

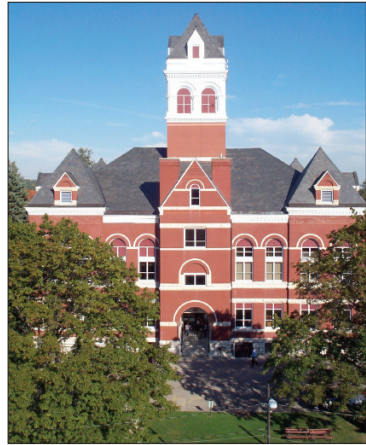


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Oregon CUSD 220 inducted its Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2024. Section B

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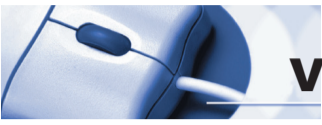
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### Booster Days held in Creston

The Creston Booster Days were held from Sept. 13-15 at the Creston Booster Park. Page 3

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HIGH LOW	HIGH LOW
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## Champley honored for service as animal control administrator

### Public health and sanitation county code changes approved Tuesday

BY JEFF HELFRICH  
MANAGING EDITOR

**OREGON** — 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. Champley has served the county as animal control administrator for 28 years after being hired in 1996.

“Tom served as a steadfast administrator committed 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. “Tom personally fostered and championed significant county improvements in the animal control offices and his impressive persona reflects his effectiveness with staff and positive impacts on citizens of the county. This

is demonstrated through his personal outreach and exceptional treatment of both people and animals. Your vision and community commitment will provide a 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-



(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)

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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,



(COURTESY PHOTO)

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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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# LOCAL NEWS



## 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

**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

County, and Will County. 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 & Recovery 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 consider: 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 Recovery Month online is available at [www.samhsa.gov/recovery-month](http://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 increases 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](http://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](http://www.afsp.org). Sinnissippi Centers also maintains an extensive links page for all behavioral healthcare topics at [www.sinnissippi.org](http://www.sinnissippi.org)

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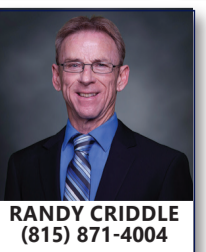
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# LOCAL NEWS



## 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's 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

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 Chief Richard 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. The exciting news I

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 mutual aid to our neighbors

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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Units placed into storage first are the last to be removed (i.e., Last In must be First Out). Spring checkout day is Saturday, March 22, 2025, at 9:00 am.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## 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.

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

### Wayne Wendell Canfield Jr.

**OREGON** — Wayne 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

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



Leann Corey and Stuart Sanderson.

A memorial will be held at a later date.

### Johnathan H. Stone

**PALM COAST, Fla.** — Johnathan H. Stone, 54, of Oregon unexpectedly passed away the morning of Sept. 13 at his house in Palm Coast, Florida.

Stone was born in Rockford to Robert R. Stone and Lora (Bruce) Stone. He was raised and lived most of his life in Oregon.

Johnathan is survived by his son Christopher Stone, his father Robert E. Stone, his brother Joshua

Stone, his stepfather Dick Stone and stepson Micheal Bandy.

He is preceded in death by his mother Lora (Bruce) Stone and stepmother Lou Stone.

Johnathan gave a lot of 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



spent in Florida with his girlfriend Amanda, where he enjoyed the warm sun and beautiful beaches.

### 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

**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

attend, as well as anyone interested in public transit. If you would like further information, please contact via email: hstp@ncicg.org or call us 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

(815) 433-5830 to reserve your time slot.

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 Schwinn at (815) 433-5830.

### YWCA Northwestern Illinois Expands Management Team

**ROCKFORD** — YWCA Northwestern Illinois (YWCA), the region'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.

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

Most recently serving as YWCA's events manager, Seyller brings two decades of nonprofit and fund development experience to her new role. During her time with YWCA, Seyller has also been instrumental in launching YWCA's One Table open air dining experience and executing the organization's Leader Luncheon events.

"I'm thrilled to have the 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 prospective donors, to reach our

fundraising goals."

For more information about YWCA Northwestern Illinois' fund development 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 instruction and programming for families, and community racial justice work that promotes 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.

### 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.

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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# LOCAL NEWS



## 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 youth.

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 administered 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

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

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

our mission of preparing highly qualified massage therapists, supporting their journey from training to licensure, and ultimate-

ly, 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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200 W Washington, Oregon	732-1301
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Family Counseling Services	962-5585
Sinissippi Centers, Inc.	
Oregon	732-3157
Rochelle	562-3801
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Mt Morris Senior & Community Center	734-6335
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Pegasus Special Riders	973-3177
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Ogle County Veteran's Assistance	815-255-9181
Veteran's Crisis Line	988 then press 1
Rock River Center	732-3252
Serenity Hospice and Home	732-2499
Medical Transportation	677-6515
<b><u>Wellness Services</u></b>	
Ogle County Health Dept	
907 Pines Rd, Oregon	562-6976
510 Lincoln Hwy, Rochelle	562-6976
Serenity Hospice and Home	732-2499

## Polo's Davis graduates From Pacific University

**FOREST GROVE, Ore.** — Kaitlyn Davis of Polo graduated in August 2024 from the College of Health Professions at Pacific University in Oregon with a Master of Science degree.

Celebrating 175 years of purpose, Pacific University is Washington

County, Oregon's only comprehensive university. With undergraduate, graduate and professional programs in the arts and sciences, business, education, health professions and optometry, Pacific inspires its 3,600 students to think, care, create, and pursue justice in the

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# LOCAL NEWS

## 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.

## 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 corrections 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**  
**POLO POLICE REPORT**

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 Topsy 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.

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

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## 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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# LOCAL NEWS



## 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

ROCHELLE – Lifeworks 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

feature 100 pumpkins available for free carving, with a limit of one pumpkin per child, per family. Pumpkins will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis, so be sure to arrive early to join in on the fun. No sign-ups are necessary!

In addition to pumpkin carving, attendees can enjoy free hot cocoa, and

there will be a best costume 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

will be displayed in front 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

wait to see everyone out in their costumes, creating memories together."

For more information or questions, please visit our fan page and message us directly. Don't forget to spread the word and invite your friends and family for an afternoon filled with autumn fun!

Lifeworks Photogra-

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 appoints Lannerd to 4<sup>th</sup> District Appellate 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

retention. Her appointment is effective immediately. Justice Lannerd is running unopposed for the seat in the November 2024 election.

Justice Lannerd was first appointed to the bench as a Circuit Judge in the Eighth Circuit in 2016 and she won election in 2018. In 2022 she was assigned by Justice Holder White to the Fourth District Appellate

Court with an assignment expiration of Dec. 2, 2024. She previously worked in private practice as a partner at Lewis, Longlett & Lannerd, LLC.

She serves as a member of the Illinois Supreme Court Judicial College Committee on Judicial Education, on the Board of Trustees of the Judges' Retirement System of Illi-

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

Communications Subcommittee.

Justice Lannerd earned her Bachelor of Science from the University of Arizona and earned her *Juris Doctor* from the University of Denver Law School.

The Fourth District Appellate Court is composed of 41 counties: Adams, Boone, Brown, Calhoun, Carroll, Cass, Ford, Ful-

ton, Greene, Hancock, Henderson, Henry, Jersey, Jo Daviess, Knox, Lee, Livingston, Logan, Macoupin, Marshall, Mason, McDonough, McLean, Menard, Mercer, Morgan, Ogle, Peoria, Pike, Putnam, Rock Island, Sangamon, Schuyler, Scott, Stark, Stephenson, Tazewell, Warren, Whiteside, Winnebago and Woodford.

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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-

### New Resource at the Library!

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### 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.

### Laura Keyes, as Elizabeth Packard

Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.oregonpubliclibrary.com) or call (815) 732-2724.

### Hauntings in the Stacks

Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](http://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 1<sup>st</sup> through October 15<sup>th</sup>. Beginning October 1<sup>st</sup>, 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 15<sup>th</sup>. Artwork will then be displayed in the library for judging October 18<sup>th</sup> through the 24<sup>th</sup>. Winner will be announced on the 25<sup>th</sup> of October. Kits will be available October 1<sup>st</sup>, 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-

arrive Due. Cocktails & Crimes will meet Sunday, October 20 at 2pm. Is This Just Fantasy? Book Club will meet in October to discuss *Prison Healer* by Lynette Noni.

### Functional Movement Type Yoga

Wednesdays at 9:30am. In this class, we use exercises based on whole-body movements to restore posture, improve body mechanics, build strength and endurance, and fine-tune 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. - OREGON PATRONS ONLY - Registration required, this class fills quickly. Please call (815) 732-2724 or visit [www.oregonpubliclibrary.com](http://www.oregonpubliclibrary.com).

### Knit & Crochet is BACK!

Mondays at 1:00pm. This group meets every Monday at 1pm and is open to anyone. From beginner to expert, all skill levels 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 x 11. Stop in on a Tuesday from 9am to 4pm and see what it can print for you!

### Community Seed Library

Harvesting your garden? Have extra seeds?

Donate them to the community seed library. We have seed envelopes 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 creative process.

### Passport Services

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

### Find A Character Ticket!

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# 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 months of June, July and

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 summer months. Nuclear

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 months, Constellation's

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 ensure the reliability of our

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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# LOCAL NEWS



## 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

**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](http://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](http://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

candidacy (depending on 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](http://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

**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](http://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](http://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

sure you come hungry, as 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

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**Sept. 23:** The monthly meeting of the Ogle County 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 Farmers Market on Saturday, Sept. 28 from 8 a.m. to 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

information or to become a vendor, please contact Taryn Bradley at (815) 985-6042, by email at [craftlab23@gmail.com](mailto: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

Sunday, Sept. 29. At 1:30 p.m., Civil War historian, 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

to nurses who attend. There is no admission fee but donations are appreciated. For more information go to [www.gvmuseum.org](http://www.gvmuseum.org). **Oct. 7:** The Byron Forest Preserve District Board of Commissioners has scheduled the Tentative Budget and Appropriation meeting for Monday, Oct.

7 at 4 p.m. The Annual Budget Workshop will be 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, Byron.

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# LOCAL NEWS



## 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 Burriss, Will Julian, Jordan Daskalov, Davis Baker, Nolan Brass, Jared Claunch and Dylan Springer. Middle row (left to right): Bristol Zum Dahl, 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

**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 Byron.

There will be a prime rib dinner option, a mostaccioli

dinner option (vegetarian option available) salad and a cash bar. Tickets cost \$80 for a single, \$150 for a couple and \$600 for an eight-seat

table.

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

For RSVP and payments: Pegasus Special Riders, PO Box 293, Oregon, IL 61061, 815-973-3177.

Pegasus Special Riders is

a nonprofit organization providing therapeutic encounters for children and adults with special needs. [www.pegassuspecialriders.org](http://www.pegassuspecialriders.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.”

## The 2025 From The Heart Cash Calendars are NOW AVAILABLE!!

The proceeds of the sale of the calendars benefit our From The Heart recipients:  
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## Chesney releases fall survey results

**FREEPORT** — State 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-

sent feel the same way.”

Similarly, when asked if they supported current 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-

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.

# LOCAL NEWS

## OGLE: County board approves special use permit for solar project

From page 1

BEST services other 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 and to become self-sufficient.

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

“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.”

### Solar

The board voted 21-2 to approve a special use permit for Yellow Rock Solar



(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)

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 Month.

for the construction and operation of a 4.99-megawatt community solar facility project on 46.46 acres in the 2,000 block of South Daysville Road. Board Member Dan

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** 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.

The board approved the use of \$8,428.93 in ARPA funds and \$62,503.97 in opioid grant money to purchase internal components for trucks for the Ogle County Sheriff's Office from Karl Chevrolet.

## Election packets for Bertolet Memorial Library Board available

**LEAF RIVER** — Nominating petitions for Bertolet Memorial Library Board in Leaf River are available.

Current board members include Danielle Brooks Krista Carlson, Willem Dijstelbergen, Mollie Krecklow, Ardis Kump, Shirley Poggioli and David Sheely. Two of these seven positions will

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 members 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.

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

Monday, Nov. 18 at 5 p.m. Packets returned after Nov. 18 may not be considered for candidacy. Packets may be obtained and filed during library hours: Monday-Thurs-

day 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday 8 a.m. to noon. This information is provided as a public service. For further information, please contact Linda, at (815) 738-2742.

## 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 for the 2024-25 academic year.

RAs are part-time student staff members who live in the residence halls with students, serve as a resource and positive role model, and help build a sense of community by hosting floor events.

RAs at UW-Whitewater reinforce the univer-

sity's mission to provide a welcoming, safe and inclusive place where students, faculty and staff champion one another.

“Resident Assistants are dynamic individuals selected based on potential as a leader, ability to connect with students and having an attitude that is positive and caring,” said Maria Glorioso, assistant director for student engagement. “RAs plan fun and engaging events, serve as a resource to others and interact intentionally with each student

they encounter. They are instrumental in making the halls home for every student.”

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.

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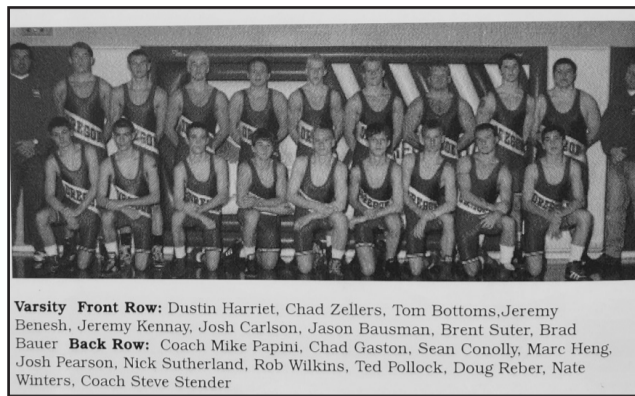
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(COURTESY PHOTOS)

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 Fame.

**Jerry Baker**

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 discus 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 &

field at Marquette University in Milwaukee.

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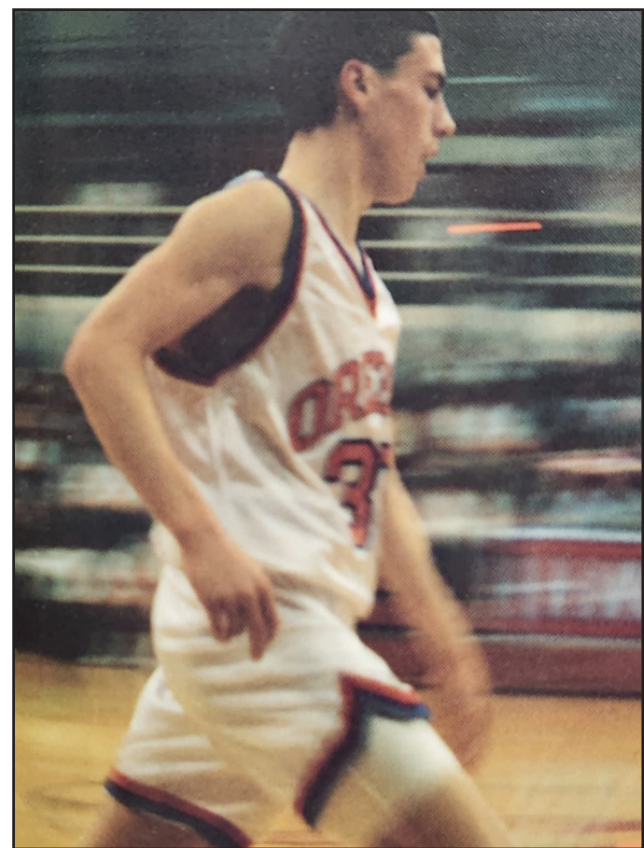
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# LOCAL NEWS



(COURTESY PHOTOS)

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).

## OCUSD: Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2024 inductees honored

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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 Midwest Interscholastic Champion and was rec-

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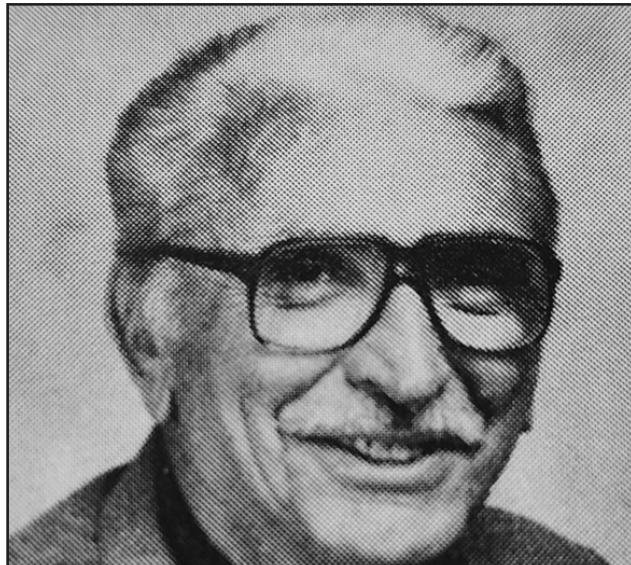
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# LOCAL NEWS



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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 equaled 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 in 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 became head volleyball

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 hurdles & 7th in the 300m hurdles; and McWethy,

Garrett 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 Team**  
The 1997-98 Oregon Hawk wrestling team be-

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 Allean 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 1995.

**Bob & Leona Groenhagen**  
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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**CLAIM NOTICE**  
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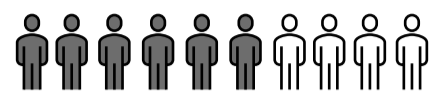
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## Financial strategies that can help seniors grow their money

INVESTING 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 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 year-plus 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. High-yield 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 Checking<sup>SM</sup> 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

AS 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 certification, and substitutes may



only 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 universities hire profes-

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 employed in their fields, but it

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

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## SENIORS: How to pursue teaching as a second education

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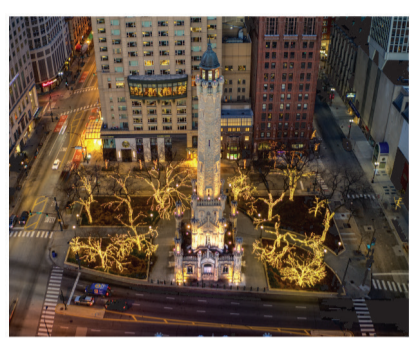
However, certain school districts require such educators to float from school to school in the district during the week.

**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.

Teaching is a potential second career for seniors looking for new challenges after retirement. Most alternative route certification courses are now offered online, which can align with any applicant's schedule.



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 <p><b>Belle Harvest APPLE CIDER</b> 64 oz <b>3.99</b></p>	 <p><b>HONEY CRISP APPLES</b> 3 lb <b>3.99</b></p>	 <p><b>GALA OR GOLDEN DELICIOUS APPLES</b> 3 lb <b>3.49</b></p>	 <p><b>Marzetti CARAMEL DIP</b> Select Varieties 13.5 oz <b>4.99</b></p> <p><b>Affy Tapple</b> Apple Peanut or Plain 3 ct <b>4.49</b></p>
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Prices Effective: Wednesday, September 25 thru Tuesday, October 1, 2024

 <p><b>Sullivan's Signature EXTRA LEAN GROUND BEEF CHUCK</b> 3 lbs or more <b>4.99 lb</b></p>	 <p><b>GROUND FRESH DAILY!</b> <b>Sullivan's Signature BACON CHEDDAR ONION COWBOY BURGER</b> <b>5.99 lb</b></p>	 <p><b>US Gov't Insp PORK BUTT ROAST</b> <b>1.88 lb</b></p>	 <p><i>Certified Angus Beef® brand</i> <b>BONELESS CHUCK ROAST</b> <b>5.99 lb</b></p>
 <p><b>US Gov't Insp PORK STEAKS</b> Family Pack <b>1.99 lb</b></p>	 <p><b>Sullivan's Signature, Fresh PORK BREAKFAST OR ITALIAN SAUSAGE OR GROUND PORK</b> <b>2.99 lb</b></p>	 <p><b>PERFECT FOR THE SMOKER OR GRILL!</b> <b>US Grade A BONELESS CHICKEN THIGHS</b> Family Pack <b>2.49 lb</b></p>	 <p><i>Certified Angus Beef® brand</i> <b>BONELESS RIBEYE STEAKS</b> <b>14.99 lb</b></p>



**3 DAY sale!**  
 - Thursday, September 26, - Friday, September 27 - Saturday, September 28, 2024 -

 <p><b>1.69 lb</b> <b>Cook's SHANK PORTION BONE-IN HAM</b></p>	 <p><b>1.89 lb</b> <b>Cook's BUTT PORTION BONE-IN HAM</b></p>	 <p><b>99¢ ea</b> <b>AVOCADOS</b></p>	 <p><b>1.59</b> <b>Fruit Filled MINI TURNOVERS</b> Select Varieties 4 ct</p>	 <p><b>2/\$5</b> <b>Willy's SALSA</b> Select Varieties 16 oz</p>
 <p><b>2/\$5</b> <b>ROMAINE HEARTS</b> 3 ct</p>	 <p><b>2/\$5</b> <b>Niagara WATER</b> 24 pk/8-16.9 oz bottles</p>	 <p><b>5/\$5</b> <b>Green Giant VEGETABLES</b> Select Varieties 14.5-15.25 oz</p>	 <p><b>4/\$5</b> <b>Snack Pack PUDDING OR GELATIN</b> Select Varieties 4 ct</p>	 <p><b>2/\$5</b> <b>Pillsbury GRANDS!, CRESCENTS OR CINNAMON ROLLS</b> Select Varieties 8-16.3 oz</p>

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