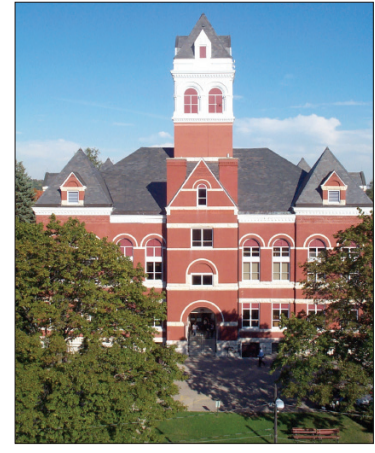


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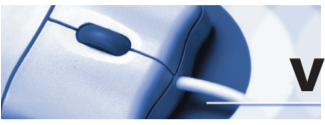


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## Presentation made on potential community solar involvement

Engineering agreements approved Tuesday

BY JEFF HELFRICH  
MANAGING EDITOR

OREGON — At its monthly meeting Tuesday, the Ogle County Board heard a presentation from Mike Mudge of Rock River Energy Services regarding the county's potential future involvement in community solar with US Solar.

Mudge said he's been working with the county on a potential 20-year agreement at a 15 percent discount to its power bill that would see no investment required by the county. A community solar project, farm or garden is a solar power installation that accepts capital from and provides output credit and tax benefits to multiple customers, including individuals, businesses, nonprofits, and other investors.

Getting into community solar would result in a \$12,415 annual savings for



(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)

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the county, Mudge said. Community solar helps the state to meet its clean energy goals and utilizes state incentive programs.

Ogle County would be involved with five local community solar gardens in the region, including one each in Whiteside County, Ogle County and Manville and two in Fulton. Each of them is planned to come online in

2025. Those five gardens have enough capacity to take care of all five Ogle County power accounts. The power from the solar gardens will go onto ComEd's system.

Ogle County would be the first county in ComEd's western territory to get involved in community solar.

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(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)

Amid Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October, Rochelle Community Hospital is going above and beyond its year-round efforts this month to raise awareness, offer mammograms, and catch cases of breast cancer as early as possible.

## RCH raises awareness, offers mammography services

BY JEFF HELFRICH  
MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE — Amid Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October, Rochelle Community Hospital is going above and beyond its year-round efforts this month to raise awareness, offer mammograms, and catch cases of breast cancer as early as possible, RCH Radiology Department Manager Joy Miller said Oct. 8.

RCH offers walk-in screening mammograms year round on Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. In October, the hospital will also give out free breast cancer awareness-themed t-shirts designed by RCH for patients after their mammograms.

The hospital is also getting out into the community to spread awareness this month.

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## RMU linemen help with storm recovery efforts

Local utility workers travel to Georgia after recent hurricanes

BY JEFF HELFRICH  
MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE — Rochelle Municipal Utilities recently welcomed home three members of its electric department that worked on storm recovery efforts in Georgia following Hurricane Helene.

Linemen Jimmy Turcato, Todd Johnson and Casey Howard traveled to Georgia on Sept. 25 and returned Oct. 7. They spent time in Jackson, Elberton and Douglas, Georgia, working to restore power for residents. On Wednesday, Oct. 9, RMU sent another crew of four on a similar trip to Lakeland, Florida to assist in the aftermath of Hurricane Milton.

Turcato, Johnson and Howard spoke with the News-Leader Oct. 9 to describe their experience in storm recovery efforts.

RMU Superintendent of Electric Operations Blake Toliver said that RMU is part of a list through the Illinois Municipal Electric Agency (IMEA) of utilities willing to send linemen to communities in need.

RMU was contacted by Electric Cities of Georgia (ECG), an organization that helps care for all of the municipalities in Georgia, and sent a crew to Jackson before Turcato, Johnson and Howard were redeployed twice after that. RMU linemen volunteer for the storm recovery work and are paid for their mutual aid efforts.

"At the end of the day it's a feel-good effort," Toliver said. "Because you're getting people's power turned back on and a lot of these people are very thankful to the linemen out there doing the job."

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Ashton 17-year-old boy charged with murder of 16-year-old girl Sosa charged with four counts of first-degree murder in Ashton homicide case

BY JEFF HELFRICH  
MANAGING EDITOR

ASHTON—A 17-year-old Ashton boy has been charged with murder stemming from a 16-year-old girl that was found dead in an apartment in Ashton on Tuesday, a Lee County Sheriff's Office press release said Wednesday.

The Lee County Sheriff's Office is still investigating the homicide that occurred at 702 Richardson Ave., Apartment A in Ashton on Tuesday. An autopsy was conducted

the morning of Wednesday at the Peoria County Coroner's Office on the 16-year-old female victim. The preliminary cause of death has been ruled as strangulation. Per the wishes of the mother, the 16-year-old victim has been identified as Jaedyn A. Hill.

The Lee County State's Attorney's Office has filed charges alleging four counts of first-degree murder in the case against 17-year-old David J. Sosa of Ashton. The charges against Sosa are being filed

as an adult and they carry a sentencing range of 20 to 60 years in the Department of Corrections. A detention hearing was held the morning of Wednesday in Lee County Case Number 24 CF 252. Sosa was remanded to the Kane County Juvenile Detention Center since he is currently a minor.

The investigation began on Tuesday at approximately 7:04 a.m. when the Lee County Sheriff's Office received a call from the Rochelle Police Department regarding a

subject that walked into their lobby. The subject was identified as Sosa, who indicated to RPD officers that he was involved in a murder. RPD took the information and provided the apartment address in Ashton for Lee County deputies to conduct a welfare check. Hill's body was located inside the apartment. Sosa and Hill resided at the apartment, and they were in a dating relationship, the press release said.

The Lee County State's Attorney's Office, the Lee

County Juvenile Probation Department, RPD, the Illinois State Police – Crime Scene Services, the Lee County Coroner's Office, and the Peoria County Coroner's Office have all assisted with the investigation.

If anyone has information about this investigation, please call the Lee County Sheriff's Office at (815) 284-6631 or Crimestoppers at 1-888-CAUGHT-U. Callers can remain anonymous and receive rewards of up to \$1,000 if their informa-



David J. Sosa

tion leads to an arrest. All charges are merely an allegation, and the defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty.



(COURTESY PHOTO)

FHLBank Chicago awarded Small Town Roots Salon a grant of \$15,000 through its Community First Accelerate Grants for Small Business program through partnership with First State Bank Shannon Polo Lake Carroll.

## FSB Shannon Polo Lake Carroll announces Community First grant recipients

SHANNON — FHLBank Chicago awarded Small Town Roots Salon

a grant of \$15,000 through its Community First Accelerate Grants for Small

Business program through partnership with First State Bank Shannon Polo Lake

Carroll.

Small Town Roots Salon has been a part of the Shannon community since 2019. Owner Brittany Welch provides a lot of support to the members of our community, going over and above helping our less fortunate. Her building is in desperate need of repair. This grant will allow Brittany to continue to serve our elderly and less fortunate population. As she said when we spoke about the grant, with tears, "this grant will be life-changing". This grant will cover a large portion of the funds needed for building repairs.

Accelerate Grants assist the growth and development of small businesses in Illinois and Wisconsin, creating economic opportunity in the communities FHLBank Chicago members serve. Through its member institutions, FHLBank Chicago offers grants of up to \$30,000 to eligible small businesses.

## First mosquito pool of West Nile Virus confirmed in Ogle County

OREGON – The Ogle County Health Department (OCHD) has confirmed the first mosquito pool of West Nile virus reported in Ogle County for 2024. This follows the bird that tested positive for West Nile Virus last month.

A mosquito pool in Rochelle tested positive for West Nile Virus (WNV). Mosquitoes with WNV should be assumed to present throughout the county. Mosquitoes will be present through the fall, so it is important to take precautions to prevent West Nile Virus in humans. Monitoring for West Nile virus in Illinois includes laboratory tests for mosquito batches, dead crows, blue jays, robins and other perching birds, as well as testing humans with West Nile virus-like symptoms.

People who observe a sick or dying crow, blue jay, robin or other perching bird should contact their local health department, which will determine if the bird will be picked up for testing. West Nile virus is transmitted through the bite of a Culex pipiens mosquito, commonly called a house mosquito, which has picked up the virus by feeding on an infected bird. Common symptoms include fever, nausea, headache and muscle aches.

Symptoms may last from a few days to a few weeks. However, four out of five people infected with West Nile virus will not show any symptoms. In rare cases, severe illness including meningitis or encephalitis, or even death, can occur.

People older than 50 and individuals with weakened immune systems are at high risk for severe illness from West Nile virus. Precautions include practicing the three "R's" – reduce, repel, and report.

**REDUCE** - make sure doors and windows have tight-fitting screens. Repair or replace screens that have tears or other openings. Try to keep doors and windows shut. Eliminate, or refresh each week, all sources of standing water where mosquitoes can breed, including water in bird baths, ponds, flowerpots, wading pools, old tires, and any other containers.

**REPEL** - when outdoors, wear shoes and socks, long pants and a long-sleeved shirt, and apply insect repellent that contains DEET, picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus, or IR3535 according to label instructions. Consult a physician before using repellents on infants.

**REPORT** – report locations where you see water sitting stagnant for more than a week such as roadside ditches, flooded yards, and similar locations that may produce mosquitoes. The local health department or city government may be able to add larvicide to the water, which will kill any mosquito eggs. To learn more about WNV and other mosquito-borne diseases and prevention methods you can consult the Illinois Department of Public Health website or contact the IDPH WNV hotline at 866-369-9710, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.



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# LOCAL NEWS



(COURTESY PHOTO)

Pictured are a group of public school students who were brought to the Lorado Taft Field Campus in the 1950s for their outdoor education program.

## Oregon Depot to host panel on Taft Campus

**OREGON** — Over many decades, the Lorado Taft Field Campus provided great outdoor experiences for generations of young people as well as offering core instruction for NIU master's degree students in outdoor teaching education.

With the announced closing of Lorado Taft Field Campus by Northern Illinois University, the Oregon Depot will present a panel discussion on the subject Oct. 26 at 10 a.m. Three local residents with ties to the campus will offer insight.

Andy Colbert was food administrator coordinator from 1980-2010 and also resided on campus for several years on security detail. He has a graduate degree in public administration from NIU and will offer an insider's view on the changes in operational procedures that may have impacted the decision to close Taft.

Tim O'Rourke graduated with a teaching degree from Lorado Taft's master's program and for many years took Oregon fifth graders to the facility for a resident outdoor edu-

cation experience. He will share a historical perspective of his time associated there from 1970 until the late 1990s when the Oregon school district ceased taking its fifth graders to Lorado Taft.

Both Colbert and O'Rourke are long-time residents of Oregon.

Melanie Costello is campus director/outdoor education coordinator for the Lorado Taft Field Campus. From her hometown of Sycamore, she first came to Taft as a graduate assistant in 1998. Now calling Stillman

Valley home, Melanie oversees Taft program activities and its physical facilities. She also directs Taft department heads and serves as a liaison with the DeKalb campus. Melanie will share what has been happening at Lorado Taft in recent years and some of the challenges it has faced in today's environment of higher education.

For more information about this presentation or other depot topics, please contact Roger Cain 815-757-9715, Chris Martin 815-742-8471 or Otto Dick 815-440-0639.

## St. Paul Lutheran Church seeking singers

**OREGON** — St. Paul Lutheran in Oregon has begun a tradition in recent years of hosting a public performance of local musicians on the First Sunday of December. We are holding this event again this year on Sunday, Dec. 1. In prior years the program consisted largely of keyboard and instrumental performers. It has occurred to us that the time has come to expand our event to include choral music.

Mt. Morris, Oregon and other towns in the region have a history of excellent community chorus singing, particularly during the holiday season. In fact, an annual community Christmas Cantata had been performed in Mt. Morris until the COVID-19 crisis interrupted our lives.

Since there has been quite a gap since the last cantata was performed, we have decided to start small in 2024. Rather than jump-

ing back in with a complete cantata, we are inviting any interested singers to join us for a performance of just three choruses from "The Winter Rose", composed by Joseph Martin. This is a cantata that has been sung in Mt. Morris previously.

Interested singers are welcome to learn more by attending an organizational meeting and first rehearsal at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 6 at St.

Paul Lutheran church in Oregon. Sheet music will be provided. There is no cost to participate. If there is sufficient response, we will hold Wednesday evening rehearsals through the rest of November and perform on Dec. 1 at St. Paul. The church is located at 114 S. 5<sup>th</sup> St., Oregon, Illinois 61061.

You can phone Jim Whitten directly at (231) 349-3605 if you have questions.

## Obituaries

### Sara J. Graham

**OREGON** — Sara J. Graham, 87, died peacefully on Saturday, October 12, 2024, at Generations at Neighbors Nursing Home of Byron, IL. She was born April 16, 1937, in Freeport, IL, the daughter of Chester & Julia (Young) Smith. She graduated from Freeport High school. Sara was a hard worker and held various jobs throughout her life including telephone switchboard operator. She then became a dispatcher/ 911 supervisor for Ogle and Lee counties. She was dedicated to her career and was proud to serve her communities. As long as she lived in the area, she was a devoted member of the Chana United Methodist Church, and appreciated the friendships she gained there. Throughout her life she enjoyed being active and working with her hands. She loved to sew, paint, work around the house, travel, visit apple orchards and go antiquing. Her favorite activities, however, were those that included her family, especially her grandchildren. Her family was her whole world and making memories with them was her top priority. She is preceded in death by her parents, daughter



Kelly Graham and former husband James Graham. She is survived and missed dearly by her loving children Heather Graham-Lee (Joel Jordan) of Lake in the Hills, IL, Kim Graham of Oregon, IL, Craig (Corena) Graham of Peru, IL; grandchildren Whitney (Richard) Jones, Jacob (Cassie) Graham, Mackenzie (Cassie) Graham, Trevor (Jessica) Lee; great-grandchildren James, Josephine, Brooke, Oliver, Walker, Brayden and Olivia.

A funeral service in Sara's honor has been scheduled for Friday, October 18, 2024, at Chana United Methodist Church beginning at 5:00 PM with Pastor Dave Rogula presiding. An hour of visitation will be held at the church just prior, between the hours of 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM. Memorial donations are established in her name and may be directed to the family.

### H. Lynn Stivers

**BYRON** — H. Lynn Stivers, age 85, of Byron and formerly of Stillman Valley passed away Monday October 14, 2024. Born in Assumption, IL on November 4, 1938 to Harry & Gladys Stivers (Stokes). A proud Friend of Bill, achieving 42 years of sobriety 2/2/1982. Lynn devoted his life to his family, especially his grand & great grandchildren, his true pride and joy. He loved family camping trips, fixing anything needing repaired, rooting for the Packers and a hot cup of coffee. Beloved husband, father, "Paca", brother, uncle and dear friend; he will remain forever in our hearts.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 67 years, Karla D. Stivers (Wick); children, Michael Stivers, Tom (Shelly) Stivers, Melissa (Robby) Sims and Troy Stivers; former daughters-in-law, Leanna & Patty Stivers; grandchildren, Jamie (Josh), TJ (Amanda), Adam (Amanda), Aaron (Autumn), Nathan, Haelie, Zach (Mikki), Jacob, Lizza, Tanner, Ryan, Brandon, Breanna, Kayla and Tyler; 26 great



grandchildren; 6 great great grandchildren; brothers, Maynard (Lorene) Stivers, Jerry (late Sue) Stivers and Nick (Sabina) Stivers; numerous nieces & nephews; as well as many cherished Camping Club friends and brother & sister-in-laws. He is predeceased by his son, Tim (Sheila) Stivers; son-in-law, Jeff Wallace; granddaughter, Brittany Wallace; infant sister, Correne Virginia Stivers; brothers, Darrel (Ginny) Stivers, Perry Stivers and Ron Stivers; his parents and father & mother-in-law.

Graveside Services held Monday October 28, 2024 at 1:00 pm at the Stillman Valley Cemetery, N. Stillman Rd. Cremation rites accorded. Christenson Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the family.

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### FSB Polo Shannon Lake Carroll donates to Polo Fire

First State Bank Shannon Polo Lake Carroll recently contributed to the safety and well-being of its area by funding an upgrade of life safety vests for the Polo Fire Protection District. "It's our way of saying thank you to the heroes who tirelessly protect and serve, ensuring a safer future for all," an FSB press release said.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Obituaries

### Eleanor Betty Nell Gangelhoff Ford

**MT. MORRIS** — Betty Ford, Eleanor Betty Nell Gangelhoff Ford, passed away peacefully on Friday, October 11, 2024, at Serenity Hospice and Home of Oregon, IL surrounded by her loving friends and family.

She was born on April 15, 1930, in Grand Forks, ND the ninth child of Jacob H. & Helen H. (Rose) Gangelhoff. Betty married Bradley Ford on May 11, 1960, in East Grand Forks, MN. They were blessed with 25 years of marriage and four children. Betty was a successful business woman serving as secretary to the President of the East Grand Forks National Bank, several church offices, medical offices and the Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Center in Oregon, IL.

Betty had a deep love for and devotion to her family. She was our rock and our comfort. She was ever present and always willing to help in times of need. She was the heart of our family. Betty had a faith and love in God that was even deeper. She was a prayer warrior and lifted

so many to the Lord. She was faithful to raise her children with a love of God and the knowledge of salvation through Jesus Christ.

Betty is preceded in death by her parents, brothers Vernon & Roger Gangelhoff, and sisters Helen Gangelhoff, Pearl Hultgren, Gertrude Antonicci, Marion Sheldon, Myrtle Fillipi, Irene Davis, Lorraine Rice. She is survived and missed dearly by her loving children Susan (Dennis Schneider) Ford of Mt. Morris, IL, Jerry (Cheryl) Ford of New Franken, WI, David (Jane) Ford of St. Joseph, MN, James (Rhonda) Ford of Hammond, WI; grandchildren John Cahill, Sarah (Joel Schneck) Cahill, Emily (Jesse Culbertson) Cahill, Jennifer Cahill, Elizabeth Hanson, Gregory Ford, Dillon (Catherine) Ford, Noah Ford, Madeline Ford, Brian Ford; great-grandchildren Natalia Nolasco, Evelyn Plumb, Henry Hanson, Nathan Schneck; brother Gordon (Gloria) Gangelhoff of Bloomington, MN; sister Dorothy



VanLoo of Longmont, CO, sister-in-law Jean Gangelhoff of Oroville, CA; dear friend Arlene Sangmiester; and many nieces and nephews.

A funeral service commemorating Betty's life has been scheduled for 11:00 AM on Wednesday, October 16, 2024, at the Trinity Lutheran Church of Mt. Morris, IL, with Pastor Josh Ehrler presiding. Beginning at 10:00 AM will be a visitation to greet the family at the church. Betty will be laid to rest alongside her husband at Riverview Cemetery of Oregon, IL.

In lieu of flowers the family asks that you consider making a donation to Serenity Hospice and Home of Oregon, IL. To leave an online condolence or plant a tree in Betty's memory please visit [www.farrellhollandgale.com](http://www.farrellhollandgale.com).

### Stanley R. 'Spud' Miller

**CHANA** — Stanley R. "Spud" Miller, age 66, died peacefully on Sunday, October 13, 2024, in the comforting presence of his home surrounded by his loving family. He was born on February 16, 1958, in Dixon, IL, the son of Ronald "Ronnie" and Mildred "Millie" (Canode) Miller. He graduated from Stillman Valley High School in 1976.

He married his soulmate, Sheila Leek on October 7, 1989, in Davis Junction, IL. He worked for the family business (Miller's Blasting Service) for several years where he retired as a member of the Midwest Operating Engineers Local 150. Most recently he was a proud employee of Quick Supply in Amboy, IL in the role of Account Manager.

He enjoyed playing golf earlier in life with his father and brothers. Together with his biker babe Sheila, he traveled to multiple states on their Harley Davidson. Listening to Elvis and Christian music could always bring him joy as well. He also had a passion for helping the less fortunate through philanthropy. In addition,

he regularly attended football games.

He especially liked to go to Soldier Field to cheer on the Chicago Bears. Embracing life in its entirety, Spud found comfort in the presence of family, friends, and most of all, his loving wife. He was a devoted follower of his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and spent every Sunday he could worshipping at Beacon Hill Church in Byron, IL.

Preceded in death by his parents, Ronnie and Millie Miller, his son David Miller, mother-in-law Marlene Leek, sister-in-law Shelly (Leek) Abate, and brother-in-law Butch Farbo. Spud's legacy continues through his enduring wife, Sheila, of 35 years and their children: Jaime Hart of Rockford, IL; Landi (Tom Jr.) Stone of Chana, IL; and Ryan (Sarah) Miller of Darien, WI. Spud is also survived by father-in law Jim (Irene) Leek of Paducah, KY; siblings Steve (Sue) Miller of Freeport, IL; Vicki Farbo of Byron, IL; Stacy (Trina) Miller of Surprise, AZ; Tania VanBriesen of Stillman Valley, IL; 13 grandchildren Taylor (Taylor), Matthew (Tabatha), Bryan, Kai-



la, Kaiden, Cameron, Mason, Aubree, Brandt, Sydney, Cody, Cole, and Brody; 3 great-grandchildren, with two more on the way. In addition to many nieces, nephews, cousins and dear friends.

In recognition of the unwavering support from Pastor Gary Cortese, Serenity Hospice and Home, and Quick Supply, the family extends their heartfelt gratitude. A funeral service will be held Saturday, October 19, 2024 at 11 AM at the Red Brick Church, 207 Roosevelt Street, Stillman Valley, IL with Pastor Gary Cortese officiating. The Visitation Will be Friday, October 18, 2024 from 5:00 to 8:00 PM at the Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home, 136 W. Roosevelt Road in Stillman Valley, IL.

In lieu of flowers a memorial fund is established in Stanley Miller's name and may be directed to the family.

### Marian DeWall

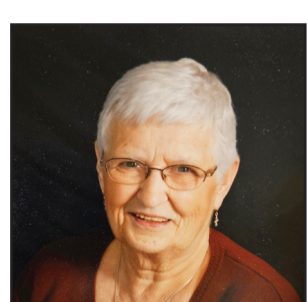
**FORRESTON** — Marian DeWall, 88, of Forreston, IL passed away Sunday October 13, 2024 at Swedish American Hospital in Rockford, IL. She was born April 21, 1936 at home in Rural Polo, Ogle County, IL, the daughter of Earl K. and Marian H. (Weaver) Brown. Marian married Donald H. DeWall September 4, 1953 at Elkhorn EUB Church in Polo, IL.

Marian worked for the Baileyville and Forreston Grain Elevators, Micro-Switch, and Stronghold Gift Shop. She was a member of Prairie Dell Presbyterian Church where she was very active. She was a leader of Silver Slivers 4-H Club, Silver Creek Home Extension, Blackhawk Presbyterian Church Women Ministries, Ogle Women's Club, Ogle County Election Judge, and Farmer's Family Restaurant "Table of Knowledge". Marian was a loyal Forreston Cardinal

fan. She loved to sew, travel, swim, and spend time with and helping her family and friends.

Marian is survived by her husband Donald DeWall of Forreston, IL; Children, Louanne Vedra Glisan (Ron) Winnebago, IL, Joanne Canfield (Rick), Oregon, IL, Susanne Jansen (Brian), Hospers Iowa, Deanne Wagner (Roger), Yorktown, VA, Darrell DeWall (Kathy), Freeport, IL; Siblings Elinor Patrick (Jim) AZ, Paul Brown (Carol) AZ, Nina Moring (Darrel) Forreston, IL; sister-in-law, Diane Brown, Milledgeville, IL; In-laws Eldon & Elsie DeWall, Leola Juergens, Ardath DeWall, Anita & Bob DeVries; fourteen grandchildren, two step-grandchildren, sixteen great-grandchildren plus one on the way, three step-great-grandchildren, and five step-great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, son-in-law, Douglas Vedra, and



siblings Harvey Brown and wife Sue, Everett Brown, Laurel Hippen, and Brother-in-laws Kenneth Juergens & Verlo DeWall.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 AM Saturday, October 19, 2024, at Forreston Grove Church, 7246 N Freeport Rd, Forreston, IL. (church visitation prior to service 9:30 until service) Visitation will be on Friday at Burke Tubbs, Forreston, IL. 4-7PM. Burial will be at Chapel Hill Cemetery, Freeport, IL. Lunch will follow at the Forreston Grove Church fellowship hall. In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established for Serenity Hospice and Home in Oregon, IL and the Brick Church Cemetery Fund.

### Helen 'Mickey' Williams

**BYRON** — Helen "Mickey" Williams passed away peacefully on October 6, 2024. Mickey's kind and loving spirit was shared with all that had the privilege of knowing her.

She was a graduate of Elgin High School and later worked for the Elgin School District U-46 for many years. She first worked as a secretary at Columbia Elementary School and then worked in the personnel department until she retired.

She married Robert "Bob" Williams on July 3, 1982. After a couple of years in Elgin they both retired and moved to their new home in Byron where they found a very welcoming community. They took many trips and enjoyed spending time with their rescue dogs. Mickey was an

avid reader and a lover of everything chocolate. She delighted in cooking, entertaining and creating an inviting atmosphere filled with laughter and love.

Mickey was a woman of faith and an active member of the United Church of Byron. She loved her family and being a wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother.

Mickey is preceded in death by her parents, sister Clara "Toots" Wahl, and son Harold Paul Lalley. She is survived by her husband, Bob of Byron, children John (Daniel Rodriguez) Lalley of Elgin, Jane (Lalley) Mursewick of Elgin; grandchildren include Christopher (Casey) Lalley of Escondido, CA., Daniel Mursewick of Elgin, Matthew Mursewick



of South Carolina and Morgan Mursewick of Elgin; and great grandson Desmond Lalley.

A celebration of her life will be held at a date to be held at 11:00 AM on Monday, October 21, 2024 at the United Church of Byron with Pastor Tyler Spellious officiating with a light luncheon to follow. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to The United Church of Byron or Tails Humane Society.

To leave an online condolence please visit [www.farrellhollandgale.com](http://www.farrellhollandgale.com)

### John Henry Louis Combs

**ROCHELLE** — John Henry Louis Combs, age 24, while out of state working on a storm restoration project, passed away unexpectedly on Friday, October 4, 2024 in Montgomery Alabama. He was born on January 20, 2000 in Rockford, IL, the son of Christopher and Cheryl (Bowlen) Combs. John was a dedicated

Local 196 Journeyman Lineman and owner and operator of Combs Complete Insulation, who was a joy to be around. He had an infectious kindness,

spending many years at the Diamond G Ranch, where he rode horses and participated in rodeos. John liked to build and ride motorcycles, raise cattle and listen to music. He will be greatly missed.

He is preceded in death by his grandparents, John and Carol Bowlen and uncles: Ron and William Bowlen.

John is survived by his father, Christopher Combs; brother, Patrick Combs; mother, Cheryl Combs; grandfather, Don Combs; grandmother,



Kathy (Robert) Skattum; uncle, Scott (Megan) Combs; special cousins: Leon Combs and Chris Bowlen; many special friends and "his" dog, Toby.

There will be a Celebration of Life gathering at the Rochelle Diamond G Ranch, 4564 S. Knoll Rd., Rochelle on October 26, 2024, serving lunch at 1:00 P.M.

Cremation care has been provided by the Unger-Horner Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Rochelle, IL. Visit [www.UngerHorner.com](http://www.UngerHorner.com) to sign the online guest book.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## State superintendent visits Oregon School District to engage with students and staff

**OREGON** – Illinois State Superintendent Dr. Tony Sanders visited the Oregon School District, accompanied by Superintendent Dr. PJ Caposey and Assistant Superintendent Mr. Adam Larsen. During this visit, Sanders toured the district's elementary and high schools, exploring various parts of the schools and learning about the district's history.

"Dr. Sanders' visit was a fantastic opportunity to showcase the hard work and dedication of our students and staff," Caposey said. "We are grateful for this time and interest in learning about our district's achievements and initiatives."

his role as state superintendent and participating in a New England map quiz, which was part of the class's social studies lesson.

Dr. Sanders continued his visit at the Blackhawk Center, where he reviewed the facilities before moving on to Mrs. Taylor's English class. There, he observed seniors working on college-level assignments and discussed their academic progress. His next stop was the Welding room, where he viewed the equipment and met with welding teacher Mr. McMillan. Dr. Sanders also visited the classroom of 2022 Illinois Teacher of the Year, Ms. Kim Radostits, where he and Ms. Radostits discussed various aspects of Oregon High School.

The final part of Dr. Sanders' tour included a visit to the OHS Music room, where he observed students in music les-



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(COURTESY PHOTO)

sons and learned about recent updates to the music department, including

new seating. The Oregon School District appreciated Dr. Sanders' visit and looks

forward to welcoming him back in the future. Oregon High School

junior Leland Howard contributed to this press release.

## Chesney seeks family photos and stories of Veterans for Wall of Honor Display

**SPRINGFIELD** – To help pay tribute to veterans and honor their legacies and sacrifices, State Sen. Andrew Chesney (R-Freeport) is encouraging constituents to submit a photo and story of their loved one who served our nation so it can be displayed in the rotunda of the Illinois Capitol from Nov. 11-25 in honor of Veterans Day.

"The 'Honoring All Who Served' Veterans Day Display is a fitting tribute to the brave men and women who served

our country and all that it stands for," Chesney said. "It's important to never forget the names, faces and stories of these heroes who sacrificed so much to ensure that we are able to enjoy the freedoms that make our nation great."

Families are asked to submit a photo and written story (max: 250 words) along with the following information: name, military branch (Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, National Guard, Navy) and conflict

served (Afghanistan, Iraq, Sept. 11, Gulf War, Vietnam, Korea, World War II, WWI, Peacetime, other). Military photos are preferred but not necessary.

Please email submissions to veteransday@sgop.ilga.gov by Nov. 8, 2024, to be included in the Veterans Day Display at the Illinois State Capitol. Submissions can also be mailed to Veterans Day Wall, 110 D Statehouse, Springfield, IL 62706. For questions, please call (217) 782-1154.

## Patriotic Few MC to host Veterans Ball on Nov. 9 in Rochelle

**ROCHELLE** — Patriotic Few MC of Northern Illinois is hosting their first annual Veterans Ball on Saturday, Nov. 9 from 7 p.m. to Midnight at the Flight Deck Bar and Grill in Rochelle.

Come join us as we honor those that served past and present. This is a formal attire event with a cash bar, hard 'oeuvres, DJ, door prizes and much more.

Tickets can be purchased online (<https://www.zeffy.com/ticketing/4b10adeb-49d6-44ff-82e9-ec25d-3ca1d14>) or at the Flight Deck Bar and Grill.

If you are unable to attend, please consider sponsoring a veteran and their spouse.

We are looking forward to an amazing night getting to know and honor our veterans. We hope you will join us.

Patriotic Few is a non-profit organization. A portion of the proceeds from this event will go towards supporting veteran causes, such as our local VFWs.

Ticket price: \$100 per couple  
Please reach out to any of our board members for more information or a formal interview.

## Carefree 4-H Club elects officers

**OREGON** — Carefree 4-H club of Ogle County, located in Oregon, recently nominated and selected its new officers for this year's 2024-2025 4-H year. Congratulations to Allissa Martin on being voted for club president,

Cooper Alderks for vice president, Shelby Harbaugh as secretary, Ashley Harbaugh as treasurer, Anna Marquardt as reporter, Ellie Schier for the sentinel position, Emily Harbaugh for program junior leader, and last but not

least, Kodi Hubbard for recreation chair. For the future October meeting, the club will get together at the Rochelle Conservation Center to participate in service opportunities and continue going over the year's schedule.



**Leaf River Soaring Eagles promote 4-H**

The first full week of October is National 4-H promotion week. To help promote 4-H the Leaf River Soaring Eagles Club decorated the bulletin board at the Bertolo Memorial Library. Come by, check it out and grab information on the club. The location is 705 Main St., Leaf River. Visitors are always welcome to the club's meetings the second Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Leaf River Complex. Pictured with the bulletin board: Kolton Motszko, David Bagwell, David Wehler and Lydia Sherburne. If anyone would like more information on the club, please contact Nickie Lingbeck at (815) 275-2492. (Courtesy photos)



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## OGLE: County board approves engineering agreement for two projects during meeting

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### Engineering

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The first was for the engineering services for the replacement or extension of 21 road culverts on North German Church Road with Willett,

Hofmann & Associates for \$176,891.

The second was for phase two of work on a Mill Road bridge rehabilitation with Willett, Hofmann & Associates for \$32,920.

### ARPA

The board unanimously approved the use of \$5,288 in federal American Res-

cue Plan Act (ARPA) funds on a Carrier Interface with ADP and BlueCross/BlueShield. Board Chairman John Finfrock (R, District 7, Mt. Morris) said the new interface will make the exchange of information easier with employees, such as the addition of children to health insurance plans, and will save the county on data error and time.

## Free Grace?

A customer came to the sales counter of an industrial supply company looking for a pump he needed. The salesman helped him find the pump, but the customer was disappointed at the price. He said the competitor across the street sold the same pump for a lot less. The salesman invited him to go and buy their pump, and when the customer responded that they had none available, the salesman replied "Well, if we had none, we could sell them pretty cheap also."

1 Corinthians 6:20 says, "For you are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's."

The story above illustrates the differences evident among those who profess Christianity. Those who possess true Christianity know its costs, and they are not afraid to name those costs, because they have the goods. They have found that grace is not cheap, and if they want the goods that grace provides, self must be sacrificed.

Others who just profess Christianity offer it to others cheaply. But when the time comes to deliver the goods, they cannot produce, because real grace is costly. Real grace produces real results.

Maybe the results of real grace that brings salvation are more than you want to face. "For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world." (Titus 2:11-12)

That means today, let's set up shop with the real grace Christ taught, clearly displayed by living example. Let us also declare the true cost of discipleship as complete surrender to the Lordship of Christ. Let's share with others what we have found so readily available. Grace comes to us at the expense of Christ's blood.

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# VIEWPOINT

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

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## MOMENTS IN TIME

\* On Nov. 4, 1960, English primatologist Jane Goodall was observing a group of chimpanzees in Gombe Stream National Park in Tanzania when she saw one of them making and using a tool, something previously believed exclusive to humans.

\* On Nov. 5, 1862, more than 300 Santee Sioux in Minnesota were found guilty of raping and murdering Anglo settlers and sentenced to hang. A month later, President Abraham Lincoln commuted all but 39 of the sentences. While one of the condemned was granted a last-minute reprieve, the others were hanged simultaneously on Dec. 26 in a mass execution witnessed by a large crowd.

\* On Nov. 6, 2013, it was announced that the only known copy of Napoleon's will, which had been written by his close adviser, would be auctioned off in Paris, France. It sold for \$483,000.

\* On Nov. 7, 1944, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt was elected to a fourth term in office. He remains the only American president to have served more than two.

\* On Nov. 8, 1939, on

the 16th anniversary of Adolf Hitler's Beer Hall Putsch (a failed takeover of the government in Bavaria), a bomb hidden in a pillar behind him exploded just after he finished giving a speech. He was unharmed, though seven people were killed and 67 others wounded.

\* On Nov. 9, 1965, one of history's largest power failures occurred when New York State, portions of seven nearby states, and parts of eastern Canada went black at the height of rush hour, thanks to the tripping of a 230-kilovolt transmission line near Ontario, Canada, which caused several other lines to fail as well. Eight hundred thousand people were trapped in subways, thousands more were stranded in office buildings, elevators, and trains, and 10,000 National Guardsmen and 5,000 off-duty policemen had to be called into service.

\* On Nov. 10, 1973, newspapers reported the confiscation and burning of 36 copies of Kurt Vonnegut's novel "Slaughterhouse-Five" by school officials in Drake, North Dakota, after a student's mother took a complaint about the book to the principal.

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## Letter: Acronyms

DEAR editor, MAGA - Hm.....really? Isn't the good old USA already great?

The US is the most prosperous, most dependable and most innovative country in the world. Instead of aiming to "Make America Great Again" how about reminding ourselves to treasure what we have and the qualities that have made and would "Keep America Great."

How about an acronym

with just three letters, such as:

Keep America Civil - KAC

Keep America Just - KAJ

Keep America Kind - KAK

I could continue on through the alphabet, but you get the message.

Let's consider the examples that we, as Americans, set for our children.

God Bless America,

**Bonnie Mueller**

Oregon



## New political letter policy

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

We will now be accepting election letters endorsing or advocating for or against a ballot measure, party or candidate as paid advertising announcement. The fee is \$25 minimum for a 200-word letter and 10 cents a word for additional words over 250. Like other letters to the editor, the writer's name, address and phone number are required. Phone numbers and exact addresses are not published. We have the right to reject letters which don't meet publishing standards and will determine if the letter qualifies as a paid endorsement. Paid letters will be identified with a label and may or may not appear on the opinion/letters page.

Most newspapers that have adopted this approach cite one main reason: Political campaigns for years have used newspaper opinion pages for what amounts to free advertising. As these

letter-writing campaigns become more widespread and sophisticated - some campaigns even pay people to write letters to the editor - newspapers are flooded with requests to publish them, especially in the run-up to elections.

Will we still publish letters complaining about the county board or school board? Yes. But if you want others to vote for or against a candidate, or for or against an issue on the ballot, you will need to pay a fee. Not a large fee - \$25 for up to 200 words.

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

The primary election is Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2024. The last batch of letters that endorse candidates for this election will be printed in the Monday, Oct. 28, 2024 issue of the Ogle County Life must be received by noon on Wednesday, Oct. 23.

To submit a letter, email Managing Editor Jeff Helfrich at [jhelfrich@oglecountylife.com](mailto:jhelfrich@oglecountylife.com).

## Politics, morals, and the junkyard pit bull

POLITICAL issues always come down to moral ones. That's never been more obvious than in this presidential election.

NPR reporter Charlie Neibergall, in a Jan. 21 story, brought this to light when he pressed evangelical Christians to explain their support for Donald Trump. He was trying to make sense of their loyalty to the former president, "given his divorces, allegations of both extramarital affairs and sexual assault, and his insults toward women, immigrants and others." The answer came down to the age-old justification that the end justifies the means.

Mr. Neibergall reported that, "Many, like Brad Sherman, who's both a state representative and an evangelical pastor, see Trump's harsh style as an asset even though the former president sometimes 'says things I wouldn't say. Yeah, he's brash, a fighter. That's who we need right now in the political arena, in the environment that exists. You gotta be tough.'"

Statements like this from supporters, both devout and non-religious, of the former president reflect a belief that American society is in an extreme state of crisis; that the ground is shifting beneath our feet; that long-held beliefs and ways of life are giving way under

relentless attacks.

Desperate times call for desperate measures. Civil debate, mutual respect, and moral uprightness are likely to take second place when everything seems to be on the line. Donald Trump came on the scene in 2016 and offered himself as the answer to that crisis—a junkyard pit bull who gets things done no matter what.

The American National Election Study regarding the 2020 presidential election revealed the problem, both then and now, with that line of reasoning. Joe Biden, on one hand, attracted strong backing from a wide range of liberal participants — over 90% said they were behind him.

Mr. Trump, on the other hand, enjoyed that level of support only from "conservatives" and "extreme conservatives." Just two thirds of "slightly conservative" participants backed him. And two thirds of "moderates," — people in the middle ground between conservatives and liberals — said they favored Joe Biden instead of Mr. Trump.

It seems reasonable to conclude that the former president lost the 2020 election because moderates and some conservatives were then, as they are now, offended, instead of convinced, by the bel-

ligerent tactics that many of Mr. Trump's supporters admire. These voters, many of whom might otherwise support his policies, are critical to success in any election. He's been, instead of the tough guy who gets results, his own worst enemy, and the biggest obstacle to public support for the causes he claims to represent.

This problem runs deeper than just campaign tactics. A survey of historians by C-SPAN in 2021 illustrates the moral question that lies beneath it. 142 historians rated each of the presidents who had served since George Washington on 10 qualities, which were then combined to produce overall rankings from best to worst.

Mr. Trump's overall ranking placed him near the bottom — 41 out of 44. His best scores — in the 30s — were in "public persuasion," "economic management," and "vision/setting an agenda." His worst by far was in "moral authority," where he placed dead last.

Moral authority is an essential quality in an effective president. The five presidents who received the highest ratings overall in the C-SPAN survey also ranked highest in that category. The four lowest overall, including Mr. Trump, sat at the bot-

tom of the scale in moral authority.

It's too early for a final verdict on Mr. Trump's presidency, but the public is aware of his past and present moral shortcomings. It was in large part the reason behind his failure to win the popular vote in two presidential elections, in spite of the wide appeal of many of his policies. It also contributed to the Republican party's underperformance in Congressional elections during his time in office.

Moral authority pervades every aspect of a presidency. With it, we get great presidents like Washington and Lincoln. Without it, we get the Big Lie about the 2020 election, the attempt to cancel the Electoral College count, and the Jan. 6 riot at the United States Capitol. Those three events alone disqualify Donald Trump from the office of president of the United States.

Supporters of Mr. Trump's policies deserve a better leader. Their concerns about immigration, the economy, and other issues are worthy of a respectful hearing. They won't get it with Donald Trump as their candidate.

Lowell Harp is a retired school psychologist who served school districts in Ogle County. His column runs monthly in The Ogle County Life. For previous articles, you can follow him on Facebook at <http://fb.me/lowellharp>.



Lowell Harp

## Harvest and safety on the roads

A MIDST the picturesque scenes of the fall harvest, a pressing concern emerges — the safety of farm vehicles on rural roads.

Harvest season is the culmination of months of hard work, representing the peak of farming activity. It is when farmers earn their income and contribute significantly to our nation's food supply.

Farmers work long days to bring in their crops before adverse weather arrives. As a result, the number and frequency of tractors and other farm equipment on rural roadways dramatically increases.

Rural roads often lack the standard infrastructure of rural communities and business districts. Many townships keep their rural roads in good condition. However, rural roads often remain narrow, winding, and visually obstructed due to the growing crops. They may also lack proper traffic signage and markings.

Moreover, in addition to local farm traffic, these roads are frequently shared by cars, trucks, buggies, and bicycles. This mix of vehicles and increased farm traffic during harvest increases the risk of unexpected events and accidents.

For example, tractors typically move slower than other vehicles, and their larger size can obstruct the view of other drivers, especially on winding roads. Farm vehicles may

also require a longer stopping distance, which can be particularly dangerous when necessary to avoid an accident.

Human factors contribute to the hazardous conditions.

Farm vehicle safety isn't just about machinery and road conditions; it also involves human behavior.

Fatigue, distractions, and experience can all contribute to accidents involving farm equipment on rural roads.

Like other drivers, farmers are also susceptible to distractions like smartphones or radios that can divert their attention from the road. Proper training, public awareness, and personal safety decisions every time you drive are essential to reducing behaviors that contribute to accidents.

The Illinois Farm Bureau provides the following safety tips for rural areas during harvest: Tips for farmers: Do everything possible to alert motorists to the presence of your farm equipment and slow travel speed.

Plan travel to avoid rush hours, bad weather, the busiest roads, and the time before daylight and after dark.

Be obvious to motorists by proper use of reflective "Slow-Moving Vehicle" emblems on any implement operated on public road-

ways. It's the law!

Use reflective marking tape and reflectors at the extremities of equipment.

Turn on hazard lights mounted on farm equipment and turn off field work lights for all roadway travel.

Install mirrors that are wide enough for you to see what is following you.

Always use turn signals to indicate plans to turn into fields or driveways.

Be aware of traffic — oncoming, in front of you, and behind you.

If road and shoulder conditions are safe, pull over temporarily to allow traffic to pass.

Slow down on turns and curves. Check the traffic behind you.

Minimize the width of equipment as much as possible. You may not interfere with traffic in an adjoining lane.

When practical, truck larger equipment to the next location.

Tips for non-farm motorists (cars, bicycles, buggies, and other roadway vehicles): Above all, slow down and be patient.

Reduce speed when encountering farm equipment on public roads. Flashing amber lights mean "caution." The orange and red reflective triangle also warns you that the tractor or combine travels at a slow rate of speed.

Keep a safe distance from the farm equipment so farmers can see you. If you can't see their mirrors,

they can't see you.

Pass wide, large farm equipment only if you know conditions are safe, and you are sure the farmer will not be making a left or right-hand turn. Be cautious when pulling back in.

Passing in a no-passing lane or within 100 feet of an intersection, railroad crossing, or bridge is illegal.

Be prepared to yield to wide equipment. Large farm vehicles often need to slow down and move to the left or right of the road to make wide turns.

Always wear a safety belt and heed the road's speed limit and conditions.

Watch for the farmer's indication of a turn. Newer equipment has one or more amber lights flashing rapidly to indicate a turn. Older equipment is typically not equipped with turn signals, so watch for the farmer's hand signals.

Safer rural roads: It's up to us!

Ensuring farm vehicle and rural road safety for everyone during harvest season requires a collective effort.

Safe and alert driving, as well as respectful and patient behavior among all road users, are vital to reduce the risk of accidents.

"We must give more in order to get more. It is the generous giving of ourselves that produces the generous harvest."

-Orison Sweet Marden  
Ron Kern is the manager of the Ogle County Farm Bureau.



Ron Kern

## LIFE letters' policy

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

# LOCAL NEWS

## OGLE COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

**OREGON** — On Oct. 8 at approximately 9 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop near the intersection of South Illinois Route 2 and West Pines Road. As a result, the driver of the vehicle, Lorenzo Bennett, 22, of Rockford, was arrested for driving while license suspended and for an Ogle County warrant for driving while license suspended. Bennett was also additionally issued citations for a lighting violation and operation of a vehicle with a suspended registration. Additionally, a passenger of the vehicle, Anthony Ezell, 44, of Rockford, was arrested for two Ogle County warrants for theft, and failure to appear for a prior theft charge. The two subjects were transported to the Ogle County Jail and detained on their warrants.

On Oct. 9 at 10:38 a.m. deputies conducted a warrant service in the 300 block of Erickson Road, Rochelle. Deputies arrested Baylee Foust, 26, of Rochelle, for an outstanding Winnebago County warrant for failure to appear. Foust was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

On Oct. 9 at approximately 8:24 a.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop near East Illinois Route 64

and the Interstate 39 entrance ramp. After investigation, deputies placed Breanna M. Borota, 24 of DeKalb under arrest for driving while license suspended, operating a motor vehicle with registration suspended, and unlawful possession of cannabis/driver citations, released on a notice to appear and given a future court date.

On Oct. 9 at approximately 12:42 p.m. deputies responded to a non-injury accident at the intersection of East Illinois Route 38 and South Woodlawn Road. It was determined that a white Hyundai Sante Fe was westbound on East Illinois Route 38, which failed to reduce its speed for stopped traffic in the construction zone, striking the back of a silver Hyundai Elantra, operated by Grace Agah, 34, of DeKalb. After investigation Evelyn J. Gonzalez, 22, of Rochelle, was issued a citation for failure to reduce speed. Deputies were assisted on scene by the Ogle-Lee Fire Protection District, and Rochelle EMS.

On Oct. 9 at approximately 11:46 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 5,000 block of North Meridian Road. After a brief investigation,

deputies arrested Heidi M. Julia, 52, of Stillman Valley for driving under the influence of alcohol. Julia was transported to the Ogle County Jail, where she was additionally cited for driving under the influence/BAC over .08 and improper lane usage. Julia was processed and released on a notice to appear.

On Oct. 10 at approximately 9:24 p.m. deputies along with the Mt. Morris Fire Department responded to a single-vehicle accident in the 3,400 block of West Mud Creek Road. Investigation revealed a 16-year-old lost control of the vehicle while traveling west bound and had gone into the north ditch. The 16-year-old driver was cited for graduated driver's license - more than one passenger under the age of 18. Additionally, a 16-year-old passenger was charged with reckless conduct and released. All occupants were unharmed.

On Oct. 11 at approximately 4:41 a.m. deputies checked a vehicle in the 3,000 block of South Illinois Route 251. After investigation, deputies placed Mark Nink, 53, of Rochelle under arrest for driving under the influence of alcohol. Nink

was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was released on a notice to appear and given a future court date.

On Oct. 10 at approximately 7:57 p.m. deputies responded to 120 Dayflower Circle in Davis Junction in reference to a domestic. After investigation, deputies placed Gerald Tyszko, 47, of Davis Junction, under arrest for domestic battery. Tyszko was transported to Rochelle Community Hospital for medical reasons not related to the domestic. Tyszko was released from the hospital on Oct. 11 and transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held pending a court appearance in front of a judge.

On Oct. 12 at approximately 3:26 p.m. deputies responded to the intersection of School Street and Pine Avenue for an UTV vs. ATV accident involving two minor juveniles. After a brief investigation, it was determined that the UTV collided with the ATV causing the UTV to lose control and overturn in the roadway. The juvenile operating the UTV was transported to Javon Bae Mercy Hospital by Oregon EMS for non-life threatening injuries. The juvenile operating the

ATV was transported to Rochelle Community Hospital by Rochelle EMS for non-life-threatening injuries.

On Oct. 13 at 10:41 a.m. deputies assisted by Stillman Valley Fire Department responded to a single vehicle rollover in the 1,900 block of North Meridian Road. After a brief investigation, it was determined that a grey Chevrolet Malibu driven by a 16-year-old female from Davis Junction, was traveling north on Meridian Road, when it traveled off the roadway, overcorrected, overturned, and coming to rest on its side. The driver was assessed by EMS and was transported to a local hospital by their parents. The juvenile was issued a warning for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident.

On Oct. 13 at approximately 3:36 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop near the intersection of Illinois Route 251 and Dutch Road. After investigation, deputies placed Dustin Doyle, 24, of Holcomb, under arrest for no valid driver's license. Doyle was released on a notice to appear at the future court date.

On Oct. 14 at approximately 11:39 p.m. deputies

responded to an address in the 1,000 block of North Stillman Road in reference to a juvenile complaint. After investigation, a 15-year-old juvenile from Oregon, was placed under arrest for domestic battery and criminal damage to property. The juvenile was released pending a future court date. Deputies were assisted by Oregon EMS.

On Oct. 14 deputies and Forrester Fire and EMS responded to a two-vehicle accident at the intersection of Freeport Road and Townline Road in rural Forrester. After an investigation it was determined that a tractor trailer combination being driven by Robert S. Devries, 28, of Forrester, was westbound on Townline Road and failed to stop at the stop sign for Freeport Road. As a result a southbound Ford F150 being driven by Kyle M. Gruhn, 36, of Winnebago, struck the semi. Devries was driving. Devries was issued a citation for failure to yield right of way at an intersection and will appear in court at a later date. Devries was transported to Freeport Hospital for minor injuries.

All individuals are considered innocent until proven guilty.

## BYRON POLICE REPORT

### Sept. 26

At 7:09 a.m. Byron Police responded to a two-vehicle accident at the intersection of West Blackhawk Drive and North Maple Avenue involving a 2003 Ford, driven by Michael R. Langenstein, 47, of Monroe, Wisconsin and a 2024 Kia driven by Corey W. Skoumal, 34, of Mt. Morris. Langenstein was issued a citation for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident. There were no injuries because of this accident.

At 6:48 p.m. Byron Police responded to a crash to property damage at the intersection of Sumner Street and River Drive in

Byron, involving a 2020 Jeep driven by Lisa Reber, 63, of Byron, and a bicycle. No one was injured.

At 11:08 p.m. Byron Police issued Jonathan M. Keegan, 29, of Byron, citations for driving while license to operate motor vehicle suspended, driving under the influence of alcohol, and operating a vehicle with no proof of valid insurance. Keegan was arrested and transported to Ogle County Jail where he was processed and released with a notice to appear. This violation occurred at the 100 block of South Union Street.

### Sept. 27

At 2:10 a.m. Byron Po-

lice Department arrested a 17-year-old minor of Byron for illegal consumption of liquor by a person under 21 years of age. This violation occurred at the 600 block of Allison Circle.

### Sept. 28

At 8:10 p.m. Byron Police issued Matthew D. Melancen, 37, of Pecatonica a citation for illegal transportation or possession of alcoholic liquor by passenger in a motor vehicle. This violation occurred at the 100 block of North Union Street.

At 8:10 p.m. Byron Police issued Robert D. Melancen, 65, of Pecatonica, a citation for operating a vehicle with expired

registration. This violation occurred at the 100 block of North Union Street.

### Sept. 29

At 12:49, Byron Police Department responded to a single-vehicle accident at the 400 block of West Blackhawk involving a 2000 Harley Davidson, driven by Gabriel E. Thompson, 24, of Princeton. There were minor injuries, and no citations issued.

### Sept. 30

At 1600, Byron Police Department issued a citation to Derek O. Vegliando, 42, of Mt. Morris, for operating a vehicle with expired registration. This violation occurred at the 1,200 block

of West Blackhawk.

### Oct. 4

At 11:35 a.m. Byron Police Department issued Nicole M. Collins, 40, of Machesney Park citations for driving while license to operate a vehicle is suspended and operating a vehicle with expired registration. Collins was arrested and transported to Ogle County Jail where she was processed and released with a notice to appear. This violation occurred at the 1,200 block of West Blackhawk.

### Oct. 5

At 4:30 p.m. Byron Police issued Catheine A. Rakowski, 41, of Byron a citation for operating a ve-

hicle with no proof of valid insurance. This violation occurred at the 300 block of North Colfax.

At 6:09 p.m. Byron Police Department responded to a two-vehicle accident at the intersection of German Church Road and Illinois Route 72, involving a 2015 Fiat, driven by Kira L. Scott, 24, of Rock Falls and a 2024 Kia driven by Nicholas J. Peterson, 24, of Byron. Scott was issued a citation for disobeying a stop sign. There were minor injuries.

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

## OREGON POLICE REPORT

### Sept. 20

At 4:52 a.m., Oregon Police responded to a two-vehicle traffic crash at the intersection of East Illinois Route 64 and South Daysville Road involving a 2012 GMC driven by Eric T. Peterson, 33, Stillman Valley, and a 2018 Ford driven by Wade J. Butt, 65, of Dewitt, Iowa. No citations were issued.

### Sept. 23

At 11:36 a.m., Oregon Police responded to a car vs. pedestrian crash in the Mobil Gas Station parking lot, 108 E. Washington St., involving a 2014 Ford driven by Adam J. Head, 33, Byron, who struck Sumaya I. Aljaradat, 44, of Davis Junction. Aljaradat was transported to Rochelle Community Hospital by Oregon EMS. No citations were issued.

At 12:02 p.m., Oregon Police responded to a traffic crash in the 200 block of South 3rd Street involving a 2013 Chevrolet driven by Stanley R. Eden, 88, Oregon, who struck a parked 2015 Nissan belonging to Cori K. Gale, 34, Oregon. No citations were issued.

At 4:37 p.m., Oregon Police arrested Clifford E. Lancaste, 39, Oregon, on an outstanding Ogle County warrant. Lancaste was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was left in the custody of the corrections officers.

### Sept. 24

At 10 a.m., Oregon Police issued one 15-year-

old female juvenile, Mt. Morris, a city citation for violating the tobacco products and alternative nicotine products ordinance. This violation occurred at Oregon High School, 210 S. 10th St.

At 3:32 p.m., Oregon Police investigated a two-vehicle traffic crash involving a 2025 International semi driven by Andre Gallion, Jr., 31, of Gary, Indiana, and a parked 2022 GMC belonging to Kimberly R. Johnson, 40, Oregon. No citations were issued.

### Sept. 26

At 3:41 p.m., Oregon Police responded to a traffic crash at the intersection of West Washington and South 4th Streets involving a 1986 Peterbilt truck-tractor driven by Eric M. Grover, 66, Chana, and a 2014 Lincoln driven by Benjamin A. Harshman, 45, Oregon. No citations were issued. Four parking citations were issued during the week of Sept. 23-29.

### Oct. 3

At 10:18 a.m., Oregon Police investigated a two-car traffic crash in the 100 block of South 5th Street involving a 2018 Jeep driven by Gail P. Arbogast, 72, Oregon, and a parked 2014 Chevrolet belonging to Taylor R. Morris, 34, Oregon. No citations were issued.

### Oct. 4

At 11:04 a.m., Oregon Police investigated a two-vehicle traffic crash in the 200 block of North

4th Street involving a 2018 Ford driven by Jarid A. Hammil, 53, Oregon, and a parked 2022 Subaru belonging to Barry B. Skinner, 66, Mt. Morris. No citations were issued.

At 12:30 p.m., Oregon Police issued one female juvenile, 17, Oregon, a citation for possession of cannabis not more than 10 grams. This violation occurred while at the Oregon High School, 210 S. 10th St., Oregon.

At 1:35 p.m., Oregon City Code Officer issued Brandon C. Eder, 26, Oregon, a citation for violating the grass/weeds ordinance. This violation occurred in the 300 block of North 5th Street.

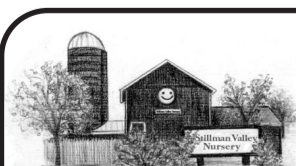
At 4:26 p.m., Oregon Police investigated a one-vehicle traffic crash in the parking lot of 204 W. Washington St., where a 2004 GMC driven by Patsy D. Donaldson, 83, Oregon, struck the Sam's Tobacco building belonging to Richard Haan, 82, Mt. Morris. No citations were issued. Donaldson was transported to KSB Hospital by the Oregon Ambulance Service.

### Oct. 5

At 2:43 p.m., Oregon Police investigated a two-vehicle traffic crash in the 700 block of Jefferson Street involving a 2016 Toyota driven by Troy J. Papke, 19, Rochelle, and a parked 2011 Hyundai belonging to Kristi A. Guentert, 38, Oregon. No citations were issued.

At 6:44 p.m., Oregon Police responded to a disturbance in the 400 block of North 3rd Street resulting in the arrest of Katie J. Hintzsche, 37, Oregon, for possession of methamphetamine less than five grams, and possession of drug paraphernalia. Hintzsche was also wanted on an Ogle County warrant for domestic battery. Hintzsche was transported to the Ogle County Jail where she was left in the custody of the corrections officers. Eleven parking citations were issued during the week of Sept. 30-Oct. 6.


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## Ogle County Fair Association Annual Meeting is Nov. 9

**OREGON** — The Annual Meeting of the Ogle County Fair Association will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 9 in the Farm Bureau Auditorium, Pines Road, Oregon.

All fair association members are invited to attend. Everyone who contributes to the fair or volunteers their time is a considered a member of the association. All members have a voice and voting rights at this meeting.

A potluck dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m., with the board providing meat dishes, coffee, lemonade, and water. Please bring a dish to pass and your own table service.

After dinner the meeting will begin. The meeting will include a review of the year's activities; approval of the 2023 annual meeting minutes, treasurer's report, audit report; presentation of awards; and election of three board directors.







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# LOCAL NEWS

## Polo Women's Club's 5<sup>th</sup> annual coat drive is underway

**POLO** — Polo Women's Club has officially kicked off its fifth annual coat drive season that will continue through Oct. 31. The club is accepting donations of new or "gently-used" coats, hats, scarves, mittens and gloves. Drop-off locations in Polo are: First

State Bank Shannon-Polo (211 S. Division Ave.), Polo Senior Center (101 W. Mason St.), and Polo Pharmacy (111 E. Mason St.) Distribution will take place, free of charge, at Crossroads Community Church, 205 N. Jefferson Ave., in Polo on Saturday,

Nov. 2 from 9 a.m. to noon. GFWC Illinois Polo Women's Club, organized in 1921, is a community-based service organization that makes a difference through volunteer service. For further information contact: Sheila Dean (815) 677-6877

## Grand Detour Township petitions now available

**GRANDETOUT** — Petitions for the positions of supervisor, road commissioner, clerk and trustees

are now available for Grand Detour Township. The election will be April 1, 2025. If you have any questions

or are interested in running for one of these positions, please contact Connie Ross at 815.973.0988.

### BYRON PUBLIC LIBRARY

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

**Rogue Town: A True Crime Story** Thursday, Nov. 7. 6-7:00 pm. Join local author Vito

Colucci, Jr. as he discusses his Pulitzer Prize winning book *Rogue Town*. *Rogue Town* is Vito's first-hand account of the true story of Stamford, Connecticut, a city that from 1965 through 1985 was under the stranglehold of organized crime and run by corrupt officials. This story served as a catalyst for Ronald Reagan as he established the President's commission on organized crime.

Vito received the Combat Cross for a shootout he was involved in, and received Valor Citations. He has been a regular

commentator on various news programs including: 48 Hours, MSNBC, Fox News, and CNN. Vito has been a private investigator since 1990, and his own radio show "Crime Time" with Vito Colucci PI. A signed copy of *Rogue Town* will be raffled off during the program, with additional copies available for purchase. (\$20 cash or check)

**Creative Studio** Our Creative Studio is open on Sunday afternoons and two evenings a week, so stop by for monthly crafts and to use our maker space equip-



**Comet Tsuchinshan-ATLAS seen above Ogle County**  
Comet Tsuchinshan-ATLAS was in the western sky above Ogle County on Tuesday night. Shown is the comet in a picture taken by Oregon's John Dickson while looking west down Oregon Trail Road. (Courtesy photo)

ment! Crafts out on the tables are free of charge, while some other projects will incur a cost depending on materials. Middle school and high school youth can use some of the materials while with an adult, or during Teen Time. Creative Studio hours: Sunday 1-5:00 pm, Monday 9:00 am-1:00 pm & 5-8:00 pm, Tuesday 9 am - 1:00 pm & 5-8:00 pm, Wednesday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm, Thursday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm, Friday & Saturday closed.

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

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

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**Oct. 26:** A Trunk or Treat & Kids Movie Night will be held Oct. 26 at the Mt. Morris Moose Lodge 1551 at 101 Moose Drive, Mt. Morris IL 61054 on Oct. 26. Trunk or Treat will take place 4-7 p.m. The movie starts 6 p.m. Free food starts 6 p.m. Come join the fun!

**Oct. 27:** Join us in the east parking lot of United Church of Byron (701 W. 2nd St.) on Sunday, Oct. 27 for a fun Trunk or Treat event for the whole family starting at 4 p.m. and concluding at 6 p.m. We will also have hot dogs, chips and drinks that day. This will be held rain or shine! If raining, trunk or treat will take place inside the church. Non-candy treats will be handed out to kids

who have food allergies or medical conditions. Please let us know if this is you! We are blue pumpkin friendly. Hope to see you there! If you have any questions, please contact the church office at 815-234-8777.

**Oct. 27:** The Forreton-area churches invite you to join them in donating non-perishable food items for a food drive for the New Life Community Center in Forreton. The Grocery Goblins food drive runs until Sunday, Oct. 27. On Sunday, Oct. 20, Forreton Reformed Church members will be delivering green, Grocery Goblin bags to residents, within the city limits, of Forreton to fill. They will come around the fol-

lowing Sunday, the 27th, to pick them up. If you would like to participate, please set your donated non-perishable food items out by your door before 10 a.m. on the 27th, for the group to pick up. The Forreton Area church congregations have also been donating items and will be delivering them to the Community Center on the 27th. If you live in the country and would like to donate, you can drop off your items at Koeller Forreton Hardware or the Forreton Library. We appreciate your help in this worthwhile event for our community.

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**Oct. 27:** The German Valley Historical Museum, 805 Church St., will be open from 1-4 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 27. At 1:30 p.m., local resident, Don-

na Smith, will continue a previously-begun look at early German Valley entitled, "Those Were The Days Part 2." Subjects will include, among others, German Valley's churches, its railroad, its post office as well as a variety of recollections expressed by residents about days gone by. There is no admission fee but donations are appreciated. For more information go to [www.gvmuseum.org](http://www.gvmuseum.org).

**Oct. 28:** The Ogle County Historical Society in Oregon will have their monthly meeting, Monday, Oct. 28 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in the carriage house annex building on Franklin Street which is behind (east of) the Nash House Museum

at 111 N. Sixth St. All are welcome to attend.

**Nov. 1-2:** The First Presbyterian Church of Franklin Grove, at the corner of Walnut and South Streets, is preparing for their "garage sale" in the basement. Don't miss this one happening on Friday, Nov. 1 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 2 from 8 a.m. to at least 1 p.m.

There is a large selection of fall and winter clothing, many with original tags. This sale offers lots of Christmas décor, a 32-inch TV, Avon red glass collectibles, and boys clothing sizes 12 months to 5T. There are all of the usual rummage sale items, and much more. The variety and quantity are impressive!

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# LOCAL NEWS

## BERTOLET MEMORIAL LIBRARY

### Pumpkin Decorating in October

Drop in this month and decorate a gourd with a variety of markers. Take your pumpkin home or show it off on display at the library for the season.

### Pumpkin Carving Lecture & Demonstration

Saturday, October 26th at 10AM: Marc Solomon, Pumpkin Carver, will be here to demonstrate step by step how to carve unique designs, from selecting and preparing the perfect pumpkin, transferring the pattern, and finally carving the pattern on the pumpkin. This hour long program will have you inspired to transform your run of the mill jack-o-lantern this Halloween season! Check out pumpkin carver to see more of Marc's creations.

### Stories With Stacey

Thursdays at 10:00AM: Miss Stacey is back with her fall story time sessions for your toddlers and pre-

## MT. MORRIS SENIOR CENTER

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

### Walking group

We have a new walking group forming at The Center. Every Tuesday and Thursday at 2:00 pm we will follow Jan from U of I on a walk in town. This is a 6 week course and a good way to get out and exercise with friends and neighbors.

### Music

Come join us for lunch and great music by local

## ROCK RIVER CENTER

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

### Rummikub

Mondays, 12:15 - 3:00 p.m.

### Mexican Train Dominoes

Wednesdays - 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.

### Michigan Rummy

Wednesdays - 12:30 - 3:15 p.m.

### Boot Scooters - Line Dancing

Thursdays - 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.

### AARP Safe Driving Course

Tues., October 29 and Wed., October 30. 9:00 am - 1:00 p.m. both days. \$20.00 for AARP Members / \$25.00 for Non-members. Registration requested by October 24. Class size is limited.

### RRC TRANSPORTATION NOTICE

Rock River Center Transportation is currently running at capacity. We are asking you, our valued rider, to be sure to schedule your appointments between 9 AM and 1 PM for Rockford, Rochelle and Freeport area destinations. All other destinations are 8 AM to 2PM. If you are already scheduled outside of these timelines, or are a Dedicated ride, your rides will not be affected. Any further scheduled rides will need to be within our timelines. When making your appointments, be sure to tell your providers that you use Rock River

schoolers. No registration is needed.

### A to Z Reading Challenge

Unbelievable! We only have a few weeks left to get those A to Z titles read. Struggling for a book title starting with "U"? Stop in and check out our display.

### October Book of the Month

In The Sun Down Motel by Simone St. James, Viv Delaney takes a job at the Sun Down Motel to help pay her way to move to New York City. However, she feels there is something sinister at the motel. 35 years later, her niece Carly Kirk, visits the motel. She wants to discover what happened to her aunt and is drawn into the same mysteries as her aunt. Stop by the circulation desk and pick up a copy today.

### October Craft

Enjoy Halloween all month long with this mummy candle. Stop by the circulation desk to pick yours up today.

### Community Game Night

October 24th at 6:00 pm is our Community Game Night. All ages are welcome. We have games at The Center but feel free to bring your own. Popcorn is provided but you can bring your own snacks.

### Witches Tea

All are welcome so

musicians. Wednesday, October 23rd at 10:30 am. Music starts at 10:30 with lunch at noon. Lunch is \$8.00 (a \$3 discount for members).

Remember to schedule your Rockford rides a minimum of (3) business days in advance, and, for all other rides, (2) business days in advance. For all ride reservations, please have your name, address, phone number, your destination name, address, phone number, date, time, length of appointment and any other pertinent information available when you call.

Please remember to be kind and respectful of our drivers, dispatchers, and to other passengers. For everyone's safety, our drivers are not allowed to carry on conversations with the passengers while the vehicle is in motion.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter and THANK YOU for riding with Rock River Center.

### HEATING ASSISTANCE - LIHEAP

Colder weather is just around the corner and we

### Coloring Pages

Don't forget we have new coloring pages each week available for you to choose from. Enjoy a relaxing evening at home as the weather turns to fall.

### Card Making

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

### Plastic Recycling

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

### NEW RELEASES

#### Adult Books

One Big Happy Family by Susan Mallery

The Boyfriend by Freida McFadden

The Color of Home by Kit Tosello

#### Picture Books

Forklifts by Mari Bolte

Up High by Matt Hunt

mount your broom and swiftly take flight on October 30th at 6:00 pm. The cost is \$15.00. Please call The Center for more information.

### Sponsor a Chair!

We are in the process of replacing our worn-out chairs and can use your help. For \$50.00 per chair, you can sponsor one of the new chairs we are hoping to purchase. Stop by the center during open hours (9am to 1 pm) and talk with Melissa. All help is appreciated!

all will be experiencing higher utility bills as we need to turn on the heat in our homes. There are Utility Assistance Programs available to help pay for heating utility bills.

For the 2024-2025 LIHEAP program year, applications will be processed as follows.

October 1, 2024: Applications will be accepted only for the following priority groups:

Seniors (at least one household member is age 60 or older), Disabled (at least one household member receives disability benefits), Families with at least one child under 6 years old, Households that are disconnected from their utilities, have a disconnection notice, or have less than 25% in their propane tank. Starting November 1, 2024: All other income-eligible households can apply.

Income limits for 2025 Program Year: Family Size - 30-day gross income. 1 - \$2,510. 2 - \$3,407. 3 - \$4,303. For more details, call the Tri-County office at 800-323-5434.

## MT. MORRIS PUBLIC LIBRARY

### Library Closed

Mount Morris Library is closed on Monday, October 14th, for the Columbus/Indigenous People's Day holiday.

### Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who came to support the Annual Book Sale at the Mount Morris Library! Your generosity will help to continue the wonderful programming, and add more, for Mount Morris and the surrounding communities!

### Lego Club Thursday, October 17th

Lego night is the third Thursday of each month. Join in the fun with all the family as they build and create together. Families can build from 6 - 7pm! All children and parents are invited every third Thursday of the month. Children under 8 need to bring a parent with them.

### Mary Shelley Sunday, October 20th at 2pm

Mark your calendars to meet 'Mary Shelley', the daughter of social revolutionaries William Godwin and Mary Wollstonecraft, wife of romantic poet Percy Shelly, and mother of Frankenstein and his monster. We call on Mary Shelley in the spring of 1848. Mary is financially secure at last, her most recent book has been well received, and her only living son is on the verge of marriage. Join us as we hear from Mary Shelley about her life, her book Frankenstein, and her aspirations as the Halloween season approaches!

### Story Time! Wednesdays at 11:15am

We will be reading books and the children will create a craft this Wednesday. Story time is every Wednesday @11:15, bring your little ones to enjoy stories and a craft at the Mount Morris Library!

### Credit Reports and Scores Tuesday, October 22nd at 4pm

Why is a credit report such an important thing in our day and age? What do all the numbers mean and what about this score? Come in for this interactive program to answer all your questions about credit reports! You will get to talk with counselors from the Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Northern Illinois, learn about the FICO scores. They will even give strategies on how to attain and maintain a good score. They can assist you in navigating your credit report and answer any questions you have for them!

### Cookbook Club Tuesday, November 5th!

Come in, choose your recipe, and bring your dish to pass at our next meeting! Meetings held potluck style at the Senior Center at 6pm.

### Display Case Showings

Princesses, Superheroes, and Villains! Oh My! STOP BY to see vinyl figurines from some of your favorite stories, movies, & shows! We are always looking for collectors or artists who are willing to share their treasures in our display cases. If you are interested, please call, 815-734-4927.

### Explore More Illinois

Founded in 1891, the Chicago Symphony Orchestra is consistently hailed as one of the greatest orchestras in the world. Performing in over 150 concerts each year, the CSO's talented musicians are the driving force behind the ensemble's famous sound heard on best-selling recordings as well as in performances in Chicago and on tour throughout the United States and around the globe. In addition to its annual season of classical music programming, for over 100 years, the CSO has performed fun and imaginative concerts for children at Symphony Center. A cornerstone of the CSO's offerings for young people today, Once Upon a Symphony and Family Matinees showcase symphonic masterworks and incorporate theater, dance or multimedia to help deepen audience engagement with the music.

Explore More Illinois Offer: \$35 main floor tickets for selected Thursday night performances and \$15 main floor tickets for selected family concerts. Explore More Illinois users can access and reserve passes from any of our attractions on the Mount Morris Library website, mtmorris-il.org, under the resources page. Visit the website to browse attractions.

### Lions Club Glasses and Hearing Aids Collections

Donation boxes for eyeglass recycling are available at the library. When the boxes are full, they are picked up by local Lions members and dropped off at collection depots. These recycled eyeglasses are given to people in need, with the help of various medical missionaries, in Central and South America and around the world. When

the eyeglasses arrive in these countries, doctors and technicians conduct eye exams and provide a free pair of prescription eyeglasses that are as close as possible to that person's sight needs. When donating HEARING AIDS, please be sure to place them in a small box or hard-covered case so they do not get crushed or damaged.

### Adult Programming

We would love to hear from you. Do you have any program ideas? Do evenings or weekends work better? Do you have a program you would like to share/lead? Contact Mary Cheatwood at the library through email at mmlib@mtmorris-il.org or call 815-734-4927.

### Memorial Gifts

Give a gift that lasts, brings joy to many, and doubles in value. Your memorial gift to the library is matched by the Mt. Morris Library Foundation, doubling your generosity! Many thanks to all who gave memorial gifts in 2023.

### Newspaper Available!

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

### Curbside Service is available!

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

### Additional Services Offered

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

### Library Board Meetings

Monthly board meetings are the third Wednesday of the month at 7pm at the library unless otherwise noted. The public is welcome to attend. The Mount Morris Public Library is located at 105 S. McKendrie Ave. Mt. Morris IL 61054 - 815-734-4927 Fax-815-734-6035 www.mtmorris-il.org



**CRAFT & VENDOR SHOW**

**\*Sip -n- Shop\***

**Saturday, November 9th**  
**10am - 3pm**  
 Mendota Civic Center  
 1901 Tom Merwin Drive, Mendota  
 Free admission • Free parking



**TURKEY SHOOT**

**Gun Raffles**  
**Meat Raffles**  
**Blind Shoot**  
**50/50**

**8:00 a.m. November 3rd at the**  
**Rochelle Wildlife Conservation Club**  
**Camping available!**  
**Call or text Nick with questions** **Open to the public**  
**815-677-8981**

**We are raffling off two freezers each containing a 1/2 a beef!**  
**Beef donated by Benesh Beef**

# LOCAL NEWS

## OREGON PUBLIC LIBRARY

### Library News

The Oregon Public Library will be saying goodbye to Cari Berg, our Adult Programmer for 7 1/2 years. She will be leaving soon to take a full-time position in Ogle County. It is bittersweet as we wish Cari the best of luck in her new career chapter, but her professionalism and creativity will be greatly missed.

### New Resource at the Library!

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

interests you?

### Preschool Story Time

(18 months – 6 years). Story Time is on Mondays at 10am. Stories, crafts and friends to share books...all at your Library! Registration is 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.

### How Many Items Can a DIY Skeleton Hold?

Starts Monday, October 14. Beginning Monday, October 14 through October 31, Oregon Public

Library cardholders may enter their guess of how many items are contained within this unique, one of a kind skeleton! Why do this? Because the closest estimate to the actual number will receive the skeleton and all the items! A winner will be announced on Monday, November 4.

### Take and Make

Vintage Ghost Painting – Judging through October 24<sup>th</sup>. Artwork has been returned and will 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.

### Ink with A Friend Monthly Card Club

Monday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00pm. Sending personal cards to your friends and family is a way to let them know you care and are thinking about them. All designs include beautiful colored cardstock, gorgeous designer series paper, detailed stamped images, die cut pieces, matching ink, ribbon, and embellishments. All cards come with matching envelopes.

Whether you’re a new card maker or a seasoned pro, our kits are suited to every skill level. Don’t wait! Sign up today to reserve your spot. Oregon Patrons only. Registration required (815) 732-2724 or [www.oregonpubliclibrary.com](http://www.oregonpubliclibrary.com)

### Halloween Trivia Night at Cork N Tap

Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30pm. Grab some friends and head down to Cork N Tap for a Spooky Halloween Themed Trivia night. Teams of up to 6 can compete for prizes and bragging rights. Program intended for 18 and over. Register your team of up to 6 people at (815) 732-2724 or visit [www.oregonpubliclibrary.com](http://www.oregonpubliclibrary.com). Prizes!

### Halloween at the Library

(Ages 3-12), Monday, October 28 through Thursday, October 31. Come by the Library, Monday, October 28 through Thursday, October 31, to pick a papier-mâché pumpkin from our indoor pumpkin patch (plain, so you can decorate it at home or already decorated and ready to go)! While supplies last!

### Unofficial Voting Booth

Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 am - 7 pm - Unofficial Voting Booth for Non-registered Voters between the ages of 3-17. Are you between the ages of 3-17? Would you like to cast your vote in the 2024 presidential election? An unofficial voting booth will be open at the Library on Tuesday, November 5, from 9:30 am - 7 pm. Stop by to cast your vote! Votes will be tallied and posted on the 6<sup>th</sup>.

### Ink with A Friend Monthly Card Club

Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. Sending personal cards to your friends and family is a way to let them know you care and are thinking about them. All designs include beautiful colored cardstock, gorgeous designer series paper, detailed stamped images, die cut pieces, matching ink, ribbon, and embellishments. All cards come

## JULIA HULL DISTRICT LIBRARY

### Storytime at the Library

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

### Bicycle Camping: An Introduction

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

### Teen Time: Haunted Cemeteriums

Stop by the library anytime during school hours to delight in all things spooky with this perfect Halloween craft. Create your own terrifying terrarium or “cemeterium” using fun and frightening craft supplies. Thursday, October 31, 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. While supplies last. Grades 9-12.

### Trick or Treat at the Library

Stop by the library to show off your Halloween costume and treat yourself to a goodie from our librarian’s cauldron! Thursday, October 31, 4-7 p.m. All ages.

### Toddler Time: Fall

with matching envelopes. Whether you’re a new card maker or a seasoned pro, our kits are suited to every skill level. Don’t wait! Sign up today to reserve your spot. Oregon Patrons only. Registration required (815) 732-2724 or [www.oregonpubliclibrary.com](http://www.oregonpubliclibrary.com)

### Book Clubs

Books on Tap Book Club meets Thursday, October 24 at 6 pm at Cork & Tap to discuss All the Broken Pieces by John Boyne. The 2WBC meets Wednesday, November 13 at 12:30 to discuss Love in the Time of Cholera by Gabriel Garcia Marquez. Is This Just Fantasy? Book Club will meet in November. Cocktails and Crime will meet Sunday, November 17, at 2 pm. The Afternoon Book Club meets Wednesday, November 20 at 1 pm to discuss I’m a Stranger Here Myself by Bill Bryson.

### 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 level are welcome to join. Bring any hand craft and work on it while socializing. Need help getting started with your knitting project, stop in on a Monday. Registration is requested, visit <http://www.oregonpubliclibrary.com> or call (815) 732-2724.

### New Photo Printer at

### the library!

The library now has a photo printer capable of printing 4 x 6, 5x7, 8x10, and 8.5 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!

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

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

Call 815-732-2724, follow the prompts and presto...a story! Current story-Creepy Crayons by Aaron Reynolds At the StoryWalk is Halloween in the Orchard by Phyllis Alsdurf.



(COURTESY PHOTO)

Last week, at Julia Hull District Library, patrons met live animals and learned how they use their tails and other adaptations during a visit from the National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium.

### Sensory Bins

Indulge your little one’s curiosity with a hands-on event just for them. Join us for some tactile play using a variety of sensory bins with a fun fall twist! Friday, November 1, 10 a.m. Ages 1-4. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

### Tween Scene: Jeopardy!

This IS Jeopardy! Tweens will get to test their knowledge on books, movies, games and more while munching on snacks and laughing with friends. Tuesday, November 5, 6 p.m. Ages 10-12. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

### Fall Slime Lab

Get ready to experiment, explore and create together. We’re whipping up some messy science fun by making slime with an autumnal twist. Saturday, November 9, 1 p.m. Ages 5-9. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

### Cricut Lab:

Get a head start on your holiday wrapping! Learn how to create gift tags using Cricut pens in this class for experienced Cricut users. Thursday, November 14, 6 p.m. BYO Cricut Explore or Maker, mat, cords and device with Cricut app installed. Adults only. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

## DIRECTORY OF AREA HUMAN SERVICES

### Alcohol Abuse Counseling & Recovery

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

### Domestic Abuse Agency and 24-Hour Shelter and Helpline

HOPE of Ogle County **562-8890 or 732-7796**  
 Confidential counseling services, court advocacy, Latina advocacy and shelter programs

### Low Income Housing

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

### Habitat for Humanity of Ogle County

P.O. Box 628  
 Oregon, IL 61061 **815-222-8869**

### Mental Health

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

### Senior Citizens Services

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

### Sexual Assault/Abuse

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

### Therapeutic

Pegasus Special Riders **973-3177**

### Veterans' Services

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**

### Wellness Services

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

# LOCAL NEWS

**RCH: 'Our staff is so knowledgeable and caring and wants to get our patients the right answers'**

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It worked with Rochelle Township High School's volleyball program for its Volley for a Cure night on Oct. 8 and was at the Rock River Center in Oregon on Oct. 11 spreading awareness. Runnings in Rochelle made a donation from its Ladies Night promotion towards RCH's All About Me program, which helps with expenses for cancer patients in the community. RTHS donated to All About Me as well after its volleyball event.

"Our All About Me program stemmed from Breast Cancer Awareness Month and we expanded it to all of our cancer patients that we treat and those in the community to help them with paying for things like gas, food and transportation to and from their treatments," Miller said. "Pre-COVID-19, we were in the community a lot doing events. Since then, we're trying to find those avenues again to get back into the community and our surrounding communities that we service. We want to get information out there."

Miller said that walk-in mammograms are offered Thursdays with no appointment requirement to make the process as easy and stress-free for patients as possible.

"For them it's just an opportunity to walk in and get it done quickly and get it over with without having to think about it being on their calendar for weeks," Miller said. "It's become a very daunting task for women. There's so much in the news and so much awareness around

it, which is great, but also becomes a worry. Some women do much better with less worrying and just being able to walk in and get it done and leave."

RCH has worked in recent years to extend its breast cancer awareness work outside of October to the rest of the year. It has held spring events and distributes information on the topic year round.

For mammogram patients on top of the walk-in offerings, RCH's Radiology Department works with them on scheduling appointments and has evening appointments available when needed. Miller said RCH is able to get patients in "much quicker" than larger facilities, both for mammograms and when follow-up appointments are needed after mammograms.

RCH offers screening mammograms and diagnostic mammograms. It has breast ultrasound available, both screening and diagnostic, and it's currently growing its ultrasound program. RCH can also do ultrasound breast biopsies in house. For local patients fighting breast cancer, RCH offers chemotherapy locally with a doctor's order.

"We can keep those patients closer to home so they don't have to travel to larger facilities," Miller said. "That's especially helpful for our elderly population that we have a lot of. I want the community to understand that we're here and we're close, and we're quick and it's easy. We will be accommodating to them. The community should know it has us here locally. Our staff is so knowledgeable



(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)

**RCH offers walk-in screening mammograms year round on Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. In October, the hospital will also give out free breast cancer awareness-themed t-shirts designed by RCH for patients after their mammograms. The hospital is also getting out into the community to spread awareness this month.**

and caring and wants to get our patients the right answers."

RCH offers mammogram advice to patients and families based on its radiologist's recommendations, which are personalized to the patients. Miller said if someone has a close history of breast cancer in their family, they should have a screening mammogram at age 35. For those without any history of breast cancer in their family, they should have their first screening mammogram at age 40. After that, they should work with their providers to make sure they're getting their mammograms at

the correct intervals.

"The earlier you find breast cancer, the more treatable it is," Miller said. "A mammogram can't prevent breast cancer. But a mammogram will show us that you have breast cancer. Mammograms help us to set baseline results for patients and to catch breast cancer earlier. Regularity of getting your mammogram every year helps us to find the tiniest abnormality as soon as it shows up. We can catch it at its earliest stage and get you where you need to be and eliminate possibilities like mastectomies and traumatic surgeries that women have to go

through. They still have to happen sometimes, but it gives us every opportunity to prevent those later stages."

Miller said she's grateful for the community partnerships RCH has during Breast Cancer Awareness Month such as RTHS, Runnings and the Rock River Center. Platforms to spread awareness and donations allow RCH to improve the health of the community and to help its cancer patients.

"When I'm out in the community this month it makes me extremely proud," Miller said. "Because people ask good questions and thank us

for being there and getting the word out. We listen to a lot of stories this month. Every woman that's had breast cancer tells us their story this month when we're in the community. It gets very emotional for myself and my staff. We're treating these patients and we may have seen them from their screening mammogram normal all the way through the whole process. It's a journey we go on with the community. I think it's important and it makes me proud of this hospital that it takes it so seriously and wants us to be active in the community and get the information out."

## MT. MORRIS POLICE REPORT

**MT. MORRIS** — On Aug. 29 at approximately 11:30 p.m. Mt. Morris Police responded to a domestic disturbance in the 200 block of Emily Street. After an investigation, Jackie P. Leefleur, 45, Bellevue, Iowa, was arrested and charged with battery and domestic battery. Leefleur was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

On Aug. 30 at approximately 11:10 p.m. Mt. Morris Police conducted a traffic stop in the 10 block of West Main Street for an observed traffic offense. The driver, Jacob J. Gomez, 37, Mt. Morris, had a Lee County warrant for failure to appear. Gomez was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

On Sept. 1 at approximately 5:40 p.m. Mt. Morris Police conducted a traffic stop in the 100 block of East Illinois Route 64 for an observed traffic offense. The driver, Elias Rosales, fled on foot from the traffic stop. After a foot pursuit, Rosales was arrested and taken into custody. Rosales was charged with driving while license suspended, obstructing identification, resisting/obstructing a peace officer, speeding, and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. Rosales also had warrants out of Cook County and Rockford PD. Rosales was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

On Sept. 4 at approximately 9:27 p.m. Mt. Morris Police were in the area of the 10 block of West Center Street where they made contact with a wanted subject, Erick F. Heinzmann, 48, Mt. Morris. Heinzmann was arrested and taken

into custody on an Ogle County warrant for failure to appear. Heinzmann was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

On Sept. 5 at approximately 3:21 p.m. Mt. Morris Police were in the area of the 10 block of West Center Street where they made contact with a wanted subject, Heather L. Heathcott, 43, Mt. Morris. Heathcott was arrested and taken into custody on an Ogle County warrant for failure to appear. Heathcott was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

On Sept. 7 at approximately 1:55 a.m. Mt. Morris Police conducted a traffic stop in the 100 block of North McKendrie Avenue. The driver, Colton H. Moser, 24, Leaf River, was issued a citation for expired registration.

On Sept. 9 at approximately 11:30 p.m. Mt. Morris Police were sent to the 10 block of West Main Street for the report of a disturbance. After an investigation, Barry M. Ronner, 38, Mt. Morris, was arrested and charged with battery, disorderly conduct, obstructing identification, and resisting/obstructing a peace officer. Ronner was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

On Sept. 13 at approx-

imately 3:12 p.m. Mt. Morris Police were sent to the area of the 10 block of West Center Street for the report of a disturbance. After an investigation, Cornelius Sandoval, 52, Mt. Morris, was arrested and charged with battery and aggravated assault. Sandoval was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

On Sept. 18 at approximately 7:10 p.m. Mt. Morris Police conducted a traffic stop in the 10 block of East Hitt Street. The driver, Thalia L. Harriett, 19, Mt. Morris, was issued a citation for speeding 44 in a 30 miles per hour zone.

On Sept. 19 at approximately 7:55 a.m. Mt. Morris Police conducted a traffic stop in the 200 block of North McKendrie Avenue. The driver, Lisa M. Peterson, 49, Leaf River, was issued a citation for operating an uninsured motor vehicle.

On Sept. 25 at approximately 10:30 p.m. Mt. Morris Police were sent to the area of the 400 block of South Ogle Avenue for the report of a disturbance. After an investigation, Jesse A. Bushman-Russell, 28, Polo, was arrested and charged with domestic battery and driving under the influence. Bushman-Russell was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

On Sept. 27 at approximately 12:40 a.m. Mt. Morris Police made contact with a subject, Jeremy W. Miller, 39, Dixon, in the 200 block of East Hitt Street. It was learned that Miller had two warrants out of Lee County, and he was taken into custody. Miller was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

On Sept. 27 at approximately 8:20 p.m. Mt. Morris Police conducted a traffic stop in the 10 block of East Hitt Street. The driver, Zachary J. Prinkey, 32, Dixon, was issued a citation for expired registration.

On Sept. 29 at approximately 1:55 a.m. Mt. Morris Police conducted a traffic stop in the 300 block of South Reynolds Avenue. The driver, Brandy L. Sloan, 37, Mt. Morris, was issued

a citation for expired registration.

On Oct. 5 at approximately 7:20 p.m. Mt. Morris Police conducted a traffic stop in the 100 block of South Wesley Avenue after observing a traffic violation. The driver, Rhonda K. Marion, 56, Mt. Morris, was arrested and charged with unlawful possession of methamphetamine, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia, and a turn signal violation. Marion was transported to the Ogle County Jail where she was given a notice to appear.

On Oct. 7 at approximately midnight Mt. Morris Police conducted a traffic stop in the 200 block of East Brayton Road. The driver, Edgar Jaimes, 24, Rockford, was arrested and charged

with driving while license is suspended. Jaimes was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was given a notice to appear.

On Oct. 11 at approximately 5:30 p.m. Mt. Morris Police conducted a traffic stop in the 5,000 block of West Lowell Park Road after observing a traffic violation. After a brief investigation, Roberta L. Fassler, 59, Mt. Morris, was arrested and charged with driving under the influence, operating an uninsured motor vehicle, and improper lane usage. Fassler was transported to the Ogle County Jail where she was released with a notice to appear.

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

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# LOCAL NEWS

## RMU: Linemen head south to assist in hurricane recovery efforts

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We had several people reach out and say our crew was doing a great job down there and they were very thankful and they would have Rochelle back in a heartbeat if they ever needed help again and would be willing to come up here to help if we ever needed it. Those kinds of things speak volumes of the crew we sent and they're representative of Rochelle. Even though they're helping another community, it still says RMU on the side of the truck."

After starting out in Jackson in central Georgia, the RMU crew went to Elberton in northeast Georgia and spent three days there. They then were sent to Douglas in southeast Georgia for seven days before returning home.

"We would set poles and put line up," Johnson said. "Douglas was the most damaged area we were in. There was a lot of line on the ground. All their feeders were locked out when we got there and we had to get all the wire back in the air before they could even start restoring power to individuals. The population of Douglas is 12,500. We

got there and there were 89 linemen there. A few days later there were 170 linemen there."

Turcato said the trip was a learning experience for him. He's worked after a lot of storms, but the destruction he saw in Georgia still stuck with him. People he spoke to on the trip said it was the worst hurricane that's hit them.

Johnson said the trip allowed him to work with and meet new people. This was the worst storm he's ever worked after. He marveled at the storm's ability to damage an entire town in Douglas.

During their drive from Elberton to Douglas, Johnson and Turcato said it was strange to see every town in between without power.

"It can make you nervous," Turcato said. "You don't know if there's going to be food or fuel or whether the roads will be open or washed out or covered by trees. It's so many unknowns, it's hard. We're used to street lights being on and you're driving in these places and it's pitch black. It's weird. It can be eerie."

RMU linemen found it tough to put infrastructure back in place while not being from the area and



Linemen Jimmy Turcato, Todd Johnson and Casey Howard traveled to Georgia on Sept. 25 and returned Oct. 7. They spent time in Jackson, Elberton and Douglas, Georgia, working to restore power for residents. On Wednesday, Oct. 9, RMU sent another crew of four on a similar trip to Lakeland, Florida to assist in the aftermath of Hurricane Milton.



(COURTESY PHOTOS)

not knowing the layout. They started by looking at what infrastructure was laying on the ground and went from there to do their part in restoring power.

"But the main thing is putting up poles and wire," Howard said. "We've all

done that. It doesn't matter where in the country you go. You stick a pole in the ground and pull wire up and put it on. That's the job."

Toliver said the recent hiring of two new linemen has helped RMU with being short handed as it's sent

crew members on storm recovery efforts.

"It does make us short-handed and you're always leery of an event in our own territory," Toliver said. But these are gestures we provide for other utilities in hopes that they'll be re-

ciprocated if we ever need the same response. As long as we have the crews available to go, I think Rochelle is always going to try and send whatever help it can. Because we hope it gets paid back in the future if we need it."

## Mt. Morris food pantry seeks donations for Thanksgiving Dinners

**MT. MORRIS** — Mt. Morris Loaves and Fish Food Pantry is seeking donations to provide holiday meal boxes to local families in need. The meal boxes, made possible in partnership with Northern Illinois Food Bank, contain a 4-6-pound turkey breast, stuffing, gravy mix, vegetables, canned sweet potatoes, dry potatoes, rice, canned fruit, cran-

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A monetary donation of \$15 will allow Loaves and Fish Food Pantry to provide a local family the opportunity to enjoy a traditional holiday meal with their loved ones this Thanksgiving. To sponsor one, two or

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Please help us make this project successful! Any donations received above the amount needed to pur-

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## Boyer named IHSA 2023-24 Coach of the Year 'It's a testament to his leadership and dedication to both his craft and our community'

**BYRON** – The Byron Tiger head football coach Jeff Boyer has been recently announced as the Illinois High School Association (IHSA) 2023-2024 Coach of the Year.

“Coach Boyer’s ability to inspire and develop our student-athletes, both on and off the field, has been nothing short of extraordinary,” Byron CUSD Athletic Director Jeff Milburn said. “It’s a testament to his leadership and dedication to both his craft and our community. I couldn’t be prouder of him.”

Boyer, who has led the Tiger football team since 2012, is no stranger to awards. His teams have been represented in the IHSA State Championship Game four times. His Tigers earned runner-up finishes in 2018 & 2019 along with two state championships in 2021 and 2023. Over that time, he has amassed 121 wins to only 27 losses, and his teams have qualified for the IHSA playoffs 10 out

of 11 seasons.

When asked about receiving the award, Boyer is quick to credit others.

“This award is truly a reflection of the amount of support that both I and our program consistently receive,” Boyer said. “Without the hard work of our players and coaching staff, the ongoing support from our parents, district staff and community, and the willingness of my family to allow me to invest a great deal of my time in something I truly love, this simply wouldn’t happen.”

Boyer also credits his high school coach, Everett Stine, and retired longtime Rochelle head coach Kevin Crandall, who he worked under prior to coming back to Byron High School, for a great deal of his program’s success.

“These guys taught me a lot about what it takes to be a good head coach,” Boyer said. “They represented themselves and their respective programs

with nothing but class.”

Boyer has this year’s team poised to have another successful season.

The Tigers are currently 6-0 and ranked number one in the state. They will finish up the last three games of their season at Winnebago on Oct. 11, at Dixon on Oct. 18, and at home against rival Stillman Valley on Oct. 25.

“He instills values of teamwork, discipline, and perseverance in our students,” Byron High School Principal Andy Donaldson said. “The impact he’s had on our students will last a lifetime. Byron is fortunate to have him leading our program and our students.”

Boyer is a 2000 Byron High School graduate and has been teaching mathematics for the district since 2008. He is married to his wife of 16 years, Rae, and they have three children who attend Byron schools: Hudson, grade seven; Hunter, grade three, and Charley, grade two.



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# SPORTS

## Ogle County schools compete at Amboy Columbus Day XC meet

BY ANDY COLBERT  
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**SUBLETTE**—It was a coming out of sorts for the Byron boys and girls cross country teams at the Amboy Columbus Day meet. Tim Starwalt finished third individually among 161 competitors and the girls were second in team standings to perennial power Winnebago.

"We challenged our kids to run a really tactical race that included going out a bit conservative but changing gears at the half-mile and the mile marker and move through the field. I thought they executed it really well and finished strong," Byron coach Mike McHale said.

For Starwalt, it was redemption after collapsing in last year's race when his legs gave out and having to sit down for 30 seconds before finishing.

"Tim had a great bounce back race after a rough Amboy in 2023," McHale said. "He is running really well at the right time of the season."

Senior Nicolai Martino of Winnebago, undefeated this season and the favorite to win the 1A individual title, ran 15:11 to win by 40 meters over Grady Smith of Johnsbury, who just nipped Starwalt at the finish 15:18.50-15:19.00.

"Nicolai pushes me and makes me a better runner," said Starwalt, who

has been in the shadow of Martino as a junior. "I wanted second today, but (Smith's) kick got me."

In the girls race, sophomore Ashley Potter took sixth for Byron with a time of 19:22. In a good example of pack running, the remaining scorers (Gabriella Northup, Elinor McHale, Grace Burnes, Emma Franchi) for Byron placed from 21<sup>st</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup>.

"I've improved a lot since last year. The whole team has," Potter said.

Winnebago had 49 points to 92 for Byron out of 16 teams.

"Ashley Potter had a great race and our pack of number 2-5 stuck together," McHale said.

McHale was also

pleased with the jayvee portion of the Amboy meet.

"Our fresh-soph boys also stepped up and came within a point of winning that race, running really tough," he said. "Braden Dietrich grabbed his first HS win and is starting to come into his own as his sophomore year continues. Today was a great day for our program and gives our kids a lot of confidence heading into the state series."

Oregon got a 22<sup>nd</sup> from senior Ella Dannhorn (20:48) to place eighth among 16 teams with 200 points.

"The hills here are harder than at Park West (Oregon's home course)." Dannhorn said.

"With how tough it is, it is more of a mental race."

Other scorers for Oregon were Jillian Hammer in 35<sup>th</sup>, Christine Ramirez 37<sup>th</sup>, Melanie Carrillo 66<sup>th</sup> and Madeline Rogers 72<sup>nd</sup>.

"I still don't think we're at our full potential. I'm very happy to see that Ella Dannhorn is hitting her stride again right when she needs to be," Oregon coach Gabe Poser said. "We're a little dinged up, so my hope is that we can maintain our fitness, while tending to a lot of the pains that are plaguing us. We can go far and have a great finish at sectionals if we accomplish all of that

and get Lorelai Dannhorn back too."

In the boys race, Hawk junior Daniel Gonzales of Oregon took 20<sup>th</sup> place with a time of 16:30. Last year, he sat out the race with an injury.

"I was happy with my kick and passed quite a few guys," Gonzales said. "The hill was brutal, though."

Forreston-Polo's best finish was a 49<sup>th</sup> by Noah Genandt (17:34), but, they placed ninth out of 18 teams with 294 points.

In a tight finish in the boys race, Elmwood-Brimfield was first with 55 points, Winnebago second at 59 and Aurora Central Catholic third at 62.



**Midwest Aftershock 18U ES softball team finish first at Midwest Monster Mash**

Cheyenna Wilkins (Polo) and Mackenzi Shere (Stillman Valley) helped pitch their travel softball team (with substitute catcher Mylee Hulstedt, also from Stillman Valley), Midwest Aftershock 18U ES, to first place at the Midwest Monster Mash tournament in Elkhorn, Wisconsin. The team went 4-1-1 over six games on the weekend. These girls played against some top 18U A-level elite teams and all of them did an amazing job both defensively and offensively. (Courtesy photos)

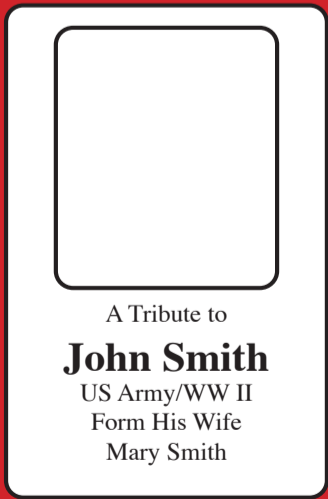


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# SPORTS

## Colbert: Byron and Dixon to lock horns

THE stage is set for Byron and Dixon for BNC football supremacy. More importantly, is a chance for both squads to finally be tested.

It is a given that Byron is outstanding. The jury is still out on Dixon, Last year, they also came into the Byron game undefeated, but were rolled 49-6.

The Dukes did have a strong showing in the 4A playoffs and come in to Friday's game ranked No. 2 in the state. But, that ranking could be deceiving considering the Big Northern is having a down year.

Will this highly-anticipated showdown of 7-0 vs 7-0 live up to all the hoopla? Not sure, but look forward to making the short drive to Dixon to check it out for myself and what's shaping up to be another gorgeous night for football.

I can't recall a season with such unseasonably warm and dry conditions, though the COVID-19-cancelled fall of 2020 seemed to always be nice out on Fridays.

It was a huge win for Stillman Valley in overtime over Genoa-Kings-ton. While driving near DeKalb Friday night, I randomly switched a radio station on and it was broadcasting the game.

On the final play, G-K blocked an extra point that would have won the game for SV in the overtime. But, the Cardinals still won as the holder alertly picked up the ball and found a receiver in the end zone for the 22-20 win.

At least, that's how the announcer described things before quickly signing off. It was quite a bizarre ending and one that virtually guarantees 4-3 SV a playoff berth with 1-6 Winnebago on

deck. Winnebago's biggest problem is low numbers. They have a good coach in Mark Helm and solid program in place, but without bodies, it is tough to stay competitive.

Rock Falls lost to Oregon 55-19 and continue to be an enigma, having 30 losing seasons in past 31 years. Different methods have been employed to kick start the program, but nothing has worked, though the Rockets have been good in other sports like baseball and basketball.

Under former athletic director Rich Montgomery, Rock Falls had even adamantly refused to offer soccer in the fall, so as to not dilute participation in cross-country, football and golf.

Having been friends

with Rich since covering his wrestling teams 25 years ago, I will miss seeing him at sporting events. No doubt, he was a genuine person who did not candy coat things.

You've got to respect a person who tells it like it is, an intangible that seems to be lacking more and more in society. Though it may be painful, I would have rather someone tell me the truth instead of always killing me with kindness.

Oregon (4-3) remains on a track for the playoffs and should give injury-riddled Lutheran (5-2) a game this week. Additionally, the Hawks will be favored in the regular season finale against 2-5 Athens.

The Rochelle Hubs continue to put up big numbers in football,

gaining over 600 yards rushing on a respectable Kaneland team. If Rochelle could sneak into 4A, they would have to be considered one of the favorites to win state.

The 5A class is brutally tough with a whole slew of Chicago area powerhouses. That's another reason Dixon's No. 2 ranking in 4A is suspect. There is huge drop off between 4A and 5A.

However, two years ago when Rochelle made the cut in 4A, the Hubs barely escaped in an overtime win against Dixon. Duke coach Jared Shaner does an excellent job of having his squad ready for any type of opponent.

With its third straight win, Lombard Montini (5-2) has wrapped up a berth in the 3A playoffs. About the only question left is what round they will meet Byron?

Ideally, it won't be

until the semifinals like last year. A major disadvantage for Byron is not having the same caliber of competition as Montini.

Comparing schedules, Montini has eight opponents better than anything Byron sees in the BNC, other than perhaps Dixon. When you enter into a situation like that, there is an initial adjustment a team has to make for speed and physicality.

It's kind of like a shock to your system and something that a team must adapt to quickly. Byron survived similar scenarios with the likes of Elmhurst Immaculate Conception and Montini in the past, so it's not like they are totally unprepared.

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



Andy Colbert



**Oregon Avalanche softball teams well represented at Autumn on Parade**

Oregon Avalanche softball teams decorated their parade float with Avalanche Spirit Wear for the 53rd annual "Whimsical Weekend" Autumn on Parade. The float was decorated in team colors, using balloons, signs, and glitter! Current and past team players rode on the float they all helped decorate. Over 100 pounds of candy was thrown out to the spectators along the parade route. The community is important to the organization. Starting Oct. 16 to Nov. 15, Avalanche is collaborating with Ogle County 4-H for a "Spread the Warmth" Cold Weather Gear Drive. Drop off new socks or new or like new gloves, mittens, hats, scarves, coats, snow pants, or any other cold weather gear at the Ogle County Extension office, 421 W. Pines Road in Oregon. All donations benefit Lifeline Food and Self-Help Project in Oregon. Avalanche will also be volunteering at the Oregon Candlelight Walk at the children's games and crafts. It's not too late to join our team. Come out in January and meet our coaches and players at Sunday practices at the Blackhawk Center in Oregon. Contact Coach Nate at 815-979-2094 with any questions. (Courtesy photos)

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# SPORTS



**Oregon girls golf team takes third at IHSA 1A Regional, Campos qualifies for sectionals**  
 The Oregon High School varsity girls golf team (above) placed third with 381 during the IHSA 1A Regional at Wolf Hollow on Tuesday, Oct. 1. The Hawks qualified for the IHSA 1A Sectional, which was held at PrairieView in Byron on Monday, Oct. 7. Sarah Eckardt finished seventh individually with a 90, while Aniyah Sarver took 10th with a 92. Hailey-Jane Becker placed 16th with a 97 and Toni Withers landed in 25th with a 102. Also, the Oregon High School varsity boys golf team finished seventh with a 370 during the IHSA 1A Eastland Regional at Lake Carroll on Wednesday, Oct. 2. Nole Campos (right) qualified as an at-large individual for the IHSA 1A Sectional at Mauh-Nah-See Country Club in Rockford. Campos took 14th place with an 86 to lead the Hawks at the tournament. (Courtesy photos)

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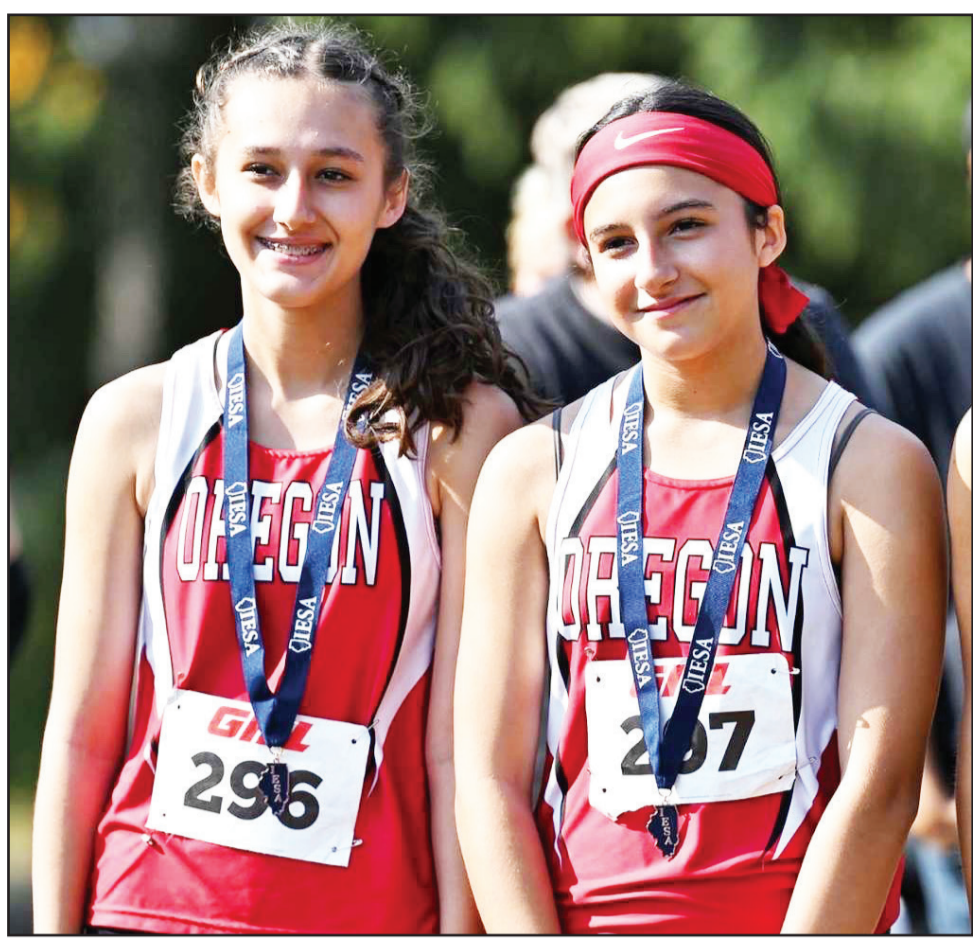




# SPORTS



**Byron cross country teams awarded at Matt Walter Invitational**  
 The Byron High School varsity cross country team saw its boys finish third and its girls place second during the Matt Walter Invitational at Walcamp Park on Tuesday, Oct. 1. Tim Starwalt won the individual title for the boys, finishing first in 15:39.31. Braden Dietrich took 19th in 16:53.52 and Michael Muzzarelli landed in 23rd with a time of 17:10.09. Ashley Potter led the girls, finishing sixth with a time of 19:01.50. Elinor McHale and Emma Franchi placed 17th and 18th with respective times of 20:34.09 and 20:37.65. (Courtesy photo)



**Oregon Junior High cross country runners medal at sectionals**  
 Oregon Junior High cross country runners Kollins Anaya and Anya Anaya raced in the IESA 3A Sectional at Fuller Forest Preserve on Saturday, Oct. 12. The two runners qualified for the state meet, with Kollins medaling ninth place and Anya medaling in 10th place. Anya becomes a three-time IESA state qualifier and sectional medalist, while Kollins is now a two-time IESA state qualifier and sectional medalist. Earlier this month, Kollins medaled in first and Anya medaled in fourth during the Route 72 Conference meet at Oregon Park West on Tuesday, Oct. 8. Both Kollins and Anya have earned course records in every meet Oregon Junior High has participated in this season. Additionally, Kollins holds the meet record for the Hawk mile with a time of 5:59. (Courtesy photo)



**Oregon varsity volleyball team wins West Carroll Invitational**  
 The Oregon High School varsity volleyball team went 3-0 over three matches to win the West Carroll Invitational on Saturday, Sept. 28. Oregon defeated Forrester, West Carroll and Freeport to clinch the tournament title. Madi Shaffer and Grace Tremble were each named to the All-Tournament Team. (Courtesy photo)



**Polo Aplington cross country team places third in IESA Sectional**  
 The Polo Aplington boys cross country team placed third in the IESA 1A Sectional at Donovan Park on Saturday, Oct. 12. Abram Garcia won the individual title and set a new course record with a time of 10:59.70 in the 2-mile race. Cooper Robieson and Asher Weilacher took 18th and 19th with times of 12:52.70 and 13:02.10. Connor Robieson was 24th in 13:22.30. (Courtesy photo)

# Stranger Danger

School has started, and with all of activities going on, there is no better time to discuss the danger of strangers with your kids. Telling them not to talk to strangers is not enough. You want to make sure they know what a stranger is and how to deal with them.

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- Do not mistake a friendly face for someone you know. Anyone you do not know is a stranger, regardless how nice they seem or what they have to offer. Just because the person has a cute dog or tons of candy does not mean you can trust them. Ask for identification from anyone in uniform.
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- Do not keep any incidents with strangers to yourself. Let your parents know as soon as possible so they can contact the police.

Tailor your discussion to your kids' ages and use role-playing to help them understand the gravity of the situation. Their safety is at stake!

# SPORTS



### Polo Aplington cross country team takes second in Route 72 Conference meet

The Polo Aplington Middle School boys cross country team took second out of five schools during the Route 72 Conference meet at Oregon Park West on Tuesday, Oct. 8. Eighth-grader Abram Garcia won the conference championship with a first-place time of 8:56 in the 1.5-mile race. Cooper Robieson and Connor Robieson took seventh and ninth individually with respective times of 10:32.2 and 10:40.4. Asher Weilacher and Easton Fivre finished 10th and 11th to round out the top five scoring runners for the Polo team. (Courtesy photo)



### Byron JV volleyball team places second at JV Power Classic

The Byron High School JV volleyball team finished second in the JV Power Classic on Saturday, Oct. 5. (Courtesy photo)



### Stillman Valley's Dunseth medals in fifth at IHSA Sectional

Stillman Valley High School golfer Amelia Dunseth became a two-time state qualifier after medaling in fifth place with an 82 during the IHSA 1A Sectional at PrairieView Golf Club. (Courtesy photo)



### Byron's Baker qualifies for IHSA State Championship

Byron High School golfer Davis Baker carded a 77 to finish eighth in the IHSA 2A Sectional at Hughes Creek Golf Course on Monday, Oct. 7 and qualify for the state meet. Byron placed seventh as a team with a final score of 331. (Courtesy photo)



### Byron's Brandt medals in third at IHSA Sectional

Byron High School golfer Alayna Brandt medaled in third place with a 79 to lead the Lady Tiger golf team during the IHSA 1A Sectional at PrairieView Golf Club on Monday, Oct. 7. Byron placed fourth as a team with a final score of 392. (Courtesy photo)

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CLIFFORD K. SWANSON,

Deceased  
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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Notice is given of the death of CLIFFORD K. SWANSON. Letters of Independent Administration were issued on September 23, 2024, to KELLY K. EBERSOLE, whose attorney is Elliott, Trainor & Weller, P.C., 1005 West Loras Drive, P.O. Box 1149, Freeport, Illinois, 61032-1149. The estate will be administered without court supervision unless any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a Petition To Terminate to the Circuit Clerk and the attorney for the Independent Administrator at the address set forth below.

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(Oct. 7, 14 and 21, 2024)

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: ROSE G. ADRIAN, Deceased.

IN PROBATE  
No. 2024 PR 49

CLAIM NOTICE  
NOTICE IS GIVEN OF the death of ROSE G. ADRIAN of Davis Junction, Illinois. Letters of office were issued on September 30, 2024, to RODNEY DEJARNATT of Lakeville, Indiana, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Eric D. Morrow, of SMITH, BIRKHOLZ & MORROW, P.C. at 129 S. 4th Street, P. O. Box 10, Oregon, Illinois, 61061.

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No. 1007  
(Oct. 14, 21 and 28, 2024)

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

**PROBATE DIVISION**  
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Case No.: 2024 PR CLAIM NOTICE

NOTICE: Kimberly Sue Kubly died on August 13, 2024, a resident of Davis Junction, Ogle County, Illinois. On October 3, 2024, Jeffrey S. Kubly was appointed as Executor of her estate. Executor Jeffrey S. Kubly's address is 421 Hickory Drive, Davis Junction, Illinois 61020. The attorney for the Executor is Maas Legal LLC, P.O. Box 277, Stillman Valley, Illinois 61084. Claims against the estate must be filed on or before April 28, 2025. Any claim not filed by that date will be barred. Claims may be filed with the Probate Division of the Circuit Clerk's Office, Ogle County Courthouse, 106 S. 5th Street, Oregon, Illinois 61061; or with either the Executor, or Maas Legal LLC, or with both of them. Copies of claims filed with the Probate Clerk's Office must be mailed or delivered to the Executor and his Attorney, within ten (10) days after the Claim is filed. Dated: October 9, 2024.

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# SPORTS



## Byron girls swimming and diving team brings home awards from weekend meets

The Byron High School girls swimming and diving team took third place in the United Township High School Invitational on Saturday, Oct. 12. Additionally, Addie Bausman (right) medaled in seventh place to lead Byron at the Hinsdale Central Dive Invitational. (Courtesy photos)



## Byron varsity volleyball team finishes second at Princeton Lady Tiger Invitational

The Byron High School varsity volleyball team placed second in the Princeton Invitational on Saturday, Oct. 12. Sarah Nyamwange and Delaney Henert each received All-Tournament Team honors. (Courtesy photo)

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