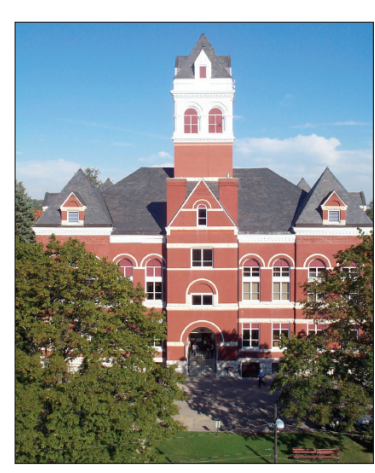


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UP's Big Boy 4014 train to return this September

Thompson: 'We're excited for our local businesses that weekend...'

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE — The Union Pacific Railroad's Big Boy No. 4014 train engine will return to Rochelle this fall for the weekend of Sept. 7-8, City of Rochelle Director of Community Engagement Jenny Thompson said.

The Big Boy No. 4014 train engine made an appearance for a day in The Hub City at Railfan Park in July 2019 and drew large crowds. Big Boy 4014 will be on display for Union Pacific employees and their families on Saturday, Sept. 7, and on display to the public on Sunday, Sept. 8. The Saturday event will be held at Union Pacific's Global III in Rochelle. Thompson said the Sunday public viewing venue is yet to be determined, but will likely take place at Global III as well. The city will be meeting with the UP near the end of July to finalize details such as location, time and parking.

"The number of people who came to see the train



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in 2019 was unbelievable," Thompson said. "We weren't sure what to expect with visitors when

it came here. We opened Railfan Park at 6 a.m. that day and people were ready to get in and claim

their spot the moment we opened. Kiwanis Golden K was there selling hot dogs and sold out before

the train even arrived. We sold out of t-shirts."

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Hub City Furniture to close this month after 45 years

Owner Andracke: 'To run a business for 45 years, it takes stamina'

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE — Hub City Furniture at 429-433 Lincoln Highway in Rochelle will be closing its doors for the final time at the end of this month after 45 years in business as Owner Susan Andracke is retiring.

Andracke and her late husband, Earl, bought a furniture store in Hillcrest in 1979 and started the business before buying its current location downtown and moving everything there in 1984. After being a mainstay in the downtown across decades, a going out of business sale is ongoing and Andracke has sold the building to a new owner.

"I have met so many people here," Andracke said. "Some just in passing, and others that have become

friends. That will be hard to leave. I will miss them. I've become good friends with the other business owners downtown. I kept doing this for so long and enjoyed it because it was a challenge. I liked seeing all the new styles that came in over the years. I loved trying to put people with stuff. That was fun."

Andracke has seen the furniture business, the city, and the downtown change over her 45 years in business. A lot of online buying and comparison shopping is seen in the industry now. Over the years, Andracke believes that Hub City Furniture and other businesses like it locally have been able to service Rochelle-area customers to keep them from having to leave town for their needs.

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LOCAL NEWS

Tree removal on Illinois Route 2 in Winnebago County begins July 22

WINNEBAGO COUNTY – The Illinois Department of Transportation announced July 18 that weather permitting, maintenance crews will be clearing trees felled from this week's storms along Illinois 2 in Winnebago County beginning Monday, July 22. The work area will be from Meridian Road to Beltline Road in Rockford.

There will be daily lane closures with traffic reduced to one lane and controlled by flaggers. This project is expected to be completed by 3 p.m. Wednesday, July 31. Motorists can expect delays and should allow extra time for trips through this area. To avoid the work area, when feasible, use of alternate routes should be considered. Drivers are

urged to pay close attention to changed conditions and signs in the work zones, obey the posted speed limits, refrain from using mobile devices and be alert for workers and equipment. For IDOT District 2 updates, follow us on X at @IDOTDistrict2 or view area construction details on IDOT's traveler information map on GettingAroundIllinois.com.



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Earlier in June, Rochelle Community Hospital held four separate sports physical clinics performed this season by Harrison Swalla, MPAS, PA-C; and Carter Gallick, PA-C, ATC of XCEL Orthopedics for student athletes ages high school and younger.

RCH donates back to community sports

ROCHELLE — Earlier in June, Rochelle Community Hospital held four separate sports physical clinics performed this season by Harrison Swalla, MPAS, PA-C; and Carter Gallick, PA-C, ATC of XCEL Orthopedics for student athletes ages high school and younger. In providing this service to the community, RCH charged a small fee for each individual athlete; and in

turn donated 100 percent of those proceeds back to the respective program of which each athlete was affiliated. RCH shares the breakdown of what each program in the community received in donations: St. Paul Lutheran School - \$105. Rochelle Township High School - \$1,295. Amboy High School - \$35. Rochelle Middle School - \$35. Ro-

chelle Junior Tackle - \$630. Rochelle Wrestling Club - \$70. Creston Grade School - \$35. Holy Cross Mendota - \$35. Oregon High School - \$35. All totaling to \$2,275 in donations to adolescent sports programs in the area. RCH may provide all other physicals with a scheduled appointment with your primary provider. For more information, visit our website www.RochelleHospital.com.

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CoyleKiley Insurance Agency, Inc. adds to team

ROCKFORD — CoyleKiley Insurance Agency, Inc., a leading multi-disciplinary insurance agency in the Greater Rockford area, is pleased to announce that Bonnie Arrington and Owen Hultman have joined the CoyleKiley team.

"We're excited to welcome Bonnie and Owen to the CoyleKiley family," said Jeffrey Beto, vice president at CoyleKiley. "Their experience, expertise, and positivity will help fuel our company's growth and further expand our areas of expertise to directly benefit our clients."



Bonnie Arrington
 CoyleKiley team as a commercial account manager. She brings 24 years of experience in the insurance industry, both with agencies and in the audit department of a major insurance pro-



Owen Hultman
 vider. She is responsible for supporting all CoyleKiley's commercial lines clients. A recent graduate of St. Ambrose University in Iowa, Hultman is starting his career as a commercial advisor with CoyleKiley. The Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference Golfer of the Year in 2023, interned with an insurance firm in Iowa before graduating earlier this year with an accounting and finance degree.

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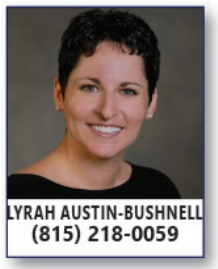
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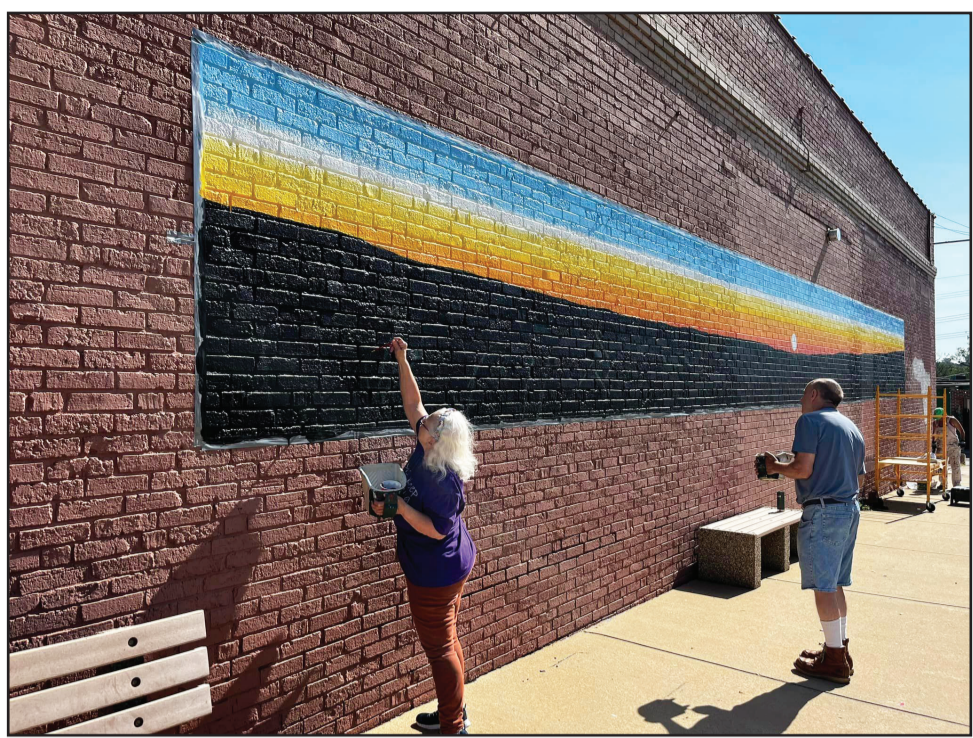
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LOCAL NEWS



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On July 18, several members of the Village of Progress, an organization serving adults with developmental disabilities in Ogle County, assisted Reuter with painting several aspects of the native nature-themed mural on the Village-owned building where adults with disabilities work shoulder to shoulder with a professional staff, learning skills needed for employment, while serving the community breakfast and lunch.

Mural comes together with help from Village of Progress

OREGON — Murals have been popping up all over the area lately, but the latest one in Oregon took a few extra hands to be truly complete. Dixon-based mural artist Nora Reuter designed and will complete the mural on the Village Bakery building at 101 N. 3rd St. in Oregon, but

she had help Thursday morning.

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building where adults with disabilities work shoulder to shoulder with a professional staff, learning skills needed for employment, while serving the community breakfast and lunch.

It was always the plan to include members of the Village in the mural's completion.

"When I first spoke with Brion Brooks, the executive director of the Village, about the mural, he was very enthusiastic," Liz Hiemstra, who had the idea for the new mural, said. "He also inquired if some folks from the Village could be included. I ran the idea by Nora and she was all for

it. It's been great to see all parties working together to give them this sense of community and accomplishment, but that's what the Village does every day. They represent some of the best parts of Oregon—caring for each other, working together and keeping the community involved. I'm

so happy we could come together on this project."

Aside from the Village Bakery, the Village of Progress runs a number of programs to give those with intellectual disabilities the chance to interact with their community, earn an income and enrich their lives on a daily basis.

100 Women Who Care donate to Habitat of Humanity of Ogle County

OGLE COUNTY — Habitat for Humanity of Ogle County was this quarter's donation recipient from 100 Women Who Care of Ogle County.

It was the second time Habitat was awarded a donation. Sheri Anspaugh accepted the monetary gift of \$8,800 at the July 18 evening event. At the meeting Sheri shared how the last donation in 2022 helped a family in Rochelle acquire their home and how it changed their life giving them a chance to build equity and even helped a single mom get custody of a child because of the ability to provide a secure and stable home. Their next project will be located in Davis Junction.

Habitat also offers other services such as the Brush with Kindness Project which provides basic home repair and services to those in need focusing on safety and quality of life. In addition, they have recently joined a Veterans Build Affiliate that specifically helps

our honored veterans in various ways providing much needed assistance and support. You can find more information by visiting habitatoglecounty.org.

The choice to give to Habitat was not an easy one as there were three other very worthy applicants. The choice is made by ballot at the time of the event. 100 Women Who Care only gives to local 501c organizations within Ogle County. Meetings are held on a quarterly basis where presentations are made by several not-for-profit organizations and are then voted on to receive \$100 from each member. No other fees are required. The group meets in various locations within Ogle County. The next meeting in October will be at Pine Crest in Mt. Morris. There are currently 89 members. The goal is to reach 100 this year. The more women who care the more support for our community.

If you are interested in becoming a member

or learning more about how the donation process works for your organization contact Deanna Forrest at forrestdede5@gmail.com or find them on Facebook www.facebook.com/oglegives.



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Byron Forest Preserve District to hold archery deer hunting lottery

BYRON — The Byron Forest Preserve District will be holding a lottery for archery deer hunting at three district preserves this summer for the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 archery seasons. A lottery drawing will be held to randomly select eight hunters for archery season hunting permission. The hunters will each be assigned to one of these three district preserves:

the district's Howard Colman Hall Creek Preserve (three hunters), the Barrick Oaks Homestead Preserve (three hunters), and the Bald Hill Prairie Preserve (two hunters). Entrants must be taxpayers to or residents within the Byron Forest Preserve District and at least 18 years of age before Oct. 1. Each site will be monitored by a district hunt manager. Prior game violations can

exclude entrants from eligibility.

For an application to have your name in the random lottery drawing, please stop by the Jarrett Prairie Center at 7993 N River Road. You must have your application returned by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 16 to the front desk at the Jarrett Center. Only one application per entrant allowed. No substitution for a winning ap-

plicant allowed, the name on the application will be the only allowed hunter.

The drawing will be held on Saturday, Aug. 17 at 10 a.m. at the Jarrett Prairie Center. Each hunter will be assigned to one of the three preserves, the application will allow you to rank your preserve preference. Each preserve will have two or three hunters for a two-year term. After two years, the district

will hold another lottery drawing. Lottery winners will be required to attend a pre-season meeting to go over rules, regulations, and preserve boundaries with a district hunt manager.

The Howard Colman Hall Creek Preserve is located in the northeast corner of the district, between Meridian Road and Weldon Road. Address is 12749 N. Weldon Road,

Rockford. The Barrick Homestead Preserve is located north of Oak Grove Road, immediately east of Tower Road. Address is 3494 E. Oak Grove Road, Byron. The Bald Hill Preserve is located at 5502 N. Silver Creek Road, Mt. Morris.

Please call the Byron Forest Preserve District at 815.234.8535 for more information.

4-H Blue Ribbon Livestock Auction set for Aug. 3

OREGON — The Annual 4-H Blue Ribbon Livestock Auction has been set for Saturday, Aug. 3! It will be held at the Ogle County Fair at the fairgrounds in Oregon. The 4-H Auction Committee invites the public to support 4-H project work by bidding on a quality 4-H animal!

The auction will start at 3 p.m. in the Beef Arena. It will feature 4-H market hogs, lambs, beef animals, goats, poultry, rabbits, and dairy baskets, as well as the champion and reserve champion beef, swine,

lamb, and goat carcasses.

Live animals may be purchased and sent to a locker or bought and resold at a slaughterhouse. Transportation to processing plants will be provided. A floor price will be set according to the current market trends on the auction day. A list of current market prices will be available. Champion and Reserve Champion market animals will be sold first. Pork and lamb carcasses will be sold whole. Beef carcasses will be sold in halves. Auction order will be Beef Carcass, Live

Beef, Sheep Carcass, Live Sheep, Poultry, Rabbits, Dairy Basket, Dairy & Meat Goat Wethers, Swine Carcass, Live Swine, Live Beef, Live Swine.

Auction flyers are available in the Ogle Coun-

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LOCAL NEWS

Obituaries

Gary Lee Anspach

APACHE JUNCTION, Ariz. — Gary Lee Anspach, 67, of Apache Junction, AZ, formerly of Shannon, IL passed away on July 10th, 2024 at Lund Home Hospice in Gilbert, AZ with his children by his side after a long and courageous battle with cancer. Gary graduated in 1974 from Byron High School and then graduated from DeVry University. He retired from ComEd and enjoyed numerous hobbies including gardening, canning, bee keeping, car collecting, fishing with his son Kyle, and good friend Brent Nix of Byron, IL. The fishing trips these three men took together are too many to count, and the stories they have about them

always make for good conversation. Gary is survived by his father Kenneth Anspach of Forreston, IL, son Kyler Anspach of Byron, IL, daughter Thera (Justin) Goff of Harmon, IL, grandson Trey Murbach of Byron, IL, granddaughter Harmony Murbach (Tyler Grant), and great-grandson Charlie Grant of Byron, IL. He is also survived by his siblings, sister Julie (Bob) Haskins of The Villages, FL, brother David (Mary) Anspach of LaValle, WI, sister Diane (Mark) Williams of Queen Creek, AZ, and many special nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his mother Margaret Anspach. A memorial service will be held 11:00 AM,

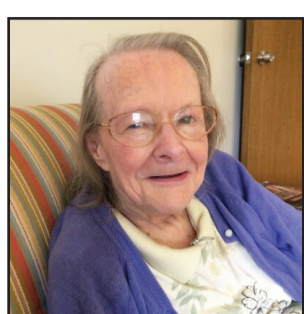


Friday August 2, 2024 at the Ebenezer Reformed Church located at 2997 N. German Church Road, Oregon, IL with Pastor Randy Snider officiating. Visitation will be prior to the service from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM. A memorial fund is established in Gary's name for St. Jude's Children's Hospital. Visit www.farrellhollandgale.com to leave a condolence or memory of Gary.

Alice 'Tuttie' Jurissen

BYRON — Alice "Tuttie" Jurissen, age 93, died on Tuesday, July 23, 2024 at Generations at Neighbors in Byron. She was born December 19, 1930 in Chicago, IL the daughter of John J. and Dorothy (Sealby) Jurissen, Sr. Alice loved cheering on Chicago sports teams. She was a kind soul with a special love for animals.

In her spare time; she enjoyed doing puzzles and reading. Most of all Alice loved her family and friends and hearing updates about their lives. She was predeceased by her parents and beloved brother John "Jack" J. Jurissen, Jr. Survivors include special cousins Randall and Janet Sealby of Byron. To leave an



online condolence please visit www.farrellhollandgale.com

Ann F. Lawrence

WESTERN SPRINGS — Ann F. Lawrence, of Western Springs, Illinois, passed away on July 21, 2024 at Serenity Home in Oregon, IL surrounded by her family.

Frances Ann Fisher was born on May 18, 1932 to Frances (Ryder) and Frank C. Fisher in Akron, Ohio. She graduated from Cuyahoga Falls (Ohio) High School in 1950. That same year, she met the love of her life, David Lawrence of Illinois, at a Methodist church camp in Indiana. They married on October 26, 1957.

Ann graduated from Simmons College (now University) in Boston, MA in 1954 with a degree in Retailing. Prior to her marriage, she worked for the Advance Pattern Company in New York, NY and Halle Brothers department stores in Cleveland, OH. Dave's

job took them to Lincoln, NE, Cedar Rapids, IA, and the Chicago suburbs, where they settled in Western Springs in 1970.

Ann was very active in P.E.O., both as a member of local chapter DF-LP and on the state level. Ann chaired the state convention in 1984, then went on the state board of officers. She served for 6 years, culminating in her presidency in 1989-1990. Ann was also a longtime member of the First United Methodist Church of Western Springs, where she served on many committees through the years.

Ann was pre-deceased by her parents; in-laws; and beloved husband of 65 years, David W. Lawrence, who passed away on July 1, 2023. She is survived by her children: David William Lawrence Jr. (Shelly) of Great Falls, VA and



Lisa Coffman (John) of Polo, IL; and grandson David William Lawrence III (Madeline Britvec) of Washington, DC.

The family wishes to extend deep gratitude to the staff at Serenity Hospice & Home for their outstanding care and support during Ann's final days.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be directed to Serenity Hospice & Home (P.O. Box 462, Oregon, IL 61061).

To send condolences please visit www.polofamilyfuneralhome.com

Gayle J. Bennett

DAVIS JUNCTION — Gayle J. Bennett, 75, of Davis Junction went home to be with her Lord on Saturday, July 20th, 2024, after a short illness. Gayle graduated from Stillman Valley High School in 1967, after which she received her Associate's Degree. She was a lifelong member of Davis Junction United Methodist Church, a trustee on the Davis Junction village board for over 10 years, and worked for Swedish American Hospital for 40+ years. Gayle loved life, loved her fami-

ly, and loved her Lord. She is survived by her siblings: Larry (Sheri) Townsend of Roscoe IL, Ida Mae Sprague of LaPorte CO, Peg (Scott) Conderman of LaValle WI, Nancy (Dana) Carr of Davis Junction IL, brother-in-law Gary Gentry of Rockford IL, sister-in-law Patty Bennett of Racine WI, and many nieces and nephews. Gayle is preceded in death by her father John Bennett, mother Harriett Bennett, sister Kathleen Gentry, and brother John Bennett. The celebration



of life for Gayle will take place at Davis Junction United Methodist Church on Thursday, August 1st at 11 am. Prior to the service, there will be an hour for visitation, burial will be held privately at a future date.

Julia Heid-Nielsen

OREGON — Julia, age 66, born to Gordon and Carol Heid (Rountree) in Dekalb, IL, passed away peacefully in her sleep at her home in Oregon, IL where she lived the last few years of her life with her eldest son Nick, daughter-in-law Joy, and granddaughter Eden. Julia battled a number of difficult health issues these last several years; her family may now take solace in the fact that her pain is no more.

Julia is survived by her 4 children Nicholas (Joy) Nielsen, Sarah (Rusty) Hayenga, Justin (Laura) Nielsen, and Elizabeth Nielsen, 8 Grandchildren Eden, Zach, Jordan, Payton, Allen, Bertie, Chantel, and Starr, her older Brother Robert Heid, her incredibly loving and supportive Step-Mother Patricia Heid in tandem with her favorite Auntie Marilyn, as well as numerous other cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Julia is predeceased by her husband Robert Nielsen (2001), her mother Carol Webb-Rountree (2007), her father Gordon Heid (2022), and who could ever forget her most favorite doggy, Cisco K.

Julia's intense passion for cooking and love of children manifested through many of the jobs she took throughout the years including her years at LOMC where she



kids. Her patience was boundless as she worked as an Aide/Cook at The Village of Progress and Stauffer Terrace where she worked with persons with developmental disabilities. After her retirement she continued to volunteer her time and love in the nursery and children's church at The Church of the Brethren in Mount Morris, IL. All of these were more than just jobs to Julia, they were her legacy.

Julia's final expenses. <https://www.gofundme.com/f/julia-ann-nielsens-final-expenses>

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Sandra Lee Noser (Myers)

MT. MORRIS — Sandra Lee Noser (Myers) - lovingly known as Sandy - passed away at her home on July 20th, 2024, after a long and courageous battle with cancer. She was 83 years old.

Sandy was born on December 30th, 1940, in Oregon, Illinois, to Lawrence Myers and

Lavina Mongan. She graduated from Mt. Morris High School in 1959 and went on to build a fulfilling career at Kable News, where she worked in various roles first in Mt.

Morris and then in Marion, Ohio. She married Richard "Dick" Noser on July 31, 1971, in Mt. Morris, IL. Sandy was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother known as "Gigi", and beloved friend. She is survived by her husband Dick; her children, Brenda Noser and Mike Lecuyer, Julie and Dick Watson, Barb Seibold, and Dan and Donna

Derby; her grandchildren, Jay (Jessie) Watson, Bryan Watson, Justin (Laura) Murdock, Adam (Justine) Derby, Lauren Hill, and Faith (Sean) McNamee; and her 13 great-grandchildren: Everly, Miles W., Charlie, Dylan, Miles M., Chance, Justine, Adalyn, Landon, Parker, Breelyn, Benjamin, and Lucas. She was preceded in death by her parents, Lawrence Myers and Lavina Mongan; her in-laws, Haven and Margaret Noser; and her brothers-in-law, Ken, Lee, and Don Guenzler. Sandy was a dedicated volunteer, offering her time and energy to Mt. Morris Loaves & Fish, Serenity Hospice and Home, and Ogle County Relay for Life. She had a passion for puzzles, bike rides with Dick in Florida, and kept various collections including Christmas Santas and angels. Above all, Sandy cherished the time spent with her family and friends. She took great joy in watching her



grandchildren's sporting events and, in her later years, going on weekend adventures and being part of her great-grandchildren's milestones. Sandy also enjoyed lunches with her various friend groups and participated in reunion committee activities. A Celebration of Life will be held in her honor at River's Edge Experience on August 10th, 2024, from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Serenity Hospice and Home. Sandy's warmth, kindness, and love will be deeply missed by all who knew her. Visit www.farrellhollandgale.com to leave a condolence or memory of Sandy.

Area students graduate from Clarke University

DUBUQUE, Iowa — Clarke University in Dubuque, Iowa, extends

a warm congratulations to the following Class of 2024 May graduates: By-

ron's Anthony Eddy (BA, Business Administration) and Davis Junction's Jada Nanni (BS, Biology).

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Johnson makes Dean's List for Spring 2024 at Millikin

DECATUR — Rayna Johnson of Stillman Valley has made the Dean's List for Spring 2024 at Millikin University. Students who attempt 12 graded credits during a fall or spring semester and earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher earn Dean's List honors for the semester. Students earning a perfect 4.0 grade point average on 12 graded credits attempted earn High Dean's List honors.

LOCAL NEWS

Obituaries

Rosalie 'Rosy' A. Park

FREERPORT — Rosalie ("Rosy") A. Park, 86, of Freeport, IL, passed away Sunday, July 21, 2024 at Javon Bea Hospital in Rockford, IL. She was born June 10, 1938 in Forreston, IL, the daughter of Onne A. and Laura (Ocken) DeWall. On June 7, 1975 she married Rev. Paul Park at Forreston Reformed Church in Forreston, IL. Paul passed away December 29, 2019.

Rosy was a 1956 graduate of Forreston High School and 1960 graduate of Central College, Pella, IA where she received her Bachelor of Arts degree. In 1970, she received her Master of Arts in Teaching degree from Rockford College. While teaching school in the Mt. Morris school district as an elementary teacher and reading specialist, she met her husband Paul. After a 20-year teaching career, she transitioned to working in Lutheran non-profits, including Lutheran Social Services of Illinois and Lutheran Hillside Village, most recently as the Assistant Director of Development.

Rosy was a member of Salem Lutheran Church in Peoria, IL and participated in the Rebecca Circle. Music played a vital role in

her life through her singing and playing the organ and piano. She found great joy as a devoted pastor's wife supporting Paul during his years of ministry as an ELCA Lutheran pastor.

Paul and Rosy enjoyed attending the many activities and events of her nieces and nephew as well as the great-nieces and great-nephews. They also enjoyed traveling and retreating to their condo in Door County and attending the Bradley University's basketball games. Special vacations included trips to visit zoos across the U.S. to see her "favorite" pandas.

Upon Paul's death, her nieces helped her move to Freeport to be closer to family, especially niece Carol, who lovingly cared for her during her last 4 1/2 years.

Spending time with family was her greatest joy. Our beloved "Aunt Ro" was one-of-a-kind and will be dearly missed.

She is survived by one sister, Colleen (Larry) Dikkers of Freeport, IL and sisters-in-law Jean (the late Neil) DeWall of Baileyville, IL and Claudia (the late Joel) Guenther of Littleton, CO. Also surviving are five nieces, Carol (Wayne) Jackowski of



German Valley, IL, Stacie (Chuck) Williar of Sycamore, IL, Sarah (the late Tim) Walker of Barrington, IL, Krista (Kurt) Butler of Machesney Park, IL, and Anne (Mike) Wisniewski of Fox River Grove, IL; one nephew, Joel (Kelly) DeWall of Arkdale, WI; and many great-nieces and great-nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, and brother Neil DeWall.

Funeral services will be 2:00 P.M. Saturday, July 27, 2024 at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 2700 W. Stephenson St., Freeport, IL 61032, with Pastor Craig Swenson and Pastor Shellie Knight presiding. A visitation will be held from 12:00 P.M. until the time of service at the church. Burial will be at White Oak Cemetery in Forreston, IL. A memorial fund has been established in Rosalie's memory.

OGLE COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

OREGON — On July 16 at approximately 9:49 p.m. deputies responded to a one-vehicle accident at the intersection of Illinois Route 26 and Illinois Route 64. After investigation, deputies learned the driver, Jeffrey Decker, 53, of Lombard, was traveling westbound in his maroon Mazda SUV on Illinois Route 64. Decker then traveled through the stop sign at the T-intersection of Illinois Route 26 and continued off the roadway before striking an embankment and going airborne before coming to rest. Decker was checked out on scene by Polo EMS and transported to KSB Hospital for non-life-threatening injuries. Decker was also issued citations for disobeying a traffic control device, seat belt violation, and operating an uninsured vehicle. Polo officers and Mt. Morris officers assisted with the accident.

On July 17 at 5:50 p.m. deputies were dispatched to an accident with injuries in the 100 block of East Town Line Road. During the course of the investigation, it was determined that a gray Volkswagen Passat driven by Andrea S. Hackbarth, 44, of Oregon struck a Cub Cadet lawn mower, driven by James W. Shepard, 60, of Leaf River. It was determined that the Cub Cadet was driving westbound, mowing the north ditch while partially in the roadway, when it was struck from behind by the Volkswagen, which was also headed westbound. Hackbarth was reportedly blinded by the sun, and Shepard was ejected from the Cub Cadet. Shepard was transported to OSF St. Anthony Hospital by Byron EMS, for injuries sustained during the accident. No citations were issued. Deputies were assisted on scene by Byron Fire/EMS.

On July 17 at 4:18 p.m. deputies were dispatched to the intersection of North Mulford Road and East Lindenwood Road in reference to a three-vehicle crash. Upon arrival and following the investigation, it was determined that Perla Moreno Rangel, 41, of Rochelle, failed to yield the right of way and struck Dustin Gutierrez, 39, of Davis Junction. Gutierrez was taken to Javon Bea Hospital for minor injuries by Rochelle Fire Ambulance. After the initial crash, Gutierrez's vehicle struck a car driven by Samantha Leombruni, 22, of Byron. Leombruni was stopped at the intersection when her car was struck. Moreno Rangel was cited for a stop sign violation and given a court date.

On July 18 at approximately 2:53 p.m., deputies responded to a two-vehicle accident at the intersection of Ridge Road and Oregon Trail Road. Upon an investigation it was determined that a blue Audi A4 being driven by Jon Taylor Peterson, 21, of Maple Valley, Washington was traveling west on Oregon Trail Road and failed to yield the right of way at the intersection to a black Toyota Venza traveling north on Ridge Road. The Toyota was being driven by Judith A. Tatlock, 70, of Oregon. No injuries were being reported by either party involved in the accident and both refused medical attention at the scene. Peterson was cited for failure to yield the right of way.

On July 19 at approxi-

mately 9:19 p.m. deputies responded to the area of East Illinois Route 38 near South Center Road for the report of a male subject unresponsive in his vehicle. Upon investigation, William S Mongan, 31, of Oregon, was placed under arrest for driving under the influence of drugs. Mongan was also cited for stopping/parking in the roadway. Mongan was transported to the hospital by Rochelle Fire and EMS to be treated. Mongan provided a future court date and was released on a notice to appear.

On July 20 at approximately 8:12 p.m. deputies responded to the Byron Dragway, 7287 North River Road, in response to an unwanted subject. After an investigation, Derek E. Taylor, 42, of Lacon, Illinois, was arrested for criminal trespassing, disorderly conduct, and resisting or obstructing a peace officer. Taylor was transported to a nearby hospital to be examined before being released on a notice to appear. Deputies were assisted at the scene by Byron Police Department and Byron Fire and EMS.

On July 20 at approximately 12:16 a.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 3,000 block of North Illinois Route 2 outside of Oregon. After an investigation, Terrance T. Matthews, 51, of Wheaton, was arrested for driving while his license was suspended. Matthews was also cited for operating a vehicle with expired registration. Matthews was transported to the Ogle County Jail before being released on a notice to appear.

On July 20 at approximately 1:10 p.m. deputies responded to the 9,000 block of North Hedge Road in Byron for an unresponsive male in a vehicle. After a brief investigation, deputies arrested Curtis Palmer, 42, of Leaf River, for driving under the influence of alcohol. Palmer was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was processed and released on a notice to appear. Palmer was additionally cited for illegal transportation of alcohol.

On July 20 at approximately 5:47 p.m. deputies and Byron Fire responded to the 3,900 block of East Oak Grove Road for a reported ATV crash with suspected injuries. After a brief investigation, it was determined that a Polaris ATV, driven by Nicholas Liston, 43, of Byron, lost control in the south ditch after striking a culvert and came to rest in a field. Liston was transported to a local hospital by Byron EMS for suspected serious injuries. Liston was cited for reckless operation of an ATV, improper lane usage, and no insurance.

On July 20 at approximately 9 a.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 8,000 block of north Mt. Vernon Road in rural Forreston. After an investigation Joel Wadsworth, 46, of Mount Carroll, was placed under arrest for an active warrant for failure to appear. Wadsworth was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

On July 20 at approximately 12:12 p.m. deputies responded to a single-vehicle accident in the 7,000 block of North Mt. Morris Road. After a brief investigation it was determined that the driver, Christopher D. Strite, 32, of Mt. Morris,

was traveling northbound on North Mt. Morris Road when the vehicle entered the ditch before striking a guard rail and overturning. Strite was cited for failure to reduce speed, operating an uninsured motor vehicle and improper lane usage. Strite was transported to Freeport Memorial Hospital for non-life-threatening injuries. Strite was provided a future court date.

On July 20 at approximately 8:46 p.m. deputies responded to the 10,000 block of North Illinois Route 2 for a three-vehicle head-on collision with injuries. Upon further investigation Anthony Anderson, 64 of Rockford, was driving his Nissan Sentra when he attempted to pass a vehicle in a no-passing zone traveling northbound, and struck a Toyota Rav4 driven by Sharon Schreiner as she was oncoming southbound. The Toyota then lost control and struck a Silver Honda Civic occupied by two juvenile females. Anderson was cited for passing in a no-passing zone, improper lane usage, and failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident. Schreiner and the two juvenile females were transported to Swedish American Hospital for apparent minor injury. Ogle County was assisted by the Byron Fire Department. Anderson was provided with a future court date.

On July 21 at approximately 12:03 a.m. deputies responded to a residence in the 500 block of East Colden Street in Polo for a domestic problem. After an investigation, Kenneth M. Williams II, 57, of Polo, was placed under arrest for domestic battery. Williams was transported to the Ogle County Jail, where he was held pending an appearance before a judge.

On July 21 at approximately 12:41 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the parking lot of Dollar General in Davis Junction. After an investigation, deputies placed Taylor Young, 26, of Davis Junction under arrest and cited for driving while license suspended. Young's vehicle was towed from the scene and he was released from the scene on a notice to appear.

On July 22 at approximately 11:24 a.m. deputies responded to a report of a one-vehicle motorcycle accident at the intersections of Coffman Road and Rock City Road. After an investigation it was determined that a Black 2005 Suzuki SV1000 being operated by Jonathon E. Hartline, 18, of Pecatonica, failed to negotiate the curve in the roadway at that location and crashed into a bean field. Hartline was transported to Freeport Memorial Hospital by the German Valley Ambulance for injuries sustained in the accident.

On July 22 at approximately 8:35 p.m. deputies attempted to stop a vehicle traveling eastbound on Illinois Route 72 from Leaf River. The vehicle fled, before eventually coming to a stop in approximately the 6,000 block of West Montague Road. The driver of the vehicle, Ryan Kochsmier, 22, of Leaf River, was charged with aggravated fleeing to elude a peace officer. Kochsmier was also cited for speeding. Kochsmier was released on a notice to appear. Deputies were assisted by German Valley EMS.

All individuals are considered innocent until proven guilty.

Joyce Elaine (Camplain) Smith

OREGON — Joyce Elaine (Camplain) Smith life long resident of Oregon passed away Wednesday July 3rd 2024 at the age of 83. Joyce was born November 15th 1940 to Willis "Buck" Camplain and Margaret (Black) Camplain. She was one of ten siblings.

Joyce was an avid reader, expert at crocheting making doll dresses, afghans and baby blankets. She was Mostly known for her hanging kitchen towel sets she made year after year for the Camplain family reunions she also was a talented painter of wooden lawn ornaments. She worked many years at Siegs auto parts in Oregon Il and Auto Zone in Rochelle as a

parts specialist. She loved spending time with family and friends.

She is survived by her sons Jerry (Sharon Taylor) Spratt of South Carolina, Jeff (Marla) Spratt of Chana IL and Roy (Dorothy) Spratt of Polo IL. 15 Grandchildren 23 Great Grandchildren and 4 Great Grandchildren. Sisters Rebecca "Becky" Braden, Phillis Roe, and Debbie (Duane) Zobrist. Brothers Bob Camplain and Bill (Donna) Camplain Sister in laws Thelma Camplain Judy Camplain and Vicki Camplain brother in law Everette Eckert. Many nieces and nephews.

Proceeded in death by her Son Edward "Eddie"



Spratt and Granddaughter Shawna Spratt husbands Willis Bolhous and Donald "Smitty" Smith. Brothers Roger, John, and Norman Camplain Sister Louise Eckert. Brother in laws Harold Braden & Jack Roe. Sister in law Daisey Camplain.

Celebration of Life will be held at the VFW in Oregon starting at noon on Saturday August 3rd 2024

Trudy Barrile

OREGON — Trudy Barrile, 92, of Oregon, IL passed away peacefully on July 22, 2024.

Born Gertrude Marion Lill on December 16, 1931 to Hildegard and Erich Lill in Chicago, IL., she met and married the love of her life, Ronald H. Palenske in 1950 and together they raised 4 children. They truly lived a life of love, happiness, and unity for many years until Ron's death in 1978.

In 1985, Trudy was unity in marriage to Frank Barrile of Libertyville, IL. Together they traveled, golfed, bowled, and had many adventures including trips to French Lick, Indiana, New Orleans, and Florida until they sperated in 1993. Trudy stayed in

the Chicago area until her granddaughters moved her to Oregon, IL for her retirement.

Trudy worked various jobs throughout her life, from factory work to sales to cleaning but her favorite one was simply being a housewife, mother, and grandmother. For years, her family would look forward to spending Christmas Eve at her house where she always made the season so special.

She was a celebrity aficionado, a royal watcher, and an animal lover. She spent many hours watching her favorite shows, reading her "gossip magazines", and loved to visit with her family whether it be on the phone or in person. She



truly took joy in each of her family members accomplishments often stopping passersby to introduce them to her visitors. She was so proud of each of them.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Erich and Hildegard Lill, her husband Ron, her daughter Jan, and her son Ronnie.

She will be laid to rest next to the love of her life in a private ceremony in Chicago, IL.

Work on Route 2 in Byron begins July 24

BYRON — The Illinois Department of Transportation announced July 18 that weather permitting, construction on Illinois 2 over Mill Creek near Byron in Ogle County will begin Wednesday, July 24.

Work includes replacing the bridge joints and repairing the bridge deck. Traffic will be reduced to one lane in the work zone

and will be controlled by temporary traffic signals. This project is expected to be completed by the end of September.

Motorists can expect delays and should allow extra time for trips through this area. To avoid the work area, when feasible, use of alternate routes should be considered. Drivers are urged to pay close attention

to changed conditions and signs in the work zones, obey the posted speed limits, refrain from using mobile devices and be alert for workers and equipment.

For IDOT District 2 updates, follow us on Twitter at @IDOTDistrict2 or view area construction details on IDOT's traveler information map on GettingAroundIllinois.com.

VIEWPOINT

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

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MOMENTS IN TIME

* On Aug. 12, 2014, actress Lauren Bacall -- whose debut film in 1944, "To Have and Have Not" (also featuring future husband Humphrey Bogart), brought her nearly instant fame--died in New York City at 89. Bacall's notable career spanned almost seven decades and included "The Big Sleep" (1946), "How to Marry a Millionaire" (1953) and "The Mirror Has Two Faces" (1996).

* On Aug. 14, 1948, the Idaho Department of Fish and Game's "beaver drop" relocation program moved 74 of the animals from Northwestern Idaho to the Chamberlain Basin in Central Idaho via parachutes from an airplane, after complaints about property damage from residents.

* On Aug. 15, 1995, Shannon Faulkner became the first female cadet matriculated at The Citadel, under the escort of U.S. Marshals, but dropped out within a week, citing emotional and psychological abuse and physical exhaustion. Four years later, she told the Associated Press: "I went into it knowing I may

not get anything out of it. I was doing it for the next woman."

* On Aug. 16, 1858, President James Buchanan inaugurated the new transatlantic telegraph cable by exchanging greetings with England's Queen Victoria. Just a few weeks afterward, however, a weak signal forced a shutdown of the service.

* On Aug. 17, 1969, Hurricane Camille arrived at Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, with winds estimated between 150 and 205 mph and 70-foot waves. One of a few category 5 hurricanes to make landfall in the last 70 years, it was responsible for the deaths of nearly 300 people and the destruction of thousands of homes in Alabama, Mississippi, Virginia and Louisiana.

* On Aug. 18, 2007, a German Christian aid worker was kidnapped at gunpoint by a criminal organization in the Afghan capital of Kabul, marking the first abduction of a foreigner in the capital in two years. She was released by her captors a few days later.

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Ron Kern: Fair season is upon us

SUMMER means one thing...it's fair season!

Growing up in Springfield our farm was about a mile west of the State Fairgrounds. From our back porch you could see the grandstand, and of course at night you heard the blare from the grandstand shows, always followed by fireworks. And on the weekend you could hear the roar from the sprint car and stock car races. State Fair week was a big deal.

Mom and dad would take the family to the fair for an evening to enjoy the rides, carnival, livestock barns and the midway shows. During racing weekend dad took my brothers and myself to the races.

Of course there was the fair fare (always wanted to write that). Cozy dogs, foot-long hot dogs, frozen chocolate bananas on a stick, lemonade shake-ups, saltwater taffy and anything to could possibly shove in a deep fryer. All the stuff nutritionists swear by!

So fair season is upon us and the Ogle County Fair if rapidly closing in. This year's edition starts on Wednesday, July 31 and runs through Sunday, Aug. 4. There's plenty to keep you and your family entertained.

Ticket prices this year make the Ogle County Fair the best value around. Kids under the age of four get in free. One-day entry passes and one-day grandstand passes are \$10.

A five-day pass is \$40 and kids can purchase unlimited carnival rides for discount prices. Advanced tickets can be purchased at Casey's in Oregon or you can purchase online at <https://www.etix.com/ticket/v/33163/ogle-county-fair>

Besides all the scheduled shows and such there are daily shows on the grounds including the Flores Circus Thrill Show, KidBucks Game Show, Act the Robot and Chainsaw Artist Carving.

Wednesday kicks-off the fair with the Fair Queen Contest, Antique tractor parade and the Illini Stock and tractor pulls.

Thursday features the tractor pulls and the Sheez-It's Band.

Friday has a magic show by Brian Holt, Big Hat Rodeo and the Killer Bs Band.

Saturday brings in the livestock auction, kiddie pedal pull, Ogle County Pork Producers Pork Chop Dinner, and the always popular Demolition Derby.

offers a look at the new crop year's supply and demand balance sheets.

For the domestic 2024/25 crop supply projections for most crops are based on farmer planting decisions.

For corn the 2024/25 marketing year, USDA projects U.S. corn ending stocks at 2.102 billion bushels, up four percent (80 million bushels) from 2023/24. The current new crop corn projection came in below industry expectations and almost 17% below estimations. With the loosening domestic market, USDA projects the average market price to fall to \$4.40/bushel, down 5.4% from 2023/24. Globally, we can expect corn ending stocks to hold steady in 2024/25.

Overall, the corn market in 2024/25 is looking less bearish than it did when farmers were making planting decisions a few months ago. USDA raised both old crop and new crop corn demand by 100 million bushels each. Projections for total use in the 2024/2025 marketing year of 14.8 billion bushels represent a 1.1 billion bushel increase over 2022/2023, bouncing back to near-record levels set in 2021/2022 at 14.9 billion bushels.

While the 2024/25 corn market is looking less bearish, the opposite is true for soybeans. In the upcoming marketing year, U.S. soybean ending

stocks are projected at 445 million bushels, higher than both trade expectations and the estimates in February. As compared to the current 2023/2024 marketing year, this represents a whopping 30.8% increase. Due to this large projected increase, USDA projects prices to fall to \$11.20 per bushel, a year-over-year decrease of 10.8%.

Globally, there is a similar but more muted situation for soybean ending stocks, with a year-over-year projected increase of 15%, rising up to 128.5 million metric tons (MMT). Brazilian production is projected to increase 15 MMT (9.7%) to 169 MMT in 2024/25, and Brazilian exports are projected to increase three MMT (2.9%) to 105 MMT.

The estimations for soybeans are heavily reliant on continued growth in soybean use, with an estimated 125-million-bushel increase in both crushings and exports, representing increases of 5.4% and 7.4%, respectively. If demand does not hold firm for soybeans, it could turn more bearish very quickly.

These numbers represent USDA's initial forecast as the growing year progresses expect to see these numbers vary.

"The only function of economic forecasting is to make astrology look respectable." -John Galbraith

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



Ron Kern

How to convince someone to get help for their mental health

THERE are many reasons why some people are reluctant to get help for their mental health or addiction issues.

In addition, many people are not sure what to do when encouraging someone to get the help they need for their mental health.

As a result, here are seven suggestions on how to convince a person struggling to get some assistance.

Talk to the person instead of talking at them: Nobody wants to be lectured or yelled at. The person who is struggling is scared and they need help in overcoming their fears and resistance to getting some guidance.

Treat others the way you would want to be treated if the roles were reversed.

Find out why the person won't get help: Ask the individual who is struggling the reasons why they are reluctant to get some assistance. Although most people may not admit it, a sense of

health counselor for recommendations on how you can help someone who is struggling. A medical professional in the mental health field will be able to give you some ideas and options that you can use to help convince someone you know to get some help.

Find someone who understands: Try to find someone who used to struggle with their mental health for their advice. For example, a person who used drugs and alcohol in the past could use their past experiences and insights to convince the individual to seek treatment. A person who used to struggle with addiction or their mental health may be better able to relate to the person who is struggling.

Get them to attend a support group: Another way to convince someone to get help is to get them to go to a mental health support group. This may or may not work depending on the individual, but it is still worth a try. A person who goes to a support group can at least



Stan Popovich

listen to those who are also struggling, which may convince the person to get some assistance.

Be persistent: Continue to be persistent with your loved ones in getting them the help they need. Keep in contact with your doctor and any mental health counselor on your progress. If things do not improve, continue to find other alternatives in getting the person some help.

Stan 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>

Get some advice from a professional: Talk to your doctor or a mental

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New laws go into effect

THE month of July brought new changes to state laws. The State of Illinois has many challenges, which residents constantly hear about in the news. Some of the problems our state faces have made life more expensive, harder to do business, and is slowly eroding away local control. However, I am an optimist and have hope. I honestly believe by working together we can still make positive changes for the residents of our great state.

For every piece of legislation, I vote on in the Illinois House, I consider the impact it will have on the 89th District, which in-

cludes all of Carroll and Jo Daviess counties, as well as parts of Stephenson, Winnebago, Boone, Ogle, and DeKalb counties. I have highlighted four new laws that create better opportunities for senior citizens on Medicare or Medicaid, veterans who have devoted their lives to serve and protect, educators who are shaping future generations, and more.

House Bill 612: Expands homeowner's exemptions for disabled veterans and includes all who served in World War II.

Senate Bill 3476: Lowers the cost of Meals on Wheels and similar programs to ensure more seniors suffering from hunger and isolation can receive program benefits.

Senate Bill 463: Works to alleviate the teacher shortage by helping to bridge the gap of education licenses to create new opportunities and push education forward.

Senate Bill 3414: Lowers the cost and barriers to access for diabetics by requiring private insurance to cover continuous glucose monitors without cost-sharing and

prohibits prior authorization for these lifesaving devices.

While this is just four of hundreds of bills passed this legislative session, it's a glimpse at the positive steps forward I have joined my colleagues in taking to help our state improve the lives of residents, including some of our most vulnerable. Our work will continue! If you have ideas for legislation to make our state better, please share them with me at mccombie@ilhousegop.org. I appreciate the honor to serve you.

Tony McCombie (R-Savanna) is the state representative for the 89th District.



Tony McCombie

New 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:

The primary election is Tuesday, March 19, 2024. The last batch of letters that endorse candidates for this election will be printed in the Monday, March 11, 2024 issue of the Ogle County Life must be received by noon on Wednesday, March 6.

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

LIFE letters' policy

Concise letters are most likely to be chosen for publication, but the use of any material is at the discretion of management. All letters must be signed or they will not be considered for publication. During election times, no letters written by the candidates endorsing themselves will be considered for publication. Editing may be necessary for space, clarity or to avoid obscenity or libel, but ideas will not be altered. Writers are urged to use discretion and refrain from sarcasm or personal attacks. Criticism of individuals or organizations that is not broached tactfully will jeopardize the publication of a letter. Letters will be published in the order that they are received, unless there is a time factor involved, space permitting.

LOCAL NEWS

OREGON POLICE DEPARTMENT

July 15
At 6:34 p.m., Oregon Police issued Jennifer A. Alaniz, 47, Oregon, a citation for operation of a vehicle when registration is suspended for non-insurance. This violation occurred in the 200 block of Madison Street.

July 16
At 5:52 p.m., Oregon Police issued Guadalupe Mejia-Rosas, 50, Mt. Morris, a citation for no valid driver's license. This violation occurred in the 600 block of West Washington Street.

July 17
At 10:48 a.m., Oregon Police issued Harry E. Snyder, 66, Byron, a citation for speeding 43 miles per hour in a 30 miles per hour zone. This violation occurred in the 600 block of North 4th Street.

At 11:47 a.m., Oregon Police issued Steven K. Tie-man, 70, Oregon, a citation

for disobeying a stop sign. This violation occurred at the intersection of South 10th and Jefferson Streets.

At 12:45 p.m., Oregon Police issued Wendy S. Stevens, 54, Oregon, citations for disobeying a stop sign and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. These violations occurred at the intersection of South 10th and Webster Streets.

At 1:03 p.m., Oregon Police issued Leann Grace, 26, Oregon, a citation for use of a cell phone while driving. This violation occurred at the intersection of South 10th Street and Pines Road.

At 6:49 p.m., Oregon Police investigated a one vehicle traffic crash in the McDonald's parking lot, 211 S. 4th St., involving a 2014 Chrysler driven by a 16-year-old of Oregon, that struck the fence along the east side of the parking lot. No citations were issued.

July 18

MT. MORRIS POLICE DEPARTMENT

MT. MORRIS — On June 17 at approximately 3:50 a.m. Mt. Morris Police made contact with a subject, Carl D. Pitt, 82, Mt. Morris, in the 10 block of West Center Street. Pitt had an Ogle County warrant for failure to appear on a previous criminal trespass to property charge. Pitt was taken into custody and transported to the Ogle County Jail.

On June 25 at approximately 9:50 a.m. Mt. Morris Police were sent to the 200 block of East Front Street for the report of a two-vehicle crash. After a brief investigation, Christopher S. Corcoran, 67, was issued a citation for disobeying a traffic control device. There were no reported injuries.

On June 29 at approximately 8 p.m. Mt. Morris Police made contact with a subject, Wendy D. Harriett, 40, Mt. Morris, in the 200 block of Emily Street. Harriett had a Lee County warrant for contempt of court. Harriett was taken into custody and transported to the Ogle County Jail.

On June 30 at approximately 2:40 a.m. Mt. Morris Police made contact with a subject, Brandon M. Taylor, 27, Mt. Morris, in the 10 block of East Front Street. Taylor had an Ogle County warrant for failure to appear on a previous traffic offense. Taylor was taken into custody and transported to the Ogle County Jail.

On June 30 at approximately 6:30 p.m. Mt. Morris Police made contact with a subject, Lucas S.

Gelander, 48, Mt. Morris, in the 10 block of West Center Street. Gelander had an Ogle County warrant for failure to appear on a previous traffic offense. Gelander was taken into custody and transported to the Ogle County Jail.

On July 1 at approximately 7:25 a.m. Mt. Morris Police were sent to the area of the 10 block of East Hitt Street for the report of suspicious activity. Police located the subject, Garrett Hoffman, 35, Mt. Morris. After a brief investigation, Hoffman was taken into custody and charged with disorderly conduct, criminal damage to property, and unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia. Hoffman was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was released with a notice to appear.

On July 7 at approximately 7:20 p.m., Mt. Morris Police were sent to the 300 block of East Lincoln Street for the report of a disturbance. After a brief investigation, Nicholas J. Parsons, 23, was arrested and charged with battery. Parsons was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was released with a notice to appear.

On July 10 at approximately 11:20 a.m. Mt. Morris Police were sent to the 100 block of East Illinois Route 64 for the report of a theft. Police made contact with the suspect, Joseph A. Bundy, 37, Mt. Morris. Bundy was taken into custody and charged with retail theft. Bundy

At 3:49 p.m., Oregon Police issued a 17-year-old of Chana, a citation for speeding 46 miles per hour in a 30 miles per hour zone. This violation occurred in the 500 block of North 4th Street.

July 20
At 3:05 p.m., Oregon Police investigated a two-vehicle traffic crash in the 400 block of South 2nd Street involving a 2016 Chevrolet driven by Jonathan P. Coleman, 52, Oregon, that struck a 2016 Nissan driven by Rickie F. Boyden, 72, Oregon. No citations were issued.

Ten verbal warnings and two parking citations were issued during the week of July 15-21.

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

was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was released with a notice to appear.

On July 10 at approximately 7:45 p.m. Mt. Morris Police conducted a traffic stop in the 100 block of East Center Street. During the stop, officers spoke to a passenger, Blake A. Britsch, 23, Oregon, who had an Ogle County warrant for failure to appear on a previous possession of drug equipment charge. Britsch was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

On July 10 at approximately 11:25 p.m. Mt. Morris Police made contact with a subject, Darlene E. Thompson, 53, Mt. Morris, in the 10 block of East Front Street. Thompson had an Ogle County warrant for failure to appear on a previous charge. Thompson was taken into custody and transported to the Ogle County Jail.

On July 15 at approximately 8:55 a.m. Mt. Morris Police conducted a traffic stop in the 10 block of East Hitt Street. The driver, Andrew J. Swift, 37, Mt. Morris, was taken into custody and charged with driving while license suspended. Swift also had a Lee County warrant for failure to appear, contempt of court, and a Stephenson County warrant for failure to appear on a previous traffic offense. Swift was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

All individuals are considered innocent until proven guilty.



Scholarship winner thanks Oregon Lions
Teagan Champley, the recipient of an Oregon Lions' Scholarship, attended the Oregon Lions meeting on July 11 at the VFW in Oregon to thank the Lions for their financial support and to express how much she has enjoyed working alongside Oregon Lions. For the last several years Champley has worked several Oregon Lions fundraising events, and her contributions have been greatly appreciated! We wish her well as she moves to Florida to pursue a career in aerospace engineering. Pictured is Oregon Lions President Dr. Tom Champley, Teagan Champley and retiring Oregon Lions President Lori Peterson. (Courtesy photo)

First Fridays Open Mic is Aug. 2

OREGON — The First Fridays Open Mic presents its monthly show at the Oregon VFW this Aug. 2. This indoor event attracts many talented performers, but musicians and singers of all skill levels find acceptance from its supportive audience.

The show starts at 6:30 p.m. Admission is free, although a jar is available for donations. Performers can sign up for time slots on a first-come-first-serve basis, so it's best to arrive by 6 p.m. or earlier. Interested parties who have questions can contact Jerry Tice, at 815-449-2660.

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



(COURTESY PHOTO)
Singer and songwriter Harold Harrison was one of the performers at last month's First Friday.

Augustana's Leslie Bandera inducted into the Phi Beta Kappa society

ROCK ISLAND — Forty-six students at Augustana College in Rock Island recently were inducted into the college's Phi Beta Kappa chapter.

This national academic honor society recognizes scholarly achievement, character, integrity, and independence of mind. Members are elected by faculty. Election is less ar-

ward for past performance than a recognition of exceptional promise for future growth and achievement.

Students honored at the induction ceremony include: Leslie Bandera, a biochemistry, chemistry major, of Oregon.

Phi Beta Kappa was founded in 1776 and celebrates and advocates excellence in the liberal

arts and sciences. Invitation to membership is a reflection of outstanding achievement. Only about 10 percent of the nation's institutions of higher learning have Phi Beta Kappa chapters, and only about 10 percent of the arts and sciences graduates of these institutions are selected for Phi Beta Kappa membership.

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LOCAL NEWS

TRAIN: Union Pacific's Big Boy to return to Rochelle in September

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"We're excited to have it back and to have a better idea of what to expect this time. There will be a lot of people here. There were people who followed the train into town and followed it out of town last time. People were lining the tracks for miles last time towards Creston and Ashton."

Since 2019, the city and Railfan Park staff have fielded questions from trainspotters on when Big Boy 4014 will be returning to Rochelle. The UP sets the schedule for the train's appearances, and the city recently got the news when its fall schedule was released.

Thompson said the city is excited to embrace having Big Boy 4014 in town this fall and is grateful to the UP for recognizing that Rochelle is a hotbed for train watching. Railfans in a multi-state area converge on Rochelle to do their trainspotting.

In 2019, Big Boy 4014 spent time in Chicago before coming to Rochelle. That won't be the case this fall, as Rochelle will technically be its Chicagoland stop, Thompson said. If the public viewing takes place at Global III, the city plans to ask the UP about setting up an information booth at the event on the city's amenities, along with the

possibility of local food trucks and restaurants setting up there and a shuttle bus service.

"That will be awesome to have all of those people coming into town," Thompson said. "I've been told that hotels in town that weekend are all booked up already. We're excited for our local businesses that weekend with having so many visitors to town. We'll be doing special things that weekend like selling special commemorative merchandise at Railfan Park."

During July 2019 when Big Boy 4014 was in town for a day during the week, the city saw a \$7,260 increase that month from the previous year's July in hotel motel tax revenue. That money goes back into community events and things like funding the museum, golf course, Railfan Park and Lincoln Highway Heritage Festival.

With the train being in town this year on a weekend, Thompson anticipates that businesses will be full and busy for multiple days.

"We hope our businesses will go all out and open their doors and have special events and be ready to show off and bring these people back to Rochelle in the future and keep them coming back to Rochelle," Thompson said. "We want to show them our down-



(OGLE COUNTY LIFE FILE PHOTO)

The Big Boy No. 4014 train engine made an appearance for a day in The Hub City at Railfan Park in July 2019 and drew large crowds. Big Boy 4014 will be on display for Union Pacific employees and their families on Saturday, Sept. 7, and on display to the public on Sunday, Sept. 8.

town, shops, restaurants, Chicagoland Skydiving Center and Kennay Farms Distilling. We have quite a lot to do for a small midwestern community. We're excited to show all of that off and invite these visitors to spend time here and to come back in the future."

While Big Boy 4014

may not be visiting Railfan Park specifically this time around, the city still anticipates a busy weekend Sept. 8-9 at the park it owns that houses the unique diamond where the UP and BNSF railroads intersect. In recent years the city has utilized hotel motel tax dollars to completely rehabilitate its gift shop

exterior and put in new bathrooms, a new deck and a handicap-accessible ramp and new retail doors on the building. Future plans for the facility are in the works as well.

"We're all in on embracing the number-one reason people come to Rochelle, which is train-spotting," Thompson said.

"That weekend will be all hands on deck for the city. We'll have to step up our public safety and public works efforts and there's a lot of planning and some expense that will go into it. We're pleased to do that to welcome all these visitors to our community and give our local business owners the boost they deserve."

Brown announced as May 2024 University of Central Arkansas graduate

CONWAY, Ark. — The University of Central Arkansas held fall commencement Friday, May

3, and Saturday, May 4 in the Farris Center on campus. Degrees and certificates were conferred

to approximately 1,600 graduates from the College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences; Col-

lege of Business; College of Education; College of Health and Behavioral Sciences; College of

Natural Sciences and Mathematics; and Graduate School.

Kalyn Brown of Byron

graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Business Administration.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

July 31-Aug. 4: The Antique Tractor and Implement Show, a cherished tradition, will be the opening event at the 2024 Ogle County Fair. The show will start with the flag-raising ceremony and a tractor drive at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, July 31, followed by the Ogle County Fair Queen Pageant at 5:30 p.m. The tractor display will be on the grounds from Wednesday, July 31, through Sunday, Aug. 4. To ensure a seamless event, exhibitors are kind-

ly requested to register their tractors and have them in place by 4 p.m. on July 31. Every participant who brings a tractor or implements to display at the show will be recognized with a dash plaque as a token of our appreciation for their participation. For more information, see the Ogle County Fair website or call Remmer Schuetz (847) 878-1491

July 31: The Kable Concert Band will perform the last concert of its 128th season on Wednesday, July 31. Don't miss an exciting

and rousing drum solo by Matt Eaton. Matt Eaton is the band director at Freeport High school. He gives private drum lessons, and currently resides in Oregon. Come to the concert July 31 at the Reckmeyer Bandshell at 7:30 p.m. Bench seating provided or bring your folding chairs. Also, come early and enjoy the ice cream social at 7 p.m. The Kable Band thanks and appreciates our wonderful audiences and support. Bringing our music to the Mt. Morris campus will always be a

very special tradition and privilege. See you next summer...129th season. "...and the band plays on."

Aug. 1: The Polo Farmer's Market at South Division Avenue just north of Knie's Appliance and TV takes place Thursdays 3-6 p.m. featuring Death Meats, Earl-E Green Gardens, Ewe and Me Acres, Ferguson Farm, Ivan's Farm (Marian), Vera's Crafts, and more!

Aug. 3: Come and join us at Byron's Hairy Cow Farmers Market on Saturday, Aug. 3 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. 3: Ogle County Animal Control will host a microchipping day on Saturday, Aug. 3 at the

Ogle County Health Department building at 907 Pines Road in Oregon from 9-11 a.m. No appointment required. Cost: \$20/chip. Includes registration with Home Again Pet Recovery Service. The service is for dogs and cats only and participants must be an Ogle County resident. Dogs over four months must have a current rabies vaccination. Microchipped dogs and cats get a \$5 discount per year on their rabies tag. If questions, call 815-732-1185.

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LOCAL NEWS



Miss Ogle County Carlson speaks at Oregon Rotary meeting

Queen Lauren Carlson has been busy this summer making appearances and promoting the upcoming Ogle County Fair. Last week, she was the guest speaker at the monthly Oregon Rotary meeting. She told of her many jobs completed during her reign as Queen along with her future plans after she graduates from UW Platteville. (Courtesy photo)

Ogle County Carefree 4-H Club is having a busy summer

OREGON — The Carefree 4-H Club in Ogle County had a busy May and June. Members met on May 13 at the Ogle County Farm Bureau in Oregon. There was a discussion about taking a field trip to Merlin's Greenhouse to learn about plants and be able to take one home. The club's Program Junior Leader, Kodi Hubbard, organized the trip that occurred on June 4.

The June meeting was held on June 11 at the Snodgrass Jersey Dairy Farm in Oregon to celebrate June as Dairy Month. The farm provided a tour to the club, where they were shown robotic milkers, Jersey cows, Waygu cross-bred cattle, pigs,

and manure spreaders. The July meeting was decided to be held at the Rochelle Conservation Club in Chana. During this meeting, they will fish before the meeting and end it with s'mores.

All 4-H'ers are preparing their projects and livestock for the Ogle County 4-H Show held during the Ogle County Fair from July 31-Aug. 4 at the Ogle County Fairgrounds, 1440 N. Limekiln Road in Oregon.

If you are interested in joining 4-H or learning more about it, contact the Ogle County Extension office by phone at 815-732-2191 or go to their website, <https://extension.illinois.edu/bdo/4-h-ogle-county>

Rock Valley Physical Therapy setting down roots in Rochelle

ROCHELLE — Hoping to serve and care for the amazing people of Rochelle and surrounding areas for decades to come, Rock Valley Physical Therapy is bringing to life the newest member of the family.

Located at 234 May Mart Drive, Rock Valley's Rochelle clinic will open its doors Monday, Aug. 5. The public is invited to share in a ribbon cutting Thursday, Aug. 22 at 1 p.m.

The site is led by a gifted, compassionate, and knowledgeable therapist in Jonathan Staab, PT, DPT, BFR, TSAC-F. Staab will guide Rochelle after serving Rock Valley Physical Therapy at its PCI clinic at Marion, Iowa.

The chance to captain his own clinic, to build a "Making Better Lives" foundation in a great town, has Staab, the husband and a father of two, excited about what stands before him.

"This is a type of city where you want your family to set roots and continue to enjoy life as the years go by," said Staab, whose wife, Sumayya, will serve as the head coach for the Rochelle Township High School dance team and is an instructional coach at the high school.

Founded in 1984, Rock Valley Physical Therapy features 60-plus clinics covering Illinois, Iowa, and Nebraska. It is one of the largest therapist-led and therapist-owned private physical therapy practices in the nation,

employing over 500.

The Rochelle clinic will offer services in orthopedic injuries, balance and fall prevention, concussion management, vestibular therapy, blood-flow restriction therapy, tactical conditioning for military, fire, and police, chronic pain, sports injuries, running video analysis, geriatrics, hypermobility syndromes, post-surgical rehab, and workers compensation.

"I am ecstatic about bringing myself, my family, and Rock Valley to be a part of Rochelle for decades to come," said Staab. "This is a fantastic opportunity I have been given, for which I am grateful. My goal is once you come to physical therapy, I aim to be your lifetime provider."

Every Rock Valley employee strives to live the company's tagline "Making Better Lives" by offering high-quality, compassionate care to each and every patient. Rock Valley, featuring 60-plus clinics across Illinois, Iowa and Nebraska, has been named a Top Workplace by the Des Moines Register and has been voted the #1 physical therapy company by Locals Love Us for eight consecutive years.

Rock Valley physical therapists are well-equipped to not only treat pain but also identify the source for optimal relief. Learn more about the types of conditions physical therapists can treat at www.rockvalleypt.com.



(COURTESY PHOTO)

Champion Senior Team (pictured left to right): Brogan Keltner, Pearl City; Kade Boatman, Rockford; Morgan Richardson, Capron; and Kendall Boatman, Rockford.

Boatmans of Byron FFA win at Hereford bowl contest

GRAND ISLAND, Neb. — Hereford juniors competed in the Hereford bowl contest at the 2024 VitaFerm® Junior National Hereford Expo (JNHE), "The Grand Daddy of 'Em All," on July 8, in Grand Island, Nebraska. The Hereford bowl contest is an individual and team competition where members demonstrate their knowledge of Hereford beef cattle and the history of the JNHE. Participants take a preliminary 50-question written test, including a newly added skillathon portion where members identify different feed samples. The top four teams then compete in a buzzer match to determine the winner.

The senior high individual in the written test was Allyson Hamilton, Atlanta, Texas. Addison Duis, Petersburg, Ill., was named the high individual in the junior division of the written test.

The winning team in the junior division was Illinois, with members: Addison Duis, Petersburg, Ill.; Cora Chapman, Seneca, Ill.; Ella Crane, LaSalle, Ill.; and Owen Crutcher, Montrose, Ill. Second-place went to team Texas with members: Jarrett Worrell, Mason, Texas; Gage Creamer, Waxahachie, Texas; Aubrey Lockhart, Somerville, Texas; and Kinleigh Jo Guidry, Brenham, Texas.

In the senior division, the winning team was Illinois, with members: Kade Boatman, Rockford, Ill.; Kendall Boatman, Rockford, Ill.; Brogan Keltner, Pearl City, Ill.; and Morgan Richardson, Capron, Ill. Kade and Kendall Boatman are Byron FFA members. The second place senior team was Indiana, with members: Jayden Simpson, Roachdale, Ind.; Carlee Musser, Otterbein, Ind.; Bailey Landrum, Huntington, Ind.; and Matthew Elzemeyer, Richmond, Ind.

The Hereford bowl competition encourages good sportsmanship and dedication to learning more about the beef industry and the Hereford breed. The contest also provides an educational experience for both participants and spectators.

The Hereford Youth Foundation of America (HYFA) holds multiple educational contests and events during JNHE. Members are encouraged to participate in these educational events and connect with other National Junior Hereford Association (NJHA)

members.

The 2024 VitaFerm® Junior National Hereford Expo, "The Grand Daddy of 'Em All," was sponsored in part by BioZyme Inc., St. Joseph, Mo. The National Junior Hereford Association (NJHA) is one of the most active junior programs in the country with more than 4,000 members. The NJHA's mission is to create and promote enthusiasm for the breed while providing opportunities through leadership, education and teamwork. For more information about the NJHA, visit JrHereford.org.

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LOCAL NEWS

HCF: Rochelle furniture store to close after nearly five decades in business

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“I think with the furniture stores that are in Rochelle, between all of us we give the customers a really good variety of merchandise,” Andracke said. “I’ve seen people travel to Rockford looking for a special piece of furniture and they come back to Rochelle and it’d be sitting right here. I loved that. With the options we have here in town, I’d say shop Rochelle first. And then if you can’t find it, go somewhere else. But I think you’ll find it right here in town.”

Andracke recalled running the business during leaner years, namely the late 1970s and early 1980s, when times were tough due to economic issues and inflation. At one point she took another full-time job to make ends meet.

“To run a business for 45 years, it takes stamina,” Andracke said. “There are days when the last thing you want to do is get up and go shovel the walk. But it has to get done. I did that for a long time, and so did Earl.”

Being a part of Rochelle and its downtown small business community for 45 years, Andracke has seen other businesses come and go. She and Hub City Furniture and other longtime downtown businesses and their owners have become like family, she said. Andracke recalled times in the winter months when it would get dark earlier and Quinn’s Jewelry Owner Marvin Quinn would wait to leave until he saw she had closed up shop and



Owner Susan Andracke and her late husband, Earl, bought a furniture store in Hillcrest in 1979 and started the business before buying its current location downtown and moving everything there in 1984. After being a mainstay in the downtown across decades, a going out of business sale is ongoing and Andracke has sold the building to a new owner.

(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)

left safely.

“I was born in this town,” Andracke said. “I grew up here. I’ve lived here all my life outside of going away for school. I’ve seen changes that are unbelievable. Marvin Quinn and I sometimes reminisce about different things over the years

downtown. Other people like to come in and reminisce about things like the Hub Theater or the old bakery across the street. Things have changed.”

Andracke plans to spend her retirement fishing and camping and living somewhere warmer during the winter months.

She’s excited for retirement, but said it will “absolutely be hard” to close the doors of Hub City Furniture for good at the end of the month.

Upon getting into the business in 1979, Andracke never saw herself staying in it for 45 years. She figured she and Earl

would do it for about 10-15 years and move on to something else. But they never did. They enjoyed the challenge.

“I’ve enjoyed working here,” Andracke said. “I’ve had good people to help me. A lot of them and customers have become good friends. I’m going to

miss them. But that’s the way life is. You have to move on. It’s been tough working with customers recently, because people are starting to come in to say goodbye. Some of them I may never see again. They come in to say thank you. Everybody has been extremely nice.”



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OGLE COUNTY FAIR



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The first Ogle County Fair was held in October of 1853 on the lawn of the Ogle County Court House. In the early years, it was held a several places and on one occasion, in Byron. The 2024 Ogle County Fair will be held from July 31 through Aug. 4 in Oregon.

2024 Ogle County Fair scheduled for July 31 through Aug. 4

OREGON — The first Ogle County Fair was held in October of 1853 on the lawn of the Ogle County Court House. In the early years, it was held a several places and on one occasion, in Byron.

In 1856 a group of citizens purchased 10 acres of land in the north section of Oregon along Illinois Route #2. An additional 10 acres was purchase in 1858 followed by the acquisition of 6 acres from Mr. E.S. Potter in 1901. Ten more acres were latter purchased from the estate of James H. Cartwright. The grandstand was constructed in 1925 followed by the horse barn in 1927. The fair encompassed approximately 40 acres by 1968.

Moving forward to more current times the Ogle County Fair decided to discontinue operation and the last fair at the fairgrounds on the north edge if Oregon was 1991. The city of Rockford invented a festival call "On the Waterfront" and the attendance had dropped extremely and was no longer viable. Since the Ogle County Fairground was privately

owned it was put up for sale. Twenty three acres were purchased by Grant and Janice Landis of Oregon and the remainder by the Oregon Park District. The Ogle County Fair needed to find a new home. Since the fairgrounds

was used for the Ogle County 4-H show each year a group of 4-H parents and concerned citizens was formed to find a new fairgrounds. This was a daunting task, but was achieved in 1993. There was a minimal fair held by

the 4-H in 1992 at St. Mary Learning Center located West of Oregon, just off of Illinois Route #64.

With the help of the Ogle County Farm Bureau 20 acres of land was purchased from the Estate of Marian and Homer St.

Clair in April 1993. This Fair property became the home of the Current Ogle County

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(OGLE COUNTY LIFE FILE PHOTOS)

Several 4-H shows will be held during the 2024 Ogle County Fair, which will take place from July 31 through Aug. 4 in Oregon. Shows will be held for livestock, poultry, beef, sheep, rabbits and more.

FAIR: Annual event scheduled for July 31 through Aug. 4 in Oregon

From page 11 Since the buildings on the old fairground were not in the best of shape they were donated to the New Ogle County Fair and were razed and moved by a large group of volunteers to the new site. In early 1993 a fair board was created and the new organization was chartered as a 501-C-3 Not for Profit Organization.

It was determined very quickly that the 20 acre purchase would not be large enough to provide for the needs of the fairgrounds. The Ogle County Farm Bureau then purchased the remaining 18.3 acres in May of 1994. This parcel was quickly turned into the track and grandstand area of the fair grounds.



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Shows

Daily	Various Times	TBA
Flores Circus Thrill Show	Various Times	TBA
KidBuck\$ Game Show	Various Times	TBA
Ace the Robot (Strolling around Thur-Sun)	Various Times	TBA
Chainsaw Artist Carving	Various Times	TBA

Animals

Wednesday, July 31	All Barns	12pm - 3pm
4-H & Jr. Animals & Egg Class Check In	Exhibit Building	2pm
4-H Cloverbud Judging, Party	Building A (swine barn)	3pm-6pm
Swine Weigh-In		3pm-10pm
Gate Entrance Open	Exhibit Building	4pm-9pm
Exhibit Building Open	Exhibit Building	4pm-9pm
Antique Tractor Parade	Perimeter of Grounds	5pm
4-H Bucket Calf Clinic	Building C (beef barn)	5pm
4-H & Jr. Poultry Showmanship	Building B (poultry barn)	5pm
Beef Weigh-In	Building A (swine barn)	5pm-8pm
Commercial Tent Open	Near Fair Office	5pm-9pm
4-H Children's Farm	Near Main Gate	5pm-9pm
Queen Contests	Ogle County State	5:30pm
Carnival Rides Open	Midway	6pm-midnight
Illini Stock & Tractor Pulls	Grandstand	6:30pm

Carnival

Thursday, Aug. 1	Building D (sheep barn)	7am-10pm
Gate Entrance Open		7:30am
4-H & Dairy Goat Milk Production		7:30am
4-H Horses on Grounds	Building A (swine barn)	8am
4-H Swine Show	Horse Arena	8:30am
4-H Horse Show	Building B (rabbit barn)	9am
4-H Rabbit Show	Exhibit Building	9am-9pm
Exhibit Building Open	Soundstage	12pm-1pm
Young Leaders Farm Program	Building C (beef barn)	1pm
4-H & Jr. Dairy Show	Ogle County Stage	2pm-2:45pm
Rockford Barbershop Quarter		3pm-4pm
Goat & Sheep Weigh-In	Near Main Gate	3pm-4pm
4-H Children's Farm	Building C (beef barn)	4pm-9pm
4-H Beef Show	Building D (sheep barn)	5pm
4-H Sheep Show	Perimeter of Grounds	5pm
Antique Tractor Parade	Exhibit Building	5pm
4-H State Fair Orientation	Near Fair Office	5pm-9pm
Commercial Tent Open	Midway	5pm-10pm
Carnival Rides Open	Building C (beef barn)	5:30pm-6pm
4-H Bucket Calf Check-In	Building C (beef barn)	6:30pm approx.
4-H Bucket Calf Judging	Grandstand	6:30pm
Illini Truck & Tractor Pulls	Ogle County State	7pm-10:30pm
Sheez-It's Band	Building D (goat barn)	7:30pm
4-H & Dair Goat Milk-Out		

Food

Friday, Aug. 2	Building A (swine barn)	7am-10pm
Gate Entrance Open		9am
Jr. Swine Show	Building D (goat barn)	9am
4-H Goat Show	Exhibit Building	9am-9pm
Exhibit Building Open	Horse Arena	12pm
4-H Llama/Alpaca Check-In	Building B (poultry barn)	12:30pm
4-H & Jr. Poultry Show	Horse Arena	1pm
4-H Llama/Alpaca Show	Ogle County State	2pm-4pm
Photos with Santa	Near Main Gate	3pm-9pm
4-H Children's Farm	Near Main Gate	3pm-9pm
Carnial Rides Open	Midway	3pm-10pm
Magic of Brian Holt	Around Grounds	4pm-8pm
Antique Tractor Parade	Perimeter of Grounds	5pm
Commercial Tent Open	Near Fair Office	5pm-9pm
4-H Dodgeball Tournament	Building C (beef barn)	6:30pm
Big Hat Rodeo	Grandstand	7pm
Killer B's Band	Ogle County State	7pm-10:30pm

Carnival

Saturday, Aug. 3	Horse Arena	7am-10pm
Gate Entrance Open		7:30am
Jr. Show Horses on Grounds	Horse Arena	8:30am
Jr. Horse Show	Building D (sheep barn)	8:30am
Jr. Sheep Show	Building C (beef barn)	9am
Jr. Beef Show	Building B (rabbit barn)	9am
Jr. Rabbit Show	Exhibit Building	9am-9pm
Exhibit Building Open	Near Main Gate	9am-9pm
4-H Children's Farm	Lions Shelter	10am
Kiddie Pedal Pull (register 9:45am)	Near Fair Office	12pm-10pm
Commercial Tent Open	Midway	12pm-10pm
Carnival Rides Open	Ogle County Stage	12:30pm-2pm
Martial Arts Demonstration	Ogle County Stage	2pm-4pm
Photos with Santa	Beef Barn	3pm
4-H Blue Ribbon Livestock Auction	Near Lions Shelter	3pm-7:30pm
Pork Chop Dinner	Ogle County Stage	4pm
Magic of Brian Holt Show	Perimeter of Grounds	5pm
Antique Tractor Parade	Beef Arena	6:30pm
Chainsaw Carving Auction	Grandstand	6:30pm
Demolition Derby	Building C, D, A	7pm
4-H Master Showmanship Contest	Ogle County State	7pm-10:30pm
Rout 38 Band		

Animals

Sunday, Aug. 4	Exhibit Building	7am-4pm
Gate Entrance Open		7:30am
Church Service	Building D (goat barn)	9am
Jr. Goat Show	Horse Arena	9:30am
Benefit Open Horse Show	Exhibit Building	11am-1pm
Exhibit Building Open	Midway	11am-4pm
Carnival Rides Open	Near Main Gate	12pm-4pm
4-H Children's Farm	Near Fair Office	12pm-4pm
Commercial Tent Open	Last name begins A-J	1pm
Exhibit Building & Animal Check Out	Last name begins K-Z	3pm
Exhibit Building & Animal Check Out		3pm
Exhibit Building Closed	Exhibit Building	5pm

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Kiddie Pedal Pull
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Pedal Pull 10:00 am
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Chainsaw Artist Dave Ferrell

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Ogle County athletes qualify for GAMMA World Championships

LEAF RIVER — Two Ogle County mixed martial artists have earned the opportunity to represent Team USA and battle on the world stage after taking home national championships.

Landon “The Body Snatcher” Jaski and Caleb “Concrete” Hahn each competed at the GAMMA National Championships in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on Saturday, June 15. Both fighters finished in first place in their respective divisions and earned the right to represent Team USA at the GAMMA World Championships in Indonesia this December. Hahn won the 16-to-17-year-old, 125-pound division, while Jaski took home the 12-to-13-year-old, 95-pound division title.

Hahn finished all of his matches in the first round during this year’s national championships, clinching his first-ever trip to the world championships. Jaski, who won all of his matches by submission or dominant fashion at this year’s nationals, went to Greece and Abu Dhabi to represent the USA last year, finishing in the top 10 in Abu Dhabi and third

in Greece.

Jaski will compete again on Sept. 7 in Waukesha, Wisconsin at the North American Fighting Championships along with other members of the Magicians MMA Academy in Leaf River, where both Jaski and Hahn train on a daily basis, often multiple times a day. Both fighters compete for GAMMA (Global Association for Mixed Martial Arts), an Olympic-recognized organization that operates as a stepping stone to leagues such as the UFC and One Championship.

Jaski is from Davis Junction and Hahn hails from Stillman Valley. Jaski, who has been competing for seven years, began with taekwondo, earning his black belt before moving on to wrestling and then mixed martial arts. Jaski holds a 14-3 record in mixed martial arts and only competes in combat sports including jiu-jitsu, wrestling, kickboxing and more.

Hahn has wrestled for 12 years and has a few jiu-jitsu championship wins. Hahn began focusing on mixed martial arts about five years ago and tends to a family



Landon Jaski (left) and Caleb Hahn (right)

farm while he isn’t training. The Magicians MMA Academy is holding two separate fundraisers to help send Jaski and Hahn to Indonesia for the GAMMA

World Championships. The first is a pretzel fundraiser that ends on Aug. 23, while the second is a fundraising event at Sledgehammers Bar & Grill, located at

1450 Illinois Route 2 in Oregon, on Sept. 21 from 1-4 p.m. The academy is also accepting donations.

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LOCAL NEWS



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The Oregon Avalanche 14U took home the championship in the bronze division at the NAFA Midwest Nationals in Rockford (at left). Front row (L to R) Abi Kalnins, Lyndee Anderson, Kendall Boyle, Izzy Berg, Macauley Heurman and Gabby Burke. Back row (L to R) Izzy Burke, Reagan Pfoutz, Grace Carreno, Lola Schwarz, Kimber Ege, Madeline Rogers and Emma Flanagan. At right are Avalanche 14U team members enjoying the player parade at Nationals in Rockford.

Oregon Avalanche 14U team concludes successful summer

OREGON - The Oregon Avalanche 14U travel team wrapped up the season by placing second in the C Division at the USSSA Illinois/Iowa Tournament held in Moline on June 29-30. "The coaches are im-

mensely proud of the hard work and determination that these girls have put into their season," coach Lynn Kalnins said. "Many balance a full schedule of other sports, activities and school and still commit time to

improving their skills on the field. Our organization is not like most of the teams we face at these larger scale tournaments. Most teams play with players from multiple communities that do not continue on to high

school together." In their first game on Saturday, they held off the Prairie Hawks 13U team for a 6-4 victory. Avalanche pitcher Izzy Berg struck out 10 batters during the game. Next, Avalanche won big

over the Scott County Little League 14U All-Stars 11-2. "In Avalanche, we focus on girls solely from the OCUSD district who will eventually go forward to play high school ball," Kalnins said. "We believe

that the teamwork and trust developed at these younger ages provides a strong foundation for the future Oregon Hawks Softball Program. See **SOFTBALL** pg 3

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SOFTBALL: 14U team competes at state and national tournaments

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"I had high expectations for these girls this season, but getting to the championship game and taking home second was beyond even what I originally set my sights on."

Avalanche 14U fell to the Wildcat Softball 14U team 4-2 on Sunday. During their next game, Avalanche 14U snatched the lead late in their 6-5 victory over the EP Junior Panthers 14U team on Sunday. Avalanche 14U were down 5-4 in the top of the third inning when Abigail Kalnins singled, scoring two runs. Izzy Berg earned the win for Avalanche 14U.

"I wanted the girls to be able to stay competitive with other comparable teams at state, but they were determined to do more than just that," Kalnins said. "They overcame situations where other teams got a jump on us early. They didn't get discouraged, but battled back to end up turning the game and taking the win. These girls are competitors, but better yet they support each other, cheer for each other, and demonstrate world class sportsmanship."

The team participated in the NAFA Midwest Nationals in Rockford on July 11-14. Over 1,800 players, coaches and spectators attended the event which started on Thursday. From 8U to 18U, 118 teams from around the Midwest participated. Oregon Avalanche 14U took home the championship in the bronze division.

"Avalanche struck back after some challenging pool play games to find success in the bracket division of the tournament," Kalnins said. "This national tournament places opponents from a variety of levels against each other in the pool play without looking at any history or records. Teams

just play teams. We faced some exceptional teams and struggled to find our stride."

The weekend kicked off Thursday with players participating in college coaches' camps, skills competitions, and a parade of teams. Players got to meet and exchange trading pins with teams from around the state and country. Avalanche fell short all day on Friday, being defeated in all three pool play games by Vernon Hills Stingers (14-0), Wisconsin Lightning (10-0), and Wisconsin Outlawz (21-6).

"On offense, we just couldn't get our hits to get through to get players on base," Kalnins said. "We had some silly baserunning mistakes. Our defense went in waves. We would have had innings where we were strong and prevented them from scoring, but then the next inning we'd have multiple errors and couldn't get it together. Still playing against stronger teams benefits us at the developmental level. Our girls got to face pitchers who were throwing 50 to 60 miles per hour and had lots of movement. That level of challenge will be good for them in the long run."

Saturday began bracket play, where the Avalanche overcame Rockford Xtreme (8-7) in an extra inning with the International Tie Breaker rule in place.

"Brackets started with no less of a formidable opponent with a neck and neck challenge against Rockford Xtreme," Kalnins said. "We would get ahead and they would catch up. Then we'd sneak another run in, but they would answer with one. The time ended with us being tied 4-4. We went into an extra inning with them batting first. With international tie rules, they got to start with a runner on second base."

"They were able to get three runs with some great

hits past the infield before we could get the third out," Kalnins continued. "We were nervous going into our half of the inning, because we knew we were chasing 4 for the win. Our first two batters walked, resulting in three runners on. Izzy Berg then hit a single bringing in two runs. Kendall Boyle came up next and laid down a solid single up the center of the field bringing two more runs in."

Oregon's win over the Rockford Xtreme qualified the team for another game against the Illinois Lightning, who the Avalanche took down 7-4. Avalanche base running helped get momentum going during the fourth inning. The first two batters were walked and then were advanced with a line drive over the first base player's head by Gabby Burke.

Avalanche brought in an additional cushion of three runs to bring the score to 5-0. The Lightning pushed hard to the end, with two outfield doubles bringing in two runs in the sixth. But the Avalanche kept their cool and fought through to finish out the game 7-4.

"It was a slow start in the second game versus the Illinois Lightning," Kalnins concluded. "After three innings, the Avalanche were able to just bring in two runs while holding the Lightning at zero. Our defense was key at the start of this game. They were definitely hitters but our infield was able to prevent them from getting on with solid fielding and no errors. They hit a few holes in the outfield, but our outfielder hustled to make sure they didn't advance more than just to first. I have no complaints about our defense."

Sunday's early morning storms caused a significant rain delay and a bracket readjustment due to fields being too flooded to play.

"We were supposed



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The Oregon Avalanche 14U team placed second in the C Division at the USSSA Illinois/Iowa Tournament held in Moline from June 29-30.

to play at 8 a.m., but the fields were drenched after the storms," Kalnins said. "Field crews were using pumps, squeegees, and even cups and buckets to pull water off the fields. They put in a lot of work despite the hot and muggy weather. They were finally able to open fields up to play the bracket championship games a little after noon."

In the championship game against Stateline Fury, consistency was key. Izzy Berg's pitching kept Fury's bats mostly tamed with nine strikeouts total. Lola Schwarz, Kimber Ege and Abi Kalnins caught key fly-ball outs, preventing those who did get on base from advancing home.

"I was unsure of how the girls were going to do with having a four-hour delay," Kalnins said. "They turned the music up and got themselves pumped up to play by singing and dancing with some of the other teams there. The girls were there to compete against each other, but at the same time most of the teams let loose and would have fun. Our dugout ended up in a duet

with the dugout of one of the silver bracket competitors."

On offense, Schwarz, Macauley Heuerman, Lyndee Anderson and Madeline Rogers knocked down key hits to move runners home. Schwarz's double in the first inning brought in the first run, later scoring when Anderson stepped to the plate and snagged a single line drive along the left outfield line.

"Throughout our bracket play, there were no big over the fence hits or stunning defensive tricks that made the games," Kalnins said. "Our girls stuck to the fundamentals and kept it simple. They did the things that we've worked all season long on. They put the bat on the ball on offense and moved their feet to stop the ball on defense. We are such a unique type of team with all of our players being from one community who will eventually go on to play high school ball together."

Heuerman's double in the second inning brought runners in to secure a 5-1 lead going into the third. Rogers' line drive single through an infield gap se-

cured the final runs needed to award the Avalanche the win with a final score of 7-5.

"The teams we played try out girls from a variety of zip codes to find the best of the best," Kalnins said. "Our focus continues to be developing our hometown Oregon district players and to strengthen our high school program. It's a long term goal and there have definitely been hurdles along the way. This weekend was a win on multiple levels and showed that what we're doing is working to provide our girls quality and competitive skill development."

What's next for Avalanche? Volunteering at the Ogle County 4-H Fair and at other events throughout the community. It's important for us to give back to our community. Avalanche is also holding 10U-14U player registration and skills testing for the fall session. This will be six weeks of play with a focus on skill development for the upcoming 2025 season. For more information call coach Nate Rogers at 815-979-2094.

BERTOLET LIBRARY NEWS

Get SSET 4 School

Now through August 1st SSET 4 School (Supplying 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

FORRESTON PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

Adventures in Art

Mondays July 15th - August 5th, 3:30 pm. Summer reading is wrapping up, so it's time for elementary age students to begin a new adventure! Each week we'll learn about a new artist or art form and then spend time creating our own masterpiece!

School Supply Drive

We are once again a dropoff point for school supplies for the SSET 4 School program. Items requested include: 1-sub-

ject spiral notebooks, loose leaf notebook paper, washable markers, colored pencils, crayons, red, blue or black pens, glue (bottles or sticks), folders, rulers, scissors, and new or gently used backpacks. We will be accepting donations through Monday, August 5th. Thanks for helping our local students start the school year with everything they need!

Community Room

Looking for a place to hold your event? Our community room (with a

small kitchenette) is available for meetings, parties, showers, family reunions, and more. Please call the library at (815)938-2624 for additional information.

Soft Plastic Recycling

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

July Book of the Month

Belle da Costa Greene was hired as a curator

MT. MORRIS SENIOR CENTER NEWS

will be held in Forreston 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 by August 1st 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.

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July Craft

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JULIA HULL DISTRICT LIBRARY NEWS



(COURTESY PHOTOS)

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Storytime at the Library

Join us in person at the library for songs, stories and crafts! Ages 2-5. Wednesdays at 10 a.m. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

Tween Scene: Cruise Ship: Savannah

Pack your bags, we're hitting the high seas! The last shore excursion on our tween cruise is Savannah. Don't worry, there are no storms in sight! We'll enjoy games, crafts and snacks inspired

by this elegant and creepy southern city. Tuesday, August 6, 6 p.m. Ages 10-12. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

Toddler Time: Chalk It Up!

Indulge your little one's curiosity with a hands-on event just for them! This month little ones will get to flex their creative muscle with sidewalk chalk. Friday, August 9, 10 a.m. All materials supplied. Ages 1-4. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

Adult Craft: Punch

Needling for Beginners

Sew much fun! Meet up with Joanna on Zoom to learn the ins and outs of punch needling, then create a simple, beginner project that's cute enough to hang. Monday, August 12, 6 p.m. Email Joanna at jkluver@mail.meridian223.org to register for this Zoom program.

DNA & Genealogy: What to Know Before You Test

It's not a test you have to study for...but there are some things you may want

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Paint & Pizza

Stop by the library after school for the ultimate

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Lucille Ball: Comedy Legend

In the 1950s, comedienne Lucille Ball captured the hearts of television audiences across the nation. Off-screen, she and her real-life husband, Desi Arnaz, launched their own television studio and pioneered new

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Encounter Youth Ministry for kids in 7th-12th grade meets on Sunday afternoons. Please see our Facebook page for scheduled dates and times.
For complete ministry info and events, visit us online at Riverstonecc.com or on Facebook at facebook.com/RiverStoneChristianChurch

ST. BRIDE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

1000 Highway 64, West (Hwy 64 W & Morgan Drive on Liberty Hill), Oregon 732-7211 - Office Rev. Eldred George
Website: saintbrides.org • E-mail: saint.bride.church@gmail.com
Worship Services: Sunday 10 am Holy Communion with Hymns Christian Education Available

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH, NALC

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

POLO

CHURCH OF THE OPEN BIBLE

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

CROSSROADS COMMUNITY CHURCH ~ POLO CAMPUS

Meeting Sundays @ 10AM Service
205 N. Jefferson Avenue, Polo ~ 815.837.5255
polo@crossroadsccn.com
We offer contemporary worship and relevant Bible teaching through engaging messages and powerful video. Join us after services for coffee, snacks & fellowship. Kidzink Children's Ministry (nursery-5th grade) ~ during 10AM service
Cave Youth Group (6th-12th grade) ~ Wed. 6:30PM - June 1st.
Visit our website: www.crossroadsccn.com

FAITH DISCOVERY CHURCH

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

STILLMAN VALLEY

RED BRICK CHURCH OF STILLMAN VALLEY

Pastor Rev. Dr. Chris Brauns | Associate Pastor David Bogner
207 W Roosevelt Road (Rte 72), Stillman Valley, IL 615-645-2526 | www.theredbrickchurch.org
Sunday: Worship at 9:00 and 10:30 am. Sunday School at 9:00 am.
Wednesday: AWANA (Sept - April) from 6:00 to 7:30 pm.
Men, women, youth Bible Studies throughout the year.
See website for all activities or contact the church office.

KISHWAUKEE COMMUNITY EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

8195 Kishwaukee Road, Stillman Valley, IL 61084 / 815-965-1940
Rev. Nick Garner, Pastor
www.kishchurch.org
Sunday Schedule: Discipleship Hour 9:00 AM, Coffee Fellowship 11:15 AM
Gathered Worship 10:00 AM
For complete ministry schedule check out our website or call the church office.

VALLEY EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH

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

GRACE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH DAVIS JUNCTION

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

WINNEBAGO

MIDDLE CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

12473 Montague Road, Winnebago, IL 61088
Located West of Tower Road on Montague Rd.
Sunday: Worship Service at 10:30 am.
Pastor Phil Thompson
Phone: 815-335-2609. Email: middlecreekchurch@gmail.com



LOCAL NEWS

BYRON PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

No Longer Accepting Plastic
Thanks to our community and the years of our successful partnership with Trex and other local organizations, we collected enough plastic bags to donate several benches to Ogle County! However, the library will no longer accept donations as we pivot to other projects. Instead please visit Meijer, Schnucks, Target and Kohl's to donate your bags.

The Magic of Oz: Celebrate 85 Years!
Thursday, Aug. 22. 6:30-7:30 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'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.

C h e c k o u t

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.

org or call us at 815-234-5107. Not sure what you want? Call us for help! We will call or email you with a confirmation when your holds are ready to be picked up. Call us when you arrive at the library, and we will bring your items out to you, already checked out. A receipt with your due dates will be included with your items.

Visit the Byron Library Facebook page, or subscribe to our newsletters at byronlibrary.org, to keep up to date on library news and programs! Be sure to also check out the Byron Library and Byron Library Teen Instagram pages!

MT. MORRIS PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

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!

Pie and Ice Cream Social at the Kable Band Concert on 7/31

Join us Wednesday, 7/31, at the Kable Band Concert to enjoy some great music and delicious food! The Mt. Morris Library Foundation will be hosting concessions. Proceeds will benefit the 9x9x9 program.

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.!!!

THANK YOU!

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!

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.

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!

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.

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 card holders and will be checked out for fourteen days. Get more informa-

tion from a librarian if you would like to use this free service!

Library Board Meetings

This month's board meeting will be held on August 14, 2024, rather than August 21 as usual. Monthly board meetings are the third Wednesday of the month at 7pm at the library unless otherwise noted. The public is welcome to attend.

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.

Additional Services Offered

We make copies (\$0.25 per black and white page). We fax (\$2 for the first page and \$0.50 each additional page). We can scan a document and send it to email (\$2 per document). You can use a computer without a library card for \$1.00. Resume software is available on our computers. Come visit us and let us help you!

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

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.

2024 Summer Reading Program

Read, Renew, Repeat! June 3- July 26. This year's summer reading program has officially ended. Participants who have completed their goals will be contacted when their prizes are available. I Spy Hunt in the Library is still available through August 8.

Preschool Story Time

Continues through August 5, then we'll take a break and begin again on Monday, August 26 at 10 am.

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.oregonpubliclibrary.com or call (815) 732-2724 for more in-

formation. Registration required.

Produce Swap

August 17th from 10am - 6:00pm. Food Swaps are local gatherings where people swap excess home-grown 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 in 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

The 2WBC meets Wednesday, August 14 at 12:30 to discuss The Notebook by Nicholas Sparks. Cocktails & Crimes will meet Sunday, August 18. The Afternoon Book Club meets Wednesday, August 21 at 1 pm to discuss The Lacuna by Barbara Kingsolver. Books on Tap Book Club meets Thursday, August 22 at 6 pm at Cork & Tap to discuss The Clinic by Cate Quinn. Is This Just Fantasy? Book Club will meet in August to discuss Even Though I Knew the End by C. L. Polk.

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-The Boy Who Said Wow by Todd Boss. At the StoryWalk is The Enormous Carrot by Vladimir Vagin.

ROCK RIVER CENTER NEWS

Rock River Center is a resource center located at 810 S. 10th Street, Oregon. Our activities and trips are open to all ages. Call our office @ 815-732-3252 for assistance with Benefit Access Application for a

license plate discount, Medicare, housing, homemaker service, heating assistance or other things. Visit us at www.rockrivercenter.org and like us on Facebook.

The Bikinis

Wednesday, August

21, 2024. Circa 21 Dinner Playhouse. Last Chance to Attend. \$90.00 Members / \$95.00 Non-Members* Reservation and payment deadline: August 1, 2024.

Everyone's favorite girl group from the sixties, The

Bikinis - or "The Jersey Girls," as they're affectionately called - are back together after 20 years, bringing back the sun, fun and all the great songs they sang down on the boardwalk at the Jersey Shore. The Bi-

kinis relive their heyday and beyond, beginning the summer of 1964, the night these four inseparable friends won the Belmar Beach Talent Contest. The Bikinis is a nonstop celebration of filled with hits such as: It's In His

Kiss, Heat Wave, Yellow Polka Dot Bikini, Under The Boardwalk, I'm Every Woman, I Will Survive, It's Raining Men, and many more!

LOCAL NEWS

County recycling event scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 10

OREGON — The Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department (OCSWMD) will be hosting a recycling event for used motor oil, anti-freeze, used oil filters, liquid latex paint, aerosol spray cans, single use propane cylinders, alkaline batteries and child car seats on Saturday, Aug. 10 from 8 a.m. to noon at the County Annex Building located at 909 Pines Road in Oregon. No permits are required for this recycling event.

Liquid latex paint will be accepted for recycling. There is a fee per container of \$1/quart, \$2/gallon, and \$10/pail for the first 10 containers. Paint should be brought to the event in its' original container and not be bulked together so it can be properly recycled. The OCSWMD will subsidize a portion of the cost to recycle your latex paint up to 10 containers. The full cost of \$3/quart, \$6/gallon, and \$20/pail will be charged for additional

containers over the first 10. Oil based paint and stains can be recycled for \$6/quart, \$10/gallon, and \$25/pail. Cash, credit card, or checks payable to "EarthPaint" will be accepted for payment of paint recycling. Aerosol spray cans and single-use propane tanks will also be accepted at this event. Aerosol products such as paints, lubricants, cleaners, insecticides, personal care products, and food products can be

recycled, along with the single-use (14-16 ounce) propane cylinders. The first 10 items are fully subsidized by the OCSWMD and any additional aerosol cans will be charged at \$1/can and \$4/propane cylinder. Not all aerosol products will be able to be accepted. Please call the OCSWMD at 815-732-4020 for specific questions or see the county website. Flatcan Recycling is also accepting alkaline batteries for recycling for \$4 per

pound and one child car seat at no charge. Additional child car seats will be \$20 per seat.

Used oil, anti-freeze, and used oil filters will also be able to be recycled at the event. There is no fee for this service. Small containers of used oil and/or anti-freeze will be bulked together and your containers returned to you for future use. Large drums also accepted and will be vacuum-pumped out. Limit 200 gallons, if

you have more than 200 gallons please call the number above for recycling options. No fuels, cooking oils, or other automotive fluid will be accepted.

This event is for Ogle County residents only and there are no permits required. Please call the number above, visit, or see the OCSWMD on Facebook at Ogle County Solid Waste Management Dept. for more information about this recycling event.

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*Cost includes RT transportation, show tickets, lunch and all taxes and gratuities. Dessert is optional and available for purchase. Reservation Information: Reservations and prepayment accepted in person or by mail at Rock River Cen-

ter, 810 S 10th St, Oregon. Your payment confirms your reservation. Cash, check, credit card, and Rock River Center gift certificates accepted as payment. For more information, call the Center at 815-732-3252 or toll free 1-800-541-5479. Make your reservations early as some shows sell

out quickly.

August Yoga Classes
YOGA: Friday, from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.
CHAIR YOGA: Friday, from 11:15 – 12:00 Noon.
COST: \$5 per class*
Line Dancing
 Tuesday and Thursday, 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.
Veteran's Cafe

Tuesday, July 30; 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.
Crocheting & Knitting Club
 Thursday, August 1 & 15; 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.
SUPPORT GROUPS @ ROCK RIVER CENTER
CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

Meets: 4th Wednesday in February, May, August & November. Time: 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.
CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP
 Meets: 3rd Tuesday of month. Time: 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.
DIABETICSUPPORT GROUP

Meets: 1st Wednesday of the month. Time: 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
LOWVISIONGROUP
 Meets: 2nd and 4th Tuesday of month. Time: 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. For more information on any of our Support Groups, call Rock River Center at 815-732-3252 or 1-800-541-5479.

Weekly Brain Busters

King Crossword

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- 35 Engrave
- 36 GPS suggestion
- 37 Egyptian deity
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MAGIC MAZE

CHESS GAMBITS

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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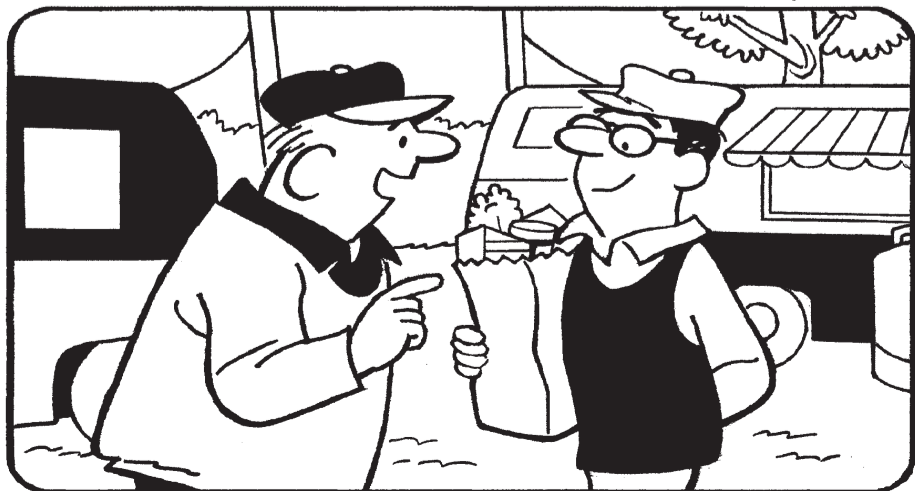
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Hand is moved. 2. Bar is larger. 3. Man is thinner. 4. Awning is different. 5. Tree is moved. 6. Cap is larger.

Solution time: 23 mins.

Answers

King Crossword

CHESS GAMBITS

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Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

LOCAL NEWS

News Media Corporation announces management agreement

ROCHELLE — Carpenter Media Group (CMG) and News Media Corporation (NMC) announced today plans for CMG to manage, and with an option to acquire, NMC.

Illinois publications — Rochelle News-Leader, Ogle County Life, Mendota Reporter and Amboy News are all owned by News Media Corporation, and are now part of the management agreement with Carpenter Media Group.

Longtime NMC leaders J.J. Tompkins and Billy McMacken will

assume leadership roles with CMG, and the transition will begin immediately.

News Media Corporation was founded in 1975 by John C. Tompkins. John began his career as a paperboy at The Hammond Times, where his father was the publisher. Eager to learn, he continued to work his way through every department at The Times with Howard Publications. At the age of twenty-one, Tompkins purchased his first newspaper, The Rochelle News-Leader, in rural Illinois.

Under John Tompkins' leadership, News Media grew to over seventy publications across ten states. NMC serves communities, of roughly 5,000-50,000 population, in isolated rural trade centers, focusing mainly on weekly newspapers. It has always been News Media's top priority to provide quality local journalism to the unique communities it serves. NMC currently has twenty-five publications located in Illinois, South Dakota, Wyoming, Nebraska, and Arizona.

"We have worked with

JJ and his father, John, over the years. We have a long friendship and deep respect for the company they built and its exceptional team of community media professionals," said CMG Chairman Todd Carpenter. "We look forward to building on the foundations put down by John and others as we develop the products, people and communities served."

"This is a unique opportunity to partner with Todd Carpenter and CMG," JJ Tompkins said. "The Tompkins family has always deeply

respected Todd and has a friendship spanning multiple generations and family companies. We have a unique history and friendship, which began with my father many years ago, and will continue into the future and for the next phase of News Media Corporation."

"We are thrilled about this partnership with Carpenter Media Group and its potential for the future success of our family's legacy and the communities we serve. As a company deeply rooted in people, we are confident that this partnership

will uphold our values and lead us to a bright future," Tompkins added.

CMG owns and manages over 200 community and metro media titles in the U.S. and Canada and is dedicated to preserving and building community journalism and marketing services to develop and improve each community served.

NMC and the Tompkins family was represented by John Cribb of Cribb, Cope & Potts. CCP is a leading merger and acquisition firm with offices in Montana, California and Arkansas.

Byron Bank seeks photo submission for 2nd annual Community Calendar

BYRON—Byron Bank is issuing a reminder to the community to submit photos for its Second Annual Community Calendar, titled "Celebrating Our Community." We have received some fantastic entries so far, but we still need more photos to ensure our 2025 calendar captures the essence

and beauty of Northern Illinois.

Submission details: Theme: Celebrating Our Community. Deadline: Aug. 31, 2024. How to Submit: Photos can be submitted via email to sciaccio@byronbank.com and official rules and required entry forms can be found at byronbank.com

Requirements: High-resolution images. Landscape orientation (7x5 minimum size). Include a brief description and location of the photo. Limit of 5 submissions per person.

Prizes: \$250 Gift Card—Cover Photo Winner. \$150 Gift Card — 12 Monthly Winners

"We have already seen some incredible photographs, but we know there are many more moments and scenes out there that embody the spirit of Northern Illinois," Samantha Ciaccio, marketing officer at Byron Bank, said. "Our community calendar allows us to highlight the talents of local photogra-

phers and celebrate the vibrant life in our region. We encourage everyone to participate!"

The Byron Bank Community Calendar is distributed free of charge to customers and community members each year beginning in November. This initiative not only provides a practical tool but also

showcases the stunning landscapes and vibrant life within our community.

For more information about the contest, submission guidelines, and deadlines, please visit our website at byronbank.com or contact Samantha Ciaccio at sciaccio@byronbank.com or 815-234-2561.

DIRECTORY OF AREA HUMAN SERVICES

Alcohol Abuse Counseling & Recovery

A.A. Hotline **800-452-7990**
Sinnissippi Centers, Inc.
Oregon **732-3157**
Rochelle **562-3801**

Domestic Abuse Agency and 24-Hour Shelter and Helpline

HOPE of Ogle County **562-8890 or 732-7796**
Counseling Services, Court Advocacy, Latina Advocacy, and Shelter programs

Education

University of Illinois Extension-Ogle County
421 W Pines Rd, Oregon 61061 **732-2191**

Low Income Housing

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

Habitat for Humanity of Ogle County

P.O. Box 628
Oregon, IL 61061 **732-6855**

Mental Health

Family Counseling Services **962-5585**
Sinnissippi Centers, Inc.
Oregon **732-3157**
Rochelle **562-3801**
The Serenity Shed Grief Services **732-2499**

Senior Citizens Services

Hub City Senior Center **562-5050**
Mt Morris Senior Center **734-6335**
Polo Senior Center **946-3818**
Rock River Center **732-3252**
Oregon, IL **800-541-5479**

Sexual Assault/Abuse

Rockford Sexual Assault Counseling
24-hour hotline **636-9811**
412 W Washington, Oregon **732-0000**

Therapeutic

Pegasus Special Riders **973-3177**

Veterans' Services

Rock River Center **732-3252**
Serenity Hospice and Home **732-2499**
Medical Transportation **677-6515**

Wellness Services

Ogle County Health Dept
907 Pines Rd, Oregon **562-6976**
510 Lincoln Hwy, Rochelle **562-6976**
Serenity Hospice and Home **732-2499**



Oregon Lions hold meat raffle

The Oregon Lions Club held their annual Meat Raffle at the VFW in Oregon. 85 lucky winners won a variety of meat and cash prizes. There were 20 steak and pork chop packages and 20 ham and 20 turkey packages. Five SuperValu gift certificates were given away. Congratulations to all the lucky winners and many thanks to all the people who purchased tickets to support Lions' charities! Oregon Lion Meat Raffle Chairman Lion Dr. Tom Champley and his wife, Lion Janet Champley, kept track of the winners while Lion Carol Ohrn drew the tickets and Lion James Brown called them out. (Courtesy photo)

Byron's Politsch makes Spring 2024 Dean's List at Carthage

KENOSHA, Wis — Tyson Politsch of Byron was among the students who have been named to the Carthage College Spring

2024 Dean's List in recognition of their outstanding academic achievement.

Dean's List honors are accorded to Carthage stu-

dents who achieve a minimum 3.5 grade-point average while carrying at least 12 letter-graded credits in a given semester.

Local students named to Spring 2024 Dean's List at Drake University

DES MOINES, Iowa —Oregon's Sydney Hermes (Arts & Sciences) and Polo's Anna Faivre (Pharmacy & Health

Sciences) were recently named to the Spring 2024 Dean's List at Drake University.

To be eligible for the

Dean's List, students must have earned a GPA of 3.5 or higher during the Spring 2024 semester at Drake.



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.

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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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LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given by the Executive Board of the Ogle County Educational Cooperative, SEJA/801, Joint Agreement, in the County of Ogle, State of Illinois, that the tentative budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, is on file and conveniently available to public inspection at 417 N. Colfax Street, Byron, Illinois, within the boundaries of this Joint Agreement. Notice is further given that a public hearing on said budget will be held at 6:00 p.m. on August 15, 2024 at the Ogle County Educational Cooperative office building located at the above address, within the boundaries of this Joint Agreement. By the Executive Board of the Ogle County Educational Cooperative, District SEJA/801, in the County of Ogle, State of Illinois. No. 0725 (July 29, 2024 OCL) (July 28, 2024 RNL)

NOTICE

INVITATION FOR BIDS
The Village of Davis Junction will receive bids for a public park improvement contract until 10:00 o'clock A.M. on the 12th day of August, 2024 at Davis Junction Village Hall, located at 106 North Elm Street, Davis Junction, Illinois 61020, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The proposed work for which the Village of Davis Junction is soliciting bids consists of one contract, "OSLAD Grant Community Park Improvements", and includes the following:

"Construction of various improvements at the Davis Junction Community Park. Work shall include earth excavation and embankment construction, construction of hot-mix asphalt parking lots and multi-use paths, construction of portland cement concrete pavements/slabs and sidewalks, baseball/softball diamond construction with the related appurtenances, portland cement concrete footing and structural slab construction, wood framed building construction, acrylic paint outdoor court surface application, electrical service and distribution wiring, and the associated erosion control and site restoration."

The contract documents, including Drawings and Specifications, and form of contract and bonds for performance and payment, are on file at the office of the Village Clerk, 106 North Elm Street, Davis Junction, Illinois 61020 and at the office of the ENGINEER, Willett, Hofmann & Associates, Inc., 57 Airport Drive, Rockford, Illinois 61109. Copies of the Contract Documents, including Project Manual and the Construction Drawings, shall be obtained electronically in PDF format from the Willett, Hofmann & Associates, Inc. website at www.willetthofmann.com. Contractors shall click on "Bid Login" on the homepage of the website and follow the instructions. The eBid-Doc# (project number) is 9219523 for this project.

A certified check or bank draft, payable to the order of the Village of Davis Junction, Illinois, negotiable U.S. Government Bonds (at par value) or a satisfactory Bid Bond executed by the Bidder and an acceptable surety in

an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the total bid shall be submitted with each bid. Attention is called to the fact that not less than the minimum salaries and wages as set forth in the Contract Documents must be paid on this project, and that the CONTRACTOR must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex or national origin. This project is being financed, in part, with funds from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, "Open Space Land Acquisition and Develop" (OSLAD) grant program. The Village of Davis Junction encourages 1) minority business firms to submit bids on the approved project and 2) successful contract bidders to utilize minority businesses as subcontractors for supplies, equipment, services, and construction. Bidder must comply with the requirement of the Business Enterprise Program (BEP) Act for Minorities, Females, and Persons with Disabilities (30 ILCS 575) and Grant BEP Requirements. Bidder must also comply with the Employment of IL Workers on Public Works Act 30 ILCS 570/0.02 et seq. which requires 90% of the workforce to be IL residents during periods of high unemployment. The OSLAD Grant requires that 50% of the labor hours on the project must be performed by actual residents of the Station of Illinois (20 ILCS 805/805-350).

A non-mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting will be held at 10:00 o'clock A.M. on the 29th of July, 2024, at Davis Junction Village Hall, located at 106 North Elm Street, Davis Junction, Illinois 61020. The meeting will be for answering questions and providing guidelines for the Bidders regarding the Business Enterprise Program (BEP) and the specific BEP requirements for the project. The Village of Davis Junction is an equal opportunity employer. The Village of Davis Junction does not discriminate on the basis of handicapped status in the admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its programs or activities. The Village of Davis Junction reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informality in the bidding. Bids may be held by the Village of Davis Junction for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days from the date of the opening of bids for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the qualifications of bidders, prior to awarding the Contract. BY ORDER OF VILLAGE OF DAVIS JUNCTION, ILLINOIS By: Sandie Maahs, Village Clerk DATE: July 9, 2024 No. 0726 (July 21, 2024 RNL) (July 29, 2024 OCL)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE IS HERE BY GIVEN by the Board of Education of Oregon Community Unit School District #220 in the County of Ogle, State of Illinois, that a tentative budget for said School District for

the fiscal year beginning July, 2024, will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection at 206 South 10th Street, Oregon, IL in this School District from and after 7:30 a.m. on the 16th day of August, 2024. Notice is further hereby given that a public hearing on said budget will be held at 6:30 p.m., on the 16th day of September, 2024, at the Oregon Community Unit School District #220 District Office. Dated this 1st day of August, 2024. School board of School District Number 220, in the county of Ogle, State of Illinois. By Mary Jo Griffin, Secretary of the Board of Education No. 0728 (July 29, 2024)

NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DONALD E. DIRKSEN, Deceased IN PROBATE No. 2024 PR 39 CLAIM NOTICE NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of DONALD E. DIRKSEN of Oregon, Illinois. Letters of officer were issued on July 19, 2024, to Nancy L. Boyden of Martin, Tennessee, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Eric D. Morrow, of SMITH & BIRKHOLZ, P.C. at 129 S. Fourth Street, PO Box 10, Oregon, Illinois 61061. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the clerk, or with the representative, or both, on or before January 29, 2025, or within 3 months from the date of mailing or delivery of notice to creditors, if required by Section 18-3 of the Illinois Probate Act of 1975, as amended, whichever date is later. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of claims filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the estate legal representative and to the attorney within 10 days after the claim has been filed. NANCY L. BOYDEN, Independent Executor No. 0730 (July 29, Aug. 5 and 12, 2024)

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The JKV Family Investments farm is located just southwest of Lostant, IL, 5 miles north of Wenona, IL, or 15 miles south of Peru, IL. The land is further described as being located in Section 26, T31N-R1E, Hope Township, LaSalle County, Illinois.

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Tract 1 is located approx. 8.5 miles southeast of Freeport, IL with access along E Kelley Rd. and is further described as being located in Section 16, T26N - R9E, Ridott Township, Stephenson County, IL.

Tracts 2 & 3 are located approx. 8.75 miles southeast of Freeport, IL south of Highway 20 along S Holland Church Rd. (hard surface) and is further described as being located in Section 9 & 10, T26N - R9E, Ridott Township, Stephenson County, IL.

Tract 4 is located approx. 8.6 miles east of Freeport, IL north of Highway 20 along S Holland Church Rd. (hard surface) and is further described as being located in Section 3, T26N - R9E, Ridott Township, Stephenson County, IL.

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LOCAL NEWS

Jonny Lyons and the Pride to play Mt. Morris Aug. 2

MT. MORRIS — The Mt. Morris Jamboree is pleased to announce the return of Jonny Lyons and the Pride to the bandshell stage for a free concert on Friday, Aug. 2 from 7-9 p.m.

Jonny knows how to command an audience, whether he's fronting his band Jonny Lyons & the Pride, taking the stage as The Man In Black or the King of Rock and Roll, standing alone with an acoustic guitar, or even laying down the drums for Lance Lipinsky in his band The Lovers. Whatever the occasion, you can be sure to expect an electrifying performance!

Jonny writes his own music flavored from his heroes such as Ray Charles, Elvis Presley,

Buddy Holly, Johnny Cash, Roy Orbison, Jerry Lee Lewis, Conway Twitty, Jerry Reed, The Everly Brothers, Willie Nelson, The Ventures, and many more.

Food and drink concessions for the evening will be provided by Chapter CU, P.E.O., who will be serving hotdogs, brats, chips, soda and water. Just For Fun 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



(COURTESY PHOTO)

The Mt. Morris Jamboree is pleased to announce the return of Jonny Lyons and the Pride to the bandshell stage for a free concert on Friday, Aug. 2 from 7-9 p.m.

Encore Art Gallery will present the opening night of the Fine Art Show with the theme of "We live in the middle," and the new

location of the Mt. Morris Historical Museum in the newly renovated College Hall 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 rock & roll concert.

Highland maximizes new spaces, partnerships with Workforce Training Grant

FREEMONT — As the fall semester begins at Highland Community College, students interested in manufacturing will benefit from both new facilities and enhanced program pathways. On the heels of comprehensive expansions of its welding and CNC labs, HCC has received a four-year federal grant in collaboration with two local colleges to provide the needed training in the trades for a skilled workforce.

Highland's portion of the Strengthening Community Colleges Training Grant from the Department of

Labor's Employment and Training Administration will be \$270,000 annually, starting with the coming academic year in August. Rock Valley College and McHenry College will form a three-college coalition with Highland to infuse more than \$5.5 million into communities they serve across northern Illinois. More than 40 community colleges nationwide were chosen to receive \$65 million in grant funds.

"This collaborative effort among Highland, Rock Valley and McHenry will not only benefit manufacturing

and welding industries, it will have a positive economic ripple throughout northern Illinois," said Highland President Chris Kuberski.

Scott Anderson, Highland's Vice President of Business, Technology and Community Programs, says this grant will catalyze the college's expanded learning spaces to help create both career pipelines and new jobs — with extra resources to help students persist through programs to completion. The industrial manufacturing technology program, computer-aided design, machine processes,

and welding/fabrication programs at Highland are adjusting to the increasing technological demands of industry and need for a wide scope in abilities expected of today's manufacturing professionals.

"Over the next four years, Highland Community College will receive over one million dollars to support the pipeline of potential employees in CNC Machining and Welding careers," Anderson said. "The college will use grant funds to purchase equipment and supplies, but more importantly have

additional resources to hire a coach/mentor to provide extra support and guidance to students. The grant will also provide stipends for more students to engage in internships, covering travel costs, and reducing their financial burden by providing textbooks and tool kits via the loan program."

Rock Valley in Rockford will lead the implementation of the grant in the region, partnering with McHenry in Crystal Lake and Highland with strategic direction from the Illinois Community College Board to provide access to the manufacturing

trades for a target number of 700 students over four years.

While Highland has been offering quality Welding and CNC programs for decades, this grant will maximize the college's new facilities. The spring semester kicked off with an expanded Welding lab and new equipment, more than double its original size of 1,900 to 4,800 square feet. The college will start the fall semester with a similarly refurbished and expanded CNC lab.

For more information on the welding and CNC programs at Highland, visit highland.edu.

United Church of Byron's Outdoor Family Movie Night is Aug. 2

BYRON — The United Church of Byron will be having their next Outdoor Family Movie Night on Friday, Aug. 2. As always, movies are free and open to the community! We will be showing

"Shrek", a 2001 American animated fantasy comedy film loosely based on the 1990 children's picture book of the same name by William Steig. It is the first installment in the *Shrek* film series. The

film stars Mike Myers, Eddie Murphy, Cameron Diaz, and John Lithgow. In the film, an embittered ogre named Shrek finds his home in the swamp overrun by fairy tale creatures banished by the obsessive

ruler Lord Farquaad. With the help of Donkey, Shrek makes a pact with Farquaad to rescue Princess Fiona in exchange for regaining control of his swamp.

We'll again be offering

snacks that will be available for a freewill donation. You are also welcome to bring your own snacks.

The movie will begin at dusk, and if weather does not permit being outside, we will move it inside the

fellowship hall and it will begin at 8 p.m. Please visit our Facebook page or our website www.unitedchurchofbyron.org for more information and upcoming movie dates. We hope you can join us!

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