road to Oregon City by Jesse Wiley

Picture Books

What Should Darla Do? by Ganit Levy
Lost Cat by Jacqueline Rayner

BYRON PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS



Patrons enjoyed the evening creating moss wall art using different types of preserved moss and other natural elements.

The Magic of Oz: Celebrate 85 Years!

Thursday, Aug. 22. 6 – 7:30 pm. Follow the yellow brick road with Dorothy Gale and Toto into the magical world of Oz! Historical presenter Michelle Gibbons, will delight audiences with a theatrical portrayal of beloved actress Judy Garland. Learn about Garland's worldwide fame, childhood, and struggles to stardom from her point of view. Please call 815-234-5107 to register.

Ogle County Dixie Five

Tuesday, Aug. 27. 1:30 – 2:30 pm. Come join us for an afternoon of harmonious music with

Ogle County Dixie Five. Please call 815-234-5107 to register.

Did you know...

That the Byron Library can help you save your VHS home movies? Bring your VHS tapes to the library, and our staff will copy what is on the tape to a DVD or to a USB drive as a digital movie file! Blank DVDs can be purchased from the library for a fee of \$1.00 each, and blank USB drives can be purchased for \$5.00 each. Patrons are welcome to provide their own blank DVDs or USB drives. Due to copyright laws the library cannot copy commercially sold VHS

tapes or anything recorded onto VHS from television. Limit 5 tapes per visit.

Did you know...

That the Byron Library's electronic sign isn't just for advertising library events? The library will run messages on the sign for local churches, schools, and non-profit organizations at no charge. Messages must be sent to the library at least a week in advance, and can be run for a minimum of one week. Messages for the electronic sign can be submitted in-person at the library or emailed to the library at library@byronlibrary.org.

Creative Studio

Our Creative Studio is open on Sunday afternoons and two evenings a week, so stop by for monthly crafts and to use our maker space equipment! Crafts out on the tables are free of charge, while some other projects will incur a cost depending on materials. Middle school and high school youth can use some of the materials while with an adult, or during Teen Time. Creative Studio hours: Sunday 1 - 5:00 pm, Monday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm & 5 - 8:00 pm, Tuesday 9 am - 1:00 pm & 5 - 8:00 pm, Wednesday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm, Thursday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm, Friday &

Saturday closed.

Check out Our Mobile App

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

Curbside Delivery

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!

POLO LIBRARY NEWS

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Storytime Saturday

2nd & 4th Saturdays, Saturday, July 27th: Storytime Saturday at 10:30 a.m. At Lowell Park with Jim Duis. Meet at the park - no transportation provided.

Birth to Five

Tuesday, July 23rd: Birth to Five - 10:30 a.m. with Stephanie King.

Dolly Parton Imagination Library

Tuesday, July 30th: Dolly Parton Imagination Library - 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Touch A Truck

Saturday, August 3rd: End of Summer Reading Program - 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. "Touch A Truck" at the Police & Fire Department.

ADULT MONTHLY PROGRAMS

Book discussion

2nd Fridays. August's

book discussion will be *Tinker, Tailor, Soldier Spy #5* by John Le Carre.

Book 2 Movie

3rd Thursdays: Book 2 Movie. August's book discussion will be *A Walk to Remember* by Nicholas Sparks.

Book discussion

4th Mondays, July 22nd at 1:00 p.m. at the Polo Library. Book discussion will be *The Seed Keeper* by Diane Wilson. August's book discussion will be *The Dig* by John Preston (August 19th).

Book Club & Brunch

Friday, July 26th: NEW! Book Club & Brunch at 10:30 a.m. at the Polo Library. For Young Adult to Adult audiences. Book discussion will be *Eat, Pray, Love* by Elizabeth Gilbert - Book To Movie. August's book discussion will be *The Color Purple* by Alice

Walker (Saturday, August 24th in the pavilion).

DNA Genealogy Assistance

1st Wednesday (5 p.m. to 7 p.m.) and 3rd Saturdays monthly (10 a.m. to 12 p.m.): DNA Genealogy Assistance (Next date: Wednesday, August 7th.) Donna Baumann will be here to help with genealogy questions and DNA questions, or to research your genealogy with any resources she has access to.

NEW FIT class

1st & 3rd Tuesdays, August 6th & 20th from 6:00-7:00 p.m.: NEW FIT class - DrumFIT with Terra. This is a choreographed type fit class where participants use drum sticks in combination with buckets and exercise ball workout to target various areas of the body, legs, arms. For ages 12 to adult.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Building Our Children's Brains

Wednesday, August 7: "Building Our Children's Brains" program - 5:30-7:00 p.m. Workshop for parents and caregivers on

brain development. Discover how experiences shape the brain and learn strategies to support your child's growth while connecting with others.

Reminder

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MT. MORRIS SENIOR CENTER NEWS

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

Virtual trip

Tuesday, July 23rd take a virtual trip with us to the 25 best places to visit in the USA. Cost is only \$5.00 and includes a homemade treat. Call or stop in to sign up.

Sponsor a Chair!

We are in the process of replacing our worn out chairs and can use your help. For \$50.00 per

chair you can sponsor one of the new chairs we are hoping to purchase. Stop by the center during open

hours (9am to 1 pm) and talk with Melissa.

All help is appreciated!

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LOCAL NEWS

MT. MORRIS PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

Library Closings
Thursday, July 25, 2024
The library will close at 4pm for Summer Reading Program Celebration
Mary Head Retiring!
We are saddened to announce that long time librarian, Mary Head, has retired from the library! She has been here for over 35 years and many of the community will be sad to see her go. There is a card available to sign at the library. Let's all wish her the best in her retirement and send her off in style!
Summer Reading Program!!!
We want to thank all of our patrons and especially our SPONSORS who made this year's Summer Reading Program a huge success! Thank you to our sponsors: Gesin, Inc., R.E. Wolber & Sons Excavating, Stan's Performance LLC, Mt. Morris Community Women's Club, Lori Wolff, Mary Gardner, The Ladies of the MMHS Class of '57, Sullivans, The Rink at the Pines, Sunset Golf Course, Berry View Orchard, Merlins Flowers and Gifts, Rat Worx, Mt. Morris Fire Protection District, Rotary of Oregon, Sterling Federal Bank, Super Wash, Reising Insurance Agency, Custom Seal & Rubber Products, Inc, Mt. Morris Community Womens Club, Mount Morris Senior Citizens

Council, LLC, PEO Sisterhood, Samuel H. Davis Masonic Lodge, Stan's Performance, Inc.!!!
Medicare Informational Program
Not sure where to start? Have questions about your Medicare insurance? Stop by on Tuesday, July 23rd at 3pm for all the information you need. Kelly Denton from the Broadmoor Agency will be here to discuss the when, why, what, and how of Medicare. She will also talk about the Inflation Reduction Act and how this will affect Medicare coverage. RSVP by calling 815-847-5533, walk-ins are welcome!
Display Case Showings
Pablo Picasso said, "Art washes away from the soul the dust of everyday life." We have a new display put on by the local artist, Rhonda Cheek! Come see all of her gorgeous works all month long and wash away some everyday life! 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.
Hot Spots available at Mount Morris Library
The library has 2 hotspots available to check out for use at home. These are available to Mount Morris Library cardholders

and will be checked out for fourteen days. Get more information from a librarian if you would like to use this free service!
Story Time! Wednesdays at 11:15am
We will be reading books and the children will create a craft this Wednesday. Story time is every Wednesday @ 11:15, bring your little ones to enjoy stories and a craft at the Mount Morris Library!
Part-Time Clerk Opening
The Mount Morris Library is looking for a part-time clerk to work on evenings and Saturdays. If you are interested please stop by for an application.
Cookbook Club Next Meeting August 6th
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 August 6th, 6pm at The Senior Center for another exciting meal!
Adult Book Club Meeting Monday, July 29th
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 July 29th at 3:30pm.

Lego Club Thursday, August 15th
Lego night is the third Thursday of each month. Join in the fun with all the family as they build and create together. Families can build on Thursday, August 15th 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.
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 available!
We want to remind everyone that you still have the option of having your materials delivered to your vehicle. If you have holds waiting for you, call us to tell us you are on your way, and we will bring them out to your vehicle when you arrive. Call us if you need more information.
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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

OREGON PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

2024 Summer Reading Program
Read, Renew, Repeat! June 3- July 26. The last week of the youth summer reading program is now! All Youth Book Logs & raffle tickets are due Tuesday, July 23. I Spy Hunt in the Library is still available through August 8
Week of July 22- July 26
Monday, July 22, No Story Time. Tuesday, July 23, Lego Club, 2pm (2nd grade & up) Registration required. Thursday, July 25 Teen Craftroom, 1:30 pm (ages 13 & up) Registration required
Adult Summer Reading Program
Ends August 10th All brain game packets and book logs must be turned in by the end of the business day on August 10, 2024.
Local Author Open Mic Night
Thursday, August 8th at 6:30pm. Local authors are invited to an open mic night to share poetry, short stories, excerpts of their novels and more. Come and support our local authors. Authors and participants can register at www.oregonpublicli-

brary.com or call (815) 732-2724 for more information. Registration required.
Produce Swap
August 17th from 10am-6:00pm. Food Swaps are local gatherings where people swap excess homegrown produce and gardening extras. Items may include fruit, vegetables, herbs, eggs, seeds, seedlings, gardening tips and worm juice, but may easily extend to skill shares, stories and seasonal recipes. Take some, leave some or both! Have too much in your garden, bring to the library for others to enjoy. Food can be brought in beginning at 9:00am through 4:00pm. Any food left at 6:00pm will be donated to local pantries.
Ink with A Friend Monthly Card Club
Monday, August 19th 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, August 20th at 1:30pm or 5:30pm (Choose your timeslot). Epoxy Resin Jewelry - Create unique crystal-clear or colorful pieces of jewelry in no time at all. Once cured, resin is unbreakable and a definite eye-catcher! This an adult only class, 18 and up. Registration required, please call (815) 732-2724 or visit www.oregonpubliclibrary.com.
Friends Trivia Night at Cork N Tap
Wednesday, August 28th at 6:30pm. Are you a Friends fan? This trivia is for you! Grab 6 of your closest Friends fans and play for prizes at Cork N Tap. Registration required, www.oregonpubliclibrary.com. Teams of 6 ONLY. There is a limited number of teams, so don't wait to register.

Book Clubs
Books on Tap Book Club meets Thursday, July 25 at 6 pm at Cork & Tap to discuss People We Meet on Vacation by Emily Henry. Is This Just Fantasy? Book Club will meet Tuesday, July 30 to discuss The Adventures of Amina Al-Sirafi by Shannon Chakraborty. The 2WBC meets Wednesday, August 14 at 12:30 to discuss The Notebook by Nicholas Sparks. The Afternoon Book Club meets Wednesday, August 21 at 1 pm to discuss The Lacuna by Barbara Kingsolver. Cocktails & Crimes will meet Sunday, August 18.
Functional Yin-Yasa
Wednesdays, 9:30 am Functional Yin-Yasa - This class is a hybrid of yang (active yoga) with yin (passive yoga). We will use fundamental yoga postures combined with functional movements to build strength and warmth followed by passive, long held poses to help with flexibility and mobility of the joints and soft tissues. A yoga mat and blocks will be useful props for this class! All levels welcome." Oregon Library

Patrons only. Registration required, this class fills quickly. Please call (815) 732-2724 or visit http://www.oregonpubliclibrary.com
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.
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 - Because I Had a Teacher by Kobi Yamada.
At the StoryWalk is Compost Stew: An A-Z Recipe for the Earth by Mary McKenna Siddals.

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

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Rummikub
Monday, 12:15 - 3:00 p.m.
Wood Carvers
Tuesday, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.
Line Dancing
Tuesday and Thursday, 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.
Computer Lab Hour
July 25, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. Registration required.

American Classic Tours Preview
Monday, July 29; 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. Registration requested
2023-2024 NICOR GAS "SHARING" PROGRAM
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level and less than 300% of the poverty level. For 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.
Benefit Access Program
The Benefit Access Program allows you to get a discount on your license plate sticker. The cost of your sticker could be as low as \$10. To qualify, you must meet income guidelines as follows: You must be 65 years of age or older by December 31 of

the current year; or you must be 16 years of age or older and totally disabled before Jan. 1 of this year.
Your annual income* must be less than: \$33,562 for a 1-person household, \$44,533 for a 2-person household, \$55,500 for a 3-person household. You must live in Illinois at the time you file your application.

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LOCAL NEWS

Swingbilly RFD to play Mt. Morris on July 26

MT. MORRIS—The Mt. Morris Jamboree is pleased to announce the return of western swing band Swingbilly RFD to our bandshell stage, playing a two-hour free concert on Friday, July 26 starting at 7 p.m.

Swingbilly RFD is a Rockford-based group that plays traditional honky-tonk and western swing music as it was performed in its golden age of the '40s thru the '60s. The group is comprised of some of the area's most accomplished musicians, and the instrumentation is the same as it was back in the day...vocals, upright bass, acoustic guitar, steel guitar, fiddle and drums. Playing music from Hank Sr. to Bob Wills to Loretta Lynn to Patsy Cline, this group is sure to please. Their music spans generations and is guaranteed to get your toes a-tappin' and your face a-smilin'! Their specialty is playing

songs about lovin', cheatin', heartache and drinkin' and sometimes trains.

Concessions for the evening will be provided by Oregon's Rock River Center, in partnership with the Ogle County Pork Producers who will be serving pork chop sandwiches, chips, pop and water. Grandpa's ice cream as well as Bill's Famous Lemonade stand will be there too, 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 along with other craft and plant vendors from 5-8 p.m.

On either side of the bandshell, the Sandstone Encore Art Gallery features the Regional Artist's Showcase, and the new location of the Mt. Morris Historical Museum in the newly renovated College Hall,



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will both be open during the concert. 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 western swing concert.

Weekly Brain Busters

King Crossword

ACROSS

1 Pequod captain
 5 "Big Blue"
 8 Driver with a handle
 12 Sci-fi prefix
 13 Rep.'s rival
 14 Sea predator
 15 Be overly sweet
 16 The Stars and Stripes
 18 A cause of pay inequity
 20 Political meeting
 21 — butter
 23 SUV maker
 24 Veterans
 28 Snack
 31 Museum-funding org.
 32 TV, radio, etc.
 34 Fib
 35 Lummoxes
 37 Celtic language
 39 Bear hair
 41 Architect Saarinen
 42 "Alfie" singer Warwick
 45 Painter Georges
 49 It may be hard to break
 51 Sushi fish
 52 India's continent

DOWN

1 Curved lines
 2 Bagel feature
 3 "Life is like — of chocolates"
 4 Like Peter Pan
 5 Mozart opera
 6 — canto
 7 Roman 2600
 8 Newspaper piece
 9 Veggie with florets
 10 Beige
 11 Sunbeams
 17 Joke
 19 Counterfeit
 22 Confuse
 24 Plastic — Band
 25 Grazing land
 26 Yellow flower
 27 Avoid
 29 Bro's sib
 30 Sly chuckle
 33 Suffix for billion
 36 Baby's beachwear
 38 Courses
 40 Genetic letters
 42 "— I say!"
 43 "Casablanca" role
 44 Online auction site
 46 Carpets
 47 Body sci.
 48 Tiny amounts
 50 Here, to Henri

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MAGIC MAZE ● ISLANDS IN THE INDIAN OCEAN

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Unlisted clue hint: FLIGHTLESS ANTARCTIC BIRD

- Bird: Comoros
- Garden: Madagascar, Maldives, Mauritius
- Mayotte: Penang, Praslin
- Prince Edward: Seal, Sri Lanka

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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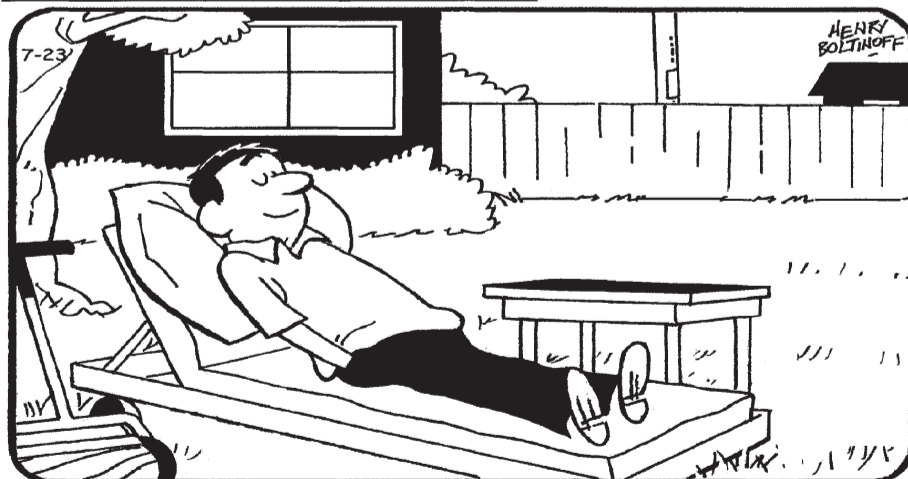
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- ◆ Moderate
- ◆◆ Challenging
- ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

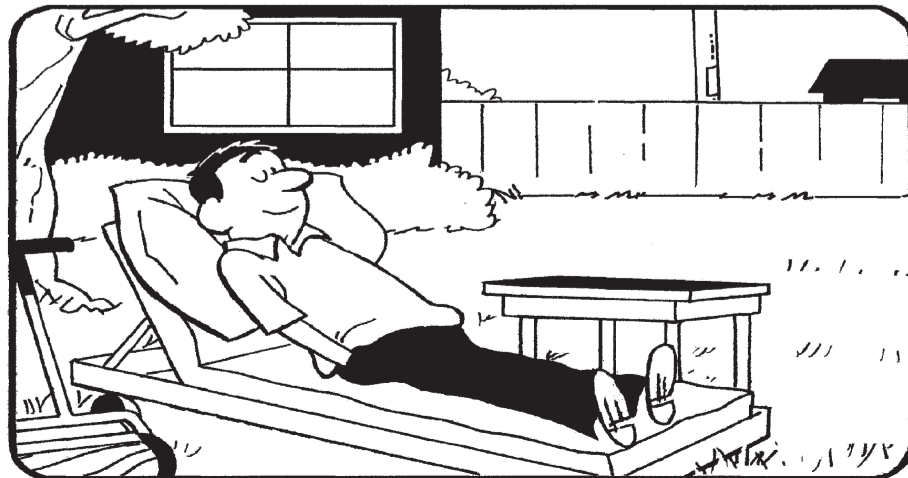
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Table leg is moved. 2. Pillow is larger. 3. Telephone pole is moved. 4. Bush is smaller. 5. Fence boards are wider. 6. Man's legs are longer.

King Crossword
 Answers

Solution time: 22 mins.

ISLANDS IN THE INDIAN OCEAN

Answers

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Answer



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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101 LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE
Notice to Marion Township Residents: Constellation Energy Generation, LLC has requested the following zoning changes to the properties described below from AG-1 (Agricultural District) and R-2 (Single Family Residential District) to I-1 (Industrial District) on the properties described as follows and owned by the Petitioner.

Part of G.L. 2 of the SW1/4 of the SW1/4 Fractional Section 7; part of the NW1/4 of the NW1/4 of Section 17; part of G.L. 1&2 of the NW 1/4, part of the N1/2 of the NE1/4, Part of G.L. 1&2 of the SW1/4, part of G.L. 1&2 of the NW1/4 in Fractional Section 18; and part of the NE1/4 of the NE1/4 of Section 19; and part of the N1/2 of the NW1/4 of Section 20 all in Marion Township 24N, R11E of the 4th P.M. Common Location 5005 N. German Church Rd. and 3800 block of N. Black Walnut Rd., and other addresses. The Marion Township Board will be addressing these proposed zoning changes at the July 22, 2024 monthly meeting. No. 0721 (July 22, 2024)

ANNUAL TREASURE REPORT
WOOSUNG TOWNSHIP, GENERAL ASSISTANCE & ROAD DISTRICT
FISCAL YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 2024

Real Estate Tax \$ 22669.14	Replacement Tax \$432.78	Interest \$10.09
Miscellaneous Income \$800.00		
TOTAL REVENUES \$23912.01		
DISBURMENTS MORE THAN \$2500. -0-		
DISBURMENTS LESS THAN \$ 2500. 7150.41		
COMPENSATION SUMMARY RANGE OVER \$ 2500.		
Tom Hoak, Matt Shore, Sharon Harrison, Brian Hillison, Jeff Rayburn		
Brent Scholl, Jermey Weaver.		
TOTAL COMPENSATION \$17850.41		
ROAD DISTRICT REVENUE SUMMARY		
REAL ESTATE TAX \$ 45915.96	REPLACEMENT TAX \$ 1535.24	INTEREST \$ 11.47
TOTAL REVENUES \$ 53763.41		
DISBURMENTS MORE THAN \$2500. Buffalo Twp. \$ 19702.41 Gray Exca. \$ 12057.65		
R.E. Wolber & Sons \$ 3665.00 Wes Tree Service \$ 6150.00		
DISBURMENTS LESS THAN \$ 2500. \$6775.93		
TOTAL DISBURMENTS \$ 48351.18		
SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN THIS DAY OF 20 th DAY OF JUNE, 2024. Matt SHORE TREAS.		
I, SHARON HARRISON, CLERK OF WOOSUNG< OGLE COUNTY< ILLINOIS		
DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE IS A TRUE COPY OF THE ANNUAL		
TREASURE REPORT FOR FISCAL ENDING MARCH 31, 2024.		
LE 0722 (July 22, 2024)		

103 AUCTIONS

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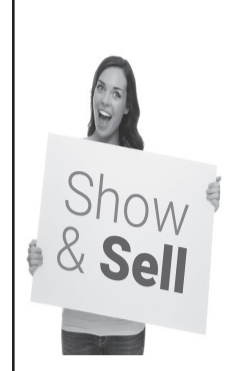
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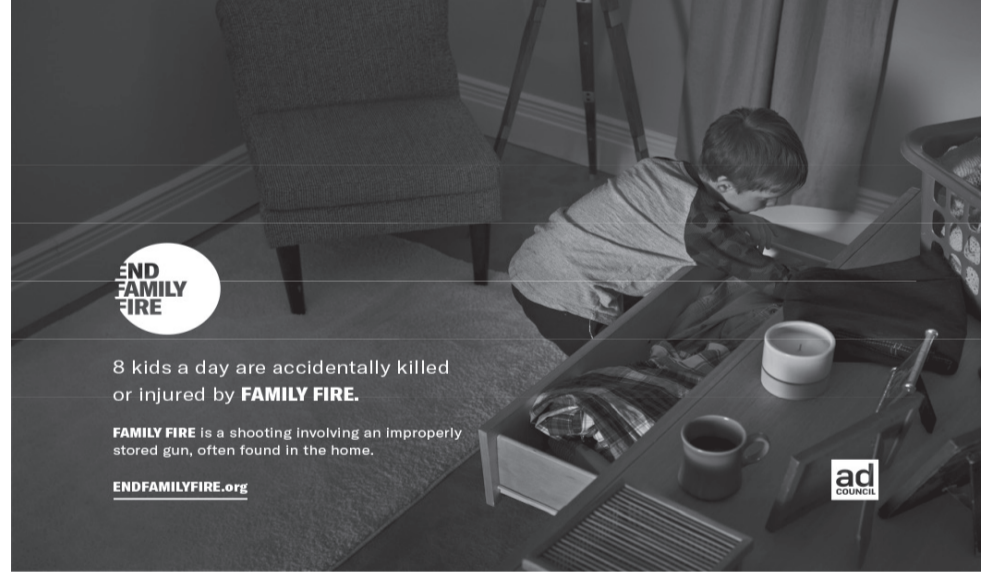
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LOCAL NEWS

Jimmy Jack Whitaker to perform in Polo on July 28

POLO — Jimmy Jack Whitaker will perform in concert on Sunday, July 28 at 6 p.m. at Faith Discovery Church at 801 W. Oregon St. in Polo.

Whitaker is an award-winning songwriter, artist and producer. He

was born in Vernon, Texas and went to school in Snyder, Oklahoma where he was a two-time all-state musician and received a scholarship at Oklahoma State University. In 1978 he got his break when he wrote a song for the

National Farm Movement called "Ode to the Farmer". He has worked and studied for over 30 years under his friend and mentor, multi-grammy award winner Gary S. Paxton. Though he has opened for or performed with

major artists such as The Charlie Daniels Band and Willie Nelson, his first love is songwriting. He has cowritten songs with many successful songwriters such as Royce Porter, Daniel Johnson and Jim Lusk. Many of

his sons have been recorded internationally by artists such as T Graham Brown, Stella Parton, The Fox Brothers and T Jae Christian. He plays all genres of music and travels throughout the United States all year and

does show dates virtually in every state. A devout Christian, her performs at many Christian functions.

Please come and enjoy an evening of Christian fellowship, music, praise and worship.



Polo Lions Club installs new playground equipment

The Polo Lions Club was asked to put the new playground equipment up at Polo Centennial Grade School. The Lions Club started the work on July 5, also worked on July 6 and finished on Saturday, July 13. Each photo was taken to show where they finished on each day. Thank you to all the Lions members that worked on the project and they are: Mark Ebert, Mark Bocker, Nate White, Jim Adams, Keith Chesnut, Aaron Miller, Winton Bocker, Dustin Vock and John Deuth an also thank you to Brandt and Hayden Eastman for working on the project. (Courtesy photos)

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