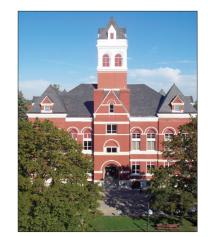


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Oregon CUSD 220 inducted its Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2024. **Section B**





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BY JEFF HELFRICH is demonstrated through MANAGING EDITOR his personal outreach and exceptional treatment of **OREGON** — At its both people and animals. Your vision and community monthly meeting Tuesday, the Ogle County Board commitment will provide a unanimously passed a

resolution of apprecia-

tion for service for Ogle

County Animal Control

Administrator Dr. Thomas

Champley, who is retiring.

Champley has served the

county as animal control

administrator for 28 years

after being hired in 1996.

fast administrator com-

mitted to promoting and

preserving the love and care of animals and the

regional values of our

county," Board Chairman

John Finfrock (R-District 7,

Mt. Morris) said. "Tomper-

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pioned significant county

improvements in the animal

control offices and his im-

pressive persona reflects

his effectiveness with staff

and positive impacts on

citizens of the county. This

"Tom served as a stead-

lasting legacy." Champley thanked his staff members from over the years and the county board.

"I appreciate the support I've had over the years," Champley said. "I've enjoyed doing this job. I appreciate my staff and all they do and how they take care of me."

OCHD

The board unanimously approved public health and sanitation county code changes that Board Member Dean Fox (R-District 7, Germany Valley) said will help the Ogle County Health Department deal with issues inside villages and municipalities.

"Right now, the health department deals with everything outside the incor-



At its monthly meeting Tuesday, the Ogle County Board unanimously passed a resolution of appreciation for service for Ogle County Animal Control Administrator Dr. Thomas Champley, who is retiring.

porated parts of the county," Fox said. "From time to time, they're asked to help with things in incorporated parts of the county. This just sets forth a fee schedule to help with those things if needed so we have that on paper."

BEST

Apresentation was made at the meeting by Business Employment Skills Team (BEST) Executive Director Carrie Folken. BEST serves

Ogle County residents and administers the federal Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act. September is National Workforce Development Month.

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Grand opening held for Positive Esthetics by Ashley 'I enjoy my work because I love seeing someone smile and just feel confident again'

BY JEFF HELFRICH MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE — On

Sept. 8 a grand opening was held for Positive Esthetics by Ashley at the business's new location at 951 S. 7th St. Suite D in Rochelle. The business offers services from eyebrow waxing to facials to Brazilian waxes.

The business is owned by Ashley Kessen of Rochelle. After being a CNA for 15 years and going through the COVID-19 pandemic, she knew she wanted to help people in a different way. She went to school at Debutantes School of Beauty in DeKalb and started working at Beauty Bar in Rochelle for 2.5 years after school.

"I grew my client base until I decided to go out on my own," Kessen said. "They taught me a lot. And helped me grow. I'm an esthetician here to make people feel beautiful,



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maintain their waxing needs and their beauty inside and out. I enjoy my work because I love seeing someone smile and just feel confident again."

Kessen said she came across the space through a friend and collaborator, AP Massage Therapy Owner Ashley Patrick, who also has a space at 951 S. 7th St.

"I loved how much space she has," Kessen said. "I also love the events she throws and the ones we have collaborated on together. We'll have many

more to come. That's what I'm most excited about, bringing more events to the community and growing."

Kessen said she wants to provide her service locally to keep Rochelle-area residents from having to

drive out of town for their

esthetics needs. "Having the support of my clients means so much to me," Kessen said. "It's not all about making a dollar, it's also building those relationships and friendships with everyone."



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Polo Lions finish dugout project

On Saturday, Sept. 14 the Polo Lions put the siding on the baseball dugouts at Westside Park to finish the project. (Courtesy photos)

Ogle County places top 3 in state 4-H initiative to fight hunger County, and Will County.

SPRINGFIELD Counties across Illinois were tasked with gathering non-perishable food and care items as part of the annual, statewide 4-H Can Make a Difference Food Drive held in conjunction with the Illinois State Fair Aug. 9-11.

"In Illinois, over 1.5 million people face hunger, which translates into one in eight people facing hunger or one in six children," says University of Illinois 4-H youth development specialist Katie Duitsman.

This initiative began over 25 years ago and represents the power of Illinois counties pulling together to create a larger change. Counties gathered

donations locally and coordinated transport to the Illinois State Fair.

Over 1,000 items were donated over the course of the three days. Counties participated in a friendly competition to see who could donate the most items to the drive. The top three counties this year were Ogle County, Macoupin The top three counties will receive funds to support local community service initiatives for the 2024-2025 4-H Year.

"This food drive showcases the incredible impact that young people can have when given the opportunity to lead," Duitsman said. "Their dedication to

fighting hunger in their communities is inspiring and makes a real difference for families across Illinois."

This initiative is statewide youth led service initiative headed by the Illinois 4-H Youth Leadership Team and the result of the team's second year of planning the event.

"Our youth are not just

the leaders of tomorrow they are driving change today," Duitsman said. "Through efforts like this, they're learning the value of service, collaboration, and making a lasting impact on the world around them.'

This event will return to the State Fair in the summer of 2025.

September an important awareness month for Sinnissippi Centers

DIXON — September is an especially important awareness month for the public and for behavioral healthcare, and Sinnissippi Centers in particular. It is both Recovery Month and Suicide Prevention and Awareness Month. This September was very special because of the return of the Wellness and Recovery Celebration which took place Sept. 12 at the Dixon Elks Lodge in Dixon.

"The last Wellness & Recovery Celebration was held in September 2019," Stacie Kemp, Sinnissippi Centers' president & CEO, said. "A few short months later the COVID-19 pandemic began which curtailed so many in person events.

Our Peer Panel was a very powerful part of the event talking about their own recovery journeys and the very personal reasons they dedicate themselves to helping others." There was also a social

hour, a light dinner, and raffle prizes. The event was free and open to the public. "We were very pleased

with the turnout considering it's been five years since this event was held," Kemp said. The Wellness & Re-

covery Celebration is held in September, which is Recovery Month. The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration sponsors Recovery Month.

"The Goal of Recov-

ery Month is to increase awareness that treatments for substance use disorders and mental illnesses work, and that recovery is possible," Kemp said. "But just as important, is to let people know that they can be a great support to someone suffering from a substance use disorder without any special knowledge or training, just by being there. However, getting more information about these diseases and disorders is always helpful for everyone.' Some facts to consid-

er: 60% of rural Americans live in areas with a shortage of treatment professionals. Distance to treatment services in rural areas can be a barrier to getting treatment. Family and friends can play a significant role in helping address mental illness and substance use disorders by identifying when someone has a problem.

Only 20% of those with a substance use disorder get the help they need. There are many barriers, but stigma and lack of coverage or adequate

coverage are two major reasons. Information for Re-

covery Month online is available at www.samhsa. gov/recovery-month September is also Suicide Prevention & Awareness Month which seeks

to raise awareness about suicide, a leading cause of death for individuals in the United States. "Another goal is to inform people about what they can do to help keep

their loved ones safe,'

Kemp said. In 2022, a little over 49,000 Americans died due to suicide. In that same year, the CDC estimates over 13.2 million Americans had suicidal ideation (thinking about

suicide). Both are increas-

es over the previous year. "People who have experienced violence, including child abuse, bullying, or sexual violence are at higher risk for suicide," Kemp said. "Our goal is ensuring that individuals, friends and families have access to the resources they need to discuss suicide prevention and to seek help. The more that we openly, honestly, and directly talk about suicide, the more we can help to prevent it. We also need to look for the signs of suicide ideation in those around us."

Some of those signs include someone saying they feel like a burden, being isolated, increased anxiety, feeling trapped or in unbearable pain, increased substance use, increased anger or rage, extreme mood swings, expressing hopelessness, and/or talking or posting on social media about wanting to die.

Who are the people at risk? Those with: depression, other mental health concerns, or substance use disorders; chronic pain; family history of a mental health concerns or substance use; family history of suicide; exposure to family violence, including physical or sexual abuse; having recently been released from prison or jail; a history of suicide attempts; and exposure, either directly or indirectly, to others' suicidal behavior, such as that of family members,

peers, or celebrities.

"What can you do? Safeguard the people in your life from the risk of suicide and support them: Ask how they are doing, ask about what's going on in their life," Kemp said. "Keep them safe as best you can. Just be there for them to listen and be non-judgmental, don't try to 'fix them'. Help them connect to any treatment or support resources they need. Follow up with them to make sure they are OK.'

A great resource someone in crisis can utilize is the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline. You can call them by dialing 988, send a text to 988, or even chat online at 988lifeline.org.

Sinnissippi Centers also has a 24-hour toll free number you can use for someone in crisis (800-242-7642). Another great resource is the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention's website at www.afsp.org. Sinnissippi Centers also maintains an extensive links page for all behavioral healthcare topics at www.sinnissippi. org





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Creston Booster Days held over the weekend of Sept. 13-15

Over the weekend of Sept. 13-15, the Annual Creston Booster Days festival was held in Creston. Friday featured a steak fry in the park, a beer garden, Skinners' Amusements and The Killer Bs on Stage. Saturday featured a pancake breakfast, a craft and vendor show, a kids parade, bingo, face painting, Marcie & The Highlights and Wildwood Country on stage, a beer garden and amusements, and fireworks. Sunday featured a community church service, antique tractor pulls, vintage baseball, the Main Street parade, Bill'\$ Toupee on stage, a beer garden and amusements, and the 50/50 raffle drawing. (Photos by Jeff Helfrich)

Monroe Center Fire looking to add part-time positions for first time

MONROE CENTER – Due to most of its firefighters working during the weekdays and outside

the Monroe Center village limits, the Monroe Township Fire & Ambulance Protection District, also known as Monroe Center Fire, is looking to expand its paid-on-call positions to part-time as well.

According to the United States Fire Administration, there are currently 27,182 registered fire departments in the United States, and in Illinois, we have 1,107 registered fire departments. Within those 27,182 registered fire departments in the United States are

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some 1,208,300 firefighters. Within Illinois, we have 65.2% volunteers, 14.1% mostly volunteers, 6.2% mostly career, and 14.5% career firefighters. Monroe Township Fire is a paid-on-call department, which would fall under the

mostly volunteer status. The Monroe Township Fire District was organized in 1952 for \$1,000, as a volunteer organization to protect the residents and farms. As the years went by many members who assisted in developing this organization have left a legacy today. The Monroe Township Fire & Ambulance Protection

District moved from an all-volunteer organization in 2009 to a paid-on call organization as the fire chief sought ways to keep the members active due to

the rising costs of fuel. "Taking care of the firefighters who take care of our community is essential to the fire chief," Deputy ChiefRichard Wilson said. "Without the dedication of each member, we would not be able to support our community when an emergency arises. Carrying this paid-on call position for 15 years has now moved us into adding a position to

our organization.

share with you today is that the fire chief and the Board of Trustees identified that many times we draw resources from our neighboring communities due to our members working out of town when the

emergency occurs. This causes delays in response to rendering aid to our residents, so starting on Jan. 6, 2025, we will be offering station coverage in the form of a part-time position of firefighter/EMT on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from the hours of 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. As we monitor this program, we will look to expand it to all weekdays in the future and then move to all days of the week followed by increasing the eight-hour coverage to 10 or 12 hours

as the need arises. Those who are currently certified as firefighter/ EMTs or will be certified by Jan. 6, 2025, are encouraged to apply. MC Fire are working under the EMS System of Rockford MercyHealth Hospital. The application period will be open from Sept. 23, 2024, until Oct. 6, 2024. The current starting wage is \$16/hour. and we currently run about 135 calls a year, which are expected to rise as we now can offer mu-

as well. You can either use Facebook, stop by the station, call our station at 815-393-4222, or contact me Deputy Chief Richard Wilson at deputy2691@

yahoo.com. I look forward to meeting all those who apply, as we move through the selection process my goal is to onboard up to four persons with a minimum of people needed. We will be holding an orientation on Oct. 19, 2024, with an interview process being held over the next two weeks and announcing our selections on Nov. 4, 2024. Training for the new hires will start on Nov. 9, 2024, at 8 a.m."



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Information needed when checking in: Owners Name, address, phone number, and email. The storage item's brand, color, height length (including trailer & hitch), width, license plate number, and

Maximum height is 12 feet for all units (including anything on top of the unit, i.e. AC units). Cost is based on the length & width of your unit and the type of building you wish to place your unit (Exhibit Building = \$5.00 or Barn = \$2.50). The formula is (length + width) x Building price + \$40.00 fee. If storing more than one item, the \$40 fee is only charged on the first unit. Contracts can be found on the website: www.oglecountyfair.com

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Obituaries

Kathleen Louise Zellers Bolton

MIDDLETON, Wis. -Kathleen Louise Zellers Bolton, age 73, of Middleton passed away on September 11, 2024, at UW Hospital Madison WI. Kathy was born on May 3, 1951, to Archie and Ruth (Gunderson) Zellers. She married Michael Bolton on July 1, 1989, in Prairie Du Sac, WI

Kathy graduated from Mount Morris High School in 1969 and attended UW La Crosse, graduating in 1973 with a B.S. in English. After college she worked at the Credit Bureau of La Crosse, before moving to Madison in 1982 to work at Complete Channel TV. She retired from Charter Communications as an I.S. Supervisor in 2007.

Kathy was an avid reader, enjoyed crossword puzzles and word games. Kathy loved her cats, playing the piano, attending movies and plays, researching history and genealogy, weekend drives and stop-

ping at historical markers, traveling with Mike and shopping for antiques, especially for anything cobalt blue. She was an avid Packer, Badger and Brewers fan.

Kathy is survived by

her husband Mike, a brother Norman (Margaret) Zellers, sister Jananne (Steven) Dietrich and their children Daniel Dietrich, Allison (Cody) Buriff, Elizabeth (Jason) Kohute, and Aunt Julie Stephenson; sisters in law Linda (Allan) Yanke, Shirley (Emmett) Fuller, Mary Powell, Sue Evans, Sandy (Kevin) Churchill, brothers in law, Doug and Dick Bolton, and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Kathy was preceded in death by her parents, Stepfather Robert Marshall, mother and father in law Clara and Jim Bolton, and brothers in law Ken Bolton, Dan Powell and Randy Evans.

Memorial service will



be held at Cress Funeral Home, Sept 18, 2024, at 6021 University Ave, Madison WI 53705 from 11:00AM to 12:30 PM with a Celebration of Life to be held at Tanners, 2259 Deming Way, Middleton, WI from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM. Casual attire, Packers, Brewers, Badgers (or even Cubs) jerseys are welcome.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to: Dane County Humane Society 5132 Voges Rd Madison WI 53718, Way-Forward 3502 Parmenter St, Middleton WI 53562 or Opportunity House, 357 N California St. Sycamore IL 60178

Polo Women's Club food drive is Sept. 28

POLO — Polo Women's Club, a member of the Greater Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) since 1921, is participating in the National Day of Service (NDS) spotlighting food insecurity and hunger in the United States.

Club members that volunteer their time and talent to this non-profit organization, are holding a food drive on Saturday, Sept. 28 from 8 a.m. to noon at Polo Fresh Food Market. All items received will be donated to the Polo Food Pantry that is in need of several specific items but all products will be accepted.

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, 34 million people in the U.S. are food insecure, nine million children are hungry, 53 million people turned to food banks following COVID-19 due to unemployment, and 100% of U.S. Counties have families suffering from food insecurity.

The Polo Women's Club, whose slogan is Living the Volunteer Spirit, works together selecting projects and programs based on interests and needs in our own community while benefiting from the expertise and support at district,

state, regional and national levels of GFWC.

The club supports the arts in all Polo schools, promoting leadership skills at the high school level, educating the community on the prevention of all forms of domestic violence, and conducting an annual coat drive to provide free items to those in need, along with other projects throughout the year.

For further details on the National Day of Service Food Drive, or on the Polo Women's Club, please contact: Sheila Dean, president (815-677-6877) (call or text)

Transportation Committee Meeting is Sept. 27 attend, as well as anyone

DEKALB — The next Human Services Transportation Plan (HSTP) Regional Transportation Committee Meeting for Region 3 (Bureau, DeKalb, Grundy, Kendall, LaSalle, Lee, Ogle, and Putnam counties) will be held on Friday, Sept. 27 at 10 a.m. at the City of DeKalb -1216 Market St., DeKalb, IL 60115. Human service organizations with an interest in public transportation are strongly encouraged to

interested in public transit. If you would like further information, please contact via email: hstp@ncicg.org or callus at (815) 433-5830. We will have reserved

time slots available for public comment via Zoom for anyone not able to attend the meeting in person between 10:15-10:30 a.m. If you would like to participate in public comment via Zoom during that time frame, please contact us at

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HSTP identifies transportation needs and develops solutions to improve transportation services for the general public. An emphasis is placed on seniors, people with disabilities, individuals with lower incomes, and veterans. For more information about NCICG, HSTP, or if special accommodations are needed, please contact Connor Schwinnat(815)433-5830.

Wayne Wendell Canfield Jr.

Wendell Canfield Jr. passed away on September 12, 2024, at the age of 70. He was born to Wayne and Bernadine Canfield on April 6, 1954 in Dixon, Illinois, and grew up in Oregon, Illinois. After graduating from high school, Wayne became an iron worker until his retirement. After retirement, he along with his life partner, Marty Nelson, fulfilled their life dream

PALM COAST, Fla.

- Johnathan H. Stone, 54,

of Oregon unexpectedly

passed away the morning

of Sept. 13 at his house in

Stone was born in Rock-

ford to Robert R. Stone and

Lora (Bruce) Stone. He was

raised and lived most of his

Johnathan is survived

by his son Christopher

Stone, his father Robert E.

Stone, his brother Joshua

Palm Coast, Florida.

life in Oregon.

OREGON — Wayne

of living in the mountains and moved to Boulder, Montana where they spent many wonderful years together. Wayne also enjoyed spending time with Marty's children, Jeremy and Jessica. Wayne is survived by

his two sisters; Beverly Johnson of Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, and her two children Craig and Corey Johnson, and Judith Banks of St. Petersburg, Florida, and her two children

Stone, his stepfather Dick

Stone and stepson Micheal

He is preceded in death

Johnathan gave a lot of

by his mother Lora (Bruce)

Stone and stepmother Lou

love to friends, family and

work. He loved to relax

with rock music and rock

festivals. Johnathan was

always on his Harley, taking

multiple trips cross country.

The last years of his life he

Bandy.



Leann Corey and Stuart Sanderson.

Amemorial will be held at a later date.

Stone

gion's leading organization in empowering women and eliminating racism,

has announced the addition of Amy Seyller to its management team as the organization's new Director of Fund Development.

ROCKFORD

YWCA Northwestern

Illinois (YWCA), the re-

As part of YWCA's strategic vision to further expand its programs to serve the region's women and families, in this role Seyller will lead fundraising efforts for the organization, working with YWCA staff and volunteers to meet and exceed short-and long-term fundraising goals while fostering relationships with current and prospective donors. Seyller will also be responsible for managing and securing grants to fund YWCA programs.

"Since Amy joined YWCA in 2021, we have witnessed her strong leadership capabilities and the tremendous difference her work has made for our organization and community," said Kris Machajewski, president and CEO of YWCA Northwestern Illinois. "As the newest member of YWCA's leadership team, Amy will be instrumental in helping our organization further strengthen our programs so we can continue our advocacy for women and families in the region."



Amy Seyller

fundraising goals." Most recently serving as YWCA's events manager, For more information aboutYWCANorthwestern Seyller brings two decades of nonprofit and fund de-Illinois' fund development

velopment experience to

her new role. During her

time with YWCA, Seyller

has also been instrumen-

tal in launching YWCA's

One Table open air dining

experience and executing

the organization's Leader

opportunity to take the next

step in my career to lead

YWCA's fund development

efforts to make a measurable

impact for our region's

women and families," said

Seyller. "I look forward to

continuing working with

our organization's amazing

staff and volunteers, as well

as with current and prospec-

"I'm thrilled to have the

Luncheon events.

program, please visit https:// www.ywcanwil.org/ YWCA Northwestern Illinois has provided women's empowerment programming and advocacies since 1891. The organization now serves more than 13,500 women, children, and families each month, through child care subsidy, quality child care access and improvement resources, YWCA La Voz Latina's Hispanic and Latino community support and resources, the YWCA Literacy Council literacy in-

struction and programming

for families, and community

racial justice work that pro-

motes a clear commitment

to equality. YWCA Northwestern Illinois delivers its mission, "eliminating racism, empowering women, and promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all," to women and families in the six-county area of Boone, Jo Daviess, McHenry, Ogle, Stephenson, and Winnebago, Illinois.

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ISP Troop 1 announces monthly activity for August

OGLE COUNTY -Illinois State Police Troop 1 Commander, Captain Joseph Blanchette, announces the enforcement figures and activity for August.

Illinois State Police Troop 1 troopers issued 1,023 citations, 813 written warnings, and made 18 criminal arrests during the

month of August. Troopers issued 328 citations for speeding, 33 citations for distracted driving violations, and 74 citations for occupant restraint violations.

Troopers investigated 97 traffic crashes, assisted 257 motorists, and conducted 651 commercial motor vehicle inspections, of which 72 were placed out of service for safety reasons. There were 27 arrests for driving under the influence.

spent in Florida with his

girlfriend Amanda, where

he enjoyed the warm sun

and beautiful beaches.

ISP Troop 1, which encompasses Boone, Carroll, Jo Daviess, Lee, Ogle, Stephenson, Whiteside and Winnebago counties, investigated one fatal crash in August.

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Ogle-Lee Retired Teachers Association names scholarship winners

Shown are photos of the three college students, majoring in education, selected as winners of \$500 scholarships from the Ogle-Lee Retired Teachers Association and the Pamela J Farris Scholarship. Lauren Giddings of Stillman Valley and Abigail Wehler of Mt Morris received their checks from Phil Bratta, scholarship chairman. Heather Braden of Oregon received her check from Pamela Farris. (Courtesy photos)

Rock Valley College receives grant for TRACE Program

ROCKFORD—Rock Valley College recently received grant funding for the Trade Review and Career Exploration (TRACE) Program, which is designed for underserved in-school youth between the ages of 16 and 24 in Winnebago and Boone Counties in Illinois, with an emphasis on the City of Rockford.

The TRACE program offers targeted career and technical training in response to market needs. The goal is to reduce unemployment rates, increase graduation rates from area high schools, increase available skilled labor, and increase sustainable wage employment in the trades for

This program is in its second year of funding from the State of Illinois to provide access and strengthen pathways to careers in the "trades" for young adults, particularly those in underserved communities marked by high youth unemployment, low graduation rates, or other relevant indicators. The Illinois Community College Board (ICCB) will provide approximately \$400,000 in grant funding opportunities to be admin-

istered for this grant.

The TRACE Trade grant provides an opportunity for Rock Valley College to reach a diverse demographic of students by exposing them to and providing financial support for credentials in various career pathways, such as Massage Therapy, Truck Driver Training, CNC Machining, Automotive Collision Repair, and Forklift training. "These programs are ineligible for federal financial aid, so the Trade Grant provides an opportunity to give our community members opportunities they may not have otherwise due to financial constraints," shared Dr. Cindi Schaefer Tobin, Dean of Early College. "In addition to providing financial support to our students in need, the Trade grant provides

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cific University in Oregon

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wraparound services as well – students get an advisor who will help them find job opportunities in the fields they are getting credentials in and who also provides professional development opportunities such as resume writing workshops to help program participants secure employment."

Students will earn credit towards completing a certificate in each area. If they choose to continue after high school, they will require less time to complete the Associate of Applied Science degree. They will earn credits and be provided access to advanced technology programs for RVC Career and Technical Education, where regional high school students earn college credit towards a Certificate or Industry Credential(s) using the Running Start model, which allows students to earn a high school diploma and associate degree simultaneously.

"The TRACE Trade grant also allows Rock Valley College to partner with local Trade organizations to expose high school students to career opportunities in the trades before they have even finished high school," said Dr. Schaefer Tobin.

The current TRACE course offerings at RVC include: Truck Driver Training, Massage Therapy, Forklift Training, and Collision Repair.

The Truck Driver Training program requires a high level of responsibility and safety awareness. Classroom presentations and hands-on experience are provided to ensure that students are well-prepared for the job in an entry-level position. This comprehensive program offers in-depth training on the skills and knowledge required to operate commercial vehicles safely and efficiently. Through classroom instruction, hands-on driving experience, and real-world scenarios, participants will gain the confidence

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and competence needed to excel as professional truck drivers. The class leads to a Class A Commercial Driver's License, a requirement for driving certain types of commercial vehicles.

The Forklift Training Program is designed to equip participants with the essential skills and knowledge to operate forklifts safely and efficiently in the workplace. This comprehensive course covers all aspects of forklift operation, including safety regulations, equipment maintenance, and practical operation techniques.

The Massage Training and Continuing Education Program offers both a complete certification program and continuing education classes to help massage therapists meet their licensing requirements. Students will develop an in-depth understanding of the human body and its interactions and a strong foundation in anatomy and physiology, applied kinesiology, and pathology. The program involves hands-on learning of basic relaxation, therapeutic, and clinical approaches. After completing a certain portion of the program, student clinics will be available, allowing students to perform massage on actual clients under the supervision of licensed massage therapists and

instructors. Jamie Fanera, RVC massage therapy instructor and owner of Bodycraft Wellness & Massage Center, is excited about the additional support the TRACE grant will provide, allowing enhanced offerings and providing even more resources and opportunities for our students to succeed. "The Massage Therapy training program at Rock Valley College, in partnership with Bodycraft Wellness & Massage Center, has always been dedicated to empowering our students with the skills and knowledge needed to excel in the field. This grant will enable us to continue

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our mission of preparing highly qualified massage therapists, supporting their journey from training to licensure, and ultimately, to successful careers." RVC student Zack M. took advantage of the TRACE grant for Massage Therapy training. "The

Grant was a real gift. It allowed me to focus on the amazing massage program without getting sidetracked."

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* On Oct. 7, 1985,

Lynette Woodard, who

captained the gold-med-

al-winning U.S. Olympic

women's basketball team

in 1984, had the great

distinction of becoming

the first female player for

the Harlem Globetrotters,

remarking that she "got

chills" when she heard the

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Letter: Prepare for Autumn on Parade

EAR editor, We are about to have a huge influx of people who may have never been to Oregon. They don't know our roads, our businesses, or our lifestyle. Offer kindness. Show them a Whimsical

Weekend. Introduce yourselves, share your favorite places to eat, hike, and hang out. Show them hospitality. Our teams have

taken every effort to ensure organization and safety measures throughout the festival weekend. Show patience and courtesy while remembering excess traffic is a huge boost to our local economy.

This is our chance to show thousands of people from all over the United States how great of a city Oregon is. These visitors might decide to move here, retire here, or visit here again. They'll share their experiences with

their friends, family, and on social media. Let's show the

world that Oregon, Illinois is a great place to live, full of fun festivals and friendly See you around town,

Oregon!

Autumn on Parade Board of Directors and the City of Oregon

Letter: Response to sign letter

EAR editor, Withregards to the letter(s) about political signs being stolen, theft of any kind is wrong. However, the Democrats in our state legislature and governor don't see it that way. People are doing these "minor" crimes because they know they can get away with it.

The letter also mentioned that some Republicans are starting

to endorse Harris. It failed to mention that Democrats are also starting to endorse Trump. The one point that many

people regardless of who they support is Donald Trump can't be bought. He already has more money than most people in office.

Therefore, politicians making money from lobbyists, special interest, favors, etc. are being exposed and are fighting tooth and nail to keep him out of office. Yes, that holds true for people in both parties. Do some research on past and current presidents' net worths before and after getting into office. What you'll

find will open your eyes (hopefully).

The Jan. 6 issue is needs to be put to rest. Yes, tragic and never should have happened. For someone to actually believe that Trump is responsible needs to stop listening to most of the media. Fact is he told people to fight peacefully. Furthermore, to assume that people would purposely cause the damage and violence

based on something Trump said is saying those people are robots. I'm a conservative and Trump supporter but I also know

right from wrong.

In my opinion, Trump had the best question at the end of the debate that we should all be asking "you say you're going to do all these wonderful things, why haven't you done them yet?" Of course there was no response to that.

I support Trump because life was safer, I had more money, cost of living was way cheaper and so on.

> Mike Ballard Byron

Letter: MAGA has lost their way

EAR editor, For the younger generation, in the USA we once practiced something called civil discourse. Discuss and argue about issues with your neighbors, and in the end agree, or agree to disagree. We would vote, accept the results, come together behind our leaders and move forward with the work of the country. Then

came MAGA. You can find out what MAGA thinks about civil discourse, just display a Kamala Harris sign and wait. You'll notice

the slowing cars, people sometimes shouting at you. Empty glass bottles and cans might be tossed at your sign. MAGA's America.

The MAGA candidate was the first presidential loser in history to not concede an election. Losing presidents typically make a concession speech and ask the country to come together and heal, for the good of the country. They don't lie about a "stolen" election. If you don't think it was a lie,

please consult the 59 court

cases MAGA lost when they presented their proof. The MAGA candidate said they didn't have standing. That was a lie, they didn't have evidence. MAGA says the courts are rigged against their candidate and I agree. The justice system is rigged, against criminals.

MAGA claims to support police, but mention Jan. 6, 2021 when officers were injured, and some lost their lives, you'll receive

a shrug. It seems MAGA only supports police when they are policing a different type of person. In a nation

built by immigrants MAGA says immigrants

are bad people. MAGA's plan for the future of our children is bleak. MAGA doesn't believe in the science of the climate catastrophe, raising the minimum wage, student loan forgiveness, fighting for allies in Europe, affordable health care, a woman's right to health care, American's right to vote.

MAGA has lost their way.

> Mike Ryan Polo

news. She beat out nine other finalists for the honor. On Oct. 8, 2009, two people died of heat stroke

and more than a dozen others had to be hospitalized for dehydration and other medical issues following a botched sweat lodge ceremony near Sedona, Arizona, at a five-day retreat run

by motivational speaker and author James Arthur Ray. A third participant died nine days later.

On Oct. 9, 1942, Chicago bootlegger Roger "The Terrible" Touhy escaped from Stateville Prison in Illinois by scaling the guard tower. Framed for kidnapping by his bootleg-

ging rivals, with the aid of corrupt Chicago officials, Touhy was serving a 99year sentence for a crime he didn't commit and was recaptured a couple of months later, but released in 1959, then murdered by unknown assailants after just three weeks of

Trends in the livestock sector

who don't rarely follow what trends are developing in the livestock sector. However, if you are one of those lucky consumers who happens to have freezer space then following the market trends can be a money saver. Let's see where livestock is headed and maybe you can cash in before a market increase.

The 2024 cattle inventory is the lowest it has been since 1951, which has sent beef prices soaring. The hog industry is looking profitable, too, but has a lot of ground to make up for with last year's losses as well as supply chain complications caused by California's Proposition 12. Poultry including eggs, broilers and turkeys are continuing to contend with Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI).

Cattle USDA estimated in its January Cattle Inventory that all cattle and calves in the United States were 87.2 million, the lowest since 1951. The country's cattle producers, facing stress from multiple years of drought and high supply costs, have been marketing a lot of cows and heifers since 2020, so fewer of these female cattle are available to produce calves. USDA's July Cattle Inventory previously provided a breakdown of the U.S. cattle inventory including the calf crop for the first half of the year. Without this report in 2024, it is much more difficult to estimate what cattle supplies look like for the remainder of the year.

Feedlot inventories are slowly reflecting the lower cattle inventory. In its July Cattle on Feed report, USDA estimated all cattle and calves on feed in the United States was 11.3 million on July 1, up one percent from a year ago. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.48 million head. While this is up only slightly, this is near the record-high number of heifers and heifer calves for the July 1 report and makes up about 40% of the overall cattle on feed. Historically, heifers make up around 32% of the overall cattle on feed. This is a strong indicator that farmers are still not withholding heifers to rebuild the U.S. cattle herd.

One particularly important metric the July Cattle Inventory would have provided is the size of the calf crop for the first half of the year. This is the time when most of the U.S. calf crop is born. It takes about a year for a heifer calf to reach maturity for breeding. These calves that could be replacements will not reach breeding age until 2025. The first opportunity

for herd expansion will be possible if farmers begin to withhold heifers from this year's calves for breeding in 2025. This means the arrival of the 2026 calf crop will be the first opportunity on the horizon to increase the cattle inventory. Summer demand has

helped push prices up. Choice grade beef has worked its way above \$300/cwt. Something that can be helpful in gauging the demand for beef is the difference between choice and select grade beef. A wider difference between choice and select beef often indicates a consumer is willing to pay more for premium cuts of beef where a narrowing difference may show that consumers are more willing to settle for a lower quality cut. The current spread sits at \$13.11, which is just below the year-over-year average of \$16.08. July average cash fed steer prices have ranged from \$188/cwtto \$192/cwt. As we approach fall, cattle available for placements on feed should slow down. This should bring higher cash prices at the sale barn, which will drive beef prices higher as well.

Hogs USDA's Quarterly Hogs and Pigs report contained some important data relating to the U.S. hog

inventory. According to this report, the inventory of all hogs and pigs was 74.5 million head, up one percent from June 2023. The breeding inventory was 6.01 million head, down

three percent from last year. Market hogs were 68.5 million head, up 2% from

last year. The March through May pig crop was 34 million, up two percent from last year, bringing the average pigs saved per litter to 11.56, which is the third-highest average in survey history. When combined with the December through February pig crop and the slightly higher-than-expected weights from lower feed costs, USDA estimates 2024 pork production at 28 billion pounds, about three percent more than 2023. Increased production is bearish news, especially for the cutout, and could bring lower hog prices for farmers in the second half of 2024.

Hog farmers faced devastating average losses of about \$31 per head in 2023. Elevated input costs, particularly from feeds and inflated fixed costs, were responsible for losses. Iowa State University's June 2024 estimate for returns to farrow to finish operations shows a profit of \$8.82 per hog, up 133% from -\$26.18 in the same time period in

2023. The majority of this difference comes from the 25%, or \$31 per head, drop in the cost of feed from June 2023. Despite the much-needed boost from lower feed costs, the cost of fixed inputs such as fuel and utilities remain elevated from inflation.

In its July World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates report, USDA estimates the annual U.S. per capita demand for pork is 51 pounds per person. While current domestic

demand is just not enough to bump prices up, export demand has been extremely supportive for hogs. Total pork export sales were 967.2 thousand metric tons, up 6.7% from 2023. Mexico has been an essential trade partner, purchasing 369.1 thousand metric tons year to date, up just slightly from last year but 278% higher than the second-largest importer of U.S. pork, Japan. Hog slaughter is up meaning there is more product available in the short run as products like hams hit their highest prices of the year. Since Mexico has been such a big player in the U.S. ham market, these higher prices may slow export demand from Mexico, ultimately putting downward pressure on prices, especially in the

short run.

The latest CME lean hog index has been in an upward trend since early July. The index was \$91.85/ cwt on July 29, while the national average cash price

picked up \$1.94, bringing the price to \$84.07/cwt. Currently daily slaughter numbers are elevated. Slaughter hog supplies are expected to grow as we move closer to fall and winter months, which may lead to falling cash prices.

Ron Kern

Poultry and eggs

USDA adjusted 2024 Broiler production and prices down in its July Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry Outlook. May 2024 broiler production is estimated to be 3.99 billion pounds, down a little over one percent from last year.

Chicken has the highest consumer demand of any meat in the United States. According to USDA's June WASDE report, per capita demand for broiler meat is 101.6 pounds per person, up 2.1 pounds per person, or 2.1%, from 2023. This increase may be due to higher prices for substitutes such as beef.

In its June Chickens and Eggs report, USDA estimates June egg production at 8.81 billion eggs, down 2% from last year. The number of layers in June 2024 was 371 million, down 3%, while egg production per 100 layers was up one

Egg sets (eggs placed in incubators) are important for ensuring a healthy supply of hatching eggs. When farmers are faced with a decrease in egg hatchability or an expected reduction in production, they begin setting more eggs to achieve the desired number of chicks for placement, which happens about three weeks after hatching. Egg sets peaked in April at 5.4% above the five-year average. Three weeks later in May, chicks placed were four percent above the fiveyear average. Egg sets in July were also four percent above the year-over-year average while chick placements were up only .7%.

Table egg layers have suffered from HPAI outbreaks. There were zero HPAI detections in table egg flocks in June. However, 5.6 million birds were lost in May. The egg laying flock inventory in June consisted of 305.9 million birds, a loss of less than half a million from May. Based on this data, second quarter USDA forecasts for production were adjusted up 10 million dozen to 1.9 billion dozen eggs.

The average New York June wholesale price for large eggs was \$2.58 per dozen (Figure 5). This brings the average second quarter price to \$2.27 per dozen, about seven cents, or three percent, above last month's estimate and about 91 cents, or 70%, above the average second quarter price for 2023. Egg prices are relatively stable for now. However, with the table egg layer inventory as low as it is, any fall outbreaks of HPAI have the potential to

drive up prices.

Livestock markets for the second half of 2024 are a mixed bag. Shrinking cattle supplies along with strong beef demand will keep cattle and beef prices strong through 2024 and likely through 2025. Hog producers have had some relief from last year's losses but still face considerable obstacles to maintaining profitability as production is forecast to increase through the remainder of the year. The poultry industry is facing risks associated with HPAI, adding uncertainty as we soon transition to fall when migratory birds begin their annual trip south. While profitability in

livestock is holding for now, there are still obstacles on the horizon including rising costs of production and a down ag economy.

"I am fond of pigs. Dogs look up to us. Cats look down on us. Pigs treat us as equals." -Winston Churchill

Ron Kern is the manager of the Ogle County Farm

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OGLE COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

OREGON—On Sept. 10 at 3:12 p.m. deputies initiated a traffic stop near the intersection of Illinois Route 251 and East Illinois Route 64. After a brief investigation the passenger, Alphonse Delatorre, 53, of Rochelle, was arrested for an outstanding warrant from McHenry County. Delatorre was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he is held in lieu of bond.

On Sept. 11 at approximately 7:24 p.m. deputies initiated a traffic stop near the intersection of Blackhawk Drive and Walnut Street in Byron. After further investigation Andre McQueen, 20, of Sterling, was placed under arrest for unlawful possession of cannabis. McQueen was also cited for speeding. McQueen was released on a notice to appear.

On Sept. 12 at approximately 7:59 p.m. deputies initiated a traffic stop in the 11,000 block of North Rock City Road. After further investigation Jose Corado-Argueta, 34, of Rockford, was placed under arrest for driving while license suspended. Corado-Argueta was additionally cited for speeding and an equipment violation. Corado-Argueta was released on a notice to appear.

On Sept. 12 at approximately 5:42 p.m. deputies initiated a traffic stop on Mulford Road at the north county line on a vehicle for speeding. Upon further investigation deputies arrested Jorge Ramos, 22, of Elgin for driving with no valid license. Ramos was released on a notice to appear with a future court date given.

On Sept. 14 at approximately 2:38 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 5,000 block of North Freeport Road. After investigation, deputies placed Ivan Rivera, 27, of Freeport under arrest for an active failure to appear Stephenson County warrant for trespassing. Rivera was transported to county line and relayed to Stephenson County deputies where he was held in lieu of bond.

On Sept. 14 at approximately 6:47 p.m. deputies responded to the intersection of Third Street and Blaine Street in Leaf River for the report of a car-versus-bicyclist accident. After an initial investigation, it was learned that a westbound Chevrolet Traverse struck a northbound bicycle being operated by a 12-year-old juvenile as it crossed Third Street. The juvenile was transported to an area hospital for non-life-threatening injuries. Deputies were assisted at the scene by Leaf River Fire and EMS. This incident remains under investigation.

On Sept. 14 at approximately 11:30 p.m. deputies along with the Monroe Center Fire Department and Kirkland EMS responded to a two-vehicle injury collision at the intersection of Illinois Route 72 and

North Mulford Road. After an investigation, it was learned that a black Nissan traveling northbound on North Mulford Road disregarded a stop sign at the intersection and collided with a gray Hyundai traveling westbound on Illinois Route 72. The adult male victim and driver of the Hyundai were transported to the hospital for non-life-threatening injuries. The occupants of the Nissan fled the scene. This incident remains under investigation.

On Sept. 16 at approximately 11:39 a.m. deputies initiated a traffic stop on North Illinois Route 251 at Grubsteakers Restaurant. Upon further investigation deputies arrested Charles J. Navarro, 31, of Rochelle, for driving while license suspended. Navarro was additionally cited for operating a motor vehicle with suspended registration. Navarro was released on a notice to appear with a future court

date given. On Sept. 16 at approximately 5 p.m. Ogle County received a complaint of a domestic battery that occurred in the 2,000 block of West Mud Creek Road, Mt. Morris. After an investigation, Dennis M. Shaw, 62, of Mt. Morris, was placed under arrest for domestic battery. Shaw was transported to the Ogle County Jail, where he was held awaiting an appearance before a judge.

All individuals are considered innocent until proven guilty.







Polo Lions host candy night at football game

On Friday, Sept.13 at the Polo Marcos Homecoming football game Polo Lions members Paul Wiemken, Greg Cross and Irene Short-Boelkens stood at the gate passing out candy mints for donations. The donations will help with the club's projects. (Courtesy photos)

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OREGON POLICE REPORT

Aug. 26

At 7:01 p.m., Oregon Police issued Zachary M. Howell, 23, Byron, a citation for operating a motor vehicle when registration suspended for non-insurance. This violation occurred in the 700 block of South 4th Street.

Aug. 27

At 9:21 p.m., Oregon Police responded to a disturbance call in the 500 block of Mix Lane resulting in the arrest of Nataliya K. Creegan, 34, Oregon, for domestic battery and resisting a peace officer. Creegan was transported to the Ogle County Jail where she was left in the custody of the corrections officers.

Aug. 29

At 9:23 a.m., Oregon Police arrested Geoffrey G. Todd, 44, Oregon, for an outstanding Lee County warrant. Todd was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was left in the custody of the corrections officers.

At 3:12 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Robert M. Disch, 53, Polo, for an outstanding Ogle County warrant for contempt of court. Disch was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was left in the custody of the correc-

tions officers. **Aug. 30**

At 8:27 a.m., Oregon Police were advised of a two-vehicle traffic crash that previously occurred at 7 a.m. at the intersection of South 3rd and Jefferson Streets involving a 2020 Toyota driven by Cory J. Love, 37, Oregon, and a 2005 Ford driven by Justin C. Christensen, 44, Mt. Morris. No citations were issued.

Aug. 31

At 8:33 a.m., Oregon Police responded to the McDonald's restaurant parking lot, 211 S. 4th St., for a two-vehicle traffic crash involving a 2006 Chevrolet driven by Christopher B. Hernandez, 39, Rockford, and a parked 1997 Jeep owned by Robin K. Keene, 44, Mt. Morris. No citations

were issued. Three verbal warnings were issued during the week of Aug. 26 through Sept. 1.

Sept. 3

At 7:34 a.m., Oregon Police issued Jennifer N. Luna, 32, Mt. Morris, a citation for operating an uninsured motor vehicle. This violation occurred in the 100 block of North 14th Street.

At 7:30 p.m., Oregon Police responded to a disturbance at the Tipsy Hog, 101 S. 3rd St., resulting in the arrest of Ariel A. Pritchard, 25, Mt. Morris, for domestic battery. Pritchard was transported to the Ogle County Jail where she was processed and released with a notice

to appear. Sept. 4

At 2:26 p.m., Oregon Police responded to a check welfare request from the Ogle County Housing Authority, 1001 Pines Road, resulting in the arrest of Ashley R. A. Jones, 33, Rochelle, for driving under the influence of drugs and possession of drug paraphernalia. Jones was transported to the Ogle County Jail where she was processed and released with a notice to appear.

Sept. 5

At 1:30 p.m., Oregon Police issued a male juvenile, 10, Oregon, with his parent present, a city citation for possession of tobacco products and alternative nicotine products. This violation occurred at the Oregon Elementary School, 1100 Jefferson St.

Six verbal warnings were issued during the week of Sept. 2-8.

Sept. 10

At 1:48 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Steven D. Sears, 26, of Maple Park for driving while license suspended. Sears was also charged with possession of a controlled substance. Sears was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was processed and released with a notice to appear. These violations occurred in the 100 block of North 4th Street.

Sept. 11 At 1:07 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Shrita M. Clair, 34, DeKalb, for driving while license suspended. Clair was transported to the Ogle County Jail where she was processed and released with a notice to appear. These violations occurred in the 400 block of West Washington Street.

Sept. 14

At 10:04 a.m., Oregon Police issued Anthony L. Coyne, 31, Oregon, a citation for operating a vehicle when registration is suspended for non-insurance. This violation occurred in the 100 block of South 4th Street.

Five verbal warnings and five parking citations were issued during the week of Sept. 9-15.

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POLO POLICE REPORT **POLO** — On Sept. registration and Illegal use

14 at 3:29 p.m. James M. Fowler, 22, Freeport, was cited for operation of vehicle with suspended

of cell phone while driving. On Sept. 15 at 8:28 a.m.

Dylan K. Riggle, 30, Dakota, was cited for illegal use

All charges are merely allegations, and the defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty

of cell phone while driving.

should read carefully before investing.

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Polo Lions Club sells food at Hazelhurst Sale

On Saturday, Sept. 7 the Polo Lions Club was at the Hazelhurst Sale selling food. The weather was good and it was a good day for the Lions Club. The club wished to thank Polo High School students Kaleigh Smith, Emma Dougherty and Wyatt Rooks, along with Impact volunteers from Sauk Valley College: Sara Ramadani, Olivia Cox and Lori Cortez. (Courtesy photos)

Lifeworks Photography Studio announces return of Pumpkin Festival at Cooper Park there will be a best costume will be displayed in front **ROCHELLE** – Lifefeature 100 pumpkins availwait to see everyone out

works Photography Studio and Williams Group Photography are thrilled to announce the return of their beloved Pumpkin Festival, set to take place on Oct. 20 from noon to 2 p.m. at the Cooper Park Pavilion.

After a brief hiatus, the festival is back and better than ever. The event will

able for free carving, with a limit of one pumpkin per child, per family. Pumpkins will be distributed on a firstcome, first-served basis, so be sure to arrive early to join in on the fun. No sign-ups are necessary!

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Justice Holder White to the

Fourth District Appellate

contest with a prize for the winner. Families are encouraged to dress up and fully embrace the festive spirit. The event will also feature local food vendors (to be confirmed), making it a day of excitement for the entire family.

Once the carving is complete, all the pumpkins

Court with an assignment

expiration of Dec. 2, 2024.

She previously worked in

private practice as a part-

ner at Lewis, Longlett &

of the Illinois Supreme

Court Judicial College

Committee on Judicial

Education, on the Board

of Trustees of the Judges'

She serves as a member

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of Lifeworks Photography Studio as a showcase of the community's creativity.

"We are beyond excited to bring the Pumpkin Festival back to the community," said a representative from Lifeworks Photography Studio. "It's been a couple of years since we last hosted the event, and we can't

nois, and handles a variety

of roles in Educational

Conferences, including as

a presenter on the topics of

Bankruptcy for Civil and

Family Law Judges, Virtual

Court Proceedings, and

Strategies for Improving

Court Performance. Justice

Lannerd previously served

as a member of the Illinois

Supreme Court Pretrial

Implementation Task Force

appoints Lannerd to 4th District Appellate Court

mittee.

in their costumes, creating memories together." For more information

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of 41 counties: Adams,

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Carroll, Cass, Ford, Ful-

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of Denver Law School.

Justice Lannerd earned

phy Studio specializes in capturing life's precious moments, offering a range of photography services for families, events, and more. Williams Group Photography is a leading school and sports photography company known for its creative, high-quality imagery across a variety of genres and sports.

Illinois Supreme Court SPRINGFIELD —

Justice Lisa Holder White and the Supreme Court of Illinois have announced that Justice Amy Lannerd has been appointed as an Appellate Court Justice in the Fourth District.

Justice Lannerd is being appointed to fill the vacancy originally created by the decision of Justice John W. Turner to not seek

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Banned Books Week September 22-28

"Freed Between the Lines". Banned Books Week was launched in 1982 in response to a sudden surge in the number of challenges to books in libraries, bookstores, and schools. By focusing on efforts to remove or restrict access to books, Banned Books Week draws national attention to the harms of censorship. In a time of intense political polarization, library staff in every state are facing an unprecedented number of attempts to ban books. ALA's Office for Intellectual Freedom documented 1,247 demands to censor library books and resources in 2023. We can find freedom in the pages of a book — but book bans and censorship threaten that freedom, along with many other rights and institutions. Go to American Library Association Banned and Challenged Books for more information on banned and challenged books. Let's share our love of right to read and the freedom found in books during

Banned Books Week 2024

and beyond.—excerpt from

American Library Associ-

ation website.

New Resource at the Library!

EBSCO Databases has arrived! Do you want to know more about arts and crafts, car repair, starting a business, or planning an estate? Maybe you need to prep for the GED or study for college-entrance exams. Have you ever wished you could research academic topics from home? Oregon Public Library patrons can now find fulltext e-resource materials on a variety of topics. Follow the links from our website to access the new EBSCO databases from the library, or login remotely from home with your Oregon Public Library Card. What interests you?

Save the Date! Book

Sale Friday, October 4th and 5th, 9am-3pm. It's that time again!! The annual Oregon Public Library Book Sale. Donations will be accepted from 10 am - 2pm on Thursday, October 3rd(no textbooks, encyclopedias, Reader's Digest condensed books or magazines). Then the fun begins with a wide assortment of books at unbelievable prices!

Preschool Story Time

(18 months - 6 years).Sessions begin again on Monday, September 9 at 10 am. Registration is required. Stories, crafts and friends to share books...all at your Library!

Lego Club

Wednesday, September 25, 2:30 pm (2nd grade & up) (Early school dismissal). Get together and spend some recreational time building! The club is designed to provide an enjoyable activity (FUN) that stimulates and develops spatial intelligence. Registration required.

Retirement System of Illi-Laura Keyes, as Eliz-

abeth Packard Wednesday, September 25th at 6:00pm. Elizabeth Parsons Ware Packard was committed to the Illinois State Hospital (the state mental asylum) in 1860, and was kept under lock and key for three years, all the while protesting her sanity. While her husband, Theophilus, insisted to everyone – Elizabeth's children, extended family, neighbors, friends, and the asylum employees – that she was, in fact, insane, Elizabeth was able to obtain her release. But her battle did not stop there. Conscious of the fact that the current law allowed married women to be placed in asylums by their husbands without the benefit of a formal trial or medical examination, Elizabeth started a campaign to change that unjust law. Hear from Elizabeth Packard in April 1864, while the Civil War rages around the nation, and her private war is raging in her soul. Bio: Laura Keyes graduated from UW-Madison with a Master's Degree in Library Studies, and is a lifetime member of the Association of Lincoln Presenters. Laura recently won the Excellence in Performing Award from that Association. Registration required, www.oregonpubliclibrary.com or call (815)

Hauntings in the

732-2724.

Wednesday, October 9th at 6:00pm. Local author Kathi Kresol has been collecting stories of haunted locations for two decades. This presentation will feature stories she has discovered of scary encounters and vengeful

spirits and things that go

bump in the night at your local library. Registration required, visit www.oregonpubliclibrary.com. or call (815) 732-2724.

Two Sentence Horror Story Contest

"It was a dark and stormy night. Witches slid down the lightning bolts and terrorized the town." Write a two-sentence horror story and enter it to win a prize. You can submit your story online at www.oregonpubliclibrary.com. All entries must be submitted by 4pm on October 29th. Winners will be posted on Facebook and Oregon Public Library's website on October 30th. You can visit the website for more information. Open to Oregon Library Patrons Only.

Take and Make

Vintage Ghost Painting -October 1st though October 15th. Beginning October 1st, stop by and pick up your vintage artwork and supplies to create a vintage ghost painting. You can enter your painting into a contest for a prize. All artwork must be returned by the end of the day on October 15th. Artwork will then be displayed in the library for judging October 18th through the 24th. Winnerwillbeannouncedonthe 25th of October. Kits will be available October 1st, first come while supplies last.

Book Clubs

Books on Tap Book Club meets Thursday, September 26 at 6 pm at Cork & Tap to discuss When the Jessamine Grows by Donna Everhart. The 2WBC meets Wednesday, October 9 at 12:30 to discuss The Picture of Dorian Gray by Oscar Wilde. The Afternoon Book Club meets Wednesday, October

16 at 1 pm to discuss The

Reformatory by Tanan-

arive Due. Cocktails & Crimes will meet Sunday, October 20 at 2 pm .Is This Just Fantasy? Book Club will meet in October to

Functional Movement Type Yoga Wednesdays at 9:30am.

discuss Prison Healer by

Lynette Noni.

In this class, we use exercises based on wholebody movements to restore posture, improve body mechanics, build strength and endurance, and finetune balancing skills. We start with a slow warm-up followed by core exercises – then explore how to utilize these tools based on real situations in daily life. Bring your yoga mat! All levels are welcome. - OR-EGON PATRONS ONLY - Registration required, this class fills quickly. Please call (815) 732-2724 or visit www.oregonpubliclibrary.com.

Knit & Crochet is

BACK! Mondays at 1:00pm. This group meets every Monday at 1 pm 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 http://www.oregonpubliclibrary.com or call (815) 732-2724.

New-Photo Printer at the library!

The library now has a photo printer capable of printing 4 x 6, 5x7, 8x10, and 8.5×11 . Stop in on a Tuesday from 9am to 4pm and see what it can print

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munity seed library. We have seed envelops for you to fill for our collection. Seeds are FREE for anyone.

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 cre-

ative 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.

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. OPLD Dial-A-Story &

Oregon Public Library StoryWalk @Oregon Park West Call 815-732-2724,

follow the prompts and presto...a story! Current story-Our Incredible Library Book by Caroline Crowe At the StoryWalk is Apple Picking Time by Michele Benoit Slawson.

MONDAY, SEPT. 23, 2024 LOCAL NEWS













Fiesta Hispana held Saturday in downtown Rochelle

On Saturday, Sept. 14, Fiesta Hispana was held in downtown Rochelle. The event, in its sixth year, celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month. The event ran from 3-11 p.m. and included music, food, dancing, children's activities, crafts, a mini queen contest, mariachi, a petting zoo and lucha libre. (Photos by Jeff Helfrich)

Constellation's clean energy centers including Byron work over hot summer

BYRON — As the country endured yet another brutal summer of extended heatwaves and extreme weather brought upon by climate change, Constellation's carbon-free clean energy centers ran at nearly full power. The company's 21 nuclear reactors at 12 sites from the Midwest to the Mid-Atlantic and Northeast operated at a 98.1% capacity factor during the

August to keep the lights on and air conditioners humming 24/7 for nearly 15 million homes and businesses.

Constellation technical experts prepared for the extreme summer heat by performing 10s of thousands of tasks at nuclear plants during spring refueling and maintenance outages designed to help all reactors run uninterrupted during the hot

professionals completed important technology upgrades and equipment refurbishments, tested electrical and distribution equipment, and loaded new fuel. These tasks are beginning anew for the fall maintenance season in preparation for increased winter demand.

"There is no doubt that as extreme weather events and intense heat increase, especially during summer clean energy centers remain indispensable assets providing reliable and affordable carbon-free energy to American homes and businesses," said Bryan Hanson, Constellation's executive vice president and chief generation officer. "As we transition to cooler temperatures this fall, our fleet's nuclear experts have already begun a comprehensive winter preparedness campaign to

facilities will continue in

the winter months ahead." Constellation's nuclear fleet in the mid-Atlantic and Northeast U.S. includes Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant in Calvert County, Maryland; Pennsylvania facilities Limerick Generating Station and Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station in Montgomery and York counties; and New York facilities Fitzpatrick Nuclear Power Plant and Nine Mile

Point Nuclear Station in Oswego County and Ginna Nuclear Power Plant in Wayne County. Its Illinois nuclear fleet includes Braidwood Generating Station in Will County, Byron Generating Station in Ogle County, Clinton Power Station in DeWitt County, Dresden Generating Station in Grundy County, LaSalle County Generating Station, and Quad Cities Generating in Rock Island County.

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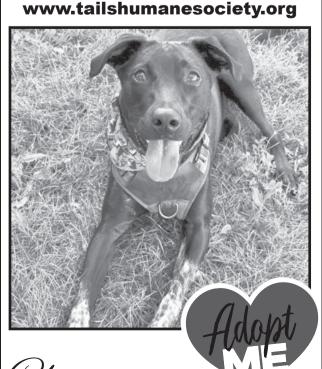
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Community members participate in Creston Booster Days parade

On Sept. 5, the Creston Booster Days Main Street Parade was held in Creston. The parade featured music, floats and performances by community members including various Rochelle Township High School organizations, Kiwanis Golden K of Rochelle, first responders, the Creston Booster Club and the local 4-H Club. (Courtesy photos)

City of Byron packets available for April 1, 2025 election candidacy (depending on

BYRON—A Consolidated Election will be held on April 1, 2025, to fill the following positions in the City of Byron: Mayor – four-year term, City Clerk – four-year term, Alderman, Ward One – four-year term, Alderman, Ward One – two-year term

(unexpired term), Alderman, Ward Two-four-year term, Alderman, Ward Three – four-year term, and Alderman, Ward Four four-year term.

Candidate petitions and other forms needed to circulate for a candidacy are available at Byron City Hall between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. Forms are also available at www.oglecounty.org. A Candidate's Guide may be obtained by calling the State Board of Elections at 312-814-6440 or online at www.elections.state.il.us.

A candidate must be a legally registered voter and a resident of the City of Byron for at least one year. For Aldermanic positions, candidates must also reside in the Ward for which they are filing. Petitions must be circulated within the City of Byron, or the Ward of

the office being sought) and must be signed by legally-registered voters of the City or Ward. Maps of each Byron Ward are available at Byron City Hall, and on the City website: www. cityofbyron.com.

Completed petitions

must be filed at Byron City Hall, starting at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2024, through 5 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 18, 2024.

If you have any questions about obtaining the forms, please call Byron City Clerk Caryn Huber at 815-234-2762.

Dixon's Scarecrow Festival returns on Saturday, Oct. 19 sure you come hungry, as

DIXON – The Scarecrow Festival always has the streets buzzing with excitement each year! The annual festival will return from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 19 to downtown Dixon.

More than 100+ booths and activities await on six city blocks, including crafters, pumpkin painting, street performers, games, donut eating contests, a petting zoo, face painting, flower pot decorating, and pumpkin bowling. A map outlining the major activities will be posted at discoverdixon.com the

week before the event.

Pumpkin race "cars" will battle to be named the fastest racer down Hennepin Avenue as the annual Pumpkin Derby returns at 1 p.m. between First and Second Street. Go to discoverdixon.com/ pumpkin-derby for rules,

more information and to register in advance.

For those looking to get a jump on holiday shopping, stores and downtown shops will be running specials and sales!

The Dixon Municipal Band will perform along the Riverfront. And make

food trucks will be located throughout the festival grounds!

Creativity will also be on display, as scarecrows decorated by local businesses and organizations can be seen throughout the festival and beyond in the

downtown area.

Make sure you join Discover Dixon and sponsors Hicks Insurance, BorgWarner and UPM Raflatac for Dixon's largest festival of the year!

Go to discoverdixon. com or call 815-284-3361 for more information.

Historical Society will be held at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 23 at the carriage house annex behind the Nash House Museum at 111 N. 6th St. All are welcome to attend.

Sept. 28: Come and join us at Byron's Hairy Cow noon! This will be the last market of the summer. 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

neeting of the Ogle County day, Sept. 28 from 8 a.m. to a vendor, please contact p.m., Civil War historian, is no admission fee but Budget Workshop will be Taryn Bradley at (815) 985-6042, by email at craftlab23@gmail.com or at the Byron's Hairy Cow Farmers Facebook page.

Sept. 29: The German Valley Historical Museum, 805 Church St., will be open from 1-4 p.m. on Dr. Gordon Dammann of Lena, will speak about "Medicine from 1869 to 1914." He will talk about the work of pioneers who helped uncover causes of sickness and diseases during that time period. Recognition will be given

donations are appreciated. For more information go to www.gvmuseum.org.

Oct. 7: The Byron Forest Preserve District Board of Commissioners has scheduled the Tentative Budget and Appropriation meeting for Monday, Oct.

Sept. 23: The monthly Farmers Market on Saturinformation or to become Sunday, Sept. 29. At 1:30 to nurses who attend. There 7 at 4 p.m. The Annual included with the Regular Monthly Meeting on Monday, Oct. 21 beginning at 5:30 p.m. These meetings are open to the public and will be held at the Jarrett Prairie Center located at 7993 N. River Road, By-

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Byron High School names 2024 Homecoming court

Byron High School recently held its Homecoming week and named its Homecoming court winners. Back row (left to right): Easton Burris, Will Julian, Jordan Daskalov, Davis Baker, Nolan Brass, Jared Claunch and Dylan Springer. Middle row (left to right): Bristol Zumdahl, Mekenzie Lemke, Kendall Gamlin, Gina Baker, Gianna Franchi, Abby Moser and Neve Schilling. Front row (left to right): Laine Lindsey (crown bearer), Queen Claire Henkel, King Brayden Knoll, and Cohenn Lindsey (crown bearer). (Courtesy photo)

Mane Event fundraiser for Pegasus Special Riders is Nov. 2 For RSVP and payments:

BYRON — Pegasus Special Riders will host its annual Mane Event fundraiser on Saturday, Nov. 2 at 5:30 p.m. at the Byron Golf

Course Pavilion at 6734 N. German Church Road in

There will be a prime rib dinner option, a mostaccioli dinner option (vegetarian option available) salad and a cashbar. Tickets cost \$80 for a single, \$150 for a couple and \$600 for an eight-seat

Entertainment includes silent and live auctions, a 50/50 raffle, and music by "Bowling for Dollars".

Pegasus Special Riders, PO Box 293, Oregon, IL 61061, 815-973-3177.

Pegasus Special Riders is

anonprofit organization providing therapeutic encounters for children and adults with special needs. www. pegasusspecialriuderes.org

Chesney named Manufacturing Champion on recent IMA Legislative Scorecard

SPRINGFIELD—In recognition of his votes taken in the legislature that benefit manufacturers and the broader business community in Illinois, State Senator Andrew Chesney (R-Freeport) has been named a "Champion

of Manufacturing" by the Illinois Manufacturing Association (IMA).

"Illinois manufacturers appreciate Senator Chesney, who has a strong record of supporting policies vital to advancing the industry and growing our

economy," said IMA Vice President of Government Affairs Donovan Griffith. "We're proud to count on Senator Chesney as a member of the manufacturing majority in the

Illinois General Assembly

and look forward to con-

tinued partnership."

The IMA awarded the title based on its 2024 Legislative Report Card, which highlights lawmakers who consistently support Illinois' manufacturing industry. The Report Card rates law-

makers based on their voting record on key bills that impact the state's manufacturing sector.

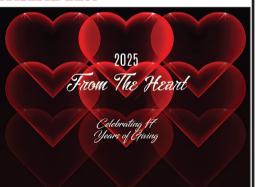
"Manufacturing is a key pillar of the Illinois economy, and it is an honor to be recognized for my work in the General

Assembly that benefits manufacturers and the business community as a whole," said Chesney. "I will continue to advocate for these job creators and will support initiatives that help manufacturers grow and thrive."

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FREEPORT — State sent feel the same way." Similarly, when asked if they supported current

Senator Andrew Chesney (R-Freeport) recently mailed a Fall 2024 legislative survey to constituents throughout the 45th Senate District, and the results reaffirmed the conservative values held by those who live in Northwest Illinois.

"We mailed the survey without regard to political affiliation, so Republicans, Democrats, Independents and others with no political affiliation all received it," said Chesney. "The survey was also made available digitally on my website and through a mass text sent throughout the district. The results confirmed that those living in Northwest Illinois support conservative values and are opposed to much of the policymaking currently taking place in Springfield."

When asked if they support the current budget that includes \$1 billion to be spent on migrants and illegal immigrants, 88% of the respondents said they did not support that use of tax dollars while only eight percent said they did support the budget allocation. The remaining four percent answered that they were undecided or had no opinion on the issue.

"I have been very vocal with my opposition to the siphoning away of tax dollars from vulnerable citizen groups like veterans, seniors, and the disabled, and toward migrants and illegal immigrants," said Chesney. "I am pleased to see the overwhelming majority of those I repre-

southern border control policies of the Biden-Harris administration, 89 percent of the respondents said they were opposed, while only seven percent said they favored policies that have allowed millions to cross into the United States via our southern border. Of those who opposed current policies, nearly half recommended more border security, more fencing with walls, and more staff assigned to border security.

Regarding a question about a recent policy change that now requires criminals and offenders to be referred to as "justice-impacted individuals," 87 percent of the respondents said they did not support the approval of that bill and only five percent said they supported it.

"As a strong and vocal advocate for our men and women in blue, crime victims and their families, I opposed that legislation and called it a slap in the face to crime victims during the debate," added Chesney. "I was pleased to see that an overwhelming majority of those who participated in the survey agreed."

Within the survey, Chesney also solicited feedback on a variety of tax issues. 91 percent of the survey respondents said they were opposed to state or local government allocating taxpayer funds to the Chicago Bears for a new stadium, and 66 percent said they were

opposed to the Demo-

Chesney releases fall survey results crats' elimination of the Invest in Kids Tax Credit Scholarship Program. With regard to property taxes, 66 percent of those who submitted a survey said property tax reform should be at the top of the agenda when lawmakers return to Springfield.

The survey also included two questions pertaining to parental rights. When asked if public schools should make curriculum, course materials, and classroom activity plans available online for parents and guardians to view, 78 percent said they favored that proposal, while 13 percent said they opposed it. Relative to Illinois' current law that allows children under the age of 18 to undergo gender transition surgery or take hormone therapies, only 11 percent of the respondents supported the current policy. 35 percent said it should be banned for persons under the age of 21 and 28 percent said it should be illegal for those under the age of 18. 24 percent of the respondents said it should be illegal for people of all ages.

"It is important to me to seek input from my constituents on a regular basis, and these results align with how I have been voting on this region's behalf," said Chesney. "I appreciate everyone who took the time to complete the survey, and my staff and I are reading all of the extended responses that participants included with their submissions."

Close to 3,000 people submitted completed surveys, and the full results can be found here.

OGLE: County board approves special use permit for solar project

BEST services other and to become self-sufficient.

success stories of Ogle County residents that have been helped by BEST.

Solar

The board voted 21-2 to approve a special use per-

LEAF RIVER —

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Library Board in Leaf

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bers include Danielle

Brooks Krista Carlson,

Willem Dijstelbergen,

Mollie Krecklow, Ardis

Kump, Shirley Poggioli

and David Sheely. Two of

these seven positions will

River are available.

7 counties besides Ogle County. Folken said her organization offers a menu of services and helps individuals on a case-by-case basis to better themselves Folken talked about

"Edward came into the BEST program looking for assistance with truck driver training," Folken said. "He was determined eligible for services and BEST was able to help with tuition and fees along with mileage to travel back and

forth to school. Edward obtained his CDL and is working and receiving a nice wage that helps him be self-sufficient. Another is Brittany, who came into our program after completing prerequisites for nursing school. She was only able to attend school on a part-time basis because she had to work to pay for school. Once BEST was able to help, she could go to school full-time and complete school faster. She is now working full-time at CGH in Sterling making over \$32 an hour. She told us she loves her job and is thankful to us."

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Janes (R-District 5, Stillman Valley) said the solar project proposal was previously rejected before the site was changed and brought back. The original proposal was rejected to protect prime soil and

farmland.

ARPA

A presentation was made at the meeting by Business Employment Skills Team (BEST) Executive Director Carrie Folken. BEST serves Ogle

County residents and administers the federal Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act. September is National Workforce Development

The board unanimously approved \$428,733 in ARPA funding requests including \$250,000 being moved to the county general

fund, \$110,773 for the human resources department to cover expenses for 2025, \$40,000 for its ADP payroll payment, and \$28,000 to pay back to its IT department for money it borrowed from that fund.

chase internal components for trucks for the Ogle County Sheriff's Office from Karl Chevrolet. Election packets for Bertolet Memorial Library Board available

Linda, at (815) 738-2742.



The board approved the

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funds and \$62,503.97 in

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facility project on 46.46 acres in the 2,000 block of South Daysville Road. Board Member Dan

be open for election; all two positions are six-year terms. The election for these open positions will be held on April 1, 2025. Library board mem-

bers must be, on the date of election, a citizen of the United States, at least 18 years old, a registered voter, a resident of the State of Illinois and the Library District. To

be considered for election, candidates must file a petition with three signatures of qualified voters residing within the Bertolet Memorial Library District. Additionally, candidates must complete, sign and have notarized a loyalty oath, statement of candidacy and statement of economic interest.

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Prospective RAs must have experience living on campus for two semesters and have a minimum GPA of 2.25. They go through group interviews with peers and housing staff members, and an individual interview before being

offered the position. A total of 129 RAs serve 14 Residence Halls on the UW-Whitewater campus, and 13 floater

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All necessary forms will be included in the candidate's election packet. Candidates may begin filing completed petitions at the library on Tuesday, Nov. 12. Filing concludes

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Byron's Weekley named UW-Whitewater resident assistant

WHITEWATER, Wis. — Caleb Weekley from Byron, who is studying music, has been named a resident assistant (RA) at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater

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hosting floor events. RAs at UW-Whitewa-

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Front Row: Dustin Harriet, Chad Zellers, Tom Bottoms, Jerem Jeremy Kennay, Josh Carlson, Jason Bausman, Brent Suter, Brad ack Row: Coach Mike Papini, Chad Gaston, Sean Conolly, Marc Heng, rson, Nick Sutherland, Rob Wilkins, Ted Pollock, Doug Reber, Nate

The 1997-98 boys cross country team (left), the 2008-09 boys track and field team (center) and the 1997-98 wrestling team (right) were among the honorees inducted into the Oregon CUSD 220 Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2024. Bob and Leona Groenhagen (below) were also inducted as friends of athletics.

OCUSD 220 honors Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2024

OREGON — The Oregon CUSD enshrined its 2024 Athletic Hall of Fame class during a ceremony this past weekend. Former Hawk student-athletes, coaches, teams, administrators and faculty as well as friends of the athletic program were honored in the inaugural ceremony. Below are the members who were inducted into the Oregon CUSD Athletic Hall of

Jerry Baker

Fame.

Jerry Baker was one of the most outstanding athletes at Oregon High School during the decade of the 1980's. His athletic highlight was capturing the IHSA Class A state championship in the dis-

cus during his senior year in May of 1982. At the state finals, Baker threw 165'5, a school record at the time which stood for 15 years. Baker was also an outstanding football player for the Hawks, earning All-Conference honors in both 1980 and 1981 as well as All-State honors in football during his 1981 senior season. He was also selected as the Male Athlete of the Year for OHS for the 1981-82 athletic year. He was a four sport athlete that also participated in basketball and baseball for the Hawks.

Andy Ballard

Andy Ballard was one of the most dominant athletes at Oregon High School during the early 2000's. He excelled in three sports - football, wrestling, and track. In football, he helped lead the Hawks to the IHSA state championship game in 2000 and was a First Team All-State selection that season. He was also named a football All-Conference selection three years straight (1998, 1999, 2000). As a wrestler, Ballard was a two time state qualifier and finished as state runner-up during his senior year in 2001, compiling a season record of 42-3. In track & field, Ballard qualified for the IHSA state finals in four events his senior year (shot put, discus, 400m, and 1600m relay). He finished in 7th place in the discus



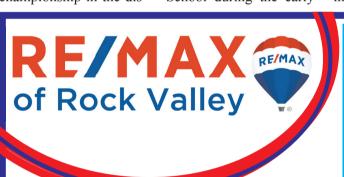
throw and helped the Hawks take fourth place in the 1600m relay finals. He was selected as the

Male Athlete of the Year for OHS for the 2000-01 athletic year. Ballard went on to compete in track &

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field at Marquette University in Milwaukee.

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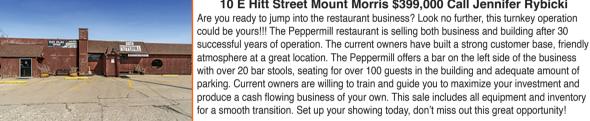
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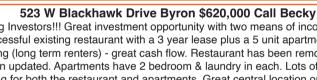






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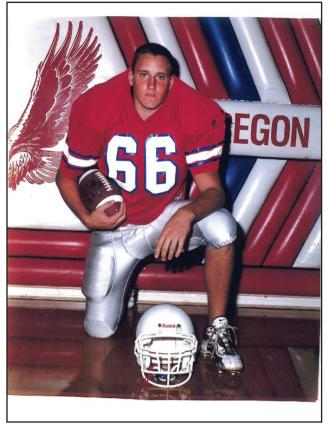
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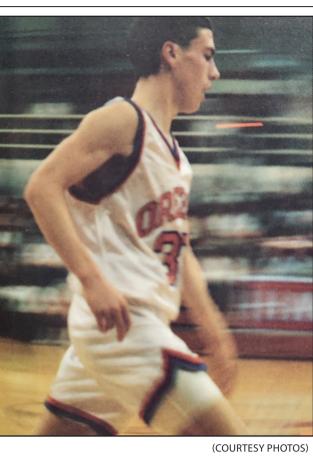




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Jerry Baker (left), Andy Ballard (center) and Jake Carpenter (right) are three of the individuals who were inducted into the OCUSD 220 Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2024. Also inducted were individuals Sherman Landers (below left) and Frank Loomis (below right).

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Jake Carpenter

Jake Carpenter was an outstanding athlete for the Hawks during the early to mid 1990's, at times participating in five different sports (football, cross country, basketball, baseball, track & field. As an upperclassman, he concentrated only on cross country, basketball, and track. He was a two time all state runner in cross country with an individual finish of 8th in state as a junior and 6th in state as a senior. He was the captain of the OHS cross country squad that finished as state runner up at the 1993 IHSA Class A State Finals. In basketball, Jake was a three year varsity guard on the Hawk teams that won IHSA Regional Championships in 1993

and 1994 and advanced

both of those seasons' Sectional finals. Jake was a team captain and an all state distance runner in track. At the 1995 IHSA Class A State Finals, he placed 5th in 3200m, 10th in the 1600m, and 2nd as a member (along with his twin brother, Ben) in the 3200m relay. He broke OHS school records in the 1600m, 3200m, and the 3200m relay. The 3200 Relay time of 7:58.05 still remains the OHS school record. Carpenter was selected as a co-male Athlete of the Year for the 2004-05 athletic year at Oregon High School. He went on to run both cross country and track at DePauw University in Indiana where he was team captain and earned NCAA Division III All-American honors in the 1500m run.

Sherman Landers

Sherman Landers is widely recognized as one



of the finest Illinois high school track athletes of the first half of the 20th century. After finishing in 4th place at the IHSA State Finals in

the pole vault as a sophomore, Landers became a three time IHSA individual state champion winning the pole vault in 1915 and both



the pole vault and the 120 High Hurdles in 1916. He was also considered the event at 12'8. Midwest Interscholastic Champion and was rec-

ognized as the unofficial world record holder in the

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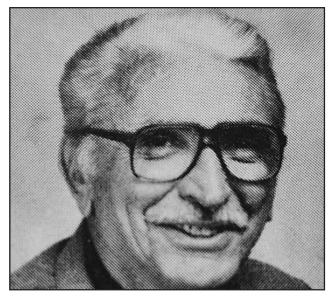
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Doug Engle (left), JR Worley (center) and Salley Wessels (right) are three of the individuals who were inducted into the OCUSD 220 Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2024.

OCUSD: Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2024 inductees honored

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Combining with teammate Frank Loomis, Landers helped lead Oregon to a third place team finish in Class B at the 1916 State Finals and an 8th place team finish as a junior in 1915. After high school, Landers later became a national champion in the event. He went on to participate in the triple jump at the Olympic Games in Antwerp in 1920, finishing in 5th place with a jump of 46'4. The athletic field at Oregon High School is named in his and teammate Loomis' honor.

Frank Loomis Frank Loomis moved

to Oregon from Hyde Park HS in Chicago to run with OHS star Sherman Landers and together the duo dominated track & field throughout the Midwest. While a senior at Oregon, Loomis equalled the national interscholastic record of 24.2 for the 220y hurdles and after joining the Chicago Athletic Association, he won the AAU title over this distance in 1917 and 1918. After winning the 440y hurdles at the Western Olympic Trials in a new world record time of 54.2 , Loomis then went on to win the gold medal in the 400m hurdles at the 1920 Olympics in Antwerp, Belgium with a new world record of 54.0. The athletic field at Oregon High School is named is his and

teammate Landers'honor. **Doug Engle**

Coach Engle was the long time shot put and discus coach at Oregon High School for both boys and girls from 1987 until his retirement after the 2022 season. During his career at Oregon, Coach Engle had five female throwers place at the IHSA state finals and bring home a collective total of 15 medals. On the boys' side, he coached seven Hawks to state place finishes and a collective total of 12 medals in the throws. The highlight of his Oregon career were the IHSA Class A state championships won by Brenna Noon in the shot put in 2021, and by Jenae Bothe in the shot put in 2022. After retiring as a teacher in 2007, there was a several year gap where Engle did not coach. During that time, there was not a single state qualifier from Oregon High School. After a few years, he went back into coaching and immediately every single year thereafter, there were state qualifiers culminating in the back to back state champions. Engle was inducted into the Illinois Track & Cross Country Coaches Association (ITCCA) Hall of Fame in 2014.

Salley Wessels Salley Wessels was a trailblazer for female athletes at Mt. Morris high school both before and after the passage of Title IX legislation in the early 1970's. Prior to girls interscholastic sports, Wessels was the Girls Athletic Association (GAA) advisor for MMHS which provided opportunities for girls to participate in various sports in an intramural-like setting. When competitive girls athletics began in 1973, Wessels served as head coach of the Lady Mounders in basketball, track, and even field hockey. Later on, she also

coach and also worked with the boys golf team through the 1990's. After retiring, she helped as a volunteer girls basketball coach at the junior high level for many years. Wessels herself was a highly successful golfer capturing the Illinois Women's Amateur title in 1972 as well as numerous other state and local championships. She was inducted into the Illinois Women's Golf Association Hall of Fame in 2022.

2008-09 Boys Track

& Field Team The 2009 Oregon Hawk boys track team captured the third ever state championship in school history by taking home the IHSA Class 1A state title. The journey to the title started at the Lena-Winslow Sectional where the Hawks edged rival Winnebago 142-131.5 to take home the Sectional crown and advance a multitude of athletes to the following week's state finals at Eastern Illinois University in Charleston. At State, the Hawks ran wild racking up 55 team points to again defeat runner-up Winnebago with 37. Leading the way was sprinter Jordan Thomas who was double state champ winning both the 100m (:11.01) and the 200m dashes (:21.90). Thomas also finished in second place in the 400m dash. Also scoring points for Oregon were Ethan Gale - 6th in the pole vault; Thomas, Garrett Thomas, Nick Snyder, and Ryan McWethy - 3rd place in the 4x100m relay; Nick Gallardo - 5th place in the 100m hurGarrett Thomas, Snyder, and Dylan Puckett in the 4x200m relay. The Hawks were coached by Jim Spratt who was inducted into the Illinois Track & Cross Country Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 2023

1997-98 Boys Cross **Country Team**

Following a tenth place finish at the 1996 IHSA Class A State Finals, hopes were high for the '97 cross country Hawks with multiple runners returning to the squad. The high hopes proved to be legitimate as by the end of September, Oregon had risen to the #1 spot in the Class A rankings. The Hawks powered through to victory at the Byron Invitational, ran a seven man sweep to win the IHSA Regional, and claimed the Sectional championship the following week. Moving on to the IHSA State Meet at Detweiller Park in Peoria the following weekend, the Hawks edged runner-up McLeansboro by five points (144-149) to bring home the first state championship trophy in any sport in school history. Chad Zellers (7th) and Jared Harvey (17th) were the top finishers for the Hawks in the championship effort. Other runners on the course that day were Tom Bottoms, Seth Grennan, Dan Dietrich, Lance Reinbolz, and John Weber. The Hawks were coached by Art Carlson who was inducted into the Illinois Track & Cross Country Coaches Association Hall

of Fame in 1999. 1997-98 Wrestling

The 1997-98 Oregon Hawk wrestling team be-

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came the second team in school history to claim an IHSA state championship by winning the 1998 IHSA Dual Team Wrestling state title and 28-2 overall dual meet record. The path to the title was not an easy one as the Hawks had to edge local rivals Stillman Valley and Byron at the Sectional. Oregon ended up defeating Stillman 31-22 and beating Byron 29-18 to advance to the Round of Eight state finals. At state, Oregon secured an easy 49-11 win over Rock Island Alleman to advance to the semifinals. In the semis versus Lombard Montini, the Hawks were tied 20-20 before winning four of the final five bouts to claim a 36-23 win and an appearance in the state championship match against Coal City. In the final round, Oregon went ahead for good after Eric Berg's major decision at 103 pounds and held on for a 35-26 championship victory. Team members who wrestled in the state finals were Berg, Chad Gaston, Nate Winters, Jason Bausman, Tom Bottoms, Brent Suter, Brad Bauer, Jeremy Benesh, Jeremy Kennay, Sean Connolly, Marc Heng, Rob Wilkins, Josh Pearson, Ted Pollock, & Josh Carlson. The team was coached by Mike Papini, who had earned Illinois Wrestling Coaches Association Coach of the Year honors the prior year in 1996-97 when the Hawks

finished as the IHSA Class A state runner-up.

J.R. Worley After serving his country in World War II and excelling in athletics at Monmouth College, J.R.

Worley came to Mt. Morris High School as a science and social studies teacher. After serving as head coach for the Mounders in all boys sports offered at the school (football/ basketball/track), he became Athletic Director at MMHS in 1956 and held the position until his retirement in 1982. During his tenure as AD, Worley was instrumental in advocating for girls sports in the mid 1970's after the passage of Title IX legislation. As such, Mt. Morris had highly successful girls athletic teams during this era. After he retired, he was a long time IHSA official in both track and cross country and continued to provide assistance at home track meets on the cinder track in Mt. Morris until the merger with Oregon. He was inducted into the Monmouth College Athletic Hall of Fame in

Bob & Leona Groenhagen

1995.

Bob & Leona Groenhagen were die-hard Oregon Hawk Fans and were a constant presence in the stands of numerous OHS sporting events for well over 40 years. Especially during the mid 1990's through the mid 2000's, they could be found supporting basketball, football, track, baseball, softball, cross country, and more with their Hawk Pride. The couple would additionally support many park district teams and high school programs with helpful financial donations from Groenhagen Farms. Leona was a 1948 Oregon High School graduate.

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The Oregon Junior Hawk cross country team is enjoying a strong start to the 2024 season. The team raced in its first meet of the season at Genoa-Kingston on Aug. 29.

Oregon Junior Hawks off to strong start this season

OREGON — The Oregon Junior Hawk cross country team is enjoying a strong start to the 2024 season. The team raced in its first meet of the season at Genoa-Kingston on Aug. 29, where the girls finished second behind a stellar individual outing from Anya Anaya, who placed second in 13:55 to set a new course record for the Oregon girls at the Genoa-Kingston race

Nicanor Anaya was the top boy for the Junior Hawks in the season-opening meet, finishing seventh with a time of 14:19. The team continued its season at the Oregon Open, which

was held at Oregon Park West in early September. The girls finished fourth out of 20 teams at the Junior High level, with Kollins Anaya leading the way with an Oregon girls home course record time of 10:42. Anya Anaya also medaled with a top-10 finish, taking sixth with a time of 10:48.

Oregon's boys placed 13th at the Oregon Open. The Junior Hawks were led by Nicanor Anaya, who finished 18th with a time of 10:47 and was the fastest fifth-grader in the meet. Last week, Oregon raced in Winnebago on Tuesday and Sterling on Thursday. The girls finished second



at Winnebago and sixth at Sterling, while the boys placed seventh in

Winnebago and 10th at Sterling. Kollins Anaya tied Oregon's Winnebago

course record with a time of 7:39. Kollins and Anya Anaya medaled in third

and fourth at Sterling and beat Oregon's Sterling course record.

AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

BYRON

ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH 624 Luther Drive, Byron IL 61010 815-234-5277

Pastor: Vicar Michelle Wandersee Sunday Worship Service held at 9:00 am. A recording of each Sunday's worship service is available on our Facebook page and our website later in the day. Communion is served every Sunday. Sunday School for ages 3 through Adult is held at 10:00 am September through May. Confirmation studies for 7th and 8th grade students are held each Sunday morning at 10:00 am Monday afternoon Bible Study is held at 1:30 pm via Zoom. In person Bible Studies are held Tuesday evening at 7:00 pm and Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 pm. Book Club and The GATHERING meet monthly; quilters meet twice monthly. Visit our website http://www.AllSaintsByron.org or call the church office for further information.

CORNERSTONE FAMILY CHURCH

205 N. Peru St., Byron 815-234-8737 cornerstonefam ily.church Sr. Pastor: Erik Ness, NextGen/ Family Pastor: Collin Nicholls Children's Ministry Director: Katie Dodd Worship Service on Sundays at 10am with Children 's Worship Service and

Nursery Available Sr High Youth Min istry Sundays at 6:00pm, Jr High Youth Ministry Wednesdays at 6:30pm

Numerous Small Groups Available for All Ages throughout the week . Please call our Church Office or visit our website for more details .

Office Hours: 8:00am -4:30pm Mondays-Thursdays

BYRON ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

226 E. 2nd St, Byron, IL 61010 - Phone 815-234-7431 - Fr. Richard Rosinski. Weekday Masses: Tuesday - Friday 7:30am, Weekend Masses: Sat. 5:00 pm Sun. 8:00 am and 9:30 am. Reconciliation: Fri. 8:00 am - 8:30 am; Sat. 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm or by app. Éucharist Adoration Fri. 8-9am www.saintmaryinbyron.org secretary@saintmaryinbyron.org

UNITED CHURCH OF BYRON

A Member of the United Church of Christ 701 W. Second Street; PO Box 927, Byron IL 61010, 815-234-8777 Email: ucb@comcast.net Website: unitedchurchofbyron.org Pastor: Rev. Tyler Spellious Youth Ministry Coordinator: Richard Simpson Sunday Schedule & Worship opportunities: Service of Meditation & Prayer: 8:15am- 8:45am Adult Sunday School Hour: 9am Kids Sunday School: (for ages 3 thru 5th grade) during the 10:30 worship

Coffee & fellowship time: 10:00am - 10:30am Main Worship: 10:30am Spark Youth Group (for ages 6th grade thru 12th grade) - Sundays, 5pm-7pm For complete ministry schedule and other activities, please check our website or

Facebook page or contact the church office. Whoever you are or wherever you are on your journey, you are welcome here!

BEACON HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD

"Building Faith for Life" 6467 N. German Church Rd., Byron, IL - Ph. (815) 246-2685 - beaconhillbyron.

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 448, Byron, IL 61010 Pastor: Gary Cortese

Service Times: Sundays at 10AM, Wednesday night Faith-Lift at 6:30PM Find us on Facebook/Beacon Hill Assembly of God

CHANA

CHANA UNITED METHODIST

Pastor Josh Brown, 606 Main Street, Chana, IL 61015. Church office 815-732-7683. (E-mail address: chanaumc@gmail.com Adult & Children's Education 9:00 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion celebrated the first Sunday of each month. At Chana Church you will find Open Hearts-Open Minds-Open Doors.

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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Open Minds, Open Hearts, Open Doors • "God's Heart in Our Commu Located in town on Rt. 72 • Our Pastor is Rev. Keith Kelsev-Powell Sunday Services: Worship 10:30am, Childrens time during Worship Service. Fellowship following the Worship Service each Sunday. Communion the first Sunday of the month. Potluck luncheon following Worship every 4th Sunday, except in the summer months of June, July and August. Various small groups meet throughout the month. For more information about the small groups please call 298-2310. AA meets Wednesdays at 5:30pm and Saturdays at 9am. For more information please visit our website WWW.DJUMC.ORG

DIXON

LOST LAKE COMMUNITY CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Pastor Bob Clardie 815-535-6990 90 W. Flagg Road Dixon IL 61021

8:30am Sunday School 9:30am Church Service www.lostlakechurch.org

FORRESTON

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH 402 2nd Avenue, Forreston, IL 61030, Phone 815-938-3203Pastor Scott Ralston Sunday Worship 9:00 am; Sunday School 10:00 am

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

402 First Ave., Forreston, IL Phone: 815-938-2380
Worship at 9:00 a.m. (childcare provided) with coffee and fellowship immediately following. Sunday School Age 3-Adult, 10:15 am.
God is Good, All the Time, All the Time, God is Good!

ST. JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH **Pastor Karen Tews**

West Grove Rd. At Columbine Rd. Worship Service 10:30 am. Communion is served every Sunday.

"Singing the Song of Christian Faith in Worship, Service, Learning, Outreach and Welcome" in a beautiful rural setting. Everyone is cordially invited to be with us.

LEAF RIVER

ADELINE ZION EVANGELICAL CHURCH

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

LEAF RIVER BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor Billy Hardy Live Sermon Streaming: Sundays at 10:00 AM at www.facebook.com/ LEAFRIVERBC/ Archived Sermons on our YouTube channel: Leaf River Baptist Church (Until

further notice) 9:30 Church Service. Nursery available, 11:00 Sunday school for all ages.

Nursery available 6941 N Mt Morris Rd, Leaf River, IL 61047 815-738-2205 leafriverbc@gmail.com

LINDENWOOD

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH – LCMS

immanuel-lindenwood.org (for sermons, events, etc.) 16060 E. Lindenwood Road, Lindenwood, IL 61049 815-393-4500 • office@immanuel-lindenwood.org Sunday Mornings: Divine Service @ 9am; Food & Fellowship @ 10am; Sunday School and Adult Bible Study @ 10:30am Food Bank: 1st and 3rd Saturdays, 9am-12pm Pastor: Rev. Dr. Matthew Rosebrock pastor@immanuel-lindenwood.org

LINDENWOOD UNION CHURCH 101 N Galena st, P.O box 67, Lindenwood IL

Regular worship service Sundays at 10:00am with fellowship following. Tuesdays 10:00 am Sr Exercise! Lunch afterwards. Thursdays 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Library time. Snacks and coffee. Everyone is welcome!

KINGS

ELIM REFORMED CHURCH

140 S. Church Road, Kings, IL 61068 • Pastor Marv Jacobs Phone 815-562-6811 E-mail: goelimchurch@gmail.com Website: www.goelimchurch.org Sunday morning worship 10:00 am

MOUNT MORRIS

DISCIPLES UNITED METHODIST CHURCH "By God's grace in Christ, we LIVE, LOVE, and SERVE"

All are welcome here! 9:30 a.m. - Sunday Worship with Communion open to all, followed by fellowship

10:45 a.m. Sunday School (Sep. - May) 102 N. Maple Ave., Mt. Morris, IL 61054 815-734-4853 secretary@disciplesumc.org www.disciplesumc.org Pastor Marcia Peddicord

EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH OF MT. MORRIS

102 S. Seminary Ave., Mt. Morris, IL 61054 815-734-4942 www.efcmm.org Senior Pastor: Bruce McKanna. Sunday Schedule: 8:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages. 9:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship. 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship with Childcare and Children's Church.

MT. MORRIS CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN 409 W. Brayton Road, Mt. Morris, IL 61045 Phone 815-734-4573

Pastor-Rodney Caldwell. Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m. followed by fellowship time and Sunday School. Worship service available online, call for details. Email: mtmorriscob@gmail.com

MOUNT MORRIS

MT. MORRIS TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH 308 E. Brayton Rd. Mt. Morris, IL Phone: 734-6354 Rev. Josh Ehrler

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

LITTLE PRAIRIE MENNONITE CHURCH

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

OREGON

EAST OREGON CHAPEL CHURCH OF GOD

East Oregon Chapel Church of God The Sharing is Caring Church Pastor Jesse Allen EOCCOGministries@gmail.com 107 N Daysville Rd. Oregon, IL

Phone: 815-732-2960 Sunday School 9:30 a.m. with Sunday Worship following at 10:30 a.m.

Breakfast is served every fifth Sunday beginning at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday evenings both Adults (all year) & Youth (during the school year) meet

weekly beginning at 6:30 p.m. In the event that Oregon Schools are not in session the Youth group does not meet

Thursday morning Women's Bible study meets at 10:30 a.m. We look forward to meeting you!

EBENEZER REFORMED CHURCH 2997 N. German Church Rd., 815-732-6313

3 miles east of Oregon on Rt. #64 then 2 miles north on German Church Rd. www.EBENEZERREFORMED.com • Sunday school 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m.

LIGHTHOUSE UNITED METHODIST

Pastor Dave Rogula 4962 S. Daysville Rd., Oregon, IL 61061 lighthouseUMC@ yahoo.com Worship at 11:00 a.m. Holy Communion celebrated the first Sunday of each of month. Lighthouse will lite up your life!

OREGON CHURCH OF GOD

860 W. Oregon Trail Road Oregon, IL Phone: 732-6847 or 732-2604 Pastor Michael Hoffman; Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.; Morning worship, 10:30 a.m.; Wednesday activities: Adult, Children, and Youth Groups 7 p.m. At the church.

OREGON FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH 505 Hill St. Oregon, IL 61061 Phone: 732-2642

Pastor: David Snow "A Christ-centered, Bible-believing, family-oriented ministry." Sunday School 9:45 a.m.; Sunday Morning Service 10:45 a.m.; Sunday Afternoon Service 1:15 p.m.; Wednesday Night Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

OREGON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 200 S. 4th Street, Oregon, IL 61061 | 815-732-2994 | www.oregonumc.org

Pastor Rev Megan Smick 9:00 am Adult & Youth Bible Study 10 am Worship & Children's Sunday School In-person or live on Facebook https://www.facebook.com/OregonUMC 5:30 pm Wednesday Night Meal All are welcome!

RIVERSTONE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

609 S. 10th Street , Oregon, IL 61061 Pastor Craig Arnold ~ 812-236-1213 Sunday Service @ 10:45 AM $\stackrel{\sim}{}$ contemporary style worship with coffee and doughnuts in our cafe! Online worship is also available via Facebook. We believe in sharing Communion every Sunday as an act of worship. RiverKids Service @ 10:45 AM for nursery-6th grade $^\sim$ provides a safe and fun environment where kids can learn about who God is and who they are because 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 & Mongan Drive on Liberty Hill), Oregon 732-7211 – Office Rev. Eldred George Webpage: 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: stpaulnalcoregonil.weebly.com 10:15 a.m. Fellowship/Education hours 11:30 a.m. Worship

POLO

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

CROSSROADS COMMUNITY CHURCH ~

POLO CAMPUS Meeting Sundays @ 10AM Service 205 N. Jefferson Avenue, Polo ~ 815.837.5255

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Crave Youth Group (6th-12th grade) $^\sim \! \text{Wed. 6:30PM}$ - June 1st . Visit our website: www.crossroadscn.com

FAITH DISCOVERY CHURCH

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

STILLMAN VALLEY

RED BRICK CHURCH OF STILLMAN VALLEY

Pastor Rev. Dr. Chris Brauns | Associate Pastor David Bogner 207 W Roosevelt Road (Rte 72), Stillman Valley. 815-645-2526 | www.theredbrickchurch.org Sunday: Worship at 9:00 and 10:30 am. Sunday School at 9:00 am. Wednesday: AWANA (Sept – April) from 6:00 to 7:30 pm. Men, women, youth Bible Studies throughout the year. See website for all activities or contact the church office.

KISHWAUKEE COMMUNITY **EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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

VALLEY EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH Lead Pastor Barry Norris 103 S Maple St, Stillman Valley, IL

815-645-8872 | www.valleycov.org Sunday Morning 9am 'Gather' for learning & conversation, 10:15am Worship hoth onsite and online at facebook.com/VECCfSV Home of Valley Covenant Preschool 815-645-8882 Director Jill Huber Bible Studies, Youth Group, Bread of Life Food Pantry Please visit website for more information or contact the church office M-F

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





ist Aniyah Sarver and

51 from Toni Withers.

Elsa Monaco and Grace

Monaco each shot 57

for Polo. Oregon's girls

are now 7-2 overall and

Oregon volleyball

The Oregon High

against Polo on Tuesday,

Sept. 17. The Hawks are

now 5-6 on the season.

Madi Shaffer recorded 16

digs and six assists, while

Addi Rufer added 10 digs

and Anna Stender collect-

ed 20 digs with three aces.

Grace Tremble totaled six kills and three digs for the

Forreston golf team

The Forreston High

46. Brendan Greenfield

to hold your event? Our

community room (with

a small kitchenette) is

available for meetings,

LOCAL NEWS

OGLE COUNTY SPORTS ROUNDUP honors with a 43, while

Oregon boys soccer team shuts out Dixon The Oregon High

School varsity boys soccer team won 1-0 over Dixon on Wednesday, Sept. 11 behind a goal from Steven Guardado and an assist from Danny Chisamore. The Hawks are now 3-4-2 overall and 2-2 in the Big Northern Conference.

Oregon volleyball team defeats Sterling Newman The Oregon High

School varsity volleyball team scored a 25-11, 25-16 win over Sterling Newman on Thursday, Sept. 12. Anna Stender recorded 11 assists, eight digs and one ace, while Skylar Bishop added four kills and three blocks. Grace Tremble compiled four kills and four digs for the Hawks (5-5), who received 13 digs and an ace from Madi Shaffer. The JV Hawks fell 27-29, 15-25 and the F/S Hawks won 25-18, 22-25, 22-20. Oregon golf teams

The Oregon High School varsity girls golf team carded a 198-209 victory against Dixon on Thursday, Sept. 12 at Silver Ridge. Sarah Eckardt earned medalist BYRON PUBLIC LIBRARY

split match with Dixon

No Longer Ac-

Plastic cepting 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. Local Ghostly Legends & Myths Thursday, Oct. 3. 6 - 7:30pm. Come enjoy a spooky evening with local historian and author Kathi Kresol.

Kathi has been researching ghost stories, true crimes. and odd tales of the local area for almost two decades. She will share her newest stories of the hauntings and legends of the area. This presentation will include tales of vengeful spirits and strange encounters with the

other side. Creative Studio

JULIA HULL DISTRICT LIBRARY Puzzle Palooza

European Travel: Pack Light. Pack Right!

Overpacker, underpacker, backpacker. Whatever your style, packing for a European vacation can be overwhelming. But, it doesn't have to be. Join frequent flier, Joanna, as she talks about packing for your European vacation: what to leave, what to bring, plus tips, tricks and a packing demonstration. Monday, September 30, 6 p.m. Adults only. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

Tween Scene: Monster Making Lab

Crafty + creepy = theperfect combination. This month we're embracing the spooky season by creating plush monsters. Will yours be strange and scary... or cute and cuddly? Tuesday, October 1, 6 p.m. Ages 10-12. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

Toddler Time: Have

Indulge your little one's

curiosity with a hands-on event just for them. This month's meeting features interactive play with tunnels and rainbow balls. Friday, October 4, 10 a.m. Ages 1-4. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

Aniyah Sarver followed with 46 for runner-up honors. The Oregon High School varsity boys golf team fell 170-184 despite a team-low 43 from Jackson Messenger. The girls are now 6-2 overall and 6-1 in the BNC. The boys are now 7-5 overall and 4-4 in the BNC.

Forreston golf team defeats Rochelle The Forreston High

School varsity golf team edged out Rochelle 168-171 at Fairways Golf Course on Thursday, Sept. 12. Kaden Brown tied for medalist honors with a 37, while Kendall Erdmann fired a 42 and Darin Greenfield finished with 44. Daylen Rahn shot 45 and Aspen McGlynn had 47 for the Cardinals, who are now 8-1 overall and 3-0 in the NUIC with the win. Forreston volleyball

team takes down East Dubuque The Forreston High

School varsity volleyball team won 27-25, 25-23 against East Dubuque on Thursday, Sept. 12. Jaiden Schneiderman totaled 17 kills and three aces, while Ennen Ferris dished out 23 assists and Hannah Vinnedge com-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, The library is open for 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

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teams of 2-4 will face off

to see who can assemble

the same 500-piece jig-

saw puzzle in 90 minutes.

Prizes will be given to first,

second and third-place

team finishers. Saturday,

October 5, 2 p.m. Space is

limited. Register your team

early by calling the library

Tales & Tails with Na-

tional Mississippi River

have tails and what do

they do with them? The

National Mississippi Riv-

er Museum will help us

discover how animals use

their tails and other adap-

tations by introducing us to

some live animals up close.

We'll also share some an-

imal tales along the way.

Monday, October 14, 1

p.m. All ages. Registration

required: 815-645-8611.

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Instagram for Begin-

Help! I have an In-

stagram account, but I

don't know the difference

between a hashtag and a

mention! Join library staff

as they cover everything

you need to know to get

Fun Day Monday:

Why do some animals

at 815-645-8611.

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

Library and Byron Library Teen Instagram pages! better acquainted with the

Did you know you can use heat transfer vinyl with more than just fabric? Learn how to apply HTV to a wood project in this class for experienced Cricut users. BYO Cricut machine (Explore or Maker), mat, cords and device with Cricut app installed. Thursday, October 24, 6 p.m. Adults. Registration

Bicycle Camping: An Introduction

Because getting there

piled 13 digs, one block ries and Mercer Mumford and one ace. Bree Schneiderman added seven kills

Oregon football team outlasts Genoa-Kings-The Oregon High

in the victory.

School varsity football team outlasted Genoa-Kingston for a 3-0 win on Friday, Sept. 13. Gavin Morrow kicked a 21-yard field goal in the fourth quarter to lift the Hawks over the Cogs. Hunter Bartel rushed for 128 yards on 18 carries, while Logan Weems rushed for 72 yards on 20 carries. Polo football team

dominates Kirkland/ Hiawatha The Polo High School

varsity football team dominated Kirkland/Hiawatha for a 54-0 win on Friday, Sept. 13. Gus Mumford rushed for 133 yards and one touchdown on four carries while completing 4-of-5 passes for 115 yards and a touchdown. Noah Dewey rushed for 32 yards and a touchdown on five carries while catching two passes for 61 yards and a touchdown. Gage Zeigler rushed

for 80 yards and two touchdowns on three car-

materials, and search the library catalog. There's even a digital copy of your library card! Curbside Delivery

and holds, renew renewable

browsing, but patrons can still use our curbside service! Place your holds online at byronlibrary. org or call us at 815-234-5107. Not sure what you want? Call us for help! We will call or email you with a confirmation when your holds are ready to be pickedup. Callus 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

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

platform. Bring your favorite mobile device (app installed and logged-into) for hands-on practice. Monday, October 21, 6 p.m. Adults only. Registration required: 815-645-8611. Cricut Lab: Wood Sign with HTV

required: 815-645-8611.

is just as fun! Join local WNIJ contributor, writer and avid cyclist, Dan Libman, for an introduction to bicycle camping. He'll share advice and stories answering the what, why, where and how when it comes to inspiring and organizing your next (or, first!) trek on two wheels. Monday, October 28, 6 p.m. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

rushed for 51 yards and a touchdown on eight carries. JT Stevenson threw a 10-yard touchdown pass to Korbin Kavanaugh. Forreston football

team falls short against Galena The Forreston High

School varsity football team fell just short against Galena, losing 19-18 on Friday, Sept. 13. Evan Boettner rushed for 103 yards and one touchdown and Brady Gill rushed for a 5-yard touchdown and a 1-yard touchdown. Dane Setterstrom rushed for 70 Byron football team

rolls over Williamsville The Byron High School varsity football team remained undefeated with a 41-3 win against Williamsville on Friday, Sept. 13. Andrew Talbert rushed for 112 yards and two touchdowns, while Kaden McGough rumbled for 168 yards and two touchdowns in

down pass from Andrew Talbert. Denton Shank had 11 total tackles and four tackles for loss on defense, while Jared

the win. Brayden Knoll

rushed for 73 yards and

caught a 67-yard touch-

holding their online auction at 32auctions.com/ FVVYN2022 to raise toring program, scholarships, and insurance. All items will be on display at the library during the auction but bids must be submitted online. Library be available to assist with creating an account and the online bidding process, if needed. Winning bidders will pick up their

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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.rock-

rivercenter.org and like us on Facebook. Rummikub Mondays, 12:15-3:00

Mexican Train Dom-

Wednesdays, 9:30 -11:00 a.m. VA Rep on October 4

9:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Health & Wellness October 11. 9:00 a.m.

- 1:00 p.m. Annual "Pride of Or-

egon" Luncheon Cruise Wednesday, October 16, 2024. 11:00 a.m. -1:30 p.m. Registration MT. MORRIS SENIOR CENTER

ris Senior & Community Center! **Diamond Painting**

The following events are

happening at the Mt. Mor-

Friday, September 20th— Diamond Painting at 11:00 am. No skill involved. We will have choices of paint-

ings for sale. Scams, Schemes &

Financial Predators Monday, September 23rd – Scams, Schemes & Financial Predators. Join us at 11:00 am for information

tackles and three tackles Oregon boys soc-

Claunch added eight total

cer team loses to Genoa-Kingston

Genoa-Kingston on Monday, Sept. 16. Steven Guardado scored a goal on an assist from Diego Hernandez. Deryk Withers had eight saves for the Hawks (3-6-2, 2-3 BNC) in the loss to the Cogs. Oregon golf teams

Forreston and Polo The Oregon High

team beat Polo 200-268

behind 45 from medal-

Room at the library on

Saturday, October 5th.

Please support our stu-

Fall Storytime

fundraiser.

for loss in the win.

School varsity boys soccer team fell 3-1 against

split tri-match with

School varsity golf teams played with Polo and Forreston at Silver Ridge on Monday, Sept. 16. Forreston's boys won with 166, while Oregon's boys took second with 196 and Polo's boys finished third with 221. Nole Campos led the Hawks with 48, while Kaden Brown earned medalist honors for Forreston with 37 and Cooper Dawson led Polo with 50. Oregon's boys are now 8-6 overall and 4-4 in the Big Northern Conference.

The Oregon High 6-1 in the Big Northern Conference. team wins against Polo School varsity volleyball team won 25-18, 28-26

Hawks, whose JV team fell 21-25, 25-18, 13-15. defeats Stockton School varsity golf team is now 12-1 overall and 4-0 in the NUIC after a 168-188 win over

Stockton at Woodbine Golf Course on Tuesday, Sept. 17. Kaden Brown and Daylen Rahn each shot 42 and Kendall Erdmann carded 40 to earn medalist honors. Aspen McGlynn added 44 and The Oregon High School varsity girls golf Darin Greenfield shot

had 47.

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tober 3rd. Forrestville Valley Youth Network is funds for the district menof the approximately 50 computers and staff will

the joy of sharing stories and making new friends in a relaxed setting. We hope you'll join us!

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541-5479 to schedule

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Jarrett Prairie Center

Oct 14 11:00 a.m. - 12:00

p.m. Forreston – Library

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Rock River Center

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> bags, bubble wrap, and other soft plastic. Please

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SUPPORT GROUPS Senior Information @ ROCK RIVER CEN-

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> **CAREGIVER SUP-PORT GROUP** Meets:

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p.m. For more information on any of our Support Groups, call Rock River

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Center at 815-732-3252 or call the number 1-800-541-5479.

own. Popcorn is provided but feel free to bring your own snacks. Sponsor a Chair!

We are in the process of replacing our worn out

815-734-6335 to reserve chairs and can use your Community Game Thursday, September 26th join us at 6:00 pm for Community Game Night! All ages are welcome.

help. For \$50.00 per chair

you can sponsor one of the new chairs we are hoping to purchase. Stop by the center during open hours (9am to 1 pm) and talk with Melissa. All help is appreciated!

MT. MORRIS PUBLIC LIBRARY

Book Sale September 21st through October 11th! It's time to use those gift certificates you earned from Summer Reading Program-Our annual book sale will start on September 21st! All sales will be by donation or buy-a-bag for \$5. Nothing will be priced. We would like to thank the high school Cross Country Team for helping with the

for the sale. Classic Budgeting Tuesday, September 24th

heavy lifting in preparation

Do you want to set up a budget for your household? Unsure of how to stick with it and save money too? Come in for this informative program to answer all your questions about budgeting! You will get to talk with counselors from the Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Northern Illinois. They can assist you in creating realistic budget and answer any questions

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Mary, our beloved Mary has retired! The Mount Morris Library will be accepting donations in honor of Mary's commitment to the community. Mary has served the library and our community for 30 years! If you would like to honor her service by donating to the library, please stop by!

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!

Display Case Show-

New display at the Mount Morris Library! Thank you cards from students who were given books from the 9x9x9 Mount Morris Library Foundation program! The 9x9x9 Program collects donations so that every first-grade student can receive a new book every month of the school year! Stop by the library for more information. 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.

Cookbook Club Tuesday, October 1st!

How to join: We have an new book this month, "Fool's Gold Cookbook" by novelist Susan Mallery. This book was a request from our cookbook club members! Create one of the recipes mentioned in Susan Mallery's Fool's Goldseries of books! Come in, choose your recipe, and bring your dish to pass at our next meeting!

Lego Club Thursday, October 17th

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, September 19^{th} at 5:30 - 7pm!All children and parents are invited every third Thursday of the month. Children under 8 need to bring a parent with them.

Adult Book Club Meeting, October 28th

Would you like to be part of a group and read great books?? Join us in October for friendship and great book talks! Everyone is welcome to join this book club group! Do you have suggestions for a book to

read? Stop by the library and let them know you would like to join. Meeting will be held at the library on October 28th at 3:30pm. **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.

Lions Club Glasses and Hearing Aids Col-

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 sightneeds. When donating

HEARING AIDS, please be sure to place them in a small box or hard-covered case so they do not get crushed or damaged. **Adult 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 Newspaper Available!

We will now be receiving the Dixon Telegraph daily! We receive the Ogle County Life, Sauk Valley, and Mt. Morris Times. If you want to keep up with the local news-stop on by! Curbside Service is

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eryone that you still have the option of having your materials delivered to your vehicle. If you have holds waiting for you, call us to tell us you are on your way, and we will bring them out to your vehicle when you arrive. Call us if you need more information.

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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!

Library Board Meet-

Monthly board meetings are the third Wednesday of the month at 7pm at the library unless otherwise noted. The public is welcome to attend.

The Mount Morris Public Library is located at 105 S. McKendrie Ave. Mt. Morris IL 61054 - 815-734-4927 Fax-815-734-6035 www.mtmorris-il.org

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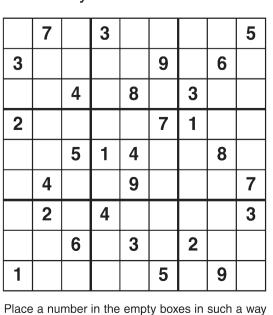
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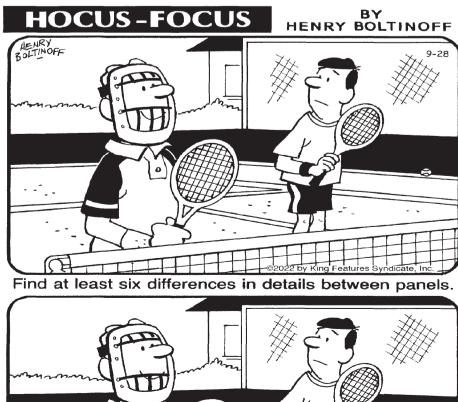
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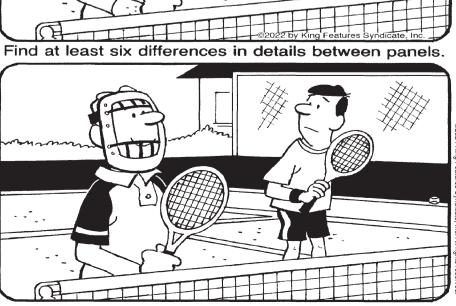


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OGLE COUNTY

101 LEGAL NOTICE

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:)) NO. 2024 -PR-44 RUTH ANN DRAEGE, **CLAIM NOTICE**

NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of RUTH ANN DRAEGE of Oregon, Illinois. Letters of office were issued on September 5, 2024, to BEV-ERLY J. LINZEMANN Oregon, Illinois, whose attorney is David A. Smith, of Smith, Birkholz & Morrow, P.C. at 129 South Fourth Street, P. 0. Box 10, Oregon, Illinois, 61061-0010.

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

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

LINZEMANN Independent Executor No. 0913 (Sept. 16, 23, and 30)

PUBLIC NOTICE This is to notify all reg-

istered voters of the Mt. Morris Township, that the following is a Township Board that will appear on the April 1, 2025 Consolidated Flection One (1) Township Su-

pervisor 4-year term Four (4) Township

Trustee 4-year term One (1) Township Road Commissioner

4-year term One (1) Township Assessor

4-year term

One (1) Township Clerk 4-year term Petitions are available from the Village Clerk

starting August 20, 2024. Petitions must be completed and returned to the Village Clerk no sooner than Monday, November 18, 2024. Anyone interested in running for the above positions can pick up the petitions in the Village Clerk's Office Monday through Friday 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, 105 W Lincoln Street.

Paula Diehl – Township Clerk No. 0916

(September 23, 2024)

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: VAIDA YELINEK. de-

ceased. NO. 2024-P-45 CLAIM NOTICE

NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of VAIDA YE-LINEK of Leaf River. Letters of office were issued on September 11, 2024, to Kenneth Lingbeck of Leaf River. Illinois, whose attorney is David A. Smith, of Smith, Birkholz & Morrow, P.C. at 129 South Fourth Street, P.O. Box

10, Oregon, Illinois, 61061-0010.

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NOTICE The Board of Commis-

sioners of the Byron Forest Preserve District, Ogle County, Illinois will hold a public hearing on October 21, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. The hearing will be held at the Jarrett Prairie Center, 7993 North River Road, Byron, Illinois 61010. The purpose of the hearing will be to receive public comments on the proposal to sell general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$2,400,000 to finance the costs of (i) acquiring land and developing forest preserve lands in and for the District, and (ii) certain costs of issuance of the Bonds. Kris Baker

No. 0920 (September 23, 2024)

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MISSING TIGER CAT

Mouse missing 09/17 from S. 3rd St., Oregon, IL. She is a small (6lbs) short-haired tiger cat w/ white markings

on her face. She is spayed, microchipped & had a pink collar. Needs medication & has NEVER been an outside cat 815-973-4926

103 **AUCTIONS**

Carroll County, IL FARMLAND AUCTION

Wednesday, November 20th, 2024 at 10:30 A.M Sale to be held at: Mill Wheel 337 N Main Ave Milledgeville, IL 61051

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103 **AUCTIONS**

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John Deere riding lawn mower, push mower, rototiller, outdoor gas grill, coolers of various sizes & tools.

Antiques: Oil lamp collection, 2 copper boilers with lids, China hutch, Curio cabinet.

Household: 3 bedroom sets with dressers/2 queen & 1 full sized adjustable bed, 3 flat screen TVs 32"/42"/50", 2 lift chairs, 1 swivel rocker, end tables, kitchen table with 4 chairs, microwave & stand, Emeril Lagasse air fryer/rotisserie, electric griddle, 18 qt. roaster oven, Kitchen Aid mixer, kitchen utensils, pots & pans, crock pots, Corelle dish set, Corningware dishes, refrigerator, chest freezer, washing machine & electric dryer, wooden TV trays with stand, Christmas tree & decorations, outdoor Christmas decorations, Christmas bear decorations.

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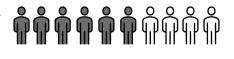


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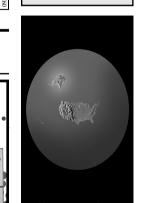
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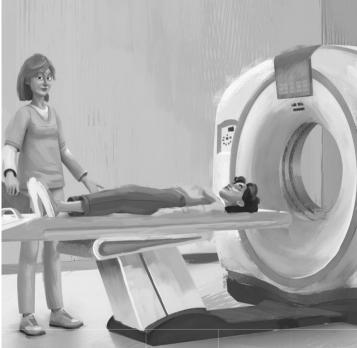




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Financial strategies that can help seniors grow their money

NVESTING is often portrayed as something people need not worry about after retirement. The theory that people should avoid risk as they approach and reach retirement age makes sense, as the unknown of investing can expose aging individuals to losses that compromise their ability to live comfortably on fixed incomes.

Though conventional wisdom regarding financial risk and aging still makes sense, the effects of inflation over the last yearplus have highlighted how important it can be for seniors to keep growing their money even after they retire. Fortunately, various strategies can help seniors grow their money without exposing them to considerable risk.

 Look into high-yield savings accounts. Interest on savings accounts was once a great way for individuals to grow their money. But interest rates on standard, no-minimum-balance accounts are now so low that the growth in interest is negligible. However, individuals with sizable savings, such as seniors, can explore high-yield savings

accounts. High-yield savings accounts offer much higher interest rates than standard accounts. The rules governing eligibility to open such accounts differ between financial institutions, but many mandate that account holders have high minimum balances, typically in the neighborhood of \$250,000. So long as account holders maintain that minimum balance, they can accrue penalty-free interest without exposing their money to the risks of the market.

· Consider other exclusive bank accounts. Highyield savings accounts are not the only way seniors' banks may be able to help grow their money without necessarily taking on market-related risk. Products such as Chase Private Client CheckingSM offer exclusive perks, including a dedicated client advisor who can work with seniors as they navigate life changes, including retirement.

 Consider low-risk investments. Risk aversion is not the same thing as risk avoidance. It's wise for seniors to be averse to risk, but they can still consider low-risk investments like short-term bonds as



a means to growing their money in retirement. Low-risk investments can be vulnerable to inflation, not unlike money sitting in a savings account. However, certain short-term bonds, such as Treasury Inflation-Protected Se-

curities, are designed to mirror inflation, which makes them an option worthy of consideration for seniors who have been concerned by the ways inflation has affected their financial status in recent years. According

to the Department of the Treasury, the principal of a TIPS can go up or down over its term. When the bond reaches maturity, if the principal is higher than the original amount, bond holders get the increased amount. If the principal

is lower at maturity, bond holders still get the original amount.

Seniors looking to grow their money after retirement can consider a host of options that can make them less vulnerable to inflation.

What seniors should know about teaching as a second career

S seniors live longer, they may have opportunities to explore completely new career paths. After retirement, older adults may want to explore second careers that help them inspire a new generation of people. Teaching is one such career.

A person is never too old to teach if he or she feels capable. In fact, more mature teachers may be coveted because they could bring life experience, social skills and flexibility to school districts. While there are certain protocols in place to become qualified to teach, thanks to teacher shortages brought on by the recent global pandemic, many states now offer shorter routes to classrooms with alternative teacher certification programs that may not require master's degrees.

There are various reasons seniors may want to consider becoming teachers, and there are many teaching positions and opportunities for their

consideration. **Substitute teacher**

Seniors can begin their pursuits as substitute teachers. This option may not require any certificaonly need to undergo background checks for eligibility to work in schools. Substituting enables individuals to work only as much as they desire.

Adjunct professor

Certain colleges and

sionals to teach industry-specific college courses. For example, a certified public accountant may teach an introductory accounting class. Adjunct professors typically are those who are still em-

may be possible to do this as a second career as well. This could be an option for someone who would like to devote more time to teaching at an advanced

level. Elementary school or high school teacher

These positions will require the most dedication and potentially certification in a specific area, such as grade level or coursework. General education teaching requires a term commitment commensurate to the school year. And

that commitment will be five days per week. There may be more flexibility if one were to teach a specific special concentration class, such as a foreign language or art.

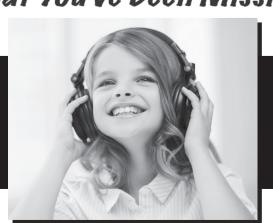
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However, certain school districts require such educators to float from school to school in the district during the week.

Preschool teacher

Seniors who aspire to shape the minds and skills

of younger children could be drawn to preschool education. Education and other certifications to work in such settings may vary depending on the school. This type of position is ideal for compassionate individuals who have the patience for youngsters who may be nervous being away from home.

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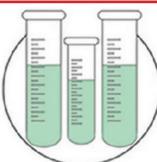
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