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Byron High School's cross country team earned Big Northern Conference honors. **Section B**

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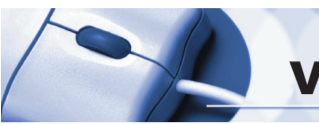


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## HOPE of Ogle County, local organizations take pledge for Domestic Violence Awareness Month

### “The conversation doesn’t have to be about shame anymore. It can be about awareness”

BY JEFF HELFRICH  
MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE—October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and HOPE of Ogle County, a non-profit organization that helps survivors of domestic abuse, is working with local organizations and businesses this month on a social media pledge initiative.

Pledging organizations and businesses include the Rochelle Police Department, Rochelle Fire Department, Expressions Salon in Rochelle, Cypress House in Rochelle, Shining Star Children’s Advocacy Center, the Ogle County Sheriff’s Office, Rochelle Christian Food Pantry, Sauk Valley Voices of Recovery, HOPE Chest, Lincoln Manor, the Ogle County Circuit Clerk’s Office, Tri-County Opportunities Council, the City



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of Rochelle, Ogle County 911 Dispatch, Rosati’s Pizza in Rochelle, the Ogle County Probation Department, and Fashion Nails in Rochelle.

“It’s really a way to get the community and the county involved in the initiative and open people’s eyes up to what domestic abuse is,” HOPE Executive Director Ruth Carter

said. “Seeing the support from our community has been great. It makes us feel good knowing more people in the community over time are recognizing what domestic abuse is and connecting their own life, family and friends’ experiences to what we do here.”

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(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)

Dr. Graham Isaacson, D.O., is the Rochelle Community Hospital Family Healthcare Clinic’s newest provider.

## Isaacson is new RCH Family Healthcare Clinic provider

BY JEFF HELFRICH  
MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE — Dr. Graham Isaacson, D.O., is the Rochelle Community Hospital Family Healthcare Clinic’s newest provider.

Isaacson practices the full scope of family medicine, both in the clinic and with his patients that have been admitted to RCH. He offers care of patients from birth until older age, managing chronic and acute disease and performing procedures. He also performs OMT (osteopathic

manipulative medicine), a combination of techniques similar to those used by massage therapists, physical therapists, and chiropractors, for patients with multiple conditions including headaches, neck pain, back pain, and hip/pelvis pain.

Isaacson was born and raised in Aurora. He attended Drake University in Iowa for undergrad and medical school at Midwestern University Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine.

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## No structures, standing crops affected by 100-acre field fire

### Area farmers help to stop spread: ‘We were grateful to have them’

BY JEFF HELFRICH  
MANAGING EDITOR

ESMOND—No structures or standing corn was damaged after a 100-acre field fire was seen in Esmond late Friday morning, Rochelle Fire Department Firefighter/Paramedic Curt Helgren said.

The Rochelle Fire Department was dispatched to the area of Illinois Route 64 and Chamberlain Road for the report of a field fire at approximately 11:20 a.m. Friday. RFD responded as mutual aid to Lynn-Scott-Rock Fire’s district. One firefighter was transported to Rochelle Community Hospital with an injury due to the fire and smoke but was checked out and was “fine,” Helgren said.

“The fire started near Illinois Route 64 and was wind driven and all corn stubble,” Helgren said. “We got it stopped before it got to any standing corn.



(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)

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It probably burned up 100 acres of corn stubble. How fast the fire spreads all depends on the wind. It can spread really quickly

with high winds.” Along with RFD, responding departments included the Ogle-Lee Fire Protection District

stations of Creston, Steward, Hillcrest and Flagg Center, Stillman Fire, Monroe Fire, Malta Fire, and Oregon Fire. Fire offi-

cialists were also assisted by the Ogle County Sheriff’s Office and local farmers.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Hib Reber Memorial Car Show donates to Serenity Hospice & Home

**BYRON** — The Hib Reber Memorial Car Show committee would like to thank everyone that attended and supported our 2024 show. We were able to make a \$5,000 donation to Serenity Hospice and Home in Oregon.

This would not have been possible without the support of sponsors, participants, and the dedicated members of the committee that organize this event. A special thank you to all of our sponsors listed below, without them this would not be possible.

The 2025 show will be

held on Saturday, July 12 during ByronFest at the United Church of Byron.

Sponsors: Anderson Automotive, Ashley Parker Realtor, Blackhawk Vet Services, Bocker Auto Group—Freeport, Byron Auto Body, Byron Bank, Byron Lions Club, Carter Tooling, Circle K Gas Station & Car Wash, Constellation — Byron Nuclear Plant, D & W Garage, David DeForest Dental — Oregon, Dos Amigos, Double S Towing & Recovery/S & K Performance — Oregon, Edward Jones — Scott Jeffrey Office Rockford,

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**Committee Members and Serenity Representative are from left to right: John Franks, Jan Franks, Ron Boyer, Brian Fortune, Dan Reed, Carol Reed, Lynn Knodle, Darrell Reber, Brian Borger, Lisa Reber, and Adam Reber.**

Ragtop Appraisals, Rick Berens — Maple Park, Rockford Broach—Rockford, Second Chance Bar & Grill, State Farm Gregg Marinelli, Stillman Bank, Uptown Lanes/Back Alley Bar & Grill, and Weezy's Sports Bar.



### RCH Foundation donates two respiratory ventilators

Members of The RCH Foundation Reed Harris, Brandon Svela and Tonya Sarver recently presented the donation of two new respiratory ventilators to the RCH Respiratory Therapy Department. The Foundation continually strives to support the hospital with new equipment to benefit patients. Pictured left to right with Respiratory are Dana Schmidt, Kyle Auman, Michelle Daehler, Shilpa Patel, Jacqui Ranken and Chris Swartout. (Courtesy photo)

## Serenity invites community for special memorial service

**OREGON** — Serenity Hospice and Home invites the community to attend their annual Memorial Service. The service will highlight Serenity patients who have died during the past year and is held at

1 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 3 at Ebenezer Reformed Church, 2997 N. German Church Road in Oregon. Guest speaker Pastor Michael Hoffman (Oregon Church of God) will present a special program offering encouragement

and hope. This service is open to the public. Please call the Serenity office at 815-732-4111 to let them know how many are attending and help them prepare, as refreshments will be served.

## Extension Master Gardeners offer native seed saving program in Rochelle

**ROCHELLE** — Ogle County Extension Master Gardeners are partnering with Flagg-Rochelle Public Library to offer the Native Plant Seed Saving program. Native plants occur naturally and have existed for many years in a particular region. This free workshop is on Thursday, Nov. 14, from 6-7 p.m. at

the Flagg-Rochelle Public Library located at 619 4th Ave. in Rochelle. Registered participants will participate in this interactive workshop by exploring the best time to harvest seeds. They will also learn helpful tips and techniques for preserving and germinating the seeds for the upcoming growing

season. In addition, there will be discussions on the benefits of incorporating native plants into landscapes, including the advantages and disadvantages of growing native plants. Be sure to register by calling the library at 815-562-3431 or email Ashley at ashleyc@flaggrochelle-publiclibrary.org.

## County offering yard signage recycling

**OREGON** — The Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department (OCSWMD) is partnering with CPM Recycling Services Inc. out of Rockford this election season to recycle all of those political (and other) yard signs, banners, and metal stakes.

Residents can bring in all of their political, roofing/contractor, event, and local sports yard signs, banners, and stakes for recycling between Monday, Nov. 4 and Friday, Nov. 22 to the Ogle County Annex Building during regular business hours. Labeled

containers will either be in the parking lot at the south end or just inside the detached garage depending on weather conditions. Whichever your political persuasion or whatever your sign is related to, the OCSWMD is here to get these signs and stakes properly recycled, turned into useful products, and keep them out of the winter elements. Call the OCSWMD for more information about this recycling opportunity at 815-732-4020 or visit the OCSWMD on Facebook or on the Ogle County website for information on all things recycling in Ogle County.

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# LOCAL NEWS



**Polo Cub Scouts sell popcorn**  
The Polo Cub Scout Pack 337 was at The Polo Fresh Food Market on Saturday, Oct. 12 from 1-4 p.m. selling popcorn. They did very well. Thank you to the Scouts that were there: Wesley Diehl, Westlee King, Tinley Roop, Cadence and Lincoln Bocker and Keaton Lindsey. Thank you to the leaders that were there: Lindy Diehl and Heather Roop. Thank you to the parents that were there helping: Dustin King, Shawn Lindsey and Winton Bocker (not pictured). You all did a great job. (Courtesy photos)

## MCUSD 223 earns 2024 Great Place To Work Certification

**STILLMAN VALLEY** — Meridian Community Unit School District 223 is proud to announce that we have been Certified™ by Great Place To Work® for 2024! This prestigious recognition is based entirely on what our employees say about their experience working with us. This year, 84% of our employees said it's a great place to work – 27 points higher than the average U.S. company.

Great Place To Work® is the global authority on workplace culture, employee experience, and the leadership behaviors proven to drive market-leading revenue, employee retention, and innovation.

“Great Place To Work Certification is a highly

coveted achievement that requires consistent and intentional dedication to the overall employee experience,” says Sarah Lewis-Kulin, vice president of global recognition at Great Place To Work. “By earning this recognition, Meridian Community Unit School District 223 stands out as one of the top organizations to work for, providing an excellent environment for its employees.”

Superintendent Dr. PJ Caposey said, “We are incredibly proud to be Great Place to Work Certified for the third year in a row. This recognition reflects the dedication and commitment of our leadership team and staff to create a positive, supportive environment

for our students and one another every day. At Meridian CUSD 223, we strive to create world class results while maintaining our small town values. Our path to doing so is to foster a culture where people feel valued, respected, and inspired to grow, and this certification affirms that we are on the right path.”

At Meridian Community Unit School District 223, we believe in a supportive and inclusive work environment where employees are truly made to feel welcome from day one. 87% of our employees reported feeling welcomed when they joined the district. This culture of belonging reflects our commitment to fostering an environment where everyone thrives.



**Ogle Jolly 4-H Club promotes 4-H**  
The Ogle Jolly 4-H Club promoted 4-H during National 4-H Week, Oct. 6-12. Members completed a window display at Ladders of Learning Cardinal Corner, recorded a service announcement at 102.3 the Coyote radio station, and wore their 4-H shirts to school. Shown are Matthew Roos, Bristol Clark, and Gwen Hall of Ogle Jolly 4-H Club. (Submitted by Kaitlyn Adams, Ogle Jolly Reporter)

## Oregon Rotary Club awards scholarships to local students

**OREGON** — Oregon Rotary Club Foundation is excited and honored to be able to award scholarships to six exceptional college students this year. Faith Marquardt, Isaac Brooks, Owen Ketter, Elizabeth Heimer, Grant Cermak and Lydia Cermak are the applicants whom the board agreed best represent the ideals of Rotary International this year. Marquardt was given the distinction of being named as the 2024 recipient of the “Helen and Andrew Cirksena Scholarship.”

The annual Oregon Rotary Club Foundation scholarship program began in 1984, thanks to the Cirksena family’s generous donation to the club. The club awarded one \$500 college scholarship that first year. Foundation members

nurtured the scholarship program, and it continued to develop. In 2014, the program expanded to include graduating high school seniors due to a generous donation from Catherine Ehnen.

Over the years, this program has awarded over \$450,000 to more than 200 students who best manifested the ideals of Rotary International. The yearly decision process is a very difficult yet rewarding experience because of the large number of outstanding applicants that apply each year. The Oregon community should be very proud of these individuals who are not only excellent students but participate in activities geared toward helping others as well.

The Oregon Rotary Club Foundation, Inc. appreciates

the many applicants to the scholarship program. Our district is fortunate to have so many scholars of distinction. The board members would like to thank all the students for taking the time to apply and for sharing their talents and leadership in our community. Their hope is that these financial awards will help the students pursue their college education and enable them to continue to support our fine community. A separate scholarship opportunity will be given to graduating OHS seniors in the spring.

Rotary’s mission has always been to provide community service, both locally and internationally. Becoming a Rotarian provides the opportunity to do something for someone else and to sense the highly rewarding self-fulfillment

that comes with the process.

Oregon Rotary Club is always looking for new members. For additional

information or to apply for membership visit their website at <https://portal.clubrunner.ca/5761> or email Ro-

tary Club President Kathy Groenhagen at [kathyg@serenityhospiceandhome.org](mailto:kathyg@serenityhospiceandhome.org).

## EXTENDED EARLY VOTING HOURS

Wednesday, October 23, 2024 to Thursday, October 31, 2024

LAURA J. COOK

OGLE COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER

We ask that those interested in Early Voting be patient, as we do not know how long you may have to wait in line to cast your Vote. We are excited for this election and are anticipating a big voter turnout.

We also ask that everyone be respectful of others, as in past elections. We understand we live in interesting times. Now more than ever, we hope that everyone will work together to make this a positive experience.

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### EXTENDED EARLY VOTING HOURS

Wednesday, October 23, 2024	6:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.
Saturday, October 26, 2024	8:30 a.m. - Noon
Monday, October 28, 2024	6:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.
Wednesday, October 30, 2024	4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, October 31, 2024	4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, November 2, 2024	8:30 a.m. to Noon

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10/24/2024

## Notice of Proposed Property Tax Increase for Meridian Community Unit School District No. 223

I. A public hearing to approve a proposed property tax levy increase for Meridian Community Unit School District No. 223, Ogle and Winnebago Counties, Illinois for 2024 will be held on November 7, 2024, at 6:00 PM at the Meridian Junior High Board of Education Room, 207 W. Main Street, Stillman Valley, IL 61084.

Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may contact Dr. PJ Caposey, Superintendent, at 207 W Main St., Stillman Valley, 815-980-0310.

II. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended or abated for 2023 were \$12,291,393.

The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 2024 are \$13,441,626. This represents a 9.36% increase over the previous year.

III. The property taxes extended for debt service and public building commission leases for 2023 were \$1,648,880.

The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for 2024 are \$1,648,668. This represents a 0% increase over the previous year.

IV. The total property taxes extended or abated for 2023 were \$13,940,273.

The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 2024 are \$15,090,506. This represents a 8.25% increase over the previous year.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Obituaries

### Charles Ray Turner Jr.

**DAVIS JUNCTION** — Charles Ray Turner Jr. “Charlie,” passed away on October 14, 2024 after a long illness, he was 72. Charles was born on October 11, 1952 in Dexter, MO to Charles R and Patsy J (Nash) Turner. Charles was known for his sense of humor and giving spirit.

Professionally, Charles was a talented carpenter who even went on to build his own home. He retired from ironworkers local 498, and served in the Air Force Reserves as an aircraft mechanic. His hobbies included gardening and spending quality time with his grandchildren, often sharing with them his love of building things, or “tinkering” as he used to call it.

Charles is survived by his wife Christine (Untz) Turner whom he was a loving husband to, they were married on 6/11/1977 in Oregon. He

was a devoted father of 4, to Carolyn (Larry) Pairitz, Dustin (Jasmine) Turner, Jeffrey (Vala) Turner, and Melissa (Marquis) Gulley. He was a cherished grandfather of 15, to Colton (Molly) Gann, Kenzie (Lucas) Gann Rollinger, Caleb (Leia) Friemuth, Elizabeth Pairitz, Elizabeth Turner, Allison Turner, Madeleine Turner, Eleanor Turner, Carol Turner, Sophia Turner, Amelia Turner, Maria Turner, David Turner, Jadon Sowell, and Aryanna Gulley. He was a great-grandfather of 3, Ryan Elizabeth, Hallie Francis Gann and Cameron Denise Rollinger. He was a caring brother to Cheryl Ellsworth, Betty Sheets, Lynn (Steve) Moore.

He was preceded in death by his father, Charles Turner Sr, and sisters, Diana Turner, Lisa (Mitch) Holby, and Nancy Matthey, Brother In Law



Art Ellsworth.

A celebration of life ceremony will be held at the Davis Junction Fire Department at 106 S Maple St, Davis Junction, IL 61020 on November 9, 2024 from 2:00 pm- 5:00 pm.

Charles will be remembered for his vibrant spirit, his enduring love for his family, and his ability to tell a story that could light up any room.

In lieu of flowers, memorials would be appreciated and may be made at the celebration of life, to the family, to help with his funeral arrangements.

### Herschel M. Newcomer

**OREGON** — Herschel M. Newcomer, age 79, of Oregon, passed away on Thursday, October 17, 2024, in Peoria, IL after an auto accident.

He was born in Dixon, IL on May 16, 1945, to Maurice and Ruth French Newcomer. He was raised by his Aunt and Uncle, Ella and Charles Adair. He married Gloria Kay Workman on December 11, 1966, at Pine Creek Christian Church in Polo, IL.

Herschel worked 44 years at Quebecor Printing in Mt. Morris, IL, and farmed for many years in Pine Creek Township, a true “Pinecricker”. Herschel drove for L + K Transport later in life.

He loved John Deere antique tractors, classic country music, family and his friends at the local cafe and coffee shop. He

was also a proud veteran. Herschel was preceded in death by his parents and the Adairs.

Survivors include his wife, Gloria, his children, Darrell (Ophelia), of Clermont, FL, Kent (Agnieszka Golasinska) of Plainfield, IL, and Shari (Chad Shamon) of Chesterton, IN, brothers, Harry Dale (Yaun) of Winston Salem, NC, David (Janette) of Wheaton, IL, Steve (Lauren) of Cave Junction, OR, Jerry (Barb) of Valparaiso, IN, Larry (Sandy) of Brownstown, WI, and Richard of Rockford, IL, Aunt Ethel (Richard) Mennenga of Sterling, IL, grandchildren, Nickolaus and Kevin Newcomer of Plainfield, Carson Shanon of Chesterton, IN, and Julia Wojdyla of Pustelnik, Poland, and many nieces and nephews.



The family would like to remind everyone to “Please wear your seatbelts”

A visitation will be held at Polo Family Funeral Home on Thursday, October 24, 2024, from 10:00 to 11:00 AM, with the funeral service beginning at 11. The graveside service will follow at Pine Creek Christian Church Cemetery.

To send condolences, please visit online at [www.polofamilyfuneralhome.com](http://www.polofamilyfuneralhome.com)

### Anna F. Miller

**OREGON** — Anna F. Miller (née Fruin) died peacefully surrounded by family and friends on October 16, 2024 after an unexpected diagnosis of liver cancer at the age of eighty-eight.

Beloved wife of Donald (deceased). Eldest of six children of Geerd and Irene Fruin. Survived by siblings Florence Fruin, Jane O’Connell (Dan), Susie Harper (Den). Preceded in death by siblings Dorothy Cramer and Richard Fruin. Proud and loving mother of Dawn M. Miller, OD, FAAO (Ray Schuler), Laurie A. Miller (Paul Sorrell),

Donald V. Miller, DDS (Jill) and grandmother of Jack, George (Erica Oren), Jard (Jillian), Brink, Jace, and Gregory. She will be missed by nieces, nephews, in-laws and friends.

Graduate of Oregon High School and the University of Illinois. Enjoyed volunteering for twenty years at many Menomonee Falls organizations before receiving her master’s degree from Cardinal Stritch College. Taught for twenty-one years at Kennedy Middle School in Germantown. After retirement she enjoyed



volunteering. She lived a good and fruitful life with loving friends and family.

Celebration of life to be announced.

Anna’s ashes will be interred at Lighthouse Cemetery in Oregon, IL.

In lieu of flowers, donations welcomed to your charity of choice.

### Sibyl Acker

**POLO** — Sibyl Acker was born on April 26, 1941, to Ervin Arthur Anderson and Beulah Advana (Nelson) Anderson in Capron, Illinois. At a very young age, her mother, an accomplished pianist and organist herself, recognized Sibyl’s affinity for rhythm. She started teaching her piano, thus igniting a lifelong passion for music. Sibyl grew up playing piano, then organ, and got her degree in music education from MacPhail College in Minneapolis, MN. She became a music teacher and continued playing in churches and throughout the surrounding community.

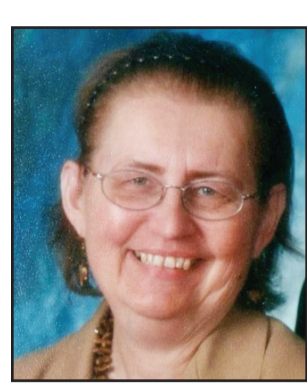
When she met her future husband Larry, she found a life partner who shared her passion for music. For nearly 50 years, they were both church organists/pianists at various churches, faithful season ticket holders at the Quad City Symphony Orchestra and were locally known for their piano-organ duets and four hands on the piano. They often substituted for other organists and even each other over the years. They raised three daughters who all played instruments, sang in the church choirs, turned music pages for them, and supported a variety of musical endeavors. Sibyl also supported the community with her mu-

sic skills. Like her mother, she could naturally play by ear (with no music in front of her) and transpose music into different keys, even mid-song. She spent many years supporting local school musicals, accompanying students at choir and instrument competitions, and playing background music for the American Association of University Women’s monthly meetings in the Quad Cities, where she was a member. She could be called upon to play at a moment’s notice and even played for a family wedding with less than a day’s notice when the planned organist fell through. She grabbed some music, took a few requests, and played for the ceremony.

After Larry passed away in 2017, she moved to Wesley Willows in Rockford, and was delighted to learn that her skills were both still in demand and appreciated. She played several chapel services per week, preparing for each service as she had throughout her life. On October 19, 2024, she played her final notes and joined Larry.

She is survived by daughters Veronica Acker of Springfield, VA, Julie Acker of Rockford, IL, Holly (Ken) Mathiesen of Caledonia, IL; granddaughters Ellie and Kate Mathiesen

The family would like



to extend deepest gratitude to the entire staff of Wesley Willows for providing Sibyl such excellent care over the years, and also to MercyHealth Hospice for their unwavering support and compassionate care over the past year.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Friday, October 25, 2024, at St. Marks Lutheran Church, 201 N. Division Ave., Polo. Visitation will be prior to the service from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. also at the church. Burial will be immediately following services at Fairmount Cemetery in Polo.

Memorials may be directed to St. Marks Lutheran Church in Polo, Illinois, Wesley Willows in Rockford, Illinois, MercyHealth Hospice, or to support a performing arts organization of your choice. Condolences may be sent to The Sibyl Acker Family, PO Box 152, Caledonia, Illinois 61011 or email a condolence to [www.polofamilyfuneralhome.com](http://www.polofamilyfuneralhome.com)

### POLO POLICE REPORT

**POLO** — On Oct. 2 at 2:57 p.m. Austin R. Klapp, 22, Mt. Morris was cited for operating an uninsured motor vehicle and released on a notice to appear.

On Oct. 2 at 4:30 p.m. Andrew J. Swift, 38, Polo was cited for operating an uninsured motor vehicle, no registration, and driving with a cracked windshield. He was released on a notice to appear.

On Oct. 8 at 10:52 a.m. Charles Wallace, 53, Polo, was cited for improper display of registration.

On Oct. 9 at 4:08 p.m. Sean A. Maxwell, 37, Woosung, was cited for expired registration.

On Oct. 12 at 2:02 p.m. John Payne, 32, Dixon, was cited for no seat belt.

On Oct. 14 at 1:11 p.m. Ashley M. Mejia, 33, Harmon, was cited for illegal use of a cell phone while driving and no front license plate. She was released on a notice to appear.

On Oct. 14 at 5:31 p.m. Dawn M. Frazier, 53, Princeton was cited for Illegal use of a cell phone

while driving.

On Oct. 14 at 3 p.m. Heather A. Larson, 37, Polo, was cited for expired registration.

On Oct. 17 at 5:29 p.m. Alexanderia M. Cullen, 26, Dixon was cited for illegal use of a cell phone while driving.

On Oct. 19 at 12:58 p.m. Aimee M. Garcia, 42, Franklin Grove was cited for illegal use of a cell phone while driving.

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

## UW-Whitewater awards scholarships to locals

**WHITE WATER, Wis.** — A total of 1,465 students at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater were recipients of scholarships for the 2024-25 academic year.

The following local students are among the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater scholarship recipients receiving financial awards for the 2024-25 academic year.

Stillman Valley - Norah

DeRosso, who is studying communication, won the following scholarship: Chancellor Scholars.

Oregon - Evan Vache, who is studying finance, won the following scholarship: Chancellor Scholars.

Polo - Laura Wright, who is studying environmental science, won the following scholarship: Chancellor Scholars.

“On behalf of the

UW-Whitewater Foundation Board of Directors, I extend heartfelt congratulations to this year’s scholarship recipients,” said Katie Kuznacic, president of the UW-Whitewater Foundation. “Since 1962, thousands of individuals, families, friends, and organizations have generously contributed to make these financial awards possible. Their unwavering support plays a vital role in the success of our students and the lasting impact UW-Whitewater alumni have on the economy. Each year, the significance of their contributions is felt through the life-changing scholarships awarded. We are grateful to all of our donors for their continued commitment to UW-Whitewater students.”

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# LOCAL NEWS

## First Fridays Open Mic is Nov. 1

**OREGON** — The First Fridays Open Mic presents its monthly show at the Oregon VFW this Nov. 1. This indoor event attracts many talented performers, but musicians and singers of all skill levels find acceptance from its supportive audience.

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

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



(COURTESY PHOTO)

**Michael Mott, a regular performer at First Fridays, entertains the audience with his authentic 19<sup>th</sup> century folk tunes and claw hammer banjo style.**



### Polo Lions donate to Hope Wins

**During the Oct. 1 Polo Lions Club meeting at the Polo Senior Center, Lions member Greg Cross is presenting a \$250 donation to Linsey McDaniel of Hope Wins. This is her organization that helps parents and their children with developmental disabilities. The organization helps connect parents and children through relationships. (Courtesy photo)**



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Lillian Noah Salon PLLC is named after owner Lisa Patton's daughter and son. Lillian Noah Salon opened in 2022 with a small startup budget. This grant will create a great impact, allowing for the ability to purchase a few

essential furniture pieces and tools, including a new shampoo bowl, chair and styling station. The new chair will create a comfortable experience for both the customer and stylist and will be a much-needed addition. The new styling station include an infrared hair processor would make hair treatments sterile and safe. The business is also planning on purchasing new signage to display in the community plaza.

"Being a hairstylist is more than just cutting

hair; it's touching the community and caring for the people who live within it. I feel great pride that this is my life's work," Patton said.

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.

## Locals named to Concordia University Wisconsin spring honors list

**MEQUON, Wis.** — Concordia University Wisconsin officials have released the Spring Honors List for the 2023-24 academic year. To be eligible

for the honor, students must achieve a minimum 3.6 GPA and complete at least 12 undergraduate credits.

Among the area students named to the list

were: Davis Junction's Tori Plowman (junior, Elementary Education) and Stillman Valley's Anna Glendenning (sophomore, Nursing).

# TURKEY SHOOT



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



## 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.

## Oregon Lions collecting donations for North Carolina relief

**OREGON** — The Oregon Lions Club is currently taking donations for the children and elderly in North Carolina that were victims of recent rain, flash floods and hurricane damage that have been left without power.

The club is starting a project to help victims to

pass their lonely hours. You can help by making donations of dolls, barbie dolls, new stuffed animals, puzzles (toddler to adult), blocks, board games, coloring books, crayons, colored pencils, pencils, pencil sharpeners, crossword/word search books, baby toys,

new baby blankets, card games, Mexican train game, hot wheels cars and toddler todays. No toys that need batteries or charging.

Drop offs can be done Oct. 25-Nov. 8 at the Nash Recreation Center front desk at 304 S. 5<sup>th</sup> St., Oregon, IL 61061.

## Adeline election packets available

**ADELINE** — Election packets for the April 1, 2025 Consolidated Election are available from Adeline Village Clerk

Karen Dickinson, 9069 N. Main St. President, clerk and three trustee positions are available. All are four-year terms.

Persons interested must be a registered voter and have lived in Adeline for at least one year. Filing dates are Nov. 12-18, 2024.

## VFW FOOD BASKETS

*FOR THOSE IN NEED*

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We are still going through tough times. Everyone is experiencing setbacks. Lack of work, rising living cost, medical issues. Groceries are at an all-time high. We are asking those who can donate for this purpose please be generous again this year. Donations can be sent to Oregon VFW Post 8739 at 1310 W. Washington St., Oregon IL, 61061. We normally do 120+ baskets. We feel the number will be much larger this year. We want to send a heartfelt thanks to those who donate as well as the Snowblazers who volunteer to deliver them every year. It truly makes people happy.

Any family or individual who is in need **must call the VFW** Monday thru Thursday from 4 PM till 7 PM (815-732-6851). **Please do not call on Fridays** as our phone and people are busy with other work. We will start taking calls November 6. In order to order food we will **stop taking calls November 27. Each individual or family must call for themselves.** Even if you have called in the past **you need to call this year** to update your information and make sure you are on the list. We will only ask for address, phone number and number living in your household. Baskets may be a little different due to shortages in food supplies.

An adult must be home December 21, 2024 to receive the basket. Delivery's will start around 8:30 AM and should be finished by noon. If no answer when we deliver basket will be donated to a food pantry.

**We will start taking phone calls November 6.** We ask you to please be patient we know this is important.

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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. 11, 1831, Nat Turner, an American slave and educated minister who believed that he'd been chosen by God to lead his people into freedom, was hanged in Jerusalem, Virginia, for leading a revolt with 75 followers through Southampton County, killing about 60 white people.

\* On Nov. 12, 1969, investigative journalist Seymour Hersh revealed the extent of the U.S. Ar-

my's charges against 1st Lt. William L. Calley at My Lai, Vietnam, in a cable picked up by more than 30 newspapers, saying that "The Army says he [Calley] deliberately murdered at least 109 Vietnamese civilians during a search-and-destroy mission in March 1968, in a Viet Cong stronghold known as 'Pinkville.'"

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## Airlines offer many perks and discounts for the military community

I served for 33 years in the United States Military. As the former commanding officer of the Navy's largest aviation training installation at Naval Air Station Pensacola, I know firsthand the deep relationships between military aviation and our airline industry. The airline industry has been one of the leading employers for America's service members, employing more than 50,000 veterans. I've been fortunate to fly all over the world for both military and personal reasons, but no matter where I travel, I always know I'll be treated with kindness and dignity when I fly on a U.S. airline. U.S. airlines offer discounts, waive fees, and provide many other perks for active duty and veterans alike. To make the most of these opportunities, active-duty personnel and veterans should check out the military benefits airlines offer before finalizing travel arrangements.

**Discounted fares and vacation packages**  
Many airlines offer discounted fares for travel itineraries -- including leisure and vacation. Alaska, American, Hawaiian, JetBlue, and United all offer reduced fares for the military community through a partnership with WeSalute+ -- a benefits and discount program for active duty and veterans, and their immediate families. Southwest also offers lower fares not available to the public if you call ahead. Several airlines even offer discounts on vacation packages. Delta Vacations offers military discounts up to \$200 on a flight-and-hotel package. American Airlines, meanwhile, offers 10% discounts for vacation packages through WeSalute+.

**Check extra bags for free (and bring your pets too!)**  
Most airlines waive baggage fees for members of the military community. Alaska, American, and JetBlue offer up to five free checked bags per flight, for example, depending on whether the flight is for duty or leisure. Many airlines also let members of the military community ship their pets -- a benefit not typically offered to the general public. This

is something we took full advantage of when we were stationed overseas in Belgium. Active-duty servicemembers who are relocating or traveling on orders should check airline policies to see if their four-legged friends can fly for free. Semper Fido!

**An enhanced airport experience**  
Airports can get chaotic, especially around the holidays. Members of the military community, however, may be eligible for a little extra comfort, convenience, and relaxation. Most airlines offer priority boarding to members of the military and their families. Early boarding offers a chance to secure overhead storage for carry-ons and get settled into a seat before the single-file procession of other passengers starts down the narrow aisle. We sure appreciated this when we were moving overseas with two small children, two cats, and more bags than a discount shopper on black Friday! Military travelers flying with American, United, or Alaska Airlines can enjoy airline clubs and lounges before boarding, depending on the airport and availability. Whether it's to hang with the family, find a nook to read, grab a snack, or grab a catnap, these lounges offer a quiet space to relax before boarding.

**Know what deals, discounts, and perks are available before you book!**  
Traveling can be stressful for anyone. To relieve stress and save both time and money, members of the military community should make a point of looking into the discounts, perks, and amenities available to them before they book. Our airlines offer these discounts because they appreciate and value the sacrifices our servicemembers and their families make every day -- something a great number of airline employees have experienced as veterans themselves.

*Captain Tim "Lucky" Kinsella, USN (Ret), is the executive director of the Aylstock, Witkin, Kreis & Overholtz Center for Leadership at the University of West Florida. He served 33 years in the United States Navy.*

## LIFE letters' policy

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## How to keep teachers from leaving their jobs

There's never been a more stressful time to be a teacher. I say that as someone who worked in K-12 schools for more than 20 years, first as a teacher and then as a principal. Educators enter the profession out of a passion for teaching and helping kids. But today, they're leaving in droves. Between 2020 and 2022, about 300,000 public school teachers and staff quit. K-12 teachers have the highest burnout rate of any profession.

Nearly a third are considering leaving the profession. For the sake of the next generation, school districts and local governments need to figure out how to keep teachers in classrooms. Improved salaries would help -- teachers are underpaid. But even that wouldn't entirely solve the problem. We need to turn schools back into places where teachers want to be. Many of these institutions are no longer havens for learning. Pressure on teachers has mounted over the years as society has made them scapegoats in cultural and political battles.

### PAID LETTER

## Letter: The time has come to make your choice

DEAR editor,  
"There's something happening here, But what it is ain't exactly clear..." Words from a great Buffalo Springfield song (For What It's Worth) written by Stephen Stills. "... There's battle lines being drawn, Nobody's right if everybody's wrong, Young people speaking their minds, Getting so much resistance from behind. It's time we stop, Hey, what's that sound?, Everybody look, what's going down?..."

It was written in 1966 when the U.S. had over 385,000 troops in Vietnam. (<https://www.pbs.org/battlefieldvietnam/timeline/index1>) These were turbulent times. Remember Kent State -- May 4, 1970. Members of the Ohio National Guard fired into a crowd of protesters at Kent State University and killed four students and wounded nine. (<https://www.kent.edu/may-4-historical-accuracy>) (Another great song memorialized that -- Ohio by CSNY).

Could this happen again? National Guard or military attacking protesters speaking up about a policy or action they disagree with? On Oct. 14, Trump, who was President and is running again, said: "...I think the bigger problem are the people from within. We have some very bad people.... Radical left lunatics. I think it should be very easily handled by, if necessary, by National Guard, or if really necessary, by the military..."

A former President suggested using the military to handle what he called "the enemy from within" on Election Day! (<https://www.cnn.com/2024/10/13/politics/trump-military-enemy-from-within-election-day/index.html>) In a Trump administration,

They face unprecedented criticism from parents and governmental officials. Stressors are also increasing inside. Schools are growing more violent. Since the pandemic, 38% of K-12 schools have seen an increase in physical violence between students, 45% have seen an increase in threats, and 37% report an increase in bullying. The teacher shortage, along with staff cuts, force those who remain to take on more responsibilities -- supervising morning drop-off, recess, or afterschool programs.

Most teachers can't afford to spend more time on the job. Already, more than 80% of teachers have worked a second job to help make ends meet. Burnout is a downward spiral. It drives teachers away, which increases the workload -- and burnout -- of those who stay. Of course, the elephant in the classroom is money.

Local and state governments must allo-

cate more funding to their public schools. Instead, states like Connecticut and Utah are slashing education budgets. Tennessee, South Carolina, and Oklahoma are considering rejecting billions in federal education funding. Nearly \$200 billion in Covid-era federal aid is set to expire soon.

In Texas, lawmakers failed to approve teacher pay increases despite a \$38.7 billion surplus. We need to increase school funding to retain and attract more teachers. But how we go about using funds is just as important. Schools should prioritize hiring assistant teachers and tutoring services. Even schools dealing with budget cuts can make changes to support their teachers.

For instance, administrators can show teachers they value their expertise by standing behind their decisions when dealing with quarrelsome parents. It also makes a difference to respect their time.

When I was a teacher, I'd often be up by 5 a.m.,

at school by 6:30 a.m., and home at 6 p.m., all while juggling family responsibilities -- and preparing the next day's lesson on my own time. It doesn't cost any money to have administrative staff take turns covering morning drop-off or lunch supervision. As a principal, I provided teachers with meals donated by local restaurants, freeing up time after work so they could enjoy dinner at home with their families.

If we care about children, we have to nurture their teachers. Too many have lost the joy of educating. By respecting their time and improving their workplaces, we can bring that joy back.

*Emily McGinnis is the K-12 education market manager at KI, a global furniture manufacturer in Green Bay, Wis. She previously spent 21 years as a teacher and principal in the Charlotte, N.C. area and holds masters degrees in teaching and school administration from Wingate University. This piece originally ran in the Dallas Morning News.*



Emily McGinnis

using his words, anyone who openly disagrees with him is "the enemy from within" and apparently it would be acceptable for the military to attack them anyone who doesn't agree with his policies.

Women's rights are now an important issue to me as I get ready to vote for our next President. In 1920, with the ratification of the 19th amendment, women (at least white women) were granted the right to vote. With Jim Crow laws and other barriers, some black women didn't get that right until 1965.

Today, in 2024, the right of a woman to access necessary reproductive health care discussed and decided on between her and her doctor (and no one else!) is dependent on what state she lives in. This is a right that we had from 1973 until 2022.

The impact of taking a healthcare right away from women has had a significant impact on maternal health (numbers are different depending on the source, but all report an increase in maternal mortality in states with any type of abortion ban). Women have died because they couldn't receive the healthcare they needed -- here are two names to remember: Amber Nicole Thurman and Candi Miller (<https://www.pbs.org/newshour/show/investigation-links-georgias-abortion-ban-to-preventable-deaths-of-2-women>).

All of us need to use our voice and our vote to ensure that rights are NOT taken away from Americans (including the right to vote) and that we retain our First Amendment rights to peacefully protest without fear of being attacked by the

military. We should look at character, empathy and policy when making our decision on who to vote for in this historic election. Will they respect our democratic structure that has survived for 248 years so far? Will they govern for ALL Americans, or just those who voted for them?

When evaluating the policies of each candidate, in addition to looking at the platform on their websites listen to what they say at rallies and how they say it. In interviews can they coherently describe how they will implement their policies?

For those who are in AARP, the October edition of the Bulletin includes the transcript of interviews they did with both Harris and Trump about their policies. (<https://www.aarp.org/benefits-discounts/members-only-access/aarp-bulletin/>) Well worth the read -- a hint, Trump's answers are fairly incoherent and similar to his rally speeches.

Maya Angelou said: "When someone shows you who they are, believe them". Watch both Vice President Harris and candidate Trump at their rallies. Look at their choice for running mate -- is that person experienced and qualified to take over as President if needed to? How do the candidates treat other people, especially people who challenge them? Have they both agreed to accept the results of the election, without conditions?

To some people, the decision of who to vote for is easy -- they might call it a no-brainer based on their values, ideology and knowledge of the candidates. Some may stress over the decision because they feel they just don't know enough about

the candidates. Some just don't sweat it, they will just decide when they get in the voting booth. And of course there are those who just opt out of the process for various reasons ("my vote doesn't count anyway", "I just don't care", "it doesn't affect me").

As I have gotten older I realize how important the selection of a President and Federal and State representation is. A functional government works for everyone in this country -- elected officials may have different approaches on solving problems, but they take their oath to our constitution seriously and respect our institutions and people. They listen to each other, find common ground and negotiate solutions that they believe will solve problems.

We are facing a choice between Harris, who has taken and respected her oath multiple times in various jobs and Trump, who believes that Jan. 6, 2021 was a "day of love" and will only accept the results of the 2024 election if he wins.

Trump has trampled on our democracy and will tear it apart if elected again -- just look at the table of contents for Project 2025. Think it won't affect you? How would you feel if the Dept. of Agriculture was eliminated, or Social Security was cut or eliminated? What about mass deportation of immigrants and rescinding protections for Dreamers? This is his plan. Listen to people who worked for him -- they are sounding alarm bells.

Our right to vote comes with responsibility -- we the people are responsible for the choice we make in this election and how that choice will affect our future. Choose wisely.

Linda Pottinger  
Oregon

# LOCAL NEWS



## Polo Lions sell meat raffle tickets

**On Saturday, Sept. 28 the Polo Lions Club had a table uptown Polo at the Chili Cookoff. Polo Lions member Jeff Short was selling the Polo Lions Holiday Meat Raffle tickets. The Polo Lions Club will be selling tickets from now until Dec. 7. The five winners will be drawn during Polo's Christmas Festival. The five prizes are: first and second is a quarter beef with freezer, third and fourth is half hog, and the fifth prize is a \$100 certificate to Polo Fresh Food Market. (Courtesy photo)**

## BPD's Operation Santa is underway

**BYRON** — Byron Police Department's Operation Santa has been making Christmas a little brighter for the less fortunate children in the Byron community for the past 34 years. Kiwanis Club of Byron has been partnering with the police department for 16 years, hosting a breakfast with Santa and Mrs. Claus where all monetary donations benefit Operation Santa.

Kiwanis Club of Byron is once again offering Breakfast with Santa and Mrs. Claus! This year's event will be held in the cafeteria at Mary Morgan Elementary school, Byron, on Saturday, Dec. 7 from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. We will have a kids corner

this year with games and prizes also. Breakfast will consist of pancakes, sausage, applesauce, juice, milk, and coffee. Breakfast is free, however monetary donations will be greatly appreciated to help provide gifts to those in need.

If you are unable to make breakfast and would like to contribute, please make checks payable to OPERATION SANTA. They can be dropped off at the Byron Police Department or mailed to Byron Police Department, PO Box 923, Byron, IL 61010 or mailed to the Kiwanis Club of Byron, PO Box 555, Byron, IL 61010. You may also donate online this year at [https://give-](https://give-butter.com/operationsanta)

[butter.com/operationsanta](https://give-butter.com/operationsanta) Thank you for all your help making Christmas a little brighter!

Operation Santa continues to succeed through dedicated volunteers and thrives on the generosity of our community members. Through this program, over 5,000 children have received Christmas gifts.

Parents or guardians of school age children who would benefit from the Operation Santa program are asked to call or stop into the Byron Police Department, 815-234-5000, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. to register. NAMES MUST BE SUBMITTED NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, NOV. 15.

## Polo Women's Club offers free coats

**POLO** — Polo Women's Club will be distributing new or slightly used winter coats and other outerwear on Saturday, Nov. 2 from 9 a.m. until noon at Crossroads Community Church, 205 N. Jefferson Ave., Polo.

The outerwear will be available on a first come, first served basis, and there is no cost for any item(s)

selected. This event is open to the public and not limited to the Polo community.

If you want to donate new or gently used items, there are drop boxes located at First State Bank Shannon-Polo, Polo Senior Center and Polo Pharmacy until Oct. 31.

Polo Women's Club is a charitable organization

organized in 1921 to serve the needs of the area. This is the fifth annual Coat Drive organized by the PWC along with Crossroads Community Church. In 2023 over 240 coats and other winter outerwear were collected thanks to the generosity of the community. If you have any questions, contact Sheila Dean (815) 677-6877.

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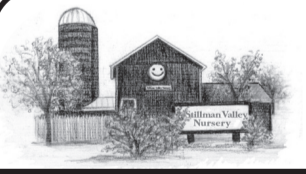
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tions, please contact Scott Township Clerk, Laura Sullivan at (815) 670-8150 or the Ogle County Clerk's Office.

## Scott Township to accept candidate petitions

**SCOTT TOWNSHIP** — Notice is hereby given that the Scott Township Clerk's office will be open 7-7:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 18 for the purpose of ac-

cepting candidate petitions for the 2025 Consolidated Election to be held on April 1, 2025.

Petition packets are available at the Ogle Coun-

ty Clerk's office. If you have any questions, please contact Scott Township Clerk Laura Sullivan (815) 670-8150 or the Ogle County Clerk's Office.

## Oct. 31 Halloween activities in Leaf River scheduled

**LEAF RIVER** — The afternoon will begin with the Leaf River Lions sponsored Costume Contest at 4:30 p.m., which will be held at the Bertolet Memorial Building. Weather permitting the contest may be outside.

There will be several different classes for judging as follows: 0-2 years; 3-4 years; five years and kindergarten; first grade, second grade, third grade, fourth grade, fifth grade, middle school, high school and adult. First place in

each division will receive \$5, second place will receive \$3 and runner up will receive \$1 (everyone will receive a prize). New this year is the group theme, with a first prize of \$10 and second prize of \$5. Each individual can also participate in their individual group. Everyone in costume will receive a free hot dog sandwich, chips and lemonade. There will be hot dog meals available for donation for those not dressed up. Come and enjoy seeing the many costumes and the

fun everyone is having. You can also enjoy a bite to eat before getting all that candy!

"Trunk 'n Treat" event will follow, starting at 5 p.m. We invite the public to park their cars along Blaine and Second Streets, with their trunks open, ready to pass out treats. Those in costume will proceed along the rows of cars and receive their treats. The village has agreed to block off the area to provide a safe place for trick or treating.

Happy Halloween!

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# LOCAL NEWS

## PLEDGE: Local organizations raising awareness for domestic violence

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Carter said October has also included speaking engagements for HOPE, along with a raffle fundraiser through HOPE Chest, the organization's thrift store arm that raises funds to help with domestic violence relief initiatives.

HOPE of Ogle County provides safety planning, support, shelter and referrals while empowering survivors to build a safe and peaceful future. It offers counseling, assistance and resources to those who are contending with the effects of abusive relationships. The nonprofit is available 24/7 to listen and provide support and court advocacy services are available as well. HOPE has offices in Rochelle, Oregon and Polo.

Carter said raising awareness in the community has become easier in recent years as HOPE has gotten more ingrained in the community and people have become more comfortable talking about domestic abuse.

"We're hearing more now from people that we talk to when we do presen-

tations about their family members or themselves going through it," Carter said. "That speaks a lot to the fact that people are feeling more comfortable talking about domestic abuse. That it's not as taboo as it was 10 years ago. We can talk more openly about it and people feel more comfortable talking about their experiences with it. The conversation doesn't have to be about shame anymore. It can be about awareness. That's really rewarding."

HOPE staff members were asked this month to submit their own messages on what they want the community to know about domestic violence. Carter's involved how abusers don't look or act like abusers in public, and can sometimes even outwardly act kind and generous in public.

Carter will be soon retiring as HOPE's executive director. Rebecca Laudati, the next executive director of HOPE, chose her message for the community to revolve around the idea of control in domestic violence situations.

"What I want people to



(COURTESY PHOTO)

**Pledging organizations and businesses include the Rochelle Police Department, Rochelle Fire Department, Expressions Salon in Rochelle, Cypress House in Rochelle, Shining Star Children's Advocacy Center, the Ogle County Sheriff's Office, Rochelle Christian Food Pantry, Sauk Valley Voices of Recovery, HOPE Chest, Lincoln Manor, the Ogle County Circuit Clerk's Office, Tri-County Opportunities Council, the City of Rochelle, Ogle County 911 Dispatch, Rosati's Pizza in Rochelle, the Ogle County Probation Department, and Fashion Nails in Rochelle.**

know is that it's not that somebody loses control and becomes violent," Laudati said. "It's that somebody takes control by using violence. People can maintain control at work or in public and have friends, family and relationships. They can gain control over a situation that's not going their way by using violence or intimidation or words to control another person."

During and in the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic, HOPE saw more need for its services, likely due to relationship partners spending more time in their homes together. Carter said that people in the community are still impacted by that isolation and shift in their relationships today.

The pandemic also brought economic factors with it that influence domestic violence needs, such as more mental health issues and people facing financial hardship with higher prices of goods, and scarce affordable rental housing for survivors.

"Everything is harder and on a higher level and that makes working through life harder," Laudati said.

Carter said using correct terms and messaging matter when discussing domestic violence.

"Sometimes instead of the term 'strangulation', people use the word 'choked,'" Carter said. "That brings down the seriousness of the crime when people hear it. We

want people to be more educated on what strangulation really is. It's very dangerous and it happens very quickly."

Carter said strangulation prevents blood flow from getting the brain, and stressed how deadly it can be. When a strangulation is involved in an abusive relationship dynamic, the abuser is 450 percent more likely to murder that person, she said.

On Oct. 15, the Lee County Sheriff's Office began investigating the murder of Jaedyn Hill, a 16-year-old Ashton girl. The next day, police arrested David J. Sosa, 17, of Ashton, for murder in connection to Hill's death. Hill and Sosa lived together and were in a dating

relationship. The preliminary cause of Hill's death was ruled as strangulation.

"Raising awareness in the community does bring more folks to our door," Carter said. "When we go into the schools and talk about warning signs, it also brings more teens to our door. With the case of the teens in Ashton, these things happen a lot more than we know and unfortunately end in consequences like that periodically. But every day there's abuse going on similar to that to teens and adults. What we can hopefully take from something so horrifying like that is more education. We want more education in the community and more folks who understand those dynamics."

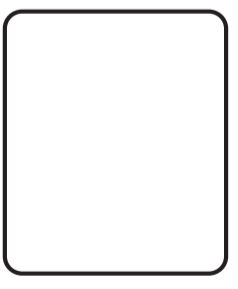
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# LOCAL NEWS

## ISAACSON: RCH names new family healthcare clinic provider

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He did his family medicine residency at Fox Valley Family Medicine in Appleton, Wisconsin.

"I wanted to move back closer to family and I found Rochelle and it was a fit, being able to practice in a small town and be closer to family," Isaacson said. "A physician recruiter reached out to me about this job. I was really intrigued by how close it was to Aurora and how I could do outpatient work, inpatient work and procedures in the office. I talked to the recruiter and came here and did an interview and I was impressed with this place. I loved the facilities and everyone was super nice and down to Earth and my values and the hospital's values lined up in terms of taking care of patients and focusing on them as humans and not just pushing people through the doors as numbers. It was an easy choice to come here after that."

Isaacson started with RCH the first week of September and said things have gone "really well" so far, with his schedule starting to pick up with patients. Isaacson found his passion for rural family medicine while shadowing a family physician in rural Iowa when I was an undergrad. "That really changed the trajectory of my career and

I fell in love with the idea of rural family medicine," Isaacson said. "The doctor I shadowed had practiced in the town for 10-15 years at that point. He did work similar to what I'll be doing. He was an old-school family doctor. He took care of entire families and all of his patients loved him and trusted him. He knew them super well and I thought it was a cool thing to provide all that care for people and not always have to send them out to see so many specialists. It makes things convenient for people."

Isaacson said building relationships with patients and getting embedded in the community is what he's looking forward to most in his new position. He said family medicine is all about forming long-term relationships with patients and getting to know them better to offer care to help them live healthier, more satisfying lives.

His certification as a doctor of osteopathic medicine (D.O.) differs from the doctor of medicine (M.D.) in the way that he has extra training in hands-on diagnosis and treatment of muscular/skeletal complaints.

"It's a continuum of going between massage therapy and physical therapy and what chiropractors do," Isaacson said. "I like to think that I practice more holistic medicine and



(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)

**Dr. Graham Isaacson was born and raised in Aurora. He attended Drake University in Iowa for undergrad and medical school at Northwestern University Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine.**

focus on the patient. I take a look at the patient and their social determinants of health and their mental health and how all of that plays into their physical health. Sometimes there's a misconception that D.O.s or holistic care means that we do like natural path-type treatments or vitamins and minerals or essential oils. That's not true. I don't do those kinds of things. I practice evidence-based medicine and give prescriptions

when needed. Otherwise, the main difference is that I can offer OMT, which is hands-on treatment. A D.O. can do everything that an M.D. can, I just have extra training in the hands-on aspect."

Isaacson got into the medical field because he wanted to help people and make a difference in their lives. He enjoys combining science with befriending people and taking care of them.

Working at a smaller

hospital like RCH aligned with Isaacson's values when it comes to patient care. He likes having as much time with his patients as he needs to provide care and being able to provide the full scope of family medicine.

"I can take my time seeing people and manage a lot of conditions before I have to refer to specialists," Isaacson said. "I feel like that was a really big bonus for me. And I get to take care of my own

patients when they're in the hospital. It's tough when someone gets admitted to the hospital and they're vulnerable and stressed and they have to have some other random doctors learn all of their health history and take care of them. A primary doctor will always do better in that spot. I can come in and see them and I know who they are and what they want. Those are things you can only find in a rural community and a place like this."

## Highland Gallery hosts Visual Art Faculty Exhibit

**FREEMONT** — The Highland Gallery will feature work by current Highland Community College Visual Arts faculty members from Oct. 23 through Dec. 2 at the Ferguson Fine Arts Center. The Visual Art Faculty

Exhibit displays recent creations by faculty for contemplation, stimulation and discussion. The opening reception will be from 4:30 to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 23.

This popular annual exhibit will showcase recent

work by Robert Apolloni, Alex Jansen and Loretta Swanson, all working artists and HCC visual art instructors.

"The exhibit illuminates original work by HCC visual arts faculty," said Robert Apolloni,

who also serves as gallery director. "This is always a popular exhibit as it presents our art instructors as professional exhibiting artists, unlike their more familiar role as visual art instructors."

The show highlights

the faculty's breadth of experience and expertise, spanning multiple media, themes and styles in this eclectic exhibition. At the reception, mingle with the art faculty and learn what has inspired their works.

Robert Apolloni will

exhibit mixed-media drawings, Alex Jansen will exhibit photographs and Loretta Swanson will exhibit prints and drawings.

Refreshments will be served at the reception Oct. 23. The exhibit is publicly viewable through Dec. 2.

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**Nov. 9:** In honor of Veterans Day, the Leaf River Lions Club is having a lunch drive thru on Nov. 9 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Donations will be accepted for the meal, which will benefit the Rockford Veterans Drop-In Center. We will be serving a brat or beef hot dog meal, complete with chips, applesauce and a beverage. Drive to the Old

Fire Station next to the Bertolet Memorial Building in Leaf River (103 W. Second St.) and help us support our veterans. Thank you to all veterans!

**Nov. 9:** UCB Fellowship of the United Church of Byron is having their annual Harvest Feast Turkey Dinner on Saturday, Nov. 9 from 4-7 pm. Tickets are now on sale! Tickets

can be purchased through the church office during the week, before or after the 10:30 a.m. service on Sundays or at <https://givebutter.com/UCBturkeydinner2024>. This year the meals will be done in a little different manner with carry-outs and dine-in available. To avoid congestion and to smooth serving we will split serv-

ing into two different time periods; 4-5 p.m. (carry-out only) and 5-7 p.m. (dine-in & carry-out). You must select your meal type when purchasing tickets. You must have your tickets (either printed or on your phone) when coming for your meals. The church is located at 701 W. Second St. in Byron. The dinner will include

turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, cranberries, cole slaw and dessert. All tickets must be purchased in advance either in person at the church or online. The last day to purchase tickets online will be Friday, Nov. 8. Tickets are limited so get yours early! Tickets purchased in person at the church will

be \$15 for all carry-outs and adult dine-in, \$8 for children 5-10 dine-in and free for children four and under for dine-in. Tickets purchased online will be \$16 for all carry-outs and adult dine-in, \$9 for children 5-10 dine-in. For more information, please call the church office at 815-234-8777. [www.unitedchurchofbyron.org](http://www.unitedchurchofbyron.org)

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# DRIVE TIME

## The basics of EVs for first-time buyers

**E**LECTRIC vehicles are increasingly visible on roadways around the world. According to BloombergNEF, a strategic research provider covering global commodity markets, in June 2022 there were 20 million plug-in vehicles in use across the globe. That's an increase from only one million in 2016. As more people are drawn to EVs, drivers can exercise due diligence to learn more about them, particularly if they're considering buying their first such vehicle.

- **Mild hybrid electric vehicle:** MHEVs use a battery and electric motor to increase the efficiency of an internal combustion engine (ICE). An MHEV does not run solely on electric power, but the ICE can be turned off and the electric motor used while braking, coasting and stopping.

- **Battery electric vehicle:** BEVs are powered entirely by electricity and will have no ICE or fuel tank. Users charge the battery using an electrical outlet.

- **Plug-in hybrid electric vehicle:** Like BEVs, PHEVs have an electric motor that is charged by plugging it in. They also have a fuel-based ICE like HEVs. Where they differ is that PHEVs can travel a considerable distance on electric power alone, while HEVs cannot.

### Driving range

The distance EVs can travel before needing to recharge depends on the type of vehicle. Most EVs have a driving range between 50 and 330 miles. Shoppers should determine the "range-per-charge" for the vehicle to assess if it will fit their driving needs and daily commutes. Drivers



who frequently take long road trips may have to assess if a hybrid vehicle is more practical; otherwise, careful planning may be necessary to accommodate charging along the route.

### Parking and charging situation

Individuals who live in private homes or rentals with access to outlets may be more inclined to invest in EVs. Charging

can be done with a standard 120V outlet, but it will increase charging time considerably. Many people opt to have a 240V charger installed in a garage or driveway, which is known as "Level 2 ESVE equipment." With this type of setup, a charge can be reached in roughly four to six hours, says Valley Clean Energy. Public charging stations utilize a

480V input and can charge many EV models in about 20 to 30 minutes. Plug-in hybrid vehicles do not typically have fast charging capabilities, however.

### Reduce maintenance

BEVs require less maintenance than conventional vehicles because there are fewer fluids like oil and transmission fluid to change, and far fewer moving parts. EVs require

minimal scheduled maintenance to electrical systems, including the battery and electrical motor. Hybrid vehicles still require the standard maintenance of gas-powered vehicles.

EVs are growing in popularity, so potential buyers can school themselves on these newer vehicles to determine if they're the right fit for them.

## How to protect your vehicle's paint job

**D**RIVERS go to great lengths to ensure what's under the hood of their vehicles is well taken care of. But it's equally beneficial to tend to the exterior of a vehicle, including its paint job.

According to Popular Mechanics, oxidation can adversely affect iron-based metals. That can put vehicles in jeopardy and take significant time off their life expectancy. The good news is that rust and other issues that can affect a vehicle's paint job and appearance are typically avoidable. That should be music to the ears of new vehicle owners, who likely need no reminder of the sizable financial investment required to drive off the lot with a fresh set of wheels. Drivers who want their cars and trucks to maintain their looks over the long haul can consider these simple strategies to protect their paint jobs.



of your vehicle maintenance routine. Seasoned drivers are undoubtedly familiar with the conven-

tional wisdom surrounding oil change intervals, but those same motorists may not recognize the importance of routine car washes. Over time, contaminants such as pollen, dust and pollution can settle on a vehicle's exterior, potentially jeopardizing the paint job. Routine car washes can prevent such damage and help a car look like it was just driven off the lot.

• Wax the exterior of the vehicle. The automotive experts at Carfax® report that waxing is a significant and simple way to protect vehicle paint. Carfax® notes that certain paste waxes contain mild abra-

sives that help remove fine scratches from painted surfaces. Wax also can protect paint jobs from fading related to exposure to ultraviolet rays. That's especially noteworthy for drivers who do not routinely park their cars in a garage.

• Use a car cover. Car covers may or may not be practical for cars drivers use every day, but they are an effective way to protect a paint job from the elements. Drivers who have a spare car they rarely drive or even those who do not drive their primary vehicle a lot each day can purchase a universal-fit car cover or

a premium cover designed specifically for their vehicles. Car covers protect paint jobs from ultraviolet rays and the elements and may reduce the need for more frequent trips to the car wash.

• Park in the shade, but choose spots wisely. Parking in the shade may protect vehicles from the ultraviolet rays of the sun, but it's important that drivers pick the right shady spot to park their cars and trucks. A shade tree might seem like a great ally to vehicle owners, but if birds nest or rest in the tree, drivers could be exposing their cars to bird droppings. That's no

small threat, as bird droppings are high in uric acid, which quickly damage a vehicle's exterior. Parking directly beneath a tree also might expose the paint job to sap or fallen leaves or berries, each of which can adversely vehicle exteriors. If you plan to park in the shade to protect the paint job, ideally choose a spot that is not directly beneath the tree.

A well-maintained paint job can improve the appearance and life expectancy of a vehicle, which is something drivers should keep in mind as they hope to get the most out of their automotive investment.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## FIRE: Local firefighters respond to 100-acre blaze in Esmond

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“When you have a field fire like that, we have wild-land fire fighting trucks that can get across areas that our large engines can’t access,” Helgren said. “We call in those

from other districts and we really play the wind the best we can. You protect structures, property and standing crops. Luckily we had quite a few local farmers out there with disking tractors to till the ground to stop the fire

from having a place to spread to.” Helgren said the cause of the Friday fire is still undetermined. RFD also aided Malta Fire with another large field fire earlier in the week. The current dry conditions in the area

and the wind this time of year makes field fires more likely to start and spread. Helgren cautioned area residents about being safe with fires on their properties and disposing of cigarette butts properly. He called corn fields

“highly flammable and very difficult to put out.” Helgren said RFD was thankful that all structures and standing corn in the area were unaffected. He thanked the farmers that took time to help out Friday.

“Farmers are more of a help to us than they know,” Helgren said. “We were grateful to have them. They can do things we can’t. When they can take a tractor and cut a 20-foot line instantly to stop a fire, it helps us a ton.”

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#### 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)! One pumpkin per person. While supplies last!

#### Preschool Story Time

(18 months – 6 years). Story Time is on Mondays at 10 am. 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. No Story Time will be held on Monday, November 11.

#### Unofficial Voting Booth

Tuesday, November 5th, 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 6th.

#### Spooktacular Game Night

Wednesday, November 13th at 6 pm. Spooktacular is a tabletop game with an emphasis on roleplaying and ghost-catching. Players take the role of an eclectic mix of paranormal investigators tasked with capturing pesky poltergeists, all while playing up their character’s eccentric personalities. Come for a night of spooky fun and adventure - bonus points if you are dressed like your favorite ghost hunter. Snacks will be provided. For ages Teen and up. Registration required, please call (815) 732-2724 or visit [www.oregonpubliclibrary.com](http://www.oregonpubliclibrary.com)

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#### Try It Tuesday

Tuesday, November 19th, 1:30pm or 5:30pm, choose which time. Paint and Pass - Join us for a fun painting program where everyone will go home with a unique piece of art work. All supplies provided. This is an adult only class, 18 and up. Registration required. Register at [www.oregonpubliclibrary.com](http://www.oregonpubliclibrary.com) or call (815) 732-2724.

#### Book Clubs

The 2WBC meets Wednesday, November 13 at 12:30 to discuss Love in the Time of Cholera by Gabriel Garcia Marquez. Cocktails and Crime will meet Sunday, November 17, at 2 pm. Is This Just

Fantasy? Book Club will meet November 19 at 6 pm to discuss Theft of Swords by Michael J. Sullivan. The Afternoon Book Club meets Wednesday, November 20 at 1 pm to discuss I’m a Stranger Here Myself by Bill Bryson. Books on Tap Book Club meets Thursday, November 21 at 6 pm at Cork & Tap to discuss Sociopath: A Memoir by Patric Gagne.

#### 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 1 pm and is open to anyone. From beginner to expert, all skill level are welcome to join. Bring any hand craft and work on it while socializing. Need help getting started with your knitting project, stop in on a Monday. Registration

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#### 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.

#### New Resource at the Library! EBSCO Databases has arrived!

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now find full-text resources 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?

#### 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

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### Byron High School cross country runners earn honors at Big Northern Conference meet at Fuller Forest Preserve

Several Byron High School cross country runners earned awards during the Big Northern Conference meet at Fuller Forest Preserve on Saturday, Oct. 19. Tim Starwalt led the varsity boys, earning All-Conference and running Byron's fastest time ever at Fuller Forest Preserve. Ashley Potter and Grace Burnes received All-Conference honors for the varsity girls, while Elinor McHale, Emma Franchi and Braden Dietrich were each named Honorable Mentions for the varsity team. Macyn Burris, Gianna Franchi, Ella Hanes, Brynn Green, Gavin Early, Joel Kerschner and Jace Jackson all recorded top-15 finishes at the JV level. (Courtesy photos)



**601 Marsha Lane  
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Move-in ready 3-bedroom ranch home featuring an oversized 2-car attached and insulated garage, plus a fully fenced yard. Enjoy the convenience of main floor laundry and a master bedroom with its own private half bath. The kitchen features hardwood cabinets and heated floors, while a sliding door off the dining area opens to a patio, perfect for outdoor relaxation. An additional detached shed offers extra storage space. 2024 updates include New water heater and toilet. This home is packed with functional features and ready for you to make it your own.



**2779 Karr Road  
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**NEW LISTING**

**707 S 5th Street Oregon \$175,000 Call Carla**

Discover the potential of this two-story single-family home, perfectly situated in a vibrant residential zone with high traffic counts. This spacious building, measuring 36x88, has been fully gutted, providing a blank canvas for your vision. With 200 amp electrical service and a heating system already in place, you have a solid foundation to bring your ideas to life. The property's prime location offers excellent visibility and accessibility, making it an ideal opportunity for both residential and mixed-use developments. Unlock the possibilities-whether you're looking to create your dream home or an innovative investment, this property is ready for your creative touch! Don't miss out on this unique opportunity in a bustling area.



**NEW LISTING**

**2132 Maxine Lane Rockford \$245,000 Call Rebecca**

Welcome to this inviting 3-bedroom, 2.5-bathroom home located in the sought-after Winnebago School District. This two-story gem features all bedrooms on the upper level, including a master suite with a private en suite bathroom, offering a peaceful retreat. The main floor boasts a spacious, open layout with vaulted ceilings and a seamless flow from the living room to the dining area, making it perfect for entertaining. The kitchen is open to the dining area, allowing for easy meal preparation and socializing. You'll also appreciate the convenience of a main floor laundry room. Step outside through the patio doors onto the oversized deck, ideal for outdoor dining and relaxing by the above-ground pool. The fully fenced backyard provides privacy and ample space for outdoor activities. The finished lower level offers additional living space, great for a family room or recreation area, with the option for a potential 4th bedroom. An attached 2.5-car garage completes this home, providing plenty of room for vehicles and storage. This home has it all - space, comfort, and a great location!



**NEW LISTING**

**481 S Red Oak Lane Chana \$24,000 Call Lori**

Welcome to Red Oak Lane in the Big Timber Subdivision. Big Timber subdivision has only 1 road with low traffic. It is zoned for R-2 Single Family Residence and is fully surrounded by Agricultural Zoning. The lots in the subdivision are greater than 1/2 acre and require a private well and septic system. The back and sides of the lot are lined with nice sized evergreen trees adding to the charm and appeal of the lot. A new house was built in this subdivision last year and you could be the next to enjoy the ambiance of this setting.



**NEW LISTING**

**136 Wylar Drive Dakota \$235,000 Call Ashley**

Welcome to this beautiful 3-bedroom, 2-bathroom home, lovingly and meticulously maintained by the original owner. The updated kitchen features modern appliances and finishes, perfect for all of your culinary adventures and entertaining. The spacious primary suite includes a large walk-in closet and an en suite bath that are sure to please. The family room is a showstopper, with vaulted ceilings, large windows that let in an abundance of natural light, and doors that open to the private patio. Enjoy additional space with a partially finished basement, ideal for a game room, home office, or additional storage, which the home already has an abundance of. Sitting on a corner lot with a privacy fence, this property offers both curb appeal with eye catching landscape and seclusion. The garage boasts epoxy flooring with a drain and heater, making it ideal for all seasons and all of your hobbies. Convenience is key with main floor laundry, plus a second option in the basement. For those colder months, stay cozy with the gas fireplace, furnace, or the alternative eco friendly wood burner heating system. This home truly offers the perfect blend of comfort and function!



**NEW LISTING**

**402 E 8th St, Rock Falls \$149,900 Call JD**

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# SPORTS

## Byron's Weekley part of UW-Whitewater Warhawk Marching Band in 2024-25

**WHITEWATER, Wis.** — Caleb Weekley, from Byron is among the student musicians who are part of the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater Warhawk Marching Band for the 2024-25 academic year. Weekley, who is studying Music at UW-Whitewater, is part of the percussion section in the marching band.

The Warhawk Marching Band performs at all UW-Whitewater football regular season home games and other select campus and community events during the fall semester. UW-Whitewater hosts the annual Wisconsin School Music Association (WSMA) State Marching Band Championships every October. Last season, the Warhawk Marching Band performed at halftime of a Green Bay Packers game at Lambeau Field.

The marching band is one of several musical ensembles at the university. In addition to Lambeau Field, UW-Whitewater's ensembles perform in other famous venues around the world, including Carnegie Hall in New York City, the Symphony Center in



(UW-WHITEWATER PHOTO/CRAIG SCHREINER)

**The Warhawk Marching Band performs at halftime of the UW-Whitewater football game at Perkins Stadium on Saturday, Sept. 22.**

Chicago, and at venues in Germany, Poland and England.

The Warhawk Marching

Band is directed by Glenn "Doc" Hayes, a professor of music in the university's College of Arts and Com-

munication who has also held the role of director of bands since 1987. He is the second person in history to

be inducted into the WSMA Marching Band Hall of Fame. Tobie Wilkinson, senior lecturer of music in the

college, leads UW-Whitewater's percussion studio and serves as associate director of the marching band.

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### Holiday Brunch and Market

**Saturday, November 9**

Brunch 9:30 am

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Enjoy shopping the holiday market at Cork and Tap and receive coupons to enjoy holiday discounts at various Oregon businesses!

Cost is \$28R/\$32NR and Deadline to register is November 3.

### Grown Up Puzzle Party

**Wednesday, November 20**

Cork and Tap

Adult-only Teams of 2-6 people, cost is \$18R/\$22NR (price is per person) to register

Each team has 90 minutes to put together a 500 piece puzzle.

Registration includes voucher for one beverage for cork and tap

Teams will keep puzzle at the end of competition

Deadline to register November 13

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Friday, December 13 – 6:30 pm

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Deadline December 9

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**Tuesday, December 3**

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6-8 p.m.

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Deadline 11/26

### Christmas Breakfast with Santa at Lorado Taft

**Saturday, December 14**

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# SPORTS

## OGLE COUNTY SPORTS ROUNDUP

### Oregon boys soccer team takes down Pecatonica

The Oregon High School varsity boys soccer team defeated Pecatonica 4-0 on Wednesday, Oct. 9. Irvin Acosta, Cruz Hernandez, Aiden Hammer and Jackson Caposey all scored goals. Acosta, Eduardo Garcia and Noah Near each had assists, while Deryk Withers totaled two saves for the Hawks (10-9-2, 4-4 BNC).

### Forreston volleyball team wins over Pearl City

The Forreston High School varsity volleyball team scored a 25-20, 25-13 win over Pearl City on Thursday, Oct. 10. Jaiden Schneiderman recorded 25 kills, six digs and one ace, while Ennen Ferris added 27 assists and six digs. Ayla Kiper totaled 10 digs and Aubrey Sanders added seven digs with two aces.

### Oregon volleyball team defeats Dixon

The Oregon High School varsity volleyball team won 25-17, 25-10 over Dixon on Thursday, Oct. 10. Anna Stender totaled eight digs, four kills and two aces, while Grace Tremble recorded eight digs and six kills.

Skylar Bishop added five blocks and four kills in the win. Oregon's JV team fell 25-19, 22-25, 9-15 and the F/S team fell 19-25, 19-25.

### Polo football team blows out Rockford Christian Life

The Polo High School varsity football team blew out Rockford Christian Life 68-6 on Friday, Oct. 11. Noah Dewey rushed for 61 yards and one touchdown while adding a 58-yard receiving touchdown. Gus Mumford rushed for a 59-yard touchdown and Billy Lowry rushed for 63 yards and one touchdown. Gage Zeigler rushed for 42 yards and one touchdown. JT Stevenson rushed for 58 yards and one touchdown. Quentin Hart rushed for 29 yards and one touchdown. Robert Hazarin rushed for 54 yards and one touchdown. Damon Rowe caught a 10-yard touchdown pass.

### Oregon football team dominates Rock Falls

The Oregon High School varsity football team rolled over Rock Falls 55-19 on Friday, Oct. 11. Logan Weems rushed for 142 yards and one touchdown, while Keaton Salsbury rushed for 117 yards and two touchdowns. Hunter Bar-

tel rushed for 103 yards and two touchdowns. Cooper Johnson rushed for a 57-yard touchdown and Lucas Cole rushed for a 13-yard touchdown.

### Byron football team crushes Winnebago

The Byron High School varsity football team dominated Winnebago 64-0 on Friday, Oct. 11. Brayden Knoll rushed for 62 yards and three touchdowns, while Kaden McGough rushed for 62 yards and two touchdowns. Issac Alvarez rushed for 79 yards and one touchdown and Denton Shank caught a 5-yard touchdown pass from Andrew Talbert. Nathan Wheeler and Ryder Spaulding each ran for touchdowns in the win.

### Forreston football team edges out Southwestern Wildcats

The Forreston High School varsity football team edged out the Southwestern Wildcats for a 20-16 victory on Friday, Oct. 11. Evan Boettner rushed for 83 yards and one touchdown, while Dane Setterstrom ran for 31 yards and one touchdown. Jon Milnes ran for 89 yards and one touchdown for the Cardinals.

### Oregon volleyball team falls against Rock-

### ford Lutheran

The Oregon High School varsity volleyball team conceded a 25-21, 18-25, 21-25 loss against Rockford Lutheran on Tuesday, Oct. 15. Madi Shaffer recorded 21 digs and five aces, while Anna Stender compiled 13 digs, seven kills and seven assists. Emma Ecker added a double-double with 11 digs and 13 assists. Oregon's JV team defeated Rockford Lutheran 26-24, 25-19.

### Oregon volleyball team holds off Stillman Valley

The Oregon High School varsity volleyball team outlasted Stillman Valley for a 26-24, 21-25, 25-23 win on Thursday, Oct. 17. Anna Stender recorded five kills and nine assists, while Emma Ecker totaled 11 assists and Cassie Krup added five kills. Oregon's JV team fell 25-8, 25-27, 15-17 and the F/S team lost 11-25, 19-25.

### Polo football team blows out West Carroll

The Polo High School varsity football team scored a 52-6 win over West Carroll on Friday, Oct. 18. Gus Mumford completed 3-of-3 passes for 141 yards and two

touchdowns while adding eight runs for 65 yards and two touchdowns. Billy Lowry caught two passes for 136 yards and two scores while rushing for 20 yards and one score on three carries. JT Stevenson and Robert Harazin each added touchdown runs for Polo in the win.

### Oregon football team falls to Rockford Lutheran

The Oregon High School varsity football team fell 24-0 against Rockford Lutheran on Friday, Oct. 18. Hunter Bartel ran for 56 yards on 13 carries to lead the Hawks in the loss.

### Oregon boys soccer teams loses to Marian Central Catholic

The Oregon High School varsity boys soccer team conceded a 2-0 loss to Marian Central Catholic on Saturday, Oct. 19. The Hawks finished the season with an 11-11-2 record.

### Forreston football team drops game against DuPec

The Forreston High School varsity football team lost 54-26 against DuPec on Friday, Oct. 18. Evan Boettner ran for 43 yards and one touchdown, while Dane Setterstrom ran for 48 yards and

one touchdown. Coehen Kirchner rushed for 44 yards and a touchdown and Kayden Loomis ran for a team-high 73 yards with one touchdown on the ground.

### Oregon volleyball team defeats Rock Falls

The Oregon High School varsity volleyball team pulled out a three-set win against Rock Falls, earning a 21-25, 25-19, 25-22 victory on Tuesday, Oct. 22. Madi Shaffer recorded 33 digs, while Anna Stender totaled 28 assists, two blocks and two kills. Makenzie Brown added four blocks and three kills for the Hawks (15-14, 6-3 BNC). Oregon's JV team fell 24-26, 25-22, 11-15 and the F/S team fell 13-25, 25-17, 10-15.

### Forreston volleyball team wins over Lena-Winslow

The Forreston High School varsity volleyball team scored a 25-17, 25-23 win over Lena-Winslow on Tuesday, Oct. 22. Jaiden Schneiderman totaled 13 kills, five digs and two aces, while Ennen Ferris dished out 14 assists and Aubrey Sanders recorded seven digs. Hailee Vogt also had seven digs in the match.

## Byron narrowly defeats Dixon 29-28 in matchup of undefeated BNC schools

BY ANDY COLBERT  
CORRESPONDENT

**DIXON**—After a 29-28 win over Dixon, Byron coach Jeff Boyer said it best - "They deserved to win. We deserved to win."

Indeed, both squads put on a show worthy of all the pre-game hype. With the estimated 4,000 fans drenched in suspense on a beautiful night for football at A.C. Bowers Field, it wasn't until Caden Considine crashed over the goal line on a two-point conversion with 16 seconds left that everyone could finally take a breath.

Coming into the contest between the two unbeaten foes, there remained concerns as to whether Dixon could compete with the much-vaunted Tigers, a team on a 22-game winning streak and one that beat the Dukes 49-7 last year.

"We had our doubts then. This year, we believed," Dixon coach Jared Shaner said.

It was the coach's son, Cullen, that put the Dukes in a position to knock Byron from its perch as top dog of the Big Northern and beyond. Shaner was 17-for-20 passing, throwing two touchdown passes to Eli Davidson and

putting up 235 yards.

Shaner and company stunned the Tigers by taking a 14-0 lead late into the second quarter. It wasn't until 2.5 seconds remained in the first half that Byron scored. Andrew Talbert connected with Brayden Knoll on a seven-yard touchdown pass.

It's not that Byron didn't have their chances. Consider this:

Four penalties on a promising opening drive caused it to stall out at the 22-yard line. A lost fumble on a kickoff gave the ball back to Dixon. Then, Shaner adeptly corner kicked a punt to the one-yard, leading to a three-and-out.

That was what Byron was dealing with in just the first half. After another lost fumble three plays into the second half, the Tigers had to wonder what was going on, especially after completion domination in its seven previous games.

"I'm proud of how we played, but we need to correct all those penalties and fumbles," Boyer said.

Defensive coordinator Sean Considine concurred.

"I'm not happy right now," Considine said. "We can't be making all those mistakes."

The thing that both

Boyer and Considine were pleased with how the team came back from all the adversity it faced. There was even a sequence in the first quarter, in which Byron was only given three downs instead of four after a pair of penalties.

Trailing 14-7 in the third quarter, Byron faced a third-and-12 after two consecutive penalties (12-70 for the game). That is when Considine broke loose for 29 yards, followed by a 12-yard run by Talbert.

Still, the Tigers found themselves in a fourth-and-10 situation after another penalty. An 11-yard pass to Knoll got the first down and on the next play it was Considine running 14 yards for a touchdown.

"This is what a playoff game feels like," Boyer said.

Dixon regained the lead 20-14 on a four-yard reverse by Tyson Dambman, but had its PAT kick blocked. Byron took its first lead of the game, 21-20, as Knoll ran in from five yards, though they needed to convert on fourth down again during that 60-yard drive.

"We were very physical and proved we could play with them," Jared Shaner said.

It was heroic by Cullen Shaner that gave the lead back to Dixon. On a fourth down, he found Davidson in the end zone for a 29-yard touchdown. A PAT pass completion made it 28-21, but plenty of time remained for Byron to put a drive together.

And that is what they did, culminating in a Talbert four-yard score. A 59-yard touchdown

by Talbert a few plays earlier was called back for a penalty, which may have paradoxically aided Byron, because that would have given Dixon the ball back with more time to score.

After Talbert's score and Considine's PAT, the Dukes only had time for two plays before the game ended.

"It sucks we lost, but we

played a great game," Cullen Shaner said. "Playing someone as good as Byron helps us so much for the playoffs. We definitely had a different mindset than last year when we played them."

Considine had 130 yards rushing on 20 carries, with Knoll adding 109 on 16 carries. Talbert added 56 yards and was 5-7 passing for 83 yards.

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# SPORTS



**Stillman Valley's Dunseth competes at IHSA State Championship**  
 Stillman Valley High School golfer Amelia Dunseth finished in 15th place during the IHSA 1A State Championship meet at Red Tail Run in Decatur this past weekend. Dunseth shot a 159 over 36 holes, carding 77 during her first round and 82 during her second round. (Courtesy photo)

## Wild, weird and wonderful

**W**ILD, weird and wonderful. That is how I would describe my experience at the Byron-Dixon football game. Beforehand, as I drove down scenic Illinois Route 2, my only hope was that it would at least be competitive, something rarely found at a Byron game.

It was more than competitive. It was full of twists and turns worthy of a suspense novel. For the \$5 price of admission, a person is not going to find better entertainment anywhere.

The weirdness was found in the uncharacteristic mistakes made by Byron's offense. Not used to seeing that. Dixon also got in on the act, as a total of 20 penalties between both teams were whistled.

The wonderment came from the environment at A.C. Bowers Field. As I quizzed a few locals, none could remember such a packed house. Another barometer was ticket-takers running out of programs an hour before the varsity start time.

Dixon is somewhat unique in that all the stands are on one side, as the school butts right up to the east side of the field. From all reports, fans from both schools seemed to get along. Besides the bleachers, fans were sitting in lawn chairs or standing around the end zones.

With everyone totally engrossed in the game, there was no idle time for rabble rousing. Likewise on the playing field, as both teams played respectful ball.

Whether you were a Duke or Tiger fan, every-

one had to feel good about what was witnessed. Unlike so many blowout games that seem to litter the high school football landscape more and more, this was a display of two opponents trading punches, with plenty of finesse thrown in.

Even outside observers, like Oregon School Board President Bryan Wills and myself, who I was chatting with during the game, were just as enthralled with the proceedings as any hardcore Byron or Dixon fan.

Certainly the attendance was boosted by plenty of people from other towns who came to the circus. Normally, only playoff games get that type of interest. But, as Byron Coach Jeff Boyer said afterwards, it was like a playoff.

As the Big North-ern Conference has evolved over the last couple of decades, Genoa-Kingston, Lutheran, Oregon, Stillman Valley and Winnebago have also had an impact on the grid championship.

That's not the case anymore. The power of the BNC resides only in Byron and Dixon, with everyone else out of the picture.

That's not healthy and thankfully Dixon was able to step up to Byron's level. When Dixon joined the BNC, there was some internal grumbling that it was a step down and might hamper athletic achievement.

I doubt if that is the case anymore and sense Dixon is very happy to be a part of the league. Rochelle has made overtures towards membership, especially with

the BNC losing Rockford Christian for football, but have always been rebuffed.

Geographically, Rochelle would be the ideal fit. However, its enrollment of 868 is a bit too large for the conference. Dixon is at 760 and could decline even further.

Whether or not officials seek a replacement to RC in football remains up in the air. If they did, it would be for all sports, turning the league into 11 teams.

In the ever-changing world of conference alignment, the only certainty is that change is inevitable.

Speaking of change, did you know that the IHSA hosted its first ever girls flag football championship this past weekend.

Held at Willowbrook High School, it was Palatine Fremd defeating previously unbeaten Rockford Guilford 24-12. The domain of schools primarily from the Chicago area, it has the potential to grow even larger from its current slate of approximately 150 teams.

In looking at game stats, flag football is more pass-oriented than run. Decades ago, who would have thought girls would be wrestling and playing football.

Will there come a time when the girls engage in full-contact football instead of flag? It is not out of the question.

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



**Andy Colbert**



**Polo Aplington's Garcia wins IESA 1A State Championship**  
 The Polo Aplington Middle School cross country team competed in the IESA 1A State Championship meet at Parkside Junior High in Normal on Saturday, Oct. 19. Abram Garcia won the state title, finishing first out of 228 boys in Class 1A with a time of 10:33.51. (Courtesy photo)



**Byron fresh/soph volleyball team wins Forreton Invitational**  
 The Byron High School fresh/soph volleyball team took first place in the Forreton Invitational on Saturday, Oct. 19. (Courtesy photo)

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# SPORTS



## Byron High School cross country runners take home awards from Amboy Invitational on Saturday, Oct. 12

The Byron High School cross country team saw both its varsity girls and fresh-soph boys earn second-place awards at the Amboy Invitational on Saturday, Oct. 12. Ashley Potter, Gabby Northrup, Elinor McHale and Grace Burnes all earned medalist honors for the varsity girls, while Braden Dietrich, Michael Muzzarelli, Conner Welt and River Wygant all received medals for the fresh-soph boys. Tim Starwalt medaled in third to lead the varsity boys and Addie Helms won a medal in the girls open race. (Courtesy photo)

## Weekly Brain Busters

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- 12 Jai —
- 13 Swelled head
- 14 Valentine border
- 15 Cooking area
- 17 Gray's subj.
- 18 Wedding setting
- 19 Riyadh residents
- 21 Pride parade letters
- 24 GI entertainers
- 25 Ganges wrap
- 28 Incursion
- 30 "Tasty!"
- 33 Actress Thurman
- 34 Orchestral strings
- 35 Director Ang
- 36 Prohibit
- 37 Gas co., for one
- 38 Printer's blue
- 39 Corn core
- 41 Cruising
- 43 Drag
- 46 New York's — Island
- 50 Pundit's piece
- 51 Causing annoyance

**DOWN**

- 1 Brazilian rubber
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- 4 Capital of Rwanda
- 5 Wager
- 6 Past
- 7 Beer ingredient
- 8 Santa —
- 9 Not by design
- 10 "Superfood" berry
- 11 Understands
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- 20 German car name
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- 23 Shire of "Rocky"
- 25 Long lunch?
- 26 Docs' org.
- 27 Cattle farm workers
- 29 Misfortunes
- 31 — culpa
- 32 Gents
- 34 Rubik's brain-teaser
- 38 Phoned
- 40 From days of yore
- 42 "A mouse!"
- 43 "Brave New World" drug
- 44 IRS employees
- 45 Get ready, briefly
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by Linda Thistle

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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



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IN PROBATE  
No. 2024 PR 49  
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Attorney for Executor:  
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No. 1015  
(Oct. 14, 21 and 28, 2024)

**NOTICE BYRON MUSEUM DISTRICT OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS**  
110 N. UNION STREET  
BYRON, ILLINOIS, 61010  
**ORDINANCE NO. 24-2 ANNUAL LEVY ORDINANCE**  
AN ORDINANCE LEVYING TAXES FOR ALL DISTRICT PURPOSES FOR THE BYRON MUSEUM DISTRICT, OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2024 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2025.  
WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Byron Museum District, Ogle County, Illinois (the "Board of Commissioners") has caused a certified copy of Ordinance No. 24-1, the Annual Combined Budget and Appropriation Ordinance, to be published in the Ogle County Life, a newspaper published and distributed in the City of Byron, County of Ogle and State of Illinois.  
AND WHEREAS, the

Board of Commissioners has determined the total amount of funds necessary to be raised; by Ordinance No. 24-1, and more than seven (7) days have passed since the publication of this Ordinance.  
AND WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners adopted a Resolution regarding estimated amounts necessary to be levied for the year 2024 and has determined that this levy is not in excess of 105% of the taxes levied by the Byron Museum District for fiscal year 2023-2024, and no Truth in Taxation Notice and Hearing was required, all in accordance with the requirements of the Truth in Taxation Act. 35 ILCS 200/18-55 et seq.  
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF BYRON MUSEUM DISTRICT, OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS: SECTION 1. The Annual Combined Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the Byron Museum District, Ogle County, Illinois, for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, kno,n as Ordinance No. 24-1, is hereby incorporated in this Annual Levy Ordinance by reference.  
SECTION 2. The amount to be raised by levy for said fiscal year is \$141,000.00, and the same is hereby levied for the general purposes of the Byron Museum District, Ogle County, Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025.  
SECTION 3. The Secretary of the Board of Commissioners of the Byron Museum District, Ogle County, Illinois shall file, on or before the last Tuesday of December, 2024, a certified copy of this Annual Levy Ordinance with the Ogle County Clerk (in compliance with 70 ILCS 1105/18). The said Secretary shall also file on or before the last Tuesday of December, 2024, certified copies of the Annual Combined Budget and Appropriation Ordinance, and this Annual Levy Ordinance with the Museum operated by the Byron Museum District and make said copies available to public inspection at all times.  
SECTION 4. The amount levied by this Annual Levy Ordinance is required by the Byron Museum District, Ogle County, Illinois and is to be extended upon the appropriate tax books for the fiscal year of said istrict beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025.  
SECTION 5. If any section, subdivision, sentence or clause of this Annual Levy Ordinance is for any reason, held invalid or to be unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of this Ordinance.  
SECTION 6. This Annual Levy Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval, filing and publishing according to law.  
Adopted this 22nd day of October, 2024, pursuant to roll call vote as follows:  
AYES: 5  
NAYS: 0  
ABSENT: 0  
Passed and approved this 22nd day of October, 2024.  
Randy Stukenberg, President  
ATTEST: Heather Higgins, Secretary  
No. 1023  
(Oct. 28, 2024)

**NOTICE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS**  
IN THE MATTER OF A CERTIFICATE OF TITLE FOR A MOTOR VEHICLE  
MOUNT MORRIS ESTATES MHP, LLC, 3747 IL Rt. 64  
MOUNT MORRIS, ILLINOIS 61054  
Plaintiff,  
v.  
JASON BAUSER and MICHAEL ADAMCZYK Defendants.  
No. 2024CH12  
**NOTICE BY PUBLICATION**  
Jason Bauser  
That this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendant requesting the entry of a Court Order directing the Illinois Secretary of State issue title to and in that certain 1980 Mobile Home VIN: I7014F-FR26472, located at 3747 Illinois Route 64, Unit 78, Mt. Morris, Ogle County, Illinois.  
NOW, THEREFORE, UNLESS YOU file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case in the Office of the Clerk of this Court: Clerk of the Circuit Court  
Ogle County Courthouse  
106 S. Fifth Street  
Oregon, IL 61061  
On or before November 30, 2024. A DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU AT ANY TIME AFTER THAT DAY AND A JUDGEMENT MAY BE ENTERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRAYER OF SAID COMPLAINT.  
Dated Oct. 22, 2024  
Kimberly A. Stahl,  
Clerk of the Circuit Court  
Ogle County, Illinois  
No. 1022  
(Oct. 28, Nov. 4 and 11, 2024)

**NOTICE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OGLE COUNTY PROBATE DIVISION**  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: )  
KIMBERLY SUE KUBLY, ) Deceased. )  
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.  
Deborah S. Maas  
Attorney for Executor:  
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**ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT VILLAGE OF ADELINE FISCAL YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 2024**  
  
\*REVISED\*  
  
REVENUE SUMMARY: State Income Tax 12,770.15, Municipal Sales Tax 3,937.54, Personal Property Replacement Tax 237.12, Local Use Tax 2,979.52, Cannabis Tax 121.05, Motor Fuel Tax 3,422.35, Solid Waste Fund Grant 245.00, Interest 7,688.52, Ogle County Collector 6,095.87, Building Permits 10.00, Total Revenue: 37,507.12  
  
COMPENSATION SUMMARY: Salaries/Benefits: Mike Dickinson 735.50, Karen Dickinson 588.40, Kim Dickinson 628.40, Dorene Mulder 349.36, Roger Branscomb 367.75, Brian Leake 257.42, Ken Sheely 257.42, Luke Sheely 367.75, Charles Mitchell 330.97, Nationwide Retirement Solutions 1,266.25, Jordan Sasser CPA 320.00, US Treasury 151.56. Total Compensation: 5,620.78  
  
EXPENDITURES SUMMARY: IML Risk Management Assoc. 6,003.87, ComEd 4,162.43, Nicor 586.79, Streets/Alleys 1,500.00, Park 6,042.43, Snow Removal 480.00, Fuel/Chemicals 362.98, Equipment Repair 368.50, Town Cleanup 490.00, Misc. 151.70. Total Expenditures: 20,148.70  
  
Respectfully Submitted: Kim Dickinson, Treasurer  
Attest: Karen Dickinson, Clerk  
October 18, 2024  
No. 1021  
(October 28, 2024)

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## BYRON PUBLIC LIBRARY

**No Longer Accepting Plastic**  
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That the Byron Library can help you research your family history? Stop in to access Ancestry.com Library Edition or Family Search from the library computers, or view our physical local history collection located in the conference room. You can also visit <https://www.byronlibrary.org/services/local-history/> at any time to peruse our digital collection, including an online archive of Byron newspapers and Byron High School year-books!

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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 strangle-

hold 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)

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