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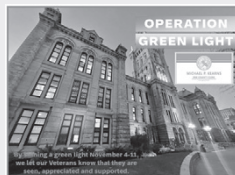
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Great teamwork by ECSO deputies, dispatchers

By Sheriff John Garcia Erie County Sheriff's Office

In the hustle and bustle of a fast-paced world, it is often appropriate to take a moment and recognize good work. That is what I wanted to do in my monthly message to you.

In the early morning hours of Oct. 26, our communications center received a 911 call from a hiker who was lost in Chestnut Ridge Park. The hiker, who was with two others, was using a cell phone that had just 2% of its battery left. The other two individuals didn't have a cell phone at all.

Recognizing the need to work quickly, our dispatchers did just what they do every day; they worked calmly and efficiently to get aid to these three lost hikers.

Utilizing an important tool called RapidSOS, our dispatchers were able to determine the exact location of the cell phone, and point responding deputies from our police services division in that direction. After learning that information, the deputies were able to quickly locate the lost hikers and escort them back to their vehicles.

This story is indicative of the dedication to service my staff

brings to work each and every day. It exemplifies why I frequently say that the employees of the Erie County Sheriff's Office are its greatest and most important asset. Our dispatchers and deputies showed great teamwork as they assisted these three people. Please join me in commending their efforts.

Many of you may be thinking about going for a hike in the near future. Our deputies work frequently with the park rangers to make sure the Erie County Parks, Recreation and Forestry trails are safe for the residents of Erie

County. The county's parks are open from 7 a.m. until dusk. It is important to adhere to these hours for your safety.

If you are planning a hike, remember to stay hydrated, know what level of difficulty you can handle, and show up with a fully charged cell phone. We are lucky that the cell phone of the individual from the call in Chestnut Ridge Park last month had just enough power to make the call.

And we are all lucky to be able to call on the dedicated staff of the Erie County Sheriff's Office for help.

GRAND ISLAND NEWS

GHS names October Viking Values Students of the Month

Grand Island High School Principal Hillary Kretz-Harvey and assistant principals Jaime Peld and Adam Hernandez announced the Viking Values Students of the Month for October.

The Viking Values Students of the Month are nominated by the departments of world language, social studies, mathematics, English, business, art, physical education, music, technology and science.

October students (from left, front row) include Emily Glassbrook, grade 10, selected by the business department; Deni Brown, grade 11, world language; and Tanureet Saini, grade 11, technology. In the back row, Peld and Hernandez; Ieva Stalyga, grade 11, music; Gavin Clinton, grade 12, math; Carl Beckley, grade 11, physical education; Carson Hamilton, grade 11, art; Gavin Warner, grade 10, English; and Kretz-Harvey. Not pictured: Cassidy Kurtzhalts, grade 11, science.

The Viking Values Students of the Month are chosen based on character, academic performance, effort, behavior, social relationships, and attendance.

•Character – The student demon-



strates the Viking Values of respect, responsibility, safety and compassion.

•Academic performance – The student is passing all classes taken within the department; demonstrates excellent class participation and completion of assignments.

•Effort – The student demonstrates good effort in class and works up to or exceeds innate ability.

•Behavior – Both inside and outside of the classroom, the student obeys rules, shows respect to peers and adults, and is well mannered.

•Social relationships – The stu-

dent displays leadership, a willingness to help peers, and shows respect toward others.

•Attendance – The student attends school regularly and arrives at school and classes on time.

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