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Ogle County business group donates items to homeless shelter. **2A**

County COVID deaths up

The positivity rate is now at more than 22 percent

By Brad Jennings
Editor

The Ogle County Board heard at its Jan. 18 meeting that not only are COVID-19 cases soaring in the county, but deaths from the disease are as well.

Kyle Auman, Ogle County Health Department administrator, told the board during a Zoom meeting that the county is at a 22.58 percent positivity rate for COVID-19. That is up from 14.18 percent last month.

"As you all may have heard, we are experiencing ... some of

the highest numbers we have seen," he told the board during the call.

In fact, the last two board meetings have been held on Zoom and not in person because of the increase in COVID cases.

Auman told the board there have been 120 deaths from COVID in the county, with a "significant" number coming more recently. He said there were 17 deaths from COVID in December and eight so far in January.

"We went many months in the fall without very many deaths," he said.

Ogle County has had 12,073 cases overall and have 2,510 active now. He said that regional ICU bed availability is also "something we are still keeping a close eye on." Auman said federal resources are coming to Rockford to help area hospitals with the influx of cases.

He said that the Omicron variant has been identified in the county, but most cases are still the Delta variant.

And school are still the top exposure location, he said. The county has identified 1,600 cases from schools.

Auman said that long-term care facilities are also seeing many cases, with some in "outbreak" status. He said workers are not only caring for residents but are also dealing with a high

number of COVID cases and staff shortages.

Overall, 54 percent of the county's population is vaccinated. Auman said the county is lagging in the number of children ages 5-11 who have been vaccinated. Only 570 of about 4,000 in that age group have received the shots.



In other action:

The County Board honored former County Board member Jim Barnes of Oregon. Barnes died on Dec. 5, 2021.

Barnes served as chairman of the County Board from 2010 to 2012. He also served the City of Oregon for 28 years as both a councilman and mayor.

The board declared Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2022, as Jim Barnes Day in Ogle County.

WEATHER

	
MONDAY	TUESDAY
HIGH LOW	HIGH LOW
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WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
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FRIDAY	SATURDAY
HIGH LOW	HIGH LOW
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Art show

The Forreston High School art program is currently presenting artwork completed by students in the Advanced Art class at 9 East Coffee. The artwork was completed during the last part of the school year leading up to winter break. Students are invited to join the advanced art class when their skill is at a high level and they have ideas they want to pursue. The program runs on a semi-independent agenda with the students leading the way designing the majority of their own projects. This is the first showing of the advanced artists' artwork at 9 East Coffee and we hope you enjoy!

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LOCAL NEWS



Donation

Members of Ogle County's Womxn in Business group donated items to be raffled in support of PADS Homeless Shelter in Dixon. w@sh is passionate about community support, and chose to host this year's Holiday Raffle. Womxn in Business were able to raise and donate \$300 to PADS. Special "Thank You" to WxB donors, Liz Hiemstra: Libra Farms, Linda Bennett: Arbonne, Kelsey Osborne: Kinzee-Doo Custom Creations, Mandolen Mull Pack: Scout & Cellar wine, Mary Elliot: handmade jams + caramels, Meggan Dickson-Grennan: w@sh. PADS Homeless shelter in Dixon runs 24/7, 365 days per year, providing shelter, services, clothing, food and daily needs for its residents. PADS hosts families with children of all ages. For more info call 815-288-6818. Womxn in Business (Ogle County area) is a network of female business owners holding space to connect, find support and build relationships with peers who recognize the hard work it takes to be entrepreneurs. Contact Meggan Dickson-Grennan at wash.salon815@gmail.com for more info. Find out more about w@sh by visiting wash815.com. Pictured: Meggan Dickson-Grennan: founder Womxn in Business & owner of w@sh salon (right), Joanna Kibble: Director PADS (center), and daughter Paityn, with PADS residents, Martin, Journey Rose, Josh, Julie and Mike.

COVID uptick puts stress on testing, staffing at RCH

By Jeff Helfrich
Rochelle
News-Leader

ROCHELLE — Rochelle Community Hospital CEO Gregg Olson said recently that the recent COVID-19 surge in the area is putting testing and staffing under stress at the hospital.

As of Jan. 17, Ogle County's COVID-19 positivity rate was 22.58 percent with 1,739.63 cases per 100,000 people. Olson said that RCH has recently been administering double the usual amount of COVID-19 tests.

"It puts a strain on staffing and supplies," Olson said. "We're on an allocation for testing supplies. We don't know how many we're going to get. That becomes a real concern and you start to run out and the demand for them is still high. We haven't run out, but it's still tight at times. We're at the mercy of our supplies. But staffing has been our biggest concern."

RCH is averaging "about 2-3" inpatients with COVID-19 in beds per day, which Olson said isn't much more than it was dealing with before the current surge.

The hospital uses PCR COVID-19 tests, which Olson said is the most accurate type. It has the ability to use rapid tests as well. While there's always the possibility of false positives and negatives with testing, Olsons said RCH hasn't had "any real issues" with results so far.

"We have a process in place," Olson said. "We get hundreds of calls from the public. We're overwhelmed with calls. It's usually testing questions. We're still testing staff. That's added to our testing numbers. We're managing it. It's not perfect, but it's pretty good. When you have these numbers, there's been some delays in getting results back."

Olson said to his knowledge, RCH has seen just one Omicron variant pos-

itive case in its testing so far. The hospital is seeing "a lot more by far" of the Delta variant. He anticipates seeing more Omicron cases and RCH is bracing for that surge, though it hasn't seen a lot of it yet.

Olson said he's been informed that the current surge hasn't even peaked yet, and the CDC and scientist say it could in 2-3 weeks.

"We thought we'd be beyond this by now," Olson said. "We thought we were turning the corner a few months ago before these variants. This has been a daily challenge for us. We talk about these issues every day. It's something we try to manage the best we can. That's difficult. This started in March 2020 and we're still going at it. And numbers are increasing."

RCH recently increased its visitor restrictions due to the COVID-19 surge. Patients in the emergency department or on the medical/surgical floor, including ICU, are allowed one designated visitor (must be the same person) for the duration of their stay. It also closed its cafeteria and catering until further notice.

Olson said RCH is preparing "every day" for further COVID-19 surges in the future and is making staffing contingency plans and looking at different hospital departments.

"We don't want to close them, but we may have to," Olson said. "We'll have to sit down and make those decisions. We're constantly ready for those what-ifs. I think our staff has done a good job in that area."

The RCH CEO called it "very difficult" to put further restrictions in place and stop some services and didn't want to have to take the "last resort" measures. Olson called keeping people as safe as possible part of the hospital's responsibility to the community.

"The message is please get vaccinated if you can," Olson said.



Her heart's in the **Right** place

LISA CHARBONEAU, RN, CARDIAC REHABILITATION

Throughout her 16 years at Rochelle Community Hospital, Lisa Charboneau has worked in several areas. But when given an opportunity to help people recovering from cardiac conditions, the registered nurse followed her heart. "I am privileged to care for patients and help them become stronger and healthier," Lisa shared. "We support patients through the recovery process...I love helping them return to activities they enjoy."

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Does God Exist?

How can God exist if we can't see Him? How could Jesus have risen from the dead? These are good questions and deserve some thought.

However, before we do, let's consider an analogy of a two-dimensional world. The inhabitants of this world could only comprehend two dimensions, forward and backward, left and right. They have no concept of the third dimension (depth). Let's imagine that you as a three-dimensional being would try to educate them about the third dimension. You would encounter a two-dimensional being and try to explain who you are, but no matter what you do, the two-dimensional being will only see you as a straight line. There is no way to put three dimensions into two dimensions. You could be but one inch from them (if you were on a slightly different plane) and they would have no idea of your presence.

As three-dimensional beings we would look at the two-dimensional beings and wonder why they couldn't comprehend us. There is no way to prove to a two-dimensional being the existence of the third dimension. They would need to have faith that the third dimension exists.

Friend please consider: is it possible that there is a fourth dimension that is beyond what we as three-dimensional beings can understand? Might there be another dimension to time that we cannot comprehend. We are bound by time. We can talk about the past and dream about the future but we can't exist in any other time than the present. God however, is unaffected by our dimension of time. "With the Lord one day is as a thousand years and a thousand years as one day" (2 Pet 3:8)

There are evidences of God's existence but there is no way to prove that God exists. We cannot see Him. We cannot touch Him. Finally, it is a matter of faith. Am I willing to accept that something may exist that I do not fully understand? I choose to accept by faith that God does exist and that Jesus rose from the dead!

What about you?

If you would like to understand more about God, I urge you to read His Word, the Bible. "For the Word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword" (Hebrews 4:12)

If you have questions in regards to this article or your study in the Bible, feel free to contact us.

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LOCAL NEWS

Reconstruction of Byron's wastewater plant means higher rates

BYRON—The City of Byron Public Works Department will be undertaking a major reconstruction of its Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP). This project began in 2021 with a Facilities Planning Study/Report which ultimately resulted in the City Council's decision to undertake the reconstruction. The Wastewater Treatment Plant was originally constructed pre-1960. Although there have been additions and upgrades through the years, some components date back to the 1920's. Most of the facilities are beyond their expected operational life. Some segments of the plant no longer function correctly and are bypassed, or they have failed completely and are unsafe. In consultation with

the city's engineering firm, and after considering all options available, the City Council voted to reconstruct the plant to best meet the current and future needs of the City. Reconstruction will provide for greater reliability, energy efficiency, and enhanced levels of treatment that will ensure that the plant is compliant with current and expected future Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) requirements. The plan will incorporate components of the sewer plant that still have usable life. This is a multiyear project with construction expected to begin in the summer of 2023 and be completed and fully operational in 2027. The estimated cost of the reconstruction is \$14,469,000. In order to finance the project,

the city has applied for a 30-year low interest loan (0.83%) from the IEPA. The city should also qualify for 15% principal loan forgiveness. The additional debt service will require that the city increase water and sewer rates, and users can expect to see steady annual increases. Water and sewer rates are set by ordinance, however, they are based on current number of users and average use. As the number of users changes and residents adjust their water usage, rates will be reviewed annually and adjusted up or down, if necessary, to ensure the city's ability to pay the debt service on the loan and maintain an appropriate reserve. To view the current water and sewer rate increases, please visit www.cityofbyron.com.

DAR scholarship application deadline is set for Jan. 31

Rochelle Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) is seeking entries for scholarship contests. Entries can be submitted from regional public, private, parochial, or home-schooled students. No DAR affiliation is required. The deadline to submit entries to Rochelle Chapter is Jan. 31, 2022; and no entries postmarked after that date will be considered. All entries should be submitted in one mailing and incomplete entries will not be considered. Entries should be mailed to: Rochelle Chapter, NSDAR PO Box 104,

Rochelle, IL 61068; Attn: Scholarships. Questions can be emailed to regent.dar.rochelle@gmail.com. A very important part of the DAR is promoting education. Each year, Illinois Daughters award college scholarships. These are limited to students who are U.S. citizens, graduating seniors from high school, and those who will attend colleges or universities in Illinois (two-year junior colleges and four-year institutions). To qualify for the Illinois State Scholarships, a student's financial need and academic consideration are both factors. Rochelle Chapter will sponsor one high school

senior for a \$1,000 general scholarship competition, as well as one high school senior for the General Henry Dearborn American History Scholarship at the state level. The General Henry Dearborn History Scholarship has no financial need component but is for a student interested in pursuing a career in some phase of history. Details about the Illinois scholarships and application requirements, as well as scholarships available through the National Society, can be found at <https://ildar.org/assets/pages/education.html>



Winter hike

The Oregon Park District recently held a winter State Park hike. Led by retired Site Superintendent Grant Afflerbaugh and his dog, patrons enjoyed exploring Lowden Miller Forest State Park. Highlights of the trip included hiking to the bluff that overlooks the river where the Lowden family used to frequent. Lowden Miller Forest has marked trails that offer a variety of hikes.

Church hosting Jan. 24 blood drive

OREGON—Ebenezer Reformed Church, located at 2997 North German Church Road in Oregon, is hosting a blood drive on Monday, Jan. 24, from 1-6 p.m. The demand for blood is great and the supply is low. The Rock River Valley Blood Center serves 13 regional hospitals, including Rochelle Community Hospital. They are the only provider of blood products and services to these facilities and need to see 800 donors per week. The process is safe and simple, and one unit can save up to three lives. If you are a first-time donor, welcome! And bring a photo ID, please. You can schedule your donation online at rrvbc.org or by calling 815-965-8751. Walk-ins are always welcome. We hope to see you on the 24th.

Celebrating 60 Years

Ronald & Julianne Lentz




Ronald and Julianne (Rowe) Lentz of Monroe Center are celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary on February 10th. The couple met on a chaperoned ski trip in LaCrosse, Wis. They were united in marriage on February 10, 1962 at St. Peter's Cathedral in Rockford. Ron and Julie moved to Monroe Center March 29, 1969 where they raised their five children, Chuck Lentz of Loves Park, Bob Lentz of Stillman Valley, Anne Aughenbaugh of Engelwood, Fla., Cathy Kunce of Stillman Valley and Sue Ady of Rockford. Ron and Julie are also very proud of their 10 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. They will be celebrating on February 12th with a small family dinner. The Happily Ever After Party will be held on Saturday, April 23 from 1 to 3 p.m. in Monroe Center at the Double OO Saloon, 5555 N. Clark St., Monroe Center. They request your presence to help them celebrate with cake and fellowship.

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LOCAL NEWS

Obituaries

Robert I. Johnson

OREGON – Robert I. Johnson, age 87, passed away in his home on Jan. 17, 2022 in Oregon. Robert was born on Dec. 13, 1934 in Dixon; the son of Harold I. & and Helen (Rippberger) Johnson.

He graduated from Oregon High School Class of 1952, and he attended DePauw University. He served in the United States Army from 1956 to 1958. Robert married Kathleen A. Swan on July 6, 1957 in Mt. Morris. Robert worked as an Insurance and Real Estate Broker retiring on Feb. 28, 1986.

Robert was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Oregon, and he was also a member of Beta Theta Pi Fraternity. Robert loved to fish in Northern Wisconsin and Canada. Robert enjoyed many years of traveling with Kathy. Bob's favorite destination was "up to the lake" whether he was sitting on the shore of Lac Vieux Desert enjoying the view or



out on the boat always catching more fish than anyone else, Bob was in his happy place. Bob's yard was his pride and joy, he spent many hours keeping it perfect. Bob and Kathy enjoyed this perfection as they spent hours on their back deck playing 26. He also loved to golf where in 1965 he played an exhibition golf match with Jack Nicklaus sponsored by Smith Oil Company at the Dixon Country Club. He also in 2005 was in the 1st year group inducted into the Lincoln Highway Golf Hall of Fame. He was 16 times Oregon Golf Club Champion and he had

11 holes in one, most importantly he passed on his love for golf to his family. Robert's number one priority was still the time with his family.

Family was No. 1 for Bob, his final words of wisdom was for each of the family members to follow his lead and "live a good life."

Robert is survived by his wife: Kathleen Johnson, Oregon; children: Richard (Laurie) Johnson, Phelps, Wis., Michael D. Johnson, Salt Lake City, Utah, and Cynthia (Tim) Baade, Roscoe; 4 grandchildren: Eric Baade, Meghan Baade, Matthew Baade, and Rebecca (Casey Mauth) Johnson.

Robert is preceded in death by his parents; brother: David Johnson.

Cremation rites have been accorded with Finch Funeral Home, 405 East Hitt, Mt. Morris, IL. A private family gathering will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorials to be determined.

Lloyd Curtis Ruthe

OREGON – Lloyd Curtis Ruthe, age 88, died Saturday, Jan. 15, 2022 at the Serenity Hospice and Home in Oregon surrounded by his loving family. He was born Oct. 19, 1933 in Baileyville, the son of Frederick and Rena (Meiners) Ruthe.

He graduated from Forreton High School and Northern Illinois University. Lloyd served his country in the U.S. Army and was stationed in Germany. He married Janice K Hodgson on June 2, 1961 in Warren. He taught at the Forreton Grade School 1 year, taught industrial Arts, became the Principal of the Pleasant Hill School in Oregon, and then taught over 35 years at the Etnyre Grade School retiring in 1997. Lloyd coached track and basketball. Lloyd was a longtime member of the Ebenezer Reformed Church where he previously served as a Deacon, caretaker of the cemetery, and played on the church softball team.



He liked bird watching, painting, puzzles, woodworking, going camping, and fishing.

He was predeceased by his parents Frederick and Rena Ruthe, brothers Calvin and Marvin Ruthe, sisters Esther Hagemann and Lucille Ruthe.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years Janice, 3 sons: Todd (Charlene) Ruthe of Oregon, Jeffrey Ruthe of Rockford, Michael Ruthe of Chicago, brother Dale Ruthe of Baileyville, grandchildren Amber Ruthe (Austin Cooper), Kyle Ruthe (Haley Salazar), and

Evan Ruthe (Melinda Egli), and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral service was held 11 a.m., Thursday, Jan. 20, 2022 at the Ebenezer Reformed Church, 2997 North German Church Road, Oregon, with the Rev. Josiah Youngquist pastor of the church officiating. Visitation was held from 5-7 p.m., Wednesday evening at the Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home, 110 S. 7th street, Oregon. Private burial took place Friday at the Chapel Hill Memory Gardens in Freeport.

Lloyd's family would especially like to thank the Serenity Hospice and Home for their wonderful care and compassion, also thanks to Dr. Karen Gellada, and special nurse Casey Cain. A memorial fund is established for the Ebenezer Reformed Church and the Serenity Hospice and Home in Lloyd's name. Visit www.farrellhollandgale.com to leave a condolence or memory of Lloyd.

Jeanette Stubblefield

OREGON – Jeanette Stubblefield, age 81, passed away at KSB Hospital in Dixon on Jan. 12, 2022. She was born in Rogersville, Tenn., on Feb. 14, 1940 the daughter of Ernest and Ruby (Leonard) Smith.

She married Albert Stubblefield on Oct. 14, 1963. Before she was married; Jeanette worked for Kingsport Press in Kingsport, Tenn. She then went on to work for Motorola in Schaumburg, IL for many years. Jeanette loved to camp with her family. In her spare time; she enjoyed reading, puzzles, and crosswords. She appreciated having a warm cup of



coffee in the morning and was an excellent baker. Her family will miss her amazing freshly baked cookies.

She is survived by her loving husband of 58 years, Albert of Oregon; children, Debbie Vandolah of Rockford and Robert (Mary Keane) Stubblefield of Sycamore;

siblings, Ernie Smith of Dyersburg, Tenn., Estel (Annette) Smith of Rogersville, Tenn., and Joan Holly of Milton, Fla.; grandchildren, Kris Stubblefield and Tyler (Kaley Pol) Stubblefield; great grandchildren and many nieces, nephews, and her Hansen's Camping Family.

She is preceded in death by her parents and sister, Geneva Hylton.

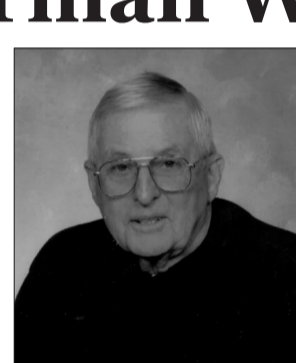
A memorial service will be held at a later date. Memorials in Jeanette's name may be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. To leave an online condolence please visit www.FarrellHollandGale.com.

Norman Wills

Norman Frederick Wills passed on Jan. 12, 2022 from complications of Alzheimer's. Norm was born in Rockford on April 22, 1933, the son of Frederick "Fritz" Wills and Mildred Rewerts Wills.

Norm graduated from Stillman Valley High School in 1951, proud to be chosen Athlete of the Year and a member of the school's first 6-man football team. In 1955, just home from the Korean war where he served as a tank commander, he was hired by Rockford Blacktop Construction Company as a dozer operator, and remained with the company for 43 years advancing from operator to superintendent before retiring in 1997. In 1956 he married Charlene Meads. They shared their lives together for 65 years. Norm helped reorganize and modernize the Stillman Valley Fire Department as well as serving on the Stillman Valley town board.

However, his love for farming was too strong, and in 1974 his family moved to the country



where he fed, bred, and showed Polled Hereford cattle and he established a haying business. Norm was an avid Stillman Valley High School football fan not missing a game at home or away until his health began to deteriorate.

Norm is survived by his wife Charlene, his daughter Tammi Haverly (Jim) Cherry Valley, his granddaughter Jordan Robison (Henry) Cherry Valley, his son N. Todd Wills (Diane) Davis Junction; his sister, Janice Bloom (Jim), Cherry Valley; nieces and nephews.

He is predeceased by his parents.

The family sends grateful thanks to Robert Swartz, Victoria White and Alka Bond – care-

givers whose love and compassion helped him get thru a difficult time; to Karen Ramage, "his pretty lady," who took him for adventurous rides and who has been caring for him for several years; to Pam, "cookie lady," and Larry Knott who kept a loving eye on him; Naomi Law, who always had a pie waiting for him; the Stillman Valley Firemen for lending a helping hand; and Molly Engelkes, his doctor/nurse who on his worst day put a smile on Norm's face.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Stillman Fire Protection District and the Stillman Valley Cardinal Football program.

There are no services planned at this time. However, the family suggests you spend a day like Norm would: building a road, plowing snow, bailing hay, working cattle, or watching the SV Cardinals. And make sure you "Work your ass off!" Visit www.farrellhollandgale.com to leave a condolence or memory of Norm.

Brad R. Bartnick

POLO – Brad R. Bartnick, 61, of Polo, passed away Jan. 10, 2022, at his home in Polo.

Brad was born April 4, 1960, in Chicago, the son of Richard and Joan (Klinger) Bartnick. In Oregon on Feb. 24, 1994, he was united in marriage to Valerie Earnest. Brad was passionate about old cars, collecting coins, and raising pigeons. He was an avid Bears fan and could fix anything. Above all else, he most enjoyed spending time with his beloved family.



Survivors include wife Valerie; daughters Sara (Trevor) Robinson of Forreton and Nicole Bartnick of Dixon; son Richard Bartnick of Clarksville, Tenn.; brothers Aaron

Celeketic and Michael Celeketic both of Denver Colo.; grandchildren Mila, Savannah, Kai, Sawyer.

He was preceded in death by his Parents and sister Jill Bartnick.

A celebration of Brad's life will be held Saturday, Feb. 5th in the Chesty P's event space in Polo from 1-4 p.m.

Honoring Brad's wishes cremation rites have been accorded.

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Annual seed swap event is Jan. 29

POLO – The Polo Woman's Garden Club will be having its 3rd annual "Seed Swap" on Saturday, Jan. 29, 1-2:30 p.m. at the Polo Public Library.

Please gather up your viable, non-GMO, heirloom seeds, place in envelopes, label, and bring to the event. We are hoping local gardeners will attend to meet fellow gardeners, swap seeds, and share gardening tips.

This is a free event we are offering to the community to create interest

and excitement in gardening, encourage becoming more self-sufficient in ornamental, fruit and vegetable gardening, and to encourage preservation of our natural heirlooms (protecting rare species and seed genetics).

Please mark this event on your calendar.

Any questions, please contact Beth Green of the Polo Woman's Garden Club at 815-299-1416

Report policy

Any arrests listed in this paper are merely charges and the defendants are presumed innocent unless proven guilty in a court of law.

Please note that all police reports received from the Oregon Police, Byron Police,

Polo Police, Mt. Morris Police, the Ogle County Sheriff's Department and the Illinois State Police, will be printed without exception.

Requests to omit particular reports will not be considered or honored at any time.

LOCAL NEWS

Electronic recycling event will be Jan. 28

OREGON – The Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department (OCSWMD) will be holding a residential electronics recycling event on Friday, Jan. 28, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the County Annex Building located at 909 Pines Road in Oregon.

This event is for Ogle County residents only and a free permit is required in advance to attend the event. Residents can obtain a free permit by calling

the OCSWMD at 815-732-4020 or by emailing solidwaste@oglecounty.org. Include your name, address, and phone number if emailing the OCSWMD for your permit.

The free permit allows residents to bring up to seven large items for recycling, such as televisions, monitors, computers, printers, FAX machines, video game consoles, copiers, VCR/DVD players, and satellite/cable boxes.

Microwave ovens are accepted for a \$5 charge per unit. Smaller items such as remotes, computer wires and cables, e-mice, keyboards, tablets, cell phones, landline phone systems, CFL light bulbs, and rechargeable batteries can be bulked up together and are considered one large item. Holiday light strands and extension cords will also be accepted. Limit one permit per household per recycling event.

Call the number listed above, visit oglecounty.org, or see the OCSWMD on Facebook at Ogle County Solid Waste Management Dept. If you have questions about electronics recycling in Ogle County.

Recycling events are subject to cancellation or reduced hours in the event of extreme weather or other adverse conditions at the discretion of OCSWMD staff.

State Rep. McCombie will run in the new 89th Illinois House district

State Representative Tony McCombie Launches Re-election Bid for Illinois House



State Rep. Tony McCombie has officially launched her re-election bid for the Illinois House. McCombie will run in the new 89th Illinois House District, which is where her home in Savanna is located.

“During my time in the House, I have challenged leaders in both parties to ensure Illinois taxpayers are protected and

hard-working families in Illinois have safe neighborhoods, strong schools, economic opportunities and more freedom. Still there is more work to do to drive success for our region and achieve the

ethics and state government reforms needed to promote growth and get Illinois back on track,” said McCombie, who is seeking the Republican party’s nomination in the June 28 Primary Election.

“I look forward to introducing myself, listening and earning the support of all voters who crave a better direction for Illinois. I’m guided by conservative principles, common sense and am committed to delivering results,” continued McCombie.

“Despite the challenges we face because of liberals’ heavy hand in Springfield, the good news is we change Illinois for the better if we stand strong and together. We deserve leaders who are transparent, ethical and focused on protecting Illinois families and our most vulnerable citizens. I’d be honored to continue serving the people of Illinois,” concluded McCombie.

McCombie is a small business owner of a real estate appraisal company

operating in Illinois and Iowa, Blue Appraisals LLC, and works as a real estate broker with Mel Foster Co. She currently serves as State Representative of the 71st Illinois House District after serving as mayor of Savanna, IL in Carroll County and on the Savanna City Council. She is a graduate of Western Illinois University.

For 15 years, she has been married to Curt, a volunteer fireman and lab technician at DuPont in

Thomson. She is part of a close-knit and active family, and her time revolves around them and outdoor recreational activities.

While many issues face the state, McCombie cites education, job growth, ethics reform, restoring public safety and strong constituent service as her top priorities.

The new 89th District consists of all or parts of Carroll, Jo Daviess, Ogle, Stephenson, Boone, Winnebago and DeKalb counties

AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

BYRON

ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH

624 Luther Drive, Byron IL 61010 815-234-5277
Pastor: Janet Wolf
Sunday Worship Service held at 9:00 am. A recording of each Sunday’s worship service is available on our Facebook page and our website later in the day. Communion is served every Sunday. Sunday School for ages 3 through Adult is held at 10:00 am September through May. Confirmation studies for 7th and 8th grade students are held each Sunday morning at 10:00 am. Monday afternoon Bible Study is held at 1:30 pm via Zoom. In person Bible Studies are held Tuesday evening at 7:00 pm and Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 pm. Book Club and The GATHERING meet monthly; quilters meet twice monthly. Visit our website <http://www.AllSaintsByron.org> or call the church office for further information.

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205 N. Peru St., Byron 815-234-8737 cornerstonefamilychurch.com
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Worship Service on Sundays at 10am with Children’s Worship Service and Nursery Available
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Office Hours: 8:00am-4:30pm Mondays-Thursdays

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226 E. Second St, Byron, IL 61010 - Phone 815-234-7431 - Fr. Richard Rosinski. Weekday Masses: Tuesday - Friday 7:30am, Weekend Masses: May - August Sat. 5:00 pm, Sun. 8:00 am and 10:00 am, September - April Sat. 5:00 pm, Sun. 8:00 am and 10:45 am, Reconciliation: Fri. 8:00 am - 8:30 am; Sat. 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm or by appointment

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701 W. Second Street ~ PO Box 927, Byron IL 61010-0927, 815-234-8777
Email: ucb@comcast.net Website: unitedchurchofbyron.org
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Youth Ministry Coordinator: Richard Simpson
Adult Sunday School 9:00am-10:00am, Kids Sunday School (ages 3 thru high school) 10:00am-10:40am, Coffee & fellowship time: 10:00am-10:25am
Sunday Schedule and Worship Opportunities:
Service of Meditation and Prayer: 8:15am - 8:45am
Adult Christian Education Class: 9am
Main Worship with Chancel Choir: 10:30am
For complete ministry schedule and activities, please check our website or Facebook page or contact the church office.
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CHANA

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

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Pastor: Ralston
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Sunday Mornings: Divine Service @ 9am; Food & Fellowship @ 10am; Sunday School and Adult Bible Study @ 10:30am
Food Bank: 1st and 3rd Saturdays, 9am-12pm
Pastor: Rev. Dr. Matthew Rosebrock
pastor@immanuel-lindenwood.org

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409 W. Brayton Road, Mt. Morris, IL 61045 Phone 734-4573
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Email: mtmcob@frontier.com

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308 E. Brayton Rd. Mt. Morris, IL Phone: 734-6354 Rev. Josh Ehrler
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See website for all activities or contact the church office.

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Sunday Schedule: Discipleship Hour 9:00 AM, Coffee Fellowship 9:50 AM Gathered Worship 10:00 AM
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Sunday mornings: Family Communion Worship 8:30 a.m.; Blended Worship 10:20 a.m. (Sept. - May) and 10 a.m. (June - Aug.); Sunday School Sept - May 9:15 a.m.
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LOCAL NEWS

Annual collectibles market will be Feb. 5

MOUNT MORRIS – The annual February Finds antiques and collectibles market will be held Saturday, Feb. 5 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Mount Morris Moose Lodge, 1551 Family Center 485 East Hitt St. Mount Morris.

Admission is \$3.00 / children 5 and under are free. Twenty plus dealers will be featuring vintage items, retro decor, primitives, glass ware, majolica pottery, artwork, old toys, advertising, furniture, local maple syrup and so much more. Bobbi's Country Catering will have baked goods for

sale. Food and drinks will be available for purchase through the Moose Lodge. Proceeds from the event this year will be donated to the Moose Lodge.

Plan on making it a day to browse the booths of unique items you're sure to find something your heart desires.

Byron Township releases meeting 2022 schedule

Byron Township announces its meeting schedule for 2022.

All regular monthly meetings of the Byron Township Board of Trustees begin at 7 p.m., the second Thursday of every month, except for in April. In April the Annual Town Hall Meeting will be on Tuesday April 12 at 7 p.m. The April regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be 10 minutes after the adjournment of the Annual

Town Hall Meeting.

The meeting dates for 2022 are:

Feb. 10, March 10, April 12 (Annual Town Meeting followed by Regular Meeting), May 12, June 9, July 14, Aug. 11, Sept. 8, Oct. 13, Nov. 10, Dec. 8, Jan. 12, 2023. The semi-annual meetings of the Planning Commission of the Byron Township are the first Tuesday of April and September.

Chana sets 150 year founding celebration for June

CHANA – Last year, the village of Chana would have celebrated 150 years since its founding in 1871.

Due to circumstances, the village board decided to hold off on any celebratory plans. Now a variety of Chana community volunteers and entities are beginning to coordinate

a Sesquicentennial Celebration event for the second weekend of June, 2022. Activities will include The Maggie & Amos Foundation's 5k and 1 mile run/walk, free children's events, an antique tractor show and parade, corn hole bags tournament, a street dance, displays of historical memorabilia from

Chana history, the dedication of the new Pine Rock Township Soldier Memorial, food and much more.

The next planning meeting will be held Feb. 20 at 5 p.m. at Chana Education Center. Those who would like to assist with planning this event are welcome to attend.

Byron Bank launches new brand this month

BYRON – Byron Bank announced last week that it will be launching a new brand this month.

This new brand includes a new logo along with renewed messaging to highlight their ongoing commitment of providing the highest degree of products, services and technology to exceed their customer's expectations.

"The Byron Bank brand is over 55 years in the making. It is founded on a rich history of helping people, businesses and communities succeed," says Byron Bank President, Brent Baker. "Our new look and brand are a modernized interpretation

of the company's classic four B's insignia."

"While we have streamlined our logo, our commitment to our customers, employees and community remains the same; to provide exceptional customer service and help them reach their financial goals," says Samantha Ciaccio, Marketing Manager. "New look for us; same commitment to you."

Byron Bank remains deeply committed to giving back to the communities it serves and supporting numerous non-profits, organizations and schools to make our communities a better place for all.

Church gives out free meals on Tuesday

BYRON – The United Church of Byron is continuing their free drive-through meals every Tuesday evening from 5:30-6:30 p.m. and meals will be delivered directly to your car. The meals are free, but donations will also be accepted.

Reservations are not required, but if you would like to reserve a meal, please call the church office at 815-234-8777 by noon on the preceding Monday. The church is located at 701 West Second St. To pick up a meal, please enter the church driveway via Second Street and pull up at the marked designated area, and then exit onto Colfax/Tower.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Tues., Jan. 25

COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic at the Byron Public Library, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Join us as we host a community COVID-19 vaccination clinic in partnership with the Illinois Department of Health and IEMA. This clinic is open to the public, ages 5 and up, and will offer pediatric first doses, adult second doses and boosters.

Weds., Jan. 26

An Evening with Silvia Moreno-Garcia at the Oregon Public Library, 7 p.m. The bestselling and award-winning

author of Mexican Gothic discusses her newest book, Velvet Was the Night, and her genre-defying mashups of cultural noir and Lovecraftian horror. Register for this virtual event on our website.

Thurs., Jan. 27

Loaves & Fish Food Pantry alongside Northern Illinois Food Bank is hosting a Mobile Food Pantry from 10-11:30 a.m. The truck will be located at Mt. Morris Moose Family Center, 101 Moose Drive, Mt. Morris. This mobile pantry is open anyone in Ogle County.

Fri., Jan. 28

The Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department (OCSWMD) will be holding a residential electronics recycling event from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the County Annex Building located at 909 Pines Road in Oregon. This event is for Ogle County residents only and a free permit is required in advance to attend the event.

The New Beginnings Al-Anon Family Group meets each Friday morning at 10 a.m. at the KSB Medical Clinic, 1107 S. Division (Route 52), in Polo. The meeting is also on Zoom; information for that

option may be acquired by calling 815-732-7616.

Sat., Jan. 29

The Polo Woman's Garden Club will be having it's 3rd annual "Seed Swap" from 1-2:30 p.m. at the Polo Public Library. Please gather up your viable, non-GMO, heirloom seeds, place in envelopes, label, and bring to the event.

Please send your items for the weekly Community Calendar to bjennings@ogle-countylife.com. Deadline for all items is 3 p.m. Wednesday.

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MOMENTS IN TIME

On Feb. 13, 1633, Italian philosopher, astronomer and mathematician Galileo Galilei arrives in Rome to face charges of heresy for advocating Copernican theory, which holds that the Earth revolves around the Sun. The Copernican theory conflicted with the teachings of the powerful Roman Catholic Church.

On Feb. 8, 1936, University of Chicago halfback Jay Berwanger, the first Heisman Trophy winner, is picked No. 1 overall in the NFL draft. However, Berwanger never played for any NFL team because he had too many demands, which teams refused to meet. Instead the college star became a foam rubber salesman.

On Feb. 9, 1942, the largest and most luxurious ocean liner on the seas at that time, France's Normandie, catches fire while in the process of being converted for military use by the United States. It was to become a troop transport but ended up at the bottom of New York Harbor.

On Feb. 7, 1962, President John F. Kennedy issues an executive order broadening the United States' restrictions on trade with Cuba. The embargo, which effectively restricts all trade between Cuba and the United States, has lapsed several times, notably under Presidents Jimmy Carter and Barack Obama.

On Feb. 11, 1970, at the Kagoshima Space Center in Japan, the Ohsumi, Japan's first satellite, is successfully launched into an orbit around Earth. The achievement made Japan the world's fourth space power, after the Soviet Union in 1957, the United States in 1958, and France in 1965.

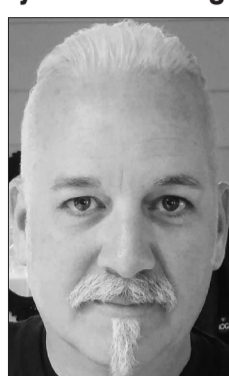
On Feb. 10, 1996, after three hours, world chess champion Garry Kasparov loses the first game of a six-game match against Deep Blue, an IBM computer. Kasparov was ultimately victorious when he bested Deep Blue with three wins and two ties and took home the \$400,000 prize.

On Feb. 12, 2002, former Yugoslav president Slobodan Milosevic goes on trial at The Hague, Netherlands, on charges of genocide and war crimes in Bosnia, Croatia and Kosovo. The trial ended without a verdict when Milosevic was found dead from an apparent heart attack in his prison cell.

Thinking about the future of gadgets

Living the Life

By Brad Jennings



I think I have this working from home thing down now. It took a while, but I have a process that works for me.

I am a morning person, so I am up and working early. A breakfast bar and I am off and running (not literally, of course). I am not a coffee drinker, but I still make a cup every morning – for my wife. She loves the stuff.

I have finally found the perfect place for my small desk and computer. It is in the family room on the same wall at the TV. That means I can turn the TV on in the morning for background noise, but I am not distracted enough to stare at it. The question is always what to pop on. Ghost shows and true crime seem to be good choices – I can hear them in the background if I focus in, but they don't demand that I pay attention. And I can mute the TV when I want or need to. Often, I don't turn it on for long periods of time.

But the other day it was on the Discovery Channel,

and I enjoyed listening to a show about top things from the 1980s – top games, top fashion trends, top gadgets. You know the kind of show. It was fun to listen to while I worked.

When I broke for lunch, I was able to watch the episode on gadgets. It really struck me that some of those gadgets – those big old cellphones, video cameras, Sony Walkman, personal computer – are now all available in our pockets.

The smart phone of 2022 is an amazing device that has replaced many hot tech devices from 35

years ago. Add videogame platform, flashlight, atlas, calculator and many more and you have a piece of technology that is stunning.

It is also something we just take for granted these days. But a current smart phone even 20 years ago would have been astounding. It is amazing what the device can do.

It made me wonder what the next few decades or more hold. What will the new devices be, and will they all be combined into a single body like a current smart phone? I have no idea, of course, but there are some things that I think would be helpful.

Something medical. Your phone (or similar device) is basically your doctor. It can sense problems with your body, prescribe a remedy – including medication – or even administer needed medicines, like a shot.

Protection, like an invisible forcefield that keeps people from getting too close to you. Honestly, there are so many unhinged weirdos these days

and I would like to keep some, but not all, people at bay. The forcefield would be able to determine if someone is worthy of being in close contact with us or not. It might even be able to provide some type of self-defense. And I don't mean people just blazing away at each other with guns, something more high-tech and less lethal. Or lethal if needed.

Something I would really love to see is an app that would correct the information you are receiving. If people started spouting conspiracy theories or other such nonsense, this app would correct them or her. It would call you out and let you know the reality. Maybe it could have the voice of the person's mother. That is one we would hear all the time in public.

Of course, I have no way of knowing what the future holds, but it is fascinating to think about. I hope I am around long enough to see some great advances.

Brad Jennings is Editor of The Ogle County Life.

There is a silver lining to be found here

Guest Opinion

By Dr. PJ Caposey



I am of the belief that when someone looks for silver linings, even when things are really rough, you can always find them. This has been true when trying to lead an educational system during the Pandemic, as well. While I think there are many really interesting silver linings that I could identify as a result of what we have collectively gone through in the past 22 months, I think there is one that maybe of most interest to our community.

In Ogle County there are 10 public school districts and a special education cooperative serving our community's kids. While there has always been a cordial working relationship between the districts and the leaders of the districts, I can say without reservation that the past two years have been entirely different from my first decade in the county.

As superintendents, we would occasionally

check with each other before making a call on a snow day or when confusing messages came from the State. But, and I mean this literally, there were entire years where I would not speak, email, or text with some other county superintendents unless we were sitting at the same formal meeting. This lack of communication was not borne out of poor relationships or ill will, they just did not occur.

Since the Pandemic, the attitude, behavior, and communication pat-

terns among local districts has become one embodying the mindset of, "Better Together." Two quick examples that happened within the past week that would never have happened three years ago. One local superintendent attended one of the many webinars we are invited to by state agencies and shared his notes with us immediately upon completion so we were all on the same page. In another situation, a superintendent shared their draft letter to parents surrounding a difficult situation for the rest of the superintendents to use should they see fit.

These are two small examples, but these are indicative of a subtle, but profound shift happening in our school systems. Sure, most of our communication is about the Pandemic and the struggles it has brought forth. However, the relationships built by working through these

situations together have ushered in new conversations about student learning, opportunities, and how to best share resources to provide an outstanding education to all kids.

While I believe that everyone always 'wanted' relationships like this and wanted to have a cooperative instead of a competitive mindset, it simply had not occurred in this region until the last two years. Now, don't get me wrong, the competitive genes still kick in from time to time and my priority is the Meridian staff and student body. That said, I truly believe that we are embarking on a new age of cooperation and shared resources that will benefit all kids in the county and help to make our region increasingly competitive in the educational and job markets.

Dr. PJ Caposey is Superintendent of Meridian 223.

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Yes, it is time to fire all of the politicians

Dear Editor,

In response to Mr. Bill Pirnats' article titled, "We would be better off to fire all politicians," in the Jan. 3rd edition, I say, yes, I absolutely agree!

I believe we as a people around the world have run out of time and need to make a stand. Enough is enough! You're fired! Every single one of you, get out!

It was stated in the Declaration of Independence; "...But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and provide new Guards for their future security..."

I would like to highlight the line, "it is their duty." It's our duty! It's my duty! It's your duty! We must take hold of, and own our responsibility, not only to and for ourselves, but also to and for the future! Nobody's going to do it for you, nobody! Take a look around. Not only here in the states, but around the world. How's that been working out so far? Not so good, I would say.

With that being said, now what?

What do we do? Well, my first suggestion would be to not go right back onto the same playground and jump on the very same Merry-Go-Round that always gets us right back in the same place, complete tyranny. It has happened over, and over, and over and... If that's what you think will solve anything, well, let us remember the loose definition of Insane. Doing the same thing over and over and over, all the while expecting different results. No. Let's not go that route anymore. I know I don't want to and won't.

Here's something to think about and a place to start. Look in the mirror. What do you see? While I can't answer for you, I can tell you what I saw when I looked in the mirror. I saw someone who had, for Many years, expected someone to fix it for me. I saw someone who had, for many years, complained about all the corruption throughout Washington D.C. (district of criminals) and all governmental agencies across the board. I saw someone who had, for many years, just went along to get along, so as to not rock the boat or ruffle any feathers. Then I asked myself, "Self, how's that working

out for ya? How's that working out for your future? The future of your children? Grandchildren? Friends? Neighbors? The unborn?" So on and so on and so on. Answer, not so well. So why would I stay on that Merry-go-Round? The very same Merry-Go-Round that truly does not care about me, my family, or anyone around me. Why?

I could go on and on, but for the sake of risking losing some of you due to boredom and saving space on this newspaper page, I will leave you with this; We all must change the way we think. If you're truly tired of how things have been, and are going, then I would suggest to stop thinking you need a government to rule over you. You already have a ruler. You already have laws to abide by. It's in us. We know that. We can get along. We can survive. We can and will succeed as a people. We just have to believe that and start living accordingly. Turn off the TV, radio, and all social media and get outside. Talk to people. You just might find that we're all in the same boat and have the same concerns, for the most part.

Paul Diederich, Stillman Valley

LOCAL NEWS

Rock River Center has upcoming events, activities

Rock River Center is a resource center located at 810 S. 10th Street, Oregon. Our activities and trips are open to all ages. Call our office at 815-732-3252 with any questions. Visit us on the web at www.rockrivercenter.org and like us on Facebook. Registration is requested for anyone planning to attend a scheduled program or class at Rock River Center. It helps us plan enough seating. Just give us call 815-732-3252. Thank you for your support in this matter.

look forward to a "treat" of a day with you!
 Enjoy the following menu for a suggested donation of \$3.00. (payable when you arrive for lunch.)
 Menu – BBQ Chicken Breast, Cheesy Potatoes, Green Beans, Dinner Roll & Butter, Pineapple Tidbits, Assorted Valentine's Day Desserts.

AARP Income Tax Assistance Available at RRC every Wednesday Feb. 2-April 6

AARP will again provide trained tax aides to prepare tax returns at Rock River Center for individuals with low to modest incomes. If you have a business, farm, partnership, or rental property or need to file a return for another state, these representatives will not be able to complete your return. It is not necessary to be a member of AARP or of a particular age to participate in this free program.

Valentine's Day Lunch

On Monday Feb. 14, please join us for a Valentine's Day Lunch at Rock River Center that will be sure to bring out the sweet side of anyone!
 We will begin with a lunch provided by LIFESCAPE that is topped off with a Sweet Treat made by Debbie Clark. You can then pair up with your Sweetheart, or group together with your Cupid Crew and play a fun game of Minute to Win It. There will be prizes for the winners!
 The fun all starts at 11:30 a.m. with Lunch. RSVPs by Thurs. Feb. 10, 10:30 a.m. You can call Rock River Center at 815-732-3252 to reserve your Lunch and your Valentine's Day fun! We

passport, etc.)
 Social Security cards for the entire household
Income statements
 Any other official documentation for household members that apply to the year of 2021.

Masks Are Required.
 Reservations are now being taken for one-hour appointments beginning at 9:30 a.m., with the last being at 1:30 p.m.

You must have an appointment to see a preparer so call 732-3252 or 1-800-541-5479. Rock River Center is located at 810 S 10th Street in Oregon. Schedule your appointment while they last. Again, please remember to be on time, have the completed registration form, and the correct documentation to help the preparers.

Senior information services provided by Rock River Center

Do you need help with Benefit Access Application, Medicare, housing, personal care, homemaking, heating assistance or other things? Rock River Center's Information & Assistance Specialists are available at various locations throughout Ogle County. We are at:

- Byron/Jarrett Prairie Center on Feb. 14 from 11 a.m.- noon
- Forreston/Faith Lutheran Church on Feb. 16 from 11 a.m.-noon
- Mt. Morris Library on Feb. 10 from 11 a.m.-noon
- Polo Public Library on Feb. 23 from 10 a.m.-noon
- Rochelle/Hub City Senior Center on Feb 2, 9, and 23 from 9:30 a.m.-noon


If you are unable to come into a site, please call Rock River Center toll free 1-800-541-5479 to schedule an appointment.

February 2022 Yoga for all ages

Jennifer Pierce EdD, leads movement and exercises using yoga and mindfulness concepts. Incorporating these techniques into your lifestyle can enhance health, increase strength, improve balance & flexibility, and reduce depression and anxiety.
 Class day and time: Monday and Wednesday,

from 9:30-10:30 a.m.
 Class dates
 February 2, 7, 9, 14, 16, 23 and 28.
 March 2, 7, 9, 14, 16, 21 and 23.
 Participant Information
 All participants should arrive 5-10 minutes before the class starts; bring a yoga mat, water bottle, and wear loose-fitting clothing.
 Enrollment Options are

as follows:
 \$30: Advance Enrollment for 1 class a week (1 free class)
 \$60: Advance Enrollment for all 14 dates (2 free classes)
 \$5 Drop-In Rate per class (No free classes)
 Space may be limited. Advance enrollment is suggested to reserve your spot. Contact Rock River Center at 815-732-3252 to sign up.




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 -Sin seguro/seguro limitado

For qualifying information, call 1-866-590-8499

IBCCP is administered by the Stephenson County Health Department and funded in part by the Illinois Department of Public Health. Well Woman es administrado por el Departamento de Salud del Condado de Stephenson y fundado en parte el departamento de salud publica de Illinois.



WISEWOMAN

1 in 3 women die of heart disease each year.

The WISEWOMAN program can help by providing women, ages 40-64, FREE cholesterol and glucose labs, health coaching sessions, and optional memberships to WeightWatchers or TOPS.

El Programa WISEWOMAN de Illinois y el Programa contra el Cancer de Mama y de Cuello Uterino de Illinois ofrecen una uisita combinada al consultorio, donde las mujeres que cumplan con Los requisitos pueden recibir pruebas de deteccion de cardiopatias (que incluyen presion arterial, glucosa y colesterol) , cancer de mama y cancer de cuello uterino en una solo uisito sencilla.

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Students of the Month

Congratulations to the Byron High School Students of the Month for December. Pictured from left to right are: Gianna Franchi (9th Grade), Gavin Remhof (10th Grade), and Alaina Haas (11th Grade). Not pictured is Nicholas Brass (12th Grade). Each of the students received a monetary gift for their achievement.



FEATURED LISTING

Svoboda Woods Subdivision Lots Oregon from \$27,000- \$99,000 Call Rebecca

Come home to peaceful surroundings with your own buildable lot in Svoboda Woods. These lots are enhanced by beautiful & mature wooded surroundings. Ranging in size from .60 acres to 4.77 acres. Making them an exceptional location for your dream home. You will enjoy having country charm with city convenience with historic, downtown Oregon, schools & parks just blocks away from your front door. City water/sewer available. Buy now so you can enjoy the Spring in your NEW HOME! City of Oregon offers reduced impact fees.

Did You Know?

BUYING a house can help protect against inflation!

Inflation has generated a lot of attention lately as the prices of goods and services have risen faster than they normally do.

Housing can be one way to hedge against inflation, helping reduce the impact it has on your purchasing power.

If you buy, a fixed-rate mortgage means monthly principal and interest payments won't keep going up like rent will, regardless of how much inflation rises. If you already own a home, refinancing to a lower rate can reduce monthly payments to help make their money go further.

Not to mention, the value of your home will likely increase over time while your monthly payment stays the same – yet another shield against inflation.

Mortgage rates are expected to rise this year, contact one of our top producing agents today to start your real estate search!

NEW LISTING

903 Oak Court, Dixon \$95,900 Call JD

Rare find! This 3 bed 1.25 bath offers a desirable oversized garage & workshop, fenced in yard complemented by a beautiful new steel roof gazebo, & partially finished basement. This property also features oak cabinets, stainless steel appliances, updated bathroom, and more. A little bit of everything! Make this home yours today, before it is too late.

NEW PRICE

106 N. School Street, Chana NOW \$104,900 Call Carla

You'll love this 3 Bedroom, 1 Bath home in Chana! Hardwood flooring in Dining Area and Living Room. 3 nice sized bedrooms and updated bathroom with tile surround in bathtub. Main floor laundry with washer & dryer staying! Very large kitchen w/loads of cabinets. Fenced in backyard. 1.5 garage. Stop by to take a look!

NEW PRICE

202 S. Jefferson Avenue, Amboy NOW \$149,900 Call JD

Meticulously remodeled American Foursquare, featuring the perfect blend of historical and modern living. Featuring large living spaces, complimented by its contemporary updates, this 4 bedroom home is guaranteed to please any family. The following improvements have been completed over the last two years... 2020; Brand new furnace and A/C, crown molding and wainscoting installed throughout, all new light fixtures/outlets/switches, fully remodeled bathrooms while preserving and restoring the original '1915' bathtub, all wood floors refinished, and some new drywall. 2021; All new siding and landscaping, rebuilt back porch (now fully insulated and heated), and new epoxy on basement floor. This home is one you have to see for yourself!

NEW PRICE

2225 S. Daysville Road, Oregon NOW \$124,900 Call Carla

New Listing in Oregon School district. This super cute 2 bedroom located in Daysville which offers a nice country setting! Large room sizes with cozy eat in kitchen with all kitchen appliances staying. Nice updated bathroom, gorgeous LVT throughout the main floor in the living room and bedrooms, finished lower level with recreation room and bonus room. Detached 2 car garage. New roof 2022.

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SPORTS

Oregon boys bowlers take 5th at regional tourney

The Oregon Boys Bowling team competed in the IHSA Regional Bowling Tournament on Saturday, Jan 15 at Blackhawk Lanes, Sterling, finishing in 5th place as a team with a 5388 score. Advancing to the Sectional tournament weekend was Senior Isaac Kaltenbrun with a 1204 series and Junior Brandon Rowe with an 1121 series. Kaltenbrun finished in 6th place overall Sophomore Brady Davis narrowly missed advancing by 14 pins with a 1073 6-game total. Also bowling for

Oregon was Roberto Hernandez 939 series, Styler Klapp 843 series (5 games) and Codey Dunbar 208 series (1 game). The top 4 teams and top 10 individuals not on the top 4 teams advanced to Sectional tournament. Kaltenbrun and Rowe will bowl at the IHSA Sectional Tournament at Viking Lanes, South Beloit on Saturday, Jan. 22. The Oregon Hawks Boys bowling team ended their regular season on Jan. 13 with a 3263-2683 victory over Rockford Lutheran at Town

& Country Lanes, Mt Morris. Oregon finished the season with a 16-3 record. The Hawks had 3 bowlers reach the 600 series mark and were led by Brandon Rowe with a 607 series (209,200,198). Rowe was followed by Isaac Kaltenbrun 602 series, Roberto Hernandez 602 series, Brady Davis 519 series, Styler Klapp 516 series and Bryan Immel 417 series. The Oregon JV raised their season record to 18-0 and were led by Codey Dunbar with a 500 series.

Oregon girls bowlers now 9-4 on season

The Oregon Hawks Girls bowling team rolled to a 2363-1899 5-person team non-conference win over Erie-Prophetstown at Town & Country Lanes, Mt Morris on Jan. 18, raising their record to 9-4 on the season.

The Lady Hawks were led by Ava Wight with a 567 series (212,171,184). Wight was followed by Kendra Ehrler 478 series, Trinity Hultquist 451 series, Mackenzie Alford 438 series, and Paige Beauchem 429.

Scores

Boys Varsity Basketball

- Jan. 17
Stillman Valley 37, South Beloit 52
Stillman Valley 54, Ashton-Franklin 25
- Jan. 15
Stillman Valley 37, Harvest Christian 36
Stillman Valley 54, North Boone 23
- Jan. 12
Stillman Valley 43, Kaneland 57

Girls Varsity Basketball

- Jan. 18
Stillman Valley 50, Rockford Lutheran 47
- Jan. 17
Stillman Valley 51, Polo 41
- Jan. 15
Stillman Valley 49, Dakota 23
Stillman Valley 69, Genoa-Kingston 38

Julia Hull Library News

Adult Winter Reading Challenge

Hey, Adults! Winter is almost here. You have nature's permission to grab a book, burrow in, and make cozy. Why not be rewarded for it? Use the Beanstack app to register and track your progress. For each book you read, and each activity you log, you'll earn a badge (and a chance to win actual prizes!) Drawings held weekly. Earn your *Bona Fide Reader* Badge by February 28, and be entered to win our grand prize: a gift certificate to LINO'S PIZZA in Rockford. BONUS: Earn 5 Review/Activity Badges in addition to your *Bona Fide Reader* Badge, and you'll be entered twice! Through February 28.

A Song & A Story

Join us for a virtual thematic song, story, and craft each week on Facebook Live. It's the perfect light and refreshing delight for your little one. Stop by, or use the form on our website to reserve your child's monthly take-home kit: <https://juliahull.org/order-request>. While supplies last.

Tween Scene: DIY Heart Tote

Join us at the library on Tuesday, February 1 at 6 p.m. to make your own tote bag...just in time for Valentine's Day. Carry your chocolates (and books!) around in an eco-friendly and fashionable style! Ages 10-12. Registration required: 815-645-8611.

Book Club for Adults

Pick up a book, then join us for a lively discussion of Qian Julie Wang's unforgettable memoir, *Beautiful Country*. Adults only. Copies of the reading available on loan. Email Joanna at jkluever@mail.meridian223.org to register for a link to the program. Monday February 7 at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom.

Adult Craft Night: Winter Pour Trinket Bowls

Hey, Galentine. Let's have a crafty Valentine's! On Monday, February 14 at 6:00 PM, we'll treat ourselves to a pair of shimmery trinket bowls in cool wintery hues. (And let someone else treat us to a new pair of earrings to put inside them!) Email Joanna at jkluever@mail.meridian223.org to register and reserve your kit for this face-to-face Zoom program. Adults only.

Young Critics Book Club

Join us at the library Tuesday, February 15 at 6 p.m. for a book discussion and hands-on craft/activity all about *The Great Cake Mystery* by Alexander McCall Smith. Stop by, or give us a call to register, and reserve your copy of the reading. Ages 7-9: 815-645-8611.

Short & Sweets

Join Joanna on Zoom for an engaging discussion of Lily King's short story, "Five Tuesdays In Winter." BYO dessert! Copies of the reading and program link available by emailing Joanna at jkluever@mail.meridian223.org. Paper copies available at the library upon request. Adults.

Elegant Indulgence: The History & Rituals of Afternoon Tea

There are few hours in life more agreeable than the hour dedicated to the ceremony known as afternoon tea. - Henry James
This beautifully illustrated lecture by Leslie Goddard, PhD. explores the history and elegant artistry of afternoon tea. Learn why afternoon was so popular with the Victorians and Edwardians, what a proper menu includes, and why the custom of afternoon tea remains so enduringly appealing. The pleasure of your company is requested Monday, February 28 at 6:30 p.m. Email Joanna at jkluever@mail.meridian223.org to RSVP for this Zoom program.

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LOCAL NEWS

Bertolet Library News

Book of the Month:
Have you ever wished you could join a book discussion group, but were unable to commit to a specific time and place to meet? Bertolet Memorial Library is offering you an opportunity to read a book at your own speed and with no group meeting. This month's Book of the Month is *The Perfect Mother* by Aimee Molloy. Read about the May Mothers, a group of women whose babies share a May birthdate. They appear to be perfect mothers, but the kidnapping of one of the babies focuses attention on the insecurities and flaws of each member of the club. Visit the Library and check out a copy, either in print, large print, or audio format; and discover who kidnapped baby Midas.

Paws for Reading: Wednesday, February 16th
Our next Paws for Reading event will be Wednesday, February 16th at 4 p.m. Register your independent reader for a 15 minute time slot by calling 815-738-2742 today.

Story Hour:
Join Miss Jana for Story Hour and learn about animals and letters on Thursdays at 10 a.m. Registration requested but not required. Masks will be required.

Craft Kits for Adults:
Make the most of those winter rays and brighten your days! Our January Craft Kit is a suncatcher. Pick up your craft kit today!

Create-a-Card:
Create-a-Card is back in 2022! Join us on February 19th

Masks:
Masks are required at Bertolet Memorial Library for all patrons over age 2. We will be happy to provide curbside service as needed.

Plastic Recycling:
We ask that you make sure plastic is clean with no debris in the donation. Also please remove any ziploc-type seals and paper/sticker labels. Thank you for your cooperation.

New Releases:
Adult Books
Her Hidden Genius by Marie Benedict
The Last House On the Street by Diane Chamberlain
One Step Too Far by Lisa Gardner
A Thousand Steps by T. Jefferson Parker
Juvenile Books
Magic Tree House Snow Leopards And Other Wild Cats by Mary Pope Osborne,
(NF)

Mount Morris Library News

Masks are required
We are requiring everyone over the age of two to wear masks in the library. We understand how everyone feels, but we ask for your understanding and cooperation. Thank you!

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

Storytime
Story time is on Wednesdays at 11:15. We will be reading books about PENGUINS! Then children will be creating a craft afterward! Wobble up to the Mount Morris Public Library! All preschool children are welcome.

Illinois Public Libraries Present:
An Evening With Silvia Moreno-Garcia *Velvet Was the Night*
The bestselling and award-winning author of *Mexican Gothic* discusses her newest book, *Velvet Was the Night*, and her genre-defying mashups of cultural noir and Lovecraftian horror. *Velvet Was the Night* is one of The New York Times' 100 Notable Books of 2021. Silvia Moreno-Garcia will be joined in conversation with author Gus Moreno. Join us on Zoom. Wednesday, January 26, 7 p.m. Register at www.mtmorris-il.org
This event is made possible by Illinois Libraries Present, a statewide collaboration between public libraries offering high-quality events.

Adult Book Club
The January book is *The Oysterville Sewing Circle* by Susan Wiggs. Copies are available at the library. This group

will meet in-person at the library on Monday, January 24th at 3:30 p.m.

Display Case Showings
The display cases will be changing! During January, we have a display supplied by local resident, Leah Ruit! Stop by to check out all the Sesame Street characters in person. We are always looking for people who are willing to share a collection or artwork in our display cases. If you are interested, please let us know.

Explore More Illinois
Explore More Illinois is a cultural pass program that provides discounts at museums, visual and performing arts centers, park districts, and more around the state. Use Explore More Illinois to find fun and educational places to go on a free afternoon or for a little getaway. Explore More Illinois is easy to use with your library card. Visit the library's website to browse attractions. You can find the information on our resource page.

Rock River Center
The Rock River Center has a representative in our library the second Thursday of every month. Services provided by

Rock River Center are designed to enable older and disabled persons to remain independent, thereby avoiding costly long-term care. No appointment necessary but, if you want to make an appointment with the Rock River Center you may call 815-732-3252.

Adult Programming
We are trying to get back into the swing of offering monthly programs for adults. We would love to hear from you. Do evenings or weekends work better? Do you have any program ideas? Do you have a program you would like to share? Contact Mary Cheatwood at the library.

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



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New Website Address
The Byron Library has a new website address! Our website can now be found at www.byronlibrary.org. Check it out, and be sure to update your bookmarks!

Curbside Delivery
The library is open for browsing, but patrons can still use our curbside service! Place your holds online at byronlibrary.org or call us at 815-234-5107. Not sure what you want? Call us for help! We will call or email you with a confirmation when your holds are ready to be picked up. Call us when you arrive at the library, and we will bring your items out to you, already checked out. A receipt with your due dates will be included with your items.

COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic
Tuesday, Jan. 25, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Join us as we host a community COVID-19 vaccination clinic in partnership with the Illinois Department of Health and IEMA. This clinic is open to the public, ages 5 and up, and will offer pediatric first doses, adult second doses and boosters. If you would like to set up an appointment please register online at <https://events.juvar.com/IL-IDPH/ghj7s/> or call the library at 815-234-5107. Any appointments that can be scheduled in advance will help to cut down on wait times during the clinic event since all attendees must be registered in the clinic system to receive their vaccination.

Valentine's Oreo Truffles
Tuesday, Feb. 1, 6-7 p.m.
Looking for a fun Valentine treat to make? Come see a demonstration on how to create Oreo Truffles and go home with a kit to make your own. Please register by visiting Byron.evanced.info/signup or calling 815-234-5107.

The Chatauque Institute Experience
Friday, Feb. 11, 1-2 p.m.
Join Meredith Townsend and Norma Freeburg as they share their adventures and offer advice on navigating the Chautauqua experience from start to finish. Please visit Byron.evanced.info/signup to register or register by calling 815-234-5107.

DIY Explosion Boxes
Thursday, Feb. 17, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Have you ever wanted to take a typical card to the next level? Come join Cathy as she walks you through step-by-step in creating your own Explosion Box. You will get to choose between a Birthday Box, Thank You Box, or a Congratulations Box. All supplies will be included. Please visit Byron.evanced.info/signup or call 815-234-5107 to register.

DIY Coasters
Thursday, Feb. 24, 6-7 p.m.
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Oregon Library News

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Library Book Clubs

The 2WBC Book Club meets Wednesday, February 9 at 12:30 pm to discuss The Jane Austen Society by Natalie Jenner. The Afternoon Book Club meets Wednesday, February 16 at 1:00 pm to discuss The Wrong Family by Tarryn Fisher. Books On Tap will meet Thursday, February 24th at 6 p.m. at Cork N Tap to discuss The Light We Lost by Jill Santopolo.

Preschool StoryTime (18 months - 5 years)

StoryTime now meets on Mondays at 9:30 a.m. Registration and masks will be required.

Yoga on Mondays at 9:30 a.m.

Krystal Casey will be teaching a Monday morning yoga class at the library. We are all human; we are all part of something greater; we are all connected. Her personal mission is to inspire a spirit of oneness, acceptance, love, and peace among the community and empower all Americans to live their dream lives, every day. Registration is required, (815) 732-2724. Space is limited.

Winter Blues Bundle- January 15th through February 19th

Register for a winter blues bundle beginning January 15th. Not sure what to read, do, or need something to keep you busy during these cold winter months? Winter Blues Bundle! Each bundle will have a hand-picked book, magazine, DVD and some fun activities. Complete the registration form online at www.oregonpubliclibrary.com or stop in the library to complete one.

An Evening with Silvia Moreno-Garcia - Wednesday, January 26th, 7 p.m.

The bestselling and award-winning author of Mexican Gothic discusses her newest book, Velvet Was the Night, and her genre-defying mashups of cultural noir and Lovecraftian horror. Register for this virtual event on our website.

Library Lover's Book Bundle for Youth - February 7-28

Register for a youth (5th – 8th grade) book bundle beginning January 31st. Not sure what to read, do, or need something to curl up with in February? Each bundle will have 2 hand-picked books, craft, some fun activities and treats. Available to Oregon Public Library cardholders. Complete the registration form online at www.oregonpubliclibrary.com or stop in the library to complete one.

Exercise your brains with TRIVIA! - February 3rd at 12:30 p.m. at Rock River Center

Test your knowledge of sports, history, movies and much more. Come alone, bring your friends and make a team, or join a team when you arrive. Registration required, call (815) 732-2724. Registration deadline February 1st.

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An Evening with Jasmine Guillory - Wednesday, February 16th at 7 p.m.

Virtual Program - ZOOM
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Puzzle Library

The library now has a free puzzle library. Take a puzzle, leave a puzzle. This is open to anyone in the community.

Oregon Public Library StoryWalk®

StoryWalk® was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT in 2007, and developed in collaboration with the Vermont Bicycle & Pedestrian Coalition and the Kellogg Hubbard Library. Current story is ... Happy Birthday, Martin Luther King Jr. by Jean Marzollo.

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Voucher Drawing for Cooking Classes

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Oregon Writers Group - 2nd Tuesday each month at 10 a.m.

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Forreston Library News

Covid-19 Vaccine Clinic

In partnership with IDPH, the library will be hosting another free Covid-19 Vaccine Clinic on Wednesday, February 9th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for ages 12 and up. First/second shots of Pfizer and boosters of Pfizer, Moderna, and J & J will be available. Walk-ins are welcome. Please call the library at (815)938-2624 for more information or to preregister.

February Board Meeting

The February 2022 board meeting of Forreston Public Library has been rescheduled to Monday, February 7th at 5 p.m.

Book Club

Tuesday, February 22nd, 7 p.m.

This month's book selection is "Me Before You" by JoJo Moyes. Stop in the library to pick up your copy and then join us for snacks and a lively discussion. New members are always welcome!

Library Hours

The library is open: Monday 10am-1pm, 2-7pm, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 10am-1pm, 2-6pm, and Saturday 9am-12pm. We are closed on Friday and Sunday. Masks are currently required for everyone over the age of 2. Curbside pickup is available for anyone who wishes to use it.

Library Updates

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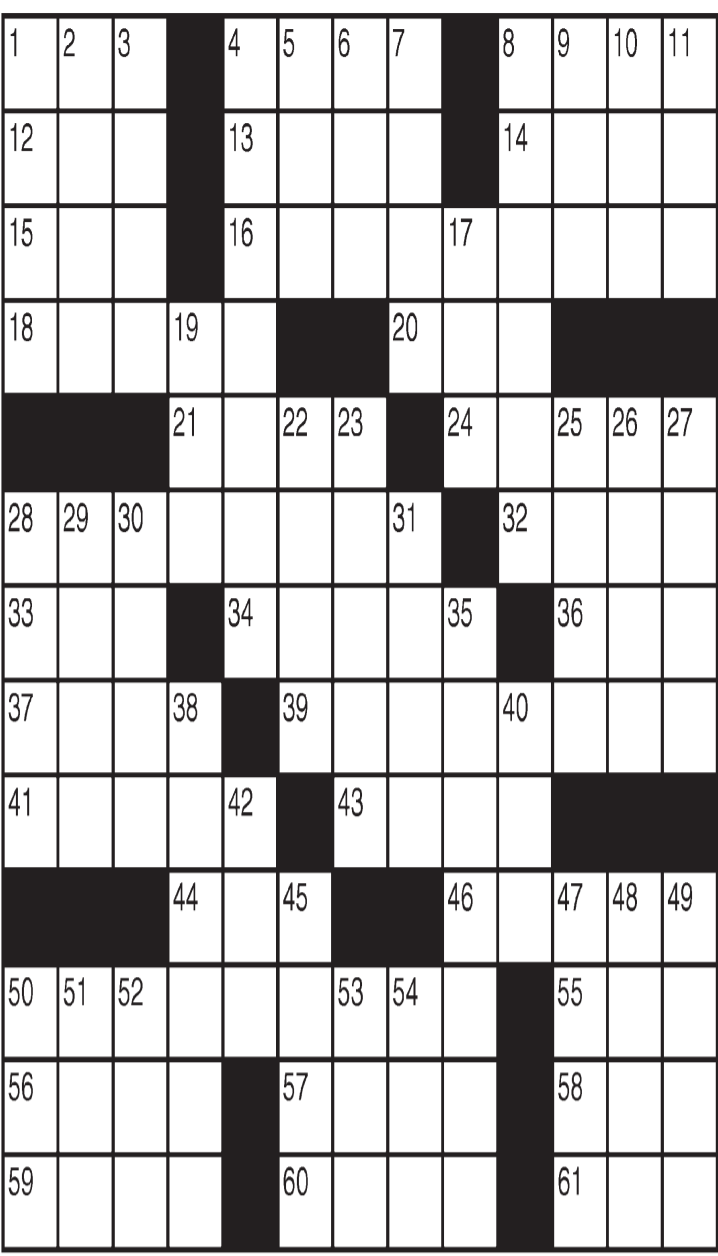
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MAGIC MAZE

GERMAN COMPOSERS

A S P N K I F C A R X V S Q O
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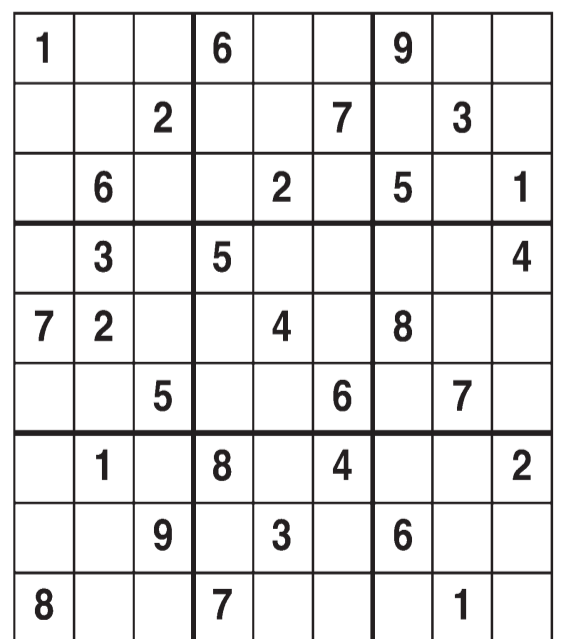
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
Unlisted clue hint: JOHANN SEBASTIAN —

- Beethoven
- Debussy
- Mendelssohn
- Strauss
- Bingen
- Handel
- Schubert
- Wagner
- Brahms
- Haydn
- Schumann
- Weill
- Chopin
- Liszt
- Schutz

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

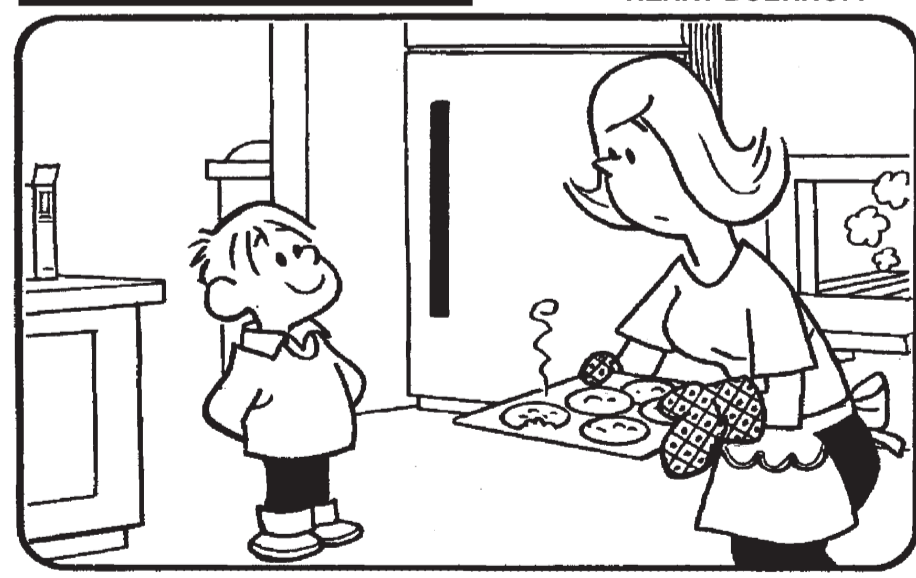
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- ♦ Moderate
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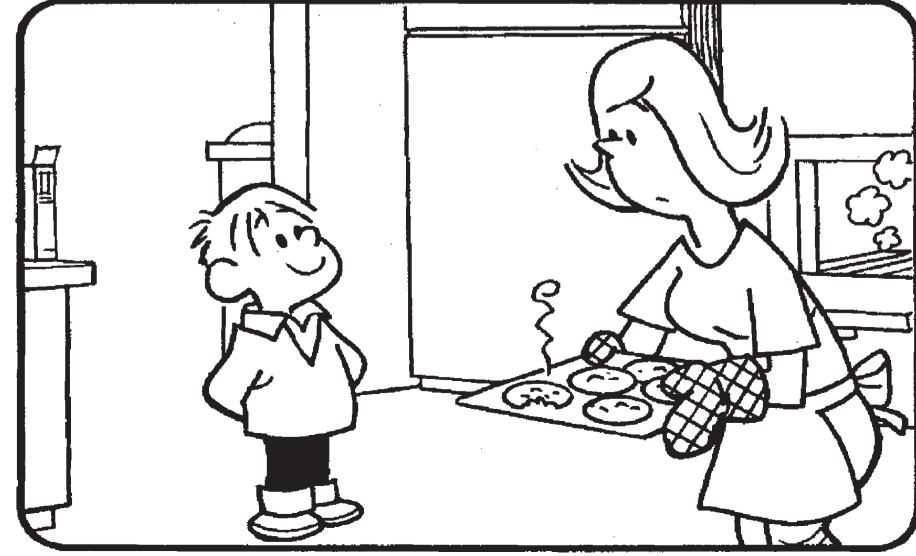
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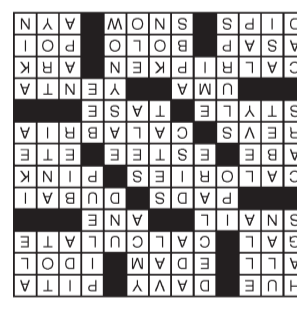
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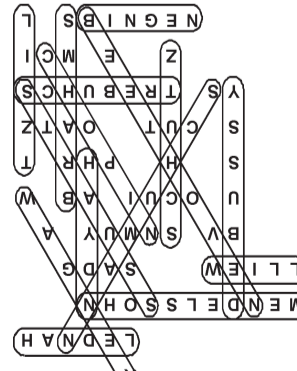
Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Cabinet is moved. 2. Neckline differs. 3. Handle is missing. 4. Gloves are different. 5. Apron is different. 6. Pants are different.



Solution time: 24 mins.
Answers



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Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

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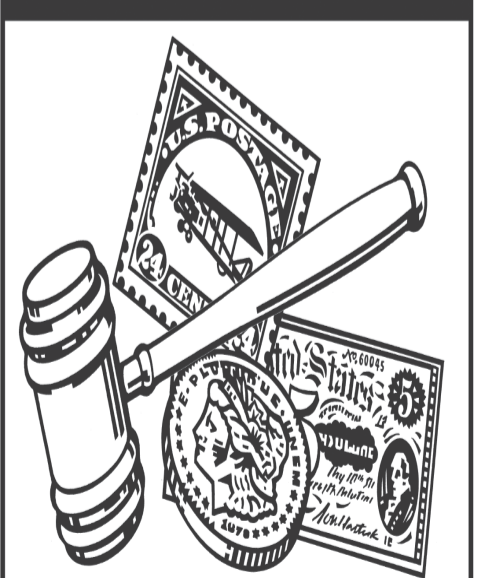
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PUBLIC NOTICE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IN THE)
MATTER)No. 2021
OF THE)P 101
ESTATE)
OF)
STEPHEN)
P. BERG,)
deceased.)
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given to creditors of the death of Stephen P. Berg, of 735 Kari Court, Byron, Illinois 61010. Letters of Office were issued to Malcolm Berg, 7545 Harris Parkway #2405, Ft. Worth, TX 76123, as Independent Executor, whose attorney of record is Emily R. Vivian, Ehrmann Gehlbach Badger & Considine, LLC, 114 E. Everett Street, Dixon, Illinois 61021.

The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under section 28-4 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/28-4) any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the clerk. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court at the Ogle County Judicial Center, 106 S. 5th Street, Suite #300, Oregon, IL 61061, or with the representative, or both, on or before the date which is six (6) months after the date of the first publication of this Claim Notice, or, if mailing or delivering of a notice from the representative is required by section 18-3 of the Probate Act of 1975, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

By: Malcolm Berg, Independent Executor
Emily R. Vivian ARDC: 6290977
Ehrmann Gehlbach Badger & Considine, LLC
114 E. Everett Street, Suite 300
Dixon, IL 61021
vivian@egbclaw.com
(815) 288-4949
(815) 288-3068 FAX
No. 0105 (Jan. 10, 17, 24)

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF BID ON REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE VILLAGE OF STILLMAN VALLEY, IL

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 11-76-1 and 11-76-2 of the Illinois Municipal Code, 65 ILCS 5/11-76-1 and 5/11-76-2, that the Village of Stillman Valley duly enacted Ordinance No.969, at a regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees on December 13, 2021, entitled AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF xxx MAPLE STREET, STILLMAN VALLEY BY OPEN BID. The Ordinance, authorizes the sale of a vacant and unimproved parcel roughly FRONT 11.24 irregularly shaped and generally described as xxx Maple Street; Walnut Street, Stillman Valley, Ogle County, Illinois, P.I.N. 10-01-358-006, and legally described as: PARCEL Part of Lot Four (4) in Bock Fifteen (15) of White's Second Addition to the Village of Stillman Valley, County of Ogle, State of Illinois, described as follows: Commencing at the southeast corner of

said Lot 4; thence North 0 degrees 01 minutes 02 seconds East, 54.76 feet on the east line of said Lot 4, to the Point of Beginning; thence North 70 degrees 43 minutes 50 seconds West, 35.19 feet to the north line of said Lot 4; thence South 89 degrees 23 minutes 53 seconds East, 33.22 feet on said north line, to said east line of Lot 4; thence South 0 degrees 01 minutes 02 seconds West, 11.26 feet on said east line, to the Point of Beginning, containing 0.004 acre (187 square feet).

The property consists of one vacant and unimproved, irregularly-shaped lot located in the Village's R1 Residential zoning district. Its current use is as a municipal green space. Development plans for the Property must conform to the R1 Residential zoning district standards and complement existing residential uses in the vicinity of the Property. The property is being sold "as-is" for a sum determined to be appropriate by open bid. The Village makes no representation as to the condition of the Property. The winning bid will be responsible for any and all costs associated with closing as charged by a title company to convey good, marketable title.

Any person may submit a written sealed bid for the purchase of the Property. The Village will consider all bids to purchase the Property received no by later than 12 Noon on February 14, 2022. There is no minimum bid. The Village reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any technicalities in the bidding if it should be deemed in the public interest. These decisions will be final and not subject to recourse. This request for proposals does not obligate the Village to pay any costs incurred by any bidder in the submittal of a bid or in making necessary studies or designs for the preparation of that bid.

Sealed bids for the Property shall be marked "SEALED PROPERTY BID" and must be received by the Village Clerk by no later than noon on February 14, 2022. Any bids received after noon on February 14, 2022 will not be considered. Sealed bids should be delivered to Village Clerk Yvonne Dewey, Stillman Valley Village Hall, 120 N Walnut Street, PO Box 127, Stillman Valley, IL 61084. For further information regarding the Property, interested persons may contact

Village Clerk Yvonne Dewey at 815-645-2200 during regular business hours. Sealed bids will be opened at the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees on March 14, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at Village Hall, 120 N. Walnut Street, Stillman Valley, Illinois 61084. Respectfully submitted, Yvonne Dewey, CMC Village Clerk
Publication Dates: January 10, 2022 January 17, 2022 January 24, 2022 No. 0106 (Jan. 10, 17, 24)

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF BID ON REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE VILLAGE OF STILLMAN VALLEY, IL

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 11-76-1 and 11-76-2 of the Illinois Municipal Code, 65 ILCS 5/11-76-1 and 5/11-76-2, that the Village of Stillman Valley duly enacted Ordinance No.970, at a regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees on December 13, 2021, entitled AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF 212 N Walnut Street, STILLMAN VALLEY BY OPEN BID. The Ordinance, authorizes the sale of a vacant and unimproved parcel roughly 45.5 feet x 122 feet and commonly described as 212 N Walnut Street, Stillman Valley, Ogle County, Illinois, P.I.N. 10-01-304-006, and legally described as: PARCEL

Part of Block 3 of the Village of Stillman Valley, described as follows: Commencing at a pint 101.75 feet North of the Southeast corner of Block 3, which point would be the Southeast Northerly along the Easterly line of Block 3 a distance of 45 ½ feet more or less to the Southeast corner of the property owned by Donald Arn and Roberta Arn, thence Westerly, parallel with the South line of Block 3 a distance of 132 feet to a point thence Southerly parallel with the Easterly line of Block 2 a distance of 45 ½ feet to a point, thence Easterly a distance of 132 feet to the place of beginning; to the Village of Stillman Valley, in Ogle County, Illinois; situated in the Township of Marion, County of Ogle, State of Illinois.

ALSO INCLUDING a right-of-way for ingress and egress, described as follows: Commencing at the Northwest corner of the above described tract, which point is 116.75 feet South of the Northerly line of Block 3, thence Easterly a

distance of 20 feet to a point, thence Northerly, parallel with the East line of Block 3 a distance of 116.75 feet, to the North line of Block 3, thence Westerly along the North line of Block 3, a distance of 20 feet to a point, which pint is the Northwest corner of Lot 2 in said Block 2, thence Southerly, parallel with the East line of Block 3 along the West line of Lot 2, a distance of 116.75 feet to the place of beginning, all situated in Ogle County, Illinois. The property consists of one vacant and unimproved, irregularly-shaped lot located in the Village's B1 Business zoning district. Its current use is as a municipal green space. Development plans for the Property must conform to the B1 Business zoning district standards and complement existing business uses in the vicinity of the Property. The property is being sold "as-is" for a sum determined to be appropriate by open bid. The Village makes no representation as to the condition of the Property. The winning bid will be responsible for all costs associated with closing by a title company to convey good, marketable title.

Any person may submit a written sealed bid for the purchase of the Property. The Village will consider all bids to purchase the Property received no by later than 12 Noon, February 14, 2022. There is no minimum bid. The Village reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any technicalities in the bidding if it should be deemed in the public interest. These decisions will be final and not subject to recourse. This request for proposals does not obligate the Village to pay any costs incurred by any bidder in the submittal of a bid or in making necessary studies or designs for the preparation of that bid.

Sealed bids for the Property shall be marked "SEALED PROPERTY BID" and must be received by the Village Clerk by no later than noon on February 14, 2022. Any bids received after noon on February 14, 2022 will not be considered. Sealed bids should be delivered to Village Clerk Yvonne Dewey, Stillman Valley Village Hall, 120 N Walnut Street, PO Box 127, Stillman Valley, IL 61084. For further information regarding the Property, interested persons may contact Village Clerk Yvonne Dewey at 815-645-2200 during regular

business hours. Sealed bids will be opened at the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees on March 14, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at Village Hall, 120 N. Walnut Street, Stillman Valley, Illinois 61084. Respectfully submitted, Yvonne Dewey, CMC Village Clerk
Publication Dates: January 10, 2022 January 17, 2022 January 24, 2022 No. 0107 (Jan. 10, 17, 24)

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF BID ON REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE VILLAGE OF STILLMAN VALLEY, IL

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 11-76-1 and 11-76-2 of the Illinois Municipal Code, 65 ILCS 5/11-76-1 and 5/11-76-2, that the Village of Stillman Valley duly enacted Ordinance No.970, at a regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees on December 13, 2021, entitled AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF 216 N Walnut Street, STILLMAN VALLEY BY OPEN BID. The Ordinance, authorizes the sale of a vacant and unimproved PARCEL, 1 which is roughly 26 feet x 66 feet and commonly described as 216 N Walnut Street, Stillman Valley, Ogle County, Illinois, P.I.N. 10-01-304-005, and unimproved PARCEL 2, which is roughly 26 feet x 66 feet and commonly described as 216 N Walnut Street, Stillman Valley, Ogle County, Illinois, P.I.N. 10-01-304-014 and legally described as: PARCEL 1: Part of Lot One (1) in Block Three (3) of

the Village of Stillman Valley, particularly described as follows: Commencing at a point 147 ½ feet North of the Southeast corner of said Block Three (3), running thence West 66 feet, thence North 25 feet, thence East 66 feet, thence South 25 feet to the place of beginning; situation in the Township of Marion, County of Ogle and State of Illinois PARCEL 2. Part of Bock Three (3) of the Village of Stillman Valley, described as follows: Commencing at a point 101.75 feet North of the Southeast corner of Block Three (3), which point would be the Southeast corner of the North 22 feet of Lot Twelve (12) in said Block Three (3), thence Westerly parallel with the North line of Block Three (3), a distance of 182.5 feet to a point, thence Northerly, parallel with the East line of said Block Three (3) a distance of 70.75 feet, to a point, thence Easterly parallel with the North line of Block Three (3) a distance of 50.5 feet, to a point, which point shall be the place of beginning, thence Easterly parallel with the North line of Block Three (3), a distance of 66 feet to a point, thence Northerly parallel with the East line of block Three (3), 25 feet to a point, thence Westerly, parallel with the North line of Block Three (3) a distance of 25 feet to a place of beginning; situated in the Township of Marion, County of Ogle and State of Illinois. The property consists of two vacant and unimproved, irregularly-shaped lots located in the Village's B1 Commercial zoning district. Its current use is as a municipal green

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space. Development plans for the Property must conform to the B1 Commercial zoning district standards and complement existing business uses in the vicinity of the Property. The property is being sold "as-is" for a sum determined to be appropriate by open bid. The Village makes no representation as to the condition of the Property. The winning bid will be responsible for all costs associated with closing as charged by a title company to convey good, marketable title. Any person may submit a written sealed bid for the purchase of the Property. The Village will consider all bids to purchase the Property received no by later than Noon on February 14, 2022. There is no minimum bid. The Village reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any technicalities in the bidding if it should be deemed in the public interest. These decisions will be final and not subject to recourse. This request for proposals does not obligate the Village to pay any costs incurred by any bidder in the submittal of a bid or in making necessary studies or designs for the preparation of that bid. Sealed bids for the Property shall be marked "SEALED PROPERTY BID" and must be received by the Village Clerk by no later than noon on February 14, 2022. Any bids received after noon on February 14, 2022

will not be considered. Sealed bids should be delivered to Village Clerk Yvonne Dewey, Stillman Valley Village Hall, 120 N Walnut Street, PO Box 127, Stillman Valley, IL 61084. For further information regarding the Property, interested persons may contact Village Clerk Yvonne Dewey at 815-645-2200 during regular business hours. Sealed bids will be opened at the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees on March 14, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at Village Hall, 120 N. Walnut Street, Stillman Valley, Illinois 61084. Respectfully submitted, Yvonne Dewey, CMC Village Clerk
Publication Dates: January 10, 2022 January 17, 2022 January 24, 2022 No. 0108 (Jan. 10, 17, 24)

PUBLIC NOTICE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In The)IN
Matter)PROBATE
of the)No.
Estate of:)2021
LENORA B)P 116
BAKENER,)
Deceased.)
CLAIM NOTICE
NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of LENORA B. BAKENER of Mt. Morris, Illinois. Letters of office were issued on January 4, 2022, to DAVIDE. BAKENER of Oregon, Illinois, and JOYCE A. VANDERKLOOT of Des Plaines, Illinois as Independent Co-Executors, whose

attorney is Jennifer L. Birkholz of SMITH, BIRKHZOLZ & MORROW, P.C. at 129 S. Fourth Street, P. O. Box 10, Oregon, Illinois, 61061. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the clerk, or with the representative, or both, on or before * .Jf 2--11- 11 , 2022, or within 3 months from date of mailing or delivery of notice to creditors, if required by Section 18-3 of the Illinois Probate Act of 1975, as amended, whichever date is later. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of claims filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the estate legal representative and to the attorney within 10 days after the claim has been filed.
Jennifer L. Birkholz SMITH, BIRKHZOLZ & MORROW, P.C. 129 S. Fourth Street, P.O. Box 10 Oregon, IL 61061 (815) 732-6124
David E. Bakener, Independent Co-Executor
Joyce A. Vanderkloot, Independent Co-Executor
No. 0112 (Jan. 17, 24, 31)

PUBLIC NOTICE
Sealed bids will be received for the following sections by the Ogle County Highway Department, Oregon, Illinois, until 2:00 P.M. February 4, 2022 for:
1. 22-XX000-00-GM Furnish and Spread 2022 Township MFT Aggregate
2. 22-XX000-00-GM Furnish and Apply 2022 Township MFT Calcium Chloride
3. 22-XX000-00-GM Furnish and deliver 2022 Township MFT Pipe Supply
4. 2022 County Pipe Aggregate
Proposals are available at the Ogle County Highway Department, 1989 South IL Rt 2, Oregon, IL between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 3:30 P.M. Monday

- Friday. The Road and Bridge Committee reserves the right to accept or reject and or all bids.
No. 0116 (Jan. 17, 24)

PUBLIC NOTICE
Pursuant to the Landlord's lien provisions in rental agreement between Meagan Ross Unit 109 at White Eagle Storage, Forrester, IL, this storage unit 109 containing personal property will be sold or otherwise disposed of on or after January 31, 2022 at White Eagle Storage, 11627 Rt 72, Forrester, IL 61030. Payment must be made by January 29th, 2022 to prevent this sale. Thank you,
Sue Book
White Eagle Storage, Inc.
No. 0117 (Jan. 17, 24)

PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLICATION NOTICE OF COURT DATE FOR REQUEST FOR NAME CHANGE (ADULT) STATE OF ILLINOIS CIRCUIT COURT OGLE COUNTY CASE NUMBER 2021 MR 65
Request of: Carrie June Dempewolf
There will be a court date on my request to change my name from: Carrie June Dempewolf to the new name of: Carrie June Moeller. The court date will be held on March 18, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. at 106 S. 5th St., Oregon, Ogle County, in Courtroom #204. /s/ Carrie J. Dempewolf No. 0122 (Jan. 24, 31, Feb. 7)

101 LEGAL NOTICE
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113 FINANCIAL
NOTICE Advance Fee Loans or Credit Offers Companies that do business by phone can't ask you to pay for credit before you get it. For more information, call toll-free 1-877-FTC-HELP. A public service message from your hometown newspaper and the Federal Trade Commission.

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203 HELP WANTED
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